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WELCOME TO THE NEW BIBAFIX  
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**JON BARNES & PAUL CHRISTMAS**  
**1ST & 2ND GRAND PRIX 2018**

# Biba Backgammon Tour 2019

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**Open to everyone - Play when and where you want from our venues**

Bright 'n' Breezy - Cotswolds Invitational - Cork Open

Lakes Backgammon Championship - British Open

Blackpool Imperial Cup - Liverpool Open - Sussex Cup - Irish Open

Some of the organisers of the above events are not directly involved with the UK Tour, but if they want to assist they are welcome to do so. All that is required of them is to make available the names and positions of the players in the Main and Consolation. This is purely a Biba project and any funding is via Biba and the event sponsor, [My Web Presenters](http://www.mywebpresenters.co.uk) - entrants pay nothing towards it, it is a totally free-entry element of each event.

| Pos                         | Main  | Cons  | LC    |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1st                         | 27.99 | 23.98 | 19.97 |
| 2nd                         | 23.98 | 19.97 | 15.96 |
| 3rd & 4th                   | 19.97 | 15.96 | 11.95 |
| 5th to 8th                  | 15.96 | 11.95 | 7.94  |
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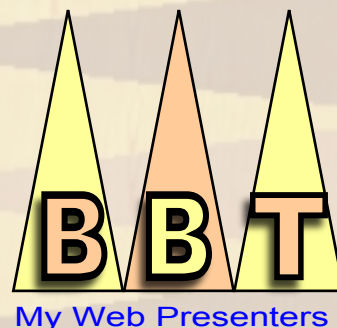
For the Last 8/16 of the Main, Consolation or Last Chance in each of the tour events, points are awarded as shown to the left. Event entrants gaining more than one award will only be awarded the higher score, they are not accrued.

A running points total and leader board will be published on the Biba web site following each event, and in the Bibafix upon publication. After the final event the player with the highest score will be awarded a cash prize (tba).

*Remember. There are no fees to pay to enter the BBT - the only fees you incur are those to enter each event. The BBT is not an official part of the above events (excepting those organised and run by Biba) but it is hoped that its involvement will result in more entrants for each event.*

