



There is a plethora of information available both online and books to help any Player, regardless of skill level, an opportunity to learn and improve. Below is just a sampling of the information available. Youtube has many helpful videos. There are also as many books available as there are World Class Players. The books mentioned below are just a few of my favorites; all available at Amazon.com.

Another great resource is the website GammonGalore. It is packed full of articles by World Class Players on any topic, tactic or strategy.

Here's the website: <https://www.bkqm.com/>

If you would like information on a specific topic that is not covered here, please feel free to email sacramentobackgammon@gmail.com and I will do my best to find it for you.

For Newer Players

The rules

This 10 minute video will guide you through the rules of the game, everything from who rolls first to bearing-off your final checkers

https://youtu.be/800j_wNUhzw?si=EMpyeMn1bJuQIVrr



Terminology

This 6 minute video will provide you the most commonly used terminology and will help guide you in further learning

https://youtu.be/HKUDs5Y6_7c?si=qbDg4nQOUDItVS_C



The Golden Point

This 6 minute video will explain the importance of 'owning the golden point', the most important point on the board

https://youtu.be/S_HqU35w7tw?si=RqjNZIE_nCPrt0T



The Doubling Cube

This 8 minute video will explain, in simple terms, how to use the 'cube' and its importance in the game.

<https://youtu.be/VSZqgUtrFg8?si=BVcRztRK8DyWiEzN>



Opening Moves

This 9 minute video presented by #1 Giant of Backgammon, Mochy, will explain the importance of opening moves and how to play them

<https://youtu.be/iR8rOm2gymM?si=ddUfTlek83hnAlIT>



Intermediate Concepts

Running game

This 4 minute video will explain what a 'running game' is and when to use it

https://youtu.be/DFkrX_bz774?si=BwZTluCetz1eNffe



Holding game & Back game

This 7 minute video provides a great explanation of Holding games and Backgames, when to play them and how

<https://youtu.be/c0T1N2cESfU?si=AabGR9FKZSIASC43>

Blocking game (priming)

This 7 minute video explains one of the most tricky positions in Backgammon: prime vs. prime.

https://youtu.be/ukmb4T5Ssd8?si=iTMfrouKZB26_trt



Bold or Safe

In this 4 minute video Marc Olsen provides a simple explanation on when to play Bold and when to play Safe.

https://youtu.be/bPSLR0zhUIs?si=_GyQ8x1Az9hKB_jH



Advanced Concepts

Pip Counting

In this 8 minute video, Grand Master Marc Olsen will explain his technique for pip counting. Counting pips is such a crucial part of backgammon, there are many methods, this is just one of them.

<https://youtu.be/rv1DW1SbVw0?si=VtfSxn8BScenvwPW>



Timing

In this 6 minute video you will learn the concept of timing, it's importance and how to manage it.

<https://youtu.be/uYNsZXCwHvo?si=A5kRsbHKwOUunZoS>



Blitz Attack

This 9 minute video provides a great explanation of the excitement of playing a blitz game and how to play efficiently

<https://youtu.be/HNgWriTqwCI?si=gP2pch3iagcDQzLt>

Match Equity Table, MET

This article from GammonGalore breaks-down and gives an explanation of the MET, first created by Kit Wolsey. Important concept when making cube decisions.

<https://www.bkgm.com/articles/Wolsey/TheMatchEquityTable/index.html>

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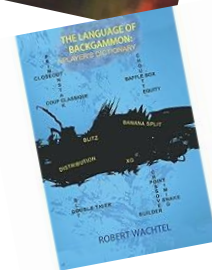
Backgammon, Paul Magriel

The book is what every self-respecting backgammon Player must have! It is the most highly-regarded work on the subject, often referred to as "The Bible". Suitable for any player who means to take the game seriously and wants to play well, Backgammon is an indispensable guide.



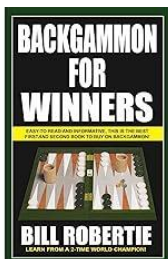
The Language of Backgammon, Robert Wachtel

This Dictionary of backgammon terms, written by the most eloquent of backgammon authors, will provide a complete understanding of the terms and slang associated with backgammon.



Backgammon for Winners, Bill Robertie

This classic features strategies, examples, and diagrams to illustrate backgammon's important concepts and how beginning players can not only learn the game but immediately leapfrog over their competitors and become immediate-level players. A very easy to understand read.



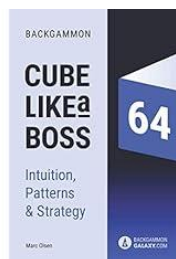
Opening Concepts, Michihito 'Michi' Kageyama

This book explains and provides Q&A for the beginners to the advanced player. It discusses strategy and what to be 'thinking about' when deciding your move. Very easy read, not too over 'mathy' and complicated.



Endgame Techniques, Michihito 'Michi' Kageyama

This book describes the tactics about bearing in and off. It also covers the technique on how to play holding games. It introduces concepts for the intermediate to advanced player



Cube like a Boss, Marc Olsen

This book will put the chaos of doubling cube action strategy into order. It teaches an intuitive way of mastering the cube. Humans have an exceptional gift of pattern recognition, so we don't always have to rely on math.

We hope you have found this information helpful. If there is another concept you would like to study and learn about, please feel free to contact us at sacramentobackgammon@gmail.com

As always - Good Vibes for Good Dice to You!