

2009 Carolina Invitational

Events

Conditions

Entry Form

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:		
Email:		

Please check Division & Events	Entry Fee	Late fee*
<input type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Side Pool	\$ 225 \$100	\$15
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced <input type="checkbox"/> Side Pool	\$ 125 \$50	\$10
<input type="checkbox"/> Novice	\$ 40	-0-
<input type="checkbox"/> Queen City Cup <input type="checkbox"/> Side Pool Start: <input type="checkbox"/> 2:00 <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00	\$ 400 \$100	-0-
<input type="checkbox"/> Cardinal Classic <input type="checkbox"/> Side Pool Start: <input type="checkbox"/> 2:00 <input type="checkbox"/> 7:00	\$ 100 \$50	-0-
<input type="checkbox"/> Doubles <input type="checkbox"/> Side Pool Partner**: _____	\$ 140 \$60	-0-

* Late fee applies to main event entries received after Wednesday, January 7th, 2009.

** MUST have partner to pre-register for doubles

Open (minimum \$25)	\$ _____
Advanced (minimum \$25)	\$ _____
Queen City Cup (minimum \$50)	\$ _____
Cardinal Classic (minimum \$25)	\$ _____
Deposit Enclosed	\$ _____

(Entries from outside the U.S. do not require a deposit)

Return Entry Form with check or money order payable to:

Jeb Horton
2217-D Matthews Township Parkway #128
Matthews, NC 28105

Open (EF \$225, 90% return - Trophy) Single elimination with progressive Consolation and Last Chance. 11 point matches. Optional \$100 side pool. This is a **"Clocks Allowed"** event.

Advanced (EF \$125, 85% return - Trophy) Single elimination with progressive Consolation and Last Chance. 9 point matches. Optional \$50 side pool.

Novice (EF \$40, 85% return - Trophy) Double-elimination with progressive consolation.

Queen City Cup (EF \$400, 90% return - Trophy) Single elimination, 13-point matches. Optional \$100 side pool (100% return). Play begins Friday. Please indicate early or late start time. If playing in Doubles, you must enter the early start. This is a **"Clocks Allowed"** event.

Cardinal Classic (EF \$100, 85% return - Trophy) Single elimination, 11-point matches. Limited to players who have not cashed at the Open or Masters level. Optional \$50 side pool (100% return). Play begins Friday. Please indicate early or late start time. If playing in Doubles, you must enter the early start.

Doubles (EF \$140/team, 80% return - Trophy) Single elimination with 7 point matches. Optional \$60 side pool (100% return). You MUST have a partner to register in advance. Registration at the tournament is also allowed.

Quickie Knockout (EF \$20, 80% return) Two-point matches, starting Friday afternoon and continuing through Sunday.

Blitz Tournament (EF \$40, 80% return) Five-point matches. Players drawn into groups of four. Each group winner gets \$60 and a spot in the Saturday night playoff. Playoff is single-elimination, winner-take-all.

Skunk Dice
Take a shot at the high score, but don't skunk out! One free entry per person. Additional entries \$5. Top six qualify for the "Skunk-Off" Sunday morning with winner getting \$50 and a "special" prize. All proceeds go to charity.

- The Carolina Invitational is by invitation only. Any entry may be refused with no reason given.
- The director reserves the right to disallow any player to play below his or her skill level.
- All matches will be played according to the United States Backgammon Tournament Rules & Procedures (January, 2008) and, when necessary, the Unified Backgammon Tournament Clock Rules (October, 2007)
- Byes will be randomly awarded by public draw.
- Posted match times will be strictly adhered to. Penalty points may be awarded any time a player is late or leaves the playing area without signing out.
- Time clocks (with Bronstein controls) will be used any time the director feels it is necessary in order to keep the tournament on schedule.
- In **"Clocks Allowed"** events, either player may require that a clock be used.
- All deposits are fully refundable up until 10:30pm on Friday, January 16th, 2009.
- Only cash will be accepted after Wednesday, January 7th, 2009.
- The 2009 Carolina Invitational is a **non-smoking** event. Two five-minute smoking breaks may be taken **between games** of a match.
- Cell phones must be turned off while playing! There should be no phone conversations in the playing room, even by spectators.
- Playing matches in any sort of electronic format is not allowed.
- The director reserves the right to change the format of any event to maximize the experience for the players.

