

New Kid in Town

My phone rang. The number wasn't recognized. I didn't really feel like answering—last time I picked up an unknown number, an Indian-sounding guy informed me I had inherited a fortune from a *very distant* family member. Right.

Still, I picked up.

“Hello, this is Mathias Deklerck speaking.”
(Same name as the mayor of Ghent—different spelling, but you can't see that over the phone.)

“How can I help you, Mayor?” I joked.

Laughter on the other end.

“I'd like to start a Backgammon club in Mariakerke / Wondelgem.”

Laughter on my end.

I hesitated for a moment, wondering whether this was actually more or less convincing than the Indian inheritance guy.

So, to make a long story short:

A **new Backgammon club in Mariakerke** is now up and running, with **about eight players** at the moment. They play **every Wednesday from 19:30 to 22:00**. **Club Captain: Mathias Deklerck.**

Check the website/Clubs section for further details.