

Invitation

THE
PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
OF BACKGAMMON

PARADISE ISLAND CASINO, NASSAU
10th–15th JANUARY 1978



\$20,000

ADDED PRIZE MONEY



PHILIP MORRIS INTERNATIONAL AND THE PARADISE ISLAND CASINO
REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY AT THE
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\$20,000 Prize money will be added by Philip Morris International and the Paradise Island Casino including \$5,000 to the winner, \$1,000 ladies prize (Championship Flight)

PROGRAMME

Tuesday January 10

Registration at the Britannia Beach Hotel from 10.00 am to 6.00 pm.

ALL PLAYERS IN CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION MUST SIGNIFY INTENTION TO REGISTER BEFORE 6.00 PM TO FACILITATE AUCTION PROCEDURE.

Auction Dinner hosted by The Paradise Island Casino in the Ballroom of the Britannia Beach Hotel. Black tie.

8.00 pm Champagne and hors-d'oeuvres

9.00 pm Dinner.

All players who are guests at Britannia Beach, Paradise Island Hotel, Beach Inn, Holiday Inn and Ocean Club are invited to this dinner, and may bring a guest. Players staying elsewhere are expected to pay \$35 per couple for cocktails and dinner.

Wednesday January 11

4.00 pm Play commences in all flights in the Ballroom of the Britannia Beach Hotel.

Thursday January 12

4.00 pm Play continues in all flights. Play commences in all First Consolations in the Ballroom of the Britannia Beach Hotel.

Friday January 13

4.00 pm Play continues in all flights and First Consolations in the Ballroom of the Britannia Beach Hotel.

Saturday January 14

4.00 pm Play continues in all flights and First Consolations. Play commences in all Second Consolations in the Ballroom of the Britannia Beach Hotel.

Sunday January 15

2.00 pm Finals of all flights and Consolations. Last Chance event in all flights in the Ballroom of the Britannia Beach Hotel.

9.00 pm Prize giving presentation and cocktail party hosted by the Bahama Ministry of Tourism in the Ballroom of the Britannia Beach Hotel.

Tournament Director: Lewis Deyong

Rules Committee: USA Chairman: Ted Bassett
Barclay Cooke, Jim Crosby, Tom Gilber, Oswald Jacoby
European Chairman: Marquis d'Arcangues, Joe Dwek
Charles Benson, Guy Baguenault de Puchesse,
Sir Peter Osborne, Stephen Raphael

Resorts International member. Steve Norton

Philip Morris International member. David Wood

ENTRY FEES:

Championship Division \$200

Intermediate Division \$75

Beginners Division \$35

There will be no deductions from the prize money (or auction pool) for any reason. 100% of all entry and auction money will be returned to the players.

The Tournament Committee will select players to be seeded in the auction. Any byes in the draw will be allotted to the seeded players in order. Other byes will be by random draw.

TOURNAMENT RULES:

All entries are subject to approval of Philip Morris International & The Paradise Island Casino.

1. Championship Division

(a) Championship round will commence at 17 points up to a 25 point final.

(b) Consolation Flights will commence at 11 points up to a 17 point final.

(c) Last Chance will commence at 5 points up to a 7 point final.

2. Intermediate and Beginners.

Number of points to be decided at a later date.

3. In the event of a dispute the decision of the Committee will be final.

4. Players will arrive promptly for matches. Penalty points will be awarded against any player more than 15 minutes late. This rule will be strictly enforced.

5. Spectators must keep silent at all times.

6. The official tournament language will be English. No speech in any other language will be permitted between players and spectators at any time during matches.

7. All players have the right to request that any spectator leave the table and it will not be necessary for a player to give an explanation.

8. All players have the right to request a tournament official to referee any match.

9. Gammons backgammons will apply in all matches.

10. The Crawford Rule will apply in all matches.

11. Both dice must be placed in the cup and shaken vigorously before

rolling. Players may change dice before the commencement of any individual game. Once a game is in progress dice may not be changed. Any player may ask the Committee for new dice at the conclusion of any game during his match.