Director Jeb Horton
Assistant Director Robin Horton

For more information, contact Jeb Horton:
704-651-2949 or jeb@carolina.rr.com

Or go to our website:
<http://CarolinaBackgammon.com>

Schedule

Friday, January 16

- 1:00 pm Registration opens
- 2:00 pm Queen City Cup and Cardinal Classic early start
- 2:30 pm Warm-up jackpots -- \$25 and \$50
- 7:00 pm Queen City Cup and Cardinal Classic late start
- 7:30 pm Doubles begins
- 10:30 pm Registration closes

Saturday, January 17

- 9:00 am Final Registration Opens
- 10:15 am Registration Closes
- 10:30 am PLAYER AUCTION for Open and Advanced players
- 12:00 pm PLAY BEGINS – all Divisions
- 5:15 pm Dinner Break
- 7:30 pm PLAY RESUMES – all Divisions
- 8:30 pm Blitz playoff begins

Sunday, January 18

- 9:30 am FINALS – Skunk Dice
- 10:00 am PLAY RESUMES – all Divisions
- 2:00 pm FINALS – All Divisions

Past Open Division Winners:

- 2008 – **Bob Koca**
- 2007 – **Paul Weaver**
- 2006 – **Ken Fischer**
- 2005 – **Phil Simborg**
- 2004 – **Gregg Cattanach**
- 2003 – **Ron Sanders**
- 2002 – **Emil Mortuk**
- 2001 – **Greg Lilley**

Past Queen City Cup Winners:

- 2008 – **Stick Rice**
- 2007 – **Herb Gurland**
- 2006 – **Perry Gartner**
- 2005 – **Stuart Thomson**
- 2004 – **Stuart Thomson**
- 2003 – **Paul Weaver**
- 2002 – **Gregg Cattanach**
- 2001 – **Jeb Horton**

One of the nicest venues on the ABT!

Hilton – University Place
8629 J M Keynes Drive
Charlotte, NC 28262
704-547-7444
1-800-HILTONS



Located in the University area (Northeast Charlotte), the Hilton features:

- Spacious, comfortable guest rooms
- FREE high-speed internet access in every room
- Lakefront Restaurant & Lounge
- Fitness and Business centers
- Beautiful lake with walking trail
- Over 20 restaurants within walking distance
- Plenty of shopping within walking distance
- One of the largest shopping malls in North Carolina just 2 exits down I-85

Playing area features:

- Nearly 5000 ft² of well-lit playing space
- Tables spaced a minimum of six feet apart
- Smaller playing room open 24hrs

The \$71 room rate is guaranteed to be the lowest available rate. Please make reservations directly with the hotel. Book by **Wednesday, Dec 17th, 2008** to be sure of getting the \$71 rate. If you book through the 800 number, be sure to mention **“Carolina Invitational”** – the agent may not find the rate if you just say “Backgammon.”

Directions:

From I-85, take exit 45A (W. T. Harris Blvd). The Hilton is on the left, about ¼ mile from the highway.

From the airport, take I-85 North. The hotel is about 20 minutes from the airport.

Presenting the 9th Annual

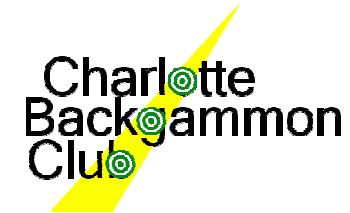
Carolina Invitational

January 16 - 18, 2009
Hilton – University Place
Charlotte, NC

Featuring:

Open, Advanced & Novice divisions
Queen City Cup
Cardinal Classic
and Skunk Dice!

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The Carolina Invitational is proud to be part of the American Backgammon Tour



Nothing could be finer!