

## Norwood backgammon night is a thriller

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The first tournament of **Norwood's Backgammon Series 2** got off to an explosive start on the evening of **Monday 29 January** as 32 competitors went head to head at luxurious restaurant Hush in Central London. The event, the first of five heats taking place throughout the year leading up to a Grand Final in November, **raised £16,500** for the UK's leading Jewish charity for children and families.

The evening began with a meal and wine, after which the players got down to the serious business at hand. The matches were played in near silence, aside from the occasional sigh or chuckle at the fickle fortunes of the dice. Following almost six hours of intense play, **David Pears** won the first prize of £1,500, defeating David Tucker, who received £500. Both players generously donated prize money back to Norwood. The evening was rounded off by an auction, which featured a pair of tickets to the Carling Cup semi final second leg between Arsenal and Tottenham that went for £600!

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*Mark Pollack, Daniel Flesch, Deborah Swanwick, Danny Cohen, John Broomfield  
(The Backgammon Committee)*

**Michelle Lassman, Norwood Community Fundraiser, said:** "It has been a really successful evening and a great start to this year's Norwood Backgammon Series. I would like to thank all of our players and our sponsor, the Pears Foundation. Tickets are running out fast for our next Backgammon tournament on 19 March, so I suggest you contact Norwood now."

Following the success of last year's Backgammon Series 1, Norwood, is holding five qualifying tournaments in 2007, between 29 January and 10 September. Thirty-two players can take part in each of the tournaments, which cost £250 to enter. The series culminates in a Grand Final on 26 November. The winner of the Grand Final will receive £2,000, with £1,000 for second place and £500 for third place.

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*Mark Pollack and David Pears*

The top three players from each qualifying tournament will win prizes ranging from £250-£1,500, and will also book their place in the Grand Final. Each event will take place at luxurious Mayfair restaurant hush, and, win or lose, participants are guaranteed a fabulous evening, complete with canapes and wine. The professionally-run tournaments, which run from 6.30pm-11.30pm, will offer players the opportunity to mix social networking with fierce competition.

To ensure that you don't miss out, contact Sue Harris, Norwood Community & YN Administrator, on 020 8420 6823 or [sue.harris@norwood.org.uk](mailto:sue.harris@norwood.org.uk). Full details can be found by clicking here...

### Tournament dates:

**Tournament 1:** Monday 29 January 2007, 6.30pm -11.30pm

**Tournament 2:** Monday 19 March 2007, 6.30pm -11.30pm

**Tournament 3:** Monday 21 May 2007, 6.30pm -11.30pm

**Tournament 4:** Monday 9 July 2007, 6.30pm -11.30pm

**Tournament 5:** Monday 10 September 2007, 6.30pm -11.30pm

Grand Final: Monday 26 November 2007, 6.30pm -11.30pm

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