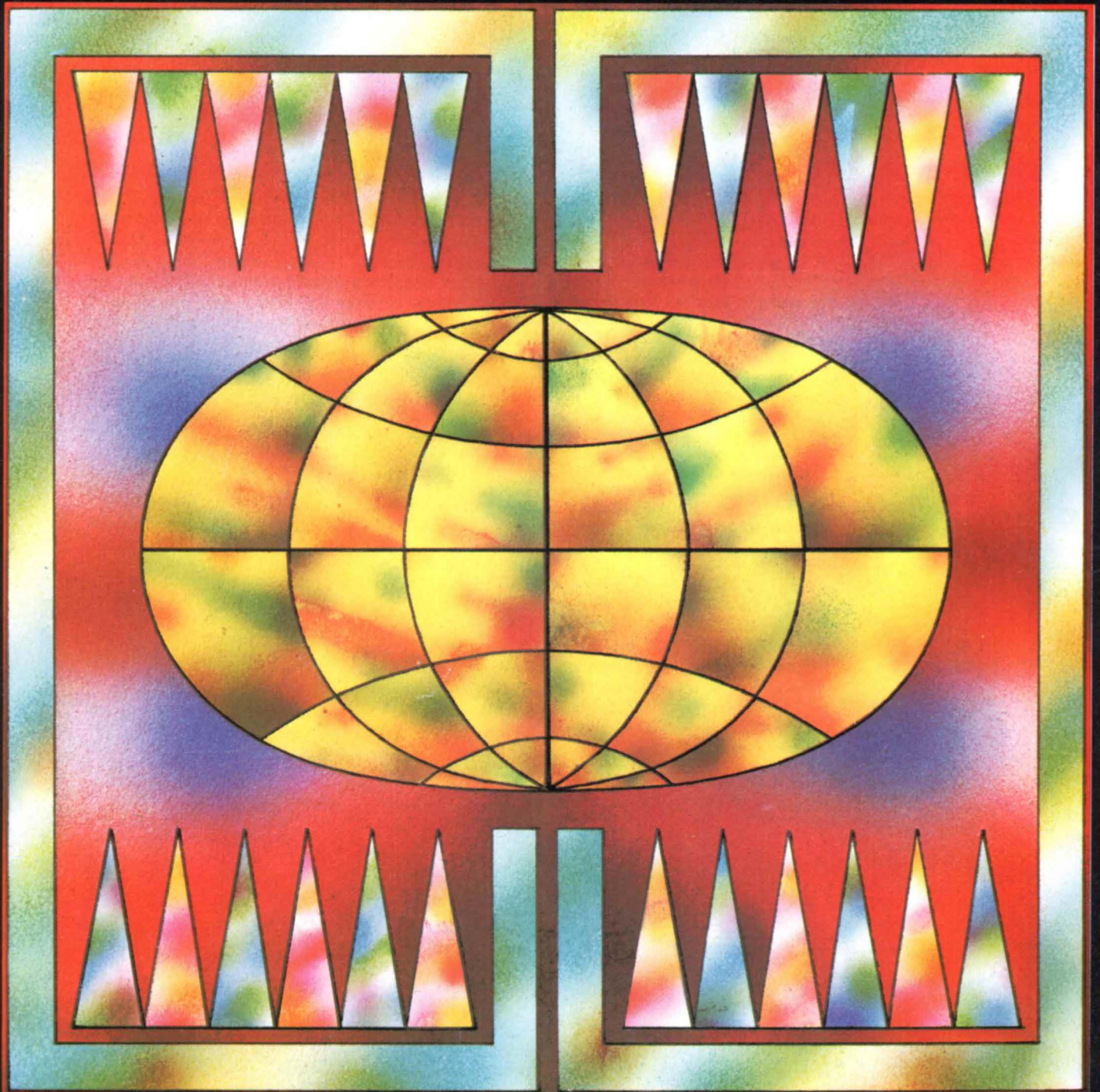


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 **Western Airlines**

Las Vegas December 18th-23rd, 1977



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FIRST PRIZE \$1,000,000

Your Holiday

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Las Vegas is unique among vacation cities of the world. Entertainment goes on non stop around the clock offering visitors an assortment of American stars from TV, motion pictures and Broadway. Spectacular shows from Paris adorn Las Vegas stages adding another dimension to hotel entertainment. Shows are offered twice nightly so guests can enjoy dinner with their favorite entertainer or enjoy their talents with cocktails at midnight.

Las Vegas has an ideal climate the year 'round. Recreation attractions are unlimited, whether it's swimming in any of the multitude of hotel pools, or golfing on one of its 10 championship courses. Las Vegas also provides visitors with boating on Lake Mead, water skiing on its crystalline waters, hiking or horseback riding through the cool pines of nearby Mt. Charleston, and some of the most beautiful fishing in the Golden West.



Your holiday includes the following:

- Hotel room for 6 days and 5 nights from December 18-23, 1977
- All rooms with private bath, radio and color television
- Nevada State tax included
- Free welcome cocktail on arrival
- Free continental breakfast at a Casino on the Strip
- Free night owl special steak and eggs at a Casino on the Strip
- Free bacon and eggs at a Casino on the Strip
- Free Dutch Beef Stew Dinner at a Casino on the Strip
- Free photo of YOU
- Free entrance to every participating round of the main tournament



SPECIAL \$100.00 BONUS

Accompanying guests not participating in the tournament will get a \$100.00 bonus voucher redeemable in a Casino.



Welcome to the first World Amateur Backgammon Championships. We already have bookings from all over the world and have therefore been forced to limit the number of participants. All applicants who are late in booking for this year will be wait-listed for 1977 and offered places in the 1978 tournament which will take place in Las Vegas the week of December 17th 1978. Good luck.

Jules Klar, President
World Amateur Backgammon Championships, Inc.

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STANDARD CLASS \$325.00

supplement for single occupancy \$65.00



HACIENDA HOTEL

The Hacienda has over 500 rooms, and is located at the beginning of the famous Las Vegas "Strip". The Hacienda features its own 9 hole golf course, and remains very popular among frequent visitors to Las Vegas.



FLAMINGO HILTON

The Flamingo Hilton has a brilliance that's as warm and glowing as the Nevada sunset. Perfectly located in the heart of the Strip, the Flamingo Hilton has all the comfort, convenience and hospitality that for years has made Hilton synonymous with Las Vegas. Eight hundred spacious rooms.



STARDUST HOTEL

For years the Stardust has been a Las Vegas landmark with its glittering lights and bustling excitement. Home of the world famous Lido de Paris, this large (more than 1,000 rooms) hotel is an excellent choice for those who want to be at the centre of the action.



WESTWARD HO MOTEL

What can you say about the "World's Largest Motel"? Eleven swimming pools, over 1,000 guest rooms and located right next to the Stardust. Free champagne parties are a regular feature in the Motel's huge casino (for the slot machine aficionado).

The tournament organisers have reserved hotel rooms in Las Vegas for all participants and their guests. All hotels have been carefully chosen and personally inspected. They all have rooms with private bathrooms, individual thermostatic control for heat and air conditioning, radio and color television. They represent the best in their respective categories.

To avoid disappointment please book early. The number of participants and hotel space is **DEFINITELY LIMITED** and all applications will be processed on a **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS**.



FIRST CLASS \$425.00

supplement for single occupancy \$115.00

CIRCUS CIRCUS



One of the most unusual hotels anywhere. The Circus Circus has an enormous Big Top right in the middle of everything. The finest acts from all over the world are featured at regular intervals day and night. Rooms and other facilities are excellent. The only hotel/casino in the world designed for the entire family.

DUNES HOTEL AND COUNTRY CLUB



American home of the "Casino de Paris", the Dunes boasts the largest 18 hole course in Nevada. The grounds are especially attractive and all the rooms have been recently renovated in keeping with the fine reputation of this first class establishment.



Hotels

BONUS

Make your car reservation in advance. Hertz will give you your last day FREE (time and mileage) if you pick up your car on or before December 18 and keep it until December 23 or later. See application form for details.

Hertz



SAHARA HOTEL

The Sahara is all things in Las Vegas—1,000 beautiful rooms and suites, sparkling pools, a bevy of exclusive shops, and a well trained and innovative staff.

The Sahara is ready. Are you ready for the Sahara?



FRONTIER HOTEL

The Frontier features 589 beautifully appointed guest rooms right on the Strip. Discriminating Las Vegas goers seem to come back year after year. All the facilities you'd expect in a first class hotel make it a top choice in this category.



RIVIERA HOTEL

The new addition to the Riviera puts it in the category of the "big" Las Vegas hotels. Accommodations are excellent. Perfectly located on the Strip opposite the Stardust and Circus Circus and Westward Ho, the Riviera has been first choice among regulars for many years.



SANDS HOTEL

Since its opening 25 years ago the Sands has consistently set the standard for others to follow. With more than 700 beautifully appointed rooms, the Sands caters to an international clientele who appreciate superb service and surroundings. Located on the Strip, the Sands is right for those who prefer a hotel with "style".

DELUXE HOTELS \$525.00 supplement for single occupancy \$165.00

ALADDIN HOTEL

With more than 1,000 rooms, the Aladdin is straight out of the Arabian Nights. A posh hostelry with all the amenities you'd expect of a deluxe hotel. A good choice for those who like their comfort in opulent style.

DESERT INN AND COUNTRY CLUB

Probably one of the most exclusive resorts in Las Vegas, if not the world. Small by Las Vegas standards, the Desert Inn and Country Club has some of the nicest rooms on the Strip. Constant attention to your every requirement has kept this world famous resort on top for many years.



LAS VEGAS HILTON

What can one say about the greatest Hilton of them all. A veritable city within a city. The world's largest, and far more important, the world's most beautiful, most accommodating resort hotel. This 30 storey complex is in a class by itself.

MGM GRAND HOTEL

The grand, golden days of Hollywood have returned. To Las Vegas. To the MGM Grand Hotel. A \$100 million fantasy. A production bigger and more breathtaking than anything Cecil B. de Mille ever imagined. More than 2,000 rooms and unrivalled public facilities make this hotel a unique feature of the Las Vegas skyline.





We are pleased to have Barclay Cooke, dean of backgammon, as chairman of our rules committee. Mr. Cooke is author of "Backgammon, The Cruellest Game" and is an outstanding and respected member of the backgammon community. He is noted as one of the prime teachers in the field and his position in backgammon is world renowned.

The Tournament

Sanctioned by the
WORLD BACKGAMMON FEDERATION

The event of the year. The biggest, most spectacular tournament of all time. Now for the first time amateur backgammon players can enjoy the holiday of a lifetime in one of the most exciting resorts in the world.

Everyone over 21 is eligible for participation in this tournament. The only restriction is that you cannot be a "professional" backgammon player. A professional is defined as anyone who has won more than \$1,000. in a backgammon tournament, or who earns all or substantially all of his income from the game.

As you know, backgammon contains sufficient elements of both luck and skill so that any competent player has a chance to get into the top prize money. All you have to do is fill in the application in this brochure in order to qualify. The number of participants is DEFINITELY LIMITED, and all applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Here's a list of the 512 prizes:

FIRST PRIZE	\$1,000,000
SECOND PRIZE	250,000
THIRD PRIZE	100,000
FOURTH PRIZE	50,000
4 prizes of \$10,000 each	40,000
8 prizes of \$5,000 each	40,000
16 prizes of \$3,000 each	48,000
32 prizes of \$2,000 each	64,000
64 prizes of \$1,000 each	64,000
128 prizes of \$750 each	96,000
256 prizes of \$500 each	128,000

TOTAL PRIZE MONEY **\$1,880,000**

In addition to the main tournament there will be two consolation tournaments with even more prize money. Details will be given to all participants in Las Vegas.

Here are the rules for the W.A.B.C. tournament.
All entries are subject to approval of the Tournament Committee.

1. Rounds will begin at 7 points (first player to reach 7 points), up to a 25 point final.
2. In the event of a dispute the decision of the Committee is final.

3. Players will arrive promptly for matches. Penalty points will be awarded against any player more than 15 minutes late. This rule will be strictly enforced. A time limit may be imposed on any match.

4. All spectators must keep silent at all times. Any spectator may be barred from watching a match.

5. The official tournament language is English. No speech in any other language will be permitted between players and spectators during matches.

6. All players have the right to request that any spectator leave the premises and it will not be necessary for a player to give an explanation.

7. All players have the right to request a tournament official to referee any match.

8. Gammons and backgammons will apply in all matches.

9. The doubling cube will *NOT* be used in the initial rounds. The Crawford Rule will apply in all subsequent rounds: i.e., if a player reaches "match point", his opponent is *not* permitted to double the next game. This prohibition applies for one game only, but doubling is then permitted after two rolls have been completed by each player, including the opening roll. The number of points played in each game must be posted on the score sheets.

10. Both dice must be placed in the cup before rolling. Players may change dice before the start of any individual game. Once a game is in progress dice may not be changed. Any player may ask the Committee for new dice at the conclusion of any game during the match.

11. A move is not concluded until a player has picked up both his dice. No player may roll until his opponent has picked up his dice. A roll under such circumstances is automatically void.

12. Players must roll to the board on their right. "Cocked" dice must be re-rolled.

13. Scores *must* be kept by both players and checked after each game. In any dispute concerning the score, the player not keeping score will be at a disadvantage.

14. Automatic doubles will not be allowed.

15. In any dispute all men and dice are to be left untouched, and a member of the rules committee called. He will then give a ruling.

16. The Rules Committee has the absolute right of interpretation of any of the above rules including any modification and alteration necessary to suit the circumstances.



SAMPLE AIR FARES*

	Round Trip Inc. Tax
Acapulco	\$315.00
Anchorage	375.76
Calgary	198.72
Denver	146.00
Edmonton	200.00
Honolulu	347.44
Los Angeles	76.00
Mexico City	275.00
Miami	368.00
Minneapolis	244.00
Palm Springs	68.00
Portland	168.00
Sacramento	114.00
Salt Lake City	104.00
San Diego	84.00
San Francisco	110.00
Seattle	182.00
Vancouver	216.00

General Conditions

Cancellations and refunds. The right is reserved to assess a cancellation charge on any tour in this brochure.

