



BACKGAMMON GIANTS OF THE WORLD

WHO STANDS OUT ABOVE THE REST?



Official Ballot for 2013

You are invited to vote for the **32 best backgammon players** in the world, based on their active backgammon participation and performance in **2012-2013**. 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 2014 in the *Flint Area BackgammonNews* and on the Giants website at: www.flintbg.com/giants.html.

Voter returns must be e-mailed, faxed or postmarked by **January 31, 2014**. 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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Voter's Name (Confidential): _____ Tel. _____

Address: _____ Fax _____

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Please submit your ballot by **January 31, 2014**. Watch for updates at <http://www.flintbg.com/giants.html>

POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR THE GIANTS OF BACKGAMMON — 2013

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

Jeff Acierno (USA)	Shahab Ghodsi (NOR)	Paul Magriel (USA)	Peer Röwer (GER)
Dean Adamian (USA)	Patrick Gibson (USA)	Ricardo Malas (LEB/SP)	Eli Roymi (ISR)
Mads W. Andersen (DK)	Harvey Gillis (USA)	Alfred Mamlet (USA)	Jon Kristian Røyset (NOR)
Kåre Aronsson (SWE)	Drew Giovanis (USA)	Keene Marin (USA)	Sven Rümcker (GER)
Victor Ashkenazi (USA)	Bob Glass (USA)	Howard Markowitz (USA)	Joe Russell (USA)
Alain Babillon (FRA)	Kent Goulding (USA)	Hans Kristian Mathiesen (DK)	Tassilo Rzymann (AUT)
Jeremy Bagai (USA)	Jörgen Granstedt (MAL)	Carter Mattig (USA)	Najib Salamzy (AFG/GER)
Nack Ballard (USA)	Steen Grønbech (DK)	Doug Mayfield (USA)	Teppo Salo (FIN)
Henrik Bang (DK)	Christos Groutsos (GRE)	Carlo Melzi (IT)	Alvaro Savio (BRZ)
Rick Barabino (USA)	Alan Grunwald (USA)	Greg Merriman (USA)	Steve Sax (USA)
Gary Bauer (USA)	Eric Guedj (FRA)	Tsuyoshi Minakami (JPN)	Werner Schmucki (AUT)
Ali Çetin Belene (TUR)	Herb Gurland (USA)	Konstantinos Mitrelis (GRE)	Hugh Sconyers (USA)
Art Benjamin (USA)	Peter Hallberg (DK)	Masayuki Mochizuki (JPN)	Mike Senkiewicz (USA)
Peter Bennet (UK)	Gus Jacobsen Hansen (DK)	Tak Morioka (USA)	Mario Sequeira (POR)
Ed Bennett (USA)	Steve Hast (USA)	Richard Munitz (USA)	Michel Serrero (FRA)
Lars "Buster" Bentzon (DK)	Peter Heitmüller (GER)	Artur Muradian (ARM)	Kenji Shimodaira (JPN)
David Ben-Zion (ISR)	Tobias Hellweg (GER)	Thomas Myhr (DK)	Kazuhiro Shino (JPN/UK)
Pavel Bielewicz (SWE)	Roland Herrera (UK)	Yoshiyuki Nakamura (JPN)	Phil Simborg (USA)
Martin Birkhahn (GER)	Simonetta Herrera (UK)	Masahiko Nasu (JPN)	Frank Simon (GER)
Dorn Bishop (USA)	Mary Hickey (USA)	"Falafel" Natanzon (ISR)	Hall Skaara (NOR)
Jes Bondo (DK)	Jeb Horton (USA)	Dana Nazarian (USA)	Dagfinn Snarheim (NOR)
Chuck Bower (USA)	Iancho Hristov (BUL)	Tommy Nesbakk (NOR)	Volker Sonnabend (GER)
Fernando Braconi (IT/GRE)	Andreas Humke (GER)	Fernando Neumark (ARG)	Abdullah Sorgüven (TUR)
Chris Bray (UK)	John Hurst (UK)	Rolf Nielsen (DK)	Katja Sophie Spillum (NOR)
Karsten Bredahl (DK)	Arild Idsøe (NOR)	Kiyokazu Nishikawa (JPN)	Franck Stepler (FRA)
Steve Brown (USA)	"Othello" Itikawa (JPN)	Freddie Noer (DK)	Marty Storer (USA)
