

Entry Form 2018 Silicon Valley Open

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

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Event	Deposit	In Full	Side Pool
Masters Jackpot 2pm	\$80	\$450	\$150
Masters Jackpot 6:30pm	\$80	\$450	\$150
Limited Jackpot 2pm	\$40	\$200	\$70
Limited Jackpot 7pm	\$40	\$200	\$70
Open	\$40	\$300	\$100
Advanced	\$30	\$150	\$50
Novice	\$10	\$40	

\$25 Registration Fee if registering after Aug. 21, 2018; please register before.

Total submitted: \$ _____

Make check payable to and Mail to:

Ken Bame
8177 Merion Dr.
Newark, Ca. 94560
(Must be postmarked by Aug 21th, 2018)

-Masters "49er Gold Rush": High equity, single elimination, all matches CLOCKED, 3 rounds on Friday, 11pts. Early start at 2pm. Late start at 6:30pm on Friday.

-Limited Jackpot: High equity, open to players not of high championship level, single elimination. 3 rounds on Friday, 7pts. Early start at 2pm. Late start at 7pm on Friday.

-Open - Swiss: Open to all players, Swiss pairings will continue until there is only one player with fewer than 3 losses. All matches CLOCKED (see Game Clocks).

-Advanced - Swiss: Our middle division, Swiss pairings will continue until there is only one player with fewer than 3 losses. No entrant will be allowed to play below his/her level.

-Novice: Open to players with minimal skill level & tournament experience, plus approval of our eligibility committee. Register or call for approval.

-Doubles: Open to all players, brackets of 8 teams. All matches CLOCKED.

-Older and Wiser versus Young Guns: 2 brackets; born before 10/23/1952 (Old) and on or after (Young), continuous entry, 7-pt matches. Finals will be between winners of both brackets. **\$150 added money.**

-Blitzes: Brackets of 4, winner gets \$60 and secures a "playoff" spot for Monday. **\$75 added money.**

-Ted Chee Bounty 2-point Mini Match: Continuous entry; \$10 bounty for everyone beating Ted Chee. **\$150 added money.**

See www.siliconvalleyopenbg.com for more information on Swiss Format.

Courtyard by Marriott Silicon Valley

We have a preferred group rate:
Single Occupancy: \$110.00
Double Occupancy: \$130.00
(No resort fee, free wifi and parking)

Our event hotel has a cut-off date of **Aug 16, 2018**. Make your hotel reservations early to ensure you get a guaranteed room. RESERVE NOW and cancel later, if necessary.

Make your reservations directly at the phone number below or go to www.siliconvalleyopenbg.com and click on "Hotel" then "Book Reservation" (easiest).

Reservations: 408-383-3700 – Request "Silicon Valley Open" for the group rate. (They do not know "backgammon".)

Courtyard by Marriott Silicon Valley

111 Holger Way, San Jose, CA 95134

Transportation

Free 5-minute shuttle ride from San Jose International Airport (SJC) to hotel.

General Driving Directions

DRIVING-- From 880:
Take ramp for CA-237 West toward Mtn View
1.5 mi - Take exit for Zanker Road
0.3 mi - Turn left onto Zanker Rd
0.3 mi - Turn right onto Holger Way
0.7 mi - Turn right to stay on Holger Way
0.2 mi – Courtyard by Marriott will be on your right.

If you reach N 1st St, you've gone too far.



**Swiss Format
Labor Day Weekend
Aug. 31 – Sept. 3, 2018
San Jose, CA**

\$375 Added Money

**Courtyard by Marriott
Silicon Valley**

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Entry Fee	Return	Points	Start Time
Masters 49er Gold Rush			
\$450	90%	11 Pts	Fri 2 & 6:30pm
Limited Jackpot			
\$200	85%	9 Pts	Fri 2 & 7pm
Open			
\$300	85%	9 Pts	Sat 11am
Advanced			
\$150	80%	7 Pts	Sat 11:30am
Novice			
\$40	100%	5 Pts	Sat 2pm
Doubles Team			
\$200	80	7 Pts	Fri 8pm
Blitzes			
\$40	80%	5 Pts	Fri 1pm
Seniors versus Youth			
\$50	80%	7 Pts	Fri 3pm
Ted Chee Bounty 2 point Mini Match			
\$20	80%	2 Pts	Fri 1pm
JACKPOTS			
\$50-\$300	80%	7 Pts	Monday

Tournament Director reserves the right to refuse entry to any person.