No refund for any unused portion of any tour can be made unless agreed to prior to departure. The Tour Operators will make every effort to book you at the hotel of your choice. However, space is definitely limited at each hotel, and the operator reserves the right to book you at a hotel in the same category. Moreover, in the event your chosen category is sold out you will be offered a hotel in another category at the appropriate price.

The tournament organizers have the right to reject any application at any time and for whatever reason they deem necessary without any recourse to the organizers and anyone else connected with the promotion of the tournament. This competition may be withdrawn at any time.

Responsibility and Liability

The principals for this tour are Great American Travel Corporation, P.O. Box 9598, Phoenix, AZ 85068, and Deluxe Travel, Inc. (Tour Operators), 307 Fifth Ave., New York, NY, have made all arrangements for accommodations and services furnished in connection therewith. Tour Operators shall be responsible to the participant for supplying the services and accommodation offered to the participant, as set forth in this Tour Brochure, except to the extent such services and accommodations cannot be supplied, or the itinerary need be changed due to delays or other causes of whatever kind or nature beyond the control of Tour Operators; In such circumstances, tour operators will use its best efforts to supply comparable services, accommodations and itinerary and there shall be no refund in connection therewith. This Tour Brochure represents the entire agreement between the passenger, his agent and Tour Operators.

In the absence of their own negligence, tour operators and its agents shall not be responsible for any delay, substitution of equipment, or any act or omission whatever, by the air carrier, hotel or transportation company, or any other person rendering any of the services and accommodations to participant, or any of their employees or agents, including any results thereof, such as a change in services or accommodations necessitated by same. Nor shall they be liable for any loss or damage to baggage or property or for injury, illness or death, or for any damages or claims whatever, arising from loss, negligence or delay or from the act, omission or negligence of any person not their direct employee or under their exclusive control.

Tour Operators reserve the right to cancel one or more tours or increase prices if deemed necessary; this includes cancellation for reasons of inadequate participation or increase of price if circumstances demand. In such event, Tour Operators shall have no responsibility beyond the refund of all deposits made and paid to Tour Operators by the participant, such refund to be made directly by the Depository Bank.

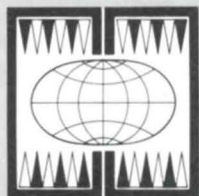
SEE YOUR TRAVEL AGENT

For further
information
regarding
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Schedule, etc.

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APPLICATION AND ENTRY FORM TO THE MILLION DOLLAR HOLIDAY IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA DECEMBER 18-23 1977

Date _____ 1977

Name (please print or type) _____

Address _____
street city state zip

Name ☐ Participant ☐ Guest _____

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Please book me (us) on the Million Dollar Holiday at _____ Hotel.

I understand that space is definitely limited and that you may confirm another hotel or even another category at the appropriate price.

I (we) need [] 1, [] 2, [] 3 rooms: [] single(s), [] double(s), [] twin(s), [] triple(s).

Prices for the land package only, including entrance to the First Annual World Amateur Backgammon Championships are as follows:

Four Star Hotel \$325, Five Star Hotel \$425, Six Star Hotel \$525 per person, (each of two or three persons). Single supplements are \$65, \$115 and \$165 respectively.

☐ Please reserve a Hertz car for me (us) in group [] A, [] B, [] C, [] D, [] Luxury.

Here's my check for \$_____ as full payment for the above.

ALL MONIES COLLECTED BY THE ORGANIZERS ARE PLACED IN ESCROW WITH THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ARIZONA, A MEMBER OF THE WESTERN BANCORPORATION GROUP WITH ASSETS OF MORE THAN \$19,000,000,000. Please make all checks payable to the First National Bank of Arizona.

THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL PARTICIPANTS

I (we) never won more than \$1,000 in a Backgammon Tournament. I (we) don't earn all or substantially all of my (our) income from the game of Backgammon.

signed _____

signed _____

signed _____

signed _____

* Airfares subject to change without notice.

Effective Dec. 18 - 23, 1977



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ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ANYONE THINKING OF GOING TO THE LAS VEGAS TOURNAMENT

Jules Klar, entrepreneur and your Host at the Las Vegas \$1,000,000 Backgammon Event has appointed me your "Official" representative for the Los Angeles area.

As a result, I am able to secure for you and yours, your ENTRY to the Tournament, your best accommodations at your favorite Hotel, reservations for any of your children playing in the Kiddies Tournament... (limited to 512) - a listing of the available shows and entertainment the week you will all be vying for the lucrative prizes, your transportation to Las Vegas, etc.

Should you need ANY further information regarding ANYTHING connected with this fabulous Tournament, I can be reached at the Cavendish West Club daily - and on Tuesday evenings at the Backgammon Tournament.

Sincerely yours,

George Bassman

P. S. Might I suggest, for your serious consideration, that you begin playing in the Cavendish Tournament every Tuesday Night. Bear in mind - it's an Open Event...open to non-members, and it makes for excellent practice for the "BIG ONE" in December. See you NEXT Tuesday evening...and EVERY Tuesday until you win the BIG ONE in December!

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TO ALL BACKGAMMON ENTHUSIASTS:

When Jules Klar, President of the World Amateur Backgammon Championship, Inc., told me his idea for the \$1,000,000 Tournament - I was not only incredulous but I said it couldn't be done! However, after a lengthy discussion Jules not only made of me a believer, but also convinced me ~~that~~ the means would justify and produce the end - and that the Tournament would without doubt award in prizes well over \$2,000,000!

The enclosed brochure has a breakdown of the 512 Main Tournament Prizes. Not included in the brochure due to lack of space are the prizes which will be awarded in the First & Second Consolations. These, by far, surpass any of the large, world-wide Backgammon Tournament awards ever!

FIRST CONSOLATION - This event will pay in prizes \$188,000 which is exactly 10% of the Main Tournament prize money; a first prize of \$100,000...a second prize of \$25,000...a third prize of \$10,000...a fourth prize of \$5,000 - and additionally, 508 more prizes.

SECOND CONSOLATION - This event will award prizes exactly half as much as the First Consolation, i. e. a first prize of \$50,000...a second prize of \$12,500...a third prize of \$5,000...a fourth prize of \$2,500 - and again, 508 additional awards which will bring the Second Consolation prizes to \$94,000.

<u>SUMMATION OF ALL PRIZES</u>	Main Tournament	\$1,880,000
	First Consolation	188,000
	Second Consolation	94,000
	<u>GRAND TOTAL AWARDED</u>	<u>\$2,162,000</u>

So many people have called me asking about the Tournament procedures. I will try to give you somewhat of an idea of the excitement in store for more than 16,000 competitors. The affable, debonair Sidney Jackson, who will be the over-all principal Tournament Director, has filled me in with the following information which will answer many of your queries.

MAIN TOURNAMENT - MAXIMUM OF 16,384 PLAYERS.

On the first day (Monday morning, Dec. 19th) 4,096 players will meet in one of four hotels ready and eager to do Backgammon battle. Incidentally, the four Tournament sites (each housing 4,096 players) will be the MGM Grand, the Las Vegas Hilton, the Aladdin and the Sahara. These hotels were chosen because they each have ballroom facilities large enough to comfortably handle 2,048 boards in play. The first thing will be the selection of tables, seats and opponents. This will be done publicly by computer. The qualifying matches (five in all) will be to 7 points...with NO doubling cube! These five matches will be straight elimination - should you lose your first match you are eligible to play in the First Consolation. Should you lose your second match, you may play in the Second Consolation. The players winning ALL five qualifying rounds will then compete for the 512 Main Tournament Prizes. This will result in one of the players winning \$1,000,000!

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A simple breakdown of the procedure at EACH hotel might be illuminating:

<u>1st round</u>	4,096 players	-	leaving	2,048 winners
<u>2nd round</u>	2,048 players	-	leaving	1,024 winners
<u>3rd round</u>	1,024 players	-	leaving	512 winners
<u>4th round</u>	512 players	-	leaving	256 winners
<u>5th round</u>	256 players	-	leaving	128 winners

The 128 WINNERS from each hotel will then meet together for the first time in one room to compete for the 512 prizes. Incidentally, these 512 players are ALL prize winners at this point!

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LENGTH OF GAMES (for Main Tournament Qualifiers - USING THE DOUBLING CUBE!)

MAIN TOURNAMENT: Starting Tuesday at 9 a.m. (and every day until the Finals) the first round will be to 9 points. In every subsequent round the matches will be increased by 2 points. The Finals, for the \$1,000,000 and \$250,000 prizes, will be to 27 points and will be shown on National TV - prime time.

FIRST CONSOLATION: Players who lose in the 1st round of the Main Tournament will start in this event competing for the \$188,000 in prize money. This field will consist of 8,192 players who will play five 7-point matches, no cube.

SECOND CONSOLATION: The 4,096 players who lose their first game in the 1st Consolation will be eligible for this event (no cube) competing for \$94,000 in prizes. In both Consolation events the cube will again come into play starting with the sixth round.

Fuller details on ALL aspects of the various events will be sent to all competitors upon receipt of your Entry form and check. Please send these in as soon as possible - reservations are being made by players from all corners of the world. Bear in mind - the number of participants and hotel space is LIMITED and all reservations will be processed on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS. So please don't delay, and don't be left out.

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B O N U S - K I D D I E S T O U R N A M E N T

Circus Circus - the hotel with the candy striped big top - will host a special event for the first 512 kiddies who sign up. CONDITIONS: All of the children must be UNDER 21...they must have a parent playing in the Main Event... THERE WILL BE NO ENTRY FEE...there will be 512 prizes...yes, every player entered will win a prize...The 1st prize - a \$10,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP!

This event will start on Monday, Dec. 19th - finishing on Wednesday, Dec. 21st. There will also be a Kiddie Consolation Tournament. For this unique, fun event all the Directors in charge will be CLOWNS - replete with fitting costumes. There will be all kinds of goodies served...hot dogs, pop corn, cotton candy, etc. Bring the kiddies, sign them up and they'll have a ball!

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For the past five years the CAVENDISH WEST CLUB has conducted weekly Backgammon Tournaments with fields for Beginners, Intermediate and Championship players. These are OPEN TOURNAMENTS...although the Cavendish is a private club, non-members are invited to compete for the lucrative prizes. We always have between 60 and 80 players - so why not avail yourself of this fertile field of Tournament Backgammon and get in a number of practice sessions in a climate of keen competition. As time draws closer to the kick-off for the \$1,000,000 Event, the Cavendish West will run some special "NO CUBE" events. This will be

good preliminary training for the Las Vegas "MAIN EVENT." Remember - in a short 7-point match, even a fair player can defeat a Top Champion! To quote entrepreneur Jules Klar - "I wouldn't be surprised if the two finalists are a little ole lady from Pasadena who still counts the points with her forefinger - and a 21 year old college student spending a pre-Christmas holiday in Las Vegas."

The rule of NO CUBE in the first five qualifying matches will go a long way in equalizing the disparity between the "fair" player and the "fine" player.
IN OTHER WORDS - ANYONE CAN WIN! AND THAT ANYONE CAN BE YOU!!

I'm looking forward to seeing you on TUESDAY NIGHTS at the Cavendish West - and even more important, in Las Vegas the week before Christmas competing for the millions in prize money awards.

My best, always


George Bassman
(Cavendish West Backgammon Director)

P. S. A D D E N D A

Remember, if you have won \$1,000 or more in ANY Backgammon Tournament, you're not eligible for THIS one. Suggestion to the greatest players in the world...are you listening Bill Eisenberg, Paul Magriel, Stan Tomchin, Tom Gilbert, Joe Dwek, Tim Holland, etc? Why not devote a lot of time in the next five months training the brightest Backgammon "natural" you know - AND SPLIT THE PRIZE!.

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You are cordially invited to join the

American Backgammon Players Association

As a member, you will participate in:

- **A UNIVERSAL MASTER POINT PROGRAM** — available to all members, and for all tournaments with results reported by affiliates, worldwide. Not just through a specific club or sponsor. The program is computer controlled and provides for accurate recording and periodic reporting to the membership. The program is retroactive and is formulated to accept points awarded through regular local club events and tournaments. When a player reaches any Master level, a certificate will be awarded.
- **AN ASSOCIATION SPONSORED SERIES OF LOCAL QUALIFYING HEATS** — held by affiliates throughout the country, leading to an annual **AMERICAN CUP CHAMPIONSHIP** — held simultaneously will be the **AMERICAN CUP OPEN** and the **AMERICAN CUP TEAM** Tournaments. They all have added cash and product prizes provided through commercial co-sponsorship. There will be no deductions from entry fee or auction.
- **FREE CLINICS** for improvement at all levels of playing skill held by local affiliates and conducted by qualified instructors.
- **NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**, Tournament and Sanctioning Committees.
- **RECIPROCITY** through affiliates for members access to out of town clubs and tournaments.

You will also receive a subscription to **BACKGAMMON MAGAZINE**

BACKGAMMON MAGAZINE is designed to provide current information, perceptive analysis and feature stories for today's backgammon enthusiast.

In **BACKGAMMON MAGAZINE** you will find:

- A city-by-city directory of clubs and pubs where players can meet for local games and tournaments.
- Up to date coverage of major tournaments — winners, prize money, local color, personalities.

- Expert game analysis, mathematical and psychological tactics, modern backgammon strategy.
- Interviews, photographs and articles highlighting the current backgammon scene.
- Reviews of backgammon books from the 1920's through the present.
- Backgammon legends, dice stories and historical reprints.
- A classified section to provide personal contact for backgammon players everywhere.

Annual Association dues, including subscription to **BACKGAMMON MAGAZINE**, are \$20. To join, please fill out the application on the reverse side.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

☐ One year membership \$20

☐ Two year membership \$35

The following information will help us design a program to meet the needs of all our members:

If you belong to a club(s) that has backgammon events, please list name, address and person in charge:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

List other places where backgammon is played in your city or nearby cities:

Where have you attended tournaments in the last 2 years _____

Did the family travel with you _____

Whom would you like to see serve on the Association Advisory Committee and/or Tournament Review Committee _____

Please list the names and addresses of five backgammon players who might be interested in joining the Association. For your trouble, you will receive a pocket backgammon set.

