

3rd Backgammon Festival Aachen

It's more than a game, more than a sport.

Aachen Doubles Championship

Charlemagne Open

Individual Categories

October 20 - 25, 2026

City Palace

Erholungs-Gesellschaft Aachen 1837

CURIOUS?
Guests
are very
welcome!

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Backgammon Festival Aachen



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We cordially invite you to celebrate our mindsport gathering in the historical European City of Aachen.

We offer you:

Main individual category "Charlemagne Open"

Aachen Doubles Championship

BMAB Challenge Aachen

Pro Am Doubles

Amateurs Events

Variety of side events (Speed, Pro/Am Doubles, Jackpots,

Lectures - Seminars

Live streaming every day and more...



**Come and enjoy
the spirit of Aachen**



Tournament Location



ERHOLUNGS-GESELLSCHAFT
AACHEN

City Palace
Erholungs-Gesellschaft
Aachen 1837

Reihstraße 13,
52062 Aachen



A historic city palace, magnificent rooms, plenty of space for innovation and lots of backgammon. The Erholungs-Gesellschaft Aachen 1837 welcomes you to the 3rd Backgammon Festival in its stately home in the heart of Aachen.



Program

**Daily
11:00 am
Speedgammon
& Jackpots**

**Tuesday,
20th October**

13:00-15:00	Registration BMAB
15:30-19:00	BMAB Event Round 1-2
19:00-20:30	Dinner Break
20:30-00:00	BMAB Event Round 3-4

**Wednesday,
21st October**

10:00-16:30	Registration Aachen Doubles
11:00-15:45	BMAB Round 5-7
11:00-01:00	Speedgammon / Jackpots
16:30-17:00	Opening Ceremony
17:00-19:00	Aachen Doubles Round 1
20:30-00:30	Aachen Doubles Round 2-3

**Dinner Break
all days
19:00-20:30**

**Thursday,
22nd October**

10:00-19:00	Registration Super Jackpot
11:00-19:00	Doubles Round 4 / Playoffs / Quarterfinal / Semifinal / Final
11:00-01:00	Speedgammon / Jackpots
13:30-19:00	Amateur Tournament 1
20:30-22:30	Amateur Tournament 1 continues
20:30-00:30	Super and Limited / Jackpot Round 1-2

**Friday,
23rd October**

10:00-11:00	Seminar 1
10:00-15:30	Registration Charlemagne Open
10:00-16:00	Super Jackpot / Limited Jackpot Round 3 / Semifinal / Final
11:00-01:00	Speedgammon / Jackpots
13:30-00:30	Amateur Doubles
16:00-19:00	Charlemagne Open Round 1-2
20:30-23:30	Charlemagne Open Round 3-4

**Saturday,
24th October**

10:00-20:00	Registration Pro/Am Doubles
10:00-11:00	Seminar 2
11:00-19:00	Amateur Tournament 2
11:00-19:00	Speedgammon Jackpots
15:30-23:30	Charlemagne Open Consolation Round 1-3
15:30-20:00	Charlemagne Open R. 5-6 / Playoffs / Last 16 / Quarterfinals
20:30-00:00	Pro/Am Doubles Round 1-2

**Sunday,
25th October**

10:00-14:30	Pro/Am Doubles Round 3 Semifinal / Final
10:00-11:00	Seminar 3
10:00-16:30	Amateur Tournament 3
11:00-16:00	Speedgammon / Jackpots
11:30-16:00	Charlemagne Open Semifinal / Final
11:30-16:30	Consolation Quarterfinal / Semifinal / Final

Organizers reserve the right to change the programme in any of its parts. Changes will be announced in advance and posted on the notice board.



**18:30-22:00
Closing ceremony Prizegiving**



Category Fees & Prizes

3rd Backgammon
Festival Aachen

Category	Entry Fee	Registration Fee	Sidepool* ³
Aachen Doubles	480	120	200
Open Masters	480	120	200
Open Intermediate	250	100	100
Amateurs * ³	60	40	
Super Jackpot	440	60	200
Limited Jackpot	120	30	50
Pro/Am Doubles	240	60	100
Amateur Doubles* ³	60	40	
Speed Gammon	40	10	
BMAB Event	100	150* ⁴	100* ²
Lectures Seminares		50	

*1 optional, 90% payout

*2 two seperate sidepools for points and best Pr

*3 free for youth under 18

*4 recording and transcription included

100% of entry fees will be returned as money prize.