12. A move is not concluded until a player has picked up both his dice. No player may roll until his opponent has picked up his dice. A roll under such circumstances is automatically void. There are no options in any circumstances. Only the special dice provided daily may be used. There will be no exceptions. The Committee reserves the right to change the dice at any time without giving prior notice.

13. Players must roll to the board on their right and "cocked" dice must be re-rolled.

14. Scores must be kept by both players and checked after every game. In any dispute concerning the score the player not keeping score will be at a disadvantage.

15. Automatic doubles will not be allowed. The Jacoby Rule will not be allowed. Settlements are not to be made at any time.

16. All consolation tournaments will be non-progressive, the number of matches won in previous flights will *not* be taken into consideration when the draw is made for consolations and last chance.

17. In any dispute all men and dice are to be left untouched and a member of the Rules Committee called. He will then give a ruling.

18. This tournament is limited to players aged 18 and over.

19. Any behaviour proven to be unethical will result in disqualification of offender(s), forfeiture of any winnings accumulated in the tournament and permanent disqualification from any future Philip Morris International and Resorts International Tournaments.

DIVISION OF PRIZE MONEY

The \$20,000 added prize money will be divided as follows:

1. Championship Division

- (a) \$5,000 to the World Champion
- (b) Runner-Up, Semi-finalists in Championship, Winners, Runners-Up and Semi-Finalists in Consolations and Last Chance.
- (c) Ladies Prize in every flight.

2. Intermediate Division

- (a) \$1,000 to the Winner
- (b) as Championship Division
- (c) as Championship Division

3. Beginners Division

- (a) \$500 to the Winner
- (b) as above
- (c) as above

NO DEDUCTIONS WILL BE MADE FROM THE PRIZE MONEY OR THE AUCTION POOL

Extra Ladies Prize:

Limited Edition Livia Perfume (No 78) Value \$500.

4. Breakdown of Prize Money will be as follows in all divisions:

- (a) Main Flight 60%
- (b) First Consolation 15%
- (c) Second Consolation 15%
- (d) Last Chance 10%

5. The Auction Pool (Championship Division only) will be divided as above.

6. Trophies, to be awarded by Philip Morris International will include a limited edition sculpture by Chris Melling for the Winner and the Runner-Up.

7. Distribution of prize money and auction pool will be supervised by Philip Morris International.

8. Men's doubles Tennis Tournament. Free entry to all players, blind draw for partners. To determine the prizewinner, the winning pair will play a 5 point backgammon match.

The prize, (kindly donated by Crockford's of London): a non-transferable entry into Crockfords 1978, Pro-Am Celebrity Tennis tournament to be played at Queen's Club, London. (NB Any player who has ever been nationally or regionally ranked at tennis is ineligible to win this prize).

9. The World Champion will receive a free entry into the 1978 Philip Morris International European Championships in Monte Carlo, compliments of the SBM.

ROOM RATES

(All rates are European plan – sans pension – and subject to 4% Nassau room toll).

Britannia Beach Hotel

Single or double occupancy \$84 per day

Paradise Island Hotel

Single or double occupancy \$80 per day

Holiday Inn

Single or double occupancy \$75 per day

Beach Inn

Single or double occupancy \$60 per day

All rooms superior or de luxe category accommodation

Your co-operation will be particularly appreciated on the three following points:

1. PLEASE BOOK EARLY. Due to high seasonal demand space is limited. The rates quoted above are guaranteed only for entries received before December 29.

2. Reservations must be accompanied by a cheque of \$100 (Beach Inn \$60). Make cheques payable to the hotel of your choice.

3. Please make reservations through our regional agents. This will enable us to process room bookings more efficiently and prepare the auction more quickly. Entry to this Tournament is by invitation only. The Sponsors and/or the Committee reserve the right to refuse any applicant without stating the cause. For special travel arrangements contact:

USA – Patti Heyman or Lorrie Mickel

UK – Bob Warren or Stephen Raphael

Switzerland – Roland Jakober

ALL AUCTION PAYMENTS MUST BE PAID IN CASH

(Unless prior arrangements have been made with the committee).

The World Championships of 1978 are going to serve as the background for a TV documentary. We would like all players who are intending to play to be aware that filming will continue during the tournament. Parts of the world championship final will be filmed, and therefore played under lights.

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