Sabri Büyüksöy (TUR)	Jan Jacobowitz (GER)	Ary Nogueira (BRZ)	Matthias Strumpf (GER)
Sean Casey (UK)	Jake Jacobs (USA/SING)	Sven-Olav Norén (SWE)	Miki Suzuki (FRA)
Giorgio Castellano (IT)	Rick Janowski (UK)	Justin Nunez (USA)	Takumitsu Suzuki (JPN)
Gregg Cattanach (USA)	Raj Jansari (UK)	Stepan Nuniyants (USA)	Odin Spillum Svendsen (NOR)
Ted Chee (USA)	John Jennings (USA)	Dmitriy Obukhov (USA)	Mike Svobodny (USA)
Odis Chenault (USA)	Mikael Jensen (DK)	John O'Hagan (USA)	Robin Swaffield (HK)
Charis Christidis (GRE)	Pia Jeppesen (DK)	Ed O'Laughlin (USA)	Joe Sylvester (USA)
Chris Munk Christensen (DK)	Leonardo Jerkovic (CRO)	Andreas Christian Olsen (DK)	Frank Talbot (USA)
Inge Christoffersen (DK)	Thomas Jespersen (DK)	Marc Brockmann Olsen (DK)	Tatsuya Tanaka (JPN)
John Clark (UK)	Ralf Jonas (GER)	Jürgen Orłowski (GER)	Larry Taylor (USA)
Brent Cohen (USA)	Shimon Kagan (ISR)	Kimón Papachristopoulos (GR)	Chris Ternel (DK)
Matt Cohn-Geier (USA)	Michihito Kageyama (JPN)	Talat Papatya (TUR)	Stuart Thomson (USA)
Carol Joy Cole (USA)	Bernhard Kaiser (GER)	Rory Pascar (USA)	Hanna Thorsen (NOR)
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Rod Covlin (USA)	Wendy Kaplan (USA)	Maya Peycheva (BUL)	Peter Toftsø (DK)
Olivier Croiselle (FRA)	Daisuke Katagami (JPN)	Bill Phipps (USA)	Lars Trabolt (DK)
Todd Crosner (USA)	Neil Kazaross (USA)	Christian Plenz (GER)	Chris Trencher (USA)
Dennis Culpepper (USA)	George Kleitsas (GRE)	Sam Pottle (USA)	Arkady Tsinis (USA)
Bill Davis (USA)	Bob Koca (USA)	Lawrence Powell (UK)	Lemi Tu-Men (TUR)
Karen Davis (USA)	John Koonmen (USA/JPN)	Slava Pryadkin (UKR)	Stacy Turner (USA)
Malcolm Davis (USA)	Petko Kostadinov (USA)	Frank Raposa (USA)	Timo Väätäinen (FIN)
Olivier Décultot (FRA)	Mislav Kovacic (CRO)	Matt Reklaitis (USA)	Adam Versaw (USA)
Lars Degerman (SWE)	Thomas Kristensen (DK)	Ion Ressu (SWZ)	Alexis Vincent (FRA)
Andrea de Zandonati (IT)	Claude Landry (CAN)	Tue Rex (DK)	Philip Vischjager (NLD)
Nevzat Dogan (DK)	Michael "Mik" Larsen (DK)	Rachel Rhodes (UK)	James Vogl (UK)
Cem Duran (TUR)	Søren T. Larsen (DK)	Stick Rice (USA)	Philippe Vouhé (FRA)
Mick Dyett (AUSL)	Morten Holm Lassen (DK)	Vincenzo Riceputi (IT)	Bob Wachtel (USA)
Claus Elken (DK)	Tino Lechich (AUSL)	Alessandro Rietti (IT)	Yuya Watanabe (JPN)
Fuat Erdag (TUR)	Dirk Leinberger (GER)	Sondre Rike (NOR)	Paul Weaver (USA)
Sergey Erokhin (RUS)	Hans Liby (NOR)	Bill Riles (USA)	David Wells (USA)
Julian Fetterlein (UK)	Robert Lindbom (SWE)	Lorenzo Rinaldo (IT)	Tom Wheeler (USA)
Jostein Flood (NOR)	Heribert Lindner (GER)	Leonid Riskin (GER)	Antoinette Williams (USA)
Ray Fogerlund (USA)	Henrik Løber (DK)	Bill Robertie (USA)	Sean Williams (UK)
Martin Foldager (DK)	Michael Löfblad (SWE)	Doug Roberts (USA)	Kit Woolsey (USA)
Tore Fredriksen (NOR)	Fabrizio Lo Surdo (IT)	Steve Roberts (AUS)	Masahito Yamamoto (JPN)
Frank Frigo (USA)	Sander Lylloff (DK)	David Rockwell (USA)	Akiko Abe Yazawa (JPN)
Konrad Fröschl (SWE)	Tim Mabee (USA)	Herb Roman (USA)	Erhan Yenisen (TUR)
Nodar Gagua (RUS)	Ian Macfarlane (BRZ)	Thomas Rönn (SWE)	Christopher Yep (USA)
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