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Las Vegas
Jan. 26-29, 1978

The Million-Dollar Amateur Backgammon Championship

Paul Magriel and Oswald Jacoby



The tournament co-chairmen are the two most respected authorities in backgammon today. Mr. Magriel, known in the backgammon world as "The Computer", is a noted backgammon columnist. His book, Backgammon, is considered the most comprehensive work on the game. Mr. Jacoby is widely regarded as the best all-around gamesplayer of all time. He is author of the best-selling The Backgammon Book. Between them, Magriel and Jacoby have won most of the world's major backgammon titles.



Tournament Package

The package includes both your entrance fee and your room (double occupancy) at one of Las Vegas' luxury hotels for four days and three nights. Las Vegas—the entertainment center of the world—will make your weekend a special holiday. The total price of the package is \$600 per person **(\$500 if received by November 30)**.

Important Notice

All entry fees are to be paid directly to Marine Midland Bank to be held in escrow. Marine Midland is the twelfth-largest bank in the United States. All prizes will be paid out of the escrow by Marine Midland unless the tournament is cancelled, in which case Marine Midland will refund all entry fees directly to the participants. Neither the promoters nor the Bank shall have any responsibility for any funds until they are received by the Bank. Checks should be made payable to "Marine Midland B.G. Escrow Account" and sent directly to the Bank at the address indicated above entry form.

Participating Hotels

LAS VEGAS HILTON. The greatest Hilton of them all. A veritable city within a city. The world's largest, most beautiful, most accommodating resort hotel. This 30-story complex is in a class by itself.

DUNES HOTEL AND COUNTRY CLUB. The Dunes boasts the largest 18-hole golf course in Nevada. The grounds are especially attractive and all the rooms have been recently renovated in keeping with the fine reputation of this first-class establishment.

MAXIM HOTEL. Las Vegas' newest luxury hotel—just opened in July. There are 17 stories of beautifully appointed rooms with all the facilities you expect from a first-class hotel. Located at the center of the action, just across from the MGM Grand.

The first 2,500 players will stay in the above hotels. The remaining players will be placed in nearby hotels.

For additional information do not write the Bank but write or call: Million-Dollar Amateur Backgammon Championship, Suite 1006, 575 Madison Avenue, N.Y., N.Y. 10022, (212) 486-1489. This tournament is sponsored by the American Backgammon Championships Inc., which has no relation whatsoever to any other backgammon tournament, organization or promotion.

Prizes	First Prize	\$ 500,000
	Second Prize	200,000
	Third Prize	50,000
	Fourth Prize	25,000
	Four Prizes of \$10,000 each	40,000
	Eight Prizes of \$5,000 each	40,000
	16 Prizes of \$2,500 each	40,000
Special Prizes*	Early Bird Prize	\$ 50,000
	Women's Prize	25,000
	Senior Citizens' Prize	25,000
	Brilliancy Prize	5,000
	TOTAL PRIZE MONEY	\$1,000,000
*Details of special prizes provided upon registration.		

Incentives to Register Early

- 1. The number of entrants is unconditionally limited to 3,328.**
Don't risk being closed out of this unique event.
- \$100 discount if payment is received by the Bank before November 30, 1977.
- The \$50,000 Early Bird Prize for those registered by November 15, 1977.
- Tournament byes will be awarded strictly on the basis of order of registration. Order of entries will be determined by date of receipt at Marine Midland Bank.
- Hotel preference given on the basis of order of registration.
- First round starting time preference given on the basis of order of registration.

Payment of Prizes

All prizes are to be paid by Marine Midland Bank out of funds in the escrow account on Jan. 29, 1978, with the exception of First Prize. First Prize winner will be paid \$100,000 on January 29, 1978 and \$100,000 a year for four years thereafter by Marine Midland on January 3 of each subsequent year. The full amount of all prizes will be held in escrow by Marine Midland until paid to the winners.

Tournament

RULES. Rounds will begin at 5 points—up to a 15-point final. The doubling cube will be used, and standard match rules will be in effect.

A special feature will be the Second Chance Tournament which will provide 6 of the final 32 money winners. Thus those eliminated in the preliminary rounds will have a second chance at all the prizes. There will be a \$100 fee for those who choose to sign up for a Second Chance.

All matches will be played on boards provided by Aries of Beverly Hills. Detailed rules and tournament procedure will be sent to all registrants in advance.

ELIGIBILITY. Amateurs only. "Professional" players cannot participate. The Eligibility Committee will determine professional status. A professional player is one who has ever earned \$1,000 or more in a backgammon tournament or makes a living playing backgammon. Anyone in doubt about his or her status must write in advance of the tournament. **Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of tournament winnings.**

All entrants must be over 21.

The Eligibility Committee further reserves the right to refuse entry, without explanation, to anyone it deems detrimental to the best interests of the tournament.

Registration and Fees

To register, carefully complete the entry form below and send only this form, along with your check, directly to:

**Marine Midland Bank
Backgammon Escrow Account
Corporate Trust Operations
140 Broadway, 12th Floor
New York, N.Y. 10015**

All checks are to be made payable to "Marine Midland B.G. Escrow Account". Upon receipt, Marine Midland will immediately send an acknowledgement. Marine Midland will hold all monies received in escrow. A copy of the escrow agreement is available to participating clubs upon request. If you desire to make payments by Master Charge or Visa (BankAmericard), it will be necessary for you to provide all information that appears in raised letters on your card.

Payment Alternatives Per Player

A. Pay by check, money order,
Master Charge or
Visa/BankAmericard \$ 600

**(\$500 if full payment is received
by November 30, 1977)**

OR

B. NON-REFUNDABLE deposit to
reserve space before
November 30, 1977 \$ 100
Balance by December 31, 1977 \$ 415
TOTAL \$ 515

There is an additional charge of \$100 for
Single Occupancy or accompanying non-player.

**DEPOSIT WILL BE FORFEITED AND
YOUR PLACE WILL BE SOLD IF THE
BALANCE OF \$415 IS NOT RECEIVED
BY DECEMBER 31, 1977.**

Application Form for Million-Dollar Amateur Backgammon Championship

ONE APPLICATION PER ROOM IS REQUIRED

- ☐ Here is my check for \$_____ payable to Marine Midland B.G. Escrow Acct.
☐ Charge My Master Charge Acct. # _____
☐ Charge My Visa (BankAmericard) Acct. # _____

Name _____ Exp. Date _____

Amount _____ Signature _____

1st Player in Room (Please print or type)

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

2nd Player in Room

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

3rd Player in Room

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____
Street City State Zip

Check the appropriate boxes:

Hotel Preference

- ☐ Dunes
☐ Hilton
☐ Maxim
☐ I wish information about charter flights

Room Preference

- ☐ **Single Occupancy* (\$100 Extra)**
☐ Double Occupancy
☐ Triple Occupancy

- ☐ Kingsize Bed
☐ 2 Double Beds

* Single Occupants or player staying with non-player in same room, \$100 extra.
Non-player's name & address should not be given.

Starting Time Preference

- ☐ Thurs. Afternoon ☐ Thurs. Evening ☐ Fri. Morning ☐ Fri. Afternoon ☐ Fri. Evening

Club Affiliation

Chess and Games Unlimited
West L.A.
Newport Beach
Encino
Beverly Hills