## 2019 BBT Dates

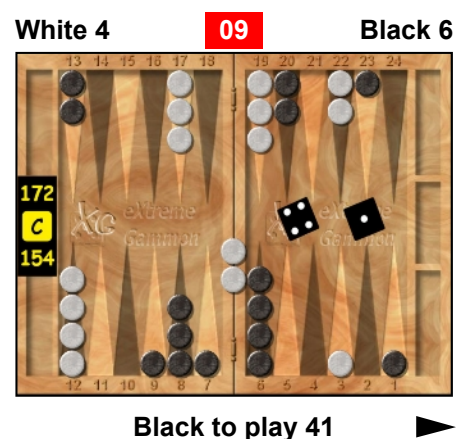
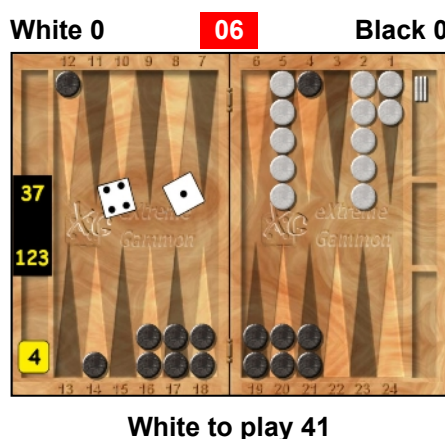
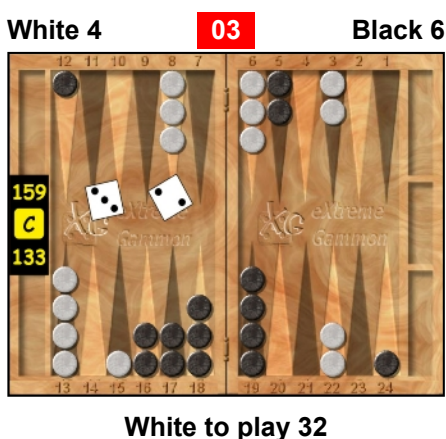
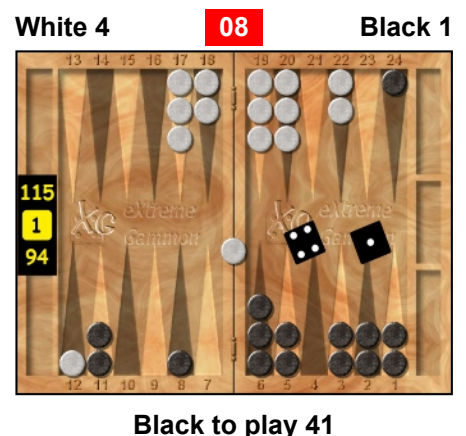
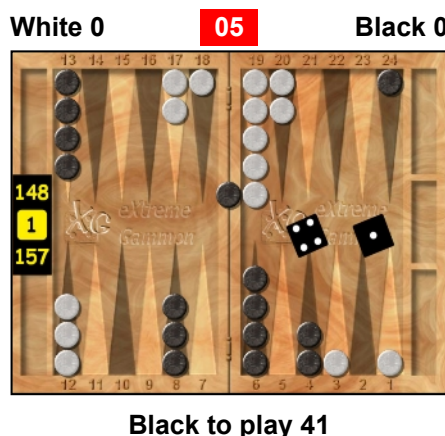
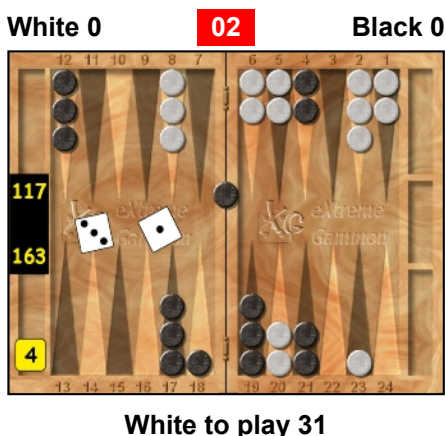
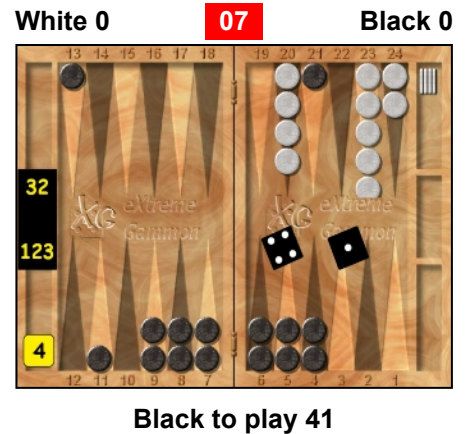
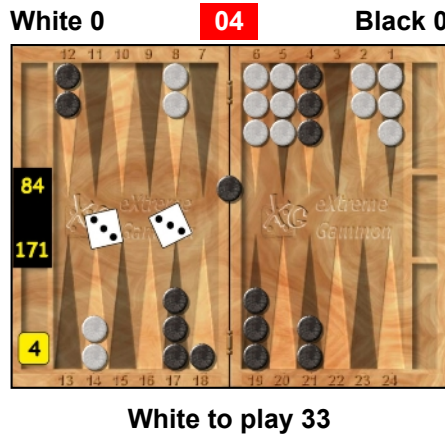
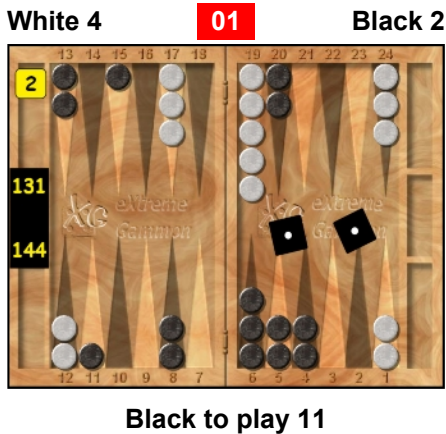
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To see the leader board and latest updates go to [www.backgammon-biba.co.uk/bbt2010](http://www.backgammon-biba.co.uk/bbt2010)

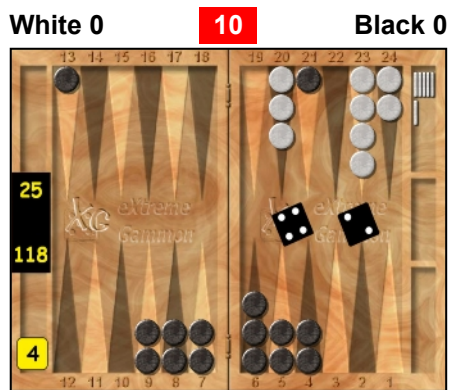
# OK at the UK CORRAL?

During the deciding 7-point match at the November UK Finals between Paul Christmas (b) and Simon Morecroft (w) there were some good, some bad and some ugly plays. Can you spot the correct play in the positions below?  
All will be revealed in February's issue of Bibafix.

