

Transportation

The Kimpton Hotel Fontenot is located at 501 Tchoupitoulas Street in New Orleans, Louisiana. Telephone: 1.504.571.1818

Louis Armstrong International Airport

Taxis, rideshare options, and public transit services are available. The taxi stand is located directly outside of the airport on Level 1. Fares are \$36 each way for one or two people. Three people or more are \$14 each. There is a \$1 per bag fee. This fare is good from the airport to anywhere in the city of New Orleans! The rate is regulated by the city, but is subject to change. Average drive time from the airport to downtown is 20 minutes.

Ride Sharing

You can easily order an Uber or Lyft when you land at the airport. Located on level 1, there is a designated spot for rideshare pick-ups directly outside of baggage claim. Trips to and from the airport with start and end locations in Orleans Parish are a minimum of \$36.

Fontenot Valet Parking

Those driving in or choosing to rent a car should be aware that overnight valet parking rates may be higher than expected. The Kimpton Hotel Fontenot's regular rate is \$52 per day with in & out privileges. We have a limited number of discounted rates for hotel guests attending the tournament. Contact us.

Public Parking Facilities

Numerous city and private parking lots are available adjacent to the Fontenot, offering both covered and uncovered parking. Prices start from \$39 per day.

Getting Around New Orleans

Travel Via the Historic Streetcar System

New Orleans' streetcar system is a charming way to explore the city, and you can easily rent bikes, hop a bus, take a ferry, or call a pedicab whenever you need to!

Explore the City with a Jazzy Pass

Visit norta.com/ride-with-us to pay your fare on RTA buses, streetcars, and ferries. When you wish to begin using your pass, simply dip it into the fare machine at the time you board a bus or streetcar. An unlimited 3-day pass is only \$9!

Kimpton Hotel Fontenot

The venue for the 2025 Gammon Geaux Backgammon Championships is the chic and trendy 4-star Kimpton Hotel Fontenot, located close to everything New Orleans has to offer. This stunning hotel is only 1 block from the half-billion-dollar renovation of Caesars New Orleans casino, 3 blocks from the French Quarter, and steps from some of the city's most famous restaurants such as Emeril's and Compère Lapin.

One Block from Caesars New Orleans!

The location of the Kimpton Hotel Fontenot is perfect for players wishing to explore the massive [Caesars New Orleans](#) casino spread over 115,000 sq ft and covering four city blocks! It features 1,300 slot machines, 120 table games, a gorgeous sportsbook, and a WSOP® Poker Room.

After checking out the incredible casino floor, Caesars New Orleans also offers world-class dining options from celebrity chefs such as Nobu Matsuhisa's Nobu New Orleans and Emeril Lagasse's Emeril's Brasserie.

Fontenot Canray Ballroom

Our tournament space at the Kimpton Hotel Fontenot encompasses their entire second floor event space — including the luxurious Canray Ballroom and prefunction room, the Evangeline Boardroom, plus the fabulous outdoor King Terrace overlooking Poydras Street. The ballroom space and prefunction area total over 8,200 sq ft, not including an additional 1,920 sq ft of outdoor private terrace space.

Dining & Sightseeing

The Kimpton Hotel Fontenot's downtown location is within easy walking distance of the French Quarter, the New Orleans Riverwalk,

Audubon Aquarium, World War II Museum, gorgeous art galleries, and the nightlife on Bourbon Street. Players staying at the Fontenot will receive 10% off all food and beverages at both their King Brasserie and their opulent Peacock Room!



Awards

The Kimpton Hotel Fontenot has procured multiple prestigious ratings resulting in excellent guest reviews.



Hotel Reservations

Kimpton Hotel Fontenot

Reserve by Tuesday, August 19, 2025

The Kimpton Hotel Fontenot is offering discounted group rates to all tournament participants. These rates are valid from Sunday, Sep. 7 through Wednesday, Sep. 17, 2025. Reservations must be made by August 19, 2025 to guarantee these rates.

King & Queen Premium Rooms

\$149 Per Night Single or \$169 Per Night Double
Discount rates of \$149 per night for single king rooms, or \$169 per night for double queen, are available for all tournament participants. **Amenity fee of \$25 per night will be waived by staff at the property.** First night's room & tax due at booking.

1 Bedroom Suites & Suite Spa Rooms

\$209 or \$249 Per Night Discount Rate
Reserve one of the Fontenot's 15 suites at a superb price. Suites range from 560 sf and feature walk-in showers, separate sitting areas with sofabeds, and Frette linens. One bedroom Suite Spa rooms also feature separate soaking tubs. **Amenity fee of \$25 per night will be waived by staff at the property.** First night's room & tax due at booking.

