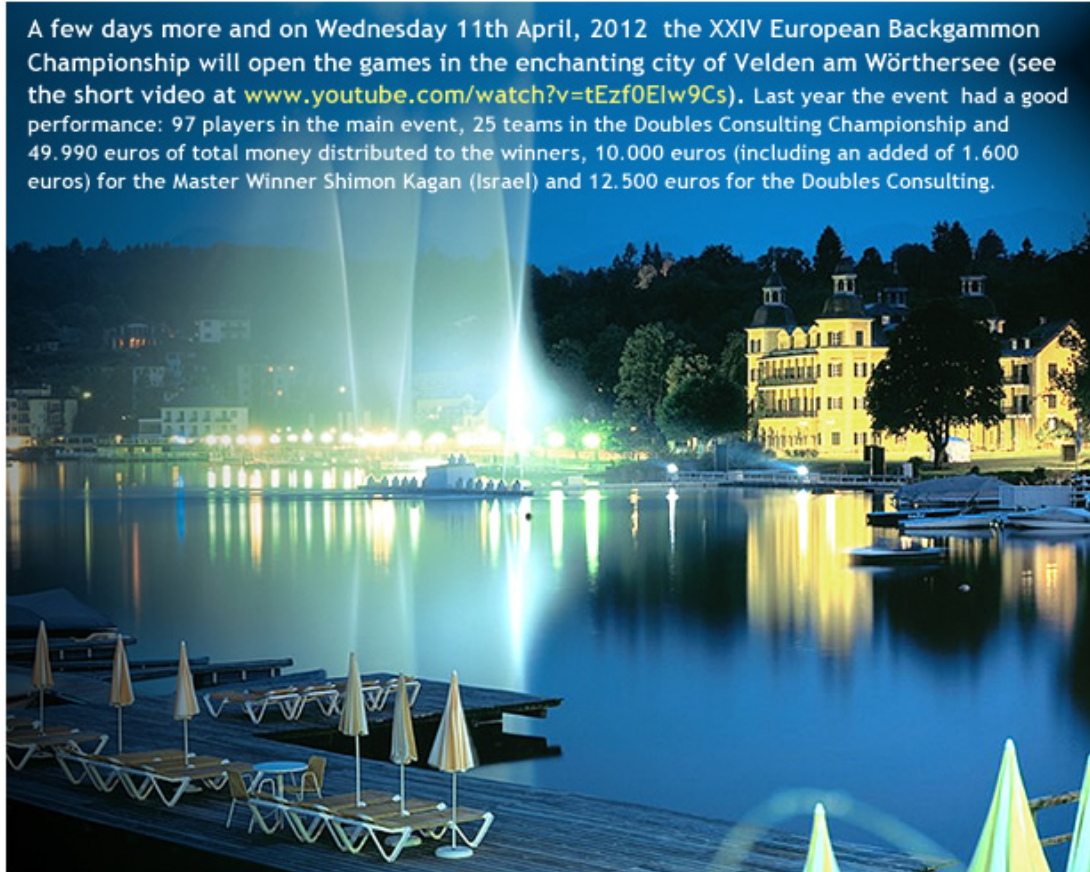


Last call to enjoy one of the best tournaments in the world!!

As last year, the Master Winner will receive minimum guaranteed prize money of 10.000 €

DON'T MISS the XXIV European Backgammon Championship, 9th European Doubles Consulting Championship & 11th Velden Backgammon Open



A few days more and on Wednesday 11th April, 2012 the XXIV European Backgammon Championship will open the games in the enchanting city of Velden am Wörthersee (see the short video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=tEzf0Elw9Cs). Last year the event had a good performance: 97 players in the main event, 25 teams in the Doubles Consulting Championship and 49.990 euros of total money distributed to the winners, 10.000 euros (including an added of 1.600 euros) for the Master Winner Shimon Kagan (Israel) and 12.500 euros for the Doubles Consulting.

Also this year many players are pre-registered at this traditional after Easter challenge, some of the most important players in the world announcing their participation, such as the Japanese players **Masayuki Mochizuki** (2009 World Backgammon Champion and n. 1 Backgammon Giant 2010/2011) and **Michihito Kageyama**, the Austrian **Schmucki** (2007 European Champion), the British **John Broomfield**, the Georgian **Nodari Gagua**, the German **Tobias Hellwag**, the Israeli **Shimon Kagan** (2011 European Champion), the 2010 Monte-Carlo finalist **Ricardo Malas** (better known as "Ricky el Grande"), the Turkish champions **Sabri Büyüksoy** and **Abdullah Sorguven** and the Italian champions **Carlo Melzi** and **Vincenzo Riceputi**.

The players like many things in this event. One of them is that the time clocks will not be used during this event, except when a specific match is unduly delaying the tournament. However, by mutual agreement both players may use a clock. This is to avoid a handicap to the non-professional players. The draw is public, random and it is conducted manually, as a guarantee to all the players. We also care for the equipment: all matches will be played on professional **Rizzello & Romagnoli** tournament boards. We are the only organization that **regularly cleans and disinfects our boards** after every tournament. As last year we offer an exceptional performance: the **Mochy's lecture** on Saturday. The 2009 World Backgammon Champion and n. 1 Backgammon Giant 2010/2011 will be revealing the secrets of his success at the lecture.