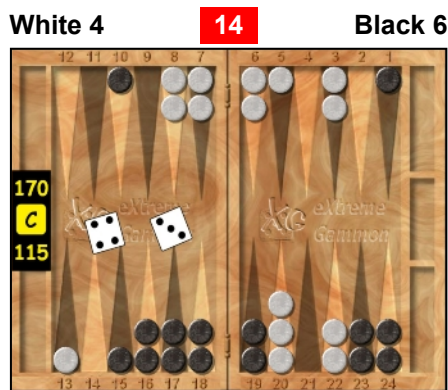


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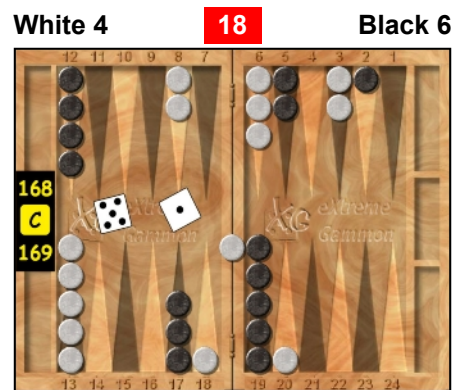




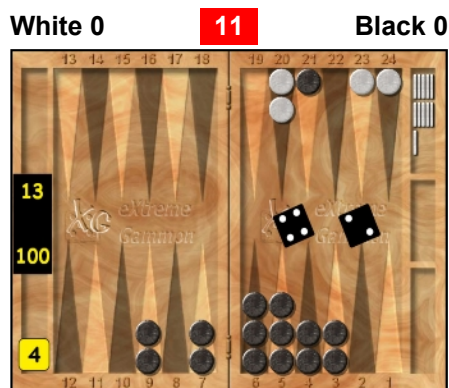
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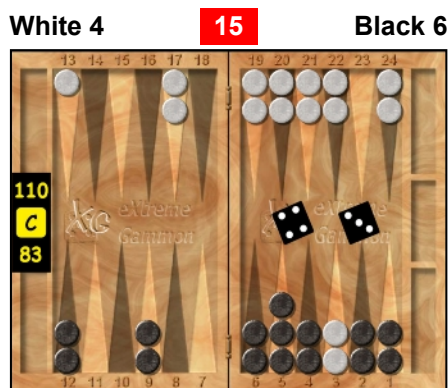
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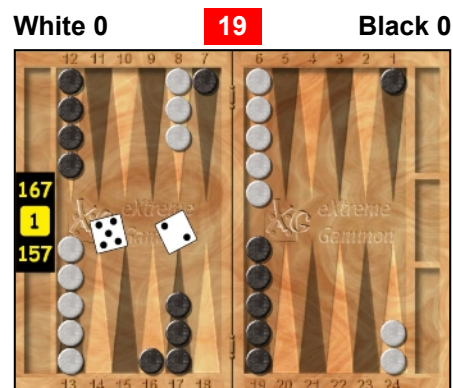
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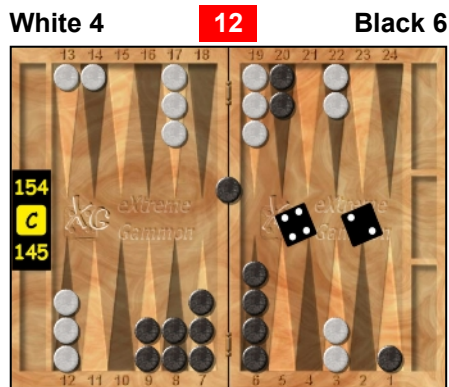
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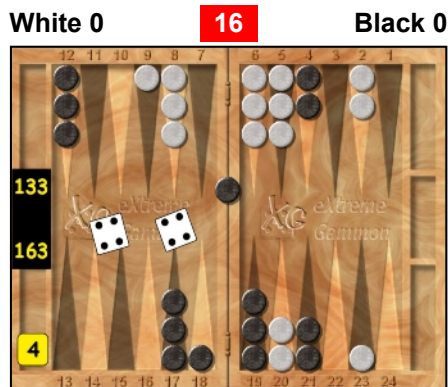
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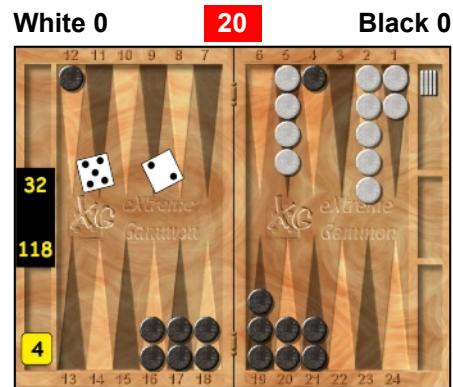
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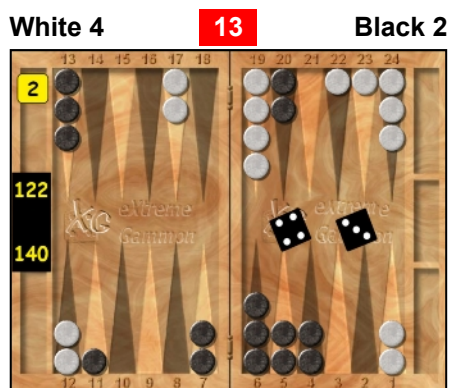
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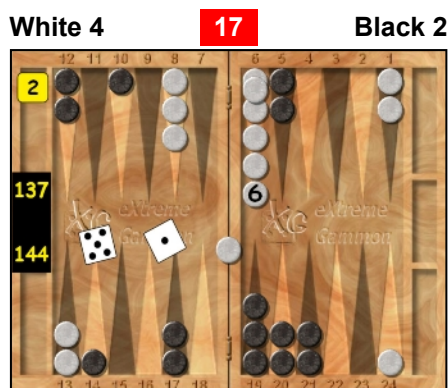
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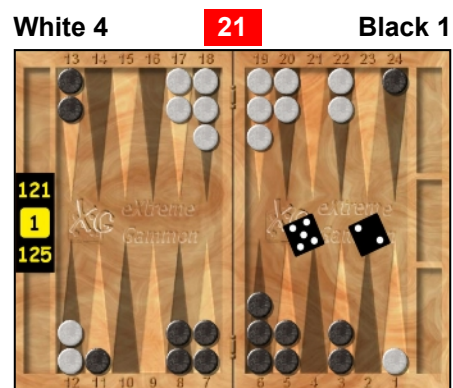
White to play 52



