

Philip Morris
and La Société des Bains de Mer de Monte Carlo
present the 5th Annual



MERIT
WORLD BACKGAMMON
CHAMPIONSHIP
7th-13th July 1980

\$15,000 Added Prize Money



With the participation of
La Direction du Tourisme et des Congrès
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Including PAST WINNERS

1976 Joe Dwek (UK)

1977 Jean Noel Grinda (France)

1978 Richard de Surmont (France)

1979 Luigi Villa (Italy)

ASSISTANT TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

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TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME

Monday July 7th

10.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m. Registration of Players in the Sporting d'Hiver,
Place du Casino.

8.00 p.m. Opening Reception. Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres Salle
Blanche Monte Carlo Casino. Hosted by Salle Americaine Monte
Carlo Casino and Buchanan's Reserve Scotch.

8.00 p.m. Opening of Fixed Odds Book.

9.00 p.m. Championship draw. Salle Blanche Monte Carlo Casino.

10.30 p.m. Play commences Championship Division. Sporting
d'Hiver.

Tuesday July 8th

11.00 a.m. Tennis tournament commences. Monte Carlo
Country Club.

4.00 p.m. Play continues all flights. Sporting d'Hiver.

Wednesday July 9th

11.00 a.m. Tennis Continues. Monte Carlo Country Club.

3.00 p.m. Special Jackpot Tournament. Entry Fee \$1,000. Sporting
d'Hiver. Tournament Director: Roland Jakober.

4.00 p.m. Play continues Intermediate and Beginners.
Sporting d'Hiver.

Thursday July 10th

11.00 a.m. Tennis continues. Monte Carlo Country Club.

4.00 p.m. Play continues all flights. Sporting d'Hiver.

Friday July 11th

11.00 a.m. Tennis Final. Monte Carlo Country Club.

4.00 p.m. Play continues all flights. Sporting d'Hiver.

Saturday July 12th

4.00 p.m. Concluding rounds all flights. Sporting d'Hiver.

10.00 p.m. Championship Semi Finals. Closed Circuit Television
compliments of British Airways. Commentary by Paul Magriel.
Sporting d'Hiver.

Sunday July 13th

2.00 p.m. Merit Rules Inter-Club Championship. \$10,000 Prize
money. No entry Fee. Sporting d'Hiver.

4.00 p.m. Merit World Championship Challenge Round. Closed
Circuit Television compliments of British Airways. Commentary by
Paul Magriel. Sporting d'Hiver.

9.00 p.m. Prize giving reception. Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres. Salle
Empire Hotel de Paris. Co Hosted by Buchanan's Reserve Scotch.

10.30 p.m. Robot Challenge Match. Sporting d'Hiver. Closed Circuit
Television.

MERIT INTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
\$10,000 PRIZE MONEY

- i. This event is open only to teams which represent a Club, Association, Casino, Publication or Organisation WHICH HAS AGREED IN WRITING TO RECOGNISE THE MERIT TOURNAMENT RULES. Such written agreements must be in the possession of the Organisers no later than 5 p.m. July 11th.
- ii. Final registrations must be received no later than 5 p.m. July 11th.
- iii. The organisers would appreciate your co-operation in registering early. It will assist smooth organisation if the approximate number of participants is known in advance.
- iv. Each team will consist of three players. These players must be players in good standing of the club they represent.
- v. Any eligible club may enter an unlimited number of teams.
- vi. The Committee will consist of the members of the World Championship Committee. Other members may be added later at the discretion of the Organisers.
- vii. All players in the Merit Inter-Club Championship must be competitors taking part in the Championship or Intermediate Divisions, or invited guests of the sponsors.
- viii. The sponsors reserve the right to refuse admission to any player (or team) without giving a reason.
- ix. No player may be a member of more than one team.
- x. The Club Championship will be played on a "Knockout" basis and the draw posted at 12.00 noon on Sunday July 13th.
- xi. Each round is decided as follows:
Each player will play one match against a member of the opposing team. The first team to win 2 matches advances to the next round. There will be NO consultation between team members during a match.
- xii. The usual time penalties will be in effect and unnecessarily slow play will result in penalty points being added to an opponent's score if the committee feels justified in doing so. The number of points required to win in each round will be determined by the committee. This information will be available well before the start of play.