Fontenot Specialty Suites

\$509 to \$749 Per Night Discount Rate
Reserve the stunning Fiddle Suite or opulent Battiste Suite for the discounted rate of \$509 per night. Both suites are approximately 780 sq ft each. The magnificent Presidential Suite is 973 sq ft and is priced at our discount rate of \$749 per night. Specialty suites feature walk-in showers, soaking tubs, separate sitting areas with sofabeds, dining tables, and Frette linens. **To reserve a Specialty Suite at our discount rate, tournament participants must contact Bill Riles by phone at 281.703.9304 or by email at billriles@sbcglobal.net.**

Reserve Your Room Online

Visit gammongeaux.com/reservations Go to gammongeaux.com/reservations for more details regarding room options and to make your reservation. Contact Bill Riles at 281.703.9304 or by email at billriles@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions or need any assistance.



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Schedule of Events

Wed, September 10, 2025

09:30 am Registration Begins – Canray Ballroom – 2nd Floor
10:45 am Players Cup BMAB Announcements & Door Prizes
11:00 am Players Cup BMAB Rounds 1– 4
05:00 pm **Players Meet, Greet, & Eat – Caesars Fulton Alley**
08:00 pm Players Cup BMAB Round 5
08:00 pm Registration Continues

Thu, September 11, 2025

09:30 am Registration Continues & Announcements
10:00 am Zydeco Mixed Blitz Begins (Continuous Entry)
10:00 am Cinqueaux Doubles Begins (Continuous Entry)
10:00 am Seniors Begins (Continuous Entry)
10:00 am AP DMP Trny & Speedgammon Begin (Cont. Entry)
03:00 pm Mardi Gras Masters Jackpot First Start
04:00 pm Lafitte Limited Jackpot First Start
05:30 pm Dinner Break
08:00 pm Play Resumes in All Events

Fri, September 12, 2025

09:30 am Registration Continues & Announcements
10:00 am Zydeco Mixed Blitz Continues
10:00 am Cinqueaux Doubles & Seniors Continue
10:00 am AP DMP Tournament & Speedgammon Continue
11:00 am \$1500 Super Jackpot Draw - Flexible Start
01:00 pm Mardi Gras Masters Jackpot Second Start
02:00 pm Lafitte Limited Jackpot Second Start
03:00 pm Flambeau Advanced Jackpot Begins
05:30 pm Dinner Break
08:00 pm Registration Closes for Champ. & Intermediate ABT
08:00 pm Play Resumes in All Events & Announcements
08:15 pm Championship Division 1st Rnd (Rebuys follow)
08:30 pm Intermediate Division 1st Rnd (Rebuys follow)
11:30 pm Championship Division Rebuy Deadline
11:45 pm Intermediate Division Rebuy Deadline

Sat, September 13, 2025

08:30 am **Yoga on the Terrace – 1 Hour Revitalizing Yoga Session**
10:00 am Championship Division Continues
10:15 am Intermediate Division Continues
11:30 am Hannah DeRosier Novice Championship Begins
12:00 pm Cinqueaux Doubles & Zydeco Mixed Blitz Continue
12:00 pm Seniors, Speedgammon, & AP DMP Trny Continue
05:30 pm Dinner Break
08:00 pm Play Resumes in All Events
08:00 pm Calcutta Auction–Final 8 in Championship Div.
08:30 pm Zydeco Mixed Blitz Playoff Begins

Schedule of Events Cont.

Sun, September 14, 2025

10:00 am **Live Streamed Q & A Session – Canray Prefunction**
11:00 am Play Resumes in All Events
11:00 am Zydeco Mixed Blitz Playoff Continues
11:00 am Cinqueaux Doubles Continues
11:00 am Seniors, Speedgammon, & AP DMP Trny Continue
12:00 pm Hannah DeRosier Novice Championship Final
03:00 pm Championship Division Final
03:00 pm Intermediate Division Final
04:00 pm Mardi Gras Masters Jackpot Final
04:00 pm Lafitte Limited Jackpot Final
04:00 pm Flambeau Advanced Jackpot Final
05:00 pm \$1500 Super Jackpot Final

Main ABT Tournament

USBGF Membership
Required to Enter

Championship Division

Entry: \$400

Rebuys: \$240 Return: 90% Side Pools: \$100/\$200
Open to all. Single elimination with progressive consolation & progressive last chance. 11pts in Main, 9pts in Consolation, & 5pts in Last Chance. Clocks mandatory at 2m/12s settings.

