



**BACKGAMMON GIANTS OF THE WORLD**  
***WHO SOARS ABOVE THE REST?***



**Official Ballot for 2007**

Here is your chance to vote for today's **best 32 active backgammon players** in the world, based on their tournament skills and side games. To be eligible to vote, you must be an Open/Championship-level player or a tournament director at the regional, national or international level. Other selected players from around the world, including previous winners on the Giant 32 lists, may also vote for the Top 32 players.

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 the *Flint Area BackgammonNews* in early 2008.

Voter returns must be faxed, e-mailed or postmarked by **January 31, 2008**. 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 **January 31, 2008**. Watch for updates at <http://www.flintbg.com/giants.html>

## POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR THE GIANTS OF BACKGAMMON — 2007

*These names are suggestions. You may vote for players who are not on this list.*

AKIKO ABE (JPN)	TOBIAS HELLWAG (GER)	LAWRENCE POWELL (UK)
DEAN ADAMIAN (USA)	MARY HICKEY (USA)	SLAVA PRYADKIN (UKR)
MADS W. ANDERSEN (DK)	GÖTZ HILDSBERG (GER)	ANDREAS REICHEL (AUT)
VICTOR ASHKENAZI (USA)	MORTEN HOLM LASSEN (DK)	RONALD REINHARDT (GER)
DIDIER ASSARAF (FRA)	STUART HOSEN (USA)	ION RESSU (ROM/SWZ)
ALAIN BABILLON (FRA)	ANDREAS HUMKE (GER)	STICK RICE (USA)
JEREMY BAGAI (USA)	ARILD IDSØE (NOR)	ANDREA RIEBLER (AUT)
ARMANDO BALBI (BRZ)	"OTHELLO" ITIKAWA (JPN)	LEONID RISKIN (GER)
NACK BALLARD (USA)	JAN JACOBOWITZ (GER)	SERGE RIVED (FRA)
RICK BARABINO (USA)	JAKE JACOBS (USA)	BILL ROBERTIE (USA)
ART BENJAMIN (USA)	MIKAEL JENSEN (DK)	DOUG ROBERTS (USA)
PETER BENNET (UK)	PIA JEPPESEN (DK)	DAVID ROCKWELL (USA)
DAVID BEN-ZION (ISR)	THOMAS JESPERSEN (DK)	JEAN-PHILIPPE ROHR (FRA)
PAVEL BIELEWICZ (SWE)	HARALD JOHANNI (GER)	HERB ROMAN (USA)
LARS BØNDING (DK)	RALF JONAS (GER)	MARC SANTO ROMAN (FRA)
CHUCK BOWER (USA)	MICHIHITO KAGEYAMA (JPN)	PEER RÖWER (GER)
CHRIS BRAY (UK)	FRED KALANTARI (USA)	JON KRISTIAN RØYSET (NOR)
KARSTEN BRED AHL (DK)	SHINICHIRO KANEKO (USA)	SVEN RÜMCKER (GER)
BART BROOKS (CAN)	NEIL KAZAROSS (USA)	JOE RUSSELL (USA)
STEVE BROWN (USA)	MOGENS KNUDSEN (DK)	NAJIB SALAMZY (AFG/GER)
DENNIS CARLSTON (USA)	PETKO KOSTADINOV (BUL/USA)	JOSÉ SALEMA (POR)
GADI CARMELI (ISR)	MARIA KRANCHEVA (BUL)	SAMI SALLAK (GER)
SEAN CASEY (IRE)	THOMAS KRISTENSEN (DK)	TEPPO SALO (FIN)
