



BACKGAMMON GIANTS OF THE WORLD

WHO STANDS OUT ABOVE THE REST?



Official Ballot for 2011

You are invited to vote for the 32 best backgammon players in the world, based on their backgammon participation and performance in 2010-2011. Whose backgammon skills do you respect the most among players around the world? (Sample names of international players are listed on page 2 of this ballot.)

To be eligible to vote, you must be an Open / Championship-level player or a tournament director / organizer at the regional, national or international level. If necessary, eligibility to vote will be determined by the Committee of Yamin Yamin (Chairman), Jake Jacobs (Auditor), and Carol Joy Cole (Editor). Results will be published in early 2012 in the *Flint Area Backgammon News* and on the Giants website at: www.flintbg.com/giants.html.

Voter returns must be e-mailed, faxed or postmarked by February 29, 2012. Please send your ballots to:

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Name your top choices in descending order on the lines below. Put your own name on line #2. (This eliminates any problems of how to rank yourself. What matters is how others rank you.)

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Voter's Name (Confidential): _____ Tel. _____

Address: _____ Fax _____

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Please submit your ballot by February 29, 2012 . Watch for updates at <http://www.flintbg.com/giants.html>

POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR THE GIANTS OF BACKGAMMON — 2011

These names are only suggestions. You may vote for other active players who are not on this list.