Black to play 43



White to play 51



Black to play 52



# Bright 'n' Breezy 11-13 January 2019

**Jurys Inn - 101 Stroudley Road, BN1 4DJ**

We're still in Brighton at the Jurys Inn, near the railway station where the usual four elements - Main KO, Consolation, Last Chance and The Tidal Wave - are there for your enjoyment throughout the weekend. On the Friday we have a Warm-up Knockout of £10 Entry (100% return) starting at 2130; and Doubles and Poker (subject to demand) Saturday evening. For those hi-rollers who fancy a jackpot



or two we shall be running an 8-Player Super Jackpot on the Saturday evening (subject to demand). Entry £250, £2000 to the winner.



## Pre-paid Registration Fees

**Biba Rate Guests: £20 — All others: £30**

**Sponsored by Paul Plumptre**

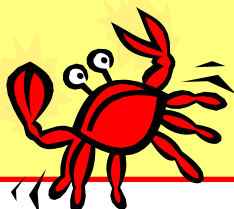
**Entry Fee £40 — 1st Prize: £1500**

(Min 38 players)

### Daily accommodation rates

£77 Dinner, Bed and Breakfast per room per night single occupancy

£129 Dinner, Bed and Breakfast per room per night double occupancy



*Plus, you save £10 per player on Registration*



### To avoid disappointment players must book their accommodation early

We have a limited number of rooms and our allocation cutoff date is six weeks prior to the event after which the rate and/or accommodation cannot be guaranteed. If you want to 'stay-& play' it is essential you book your accommodation before the allocation expires.

Call the hotel direct on +44 127 386 2121 and quote "Backgammon" or online at

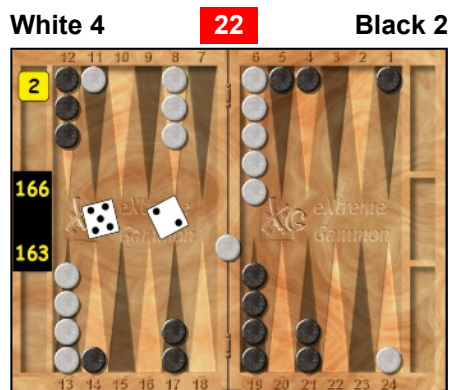
<https://www.jurysinns.com/hotels/brighton/rooms>

Input your dates first, then in the drop-down menu add the code JIDMEE110119. This takes you to the special Biba rates web page. Without the code you won't get the reduced rates negotiated on your behalf.

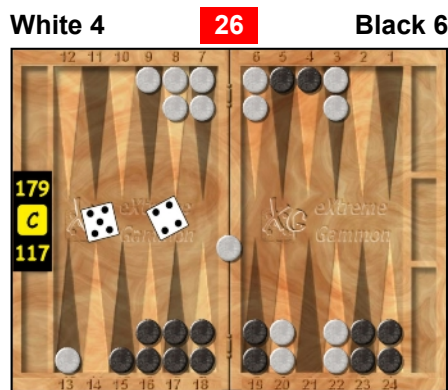
All accounts to be settled upon check-out. No pre-payment needed

**Limited Entry 128** To reserve your place in the event you need to pre-pay your Registration Fee to arrive at Biba HQ by 5 January, 2019. Payable by PayPal, Cheque, Bank Transfer or Cash at a prior Biba event. Please email [eventreg@backgammon-biba.co.uk](mailto:eventreg@backgammon-biba.co.uk) for full details stating your preferred method of payment. Entrants cancelling their Registration within 7 days of the event will forfeit their Registration Fee. A full list of entrants shall be posted to the [One-Stop](#) web page.

