



BACKGAMMON GIANTS OF THE WORLD **WHO STANDS OUT ABOVE THE REST?**



Official Ballot for 2024

You are invited to vote for the **32 best backgammon players** in the world, based on their active backgammon participation and performance in **2022-2024**. Whose backgammon skills do you respect the most among players around the world? (Sample names of international players are listed on the back page 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 2025 on the Giants website at: www.flintbg.org/giants.html.

Voter returns must be e-mailed, faxed or postmarked by **January 31, 2025**. 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): _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Fax: _____

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Please submit your ballot by **January 31, 2025**. Watch for updates at <http://www.flintbg.org/giants.html>

POSSIBLE CANDIDATES FOR THE GIANTS OF BACKGAMMON — 2024

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

Aref Alipour (IRAN/UK)	Frank Frigo (USA)	Benjamin Lund (DK)	Chris Rogers (UK)
Misja Alma (NL)	Nodar Gagua (GEO/RUS)	Torsten Lux (GER)	Herb Roman (USA)
Rooollah Amiri Andy (Iran)	Sean Garber (USA)	Sander Lylloff (DK)	Thomas Rönn (SWE)
Ronald Amorim (BRZ)	Cüneyt Argun Genç (TUR)	Ian Macfarlane (BRZ)	Eli Roymi (ISR)
Mihai Catalin Arminia (ROM)	Lee Genud (USA)	Brandon Macklin (USA)	Jon Kristian Røyset (NOR)
Asbjørn Arntzen (NOR)	Patrick Gibson (USA)	Ricardo Malas (LEB)	Joe Russell (USA)
Kåre Aronsson (SWE)	Martha Gjølseth (NOR)	Alfred Mamlet (USA)	Roland Sahlén (SWE)
Victor Ashkenazi (USA)	Amir Golegolab (IRAN)	Carter Mattig (USA)	Steve Sax (USA)
Timur Azizov (RUS)	Kent Goulding (USA)	Francesco Mauri (IT)	Dirk Schiemann (GER)
Alain Babillon (FRA)	Jörgen Granstedt (SWE)	Bernhard Mayr (AUT)	Kara Schultz (USA)
Jeremy Bagai (USA)	Eric Guedj (FRA)	Eric McAlpine (UK)	Jonah Seewald (USA)
Armando Balbi (BRZ)	Gülderen Gücavli (TUR)	Kentaro Meijo (JPN)	Andrew Selby (UK)
Ken Bame (USA)	Geoff Hall (UK)	Carlo Melzi (IT)	Carl Sellars (CAN)
Simon Barget (UK)	Rune Halvorsen (NOR)	Edmond Mezini (IT)	Mike Senkiewicz (USA)
Martin Barkwill (UK)	Tobias Hellwag (GER)	Steen Mikkelsen (DK)	Henri Sharra (IT)
Jon Barnes (UK)	Pete Heskett (UK)	Sam Mizutani (JPN)	Kenji Shimodaira (JPN)
Gary Bauer (USA)	Philipp Heyng (GER)	Johan Moazed (SWE)	Phil Simborg (USA)
Saba Bejanishvili (USA)	Mary Hickey (USA)	Masayuki Mochizuki (JPN)	Frank Simon (GER)
Ali Çetin Belene (TUR)	Takayuki Hino (JPN)	Abe Mosseri (USA)	Dagfinn Snarheim (NOR)
Eric Benichou (FRA)	Cary Hoarty (USA)	Richard Munitz (USA)	Wilcox Snellings (USA/CR)
Art Benjamin (USA)	Reece Hodges (UK)	Chris Munk-Christensen (DK)	Tilman Söhnchen (GER)
Peter Bennet (UK)	Al Hodis (USA)	Thomas Myhr (DK)	Volker Sonnabend (GER)
Toni Bernaba (LEB)	Andreas Hofmann (GER)	Marcos Nahhas (ARG)	Daniel Sørensen (DK)
Edgardo Bianco (IT)	Jeb Horton (USA)	Yoshiyuki Nakamura (JPN)	Abdullah Sorgüven (TUR)
Josefin Bichler (GER)	Mårten Howe (SWE)	Kengo Nakasuka (JPN)	Oliver Squire (UK)
Dorn Bishop (USA)	Malcolm Hutson (AUSL)	Dana Nazarian (USA)	Albert Steg (USA)
Fernando Braconi (IT)	Johan Huyck (BEL)	Michael Neagu (ROM/CAN)	David Stein (USA)
