



BACKGAMMON GIANTS OF THE WORLD

WHO STANDS OUT ABOVE THE REST?



Official Ballot for 2015

You are invited to vote for the **32 best backgammon players** in the world, based on their active backgammon participation and performance in **2014-2015**. 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 2016 in the *Flint Area BackgammoNews* and on the Giants website at: www.flintbg.com/giants.html.

Voter returns must be e-mailed, faxed or postmarked by **January 31, 2016**. 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 **January 31, 2016**. Watch for updates at <http://www.flintbg.com/giants.html>

POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR THE GIANTS OF BACKGAMMON — 2015

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

Farzin Aarabi (NOR)	Frank Frigo (USA)	Ian Macfarlane (BRZ)	David Rockwell (USA)
Dean Adamian (USA)	Konrad Fröschl (SWE)	Lasse Hjorth Madsen (DK)	Herb Roman (USA)
Mads Peter Andersen (DK)	Nodar Gagua (GEO/RUS)	Paul Magriel (USA)	Thomas Rönn (SWE)
Kåre Aronsson (SWE)	Perry Gartner (USA)	Ricardo Malas (LEB/SP)	Ed Rosenblum (NM)
Atsamag Arsagov (RUS)	Cuneyt Argun Genç (TUR)	Alfred Mamlet (USA)	Pernille Rosendal (DK)
Victor Ashkenazi (USA)	Patrick Gibson (USA)	Keene Marin (USA)	Peer Röwer (GER)
Alexei Askurava (RUS)	Harvey Gillis (USA)	Howard Markowitz (USA)	Eli Roymi (ISR)
Alain Babillon (FRA)	Drew Giovanis (USA)	Dado Martincevic (CRO)	Jon Kristian Røyset (NOR)
Jeremy Bagai (USA)	Bob Glass (USA)	Hans Kristian Mathiesen (DK)	Sven Rümcker (GER)
Nack Ballard (USA)	Kent Goulding (USA)	Carter Mattig (USA)	Joe Russell (USA)
Henrik Bang (DK)	Jörgen Granstedt (MAL)	Doug Mayfield (USA)	Tassilo Rzymann (AUT)
Rick Barabino (USA)	Steen Grønbech (DK)	Eric McAlpine (UK)	Najib Salamzy (AFG/GER)
Gary Bauer (USA)	Christos Groutsos (GRE)	Carlo Melzi (IT)	Teppo Salo (FIN)
Saba Bejanishvili (USA)	Georges Grünbaum (SWIZ)	Greg Merriman (USA)	Alvaro Savio (BRZ)
Ali Çetin Belene (TUR)	Alan Grunwald (USA)	Konstantinos Mitrelis (GRE)	Steve Sax (USA)
Art Benjamin (USA)	Herb Gurland (USA)	Masayuki Mochizuki (JPN)	Joel Schiff (ISR)
Peter Bennet (UK)	Peter Hallberg (DK)	Tak Morioka (USA)	Werner Schmucki (AUT)
David Ben-Zion (ISR)	Gus Jacobsen Hansen (DK)	Richard Munitz (USA)	Michael Schoppmeyer (GER)
Pavel Bielewicz (SWE)	Steve Hast (USA)	Artur Muradian (ARM)	Hugh Sconyers (USA)
Martin Birkhahn (GER)	Peter Heitmüller (GER)	Thomas Myhr (DK)	Jonah Seewald (USA)
Dorn Bishop (USA)	Tobias Hellwag (GER)	Yoshiyuki Nakamura (JPN)	Mike Senkiewicz (USA)
Razi Bobrov (ISR)	Roland Herrera (UK)	Masahiko Nasu (JPN)	Mario Sequeira (POR)
Jes Bondo (DK)	Simonetta Herrera (UK)	“Falafel” Natanzon (ISR/USA)	Michel Serrero (FRA)
Chuck Bower (USA)	Mary Hickey (USA)	Dana Nazarian (USA)	Kenji Shimodaira (JPN)
Fernando Braconi (IT/GRE)	Julius High (USA)	Fernando Neumark (ARG)	Phil Simborg (USA)
Chris Bray (UK)	Götz Hildsberg (GER)	Rolf Mørk Nielsen (DK)	Frank Simon (GER)
Karsten Bredahl (DK)	Jeb Horton (USA)	Kiyokazu Nishikawa (JPN)	Hall Skaara (NOR)
John Broomfield (UK)	Iancho Hristov (BUL)	Freddie Noer (DK)	Dagfinn Snarheim (NOR)