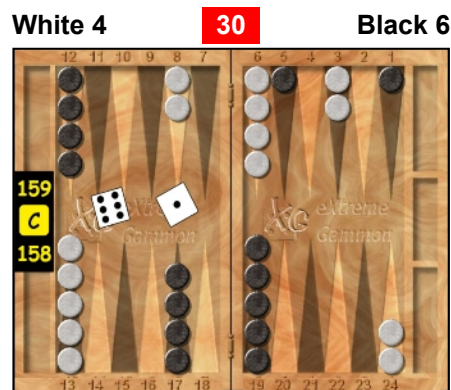
**NB: Registration Fee on the day will be £30 for all entrants who haven't pre-paid**



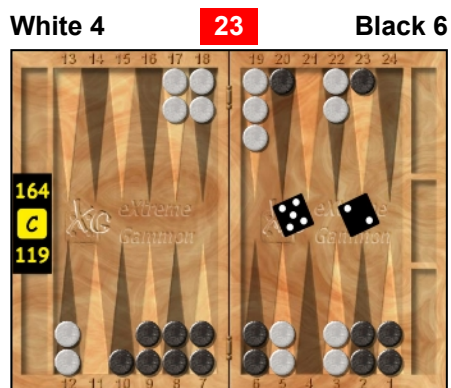
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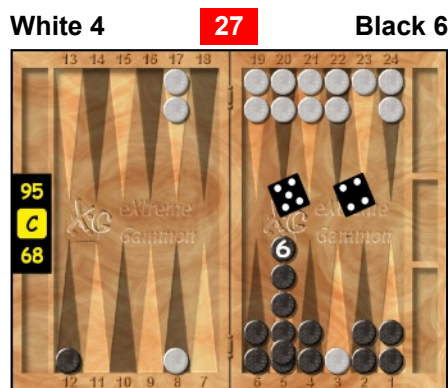
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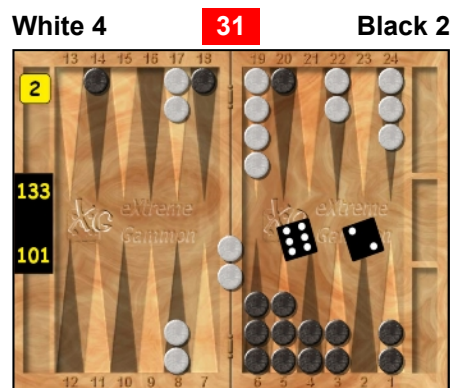
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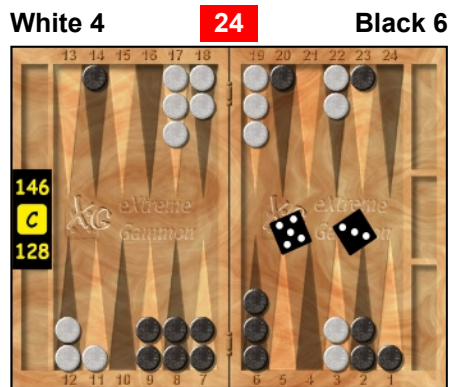
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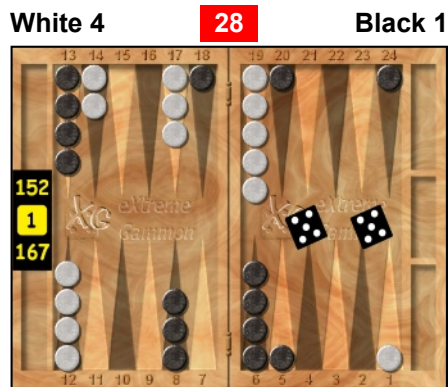
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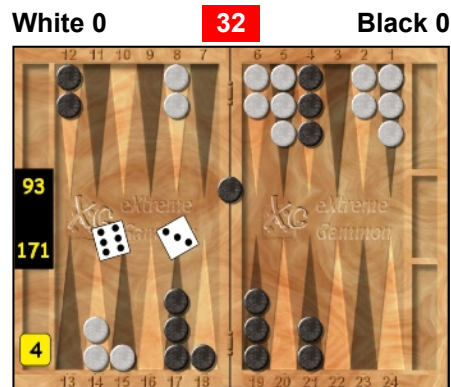
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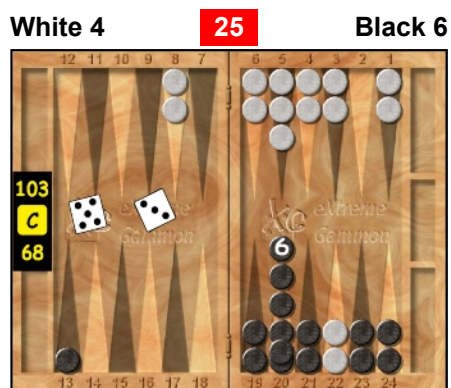
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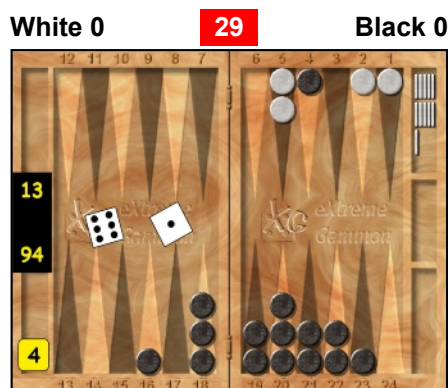
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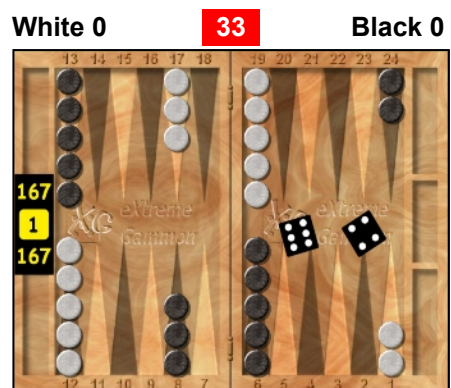
White to play 63



