

# 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!

# Organization

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# Backgammon Festival Aachen



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

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 Round 1-2  
**19:00-20:30** Dinner Break  
**20:30-00:00** BMAB Round 3-4

**Wednesday,  
21st October**

**10:00-16:30 Registration Aachen Doubles**  
**11:00-15:45** BMAB Round 5-6  
**16:30-17:00** Opening Ceremony  
**17:00-19:00** Doubles Round 1  
**20:30-00:30** Doubles Round 2-3

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

**Thursday,  
22nd October**

**10:00-15:30** Amateur Tournament 1  
**10:00-19:00 Registration Superjackpot / limited Jackpot**  
**10:00-19:00** Doubles Round 4 / Quarter / Semi / Final  
**20:30-22:30** Amateur Tournament continues  
**20:30-00:30** Super / 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/ limited Jackpot Round 3 Semifinals / Finals  
**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**

**10:00-11:00** Seminar2  
**10:00-20:00 Registration Pro/ Am Doubles**  
**11:00-19:00** Amateur Tournament 2  
**11:00-20:00** Charlemagne Open Round 5-6 / last 16 / Quarterfinals  
**15:30-20:00** Charlemagne Open Consolation Round 1-3  
**21:00-00:00** Pro/Am Doubles Round 1-2

**Sunday,  
25th October**

**10:00-14:30** Pro/Am Doubles Round 3 Semifinal / Final  
**10:00-16:30** Amateur Tournament 3  
**11:30-16:00** Charlemagne Open Semifinale/ Final  
**11:30-16:30** Consolation Quarterfinals / Semifinal / Final  
**13:00-18:00 Backgammon Poker Swing Special Event Special Price**

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 * <sup>3</sup>       | 60        | 40                |                   |
| Super Jackpot                 | 440       | 60                | 200               |
| Limited Jackpot               | 120       | 30                | 50                |
| Pro/Am Doubles                | 240       | 60                | 100               |
| Amateur Doubles* <sup>3</sup> | 60        | 40                |                   |
| Speed Gammon                  | 40        | 10                |                   |
| BMAB Event                    | 100       | 150* <sup>4</sup> | 100* <sup>2</sup> |
| Lectures Seminares            |           | 50                |                   |

\*1 optional, 90% payout

\*2 two sepearte 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<br>Category            | 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    |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| <b>Aachen Doubles Championship</b>              | Swiss + Playoffs | 7            | 21 min + 15 sec |
|                                                 | Knockout         | 7            | 21 min + 15 sec |
|                                                 | Final            | 9            | 27 min + 15 sec |
| <b>Charlemagne Open Masters + Intermediates</b> | 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 |
|                                                 |                  |              |                 |
| <b>Super Jackpot</b>                            | All Rounds       | 9            | 18 min + 12 sec |
| <b>Limited Jackpot</b>                          | All Rounds       | 9            | 18 min + 12 sec |
| <b>Amateurs*</b>                                | All Rounds       | 7            | 14 min + 12 sec |
| <b>Amateurs Doubles*</b>                        | All Rounds       | 7            | 14 min + 12 sec |
| <b>Pro/Am Doubles</b>                           | All Rounds       | 7            | 21 min + 15 sec |
| <b>Speedgammon</b>                              | All Rounds       | 5            | 2 min + 10 sec  |
| <b>BMAB Event</b>                               | All Rounds       | 7            | 14 min + 12 sec |
|                                                 |                  |              |                 |

\*Clock usage optional



# Hotel Recommendations

## B&B Hotel Aachen-City

Großkölnstraße 57 - 63  
52062 Aachen  
Tel: +49 241 9437967-0

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## Motel One Aachen

Kapuzinergraben 6 - 10  
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## Hotel ibis Aachen Marschiertor

