

THE 2ND MERIT BACKGAMMON OPEN CYPRUS, FROM 29TH OCTOBER TILL 2ND NOVEMBER, 2014 30.000 EURO ADDED MONEY-PRIZE!



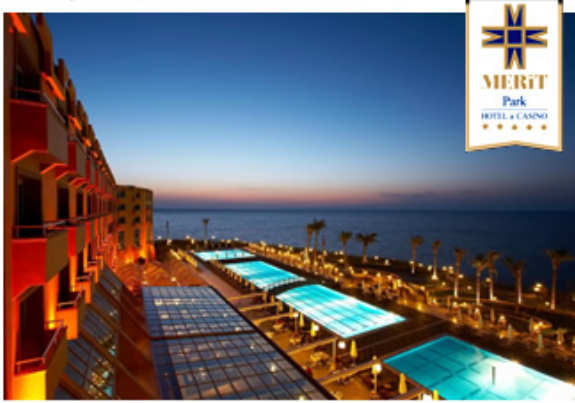
Here we are! In a few days Kyrenia will be invaded by a multitude of Backgammon players. We estimate about 350 people attending, including several world champions and the best players worldwide. These last days before the event are very exciting and we are doing our best to offer a fantastic event to the Backgammon community. The Merit Park Hotel is full since last June and many players found other accommodations (as the Hotel Denizkizi) to stay in this beautiful place.

What is the appeal of this event? Thinking about it, we can answer that there are several good reasons to come to Kyrenia/Girne next week. The added money-prize, that this year is increased to 30.000 Euro becoming the biggest added of the year, is surely one of the first. After that, the large attendance will increase the money-prize at the top level of the 2014 Backgammon tournaments.

But 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 325 players booked the transfer! We can also mention the exceptional hotel conditions, the free buffet and bar during the tournament. We thank the management of Merit for turning all our projects and ideas into reality: the specialities of the partnership WBF-MERIT attracts many players in North Cyprus, to enjoy the last sunshine of the season in the south Mediterranean.

Remember that in order to give the players all the time they need for the matches, the main tournament will start on Thursday evening, after the Welcome cocktail. And the Doubles event will be 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, the money-prize distribution will cover the first 12 classified players in the Master (and the first 4 in the Master Last Chance) and the first 8 in the Intermediate (first 2 in the Intermediate Last Chance). The updated brochure is on www.wbf.net. See you in Merit Park!

► More info: www.wbf.net.



SEEFELD (AUSTRIA), XVII AUSTRIAN BACKGAMMON OPEN

Bacher über alles!

The Tyrolean Wolfgang Bacher won the XVII Austrian Backgammon Open. Fantastic new playing venue within the Casino Seefeld. Vincenzo Riceputi (Master) and Franco Candeo (Intermediate) are the new Italian Champions



The Austrian Open is definitely the most attractive event of the WBF Golden Circuit 2014. Seefeld has given us beautiful sunny days, ideal for healthy walks in the woods. We had not so many players this year, but more than last year. So the trend is improving.

The welcome in the Casino Seefeld was first class, the boiserie of the Backgammon room contributed to create a perfect atmosphere. 36 players coming from 10 countries fought three days and at the end the winner was an Austrian player, better a Tyrolean player: Wolfgang Bacher. He won 17 - 8 against the Turk-Switzerland Halil Tulan, semi-finalists were the German Stefan Bobenhausen and the Tyrolean Peter Winkler. In the Last Chance the Turk Abdullah Sorgüven won against the German Christian Liebe-Harkort.

In the Intermediate the Italian Franco Candeo won 11-1 against the Croat Zeljko Mesarek. Third place for the German Rainer Wladusch. In the Last Chance the Austrian Andrea Riebler won against the Italian-Argentinian Alberto Bertot. Lebanese Marianne Farraj won the Ladies Prize.

The Turk Abdullah Sorgüven won also the Super-Jackpot, the Warm-Up tournament and the One Point Match. Franco Candeo won the 869BG Trophy and a beautiful Backgammon board, Elfi Fritz-Winkler won the Ladies Tournament. For the winners cups, trophies and many gifts offered by the Casino Seefeld Shop.

The tournament was valid also for the Italian Backgammon Championship: in the Master won the Italian title Vincenzo Riceputi (he was Italian Champion also in the 2010) and in the Intermediate Franco Candeo (he won the Intermediate title also in 2011, 2012 and 2013).

We had many players who played also the Mini-Jackpots and next year will participate in the main event. So, the dates are confirmed, see you in Seefeld at 7 - 11 October, 2015!

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2014 Seefeld, Austria

The Austrian Backgammon Open winners (top) and the new Italian Champions with their trophies (below): Vincenzo Riceputi (Master, on the left) and Franco Candeo (Intermediate, on the right)

NEXT 2014 WBF APPOINTMENT

6th / 7th December, 2014

XVI MILAN INTERNATIONAL BACKGAMMON CHALLENGE - Circolo Volta, Milan (Italy). This event included:

6th December

YOUNG CHAMPIONSHIP

6th December

2014 LOMBARDY CHAMPIONSHIP

7th December

2014 CITY OF MILAN TOURNAMENT



Location

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The best classified in the senior category of both tournaments will win the MILAN INTERNATIONAL BACKGAMMON CHALLENGE and a free entry in the Master category (as 500 Euro) - not transferable - for the XXVII EUROPEAN BACKGAMMON CHAMPIONSHIP (April 2015) and his/her name will be engraved on the prestigious cup that can be seen at the CIRCOLO VOLTA, home of the Backgammon Club Milano WBF.

All tournaments are free-of-charge, you can play with a donation.

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