Chris Bray (UK)	Bogidar Iliev (BUL)	Shahin Nejat (IRAN)	Marty Storer (USA)
Karsten Bredahl (DK)	Naoki Iketani (JPN)	Steve Nelson (HK)	Odin S. Svendsen (NOR)
Sabri Büyüksoy (TUR)	“Othello” Itikawa (JPN)	Fernando Neumark (ARG)	Chiva Tafazzoli (Iran/GER)
Johan Bynell (SWE)	Jan Jacobowitz (GER)	Michael Nielsen (DK)	Frank Talbot (USA)
Bill Calton (USA)	Jake Jacobs (USA)	Kiyokazu Nishikawa (JPN)	Junichi Tanaka (JPN)
Sean Casey (IRE)	Raj Jansari (UK)	Freddie Noer (DK)	Tatsuya Tanaka (JPN)
Giorgio Castellano (IT)	Pia Jeppesen (DK)	Ary Nogueira (BRZ)	Gerry Tansey (USA)
Jan Honza Cerny (CZE)	Marcel Jochem (GER)	Sven-Olav Norén (SWE)	Zafer Tas (TUR)
Cihangir Çetinel (TUR)	Harald Johanni (GER)	Minh Nguyen (FRA)	Thomas Tenland (SWE)
Takis Chatzelis (GRE)	Ralf Jonas (GER)	Justin Nowell (USA)	Ian Terry (USA)
Ted Chee (USA)	Shimon Kagan (ISR)	Stepan Nuniyants (USA)	Thibaud Thompson (SWZ)
Odis Chenault (USA)	Michihito Kageyama (JPN)	Dmitriy Obukhov (USA)	Peter Jes Thomsen (DK)
Stéphane Chenevière (FRA)	Martin-Frédéric Kahn (FRA)	John O’Hagan (USA)	David Todd (USA)
Costas Chiotinis (GRE)	Wendy Kaplan (USA)	Ed O’Laughlin (USA)	Lars Trabolt (DK)
Radu Ciortan (ROM/UK)	Daisuke Katagami (JPN)	Marc Olsen (DK)	Chris Trencher (USA)
Matt Cohn-Geier (USA)	Neil Kazaross (USA)	Jürgen Orłowski (GER)	Arkadiy Tsinis (UKR/USA)
Carol Joy Cole (USA)	Thomas Kazemieh (GER)	Gaz Tafari Owen (UK)	Virgil Tudose (ROM)
Olivier Croisille (FRA)	David Klaus (USA)	Jason Pack (USA)	Hideaki Ueda (JPN)
Tim Cross (UK)	John Klein (USA)	Kimón Papachristopoulos (GER)	Michael Urban (GER)
Dennis Culpepper (USA)	Alexandra Knupfer (SWZ)	Rory Pascar (USA)	Joe Urso (USA)
Jess Danielsen (DK)	Gary Koscielny (USA)	Giannis Pasiialis (GRE)	Aykut Uzel (TUR)
Karen Davis (USA)	Petko Kostadinov (USA)	Geir Pedersen (NOR)	Peter van Rooij (NL)
Olivier Décultot (FRA)	Mislav Kovacic (CRO)	Maya Peycheva (BUL)	Mikayel Vardanyan (RUS)
Lars Degerman (SWE)	Thomas Kristensen (DK)	Lawrence Powell (UK)	Katalin Veszeli (HUN)
Andrea de Zandonati (IT)	Elias Kritikos (NOR)	David Presser (ISR)	Bob Wachtel (USA)
Patrick Didisheim (SWZ)	Mario Kühl (GER)	Michail Proukakis (GRE)	Christoph Wagener (GER)
Nevzat Dogan (DK)	Michel Lamote (BEL)	Slava Pryadkin (UKR)	Claus Weissbarth (GER)
Jack Edelson (USA)	Michael “Mik” Larsen (DK)	Frank Raposa (USA)	David Wells (USA)
Hans Marius Eikseth (NOR)	Morten Holm Lassen (DK)	Jakob Rasmussen (DEN)	Sebastian Wilkinson (UK)
Claus Elken (DK)	Miki Laukkanen (FIN)	Ryan Rebelo (CAN)	Antoinette Williams (USA)
Sergey Erokhin (RUS)	Mario Lazzer (AUT)	Marcus Reinhard (GER)	Jacek Wojciechowski (POL)
Amir Eshragi (IRAN)	Dorel Leon (ROM)	Matt Reklaitis (USA)	Kit Woolsey (USA)
Rune Færevåg (NOR)	Laila Leonhardt (SWE)	Tristan Remille (FRA)	Akiko Yazawa (JPN)
Julian Fetterlein (UK)	Hans Liby (NOR)	Rachel Rhodes (UK)	Erhan Yenisen (TUR)
Arda Findikoglu (TUR)	Christian Liebe-Harkort (GER)	Ethan Rice (USA)	Kazuki Yokota (JPN)
Ray Fogerlund (USA)	Irina Litzenberger (USA)	Bill Riles (USA)	Leyla Zaloutskaya (USA)
Tore Fredriksen (NOR)	Roberto Litzenberger (USA)	Lorenzo Rinaldo (IT)	Zdenek Zizka (CZE)
Benjamin Friesen (USA)	Fabrizio Lo Surdo (IT)	Bill Robertie (USA)	Eva Zizkova (CZE)