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TO ALL BACKGAMMON ENTHUSIASTS:

When Jules Klar, President of the World Amateur Backgammon Championship, Inc., told me his idea for the \$1,000,000 Tournament - I was not only incredulous but I said it couldn't be done! However, after a lengthy discussion Jules not only made of me a believer, but also convinced me that the means would justify and produce the end - and that the Tournament would without doubt award in prizes well over \$2,000,000!

The enclosed brochure has a breakdown of the 512 Main Tournament Prizes. Not included in the brochure due to lack of space are the prizes which will be awarded in the First & Second Consolations. These, by far, surpass any of the large, world-wide Backgammon Tournament awards ever!

FIRST CONSOLATION - This event will pay in prizes \$188,000 which is exactly 10% of the Main Tournament prize money; a first prize of \$100,000...a second prize of \$25,000...a third prize of \$10,000...a fourth prize of \$5,000 - and additionally, 508 more prizes.

SECOND CONSOLATION - This event will award prizes exactly half as much as the First Consolation, i. e. a first prize of \$50,000...a second prize of \$12,500...a third prize of \$5,000...a fourth prize of \$2,500 - and again, 508 additional awards which will bring the Second Consolation prizes to \$94,000.

<u>SUMMATION OF ALL PRIZES</u>	Main Tournament	\$1,880,000
	First Consolation	188,000
	Second Consolation	94,000
	GRAND TOTAL AWARDED	\$2,162,000

So many people have called me asking about the Tournament procedures. I will try to give you somewhat of an idea of the excitement in store for more than 16,000 competitors. The affable, debonair Sidney Jackson, who will be the over-all principal Tournament Director, has filled me in with the following information which will answer many of your queries.

MAIN TOURNAMENT - MAXIMUM OF 16,384 PLAYERS.

On the first day (Monday morning, Dec. 19th) 4,096 players will meet in one of four hotels ready and eager to do Backgammon battle. Incidentally, the four Tournament sites (each housing 4,096 players) will be the MGM Grand, the Las Vegas Hilton, the Aladdin and the Sahara. These hotels were chosen because they each have ballroom facilities large enough to comfortably handle 2,048 boards in play. The first thing will be the selection of tables, seats and opponents. This will be done publicly by computer. The qualifying matches (five in all) will be to 7 points...with NO doubling cube! These five matches will be straight elimination - should you lose your first match you are eligible to play in the First Consolation. Should you lose your second match, you may play in the Second Consolation. The players winning ALL five qualifying rounds will then compete for the 512 Main Tournament Prizes. This will result in one of the players winning \$1,000,000!

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A simple breakdown of the procedure at EACH hotel might be illuminating:

<u>1st round</u>	4,096 players	-	leaving	2,048 winners
<u>2nd round</u>	2,048 players	-	leaving	1,024 winners
<u>3rd round</u>	1,024 players	-	leaving	512 winners
<u>4th round</u>	512 players	-	leaving	256 winners
<u>5th round</u>	256 players	-	leaving	128 winners

The 128 WINNERS from each hotel will then meet together for the first time in one room to compete for the 512 prizes. Incidentally, these 512 players are ALL prize winners at this point!

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LENGTH OF GAMES (for Main Tournament Qualifiers - USING THE DOUBLING CUBE!)

MAIN TOURNAMENT: Starting Tuesday at 9 a.m. (and every day until the Finals) the first round will be to 9 points. In every subsequent round the matches will be increased by 2 points. The Finals, for the \$1,000,000 and \$250,000 prizes, will be to 27 points and will be shown on National TV - prime time.

FIRST CONSOLATION: Players who lose in the 1st round of the Main Tournament will start in this event competing for the \$188,000 in prize money. This field will consist of 8,192 players who will play five 7-point matches, no cube.

SECOND CONSOLATION: The 4,096 players who lose their first game in the 1st Consolation will be eligible for this event (no cube) competing for \$94,000 in prizes. In both Consolation events the cube will again come into play starting with the sixth round.

Fuller details on ALL aspects of the various events will be sent to all competitors upon receipt of your Entry form and check. Please send these in as soon as possible - reservations are being made by players from all corners of the world. Bear in mind - the number of participants and hotel space is LIMITED and all reservations will be processed on a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS. So please don't delay, and don't be left out.

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B O N U S - K I D D I E S T O U R N A M E N T

Circus Circus - the hotel with the candy striped big top - will host a special event for the first 512 kiddies who sign up. CONDITIONS: All of the children must be UNDER 21...they must have a parent playing in the Main Event... THERE WILL BE NO ENTRY FEE...there will be 512 prizes...yes, every player entered will win a prize...The 1st prize - a \$10,000 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP!

This event will start on Monday, Dec. 19th - finishing on Wednesday, Dec. 21st. There will also be a Kiddie Consolation Tournament. For this unique, fun event all the Directors in charge will be CLOWNS - replete with fitting costumes. There will be all kinds of goodies served...hot dogs, pop corn, cotton candy, etc. Bring the kiddies, sign them up and they'll have a ball!

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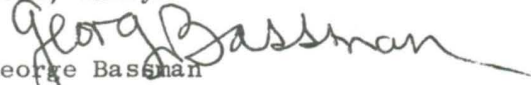
For the past five years the CAVENDISH WEST CLUB has conducted weekly Backgammon Tournaments with fields for Beginners, Intermediate and Championship players. These are OPEN TOURNAMENTS...although the Cavendish is a private club, non-members are invited to compete for the lucrative prizes. We always have between 60 and 80 players - so why not avail yourself of this fertile field of Tournament Backgammon and get in a number of practice sessions in a climate of keen competition. As time draws closer to the kick-off for the \$1,000,000 Event, the Cavendish West will run some special "NO CUBE" events. This will be

good preliminary training for the Las Vegas "MAIN EVENT." Remember - in a short 7-point match, even a fair player can defeat a Top Champion! To quote entrepreneur Jules Klar - "I wouldn't be surprised if the two finalists are a little ole lady from Pasadena who still counts the points with her forefinger - and a 21 year old college student spending a pre-Christmas holiday in Las Vegas."

The rule of NO CUBE in the first five qualifying matches will go a long way in equalizing the disparity between the "fair" player and the "fine" player.
IN OTHER WORDS - ANYONE CAN WIN! AND THAT ANYONE CAN BE YOU!!

I'm looking forward to seeing you on TUESDAY NIGHTS at the Cavendish West - and even more important, in Las Vegas the week before Christmas competing for the millions in prize money awards.

My best, always


George Bassman
(Cavendish West Backgammon Director)

P. S. A D D E N D A

Remember, if you have won \$1,000 or more in ANY Backgammon Tournament, you're not eligible for THIS one. Suggestion to the greatest players in the world...are you listening Bill Eisenberg, Paul Magriel, Stan Tomchin, Tom Gilbert, Joe Dwek, Tim Holland, etc? Why not devote a lot of time in the next five months training the brightest Backgammon "natural" you know - AND SPLIT THE PRIZE!!

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