1. _____
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Please make check payable and mail to:

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The Million-Dollar Amateur Backgammon Championship

Paul Magriel and Oswald Jacoby



The tournament co-chairmen are the two most respected authorities in backgammon today. Mr. Magriel, known in the backgammon world as "The Computer", is a noted backgammon columnist. His book, Backgammon, is considered the most comprehensive work on the game. Mr. Jacoby is widely regarded as the best all-around gamesplayer of all time. He is author of the best-selling The Backgammon Book. Between them, Magriel and Jacoby have won most of the world's major backgammon titles.



Tournament Package

The package includes both your entrance fee and your room (double occupancy) at one of Las Vegas' luxury hotels for four days and three nights. Las Vegas—the entertainment center of the world—will make your weekend a special holiday. The total price of the package is \$600 per person **(\$500 if received by November 30)**.

Important Notice

All entry fees are to be paid directly to Marine Midland Bank to be held in escrow. Marine Midland is the twelfth-largest bank in the United States. All prizes will be paid out of the escrow by Marine Midland unless the tournament is cancelled, in which case Marine Midland will refund all entry fees directly to the participants. Neither the promoters nor the Bank shall have any responsibility for any funds until they are received by the Bank. Checks should be made payable to "Marine Midland B.G. Escrow Account" and sent directly to the Bank at the address indicated above entry form.

Participating Hotels

LAS VEGAS HILTON. The greatest Hilton of them all. A veritable city within a city. The world's largest, most beautiful, most accommodating resort hotel. This 30-story complex is in a class by itself.

DUNES HOTEL AND COUNTRY CLUB. The Dunes boasts the largest 18-hole golf course in Nevada. The grounds are especially attractive and all the rooms have been recently renovated in keeping with the fine reputation of this first-class establishment.

MAXIM HOTEL. Las Vegas' newest luxury hotel—just opened in July. There are 17 stories of beautifully appointed rooms with all the facilities you expect from a first-class hotel. Located at the center of the action, just across from the MGM Grand.

The first 2,500 players will stay in the above hotels. The remaining players will be placed in nearby hotels.

For additional information do not write the Bank but write or call: Million-Dollar Amateur Backgammon Championship, Suite 1006, 575 Madison Avenue, N.Y., N.Y. 10022, (212) 486-1489. This tournament is sponsored by the American Backgammon Championships Inc., which has no relation whatsoever to any other backgammon tournament, organization or promotion.

Prizes	First Prize	\$ 500,000
	Second Prize	200,000
	Third Prize	50,000
	Fourth Prize	25,000
	Four Prizes of \$10,000 each	40,000
	Eight Prizes of \$5,000 each	40,000
	16 Prizes of \$2,500 each	40,000
Special Prizes*	Early Bird Prize	\$ 50,000
	Women's Prize	25,000
	Senior Citizens' Prize	25,000
	Brilliancy Prize	5,000
	TOTAL PRIZE MONEY	\$1,000,000
*Details of special prizes provided upon registration.		

Incentives to Register Early

- 1. The number of entrants is unconditionally limited to 3,328. Don't risk being closed out of this unique event.**
- \$100 discount if payment is received by the Bank before November 30, 1977.
- The \$50,000 Early Bird Prize for those registered by November 15, 1977.
- Tournament byes will be awarded strictly on the basis of order of registration. Order of entries will be determined by date of receipt at Marine Midland Bank.
- Hotel preference given on the basis of order of registration.
- First round starting time preference given on the basis of order of registration.

Payment of Prizes

All prizes are to be paid by Marine Midland Bank out of funds in the escrow account on Jan. 29, 1978, with the exception of First Prize. First Prize winner will be paid \$100,000 on January 29, 1978 and \$100,000 a year for four years thereafter by Marine Midland on January 3 of each subsequent year. The full amount of all prizes will be held in escrow by Marine Midland until paid to the winners.

Tournament

RULES. Rounds will begin at 5 points—up to a 15-point final. The doubling cube will be used, and standard match rules will be in effect.

A special feature will be the Second Chance Tournament which will provide 6 of the final 32 money winners. Thus those eliminated in the preliminary rounds will have a second chance at all the prizes. There will be a \$100 fee for those who choose to sign up for a Second Chance.

All matches will be played on boards provided by Aries of Beverly Hills. Detailed rules and tournament procedure will be sent to all registrants in advance.

ELIGIBILITY. Amateurs only. "Professional" players cannot participate. The Eligibility Committee will determine professional status. A professional player is one who has ever earned \$1,000 or more in a backgammon tournament or makes a living playing backgammon. Anyone in doubt about his or her status must write in advance of the tournament. **Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of tournament winnings.**

All entrants must be over 21.

The Eligibility Committee further reserves the right to refuse entry, without explanation, to anyone it deems detrimental to the best interests of the tournament.

Registration and Fees

To register, carefully complete the entry form below and send only this form, along with your check, directly to:

**Marine Midland Bank
Backgammon Escrow Account
Corporate Trust Operations
140 Broadway, 12th Floor
New York, N.Y. 10015**

All checks are to be made payable to "Marine Midland B.G. Escrow Account". Upon receipt, Marine Midland will immediately send an acknowledgement. Marine Midland will hold all monies received in escrow. A copy of the escrow agreement is available to participating clubs upon request. If you desire to make payments by Master Charge or Visa (BankAmericard), it will be necessary for you to provide all information that appears in raised letters on your card.

Payment Alternatives Per Player

A. Pay by check, money order,
Master Charge or
Visa/BankAmericard \$ 600

**(\$500 if full payment is received
by November 30, 1977)**

OR

B. NON-REFUNDABLE deposit to
reserve space before
November 30, 1977 \$ 100
Balance by December 31, 1977 \$ 415
TOTAL \$ 515

There is an additional charge of \$100 for
Single Occupancy or accompanying non-player.

**DEPOSIT WILL BE FORFEITED AND
YOUR PLACE WILL BE SOLD IF THE
BALANCE OF \$415 IS NOT RECEIVED
BY DECEMBER 31, 1977.**

Application Form for Million-Dollar Amateur Backgammon Championship

ONE APPLICATION PER ROOM IS REQUIRED

☐ Here is my check for \$_____ payable to Marine Midland B.G. Escrow Acct.
☐ Charge My Master Charge Acct. # _____
☐ Charge My Visa (BankAmericard) Acct. # _____
Name _____ Exp. Date _____

Amount _____ Signature _____

1st Player in Room (Please print or type)

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

2nd Player in Room

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

3rd Player in Room

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Check the appropriate boxes:

Hotel Preference

☐ Dunes

☐ Hilton

☐ Maxim

☐ I wish information about charter flights

Room Preference

☐ **Single Occupancy* (\$100 Extra)**

☐ Double Occupancy

☐ Triple Occupancy

☐ Kingsize Bed

☐ 2 Double Beds

Club Affiliation

Chess and Games Unlimited

West L.A.

Newport Beach

Encino

Beverly Hills

* Single Occupants or player staying with non-player in same room, \$100 extra.
Non-player's name & address should not be given.

Starting Time Preference

☐ Thurs. Afternoon ☐ Thurs. Evening ☐ Fri. Morning ☐ Fri. Afternoon ☐ Fri. Evening

The second annual Plimpton Cup (Dec. 6-10, 1978)

AMATEUR BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP

\$100,000.00 + \$400 per player

AMATEUR: \$75,000.00 + \$400.00 per player

OPEN: \$25,000.00 + \$400.00 per player

Only amateurs are eligible to play in the Plimpton Cup. Professionals and amateurs are eligible to play in the Open. The entry fee for either tournament is \$500.00 if postmarked by Nov. 1, 1978 (After Nov. 1 pay \$600 when registering in Las Vegas Dec. 5-7, 1978).



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AMATEUR

OPEN

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\$25,000.00 + \$400.00 per player

		Number of players					Number of players		
		992	1,600	2512			128	256	512
1st	50%	\$ 194,900	\$ 297,500	\$ 451,400	45%	\$ 26,190	\$ 45,630	\$ 84,510	
2nd	20%	77,960	119,500	180,560	25%	14,550	25,350	46,950	
3rd	10%	38,980	59,500	90,280	15%	8,730	15,210	28,170	
4th	6%	23,388	35,700	54,168	9%	5,238	9,126	16,902	
5th — 8th	2% each	4 × 7,796	4 × 11,900	4 × 18,056					
Winner 1st									
4 rounds	\$1,000 each	62,000	100,000	157,000		8,000	16,000	32,000	

Special Prizes (Top prize place winners are not eligible for Special Prizes)

Early Bird	6%	23,388	35,700	54,168	6%	3,492	6,084	11,268
Womens	\$10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	\$5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
non-American	\$10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	\$5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL		\$471,800	\$715,500	\$1,079,800		\$76,200	\$127,400	\$229,800



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Request For Room Reservations—For the Backgammon Tournaments December 5-10, 1978

To: Miss Vi Kaufman
Reservations Manager
Dunes Hotel & Country Club
Las Vegas, Nevada 89109

TOLL FREE ROOM RESERVATIONS
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Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Chico Felberbaum of Alberta, Canada being congratulated by Ron Rubin of New Jersey after winning the first annual Plimpton Cup (worth **\$180,400.00**). Felberbaum, who had never read a book on backgammon, reached the finals by entering the Second Chance Tournament after losing in the main draw. For placing second Rubin won over **\$90,000.00**, including the Early Bird Prize of \$18,000.00.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

- Wednesday 1 pm Lecture by Paul Magriel on strategy of match play.
 6 pm The Dunes Hotel will host a complimentary cocktail party and buffet.

In addition there will be mini-tournaments and a team event. Details to be announced in Las Vegas.

INCENTIVES TO REGISTER EARLY

1. The registration fee will be increased \$100 for those registering after November 1, 1978.
2. All players will start in groups of 16 with no first round byes. **Byes will be given in the fifth round based upon order of registration.**

For additional information write or call:
American Backgammon Championships

Suite 1006
 575 Madison Ave.
 New York, N.Y.
 (212) 486-1489

OR

L. Shafer
 Dunes Hotel
 Las Vegas, Nev.
 (702) 737-4110

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General Offices:
 1845 Centinel Blvd.
 Santa Monica, Calif. 90404

Backgammon Information Hotline.
(213) 828-8373

RULES

Plimpton Cup rounds will begin at 11 points, up to a 21 point final. Open rounds will begin at 15 points, up to a 25 point final.

A special feature will be the Second Chance Tournament that will begin with 7 point matches. Thus those eliminated in the preliminary rounds will have a second chance at all the prizes. There will be a \$100 fee for those choosing to sign up for a second chance.

Byes will be given in the fifth round based upon order of registration. There will be no byes in the first four rounds.

ESCROW ACCOUNT

The escrow agent will be Valley Bank of Nevada, Las Vegas' largest bank with assets of over \$500,000,000.00. A copy of the escrow agreement is available to participating clubs on request.

Upon receipt, the bank will immediately send an acknowledgement. Neither the promoters nor the Bank shall have any responsibility for any funds until they are received by the Bank.

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PLIMPTON CUP

Amateurs only. The eligibility Committee will determine professional status. A professional player is one who has ever won \$1,000 or more in a single backgammon tournament after deducting his entry fee, or makes a living playing backgammon. Anyone in doubt about their status must write in advance of the tournament. The Eligibility Committee will transfer any player from the Plimpton Cup to the Open at its sole discretion.

The Eligibility Committee reserves the right to refuse entry, without explanation, to anyone it deems detrimental to the best interest of the tournament.

PAYMENT OF PRIZES

All Prizes are to be paid on December 10, 1978, with the exception of the First and Second prizes. The First Prize winners will be paid \$30,000 on both December 10, 1978 and January 10, 1979. Second Prize winners will be paid \$15,000 on the same dates. The remaining prize money due the First and Second Prize winners will be paid in five equal installments on January 10 of each succeeding year.

Mail your entry form with payment to:

**Valley Bank of Nevada
Backgammon Escrow Account
P.O.Box 15427
Las Vegas, Nevada 89114**

Entry Form

Player _____

Address _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Telephone _____

Check the appropriate boxes:

- ☐ Plimpton Cup (Amateurs Only)
☐ Open (Amateurs & Professionals)

First round starting time preference

Wed. Dec. 6 ☐ 2 PM ☐ 11 PM

Thur. Dec. 7 ☐ 1 PM ☐ 6 PM ☐ 11 PM

Fri. Dec. 8 ☐ 9 AM ☐ 1 PM

PAYMENT ALTERNATIVES

A. Pay by check, money order, Master Charge or Visa postmarked by November 1, 1978. \$500

B. NON-REFUNDABLE deposit to reserve space before November 1, 1978 \$ 50
Balance Dec. 5 - 7, 1978 \$475

TOTAL \$525

C. Pay by cash when registering Dec. 5 - 7 at The Dunes Hotel \$600

Entry places will be transferred at no charge. Cancellations will be taken for a \$50 charge.

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World Amateur Backgammon Championship

THE PRIZE POOL WILL BE: **\$100,000.00** + **\$400.00** per player.

NUMBER OF PLAYERS

750

1250

TOTAL PRIZE POOL

\$400,000.00

\$600,000.00

Beginners Tournament: \$25,000.00 in Prizes. \$50 entry fee.

Open Tournament: The Prize Pool will be: \$5,000.00
plus \$500.00 per player.

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ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PLIMPTON CUP

Amateurs only. A professional player is one who has ever won \$1,000 or more in a single backgammon tournament after deducting his entry fee, or makes a living playing backgammon.

The Eligibility Committee reserves the right to refuse entry, without explanation to anyone it deems detrimental to the best interest of the tournament.