GREGG CATTANACH (USA)	ATHANASIOS LAGOPATIS (GER)	JUREK SARZYNSKI (GER/THA)
FRED CHAMANARA (USA)	MICHAEL K. LARSEN (DK)	ALVARO SAVIO (BRZ)
JOHN CLARK (UK)	ALEX LEHMANN (USA)	STEVE SAX (USA)
MIKE CORBETT (USA)	HANS LIBY (NOR)	DIRK SCHIEMANN (GER/CR)
DENNIS CULPEPPER (USA)	MIKA LIDOV (USA)	WERNER SCHMUCK (AUT)
MORTEN DAUGBJERG (DK/THA)	HENRIK LØBER (DK)	GERHARD SCHULZE (GER/THA)
DOD DAVIES (UK)	FABRIZIO LO SURDO (IT)	HUGH SCONYERS (USA)
BILL DAVIS (USA)	SANDER LYLLOFF (DK)	MIKE SENKIEWICZ (USA)
MALCOLM DAVIS (USA)	LASSE HJORTH MADSEN (DK)	MARIO SEQUEIRA (POR)
OLIVIER EGGER (SWZ)	PAUL MAGRIEL (USA)	MICHEL SERRERO (FRA)
ABRAHAM EITAN (ISR)	THIERRY MANOUCK (FRA)	KENJI SHIMODAIRA (JPN)
JACQUES ELBILIA (FRA)	HOWARD MARKOWITZ (USA)	KAZUHIRO SHINO (JPN/UK)
BRIAN ELGAARD (DK)	ANDREAS MÄRTENS (GER)	PHIL SIMBORG (USA)
LEO FERNANDEZ (ARG)	MANOS MASTORAKIS (GRE)	JOHN SLATTERY (UK)
JULIAN FETTERLEIN (UK)	CARTER MATTIG (USA)	VOLKER SONNABEND (GER)
RAY FOGERLUND (USA)	HUGH MCNEIL (CAN)	KATJA SOPHIE SPILLUM (NOR)
MARTIN FOLDAGER (DK)	MARKUS MICHEL (GER)	ODIN SPILLUM SVENDSEN (NOR)
FRANK FRIGO (USA)	MASAYUKI MOCHIZUKI (JPN)	MIKE SVOBODNY (USA)
NODAR GAGUA (RUS)	TAK MORIOKA (USA)	JOE SYLVESTER (USA)
PATRICK GAILLARD (FRA)	EMIL MORTUK (USA)	FRANK TALBOT (USA)
PERRY GARTNER (USA)	ABE MOSSERI (USA)	FRANÇOIS TARDIEU (FRA)
ATANAS GEORGIEV (BUL)	ACHIM MÜLLER (GER)	CHRIS TERNEL (UK)
PATRICK GIBSON (USA)	RICHARD MUNITZ (USA)	PETER JES THOMSEN (DK/THA)
DREW GIOVANIS (USA)	ARTUR MURADIAN (ARM)	STUART THOMSON (USA)
RAY GLAESER (USA)	HAMZA NAR (TUR)	DAVID TODD (USA)
BOB GLASS (USA)	"FALAFEL" NATANZON (ISR)	LARS TRABOLT (DK)
KENT GOULDING (USA)	DANA NAZARIAN (USA)	WALTER TRICE (USA)
JÖRGEN GRANSTEDT (SWE)	KARSTEN NIELSEN (DK/THA)	ARKADIY TSINIS (USA)
STEEN GRØNBECH (DK)	MORTEN NIELSEN (DK)	TIMO VÄÄTÄINEN (FIN)
ANDREAS GRÖTSCH (GER)	ROLF M. NIELSEN (DK)	PHILIP VISCHJAGER (NL)
CHRISTOS GROUTSOS (GRE)	ARY NOGUEIRA (BRZ)	JAMES VOGL (UK)
ALAN GRUNWALD (USA)	STEPAN NUNYANTS (USA)	BOB WACHTEL (USA)
ERIC GUEDJ (FRA)	JOHN O'HAGAN (USA)	PAUL WEAVER (USA)
HERB GURLAND (USA)	ED O'LAUGHLIN (USA)	DAVID WELLS (USA)
MATTI HAAKSILA (FIN)	JÜRGEN ORLOWSKI (GER)	NORM WIGGINS (USA)
TORSTEN HAASE (GER)	BRUNO ORSUNI (IT/THA)	RAINER WITT (GER)
ARIS HADJIASLANIS-SARACAKIS (GRE)	JORGE PAN (ARG)	KIT WOOLSEY (USA)
PETER HALLBERG (DK)	JIM PASKO (USA)	HIRONOBU YAZAWA (JPN)
GUS JACOBSEN HANSEN (DK)	YOMI PERETZ (ISR/FRA)	DOUGLAS ZARE (USA)
PETER HEITMÜLLER (GER)	MAYA PEYCHEVA (BUL)	BOB ZAVORAL (USA)