National Championship West

We are pleased to announce the USBGF has selected Los Angeles to host the 2018 National Championship West.

All players, regardless where they live, including overseas, are eligible to play in Los Angeles for the Western title. (The Eastern title will be played at the 2018 Cherry Blossom in May.) The competition has nothing to do with where the player lives, but only which event the player wins, and players may enter either or both the East & West. Playoffs for the title of "USBGF Grand Champion" are held whenever the two coastal champions are next at an event together.

There are trophies, prize money, Prime Time Magazine mention and huge bragging rights!

TOURNAMENT FORMAT: The USBGF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WEST is a blitz format with eight-player brackets. First two rounds are 5 points, third round is 7 points. Bracket winners play off in 7 point matches until there is an overall Western winner. Matches will commence at 1:00pm on Friday, June 22 and will continue on time-available basis until the West Coast Playoffs at 1:30pm on Sunday the 24th.

FEES & WINNINGS: The first entry is FREE to all USBGF members, non-members must pay $50. Re-entries are $50 for everyone. Any level of expertise may participate. 85% return on the entries as prize money. There is an optional side pool of $100 for participating Championship players and a $50 side pool for participating Advanced & Novice players; all pools with 100% return. Once a player has entered the side pool, *she/he keeps that equity across all re-entries.* Side pool pays two places each (Championship & Advanced) for a total of four side pool payouts.

NOTE: Premium membership to USBGF is $60 for one year with Prime Time Magazine. With the free entry into the Western Championship, that makes your membership only $10.00! SIGNUPS AVAILABLE ALL WEEKEND AT THE USBGF DESK.

Staff and Rules

Directed by:
Candace Mayeron & Patrick Gibson

Tournament Staff:
Ben Friesen, Ceci Pedroza, David Gillett, Jean Mangone

Tournament Committee:
Jeb Horton, Ken Bame, Ted Chee

Eligibility Consultants:
Barry Silliman & Carol Joy Cole

Auctioneer:
Joe Russell

Video/Streaming:
Larry Shiller - VOB

DEPOSITS: see amounts on Entry Form; must be postmarked by June 8; remainder is due at final registration [9:00 PM Friday night], in **Cash only**. Hospitality fees are fully refundable until 9 pm Thursday, June 21. All deposits are refundable prior to doing the draws on Friday & Saturday.

RULES: We will be using the USBGF Tournament Rules as of September 2017.

OBLIGATION: Legal Moves, Two Dice only, Die on checkers (not cocked) is valid.
PREFERENCE: Baffle box.

We are a U.S. Backgammon Federation "Prime Tournament" with $400 added money into our DMP event. You can become a member at the event. Please support the USBGF backgammon players' organization.

Novice division: *each new entrant receives: a USBGF 1-year Introductory Membership, plus a Bill Robertie book! $100 will be added to the prize monies.*

Hotel Information

Our venue is **The HILTON at Los Angeles Airport.** Preferred Group Rate of $**137/ night i**ncludes complimentary WiFi in your sleeping room, fitness center & discounted parking rate of $15/day with in/out privilege. Or, Valet at $25/day.

Our event hotel has a cut-off date of MAY 31 for the Group Rate.
Reservations are available NOW. Make your hotel reservations early!

Make your reservations directly at the phone numbers below. Please use the group-code = **"LBKG"**

RESERVATIONS:
Direct: 310.410.4000
Toll Free:1.800.HILTONS

The HILTON at LAX
5711 West Century Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Transportation

Free 5-minute shuttle ride from LAX to the hotel every 10-15 min. Wait under the **RED** (hotel shuttles) **sign** outside any terminal, Arrival Level.

GAMMON ASSOCIATES WEST

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National Championship West!

FREE Michy Lecture!

$500 Added Prize Money!

MAIN: Championship, Advanced & Novice
minimum 3 chances to cash!

JACKPOTS: Master & Amateur!

SIDE EVENTS - Doubles, DMP, Seniors!

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Tournament Events

SUPER-32 JACKPOT: High equity, single elimination, all matches CLOCKED, 3 rounds on Friday. Early start 2:00 pm, Late start 6:30 pm.
PAUL DINGWELL AMATEUR JACKPOT: for players not of high championship caliber; single elimination. Three rounds on Friday. (5% to charity)
CHAMPIONSHIP**: Open to all players. All matches must be CLOCKED.
ADVANCED**: Our middle division. No entrant will be allowed to play below his/her level.
PAUL MAGRIEL NOVICE**: is for minimal skill level & tournament experience. *Get pre-approval.*
NAT'L CHAMPIONSHIP WEST: Continuous entries; free 1st round to USBGF mbrs; $50 non-mbrs & all re-entries. Brackets of 8.
DMP: Continuous entries; $400 added prize money for USBGF members.
DOUBLES: Brackets of 8 teams, $200/team. Must be CLOCKED. Doubles start time is Friday night at 7:30 pm. Overflow Doubles @ 12:30 pm Sunday if interest. Sunday Doubles not a trophy event.
SENIORS: Continuous entries at $50 each, 7 pt matches. Open to all players 55 and over.
JUNIORS $40 (54 and under) only if sufficient interest.

	Entry	% ret.	1st-Rnd	Starts
SUPER-32	$450	90%	11 pts	Fri *(max 40)*
P.D.Amateur	$220	85%	9 pts	Fri *(max 32)*
CHAMPIONSHIP **	$300	85%	11 pts	Sat *(max 64)*
ADVANCED**	$150	80%	9 pts	Sat *(max 64)*
P.M. NOVICE**	$ 60	80%	7 pts	Sat.($100 added)
DOUBLES	$200	80%	7 pts	Fri./Sun.
NC-WEST	$ 50	85%	5 pts	all weekend
SENIORS	$ 50	80%	7 pts	all weekend
JUNIORS ?	*$ 50*	*80%*	*7 pts*	*all weekend*
DMP (1-Pt)	$ 20	80%	USBGF $400 added	
Jackpots	$100/$50	80%	7 pts	Sun.