INCENTIVES TO REGISTER EARLY

1. All players will start in groups of 16 with no first round byes. **Byes will be given in the fifth round based upon order of registration.**
2. 5% of the Prize pool will go to the Early Bird (registered before Sept. 30) that goes the furthest but doesn't win one of the top prizes.
3. Register prior to Nov. 8 and save \$50.00.

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RULES There will be staggered starting times with first round matches beginning either Wed., Thurs. or Fri. Amateurs will begin with 11 point matches. The finals in the amateur tournament will be 19 points.

A special feature will be the Second Chance flight. Thus those eliminated in the preliminary rounds will have a second chance at all the prizes. There will be a \$100 fee for those choosing to sign up for a second chance. Detailed rules will be given to all players at registration.

**For additional information write or call:
American Backgammon Championships**

575 Madison Ave. N. Y., N.Y. 10022
(212) 486-1489

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PLIMPTON CUP PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

1st	50%
2nd	20%
3rd	10%
4th	5%
5th — 8th	2% each
Winners 1st	
4 rounds	\$1,000 each
Women's Prize	1%
Hotel Guest	1%
Early Bird	5%

Mail your entry form with a \$25.00 registration fee to:

American Backgammon Championships
Suite 1006,
575 Madison Avenue
N.Y. N.Y. 10022 (212) 486-1489

PAYMENT ALTERNATIVES Amateur or Open

Registration fee, mail by Nov. 8, 1979	\$ 25
Balance Nov. 28-30, 1979 (Cash only)	\$475
TOTAL	\$500

OR

Pay by cash when registering Nov. 28-30
at The Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas \$550

Amateur registration closes at 10 a.m. Fri. Nov. 30th.

Open registration closes at 4 p.m. Thur. Nov. 29th.

☐ Here is my check for \$_____ payable to American Backgammon Championships.

Charge My Master Charge ☐ Visa ☐ Acct. # _____

Name _____ Exp. Date _____

Amount _____ Signature _____

Fill in if you wish to have Casino credit at the Dunes Hotel.

BUSINESS NAME _____ POSITION _____ No Yrs _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE () _____

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

BANK # 1 _____ BRANCH _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ Account No. _____

BANK # 2 _____ BRANCH _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ Account No. _____

AMOUNT OF CREDIT REQUESTED \$ _____

ENTRY FORM

Player _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

Social Security # _____

Check the appropriate box:

- ☐ Plimpton Cup \$25.00 advance registration fee
☐ Open \$25.00 advance registration fee
☐ Beginners \$50 full payment

C & G

PAYMENT OF PRIZES

All Prizes are to be paid on Dec. 2, 1979 with the exception of the prizes exceeding \$50,000. Those prize winners will be paid 20% of their winning on December 2, 1979 with the remaining prize money to be placed in escrow to be paid in five equal annual installments beginning January 10, 1980. The prizes in only the beginner tournament will include merchandise.

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World Amateur Backgammon Championship

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Blackjack Championships



Total Prizes
Exceed:

\$600,000.00



Larry Arnold , winner of last year's Beginner Backgammon Tournament, Morris Shenker head of the Dunes Hotel and Wayne Araki , the winner of last year's Plimpton Cup. Araki is a truck driver from Vancouver Canada. He parlayed his \$500 entry fee into \$150,000.00. This year the entry fee into the Plimpton Cup has been reduced to \$250 and First prize will be \$100,000.00.

BLACKJACK TOURNAMENT

All tournament rounds last three (3) hours with one scheduled break. The first round begins with all players buying \$500 in special Dunes tournament chips. No additional buy-ins are allowed. *All winnings during tournament play are retained by players.* The player at each table with the most amount of money at the end of the 3-hour time is declared the winner of that table and advances to the second round. Standard "Dunes" Blackjack rules will be used. The tournament will start with 70 tables of 7 players each starting at various times, either Tues., Wed. or Thurs.

Round One: 490 PLAYERS (70 tables of 7 players)

70 WINNERS (losers sign up for second chance)

Round Two: (10 tables of 7 players)

59 Losers win \$1,000.00 each.

Round Three: (2nd Chance and Main draw combined)

11 (Main Draw - 10 Winners + Wild Card)

+10 (2nd Chance-2 round winners)

21 (3 Tables of 7), 14 Losers win \$2,500 each

7 (winner from each table + 4 wild cards.)

1st Prize Winner **\$100,000.00**

2nd Prize Winner \$ 21,000.00

3-7th Prize Winners \$ 5,000.00 each

Detailed rules will be given to all players upon registration. If less than 490 players enter the prize pool will be \$10,000 + \$500.00 per player.

Beginners Blackjack

Each session will be one (1) hour long and the players will start with \$250 in chips. Players may start Tues., Wed., Thurs. or Friday. Losers will be allowed to re-enter the tournament.

ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PLIMPTON CUP AND RULES

Amateurs only. A detailed definition of Amateur and beginner will be mailed to all registrants. This year the amount of money previously won will not be the sole basis of determining amateur status. Any player who is not sure of his or her amateur status should apply to the eligibility committee prior to April 15. A player who enters under the pretext of meeting our qualification will be subject to disqualification at any point during the tournament. (Previously players have been disqualified as late as the fifth round.)

The Eligibility Committee reserves the right to refuse or allow entry, without explanation to anyone it deems detrimental or beneficial to the best interest of the tournament.

A special feature in the Open, Amateur, and Blackjack Tournaments will be the Second Chance flight. Thus those eliminated in the preliminary rounds will have a second chance at all prizes. There will be a \$100 fee for those choosing to sign up for a second chance. Time permitting re-entry will be allowed in the Amateur and Beginner Tournaments. Detailed rules will be given to all players at registration. All Prizes are to be paid on June 15, 1980 with the exception of the prizes exceeding \$40,000. Those prize winners will be paid 25% of their winnings on June 15, 1980 with the remaining prize money to be placed in escrow at the Valley Bank of Nevada and will be paid in three (3) equal annual installments beginning June 10, 1981.

BACKGAMMON: STAGGERED STARTING TIMES

Beginners

Wed., Thurs. or Fri. 5 Matches of 5 points,

6th round Saturday at 10 A.M.

Byes given in the 6th round based upon order of entry.

FINALS 10 A.M. Sunday (11 points).

Open

Wednesday at 2 P.M. — 3 Matches of 15 Points

Thurs. and Fri. play continues and Second Chance begins

Sat. at 2 P.M. Second Chance & Main Draw combined

FINALS: Sat. at 8 P.M. (21 Points).

AMATEUR

Main Draw

Wed. — 3 Matches of 11 Points ea. 4th round Thurs. at 11 A.M.

or Thurs. — 3 Matches of 11 Points ea. 4th Round Fri. at 11 A.M.

5th and 6th round matches Fri. at 8 P.M.

or Fri. - 4 Matches of 9 Points ea.

5th and 6th round matches Fri. at 11 P.M.

All Byes given in the 5th round to Wed. and Thurs. starters based upon order of entry.

Main Draw (20 players) & Second Chance (12 players) Combined Saturday at 3 P.M.

Finals at 11 A.M. Sunday (19 Points)

INCENTIVES TO REGISTER EARLY

1. All byes will be given based upon order of registration.
2. Early Bird Prize for the Early Birds (reg. before April 30th) that go the furthest but don't win one of the top prizes.
3. Register prior to May 19 and save \$50.00.
4. Championship Blackjack Tournament limited to 490 players.

Second Chance

Sign up after losing in Main Draw

Groups of 16 will play 4 matches of 7 points

5-7th round matches Sat. at 9 A.M.

DOUBLES

Groups of 16 playing 7 Point matches

Tues. at 2 P.M. 2 rounds, 3-4th Wed. at 9 P.M.

or Wed. at 9 P.M. 2 rounds, 3-4th Thurs. at 9 P.M.

or Sat. at 1 P.M. 4 rounds

5th thru 8th rounds Saturday at 7 P.M.

Byes given based on order of entry.

PRIZE STRUCTURE

BACKGAMMON

	Open	Plimpton Cup	Beginner
1st	40%	\$100,000.00	\$10,000.00
2nd	20%	50,000.00	5,000.00
3rd	10%	25,000.00	2,500.00
4th	5%	15,000.00	1,500.00
5-8th	3% ea.	5,000.00 ea.	500.00 ea.

SPECIAL PRIZES first 8 finishers are ineligible for these prizes

Early Bird	5%	15,000.00	1,500.00
Hotel	5%	15,000.00	1,500.00
Women's	3%	5,000.00	500.00
Wed. Starters	—	5,000.00	500.00

Total \$10,000.00 + 500.00 per player **\$250,000.00** **\$25,000.00**

BLACKJACK

	Championship Limited to 490 Players	Beginner
	\$100,000.00	\$21,000.00
	20,000.00	5,600.00
3-7th	5,000.00 ea.	1,000.00 ea.
8-21st	2,000.00 ea.	—
22-80th	1,000.00 ea.	—

	10,000.00	2,100.00
	5,000.00	2,100.00
	3,000.00	2,100.00
	—	2,100.00

\$250,000.00* **\$40,000.00**

*If less than 490 players enter the Blackjack tournament, the prize pool will be \$10,000.00 + \$500 per player.

PAYMENT ALTERNATIVES

	Open or Blackjack	Amateur	Beginner**
Registration fee, mail by May 19,	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 40
Balance June 10-13, (Cash Only)	475	225	—
OR	\$500	\$250	\$40
Pay by cash when registering at the Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas	\$550	\$300	\$50

Amateur registration closes at 7 p.m. Fri. June 13th

Open and Blackjack registration closes at 1 p.m. Wed. June 11th

Beginners (Blackjack or Backgammon) registration closes at 8 p.m. Fri. June 13th

**Blackjack or Backgammon

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ENTRY FORM

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Special Prizes

In the Blackjack tournament these prizes will be split among eligible players who finish 8th-21st. In the Backgammon tournament they will be split among eligible players who finish 9-32nd.

EARLY Birds Players who mail their entry form in by April 30.

Hotel Players who reserved their rooms through American Backgammon Championships.

Women's A female player.

Wed. Starters Player who starts Wed. In the Plimpton Cup a player who loses early Wednesday and starts second chance play Wed. will be eligible for this prize.

Kick Off Backgammon Tournament

\$10,000.00

WINNER TAKE ALL

NO ENTRY FEE. All players who book their hotel rooms through American Backgammon Championships will be eligible for this tournament. However players wishing to enter this tournament must go through Las Vegas registration by 7 P.M. Tuesday, June 10, 1980.

Hotel Rooms All rooms at the Dunes should be reserved through American Backgammon Championships. The rate for 6 days and 5 nights is \$195 per room plus \$11.70 tax. If a player wishes to remain fewer days the price will remain the same. **Room payment should be included with your entry form.** Only players reserving their rooms through American Backgammon Championships will be eligible for the Prize.

Those players coming from either N.Y. or Miami should send \$390 for airfare and room (double occupancy), if they wish to book air through American Backgammon Championships.

Each year we have run out of rooms so book early. The Dunes will confirm all Hotel rooms.

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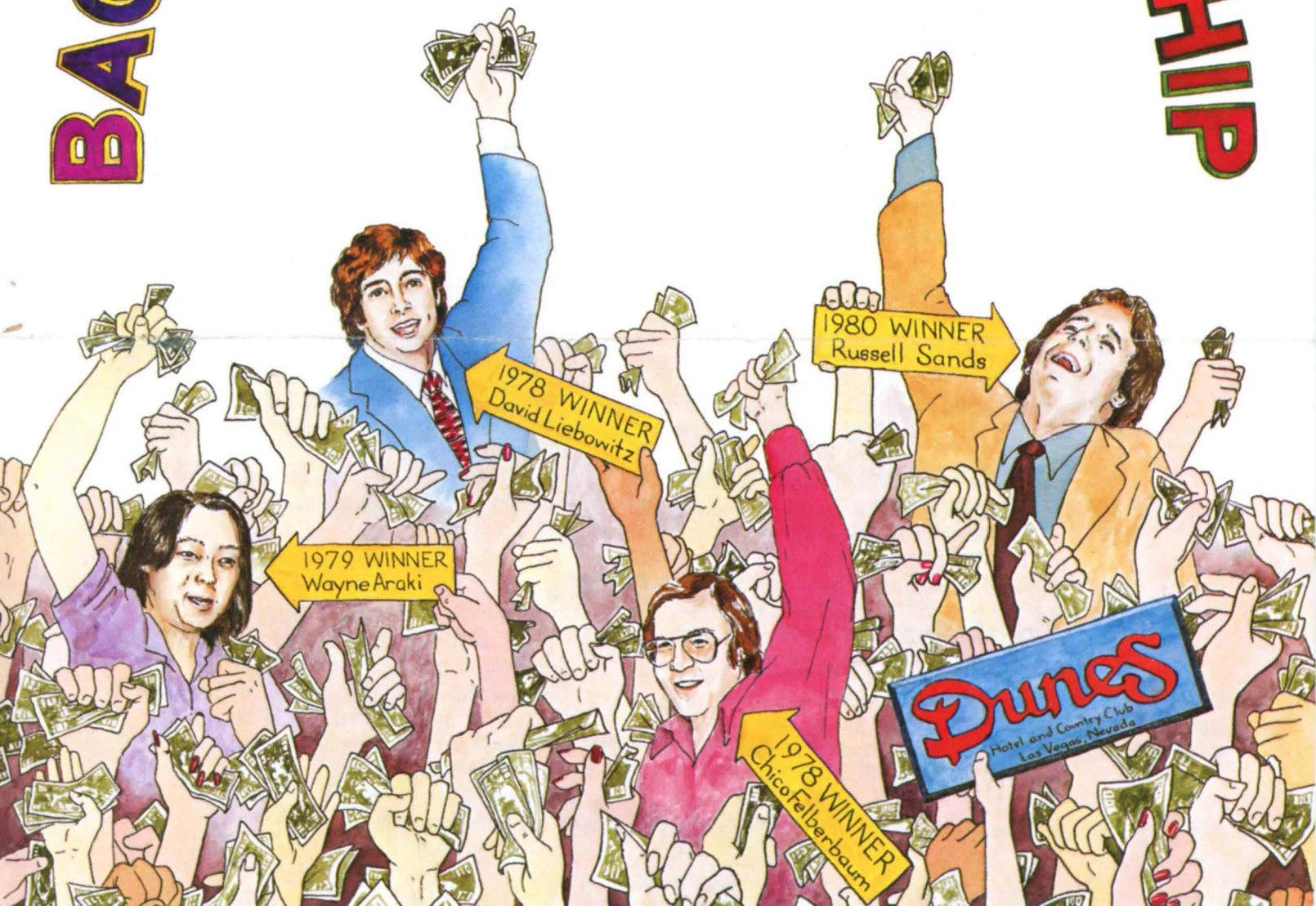
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The 5th annual Plimpton Cup

World Amateur BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP

June 9-14, 1981

Total Prizes Exceed: **\$400,000.00**



PRIZE STRUCTURE

	Plimpton Cup Amateur	United Airlines Beginner	Las Vegas Open
First Prize	\$100,000.00	\$25,000.00	45%
2nd	50,000.00	5,000.00	25%
3rd-4th	20,000.00 each	2,500.00 each	10% each
5-8th	5,000.00 each	1,000.00 each	—
BONUS PRIZES	Top prize winners are ineligible for these prizes		
1st 80 players to win 3 rounds in the Main Draw	500.00 each	100.00 each	\$500.00 each
1st 40 players to win 4 rounds in Second Chance	500.00 each	—	500.00 each
SPECIAL PRIZES (split among eligible players who win 5 rounds in Main Draw)			
Early Bird	15,000.00	1,000.00	7%
Hotel	5,000.00	1,000.00	3%
Wed. Starters	10,000.00	1,000.00	—
Total	\$300,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$35,000.00 +\$500.00 per player

Early Birds: Players who mail their entry form post-marked by April 30th 1981.