Side Pools: There will be side pools available (Masters, Limited Jackpot, Open, Doubles, & Advanced): 100% return going to the two players in each pool who go the furthest in the event (2/3 to 1st & 1/3 to 2nd).

GAME CLOCKS: All matches will be CLOCKED in the Open & Masters (12sec/2min) & Doubles (18sec/2.5min). At the Tournament Director's discretion, clocks may be required in other matches.

***** **SCHEDULE** *****

Fri, Aug. 31st	11am	Registration opens (—Cash only for registration on-site—)
	1pm	2-point Minis (continuous) & Blitzes: 4-player brackets. (5 pts) ---available all four days
	2pm	Masters/Limited 'Early start', 3 rounds Friday
	3pm	Seniors versus Youth 7pts continuous entry
	6:30	Masters Late start, 3 rounds Fri
	7pm	Limited Late start, 3 rounds Fri.
	8pm	Doubles start continuous entries
	11:45	No more matches started
	Sat, Sept 1st	10am
10:30		Public drawings both divisions
11am		Open 1st round of play
11:30		Advanced 1st round of play
1pm		Projected 2 nd round
2pm		Novice Start
5 - 7		Dinner break
7pm		Play continues all divisions
11:45		No more matches started
Sun, Sept 2nd	10am	Play continues for all divisions
	3pm	Final doubles registration
	5-7	Dinner break
	7pm	Play resumes
	7pm	Blitzes/2-point minis/etc. continued
Mon, Sept 3d	10am	Play continues for all divisions
	11am	Blitz Playoffs start
	11:30	2-pt mini match finals
	1pm	Jackpots \$50, 100, 300 ..?
	3pm	All events should be finished

Notes: - **Non-Smoking Tournament** -DEPOSIT amounts or full payments for Masters, Limited Jackpot and Main divisions must be postmarked by Aug 21th, 2018. The remainder is due at final registration, FRIDAY NIGHT, in Cash only (fully refundable up to the time of the draws).

Tournament Format

Players will be eliminated when they get their fourth loss.

Byes will be treated as wins.

Swiss pairings will continue until there is only one player with fewer than 3 losses.

Players with 3 losses are still eligible to cash, but can no longer win the tournament.

In the Advanced division, all players with three or fewer losses at the end of round 9 will cash.

In the Championship division, all players with three or fewer losses at the end of round 10 will cash.

Players eliminated in the same round will be awarded the same payout position, with ties combined and split equally.

Pairing Rules

No player can receive a second bye until all remaining players have had at least one bye. Byes are awarded to a player with the worst possible record.

Two players will not play each other in consecutive rounds unless they are the last two players with fewer than three losses.

Players will be paired against players with as similar a record as possible.

Players will be paired against players they have not played in previous rounds.

If a player has played a previous round against an opponent with a better record, they will not be paired against a player with a better record again. If a player has played a previous round against an opponent with a worse record, they will not be paired against a player with a worse record again.

Note that as the number of remaining players decreases, the pairing rules become harder to enforce and we will relax them from the bottom up.

Director: Ken Bame
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 Email: KenBame@gmail.com
 Website: siliconvalleyopenbg.com

CELL PHONES must be SILENT while matches are in progress. Infractions may cost a penalty point. Please leave the playing room before answering a vibrating phone call.

Any match that is holding up the tournament flow is likely to have a clock inserted. Director's decision is final.

We are a U.S. Backgammon Federation "Prime Tournament" with \$375 added money. You must be a member of the USBGF to be eligible to win the added money. Please support our growing organization for backgammon players.

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