

The Casino Seefeld is waiting for you!

The XVII Austrian Backgammon Open is ready to go this week in the new location from Wednesday 8th till Sunday 12th October



This year we have some changes to attract more players to this charming tournament in one of the most classic mountain resorts in Austria.

The first is the place: we have an agreement with the Casino Seefeld to play inside the casino. The partnership with the Casino Seefeld will help us to organize a greater edition; a professional Backgammon room will be available for the players and we believe this will result in a more comfortable environment for the participants. In addition, the Casino will offer some gifts for the winners from the Casino Seefeld Shop.

The second change concerns the format: we will play the second chance with a side pot. This means that the two finalists of the main and the two finalists of the second chance will play semifinals and final. Sunday 12th October at 12:30 we will draw the four players and they will play for the main prizes. Sunday at 13:00 will also start the last chance, with two prizes for winner and finalist. All details are available clicking on wbf.net.

The two cocktails will be in the Casino Seefeld too, where the tournament action will take place. The admission to casino is available with photo ID card only for persons with legal age (18 or older).

As in the previous editions, the charming Hotel Veronika****, will be our headquarters to give excellent accommodation for the Backgammon players. See how beautiful it is at www.hotel-veronika.at. Book your room right now sending an email to veronika@seefeld.at: the Hotel Veronika is waiting for you in Seefeld!.



Playing at the XVII Austrian Backgammon Open, Austrian Doubles Championship & 27th Italian Backgammon Championship is the best way to spend the second week-end of October! So don't waste your time and jump on your car or flight and come to Seefeld!

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VIII Gogi Bukia Memorial International Backgammon Tournament: David Tevdoradze is the star of the Georgian event

For the second time in 3 years, Georgian David Tevdoradze won the GOGI BUKIA MEMORIAL, the best event of Georgia. But all the Georgian players played very well: 12 titles out of 22 are for the locals. In addition, the Georgian Team also won the Challenge vs the Rest of the World.

David Tevdoradze is "the King of Chakvi", the beautiful resort near Batumi where every year is scheduled the Gogi Bukia Memorial, one of the best international Backgammon tournament in the world. David won the title for the second time in 3 years, really he is candidate to be the best Georgian Backgammon Player. This year the tournament offered an added money-prize of 20.000 \$ and this great prize attracted over 100 players from 11 countries, including the world champions Mochy and Akiko Yazawa from Japan, the English John Broomfield (3rd place in Monte-Carlo 2014), 20 players from Turkey, including several international champions, the Russian champion Sergey Erokhin with many players from his country, the Lebanese/Spanish Ricardo Malas, the Germans Tobias Hellweg and Jürgen Orłowski and many others players from Armenia, Israel, Ukraine. Georgian players are on the top in the official standings of the Gogi Bukia Memorial: in the Master Main David Tevdoradze won 17-13 vs the Georgian Karen Sarkisyan, 3rd the Russian Aleksei Askurava and 4th the Georgian Mamuka Gundishvili (3 Georgian in the top 4 place!). In the Master Last Chance Akiko Yazawa won against the Georgian Kakhaber Natchkebia, president of the Georgian Backgammon Federation. In the Doubles the Georgian David Tevdoradze (him again!) and Mamuka Gundishvili loose the final (11-1) against the International German champion Tobias Hellweg. In the Intermediate Yasin Karaca from Turkey won the final against the Georgian Anzor Djincharadze, 3rd Roman Krasnetadze (Georgia) and the Ukraine Alexander Gvanetadze, used to winning prizes in Georgia. In the Last Chance Valico Toreli beat Gela Metskvarishvili, both from Georgia. But the masterpiece of the Georgian players was the Challenge against the Rest of the World: the Georgian players (capt. Nodari Gagua) won against the dream team (capt. Mochy) 5-4. It was an exceptional result!

In brief, Sergey Erokhin (Russia) won the



Georgian Team vs Rest of the World Challenge

From left: Akiko Yazawa (Japan) and Nodari Gagua (Georgia, capt. of the team) start to play the match.