Hotel Prize: Players who stay at the Dunes Hotel and Country Club for the tournament and reserve through Karson Travel.

Wednesday Starters: Players who start play in the Plimpton Cup or Beginners Tournaments on Wednesday, June 10, 1981.

American Backgammon Championships, Inc. offers a variety of tournaments for players of all levels. It is possible for individuals to meet the eligibility requirements to enable them to play in more than one tournament. For example, Wayne Araki, a truckdriver from Vancouver Canada, lost in the first round of the beginner tournament, then entered the amateur tournament and became the winner of the third annual Plimpton Cup.

Plimpton Cup (Amateur) \$300,000.00 in Prizes

Named after the great all-time amateur George Plimpton. This has become the biggest backgammon tournament in the world. Last year there were over 700 entries. Everyone has a chance of winning since professional players are barred.



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The Prize Pool will be: \$35,000 + \$500 per player. The Open Tournament is for professional backgammon players, or for any backgammon player wishing to try their skills with some of the best players in the world.

ADDED EVENTS

Kick-off Tournament 1st Prize \$7,500 2nd Prize \$2,500

\$25 ENTRY FEE. Players wishing to enter this tournament must register in Las Vegas by 7 P.M. Tues., June 9, 1981. Five point matches: three rounds Tuesday, three rounds Wednesday, Finals Thursday

Doubles Tournament

\$100 Entry Fee Per Team 80% Return
Groups of 16, playing 7 Point matches
Start Tues. at 3 P.M., Wed. at 9 P.M. or Sat. at 1 P.M.
5th thru 7th rounds Saturday at 7 P.M.
Byes given based upon order of entry.
FINALS SUNDAY at NOON

There will be no pre-registration in the added events

ELIGIBILITY

The basic definition of an "Amateur" is a player who has never won \$1,000 (after deducting entry fees) in any backgammon tournament. Any monies won after entry form is received by A.B.C. Inc., does not jeopardize amateur status.

Due to the many tournaments that are now offering greater amounts of money to their winners in divisions other than championship division, American Backgammon Championships, Inc. feels that it is fair to review individual cases where players have won more than the \$1,000 but still consider themselves amateurs. If a player has won more than \$1,000 and still feels they are of "Amateur" standing, they may then write to the Eligibility Committee with all pertinent information regarding their tournament winnings. They will be advised of their status.

All professional players are ineligible for the Plimpton Cup regardless of winnings.

The Beginners Tournament is for Beginners players only! A Player who has ever won \$250 in cash or merchandise in any tournament, or has played in a championship division in a major national tournament does not qualify. A Player may enter both the Amateur and Beginner tournaments.

The Eligibility Committee reserves the right to refuse entry, without explanation, to anyone it deems detrimental to the best interest of the tournament. A player who enters under the pretext of meeting our qualifications will be subject to disqualification at any point during the tournament. (Previously players have been disqualified as late as the 5th round.)

SECOND CHANCE

A unique feature in the Amateur and Open Tournaments will be the Second Chance flight. Those eliminated in the preliminary rounds will have a second chance at all the top prizes. 3 out of the final 8 players will come from Second Chance. There will be a \$100 fee for those choosing to sign up for a second chance. Second Chance registration will close 3 hours after the last starting time. Chico Felberbaum lost in the main draw of the amateur tournament, entered the second chance and won the first annual Plimpton Cup tournament.

RULES

Standard American Backgammon Championships, Inc. rules will be used. Time permitting, re-entry will be allowed. All Prizes are to be paid on June 14, 1981 with the exception of the prizes of \$20,000 or more. Those winners will be paid 20% of their winnings on June 14, 1981 with the remaining prize money to be placed in escrow at the Valley Bank of Nevada and will be paid in 4 equal annual installments beginning June 30, 1982.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Staggered starting times is a special concept of American Backgammon Championships, Inc. Players in the Amateur and Beginner tournaments may start playing in the tournament Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Open Players may start play either Thursday or Friday. This format enables tournament participants to attend the tournament on a schedule which is most convenient for them. A player may enter more than one tournament if he or she meets the eligibility requirements. Re-entry will be allowed time permitting.

AMATEUR \$300,000.00 IN PRIZES

MAIN DRAW

Wed. starters: 2 Matches of 11 pts., Thurs. 3-5th rounds
Thurs. starters: 3 Matches of 11 pts., Fri. 4-5th rounds
Wed. and Thurs. starters: 6 and 7th round matches Fri. at 9 P.M.
Fri. starters: 4 Matches of 9 pts.
Last starting time: Friday at 7 P.M.
Fri. starters: 5-7th rds. matches Sat. at 10 A.M.

SECOND CHANCE

Sign up after losing in main draw.
7 point matches. Played down to 3 players which will be combined with 5 players from Main Draw to provide the 8 quarter-finalists.

All Byes given in the 6th round to Wed. and Thurs. starters based upon order of entry.
Winners in the Main Draw (5 players) & Second Chance (3 players) Combined Saturday at 3 P.M.
Finals at 11 A.M. Sunday (17 Points)

BEGINNERS \$50,000.00 IN PRIZES

Wed. starters: 3 Matches of 5 pts., Thurs. 4-5th matches
Thurs. starters: 3 matches of 5 pts., Fri. 4-5th matches
Fri. starters: 5 matches of 5 pts.
Fri. at 7 P.M. Last starting time
Byes given in the 6th round based upon order of entry.
FINALS: Saturday 10 P.M. (9 points).

OPEN \$35,000.00 ADDED

Start play Thurs. or Fri. Main draw 15 point matches,
Second chance 11 point matches
Fri. at 7 P.M. - last starting time
Byes given based upon order of entry
Sun. at 1 P.M. Second Chance & Main draw combined.
Finals: Sunday at 6 P.M. (21 points)

For additional information write or call:
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PAYMENT ALTERNATIVES

Deposit, mailed by May 20,
Balance June 9-12, (Cash Only)

OR

Pay by cash when registering
at the Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas

Amateur	Beginner	Open
\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
275	35	475
\$300	\$ 60	\$500
\$350	\$100	\$550

Amateur, Beginner & Open registration closes at 7 p.m. Fri. June 12th

American Backgammon Championships has held tournaments with total prizes exceeding \$1,500,000.00.

INCENTIVES TO REGISTER EARLY

1. All byes will be given based upon order of registration. All entries by February 28, 1981 will be equal as to byes.
2. \$15,000.00 Prize for the Early Birds (reg. before April 30th) who win 5 rounds but don't win one of the top prizes.
3. Register prior to May 20 and save \$50.00.

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ENTRY FORM

ABC

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Check appropriate box or boxes:

☐ Amateur (\$25 deposit) ☐ Open (\$25 deposit)

☐ Beginners (\$25 deposit)

\$25 cancellation charge.

WORLD AMATEUR BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP

total prizes exceed
\$500,000.00

June 22-27, 1982



American Backgammon Championships, Inc. offers a variety of tournaments for players of all levels.

Featured are the PLIMPTON CUP (Amateur Tournament), named after the great all-time amateur **George Plimpton**, which has become the biggest backgammon tournament in the world. Everyone has a chance at winning the \$150,000.00 first prize since professional players are barred. **The BEGINNER tournament is designed for the player who has never played in a major tournament. Where else does a player have a chance of winning \$25,000.00 for a \$75 entry fee! The OPEN tournament is for the professional backgammon player, or for any backgammon player wishing to try his skill against some of the best players in the world.** It is possible for individuals to meet the eligibility requirements to enable them to play in more than one tournament. For example, Wayne Araki, a truckdriver from Vancouver Canada, lost in the first round of the Beginner Tournament, then entered the Amateur Tournament and became the winner of the third annual Plimpton Cup.

PRIZE STRUCTURE

	Amateur	Beginner	Open
First Prize	\$150,000.00	\$25,000.00	45%
2nd.	50,000.00	10,000.00	25%
3rd-4th	20,000.00 each	5,000.00 each	15% each
5th-8th	10,000.00 each	2,500.00 each	—
Newcomer Prizes	40,000.00	20,000.00	
1st 125 players to win 3 rounds in the Main Draw	800.00 each	—	\$1,000.00 each
Early Bird.	30,000.00	5,000.00	
	\$450,000.00	\$80,000.00	\$10,000.00 + \$500.00 per player

★ NEWCOMER PRIZES ★

NEWCOMER PRIZES: In the AMATEUR tournament the male and female newcomers who go the furthest will win \$10,000.00 each. **THOSE WHO SIGN UP THE WINNING AMATEUR NEWCOMERS WHO GO THE FURTHEST WILL ALSO RECEIVE \$10,000.00 each.** In the BEGINNER tournament the male and female newcomers who go the furthest will win \$5,000.00 each. **THOSE WHO SIGN UP THE WINNING BEGINNER NEWCOMERS WHO GO THE FURTHEST WILL ALSO RECEIVE \$5,000.00 each.** It is not necessary to win the tournament in order to win the newcomer prize, a player must only finish ahead of other newcomers of the same sex.

NEWCOMER ELIGIBILITY: A newcomer is a player who has never played in an American Backgammon Championships Inc. tournament before August 1, 1981. Players must have their entries in the Amateur and/or Beginner divisions postmarked by May 30, 1982, to be eligible for newcomer prizes; players who have not pre-registered in a particular division are **not** eligible for newcomer prizes in that division. Newcomers who lose and then re-enter the tournament retain their newcomer status. If you have registered a newcomer you need not be present at the tournament to win a prize. There is no limit to the number of players you may register. In case of ties, the prize money will be evenly divided. The player who signs up another player must write his or her name on the entry form in the space provided.

If a newcomer wins the Plimpton Cup the person who signs them up will win \$50,000.00.

If a newcomer wins the Beginner Tournament the person who signs them up will win \$20,000.00.

ADDED EVENTS

KICK-OFF TOURNAMENT \$25,000.00

(In Prizes)

\$25. ENTRY FEE: Players wishing to enter this tournament must register in Las Vegas by 6 P.M. June 22, 1982. Matches start at five points. The first 45 players who win three rounds, receive 5 nights free lodging (room only), if Dunes Hotel reservations have been made with a deposit by April 30, 1982.

1st Prize	\$ 8,000.00
2nd Prize	4,000.00
3rd Prize—4th Prize	1,500.00
45 3rd Round Winners	

DAILY DOUBLES

There will be a Doubles Tournament with daily starting times Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Finals: Sunday.

Entry Fee: \$100. per team (80% Return)
Matches start at 7 points

There will be no pre-registration in the added events

ELIGIBILITY

A player's tournament record is used as a guide to their amateur status. American Backgammon Championships, Inc. realizes the amount of money won in any single tournament is not always the best indication of Amateur status or skill level. An Eligibility Committee headed by Billy Eisenberg, Oswald Jacoby, and Paul Magriel has been formed to rule on the eligibility of players.

Any player who has ever won over \$1,000 (after deducting entry fees) in a single tournament must include a letter to the Eligibility Committee with their entry form stating details of all tournament winnings and any other information that might have a bearing on their amateur status.

All professional players are ineligible for the Plimpton Cup regardless of winnings.

The Beginner Tournament is for beginners only! A player who has ever won \$250 in cash or merchandise in any tournament, or has played in a championship division in a major national tournament does not qualify. A player may enter both the Amateur and Beginner tournaments, if eligible.

American Backgammon Championships, Inc. reserves the right to refuse entry, without explanation, to anyone it deems detrimental to the best interest of the tournament. A player who enters under the pretext meeting our qualifications will be subject to disqualification at any point during the tournament. (Previously players have been disqualified as late as the 5th round.)

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Staggered starting times is a special concept of American Backgammon Championships, Inc. Players may start playing in the tournament Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. This format enables tournament participants to attend the tournament on a schedule which is most convenient for them. In the Beginner and Amateur Tournaments up to 128 players in each division may start play in other countries. These players are ineligible for the Newcomer and Early Bird prizes. Players may enter more than one tournament if the eligibility requirements are met. Re-entry will be allowed if time permits.