Steve Brown (USA)	Andreas Humke (GER)	Ary Nogueira (BRZ)	Volker Sonnabend (GER)
Sabri Büyüksoy (TUR)	John Hurst (UK)	Sven-Olav Norén (SWE)	Abdullah Sorgüven (TUR)
Bill Calton (USA)	Arild Idsøe (NOR)	Stepan Nuniyants (USA)	Franck Stepler (FRA)
Sean Casey (IRE)	“Othello” Itikawa (JPN)	Dmitriy Obukhov (USA)	Maik Stiebler (GER)
Giorgio Castellano (IT)	Jan Jacobowitz (GER)	John O’Hagan (USA)	Marty Storer (USA)
Gregg Cattanach (USA)	Jake Jacobs (USA/SING)	Ed O’Laughlin (USA)	Matthias Strumpf (GER)
Cihangir Cetinel (TUR)	Rick Janowski (UK)	Andreas Christian Olsen (DK)	Mike Svobodny (USA)
Ted Chee (USA)	Raj Jansari (UK)	Marc Brockmann Olsen (DK)	Robin Swaffield (HK)
Odus Chenault (USA)	Pia Jeppesen (DK)	Jürgen Orłowski (GER)	Frank Talbot (USA)
Charis Christidis (GRE)	Thomas Jespersen (DK)	Gaz Tafari Owen (UK)	Tatsuya Tanaka (JPN)
Chris Munk Christensen (DK)	Ralf Jonas (GER)	Jason Pack (USA)	Gerry Tansey (MO)
Inge Christoffersen (DK)	Shimon Kagan (ISR)	Kimon Papachristopoulos (GER)	Zafer Tas (TUR)
Matt Cohn-Geier (USA)	Michihito Kageyama (JPN)	Talat Papatya (TUR)	Chris Ternel (UK)
Carol Joy Cole (USA)	Bernhard Kaiser (GER)	Cliff Pappas (AZ)	Stuart Thomson (USA)
Mike Corbett (USA)	Wendy Kaplan (USA)	Rory Pascar (USA)	David Todd (USA)
Olivier Croisille (FRA)	Igor Kaplanski (GER)	Jim Pasko (USA)	Peter Toftso (DK)
Dennis Culpepper (USA)	Athanasios Katsios (GRE)	Maya Peycheva (BUL)	Lars Trabolt (DK)
Bill Davis (USA)	Neil Kazaross (USA)	Bill Phipps (USA)	Chris Trencher (USA)
Karen Davis (USA)	George Kleitsas (GRE)	Christian Plenz (GER)	Sevdalin Tsvetanov (BUL)
Malcolm Davis (USA)	Serkan Koç (TUR)	Sam Pottle (USA)	Stacy Turner (USA)
Olivier Décultot (FRA)	Bob Koca (USA)	Lawrence Powell (UK)	Timo Väätäinen (FIN)
Lars Degerman (SWE)	Petko Kostadinov (USA)	Willi Preskar (CRO)	Henrik Veje (DK)
Andrea de Zandonati (IT)	Mislav Kovacic (CRO)	David Presser (ISR/USA)	Adam Versaw (USA)
Nevzat Dogan (DK)	Thomas Kristensen (DK)	Slava Pryadkin (UKR)	Philippe Vohé (FRA)
Mick Dyett (AUSL)	Claude Landry (CAN)	Frank Raposa (USA)	Bob Wachtel (USA)
Claus Elken (DK)	Michael “Mik” Larsen (DK)	Thorleif Reisvold (NOR)	Christoph Wagener (GER)
Fuat Erdag (TUR)	Morten Holm Lassen (DK)	Matt Reklaitis (USA)	Paul Weaver (USA)
Sergey Erokhin (RUS)	Tino Lechich (AUSL)	Tristan Remille (FRA)	David Wells (USA)
Rune Færevåg (NOR)	Dirk Leinberger (GER)	Ion Ressu (SWIZ)	Tom Wheeler (USA)
Tuvya Felt (USA)	Hans Liby (NOR)	Rachel Rhodes (UK)	Norm Wiggins (USA)
Julian Fetterlein (UK)	Robert Lindbom (SWE)	Jacob “Stick” Rice (USA)	Antoinette Williams (USA)
Arda Findikoglu (TUR)	Heribert Lindner (GER)	Vincenzo Riceputi (IT)	Sean Williams (UK)
Ray Fogerlund (USA)	Roberto Litzenberger (USA)	Alessandro Rietti (IT)	Kit Woolsey (USA)
Martin Foldager (DK)	Henrik Løber (DK)	Sondre Rike (NOR)	Masahito Yamamoto (JPN)
Tore Fredriksen (NOR)	Michael Löfblad (SWE)	Bill Riles (USA)	Akiko Yazawa (JPN)
Gary Fries (USA)	Fabrizio Lo Surdo (IT)	Bill Robertie (USA)	Erhan Yenisen (TUR)
Ben Friesen (USA)	Sander Lylloff (DK)	Doug Roberts (USA)	Kazuhiko Yotsushika (JPN)