White to play 53



White to play 61



Black to play 64

White 4 **34** Black 6



White to play 64

White 0 **37** Black 0



Black cube action?

White 4 **39** Black 0



Black cube action?

White 4 **35** Black 1



Black to play 65

White 0 **38** Black 0



White cube action?

White 4 **40** Black 2



Black cube action?

White 4 **36** Black 6



White to play 66

Keep a record of your solutions and compare them with the write-up in February's issue of Bibafix.

In the meantime you can view/download the match file on the Biba website in [Games](#).

## BRIGHT 'N' BREEZY ACCOMMODATION UPDATE

It is now at the hotel's discretion to allow accommodation to be reserved at the special Biba Rate. Biba can no longer guarantee the rate or availability. See Page 10 on how to contact Jurys Inn to inquire about accommodation.

# Brighton Summer Open Backgammon tournament

15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**8 CUBE** Brighton  
Backgammon Club

07976 26460



## Masters, Advanced, Intermediate and beginners



**Venue**

*Brighton Grosvenor Casino*

Grand Junction, Brighton, Sussex, UK  
BN1 1PP

Tel: +44 1273 326514

Membership will be required to attendance and requires photo ID

**Thursday**  
**15<sup>th</sup> August**

12.00 Registration opens and the fun begins.  
Quarter Entries, mini jackpots, Welcome buffet  
**Warm up** **SUPER JACKPOT** **Speed-gammon**

**Friday**  
**16<sup>th</sup> August**

11.00 Registration opens  
Play resumes, Quarter Entries, mini jackpots  
**Masters, Advanced, Intermediate, Beginners**

**Saturday**  
**17<sup>th</sup> August**

11.00 Play resumes  
**Doubles Consulting** and side events  
**Texas Hold-em Poker Tournament**

**Sunday**  
**18<sup>th</sup> August**

11.00 Play resumes  
**Farewell to Brighton Last Chance** Last Chance  
Finals of all events and Prize Giving

Full schedule details subject to change and additions, refer to web site



Tournament Organiser: Tim Parfitt +44 7976 264260

Tournament staff: To be confirmed

[www.brightonsummeropen.com](http://www.brightonsummeropen.com)

Email: [brightonsummeropen@gmail.com](mailto:brightonsummeropen@gmail.com)

Correspondence address:

17 Malthouse Court, Lavender Street, Brighton, BN2 1LH, UK

# Brighton Summer Open 7 - 9 September 2018

## Entry Fees / Prizes

### Entry / Fees stated are in GB Pounds.

Fees will be accepted in Euros, EU prizes will be paid out in Euros/GBP as applicable at Friday 7th August mid bank rate

100% of all entry fees and Side Pools, will be returned as Prize Funds along with any added prize money from Sponsors

**Pre-registration advisable to ensure placing (Non-Refundable after 1st August 2019 unless places filled).**

Max Number of entries per event shown in (Brackets) Speed-gammon—(Players may re-enter as many times as they choose).

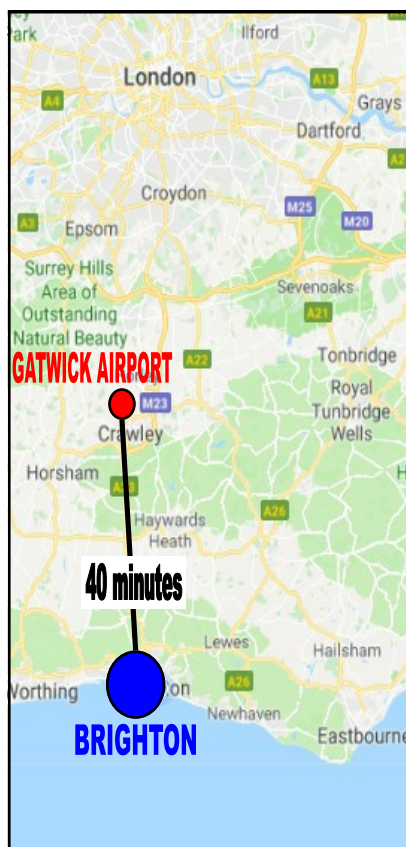
| Category Fees        | Max   | Sponsor | Added | Entry Fee | Reg  | Side Pools      |
|----------------------|-------|---------|-------|-----------|------|-----------------|
| Masters              | (128) | TBC     | TBC   | 150       | 50   | 200 / 100 / 50  |
| Advanced             | (64)  |         |       | 100       | 40   | 100 / 50 / 20   |
| Intermediate         | (64)  |         |       | 50        | 30   | 50 / 20 / 10    |
| Beginners            | (48)  |         |       | 20        | Free |                 |
| Warm up              | 128   |         |       | 30        | 5    | 50 / 20         |
| Farewell to Brighton | 64    |         |       | 30        | 10   | 50 / 20         |
| Speed-gammon         | (128) |         |       | 30        | 10   |                 |
| Doubles (per team)   | (32)  |         |       | 100       | 20   | 100 / 50 / 20   |
| Super Jackpot        | (32)  |         |       | 250       | 30   | 500 / 250 / 100 |