Intermediate Division

Entry: \$200

Rebuys: \$100 Return: 85% Side Pools: \$50/\$100
Open to players not deemed of Championship level & subject to eligibility approval. Single elimination with progressive consolation & progressive last chance. 9pts in Main, 7pts in Consolation, & 5pts in Last Chance. Clocks preferred at 2m/15s.

Side Events

\$1500 Super Jackpot

Entry: \$1500 Return: 95%
Open to all players. Single elimination. 17pt rounds. Clocks mandatory at 2m/12s settings. Maximum of 32 entrants.

Mardi Gras Masters Jackpot

Entry: \$650 Return: 90% Side Pool: \$150
Open to all players. High equity single elimination jackpot. 13pt rounds. Clocks mandatory at 2m/12s settings.

Lafitte Limited Jackpot

Entry: \$300 Return: 90% Side Pool: \$75
For players not deemed of Masters level & subject to eligibility approval. 9pt rnds. Single elim. Clocks mandatory at 2m/12s.

Side Events Cont.

Flambeau Advanced Jackpot

Entry: \$100 Return: 90% Side Pool: \$50
Open to all players not deemed of Limited Jackpot level & subject to eligibility approval. 7pt rounds. Single elimination.

Hannah DeRosier Novice Championship

Entry: \$50 Return: 90%
Open to all players of novice or beginner skill level. Subject to eligibility approval. 7pt undefeated bracket with 5pt fighters bracket double-elimination format.

New Orleans Cinqueaux Doubles

Entry: \$200/Team Return: 85% Team Pool: \$100
Re-entries allowed with carry-over team side pools. 5pt rounds. Single elimination. Clocks mandatory at 3m/15s.

Ace Point DMP Tournament

Entry: \$10 Return: 85% \$100 Added Prize
Open to all players. Unlimited re-entries. 1pt rounds. Single elimination. \$100 AP Backgammon Shop credit added prize.

Seniors

Entry: \$50 Return: 85%
Single elimination tournament open to all players over 50 years of age. Continuous entries and re-entries. 7pt rounds.

Speedgammon

Entry: \$50 Return: 85%
Single elim. Continuous entries and re-entries. 5pt rounds. Clocks mandatory at 2m total bank time/10s settings.

Zydeco Mixed Blitz

Entry: \$50 Champ | \$25 Other Return: 85%
5pt qualifier rounds. 7pt playoff final. Maximum of 16 single-elim eight-player brackets. Winners go to a 4-round playoff. Qualifier bracket winners receive \$100 if they are a Championship Division player, and \$75 if other.

Calcutta Auction

Calcutta Auction of Final 8 in Championship

Winner Take All Return: 90%
The final eight undefeated Championship Division players will be sold individually in a Calcutta auction starting on Saturday at 8:00 pm. Players have the option to buy back 40% of their interest from their purchaser.

Players Cup BMAB

Entry: \$150 Reg: \$100 Side Pools: \$50/\$100
Five rounds of 9 point matches. All matches will be recorded, transcribed, and uploaded. Players will receive their XG files and links to their recorded matches. Optional multiple side pools available. Directed by Roberto Litzenberger.

Join Us at Caesars Fulton Alley!

Players Meet, Greet, & Eat on Wednesday

Join us at [Caesars Fulton Alley](#) for a buffet, soft drinks, and boutique bowling! We will have four reserved lanes exclusively for party guests. Caesars Fulton Alley – Boutique Bowling Alley – located just 3 blocks from the Kimpton Hotel Fontenot at 600 Fulton St. Tickets may be purchased online or at the tournament for \$40 per person

Tournament Staff

Directors & Committee Members

Directors: Bill Riles and Tara Mendicino
Associate Staff: Jonathan Hardigree and Scott Bailey
Technical & Marketing Director: Tara Mendicino
Commentary Director: Tobias Hellweg
Social Media Director: Remington Davenport
Eligibility Advisory Committee: Jesper Carlsson, Ian Terry, Tara Mendicino, Rory Pascar, and Tobias Hellweg.

Contact Us and Reminders

Contact Bill Riles for Any Questions
Cell Phone: 281.703.9304 E-Mail: billriles@sbcglocal.net

Bring your own board & digital clock!
Pre-registration mail-in deadline is Sat., Sep. 6 (postmark). Walk-in entries accepted. Fees paid on-site must be in cash.

Visit Us Online and Watch Live!

Visit gammongeaux.com for More Details
We will offer TRIPLE streaming with live commentary!
Stream 1 at Backgammon Galaxy and 2-3 at AP Live.
Backgammon Galaxy: youtube.com/backgammongalaxy
Ace Point Backgammon: youtube.com/aplive