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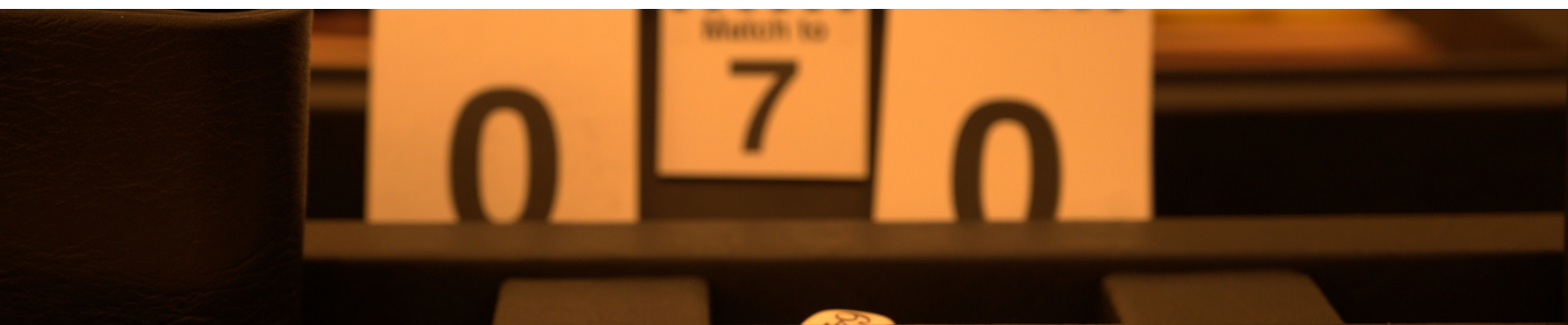
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## Parkhotel Quellenhof Aachen

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# Lectures and Seminars

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

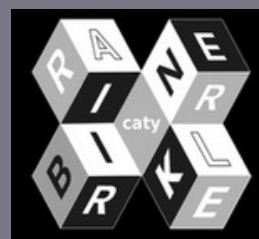
Whether basics for beginners, strategies for advanced players or new skills for professionals - there's something for everyone here.



Lecture:  
**Interactive Seminar**  
with Grandmasters



Lecture:  
**The Anki Method**  
[www.xg2anki.de](http://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.  
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## Champions



**2025**

**Daniel Sørensen**

**2024**

**Jorgen Granstedt**

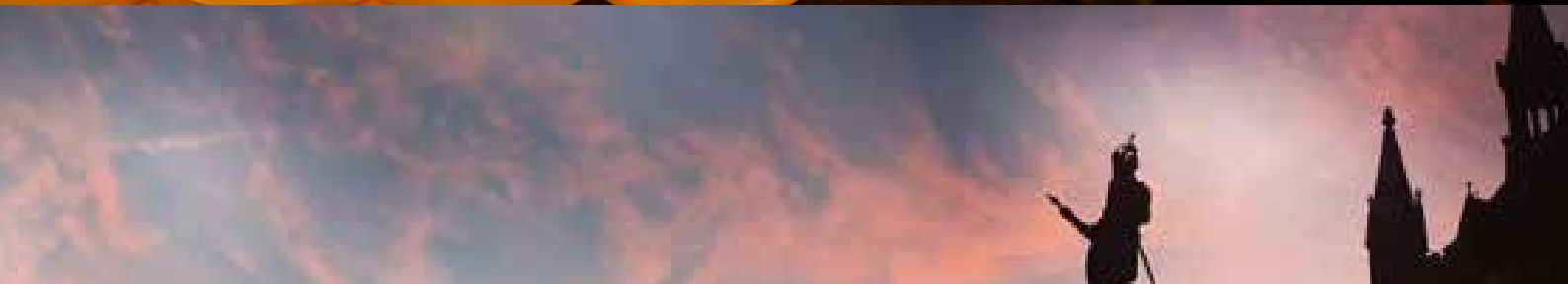
## Doubles Champions

**2025**

**Fred Brendler - Francesco Rinaldi**

**2024**

**Oliver Squire - Anna Sofia Eysturstein**



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