**THERE WILL BE NO CONSOLATION EVENT AND THE
WINNING TEAM WILL RECEIVE \$10,000 PRIZE MONEY.**

ROBOT CHALLENGE MATCH

The Robot Merit V will play the 1980 MERIT World Backgammon Champion on Sunday, July 13th at 10.30 p.m. in the Sporting d'Hiver. The match will be shown on closed circuit television, with commentary by Paul Magriel. If the World Champion defeats Merit V he will receive a special prize of \$5000.
1979 Winner: Gammonoid Merit I

TENNIS

Tuesday July 8th:- A Men's Double Tennis Tournament will commence at 11.00 a.m. at the Monte Carlo Country Club. Play will continue each day with the Final on Friday July 11th at 11.00 a.m. There will be no entry fee.

La Société des Bains de Mer is happy to announce that the following service will be available throughout the tournament:
Fixed Odds Betting (Ante Post) on every round of the World Championship.

CONDITIONS

1. PARTICIPATION IN THE MERIT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IS BY INVITATION ONLY. THE SPONSORS AND/OR THE COMMITTEE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY APPLICATION WITHOUT GIVING A REASON.

2. ENTRY FEES:

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION \$500

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION \$200

BEGINNERS DIVISION \$75

100% OF ALL PRIZE MONEY WILL BE RETURNED TO THE WINNERS.

3. Prize money in all divisions will be allocated as follows:-

Championship 60% Second Consolation 15%

First Consolation 15% Last Chance 10%

The following breakdown will adhere in all flights*

Winner 60% Both losing Semi Finalists 10%

Runner Up 20%

*Last Chance: Winner 70% Runner Up 30%

4. All competitors must be at least 18 years old.

5. The Committee and La Société des Bains de Mer reserve the right to adopt any measures which they deem necessary for the security of the Tournament.

6. THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WILL OBSERVE THE MERIT TOURNAMENT RULES WHICH WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL COMPETITORS ON ARRIVAL.

ADDED PRIZES

i. World Champion - "The Backgammon Players" a bronze by Chris Melling.

ii. Runner Up - a replica of "The Backgammon Players" by Chris Melling.

iii. Prizes have also been graciously donated by the following sponsors:-

(1) Buchanan's Reserve 12 year (3) St. Laurent Rive Gauche
Old Scotch (4) Gian Maria Buccellatti

(2) Van Cleef et Arpels (Ladies Prize) (5) Champagne Moët et Chandon

SPECIAL PRIZES

1. Grand competition for all those who fly to Nice on the host airline. Merit will present a prize to the lucky winner of the draw for all competitors who present proof of flying USA to Nice by the host airline. This can be done by presenting a photocopy of the air ticket. A photocopying machine will be available.

2. All players arriving from UK eligible. Rules as above except B.A. tickets must originate in UK (Flight UK-Nice).

3. No player may enter both 1 and 2 above.

4. Draw will be made at 9.00 p.m. Monday July 7th.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A \$100 DEPOSIT. Cheques should be made out to the Hotel of your choice and sent to one of the Regional Agents listed on this invitation. Due to very high seasonal demand players are advised to book accommodation as early as possible. Although a substantial number of rooms have been allocated for the World Championship, reservations cannot be guaranteed after June 15th 1980.

All players who are NOT resident at the authorised Hotels will pay a surcharge of \$50 per couple for the Opening Reception, Prize Giving Party and the use of the SBM facilities - The Sporting Club, Country Club and Golf Club, Monte Carlo Beach, Piscine des Terrasses etc.

AUTHORISED TOURNAMENT HOTELS

All rooms are air conditioned. All prices quoted with service included.

HOTEL DE PARIS

Suite	1,490 Fr. Frs.
Double Room 1st Category	680 Fr. Frs.
Double Room 2nd Category	630 Fr. Frs.
Single Room	490 Fr. Frs.

HOTEL HERMITAGE

Suite	1,100 Fr. Frs.
Double Room 1st category	520 Fr. Frs.
Double Room 2nd category	470 Fr. Frs.
Single Room	390 Fr. Frs.

HOTEL MIRABEAU

Double Room 1st category	440 Fr. Frs.
Double Room 2nd category	390 Fr. Frs.
Single Room 1st category	325 Fr. Frs.
Single Room 2nd category	270 Fr. Frs.

HOTEL LOEWS

Regular Suites	1,090 - 1,435 Fr. Frs.
Junior Suite	660 Fr. Frs.
Double Room	485 Fr. Frs.
Single Room	450 Fr. Frs.

BEACH PLAZA

Double Room	490 Fr. Frs.
Single Room	400 Fr. Frs.

SPECIAL FLIGHT LONDON - NICE RETURN

Due to high seasonal demand, reservations should be made without delay.

Departure Sunday July 6th B.A. 342 @ 11:00

Return Monday July 14th B.A. 343 @ 14:50

Price is £150.00 (subject to any IATA increase)

All details:- Mike Ross, Trans Euro Travel (01) 437 5758/734 7638

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