

Yorkshire Backgammon Championship

£500 added

Saturday and Sunday 9th and 10th December 2017

Maximum 32 entrants**

Registration £5 Entry Fee £40 (includes Main, Consolation and Last Chance entry)

Total Prize Money (£1280 + £500* added) = £1780

Allocation of Prizes*

<u>Main Competition</u>		<u>Consolation</u>		<u>Last Chance</u>		<u>Swiss</u>	
Winner	£725* + trophy	Winner	£180	Winner	£100	5 Wins	£100
Runner Up	£225* + trophy	Runner Up	£60	Runner Up	£40	4 Wins (5)	£30
Losing Semi's	£40 (each)	Losing Semi's	£20 (each)				
Losing Qtr's	£20 (each)						

*To encourage participation at Bradford the £500 added will be divided as follows:

£250 to be shared 75% to the winner 25% to the runner up

£250 to be shared by the highest finishing players that have attended a minimum of 3 prior Bradford tournaments throughout 2017. 75% to the highest finisher 25% to the 2nd highest finisher.

Format and Schedule

Saturday 9th December 12 noon start (Draw will be made at 11.45am)

Format - Swiss with a Twist (now to be known as Swist)

On the Saturday all players will play 5 x 7pt matches to determine ranking and KO stage advantage.

Once completed a ranking table will be determined based on the results and using "goal difference" for those finishing with an equal amount of wins. If still tied a random draw will determine ranking.

Advantage for doing well in the Swiss matches:-

The top eight in the ranking table will be seeded in the KO stage so will avoid contact with each other until the quarter finals providing they make it through. The number of wins achieved in the Swiss will increase your chances in the first two rounds of the KO stage by way of a seeded draw and points start using the formula - (Your number of wins) minus (your opponents number of wins) equals (number of points start in KO stage rounds one and two). **Example** - Player with 4 wins in Swiss against player with 1 win in Swiss will receive a 3 point start in KO stage rounds 1 and 2.

Sunday 10th December 10.30am start

Format - KO stage - Main (11pts), Consolation (9pts), Last Chance (7pts)

On the Sunday all players will join the KO stage. The draw will be determined by the Swiss ranking table. Rounds 1 and 2 will give an advantage to those players with more wins than their opponent from the swiss stage (see above). First round losers will then take part in the 9pt consolation bracket. 2nd round losers in the main and 1st round losers in consolation will then take part in the 7pt last chance event.

Rules

****Entry Details:-**

The tournament is open to all players. Places will be given on a "first come, first served basis". However preference will be given to those players that have previously attended the Bradford monthly event at least 3 times in the current year. For example, if a player who has attended Bradford 3 times this year is the 33rd to enter they will get a place if there is a player in the first 32 to enter who hasn't attended 3 Bradford events this year. Should this occur registration/entry fees already paid will be refunded.

Registration and Entry Fees must be received by 30th November 2017. These can be paid in cash to myself, Kev Jones, Mark Calderbank or by bank transfer (details will be supplied for this option). Should there be a genuine reason for non-attendance after payment is received the registration/entry fees will be refunded providing your place can be taken by another player. Optional side pools to be paid on the day.

Legal moves only:- Tournament will use UKBGF rules

(http://ukbgf.com/wp-content/uploads/16draft_clean_rj_Tournament-Rules-UKBGF_Edition-1.pdf)

Clocks:-

Clocks (subject to availability) in rounds one of the swiss and KO stages may be used if both players agree or if deemed necessary by tournament directors.

In subsequent rounds, the last 50% of matches to start will be on the clock.

If at any time, the Tournament Directors consider that a match is being played at an unreasonably slow pace, the remainder of the match shall be played using a game clock.

Where the hell is he/she?:-

Any player not available to play when their opponent is will incur penalty points (see UKBGF rules section 2.2 (iv) unless previously agreed with tournament directors.

If any additional rulings are required then these will be handled by the Tournament Director and selected experienced players at the tournament.

Other Things

Optional Xmas Dinner in the Casino:-

I have provisionally reserved 28 places on the Saturday evening but may be able to increase this if needed. The price is £28 per person and includes 3 course meal, free drink and free £5 gaming chip. Please see accompanying page for full details.

Accommodation:-

I have brokered a deal (20% discount) with the Midland Hotel in the centre of Bradford for those wishing to stay over. Once again please see accompanying page for full details.

FREE! - FREE! - FREE! (for all players)

£5 Bet Voucher for Roulette or Blackjack

Drink Voucher (value up to £3.50)

Hot Buffet (chicken wings, samosas, bhajis, kebabs and more)

Tea, Coffee, Soft Drinks, Toasties and Sandwiches

Dinner and Accommodation Details

Xmas Dinner

For those wishing to have dinner in the casino restaurant on the Saturday evening (fantastic value!) I have provisionally reserved 25 places but may be able to increase this if needed. The price is £28 per person and includes 3 course meal, free drink and free £5 gaming chip.

Menu

Starters

Tomato & pimento soup, basil oil
Chicken & duck liver pate, toasted sour dough bread, beetroot and horseradish relish
Prawn & crayfish cocktail, smoked salmon crème fraiche, buttered bloomer
Creamy garlic mushrooms with smoked cheddar, ciabatta croute & rocket
Duo of melon with exotic fruits, passion fruit & mango coulis

Mains

Roast turkey with all the traditional trimmings
Shank of lamb slowly braised with clementine, red wine & rosemary
Chargrilled sirloin steak, parsnip bubble & squeak, port wine sauce
Grilled fillet of sea bass, crab & chive risotto, saffron veloute
Roasted butternut squash stuffed with chilli marinated goat's cheese, sun blush tomatoes & spinach
A selection of vegetables & potatoes

Desserts

Christmas pudding with rum sauce
Chocolate brownie, cinder toffee ice cream, butterscotch sauce
Vanilla panna cotta, spiced apple puree, ginger & cinnamon cookie
A selection of cheese with celery, fruit & biscuits

Please enter your preference on the entry form if you wish to partake.

Accommodation

For those needing accommodation I have brokered a deal with the Midland Hotel in the centre of Bradford as follows:-

Standard double/twin - Normal price £75.00 Our price £62.50
Standard single room - Normal price £67.50 Our price £57.50
Prices above are room only. Full English breakfast optional at £5 per person

Free onsite car park, Free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel, two bars (one serving real ales) and 24 hour room service. The hotel is only 0.3 miles from the casino.

To book ring 01274 735735 and mention "Backgammon" to get special price. No deposit required and free cancellation with 24 hours notice.

<http://www.peelhotels.co.uk/hotels/midland-hotel-bradford-yorkshire-england/> for more information