Prizes	Share of Prizepool % *1				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	QF
Aachen Doubles	52	24	12	12	
Charlemagne Open 80 + Players	36	14	6	6	3
Consolation	14	6	3	3	
Charlemagne Open up to 80 Pl	40	18	8	8	
Consolation	18	8			
Amateurs	70	30			
Superjackpot (32 Players	52	24	12	12	
Limited JP 16 Players	70	30			
Pro/ Am Doubles	52	24	12	12	
Amateur Doubles	70	30			
Speedgammon	52	24	12	12	
BMAB Event* ²	55	30	15		

*1 in Aachen Doubles and Charlemagne Open, 15% of the Prize pool it taken off before and payed to the winner(s) of Swiss phase

*2 Prizes will be shared between players with equal points

Settings

Category	Stage	Match Length	Time Control
Aachen Doubles Championship	Swiss + Playoffs	7	21 min + 15 sec
	Knockout	7	21 min + 15 sec
	Final	9	27 min + 15 sec
Charlemagne Open Masters + Intermediates	Swiss	7	14 min + 12 sec
	Playoffs	9	18 min + 12 sec
	Main Knockout	9	18 min + 12 sec
	Main Final	11	22 min + 12 sec
	Consolation	7	14 min + 12 sec
Super Jackpot	All Rounds	9	18 min + 12 sec
Limited Jackpot	All Rounds	9	18 min + 12 sec
Amateurs*	All Rounds	7	14 min + 12 sec
Amateurs Doubles*	All Rounds	7	14 min + 12 sec
Pro/Am Doubles	All Rounds	7	21 min + 15 sec
Speedgammon	All Rounds	5	2 min + 10 sec
BMAB Event	All Rounds	7	14 min + 12 sec

*Clock usage optional



Hotel Recommendations

B&B Hotel Aachen-City

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Motel One Aachen

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52062 Aachen
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Hotel ibis Aachen Marschiertor

Friedlandstraße 6 - 8
52064 Aachen
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Mercure Hotel Aachen am Dom

Peterstraße 1
52062 Aachen
Tel: +49 241 18010



Parkhotel Quellenhof Aachen

Monheimsallee 52
52062 Aachen
Tel: +49 241 9132-0



Lectures and Seminars

Our speakers cordially invite you to their presentations.

A one-off participation fee of **50€** entitles you to take part in all seminars.

Whether basics for beginners, strategies for advanced players or new skills for professionals - there's something for everyone here.



Lecture:
Interactive Seminar
with Grandmasters



Lecture:
The Anki Method
www.xg2anki.de



Rainer Birkle



Lecture:
The OPEC Learning Method
A practical framework useful
for all levels, from amateurs to
Grandmasters

Daniel Sørensen

Important Notes

- Intermediate events are not open to players
 - * with an average PR under 6 on BMAB or WBIF
 - * experienced players with skills comparable to the above criteria**In cases of doubt, the Tournament Director decides.**
- In the Pro/Am Doubles, one player of a team must be eligible for the Intermediate flight.
It is not allowed to enter a Doubles Event as a single player.
- Should a player wish to leave the playing area during the tournament, he/she must inform the Tournament Director.
Failure to do so may result in penalty points being assigned.
- The tournament will be played on professional tournament boards.
All players are expected to be dressed appropriately.
Detailed information is published on the website
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Champions



