



6th MERIT Open
International Backgammon Championship
6th Ion Ressu Memorial Doubles
30th October – 4th November, 2018
Merit Park Hotel & Casino - Girne/Kyrenia (KKTC)

Winner takes **69.000 €** (including an added of **12.000 €**)

Total money distribution 465.420 €

(including 3 Super-Jackpots, 389 Jackpots and an added of 40.300 €)

Marco Fornasir, General Secretary of the Worldwide Backgammon Federation, has the pleasure to announce the results of the Tournament

Master flight - 358 players

Main winner (17 – 16 | 9 - 7)

Main Finalist

3rd place

4th place

5th place

6th place

7th place

8th place

9/12th place

9/12th place

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13/20th place

13/20th place

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Franck Stepler | France

Aurelien Bonnet | France

Lars Trabolt | Denmark

Ofir Balali | Israel

Abdullah Sorgüven | Turkey

Ralf Jonas | Germany

Michael Larsen | Denmark

Katalin Veszeli | Hungary

Jan Jacobowitz | Germany

Tobias Hellwag | Germany

Janne Bergström | Sweden

Roohollah Amiri Andy | Iran

Dimitrios Manganas | Greece

Conny Eriksson | Sweden

Raj Jansari | UK

Stephane Cheneviere | France

Recep Ural | Turkey

Mårten Howe | Sweden

Tom Zarrinam | USA

Soinguli Amirov | Georgia



Last chance winner

Last chance Finalist
Last chance Semi-Finalist
Last chance Semi-Finalist

Jalil Khalili | Iran

Marc Ferrin | USA
Ibrahim Karaca | Turkey
Timur Bulekbaev | Russia

Ladies Prize

Katalin Veszeli | Hungary

Master Doubles – 154 teams

Doubles winners

Doubles Finalists
Doubles semi-Finalists
Doubles semi-Finalists

Olivier Decultot | France / Alain Babillon | France

Thomas Rönn | Sweden / Janne Bergström | Sweden
Eli Roymi | Israel / Israel Jacobov | Israel
Gerhard Janotta | Germany / Markus Rindisbacher |
Switzerland

Intermediate flight - 174 players

Main winner (13 – 10)

Main Finalist
3rd place
4th place
5th place
6th place
7th place
8th place
9th place
10th place
11th place
12th place

Paul Schlegel | Germany

Gela Metskhvarishvili | Georgia
Levon Kamalyan | Armenia
Ashkan Yahyazadeh | Iran
Pedro Roca de Togoeres | Spain
Aref Darvish | Iran
Oliver Plaehn | Germany
Yilmaz Kurtay | Turkey
Zoran Krogstad | Norway
Payam Pasha | Iran
Juan Pablo Pieroni | Argentina
Bogdan Constantinoiu | Romania

Last chance winner

Last chance Finalist
Last chance Semi-Finalist
Last chance Semi-Finalist

Jordan Kirchev | Bulgaria

Tomer Wisbord | Israel
Cemalettin Karakütük | Turkey
Ruslan Mialeshka | Belarus

Ladies Prize

Juliya Gromenkova | Russia



Super-Jackpot 1 - 32 players

Winner

Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Mikael Westerlund | Sweden

Kanade Kubota | Japan

Dagfinn Snarheim | Norway

Yoshi Nakamura | Japan

Super-Jackpot 2 - 32 players

Winner

Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Shahab Ghodsi | Iran

Werner Schmucki | Austria

Tilman Söhnchen | Germany

Metin Çubuk | Turkey

Super-Jackpot 3 - 16 players

Winner

Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Gavriel Menasherov | Israel

Masayuki Mochizuki | Japan

Stuart Dunkin | USA

Thomas Kazemieh | Germany

Ladies Tournament - 64 players

Winner (9 - 6)

Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Annelie Skoglund | Sweden

Alexandra Knupfer | Romania/Switzerland

Karina Langhoff de Turah | Denmark

Ann Maibritt Ehlers | Denmark

Warm-up 869BG - 256 players

Winner

Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Yoshiyuki Nakamura | Japan

Shay Asraff | USA

Çumhur Bektüre | Turkey

Yuriko Yamamoto | Japan



Speedgammon - 128 players

Winner

Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Honza Cerny | Czech Republik

Kenji Shimodaira | Japan

Honza Cerny | Czech Republik

Götz Hildsberg | Germany

One Point Match - 128 players

Winner

Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Alain Babillon | France

Irakli Jashi | Georgia

Tobias Schön | Germany

Hamidreza Ardalani | Iran

Mochy's Quiz – 163 players

Best speaker

Winner

Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Zdenek Zizka | Czech Republik

Yuri Nakamura | Japan

Henning Frick | Germany

Shahab Ghodsi | Iran

Kazuki Yokota | Japan

BMAB Event – 16 players

Winner

PR Winner

Adrian Nedelcu | USA | Austria

Toni Bernaba | Lebanon

Wet Gammon – Underwater Backgammon one point event – 14 players

Winner

Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Tim Line | UK

Marius Corneliu Veres | Romania

Sükrü Yurttekin | Turkey

Klaus Switon | Denmark



Data & Numbers

Master: 358 players

Intermediate: 174 players

Player not participating in the main flights: 20 (8 Doubles; 12 Ladies)

Total 552 players

43 Countries: Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Hungary, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, KKTC, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, UK, Ukraine, USA

Directors: Marco Fornasir | Italy - Arda Findikoglu | Turkey

Tournament Committee: John Broomfield | UK (president); Sergey Erokhin | Russia; Nodari Gagua | Georgia; Jörgen Granstedt | Sweden; Shimon Kagan | Israel; Michihito Kageyama | Japan; Jalil Khalili | Iran; Yiorgos Kleitsas | Greece; Petko Kostadinov | Bulgaria/USA; Ricardo Malas | Lebanon; Ian MacFarlane | Brazil; Abdullah Sorgüven | Turkey; Rainer Witt | Germany



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Worldwide Backgammon Federation

6th Ion Ressu Memorial Doubles

154 Teams x 400 € = 61.600 €

+ 6.000 € added = 67.600 €

Winner team 34.000 €

Finalist team 16.800 €

Semi-Finalist team 8.400 €

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MERIT Doubles Champions F. 1 Master

Olivier Décultot / Alain Babillon | France

MERIT Doubles Finalists F. 1 Master

Thomas Rönn / Janne Bergström | Sweden

MERIT Doubles Semi-Finalists F. 1 Master

Eli Roymi / Israel Yacobov | Israel

MERIT Doubles Semi-Finalists F. 1 Master

Gerhard Janotta | Germany / Markus Rindisbacher | Switzerland