



**8th MERIT Open
International Backgammon Championship
8th Ion Ressu Memorial Doubles**

4th - 9th November, 2021

MERIT PARK Hotel & Casino – Girne/Kyrenya (KKTC)

Winner takes 42.230 € (including an added of 6.970 €)

Total money distribution 276.120 €

(including 2 Super-Jackpots, 144 Jackpots and an added of 25.300 €)

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

Master flight - 215 players

Main winner (17 – 1)

Main finalist

3rd place

4th/5th place

4th/5th place

6th/7th/8th place

6th/7th/8th place

6th/7th/8th place

9th/10th/11th/12th place

9th/10th/11th/12th place

9th/10th/11th/12th place

9th/10th/11th/12th place

Last chance winner (7 – 6)

Last chance finalist

Last chance semi-finalist

Last chance semi-finalist

Ladies Prize

David Presser | Israel

Radu Ciortan | Romania/UK

Jacob Markussen | Denmark

Frank Simon | Germany

Tony Diamantidis | Greece

Jalil Khalili | Iran

Kemal Okal | Turkey

Hasret Bekar | Turkey

Gökhan Kazandag | Turkey

Tommy Berggren | Sweden

Giorgio Castellano | Italy

Thomas Tenland | Sweden

Michael Weile | Denmark

Miki Laukkanen | Finland

Toni Bernaba | Lebanon

Johan Norberg | Sweden

Meral Yilmaz | Turkey



Master Doubles Championship – 96 teams

Doubles winners (9 – 0)

Doubles finalists

Doubles semi-finalists

Doubles semi-finalists

Sergey Erokhin | Russia / Tim Line | UK

Hans Liby / Dagfinn Snarheim | Norway

Vasily Chemokhonenko | Russia / Ruslan

Mialeshko | Belarus

Ozan Özgür / Fuat Hakan Uncuoglu | Turkey

Intermediate flight - 100 players

Main winner (13 – 12)

Main finalist

3rd place

4th/5th place

4th/5th place

6th/7th/8th place

6th/7th/8th place

6th/7th/8th place

Kanan Hasanzada | Azerbaijan

Florin Chelaru | Romania

Andrii Nesterov | Ukraine

Serkan Koç | Turkey

Umut Aras | Turkey

Heorhii Tsuleiskiri | Georgia/Ukraine

Berkan Kalender | Turkey

Lise Nielsen | Denmark

Last chance winner (7 – 4)

Last chance finalist

Last chance semi-finalist

Last chance semi-finalist

Ramazi Ukleba | Georgia

Cemalettin Karakütük | Turkey

Pim van Haastert | The Netherlands

Elena Gromenkova | Russia

Ladies Prize

Lise Nielsen | Denmark

Super-Jackpot 1 - 32 players

Winner (11 - 0)

Finalist

Semi-finalist

Semi-finalist

Fabrizio Lo Surdo | Italy

Platon Tserliagkos | Greece/UK

Alexandru Pascu | Romania/UK

Kimon Papachristopoulos | Germany

Super-Jackpot 2 - 32 players

Winner (12 - 1)

Finalist

Semi-finalist

Semi-finalist

Mahir Kasuto | Turkey

Johan Huyck | Belgium

Aleksei Barchenkov | Russia

Shay Asraff | USA



Ladies Tournament - 30 players

Winner (11 - 4)

Finalist

Semi-finalist

Semi-finalist

Reyhan Gemici | Turkey

Elena Gromenkova | Russia

Eva Zizkova | Czech Republic

Maria Bonke | Denmark

Warm-up 869BG - 189 players

Winner (8 - 6)

Finalist

Semi-finalist

Semi-finalist

Onur Vurur | Turkey

Kaj Damgaard Nielsen | Denmark

Mehrdad Jeiran Zadeh | Iran

Sahin Timurcan | Turkey

Super-Speedgammon - 64 players

Winner (5 - 0)

Finalist

Semi-finalist

Semi-finalist

Benjamin "Ben" Friesen | USA

Giorgio Castellano | Italy

Johan Huyck | Belgium

Haris Christidis | Greece

Speedgammon - 128 players

Winner (5 - 0)

Finalist

Semi-finalist

Semi-finalist

Toni Bernaba | Lebanon

Yuri Akopov | Russia

Yuri Akopov | Russia

Alexandru Pascu | Romania/UK

One Point Match© - 256 players

Winner

Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Semi-Finalist

Thomas Rebelo | Canada

Hikmet Tunç | Turkey

Klaus Switon | Denmark

Henrik Sorel | Denmark

Mochy's Quiz - 82 players

Best speaker ex aequo

Winner

Finalist

Zdenek Zizka | Czech Republic

Shahab Ghodsi | Iran/Norway

Giorgio Castellano | Italy

Oleksandr Grin | Ukraine



BMAB Event - 18 players

Winner

Thomas Myhr | Denmark

PR Winner

Masayuki "Mochy" Mochizuki | Japan

Wet Gammon - Underwater Backgammon One Point Event - 16 players

Winner

Radu Ciortan | Romania/UK

Finalist

Yair Shuster | Israel

Semi-Finalist

Patrick Gebeili | Lebanon/UAE

Semi-Finalist

Rabieh Adnan | Lebanon/UAE

Data & Numbers

Master: 215 players

Intermediate: 100 players

Player not participating in the main flights: 16 (8 Doubles; 8 Ladies)

Total 331 players

39 Countries: Afghanistan, Albania, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, KKTC, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malta, The Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UAE, UK, Ukraine, USA

Directors: Marco Fornasir | Italy; Arda Findikoglu | Turkey

Tournament Committee: John Broomfield – UK (president); Çumhur Bektüre | Turkey; Sergey Erokhin | Russia; Michihito Kageyama | Japan; Jalil Khalili | Iran; Ricardo Malas | Lebanon; Douglas Mayfield | USA; Bakar Matikashvili | Georgia; Michael Neagu | Romania; David Presser | Israel; Dagfinn Snarheim | Norway; Volker Sonnabend | Germany; Axel Stemark | Denmark; Thomas Tenland | Sweden