PLIMPTON CUP (Amateur)

MAIN DRAW

Wed. starters play: 3 Matches of 11 pts., Thurs. 4-6th rounds
Thurs. starters play: 3 Matches of 11 pts., 4-6th rounds Fri. at 10 A.M.
Wed. and Thurs. starters play: 7-8th rounds, Fri. at 8 P.M.
Fri. starters play: 5 Matches of 7 pts. Last starting time: Fri. at 2 P.M.
Fri. starters play: 6-8th rds. matches Sat. at 9 A.M.

SECOND CHANCE

Sign up after losing in the Main Draw.
7 point matches. Played down to 3 players which will be combined with 5 players from the Main Draw to provide the 8 quarter-finalists.

All Byes based upon order of entry.

Winners in the Main Draw (5 players) & Second Chance (3 players) Combined Saturday at 5 P.M.
Finals at 10 A.M. Sunday (17 Points)

BEGINNER

Wed. starters play: 3 Matches of 5 pts., Thurs. 4-6th rounds
Thurs. starters play: 3 matches of 5 pts., Fri. at Noon 4-6th rounds
Wed. and Thur. starters play: 7th-8th rounds, Fri. at 9 P.M.
Fri. starters play: 5 matches of 5 pts. Last starting time: Fri. at 5 P.M.
Fri. starters play: 6-8th rounds, Sat. at 10 A.M.
Byes based upon order of entry.
FINALS: Saturday 10 P.M. 9 points).

OPEN \$10,000.00 ADDED

Start play Wednesday or Thursday.
Main draw 15 point matches
Second chance 11 point matches
Thurs. at 2 P.M.—last starting time
Byes given based upon order of entry
Finals: Sat. at 7 P.M. (21 points)

EARLY BIRDS

Players who mail their entry forms by April 30th, 1982. The Early Bird prize will be split among eligible players who win 6 rounds but do not win one of the top prizes.

SECOND CHANCE

A unique feature in the Amateur and Open Tournaments is the Second Chance flight. Those eliminated in the preliminary rounds have a second chance at all the top prizes. Three (3) out of the final eight (8) players will come from Second Chance. There will be a \$100 fee for those choosing to sign up for a second chance. Chico Felberbaum lost in the main draw of the amateur tournament, entered the second chance and won the First Plimpton Cup. Three other second chance players have made it to the finals of the Plimpton Cup.

RULES

Standard American Backgammon Championships, Inc. rules will be used. Time permitting, re-entry will be allowed. All prizes are to be paid on June 27, 1982 with the exception of winners of \$20,000.00 or more. Those winners will be paid \$10,000.00 of their winnings on June 27, 1982, and \$10,000.00 annually beginning July 1st, 1983 until paid in full with the exception of the winner of the Plimpton Cup who will be paid \$20,000.00 on June 27, 1982 and \$20,000.00 annually beginning July 1st, 1983, out of funds to be placed in escrow at the Valley Bank of Nevada, until paid in full.

For additional information write or call:
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ROOM RESERVATIONS

Call the Dunes Hotel special Backgammon Number (800) 634-6974 for room reservations. All rooms will be at the special rate of \$45 per night plus tax, (single or double occupancy). Indicate preference for Poolside, North Tower, or South Tower. The tournament will be held in the North Tower.

The first 45 players who win three rounds in the kick-off tournament, and have made their room reservations with a one-night deposit by April 30th, 1982, will win five nights and six days (room only June 22-27) at the Dunes.

Payment Alternatives

Deposit, mailed by May 30,
Balance June 22-25, (Cash Only)

Amateur	Beginner	Open
\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
375	50	475
\$400	\$ 75	\$500

OR

Pay by cash when registering
at the Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas

\$450 \$125 \$550

Amateur Registration closes at 2 p.m. Friday June 25th, 1982.

Beginner Registration closes at 5 p.m. Friday June 25th, 1982

Open Registration closes at 2 p.m. Thursday June 24th, 1982

Incentives to register early

1. All byes will be given based upon order of registration. All entries by March 15, 1982 will be equal as to byes.
2. \$35,000.00 in Prizes for the Early Birds (reg. before April 30th) who win 6 rounds but don't win one of the top prizes.
3. Register prior to May 30 and save a \$50.00 late charge.
4. Any monies won after entry form is received by A.B.C. will not jeopardize amateur status.
5. Only those registered by May 30th are eligible for Newcomers Prize.

American Backgammon Championships has held tournaments with total prizes exceeding \$2,000,000.00.

ENTRY FORM A B C

Mail your entry form with deposit to:
American Backgammon Championships, Inc.
Suite 1006 575 Madison Avenue
N.Y., N.Y. 10022 (212)486-1489

Check appropriate box or boxes:

- ☐ Amateur (\$25 deposit) ☐ Newcomer
☐ Beginners (\$25 deposit) ☐ Male ☐ Female
☐ Open (\$25 deposit)

NEWCOMERS ONLY

I certify that I have never played in an A.B.C. tournament prior to August 1st, 1981.

Signature _____

Referred by: Name _____
and Telephone _____

Player _____

Address _____

CITY STATE ZIP

Telephone _____

Social Security # _____

☐ Here is my check for \$ _____ payable to:

American Backgammon Championships Inc.

Charge my Master Charge ☐ Visa ☐ Exp. Date _____

Account # _____

Name _____

Amount _____ Signature _____

\$25 cancellation charge

Entries are not transferable after pre-registration closes May 30th 1982.

Fill in if you wish to have Casino Credit at the Dunes Hotel.

Bus. Name _____ Position _____ No Yrs. _____

Business Address _____

City _____ St. _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Checking Accounts

Bank #1 _____ Branch _____

City _____ State _____ Account No. _____

Bank # _____ Branch _____

City _____ State _____ Account No. _____

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Credit Cards

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Visa # _____

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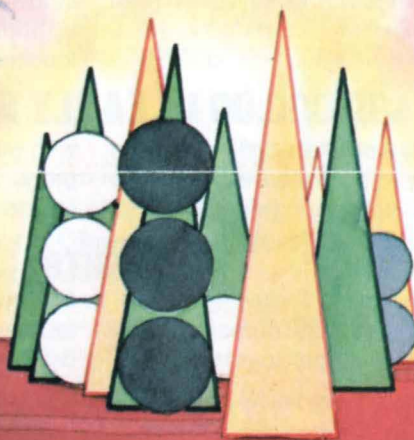
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SEVENTH ANNUAL
WORLD AMATEUR

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CHAMPIONSHIP

June 26 - July 1st, 1983

☼ Sands Hotel, Las Vegas

Rep. #32 12:50 - 1:39 - Sun. 6/26 Meyerson
 #883 5:35 - 6:25 - Sat. 7/2 Burbank
 24 hr. cancellation \$60 round trip

The 7th Annual Plimpton Cup

June 26 - July 1, 1983

World Backgammon Championships

Total Prizes
Exceed:

\$ 500,000.00

purchase by 6/17

Prize Structure	Amateur Championship	Beginner	World Championship
First Prize	\$100,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$35,000.00
2nd Prize	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$17,500.00
3rd - 4th Prize	\$20,000.00 each	\$5,000.00 each	\$10,000.00 each
5th - 8th Prize	\$10,000.00 each	\$2,500.00 each	Top Amateur \$5,000.00
Early Bird	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	
3rd round winners in the Main Draw	500.00 each	—	\$750.00 each
3rd round winners in 2nd Chance	Free Room*	—	Free Room*
5th round winners in the Beginners	—	Free Room*	

*To win a free room at the **Sands Hotel** during the tournament a player must be a registered guest of the Sands Hotel prior to starting his first round of play. If a player wins more than one room, or roommates both win rooms, only one free room will be awarded.
If there are 800 or more entries in the Amateur tournament, First Prize will be increased to \$150,000.00

NEWCOMER PRIZE:

A newcomer is a player who has never played in an American Backgammon Championship, Inc. tournament before August 1st, 1982. *In the Amateur Tournament the five newcomers who go the furthest will win \$1,000.00 each in addition to any other prize money they may win. In the Beginner Tournament the 2 newcomers who go the furthest will win \$1,000.00 each.*

A person who signs up a winner of the newcomer prize in either tournament will also win \$1,000.00. Players must have their entries in the **Amateur** and/or **Beginner** divisions postmarked by May 30th, 1983 to be eligible for newcomer prizes. The player who signs up another player must write his or her name on the entry form in the space provided.

\$30,000.00 IN EARLY BIRD PRIZES

Players who mail their entry forms by April 30th, 1983 and make their Sands Hotel reservations by May 15th, 1983 are eligible for the Early Bird prize. The Early Bird prize is split among eligible players

who win 6 rounds in the Main Draw but do not win one of the top prizes. Byes will not count as a round won. A player must be a registered guest at the Sands Hotel to qualify for the Early Bird prize.

RE-ENTRY

Staggered starting times make it possible for limited re-entry in the **Beginner**, **Amateur**, **Open**, and **Doubles** Tournaments. A player may not re-enter the **Amateur** or **Open** tournaments

until he has lost in Second Chance. A player who re-enters a tournament does not lose any of his rights as to Early Bird, Bye, or Newcomer status.

ADDED EVENTS

THE KICK-OFF TOURNAMENT \$15,000.00 IN PRIZES

\$25 ENTRY FEE. Limited to 512 entries. Players wishing to enter this tournament should register in Las Vegas by 2 P.M. Sunday June 26, 1983. Five point matches. Registration will be held open until there are 512 entries.

First Prize \$7,000.00, Second Prize \$4,000.00
 Third-Fourth \$2,000.00

DOUBLES

There will be Doubles tournaments starting Wednesday, entry fee \$100. Seven point matches. 80% of all entry fees will be returned as prize money.

There is no pre-registration in the Added Events!

ELIGIBILITY

A player's tournament record is used as a guide to their amateur status. American Backgammon Championships, Inc. realizes the amount of money won in any single tournament is not always the best indication of Amateur status or skill level. An Eligibility Committee headed by Billy Eisenberg, Oswald Jacoby, and Paul Magriel will rule on the eligibility of players. Any player who has ever won over \$1,000 in a single tournament must include a letter to the Eligibility Committee with their entry form stating details of all tournament winnings and any other information that might have a bearing on their amateur status.

All professional players are ineligible for the Plimpton Cup regardless of winnings.

The Beginner Tournament is for beginners only!

A player who has ever won \$250 in cash or merchandise in any tournament, or has played in a championship division in a major national tournament does not qualify. A player may enter both the Amateur and Beginner tournaments.

American Backgammon Championship, Inc. reserves the right to refuse entry, without explanation, to anyone it deems detrimental to the best interest of the tournament. A player who enters under the pretext of meeting our qualifications will be subject to disqualification at any point during the tournament. (Previously players have been disqualified as late as the 5th round.)

SECOND CHANCE

A unique feature in the Amateur and Championship Tournaments is the Second Chance flight. Those eliminated in the preliminary rounds have a second chance at all the top prizes. Three (3) out of the final eight (8) players will come from Second Chance. There is a \$100 fee for those signing up for a second chance.

RULES

Standard American Backgammon Championships, Inc. rules are used. Time permitting, re-entry will be allowed. The open division of the world championship will be limited to 160 players. All prizes will be paid on July 1st, 1983 with the exception of prizes of \$25,000.00 or more. Those winners will be paid \$10,000.00 of their winnings on July 1st, 1983, and \$10,000.00 annually beginning July 1st, 1984 until paid in full with the exception of the winner of the Plimpton Cup who will be paid \$20,000.00 annually. The winner of the Amateur will have the option of taking his winnings in one payment of \$75,000.00 and the second place winner in the amateur may choose to take his winnings in one payment of \$40,000.00. The world professional champion may choose to take his winnings in one \$30,000.00 payment. A player must pre-register by specified dates in each tournament in order to qualify for Early Bird, Bye, and / or Newcomer status.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Staggered starting times is a special concept of American Backgammon Championships, Inc. Players may start playing in the tournament Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. This format enables tournament participants to attend the tournament on a schedule which is most convenient. You may enter more than one tournament if you meet the eligibility requirements. Re-entry will be allowed if time permits.

PLIMPTON CUP (Amateur)

MAIN DRAW

Monday starters: 3 Matches of 11 pts., Tues. 4-6th rounds

Tues. starters: 3 Matches of 11 pts., Wed. at 10 A.M. 4-6th rounds

Mon. and Tues. starters: 7-8th rounds, Wed. at 8 P.M.

Wed. starters: 5 Matches of 7 pts. Last starting time: Wed. at 2 P.M.

Wed. starters: 6-8th rds. matches Thurs. at 9 A.M.

SECOND CHANCE

Sign up once after losing in main draw. 7 point matches. Played down to 3 players which will be combined with 5 players from main draw to provide the 8 quarter-finalists.

All Byes based upon order of entry.

**Winners in the Main Draw (5 players) & Second Chance (3 players) Combined Thursday at 5 P.M.
Finals at 10 A.M. Friday.**

BEGINNER

Mon. starters: 3 Matches of 5 pts., Tues. 4-6th rounds

Tues. starters: 3 matches of 5 pts., Wed. at Noon 4-6th rounds

Mon. and Tues. starters: 7th-8th rounds, Wed. at 9 P.M.

Wed. starters: 5 matches of 5 pts. Last starting time: Wed. at 5 P.M.

Wed. starters: 6-8th rounds, Thurs. at 10 A.M.

Byes based upon order of entry.

FINALS: Thursday 10 P.M.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

(Limited to 160 Entries)

Start play Sunday, Monday or Tuesday

Main draw 15 point matches

Second chance 11 point matches

Tues. at 2 P.M. - last starting time

Byes given based upon order of entry

Finals: Thurs. at 7 P.M.

For additional information write or call:

American Backgammon Championships, Inc.

575 Madison Avenue New York, N.Y. 10022
(212) 605-0222 (10 A.M. - 4 P.M. eastern time)

Sands. ROOM RESERVATIONS

The 7th Annual Plimpton Cup will be held at the **Sands Hotel**. Special Room rates are available to Tournament players. There will be no extra charge for a second person in a room (Third person in a room is \$10/night extra.)