In the Ajara TV studios after the interview live

From left: Kakhaber Natchkebia (president of Georgian Backgammon Federation), Nino Tevdadze (director of Georgian Backgammon Club Ltd.), Marco Fornasir (WBF General Secretary) and the anchor-man of Ajara TV

Super-Jackpot, Kakhaber Skhirtladze won the 869BG Trophy and the beautiful Backgammon board, Levan Kareli (Georgia) won the Warm-up and Nodari Gagua (Georgia/Russia) won the One Point Match Tournament. The final report is that we registered 93 players for the official competition and more than 100 including the jackpots: it's been a really great result. Thank you to Georgian Backgammon Club, the Georgian Backgammon Federation and the Oasis Hotel for this unforgettable event. We will meet again in the September 2015.

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GRADO (ITALY), BACKGAMMON ON THE BEACH!

Austrian Christa Groll won the Friuli Venezia Giulia Championship in Grado



2014 Friuli Venezia Giulia Championship (from left): Marco De Bortoli (Consolation finalist), Luigi Martello (Main finalist), Marco Fornasir (tournament director), Christa Groll (Main winner) and Shadi Azizian (Consolation winner)



2014 Isola d'Oro Tournament (from left): Diego Balgera (Consolation finalist), Giulia De Checchi with little daughter Eva (Main winner), Santiago Fornasir (Main finalist) and Lucrezia Girelli (Consolation winner)

19 players joined the Sunday tournament in Grado. Christa Groll from Wien is the 2104 Friuli Venezia Giulia Champion. Shadi Azizian won the Consolation. In the Isola d'Oro Tournament Giulia De Checchi won against Santiago Fornasir. The consolation winner is Lucrezia Girelli.

Backgammon on the Beach, the traditional summer event of WBF on the main beach of GIT, this year attracted again players from Italy and Austria to pass several days on the famous beach of Grado.

These Backgammon days were really good for junior players: two days of Backgammon, the easy tournament Isola d'Oro with the OPM system (best of three) and the Friuli Venezia Giulia Championship. No entry fee and no registration fee, cups for the winners, a complimentary WBF Golden Card 2015 and a very good travel Backgammon board.

In the Isola d'Oro the winner was a young lady, Giulia De Checchi from Padua, who beat Santiago Fornasir. In the consolation Lucrezia Girelli beat Diego Balgera.

In the Friuli Venezia Giulia Championship the Austrian Christa Groll triumphed against the local champion Luigi Martello. In the consolation Shadi Azizian won against Marco de Bortoli.

Christa Groll won the cup and a very good travel Backgammon board, Giulia De Checchi the cup and the WBF Golden Card 2015.

Good-bye to August 20/23, 2015!



The event of the year: the 2nd Merit Backgammon Open in Cyprus, from 29th October to 2nd November. 30.000 Euro added money-prize!



The large attendance of the 2nd MERIT BACKGAMMON OPEN INTERNATIONAL BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP will turn this tournament in the backgammon event of the year! The end of October is here and more than 125 rooms are sold out in Merit Park Hotel and also the Hotel Denizkizi is sold out! We try to help the latest minutes players to find a room in Kyrenia/Girne, but a total of more than 200 rooms sold out until now is really a great result.

The added money-prize this year is increased to 30.000 Euro, becoming the biggest added of the year. As you know, the main goal of the Merit Park is also to take care of our guests, like offering the free transfer from and to the airports (Larnaca is about 90 km from Kyrenia/Girne, Nicosia about 50 km): at the moment over 300 players booked the transfer! We can also mention the exceptional hotel conditions, the free buffet and bar during the tournament. These are the specialities of our partnership with Merit that attracts so many players in North Cyprus, to enjoy the last sunshine of the season in the south Mediterranean.

In order to give to the players all the time needed for the matches, the main tournament will start on Thursday evening, after the Welcome cocktail. And the Doubles event is on Friday evening, so the players will have more and more fun. The format of the event will be the Double Elimination + Last Chance. Because of the large attendance, we changed the money-prize distribution to cover the first 9 classified players (instead of the first 5). The comments about this decision are positive.

Last year 134 players from 21 countries and over 70.000 Euro money-prize distributed (including 20.00 Euro as added money-prize) were a great success, but what we expect this year is something big.

So don't hesitate to contact us, maybe you will book the last room available in Kyrenia. General info: info@wbf.net - Accommodation: afindikoglu@wbf-turkey.com.

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