In celebration of 10 years of Backgammon in Velden, we realized a video of the event last year. **Every 2011 player will receive a DVD** with the official video of the XXIII European Backgammon Championship. During the event we will show twice (before the two cocktails) the 2011 European Championship video. Last, but not least, the money is an interesting element of the Championship: last year's paid total **money-prize 49,990 euros** (including Super-Jackpot) and this year again the Master Winner will receive minimum guaranteed prize money of 10.000 euros.



Mochy's Lecture

"Last year Masayuki Mochizuki (2009 World Backgammon Champion and n. 1 Backgammon Giant 2010/2011), known as Mochy, explained perfectly the difference of priming structure and blitzing structure".



"This year another lectio magistralis of that champion. Scheduled for Saturday 14".



The defending European Champion Shimon Kagan (F. 1 - Israel), Seda Koc (F. 3 - Turkey) and Arda Findikoglu (F. 2 - Turkey)



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We are preparing a nice gift for you...

If you intend to participate in the Championship, please confirm your presence (let us know which hotel you are staying in) and your size (S - M - L - XL - XXL) by sending NOW an email to: info@wbf.net



THE VIDEO OF 2012 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP IN VELDEN



Also this year WBF will produce a video of the event, to offer to the participants an unforgettable souvenir. It will be also possible to have a personal edition of the video with many scenes and a interview regarding a single player. Ask directly at the tournament desk. During the XXIV European Backgammon Championship we will show twice (before the two cocktails) the 2011 European Championship video, realized of the film director Andras Kocsis i.T.i. (photo). The 2011 players will receive a copy of the DVD.

RECOMMENDED ACCOMMODATION IN VELDEN

We recommend the following hotels that have been long time WBF partners and will grant you a special price. Prices (breakfast included) are per person/per night, but valid only for reservations made directly and not through travel agencies. It is preferable to book in advance, mentioning the password *Backgammon*

Seeschlössl Hotel****

Klagenfurter Strasse 34 - 9220 Velden - Austria
ph. +43 4274 2824 - fax +43 4274 2824.44
email: seeschloessl@aon.at - www.seeschloessl.at
euro 60,00/95,00 B&B per person/per night

Hotel Villa Bulfon****

Am Corso 9 - 11 - 9220 Velden - Austria
ph. +43 4274 261511 - fax +43 4274 261513
email: info@villabulfon.at - www.villabulfon.at
euro 80,00/220,00 B&B per person/per night

Hotel Goritschnigg****

Casinoplatz 3-5 - 9220 Velden - Austria
ph. +43 4274 2035 - fax +43 4274 3452
email: info@goritschnigg.com - www.goritschnigg.com
euro 55,00/77,00 B&B per person/per night

Hotel Post Wrann****

Europaplatz 4-6 - 9220 Velden - Austria
ph. +43 4274 2141 - fax +43 4274 51120
email: hotel.post@wrann.at - www.wrann.at
euro 62,50/75,00 B&B per person/per night

Barry-Memle - Lakeside Resort****

Klagenfurter Strasse, 26 - 9220 Velden - Austria
ph. +43 664 1442835 - fax +43 4274 21164
email: info@barry.at - www.barry.at
euro 40,00/55,00 B&B per person/per night

Hotel Kirchenwirt***

Kirchenstrasse 19 - 9220 Velden - Austria
ph. +43 4274 3254 - fax +43 4274 3254.20
email: info@kirchenwirt-velden.at
www.kirchenwirt-velden.at
euro 44,00/46,00 B&B per person/per night

Hotel Velden Bacherlwirt***

Rosentaler Strasse 22 - 9220 Velden - Austria
ph. +43 4274 2120
email: office@hotelvelden.at - www.hotelvelden.at
euro 34,00/41,50 B&B per person/per night

Credits

Velden Tourist Office - Veldner Tourismus GmbH
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WBF GOLDEN CIRCUIT 2012 UPCOMING EVENTS

13th - 15th January, 2012
2012 ISTANBUL OPEN BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP - Istanbul Armada Hotel (Istanbul - Turkey)

11th-15th April, 2012
XXIV EUROPEAN BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP, 9th EUROPEAN DOUBLES CONSULTING CHAMPIONSHIP, 11th VELDEN BACKGAMMON OPEN - Casino Velden (Velden - Austria)

25th-27th May, 2012
2012 MEDITERRANEAN BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP - Sealife Family Resort Hotel (Antalya - Turkey)

30th June-5th July, 2012
3rd MENTON BACKGAMMON OPEN - Casino Barrière de Menton (Menton - France)

1st-5th August, 2012 NEW!
6th GEORGIAN BACKGAMMON OPEN - MEMORIAL GOGI BUKIA - Hotel Oasis (Chakvi - Georgia)

5th-9th September, 2012
21st MITTELEUROPA BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP - venue to announce

26th-30th September, 2012
XV AUSTRIAN BACKGAMMON OPEN & AUSTRIAN DOUBLE CONSULTING CHAMPIONSHIP - Hotel Veronika (Seefeld - Austria)

Probably we will add more tournaments to this list. Stay tuned!

Antalya (Turkey), the next step of The WBF Golden Circuit 2012

After Velden, the next WBF Golden Circuit tournament will be the **2012 International Mediterranean Open Backgammon Championship**, scheduled from **25th till 27th May 2012** in Antalya, the sunny southern coast city of Turkey. In this giant championship of 8 different tournaments, we estimate to have approximately 100 players from many countries including well known backgammon masters. The Backgammon room is ready on the top floor of the 5 star resort hotel Sealife with a spectacular view of Mediterranean Sea. Detailed info is on the link: www.wbfturkey.com/etkinlik/akdeniz2012/ilanakdeniz2012eng.htm

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