Backgammon Rate

\$50 per night
60 per night
70 per night (petite suite)
135 per night (1 BR suite)

Normal rates

\$60-65 per night
75-85 per night
95 per night
170-200 per night

There are only a limited number of rooms available at each rate. Make your reservations early in order to get your choice of room rate. Reservations must be made by May 15th, in order to be eligible for the Early Bird prize. All rooms will be available at 2 p.m. on the day of check in.

To make room reservations call the Sands Hotel at 702-733-5000 or 800-634-6901.

Players who win 3 rounds in second chance of the **Amateur** or the **Professional World Championship**, or 5 rounds in the **Beginner** Tournament and are registered guests of the Sands Hotel prior to their first round of play, will receive their room free for the duration of the

tournament. It is important that players sharing a room must have both names registered in the hotel in order to be eligible. A player or roommates may not receive more than one complimentary room.

PAYMENT ALTERNATIVES

	Amateur	Beginner	Open
Deposit, mailed by May 30,	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25
Balance June 26-29 (Cash Only)	375	35	475
OR	\$400	\$ 60	\$500

Pay by cash when registering at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas

\$450 \$100 \$550

Amateur registration closes at 2 p.m. Wed. June 29th, 1983.

Beginner Registration closes at 5 p.m. Wed. June 29th, 1983.

Championship Registration closes at 2 p.m. Tues. June 28th, 1983.

Entries are not transferable after pre-registration closes May 30, 1983.

INCENTIVES TO REGISTER EARLY

1. All byes will be given based upon order of registration.
2. \$30,000.00 in prize money for the Early Birds who win 6 rounds but don't win one of the top prizes.
3. Register prior to May 30 and save \$50.00.
4. Any monies won in a tournament after entry form is received by A.B.C. will not jeopardize amateur status.

American Backgammon Championships has held tournaments with total prizes exceeding \$3,000,000.00.

ENTRY FORM

Mail your entry form with deposit to:

American Backgammon Championships, Inc.

Suite 1006 575 Madison Avenue
N.Y. N.Y. 10022 (212)605-0222

Check appropriate box or boxes:

- ☐ **Amateur (\$25 deposit)** ☐ **Open (\$25 deposit)**
☐ **Beginners (\$25 deposit)** ☐ **Newcomer**
\$25 cancellation charge.

signed up by _____ Phone _____
(for newcomers only)

I certify that I have never played in an A.B.C. tournament prior to Aug. 1st, 1982. Signature _____

for official use only. EB NC A B O a b c J/83

Player _____

Address _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____

Social Security # _____

☐ Here is my check for \$_____ payable to:

American Backgammon Championships Inc.

Charge my Master Charge ☐ Visa ☐

Account # _____

Name _____ Exp. Date _____

Amount _____ Signature _____

Fill in if you wish to have Casino Credit at the Sands Hotel.

BUS. NAME _____ POSITION _____ No Yrs. _____
BUSINESS ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ ST. _____ ZIP _____ PHONE () _____

CHECKING ACCOUNTS

BANK _____ BRANCH _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ACCOUNT NO. _____

Amount of credit requested \$ _____

Currently have Casino credit at _____
file pa-ef

CREDIT CARDS

Am. Exp. # _____
VISA # _____
Master Ch. # _____
Driver's Lic. # _____
STATE _____
Birthdate _____/_____/_____

EIGHTH ANNUAL WORLD AMATEUR BACKGAMMON



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Registration
JUNE 19
TO
JUNE 24
1984

Annual Plimpton Cup Backgammon Tournament

June 19 – 24th 1984

	AMATEUR	NOVICE	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
FIRST	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$35,000
2nd	40,000	... 5,000	15,000
3-4th	10,000 each	2,500 each	7,500 each
5-8th	5,000 each	1,000 each	2,500 each
4th Round Winners	1,000 each		1,000 each
Early Birds	5,000 each	1,000 each	
Newcomers	5,000 each	1,000 each	
Amateur Challenge			1,000 each

In the World Championship Division, the Prize Pool is based upon 160 entries. If there are not 160 entries, the Prize Pool will be \$10,000.00 plus \$500.00 per entry.

Plimpton Cup Eligibility

The Plimpton Cup (World Amateur Backgammon Championship) is named after the greatest Amateur of all time, George Plimpton. It has become the biggest and the best backgammon tournament in the world. Any backgammon player has a chance at winning the \$100,000.00 first prize. This Tournament is designed to give Amateur players a better chance by eliminating the professional players and any player who has a reputation for being an expert tournament player. Any player who has won over \$2,000 in a Tournament or has won over \$500 three or more times in tournament play must send in a list of all his tournament winnings by May 31, 1984 to ABC. The eligibility committee will rule on their eligibility. Any players who are judged to be expert tournament players will not be allowed to play regardless of how much money they have won. Money won in side events such as the Doubles and Kickoff Tournaments or money won after an entry is received by ABC will not make a player ineligible. Players who have played in many tournaments and won a large sum of money one time will be allowed to play if they are not ruled to be expert players.

Novice Eligibility

The Novice Tournament is for novices only!
Experience the fun and excitement of
tournament play! Here is a tournament with
a low entry fee and a \$10,000.00 first prize
designed for the novice player!

Any player who has won \$100 or more in cash or merchandise in any tournament or played in the Championship division of any Major Tournament is ineligible for the Novice division. (Write American Backgammon Championships with any questions about eligibility) You may play in both the Novice and Amateur Tournaments if eligible.

Tournament Format

Staggered starting times enable participants to attend the tournament on a schedule which is most convenient for them. Registration begins on Tuesday at 10 AM and ends on Friday. You will be given a choice of starting times when you register in Las Vegas. Players who register later in the week will have to play more matches each day than those who start earlier, as all participants play the same number of rounds regardless of starting time. It is recommended that participants who play in more than one tournament, or plan to re-enter, come early. It is possible to come Friday and play in both the Plimpton Cup and Novice Tournaments. The Plimpton Cup will start with 11 point matches except for Friday starters who will start with 7 point matches. Novices will start with 5 point matches. The World Championship will start with 15 point matches. In the finals, the two out of three format will be used except in the novice division.

Newcomers and Early Birds \$5,000.00 for Winning Six Rounds

Early Birds are players who send in their entry forms and make Sands Hotel reservations by May 10th. A Newcomer is a pre-registered player who has never played in an ABC Backgammon Tournament prior to Jan. 5th 1984, and is a registered guest of the Sands Hotel. Newcomers and Early Birds who win their first six rounds in the main draw but do not win one of the other top prizes will win \$5,000.00 each. Byes do not count as a round won. Early Birds will be given preference as to byes.

\$15,000.00 *Kickoff Tournament*

\$25 ENTRY FEE. Registration starts at 11 AM Tuesday. Players wishing to play in the Kickoff Tournament should be in Las Vegas by 4 PM Tuesday.

FIRST PRIZE \$10,000.00
Second \$3,000.00
Third & Fourth \$1,000.00 each

Doubles Tournament

Entry fee: \$100 per team. 80% of entry fees returned as prize money. Registration for doubles will open two hours before play starts.

Second Chance

A unique feature of the Plimpton Cup and Championship Tournaments is the second chance flight. Second Chance gives players who lose in the preliminary rounds a second chance at the top prizes. Three of the final eight players will come from Second Chance. A player may sign up for second chance once after losing in the main draw for a \$100 fee.

Backgammon Bonanza

Staggered starting times allow a player to enter several tournaments, if eligible. **\$2,000.00** to the first player who wins a match in four of this years six tournaments. **Kickoff, Novice, Doubles, Finders, Amateur, (Main Draw or Second Chance), World Championship, (Main Draw or Second Chance)**

Amateur Challenge

Any Plimpton Cup player who wins his first **two rounds** in the main draw of the **World Championship Tournament** will win at least **\$1,000.00** in that Tournament.

Re-Entry

Re-entry is made possible by the staggered starting time format. A player who re-enters a Tournament does not lose any of his rights as to Early Bird, Newcomer or Bye status except in the Kickoff and Doubles Tournaments. Re-entry is not allowed in the Finders Tournament.

Finders Tournament

NO ENTRY FEE \$10,000.00 IN PRIZE MONEY

As a way to say thank you to players who sign up other players there will be a Tournament for people who find 2 or more new players who participate in any division of this years Tournament. The Finders Tournament will be 3 point matches. A \$2,500.00 bonus will be paid to the top finisher who signed up 4 or more players. You can win up to \$8,500.00 for signing up new players.

FIRST PRIZE \$5,000.00
2nd \$1,000.00 3rd-4th \$750.00 each
SPECIAL BONUS PRIZE \$2,500.00

To receive credit for a new player, you must put your name on their entry form in the space provided for Newcomers. If one of your Newcomers wins one of the newcomer prizes, you will receive \$1,000.00. You may receive credit for new players who do not pre-register if they fill out the proper form at the tournament, but they will not be eligible for the newcomer prize.

Rules & Conditions

1. Standard American Backgammon Championship Inc. Rules will be used. 2. Byes will be based on Early Bird Status and order of registration. All entries postmarked by April 30th considered equal as to order of registration. 3. American Backgammon Championships reserves the right to disqualify anyone it deems detrimental to the best interest of the tournament. 4. Any player that is disqualified after he starts play will not be given a refund. 5. A player may be disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct at any point in the tournament. 6. In the **Championship Tournament**, losers in the 6th round of the main draw will be put into

the 4th round of second chance as they will not start their 6th round of play until after second chance is closed. 7. In the **Amateur Tournament**, players who lose in the first six rounds of the main draw will have an opportunity to enter second chance except for some Friday starters. Friday starters who lose after the third round of play may not be able to enter second chance due to time limitations. 8. A player must be a registered guest of the Sands Hotel to win the Early Bird or Newcomer prizes. 9. A player may not win both the Early Bird and Newcomer Prizes. 10. To play in the Doubles or Kickoff Tournaments, you must be registered in one of the main tournaments.

A Tournament For Every Level Of Player

KICKOFF – A warmup tournament played on Tuesday. Open to backgammon players registered in the Novice, Amateur or Championship division. For a \$25 entry fee you may win up to **\$10,000.00** Five point matches.

NOVICE – Registered guests of the Sands pay as little as **\$15.00** to have a chance of winning the **\$10,000.00** first prize or one of the many other prizes. Players who have ever won \$100 in any backgammon tournament are not eligible to play in the Novice Tournament.

PLIMPTON CUP (WORLD AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP) – \$100,000.00!!!
FIRST PRIZE Players from 20 countries and 49 states have participated in previous Plimpton Cup Tournaments. Win your first four rounds in the main draw, but do not win one of the top prizes, and receive \$1,000.00. Professional and expert tournament players are excluded.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP – Test your skills against the best players.

Players who win their first 4 rounds (**two rounds** if also playing in the Amateur Tournament) in the main draw, but do not win one of the top prizes, will receive **\$1,000.00**.

FINDERS – Find two or more newcomers and play in this fun and money-filled tournament on Saturday. No entry fee and over **\$10,000.00** in prizes.

SECOND CHANCE – In the Amateur and Championship Tournaments, Second Chance does just that: gives you a second chance at all the top prizes.

DOUBLES TOURNAMENT – Fun for all. One of the most popular events each year. Play with an old or new friend.

Payment Of Prizes

All prizes will be paid Sunday after the finals with the exception of the winner of the Plimpton Cup. The Plimpton Cup winner will have the choice of taking his winnings in annual payments of \$20,000.00 starting June 24, 1984, or receiving his total winnings in one payment of \$75,000.00 payable within thirty days of the Tournament. Prize winners who do not stay for the award presentation will be mailed their check and will not receive a trophy.

Payment Alternatives

Pre-registered Players	AMATEUR	NOVICE	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
Mail Deposit by May 31, 1984	\$25	\$15	\$25
Balance in Las Vegas (cash only)	375	35	500
less discount coupon for Sands guests (that make reservations by June 10th)	400	50	525
	50	35	50
Total	350	15	475
Not pre-registered for the Tournament			
late fee	50	20	50
All players			
Second Chance	100	--	100
Re-entry	400	50	500

Thursday June 21, Championship registration closes at 5 PM. Friday June 22, Plimpton Cup registration closes at 2 PM, and Novice registration closes at 5 PM. You are only pre-registered for a tournament if you send in a deposit for that tournament. All deposits are non-refundable.

Entry Form

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
Phone _____ Soc. Sec. # _____

Check proper box or boxes:

☐ NOVICE ☐ NEWCOMER
☐ AMATEUR ☐ CHAMPIONSHIP

Mail your entry form with the appropriate deposit for the division or divisions you wish to enter by May 30th to:
AMERICAN BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIPS INC.
575 MADISON AVE. SUITE 1006
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022 212-605-0222

I certify that I have never played in an ABC tournament prior to Jan. 5, 1984.

Signature _____
newcomer only

My finder is:

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____
Phone _____

Special Sands Hotel Room Rates.

Save Up To \$100 Per Person On Entry Fees

During the Tournament, the Sands will offer backgammon players a special rate of **\$43 per night**, single or double occupancy, if they stay 3 or more nights. Mini-Suites will be \$60 per night. Players who make their Hotel reservations by June 10th will receive a discount coupon upon registering with the Hotel. These coupons will enable the player to receive **\$50.00 off** the entry fee in the Plimpton Cup and/or **\$50.00**

off the entry fee into the Championship Tournament and/or **\$35.00 off** the entry fee into the Novice Tournament. These coupons are not transferable. It is important that players sharing a room must make the reservation in both their names and be registered as backgammon players with the Hotel in order to receive discount coupons for both players.

FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS CALL TOLL FREE: 1-800-634-6901

For additional tournament information, write or call:

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575 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022 212-605-0222 (10 AM - 4 PM EST)

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375 MADISON AVENUE - SUITE 1006

NEW YORK, N.Y. 10022

IMPORTANT NOTICE ! ! ! PLEASE READ ! ! !

DUE TO UNFORSEEN DELAYS IN PRINTING THE BROCHURE IT IS
NECESSARY TO MAKE THE AMATEUR PRIZE POOL CONTINGENT UPON
ENTRIES.