****Events = "Main and Second Chance plus Progressive Consolation"**; means you have three chances to win cash prizes. A 64-player field will pay 9-places. The FINALS will be ONE match only.

Note: Side events (e.g. Doubles, NC-WEST, SENIORS, DMP) are for players registered in the SUPER-32, P.D. Amateur, CHAMPIONSHIP, ADVANCED, or NOVICE. All others must pay a one-time tournament fee of **$20.**

Tournament Details

Please Bring Your Backgammon Board

Gammon Associates reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone, whether to play or to observe.

MICHY LECTURE: Presented by Phil Simborg & the Backgammon Learning Center, Michy -- currently Giants of Backgammon #2 -- will give a FREE lecture on Opening Concepts. Lecture is designed for Advanced & Championship players. Opportunity to buy his book, get Selfie & autograph.

SIDE POOLS: There will be side pools available in **Super-32 & PD Jackpots, Championship & Advanced Events, and Doubles:** 100% return going to the two players in each pool who go the furthest (2/3 to 1st & 1/3 to 2nd). In the **Nat'l Championship West:** Side pool pays two places each (Championship & Advanced) for a total of four side pool payouts.

GAME CLOCKS: All matches will be CLOCKED in the Championship, Super-32 (12sec/2min+2), & Doubles (15sec/3min). Digital Clock Rules will be in use (see website). **At the Tournament Director's discretion, a clock may be required for any match.**

CALCUTTA AUCTION: We will auction the CHAMPIONSHIP & ADVANCED players to allow you to predict & participate in their successes (85% return, 5% is to charity). Starts 10am Saturday.

2018 AMERICAN BACKGAMMON TOUR: The prize winners (Championship/Advanced/Novice) will garner ABT Master Points.

CELL PHONES must be **silent** while matches are in progress. Infractions may incur a penalty point. Please leave the room before answering a **vibrating** phone call.

VIDEO-FRIENDLY: we are supportive of those who want to "record" Championship & Advanced matches

PAUL MAGRIEL AWARD: Backgammon Learning Center will award a $100 certificate to the Novice winner in Paul Magriel's name.

Tournament Schedule

FRIDAY – JUNE 22, 2018	
12:30 pm	Registration opens – *cash only*
1:00 pm	**DMP & NAT'L CHMP WEST** begin
2:00 pm	**Early Start** – Super 32 & Dingwell
3:00 pm	**SENIORS** begins
6:30 pm	**Late Start** – Super 32
7:00 pm	**Late Start** – Dingwell Amateur
7:30 pm	**DOUBLES** begins
9:00 pm	**Final Registration** for CHMP & ADV
	No match starts after 11:45 pm
12:45 am	Expected END OF PLAY for Friday
SATURDAY – JUNE 23, 2018	
8:30 am	**FREE Michy lecture** w Phil Simborg
9:30 am	Light buffet breakfast served
10:00 am	**CALCUTTA AUCTION** & Buy Backs
11:30 am	**CHAMPIONSHIP** Division begins*
11:45 am	**ADVANCED** Division begins*
12:00 pm	**PAUL MAGRIEL NOVICE** Division begins*
* 3 Rounds Automatic 2nd Chance & Consolation as matches are completed in the Main Draw	
5:00 pm	Dinner break – 2 hours
7:00 pm	Play continues – Main rounds 4 - 6
	NC-West & DMP – between matches
	No match starts after 11:45 pm
12:30 am	Expected END OF PLAY for Saturday
*** BASED ON BRACKET PROGRESS YOU MUST VERIFY YOUR SUNDAY START TIME w/ TD BEFORE LEAVING SATURDAY NIGHT ***	
SUNDAY – JUNE 24, 2018	
9:00 am	Trailing matches resume
9:30 am	Light buffet breakfast served
10:00 am	Play continues – all divisions
10:30 am	**NC-West, SENIORS, DMP** continues
12:30 pm	**DOUBLES & JACKPOTS** – if interest
1:00 pm	**Semis & Finals** for SUPER 32 & Dingwell
1:30 pm	**NAT'L CPS WEST & DMP**– Playoffs begin
3:00 pm	**Finals all divisions** – begin
7:45 pm	**Consolation, Doubles, Jackpots** finished
9:00 pm	Expected end of play for Sunday

Entry Form

Must be postmarked by Friday June 8, 2018
Mail to: Candace Mayeron
8117 W. Manchester Ave. #284
Playa Del Rey, CA 90293

Make checks payable to: **Gammon Associates West**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone ( ) _____

eMail _____

Please list your top 3 backgammon achievements:

1 (Used for Calcutta) _____

2 _____

3 _____

	Deposit	In Full
SUPER-32 JACKPOT	☐ $80	☐ $450
2pm start ☐ OR **6:30pm start** ☐	--side pool	☐ $150
PAUL DINGWELL AMATEUR JACKPOT	☐ $40	☐ $220
2pm start ☐ OR **7pm start** ☐	--side pool	☐ $ 70
CHAMPIONSHIP	☐ $60	☐ $300
	--side pool	☐ $100
ADVANCED	☐ $30	☐ $150
	--side pool	☐ $ 50
PAUL MAGRIEL NOVICE	☐ $10	☐ $ 60
HOSPITALITY FEE		☒ $ 30
(required of all players)		

TOTAL SUBMITTED $30+_____