2025

Daniel Sørensen

2024

Jorgen Granstedt

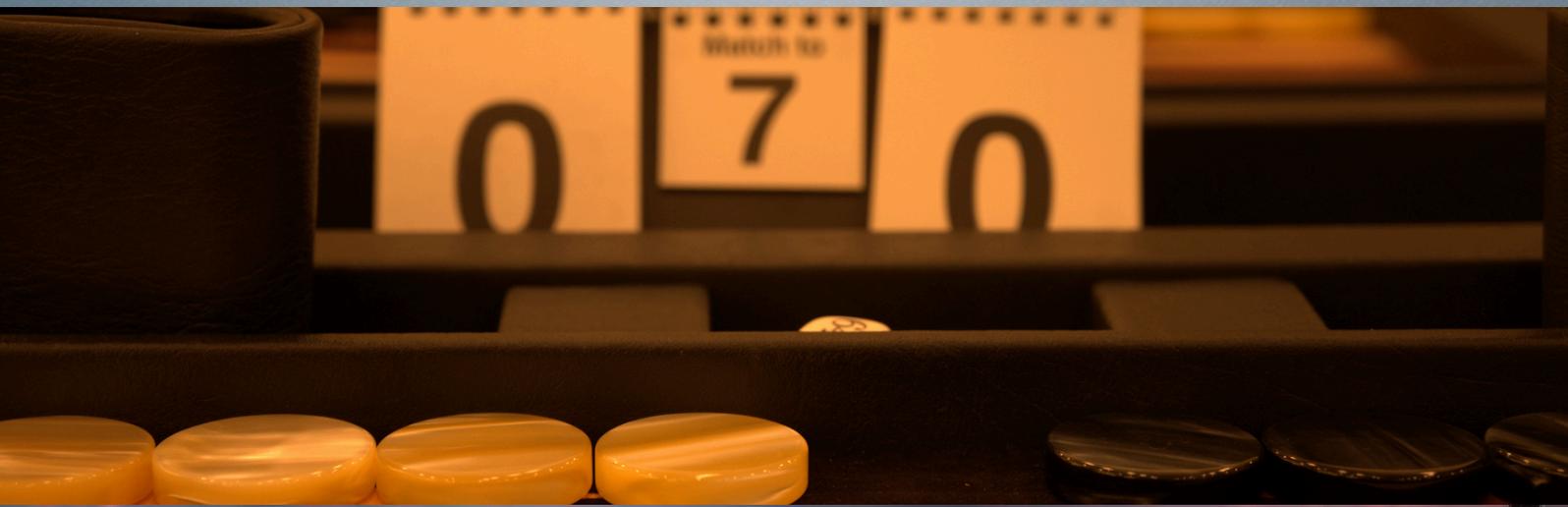
Doubles Champions

2025

Fred Brendler - Francesco Rinaldi

2024

Oliver Squire - Anna Sofia Eysturstein



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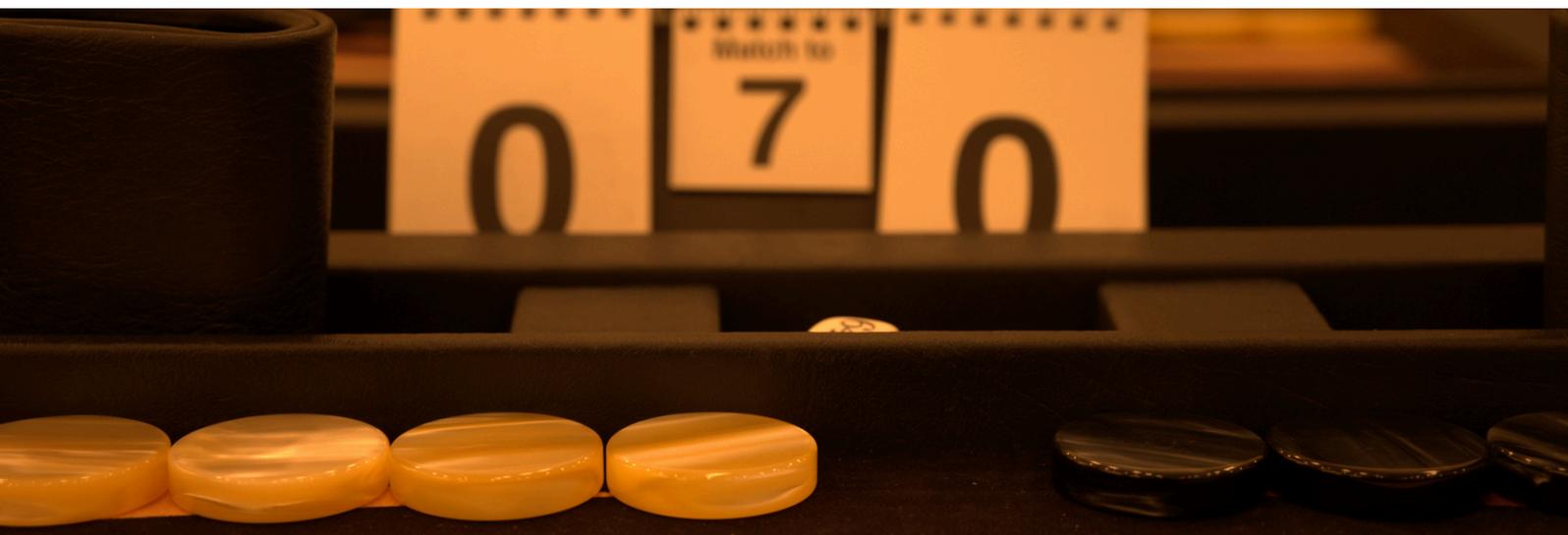
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