

Backgammon

Under the leadership of Serge. The U3A Larnaca Club have a Backgammon group A game which is one of the world's oldest known board games, with a history spanning over 5,000 years, originating in ancient Mesopotamia (modern-day Iraq). It evolved from early racing games, combining strategy with dice-based luck. its popularity in the Roman Empire, the 17th-century coining of its name, and the 1920s addition of the doubling cube. It could be described as the National Board Game In many parts of the Eastern Mediterranean including Turkey, Greece and Cyprus.

Despite Backgammon being one of the worlds oldest games the word "backgammon" is thought to have derived from Middle English "baec" (back) and "gamen" (game), first appearing in print in 1645." And the modernisation of the rules were largely by Edmond Hoyle in 1743.

Boards could easily be assembled with scraps of metal and stones as shown below.



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