

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 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
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 * 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 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		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

Kapuzinergraben 6 - 10
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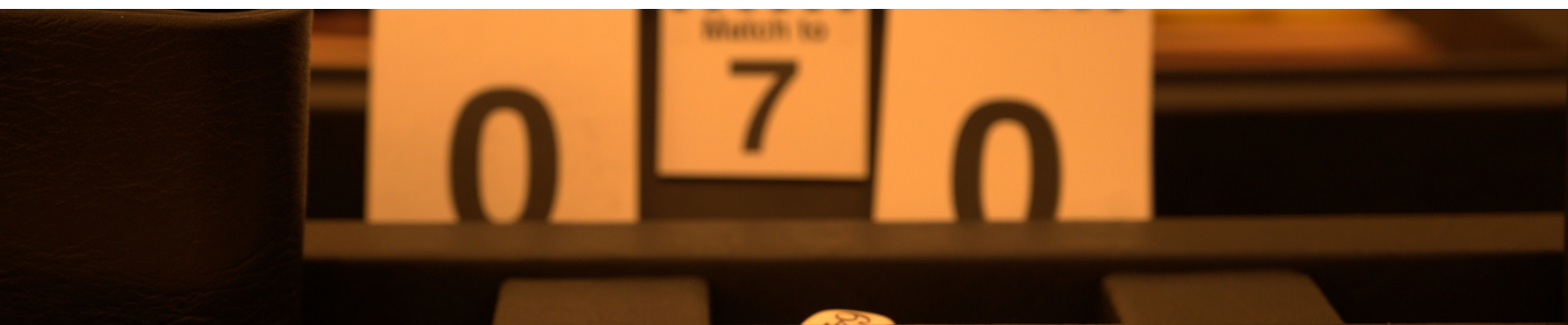
Mercure Hotel Aachen am Dom

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52062 Aachen
Tel: +49 241 18010



Parkhotel Quellenhof Aachen

Monheimsallee 52
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Lectures and Seminars

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

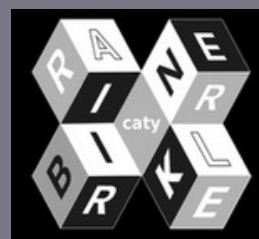
Whether basics for beginners, strategies for advanced players or new skills for professionals - there's something for everyone here.



Lecture:
Interactive Seminar
with Grandmasters



Lecture:
The Anki Method
www.xg2anki.de



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

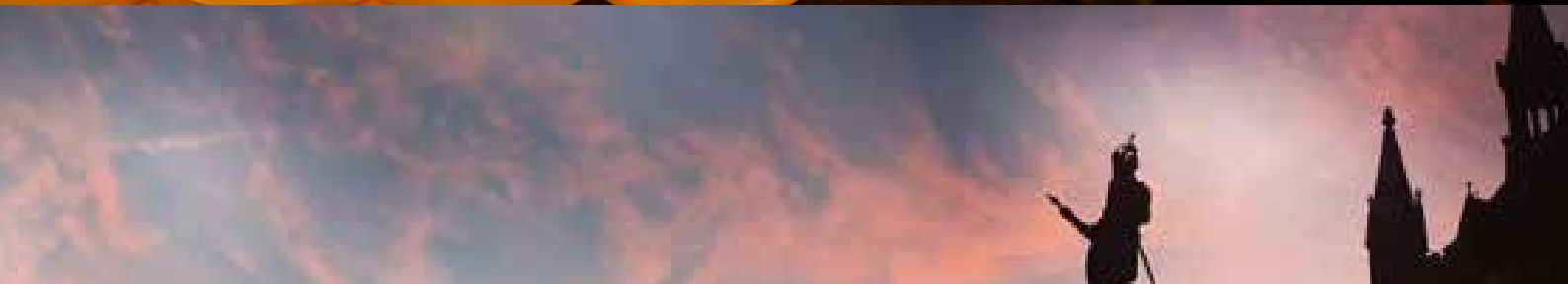
Doubles Champions

2025

Fred Brendler - Francesco Rinaldi

2024

Oliver Squire - Anna Sofia Eysturstein



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