



# **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](http://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.)

#### **PLAYER NAMES**

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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)	Bob Glass (USA)	Ricardo Malas (LEB/SP)	David Rockwell (USA)
Dean Adamian (USA)	Kent Goulding (USA)	Alfred Mamlet (USA)	Jean-Philippe Rohr (FRA)
Mads W. Andersen (DK)	Jörgen Granstedt (SWE)	Thierry Manouck (FRA)	Herb Roman (USA)
Victor Ashkenazi (USA)	Steen Grønbech (DK)	Howard Markowitz (USA)	Thomas Rönn (SWE)
Didier Assaraf (FRA)	Andreas Grötsch (GER)	Manos Mastorakis (GRE)	Peer Röwer (GER)
Alain Babillon (FRA)	Christos Groutsos (GRE)	Hans Kristian Mathiesen (DK)	Jon Kristian Røyset (NOR)
Jeremy Bagai (USA)	Alan Grunwald (USA)	Carter Mattig (USA)	David Rubin (USA)
Nack Ballard (USA)	Eric Guedj (FRA)	Hugh McNeil (CAN)	Sven Rümcker (GER)
Henrik Bang (DK)	Herb Gurland (USA)	Carlo Melzi (IT)	Joe Russell (USA)
Rick Barabino (USA)	Matti Haaksila (FIN)	Tsuyoshi Minakami (JPN)	Tassilo Rzymann (AUT)
Gary Bauer (USA)	Peter Hallberg (DK)	Masayuki Mochizuki (JPN)	Najib Salamzy (AFG/GER)
Art Benjamin (USA)	Gus Jacobsen Hansen (DK)	Paul Money (UK)	Jose Salema (POR)
Peter Bennet (UK)	Rida Hassan (EGY/NLD)	Tak Morioka (USA)	Teppo Salo (FIN)
Adam Bennett (USA)	Peter Heitmüller (GER)	Abe Mosseri (USA)	Marc Santo Roman (FRA)
Ed Bennett (USA)	Tobias Hellwag (GER)	Achim Müller (GER)	Eli Roymi (ISR)
Lars "Buster" Bentzon (DK)	Roland Herrera (UK)	Richard Munitz (USA)	Alvaro Savio (BRZ)
David Ben-Zion (ISR)	Simonetta Herrera (UK)	Chris Munk-Christensen (DK)	Steve Sax (USA)
Pavel Bielewicz (SWE)	Mary Hickey (USA)	Artur Muradian (ARM)	Werner Schmucki (AUT)
Dorn Bishop (USA)	Götz Hildsberg (GER)	Kazuya Nagai (JPN)	Hugh Sconyers (USA)
Jes Bondo (DK)	Al Hodis (USA)	Hamza Nar (TUR)	Mike Senkiewicz (USA)
Chuck Bower (USA)	Morten Holm Lassen (DK)	Masahiko Nasu (JPN)	Mario Sequeira (POR)
Fernando Braconi (IT)	Andreas Humke (GER)	"Falafel" Natanzon (ISR)	Michel Serrero (FRA)
Chris Bray (UK)	John Hurst (UK)	Dana Nazarian (USA)	Kenji Shimodaira (JPN)
Karsten Bredahl (DK)	Arild Idsøe (NOR)	Tommy Nesbakk (NOR)	Kazuhiro Shino (JPN/UK)
Steve Brown (USA)	"Othello" Itikawa (JPN)	Karsten Nielsen (DK)	Phil Simborg (USA)
Sabri Büyüksöy (TUR)	Jan Jacobowitz (GER)	Rolf Nielsen (DK)	Frank Simon (GER)
Sean Casey (UK)	Jake Jacobs (USA/SING)	Kiyokazu Nishikawa (JPN)	Dagfinn Snarheim (NOR)
Giorgio Castellano (IT)	Rick Janowski (UK)	Ary Nogueira (BRZ)	Volker Sonnabend (GER)
Gregg Cattanach (USA)	Raj Jansari (UK)	Sven-Olav Norén (SWE)	Christian Sørensen (DK)
Odis Chenault (USA)	John Jennings (USA)	Justin Nunez (USA)	Abdullah Sorgüven (TUR)
Charis Christidis (GRE)	Mikael Jensen (DK)	Stepan Nuniyants (USA)	Katja Sophie Spillum (NOR)
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Brent Cohen (USA)	Thomas Jespersen (DK)	Ed O'Laughlin (USA)	Matthias Strumpf (GER)
Matt Cohn-Geier (USA)	Carsten Joh (GER)	Andreas Christian Olsen (DK)	Miki Suzuki (FRA)
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Piergiorgio D'Ancona (IT)	Shinichiro Kaneko (JPN)	Jim Pasko (USA)	François Tardieu (FRA)
Dod Davies (UK)	Wendy Kaplan (USA)	Geir Pedersen (NOR)	Larry Taylor (USA)
Bill Davis (USA)	Filomila Karantzali (GRE)	Maya Peycheva (BUL)	Chris Ternel (DK)
Karen Davis (USA)	Daisuke Katagami (JPN)	Christian Plenz (GER)	Peter Jes Thomsen (DK)
Malcolm Davis (USA)	Clive Kaye (UK)	Sam Pottle (USA)	Stuart Thomson (USA)
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Lars Degerman (SWE)	George Kleitsas (GRE)	Slava Pryadkin (UKR)	David Todd (USA)
Andrea de Zandonati (IT)	Bob Koca (USA)	Mislav Radica (CRO)	Lars Trabolt (DK)
Cem Duran (TUR)	Hans-Uli Koch (GER)	Ronald Reinhardt (AUT)	Chris Trencher (USA)
Mick Dyett (AUSL)	Petko Kostadinov (BUL/USA)	Matt Reklaitis (USA)	Arkady Tsinis (USA)
Claus Elken (DK)	Daniel Kotrc (GER)	Ali Serif Rende (TUR)	Stacy Turner (USA)
Fuat Erdag (TUR)	Thomas Kristensen (DK)	Ion Ressu (SWZ)	Timo Väätäinen (FIN)
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Jostein Flood (NOR)	Michael "Mik" Larsen (DK)	Rachel Rhodes (UK)	Philip Vischjäger (NLD)
Ray Fogerlund (USA)	Søren T. Larsen (DK)	Stick Rice (USA)	James Vogl (UK)
Martin Foldager (DK)	Tino Lechich (AUSL)	Vincenzo Riceputi (IT)	Bob Wachtel (USA)
Tore Fredriksen (NOR)	Hans Liby (NOR)	Alessandro Rietti (IT)	Paul Weaver (USA)
Henning Frick (GER)	Mika Lidov (USA)	Sondre Rike (NOR)	David Wells (USA)
Frank Frigo (USA)	Robert Lindbom (SWE)	Bill Riles (USA)	Norm Wiggins (USA)
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Perry Gartner (USA)	Michael Löfblad (SWE)	Leonid Riskin (GER)	Sean Williams (UK)
Shahab Ghodsi (Iran/NOR)	Fabrizio Lo Surdo (IT)	Serge Rived (FRA)	Kit Woolsey (USA)
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