IF THERE ARE LESS THAN 550 ENTRIES IN THE WORLD AMATEUR
CHAMPIONSHIP/PLIMPTON CUP THE PRIZE POOL WILL BE \$400 PER
PLAYER PLUS \$40,000 ADDED.



9th WORLD AMATEUR BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP
NOVEMBER 27 -DECEMBER 2, 1984
SANDS HOTEL LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

	AMATEUR	NOVICE	OPEN
FIRST	\$50,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00
2ND	25,000.00	4,000.00	15,000.00
3-4th	10,000.00 each	2,000.00 each	7,500.00 each
5-8th	5,000.00 each	1,000.00 each	2,500.00 each
4th Round Winners	1,000.00 each		1,000.00 each
FINDERS	15,000.00		
EARLY BIRDS	5,000.00 each	1,000.00 each	
NEWCOMERS	5,000.00 each	1,000.00 each	
AMATEUR CHALLENGE			1,000.00 each

The Amateur first prize will be increased to **\$75,000.00** and the second prize will be increased to \$30,000.00 if there are 500 or more entries in the Amateur Tournament. If there are less than 400 entries in the Amateur Tournament ABC reserves the right to reduce the price pool to \$20,000.00 plus \$350.00 per entry. The Open Prize Pool is based on 160 or more entries. If there are less than 160 entries the Open prize pool will be \$10,000.00 plus \$500 per entry.

\$15,000.00 IN FINDERS PRIZE MONEY

For people who find 2 or more players who have not played in a ABC tournament in the **last 3 years** or have never played in an ABC Tournament. Find 5 or more players and get a free room at the Sands during the Tournament. Finders will play 3 pt. matches on Saturday. A **\$5,000.00 Special Bonus Prize** will be paid to the top finisher in the Finders Tournament that signs up 2 or more Amateurs.

To receive credit for a player you must put your name on their entry form and they must play in the tournament. Byes will be given based on the number of amateurs signed up.

You may receive credit for eligible players who do not preregister if they fill out the proper form at the tournament.

FIRST PRIZE \$5,000.00

2nd \$3,000.00 3-4th \$1,000.00 each

SPECIAL BONUS PRIZE \$5,000

SECOND CHANCE

Players who lose in the preliminary rounds of the Amateur or Open Tournaments will have a second chance at the top prizes. Three of the final eight players will come from Second Chance. A player may sign up for Second Chance once after losing in the main draw for a \$100 fee.

DOUBLES TOURNAMENT

There will be Friday night and Saturday Starting times.

NEWCOMERS and EARLY BIRDS

A Newcomer is a preregistered player who has never played in an ABC Tournament, and is a registered guest of the Sands Hotel. Early Birds are players who send in their entry forms and make Sands Hotel reservations by Sept. 30th. Newcomers and Early Birds who win their first six rounds in the main draw will win at least \$5,000.00 (\$1,000.00 in the Novice) each. Byes do not count as a round won. Early Birds will be given preference as to byes.

\$10,000.00 KICKOFF TOURNAMENT

\$25 ENTRY FEE. Registration starts at 11am Tuesday. Players wishing to play in the Kickoff Tournament should be in Las Vegas by 7 pm Tues.

FIRST PRIZE \$5,000.00

2nd \$3,000.00 3-4th \$1,000.00 each

\$ 1,000.00 for 4th ROUND WINNERS

Players who win their first 4 rounds in the main draw of the Amateur or Open but do not win one of the top prizes will win \$1,000.00 each.

AMATEUR CHALLENGE

Players who enter both the Amateur and Open Tournaments and win their first **two rounds** in the main draw of the Open Tournament and do not win any other Open prize money will win \$1,000.00 each. This prize money will paid to a maximum of 15 players.

AMATEUR

\$75,000.00 1st prize if there are 500 or more entries. Professional players are excluded. Any player that has won over \$2,000 in a Tournament or has won over \$500 three or more times in tournament play must send in a list of all his tournament winnings to A.B.C. by Nov. 10th. If such players are judged not to be expert tournament players they will be allowed to play in the Amateur.

You may play in both the Novice and Amateur Tournaments if eligible.

NOVICE

\$10,000.00 FIRST PRIZE

LOW ENTRY FEE. For novices only!

Players who have won \$200 or more in cash or merchandise in any tournament or have played in the Championship division of any Major Tournament are **ineligible** for the Novice division. Enter for little as \$30. You may re-enter as often as time allows.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Staggered starting times enables participants to play on a schedule which is most convenient for them. All participants play the same number of rounds regardless of starting time. Amateur will play 11 point matches [Friday starters 7 matches in the Amateur]. Novices will play 5 point matches. Open players will play 15 points matches. The two out of three format will be used in the finals of all divisions.

PAYMENT OF PRIZES

All prizes will be paid Sunday with the exception of the finalist in the Amateur and the Open. They will be paid one-half of their winnings on Dec. 2, and one-half of their winnings one month later in January 1985. Prize winners who do not stay for the award presentation will be mailed their check and will not receive a trophy.

RULES & CONDITIONS

1. American Backgammon Championship Inc. rules will be used.
2. Byes will be based on Early Bird Status and order of registration.
3. American Backgammon Championships Inc. reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone.
4. A player may be disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct or not meeting eligibility requirements at any point in the tournament.
5. Open 5th round main draw losers will start in the 4th round of second chance.
6. A player must be a registered guest of the Sands to win the Early Bird or Newcomer prizes.
7. The Finders is part of the Amateur Tournament. A player who wins more than one special prize [Amateur Challenge, Early Bird, Newcomer, or Finder] will be awarded the larger prize.
8. To play in the Kickoff, Doubles, or Finders Tournaments you must play in one of the main tournaments [Open, Amateur, or Novice].

SPECIAL SANDS HOTEL ROOM RATES \$40 per night

SAVE UP TO \$100 PER PERSON ON ENTRY FEES. Players staying at the Sands Hotel will get a discount on entry fees. Players sharing a room must have both their names registered as backgammon players with the Hotel. The Sands will offer Tournament players a special rate of \$40 per night, single or double occupancy, if they stay 3 or more nights.

FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS CALL TOLL FREE: 1-800-634-6901

**For additional tournament information write or call
AMERICAN BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIPS INC.**

575 Madison Avenue, N.Y. N.Y. 10021 212-605-0222 [10am - 4pm Eastern time]

ENTRY FEES

	AMATEUR	NOVICE	OPEN	
Mail Deposit by Nov. 10, 1984	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	
Balance in Las Vegas [cash only]	375	25	500	
	400	50	525	
less discount for Sands Hotel guests	50	20	50	All deposits are
TOTAL	350	30	475	non-refundable
late fee (Not preregistered by Nov. 10th)	50	20	50	Entries are
				non-transferable.
Second Chance	100	----	100	
Re-entry	400	50	500	

You are only preregistered for a tournament if you send in a deposit for that tournament.
 Mail your entry form with deposits to: Las Vegas registration begins 10 am Tuesday.
AMERICAN BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIPS INC. Amateur registration closes at 2 pm Friday.
575 MADISON AVE. SUITE 1006 Novice registration closes at 6 pm Friday.
N.Y. N.Y. 10022 212-605-0222 Open registration close at 7 pm Thursday.

ENTRY FORMS

NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____ (\$25 deposit per tournament)
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ check proper box or boxes
 Phone _____ Soc. Sec. # _____ [] AMATEUR
 [] NOVICE OPEN []

EXTRA ENTRY FORMS FOR NEWCOMERS AND FINDERS

NAME _____ I certify that I have not played in A.B.C. tournament
 ADDRESS _____ prior to July 5, 1984
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ Signature _____ [newcomers only]
 Phone _____ Soc. Sec. # _____ since Nov. 27th 1981
 (\$25 deposit per tournament) Signature _____ [for players with
 check proper box or boxes finders only]
 [] AMATEUR NEWCOMER [] My finder is: Name _____
 [] NOVICE OPEN [] Address _____
 City _____ State _____

NAME _____ I certify that I have not played in A.B.C. tournament
 ADDRESS _____ prior to July 5, 1984
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ Signature _____ [newcomers only]
 Phone _____ Soc. Sec. # _____ since Nov. 27th 1981
 (\$25 deposit per tournament) Signature _____ [for players with
 check proper box or boxes finders only]
 [] AMATEUR NEWCOMER [] My finder is: Name _____
 [] NOVICE OPEN [] Address _____
 City _____ State _____

To enter more players write the additional players names and entry form information on a separate piece of paper and enclose with deposits.

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SANDS HOTEL LAS VEGAS June, 18-23rd 1985

	<u>AMATEUR</u>	<u>NOVICE</u>	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>JACKPOT</u>
FIRST	\$70,000	\$10,000	\$35,000	\$40,000
2nd	20,000	3,000	15,000	20,000
3rd-4th	10,000 ea.	1,000 ea.	7,500 ea.	10,000 ea.
4th Round Winners	1,000 ea.		1,000 ea.	
EARLY BIRDS	1,500 ea.	500 ea.	1,500 ea.	
FINDERS	8,000			
AMATEUR CHALLENGE			1,000 ea.	

FINDERS TOURNAMENT

FIRST PRIZE \$5,000 2nd \$2,000

To play in the Finders Tournament, you must find **2** players who have not played in an American Backgammon Championships tournament since May 1983 or never played in an American Backgammon Championships Tournament.

Winners of 2 rounds in the Finders will win \$500 each if they signed up **4** players. To receive credit for a player, you must put your name on their entry form and they must show up and play. Byes in the Finders will be based on the number of players signed up.

MANY CHANCES TO WIN

A player may win the Amateur, Open, or Jackpot after losing by signing up for Second Chance. Re-entry will be allowed. A player who enters the Amateur, Novice, Kick-off, Doubles, Finders, Re-enters the Kick-off and Novice and signs up for Second Chance has eight chances to win for as little as \$250 more than his original Amateur entry fee.

EARLY BIRDS

Free entry to Novice

Save \$50 in Amateur and/or Open **\$1,500** for winning your first **4 rounds** in the Amateur or Open Tournaments. (Novice Early Birds will win \$500 for winning 5 rounds.) Players who send in their entry forms and make Sands Hotel reservations by April 30th are Early Birds.

AMATEUR CHALLENGE

Players entering both the Amateur and the Open Tournaments and win their first **2 rounds** in the main draw of the Open Tournament and do not win any other Open prize money will win **\$1,000 each**.

ADDED EVENTS

TUESDAY

\$10,000 KICK-OFF — \$25 ENTRY FEE
JACKPOT — \$8,000 ADDED

The Jackpot is limited to 48 entries

SATURDAY

DOUBLES & FINDERS TOURNAMENTS

RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. **Professionals are excluded from the Amateur Tournament.** Any player that has won over \$2,000 in a tournament or has won over \$500 **3** or more times in tournament play must send in a list of all his winnings by May 30th. If such players are judged not to be expert tournament players, they will be allowed to enter the Amateur Tournament.
2. Players who have won \$200 or more in any tournament are *ineligible for the Novice Tournament*.
3. **Second Chance** gives a player a second chance to win. In the Amateur and Open Tournaments, **3** of the final **8** players will come from Second Chance. A player may sign up once for Second Chance after losing in the main draw.
4. American Backgammon Championships rules will be used; it reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone. A player may be disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct or not meeting eligibility requirements at any point in the tournament.
5. Players who win their first **4** rounds in the main draw of the Amateur or Open but do not win one of the other prizes will *win \$1,000 (\$1,500 for Early Birds) each*. You must be a registered guest of the Sands Hotel to win 4th-round money. Byes do not count as a round won.
6. All prizes will be paid Sunday, June 23, 1985 by American Backgammon Championships Inc., who has paid out over **\$4,000,000** in prize money to previous winners.
7. If there are fewer than 350 entries in the Amateur Tournament, ABC reserves the right to reduce the prize pool to \$20,000 plus \$350 per entry. If there are fewer than 160 entries in the Open Tournament, the Open prize pool will be \$10,000 plus \$500 per entry. If there are less than 48 entries in the Jackpot, the added money will be \$5,000.
8. Byes will be based upon order of registration. The smooth flow of play will also be considered. To play in the Kick-off, Doubles, Jackpot, or Finders Tournaments, a player must play in one of the main tournaments (Amateur, Open, or Novice).
9. Amateur main draw and Open Second Chance: 11 point matches. Open main draw: 15 point. Kick-off and Novice: 5 point matches. Finders: 3 point matches. Amateur Second Chance and Doubles: 7 point matches. Friday starters in Amateur and Open Tournaments might play shorter matches.

ENTRY FEES

	AMATEUR	NOVICE	OPEN	JACKPOT
Mail Deposit by May 30, 1985	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 25	\$ 100
Balance in Las Vegas (cash only)	375	25	525	1,400
	<u>400</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>550</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Less Discount for Early Birds	50	50	50	
TOTAL	350	FREE	500	1,500
late fee (registered after May 30th)	50	20	50	100
Second Chance	100	—	100	200
Re-entry	400	50	500	

Early Bird discount for players who send in their entry form by April 30th.

All entries by March 30 will be equal as to order of registration. All deposits are non-refundable. Entries are non-transferable. You are only preregistered for a tournament if you send a deposit for that tournament.

Las Vegas registration begins 10 am Tuesday.

Registration closes Friday (Open 10 am; Amateur 2 pm; Novice 5 pm)

THE SANDS HOTEL

Tournament players will be offered a special rate of \$45 per night,
single or double occupancy, if they stay 3 or more nights.

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-----ENTRY FORM-----

Mail your entry form with deposits to:

NAME _____ AMERICAN BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIPS INC.
P.O. Box 5170 FDR Station
ADDRESS _____ N.Y., N.Y. 10150 (212) 935-1878

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ I have not played in ABC tournament since May '83.

Phone _____ Soc. Sec.# _____ Signature _____
(For players with finders only)

check proper box or boxes

☐ AMATEUR ☐ JACKPOT

☐ NOVICE ☐ OPEN

My finder is: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

To enter more players, write the additional players names and entry form information on a separate piece of paper and enclose with deposits.