Jeff Acierno (USA)	Drew Giovanis (USA)	Tim Mabee (USA)	David Rockwell (USA)
Dean Adamian (USA)	Bob Glass (USA)	Paul Magriel (USA)	Jean-Philippe Rohr (FRA)
Mads W. Andersen (DK)	Kent Goulding (USA)	Ricardo Malas (LEB/SP)	Herb Roman (USA)
Victor Ashkenazi (USA)	Jörgen Granstedt (SWE)	Alfred Mamlet (USA)	Thomas Rönn (SWE)
Alain Babillon (FRA)	Steen Grønbech (DK)	Thierry Manouck (FRA)	Henning Roschberg (NOR)
Jeremy Bagai (USA)	Andreas Grötsch (GER)	Howard Markowitz (USA)	Peer Röwer (GER)
Nack Ballard (USA)	Christos Groutsos (GRE)	Manos Mastorakis (GRE)	Jon Kristian Røyset (NOR)
Henrik Bang (DK)	Alan Grunwald (USA)	Hans Kristian Mathiesen (DK)	David Rubin (USA)
Rick Barabino (USA)	Eric Guedj (FRA)	Carter Mattig (USA)	Sven Rümcker (GER)
Gary Bauer (USA)	Herb Gurland (USA)	Hugh McNeil (CAN)	Joe Russell (USA)
Art Benjamin (USA)	Matti Haaksila (FIN)	Carlo Melzi (IT)	Tassilo Rzymann (AUT)
Peter Bennet (UK)	Peter Hallberg (DK)	Tsuyoshi Minakami (JPN)	Najib Salamzy (AFG/GER)
Adam Bennett (USA)	Gus Jacobsen Hansen (DK)	Masayuki Mochizuki (JPN)	Jose Salema (POR)
Ed Bennett (USA)	Rida Hassan (EGY/NLD)	Paul Money (UK)	Teppo Salo (FIN)
Lars "Buster" Bentzon (DK)	Peter Heitmüller (GER)	Tak Morioka (USA)	Eli Roymi (ISR)
David Ben-Zion (ISR)	Tobias Hellweg (GER)	Abe Mosseri (USA)	Alvaro Savio (BRZ)
Pavel Bielewicz (SWE)	Roland Herrera (UK)	Richard Munitz (USA)	Steve Sax (USA)
Dorn Bishop (USA)	Simonetta Herrera (UK)	Chris Munk-Christensen (DK)	Werner Schmucki (AUT)
Jes Bondo (DK)	Mary Hickey (USA)	Artur Muradian (ARM)	Hugh Sconyers (USA)
Chuck Bower (USA)	Götz Hildsberg (GER)	Kazuya Nagai (JPN)	Mike Senkiewicz (USA)
Fernando Braconi (IT)	Al Hodis (USA)	Hamza Nar (TUR)	Mario Sequeira (POR)
Chris Bray (UK)	Iancho Hristov (BUL)	Masahiko Nasu (JPN)	Michel Serrero (FRA)
Karsten Bredahl (DK)	Andreas Humke (GER)	"Falafel" Natanzon (ISR)	Kenji Shimodaira (JPN)
Steve Brown (USA)	John Hurst (UK)	Dana Nazarian (USA)	Kazuhiro Shino (JPN/UK)
Sabri Büyüksöy (TUR)	Arild Idsøe (NOR)	Tommy Nesbakk (NOR)	Phil Simborg (USA)
Sean Casey (UK)	"Othello" Itikawa (JPN)	Karsten Nielsen (DK)	Frank Simon (GER)
Giorgio Castellano (IT)	Jan Jacobowitz (GER)	Rolf Nielsen (DK)	Dagfinn Snarheim (NOR)
Gregg Cattanach (USA)	Jake Jacobs (USA/SING)	Kiyokazu Nishikawa (JPN)	Volker Sonnabend (GER)
Odis Chenault (USA)	Rick Janowski (UK)	Ary Nogueira (BRZ)	Christian Sørensen (DK)
Charis Christidis (GRE)	Raj Jansari (UK)	Sven-Olav Norén (SWE)	Abdullah Sorgüven (TUR)
Inge Christoffersen (DK)	John Jennings (USA)	Justin Nunez (USA)	Katja Sophie Spillum (NOR)
John Clark (UK)	Mikael Jensen (DK)	Stepan Nuniyants (USA)	Marty Storer (USA)
Brent Cohen (USA)	Pia Jeppesen (DK)	Dmitriy Obukhov (USA)	Matthias Strumpf (GER)
Matt Cohn-Geier (USA)	Leonardo Jerkovic (CRO)	John O'Hagan (USA)	Takumitsu Suzuki (JPN)
Carol Joy Cole (USA)	Thomas Jespersen (DK)	Ed O'Laughlin (USA)	Miki Suzuki (FRA)
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Rod Covlin (USA)	Harald Johanni (GER)	Marc Olsen (DK)	Mike Svobodny (USA)
Olivier Croisille (FRA)	Ralf Jonas (GER)	Jürgen Orłowski (GER)	Joe Sylvester (USA)
Todd Crosner (USA)	Shimon Kagan (ISR)	Jorge Pan (ARG)	Yosuke Takahashi (JPN)
Dennis Culpepper (USA)	Michihito Kageyama (JPN)	Talat Papatya (TUR)	Frank Talbot (USA)
Piergiorgio D'Ancona (IT)	Fred Kalantari (USA)	Rory Pascar (USA)	François Tardieu (FRA)
Dod Davies (UK)	Shinichiro Kaneko (JPN)	Jim Pasko (USA)	Larry Taylor (USA)
Bill Davis (USA)	Wendy Kaplan (USA)	Geir Pedersen (NOR)	Chris Ternel (DK)
Karen Davis (USA)	Filomila Karantzali (GRE)	Maya Peycheva (BUL)	Peter Jes Thomsen (DK)
Malcolm Davis (USA)	Daisuke Katagami (JPN)	Christian Plenz (GER)	Stuart Thomson (USA)
Olivier Décultot (FRA)	Clive Kaye (UK)	Sam Pottle (USA)	Hanna Thorsen (NOR)
Lars Degerman (SWE)	Neil Kazaross (USA)	Lawrence Powell (UK)	David Todd (USA)
Andrea de Zandonati (IT)	George Kleitsas (GRE)	Slava Pryadkin (UKR)	Lars Trabolt (DK)
Cem Duran (TUR)	Bob Koca (USA)	Mislav Radica (CRO)	Chris Trencher (USA)
Mick Dyett (AUSL)	Hans-Uli Koch (GER)	Ronald Reinhardt (AUT)	Arkady Tsinis (USA)
Claus Elken (DK)	Petko Kostadinov (BUL/USA)	Ali Serif Rende (TUR)	Stacy Turner (USA)
Fuat Erdag (TUR)	Daniel Kotrc (GER)	Ion Ressu (SWZ)	Timo Väätäinen (FIN)
Sergey Erokhin (RUS)	Thomas Kristensen (DK)	Tue Rex (DK)	Alexis Vincent (FRA)
Julian Fetterlein (UK)	Claude Landry (CAN)	Rachel Rhodes (UK)	Philip Vischjager (NLD)
Jostein Flood (NOR)	Michael "Mik" Larsen (DK)	Stick Rice (USA)	James Vogl (UK)
Ray Fogerlund (USA)	Søren T. Larsen (DK)	Vincenzo Riceputi (IT)	Bob Wachtel (USA)
Martin Foldager (DK)	Morten Holm Lassen (DK)	Alessandro Rietti (IT)	Paul Weaver (USA)
Tore Fredriksen (NOR)	Tino Lechich (AUSL)	Sondre Rike (NOR)	David Wells (USA)
Henning Frick (GER)	Hans Liby (NOR)	Bill Riles (USA)	Norm Wiggins (USA)
Frank Frigo (USA)	Mika Lidov (USA)	Lorenzo Rinaldo (IT)	Antoinette Williams (USA)
Nodar Gagua (RUS)	Robert Lindbom (SWE)	Leonid Riskin (GER)	Sean Williams (UK)
Perry Gartner (USA)	Henrik Løber (DK)	Serge Rived (FRA)	Kit Woolsey (USA)
Shahab Ghodsi Iran/NOR)	Michael Löfblad (SWE)	Bill Robertie (USA)	Akiko Abe Yazawa (JPN)
Patrick Gibson (USA)	Fabrizio Lo Surdo (IT)	Doug Roberts (USA)	Erhan Yenisen (TUR)
Harvey Gillis (USA)	Sander Lylloff (DK)	Steve Roberts (AUS)	Christopher Yep (USA)