Please note the the Advanced category may need to be merged into the Masters and Intermediate depending on participation

8 player knockout Qualifiers for Masters, Advanced and Intermediate categories will be available from March 2019 to be played on Gridgammon. Quarter qualifiers will be available on both Thursday and Friday of the tournament.

4 / 8 Player Jackpots will be arranged on all days on demand, 87.5% return

The Venue does not have accommodation. There are however thousands of available rooms within a few minutes walk to cater to all budgets from Hotels, B&B is, YHAs, Backpacker Hostel, University and a AirBnB apartments. August is a very busy month so please book early to ensure spaces. If you would like any assistance please do not hesitate contacting the organiser. We will be trying to secure some special backgammon player rates nearby if possible so keep your eyes out for details.



### Travelling to Brighton

Brighton and Hove City is very accessible especially from London Gatwick Airport which is only 30 minutes by direct train. LGW has low cost airlines flying from most European destinations, Easyjet, Wizz-air, Norwegian etc, as well as from long-haul destinations. London is also only 60 minutes from Brighton.

If driving, Parking in Brighton can be costly however there are Free-Parking areas with 20 minute Bus routes to the city centre (set your Sat Nav to **BN3 6TN**).

August in Brighton is mid-summer and hopefully like 2018 beach weather so bring your swimsuits and enjoy the cosmopolitan culture of this great seaside resort.

Further added money and gift prizes will be added by sponsors or organisers.

Details of Tournament Bracket format for each category can be found on website and Facebook. UKBGF Rules will be adopted and Clocks preference will be imposed where applicable. (times/ delays may be adjusted to suit schedule) Schedule subject to change prior to event. Tournament committee will be selected. Penalty points will be imposed where applicable for players not seated for play as scheduled. Discounts of £5 will be given for registration before 1st March, 2019.



# Tournament Details 2019

**The Jurys Inn, 101 Stroudley Road, Brighton, BN1 4DJ**

**2019: Bright 'n' Breezy, 11-13 January**

Our first visit to this hotel last year was a complete success. We were very well looked after and the facilities and service were excellent. Situated close to the railway station it's a very convenient venue for those that arrive by train. There is a 600 space car park at the station.



**The Biba daily accommodation rates for Dinner, Bed & Breakfast are:**

**Brighton: £77 per room per night single - £129 per room per night double**

**Meriden: £80 per room per night single - £160 per room per night double**

**(Plus, you save £10 per player on Event Registration)**

**To reserve your room call the hotel direct on ...**

**Brighton: +44 (0)127 386 2121 or online at**

**<https://www.jurysinns.com/hotels/brighton/rooms> quoting "JIREDM110119"**

**Solihull: +44 (0)1676 522 735 quoting "Backgammon Association"**

**The Manor Hotel, Meriden, Solihull. Nr Birmingham Airport**

**British Open, 5-7 April**

The Best Western Plus®, Manor Hotel, 127 Main Road, Meriden, Solihull, CV7 7NH. A 4-star hotel that combines all of the picturesque beauty of the Warwickshire countryside with the convenience of major city links situated just 3 miles from BHX.



With an elegant Georgian façade, the Manor Hotel is one of the most visually impressive luxury hotels the area has to offer, boasting 112 comfortable bedrooms as well as two dining experiences, making it a perfect venue to host Biba's 'main event'. The British Open.

# THE BRITISH OPEN

Manor Hotel, Meriden, Solihull



Friday: 2100, Friday Warm-up £10 Entry (100% return)

Saturday ...

1030-1230: Event Desk - Pools & Entry Fee (if not pre-paid)

1300: Main Qualifier starts. Swiss 5 x 7 point matches

2100: Doubles. Jackpots.

2130: Poker sponsored by LiveCasino.com, £150 added prize money

Sunday ...

1030: Main Knockout 16/8 (Swiss 4 & 5 wins + 3 wins playoff)

1030: Progressive Consolation (Includes Main Rounds 1 & 2 losers using variable point match lengths 5 and 7)

1300: Last Chance (5 & 7 point matches)

## Pre-paid Registration: £15\*. Entry Fee: £40

\* Hotel guests on Biba rate. All others £25 on the day

## 1st Prize £1500 (subject to 38 entry)

The Biba daily accommodation rates for Dinner, Bed & Breakfast are:

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Solihull: +44 (0)1676 522 735 quoting "Backgammon Association"

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## THIS TOURNAMENT IS OPEN TO SPONSORS

Minimum requirement, purchase of trophies

# 2019 STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW

## Biba Membership 2019

Regardless of what month a member joins the fee is £15. Although all Biba tournaments are open to everyone (subject to event limits) only Biba Members will be allowed to enter the optional members-only side pools including the Winner-Takes-All. Only Members will be paid out in the Grand Prix Championship. Membership fees can be paid in one of four ways (sterling): Cheque payable to Biba. Cash at tournament. PayPal (you can safely use your Visa card) online. Bank Transfer (ask for details).

## Bibafix Magazine 2019

From 2019 the Bibafix will be available in PDF format as a free download available for all.

**All tournaments require Pre-paid Registration.** (See [Forthcoming](#) & [One-Stop](#) on the Biba web site)

## January 11-13: The Bright 'n' Breezy - Venue: Jurys Inn, (near the railway station) Brighton

Limited to 128 entry, straight Knockout with Semi-Progressive Consolation, Last Chance and 3-pointer.

## April 5-7: The British Open - Venue: Manor Hotel, Meriden, Solihull

Limited to 64 players. Entrants will play a Swiss 5 x 7pt qualifying matches on the Saturday with the Top 16 going into the Main 1st Round Sunday morning. Also includes a Semi-Progressive Consolation and Last Chance.

There is a Free Entry Warm-up on the Friday evening: £10 entry (100% return) in which Grand Prix points are awarded which are added to the weekend's GP points.

The **Grand Prix Championship** includes all entrants in Biba and BBT tournaments, members and non-members, and each shall gain GP points in the Main and Consolation and Last Chance with the highest score of the three being the award for that tournament. NB: Added to this award will be points gained in Saturday Swiss qualifying events (Biba, and non-Biba tournaments subject to full results being posted).

At the end of the year the player at the top of the listing in the Grand Prix Championship will receive a monetary award which will be awarded at the January 2020 Bright 'n' Breezy tournament.

The **Biba Backgammon Tour** will continue with the January and April Biba tournaments included in the list along with non-Biba tournaments. New for the 2019 season is the addition of including the Last Chance (or similar). The points award has been revised and can be seen on Page 2.

After the final BBT event (usually Irish Open or the Sussex Cup) the player with the highest score will be awarded a cash prize which will be awarded at the January 2020 Bright 'n' Breezy tournament.

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*NB: If you know of any other tournaments that would like to be included let us know.*

FOR ADDITIONAL 2019 INFORMATION REGARDING BIBA RATE ACCOMMODATION  
AND TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE PLEASE GO TO ['ONE-STOP'](#) ON THE BIBA WEB PAGES

# Forthcoming Non-Biba Backgammon Tournaments

(All include Biba Grand Prix and Biba Backgammon Tour points)

**2019**  
**Cork Open** <http://www.corkbackgammon.com>  
**BACKGAMMON**  
**Tournament** 28 Feb - 3 Mar

The Lakes Backgammon Championship  
 tba 2019  
 Windermere's Cedar Manor Hotel  
<http://www.cedarmanor.co.uk/backgammon-championship-lake-district>

**Blackpool Imperial Cup**  
 Friday 7th - Sunday 9th June 2019  
 Imperial Hotel, North Promenade, Blackpool.  
<http://blackpoolimperialcup.weebly.com>

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 The Liverpool Open 13-14 July 2019  
 Leo Casino, 44 Chaloner Street, Liverpool L3 4BF  
 Full details and entry form  
[www.liverpoolbackgammon.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolbackgammon.co.uk)

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| BBT & GP                                                       | Date           | Event                                          | Type     |
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| Both                                                           | Feb 8-10       | Cotswolds Invitational                         | Non-Biba |
| Both                                                           | Feb 28 - Mar 3 | Cork Open                                      | Non-Biba |
| Both                                                           | Mar tba        | Lakes Backgammon Championship                  | Non-Biba |
| Both                                                           | Apr 5-7        | British Open (available to sponsor)            | Biba     |
| Both                                                           | Jun 7-9        | Blackpool Imperial Cup                         | Non-Biba |
| Both                                                           | Jul 13-14      | Liverpool Open                                 | Non-Biba |
| Both                                                           | Oct tba        | Irish Open                                     | Non-Biba |
| Both                                                           | Nov tba        | The Sussex Cup                                 | Non-Biba |



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