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WBF has its seat in Switzerland
P.O. Box 47 CH-6850 Mendrisio and
Alberto da Pra is its President

Over one hundred Federations, Associations and Clubs from all over the World are involved including the following Nations: Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Holland, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Mauritius, Norway, Paraguay, Rumania, Russia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela.

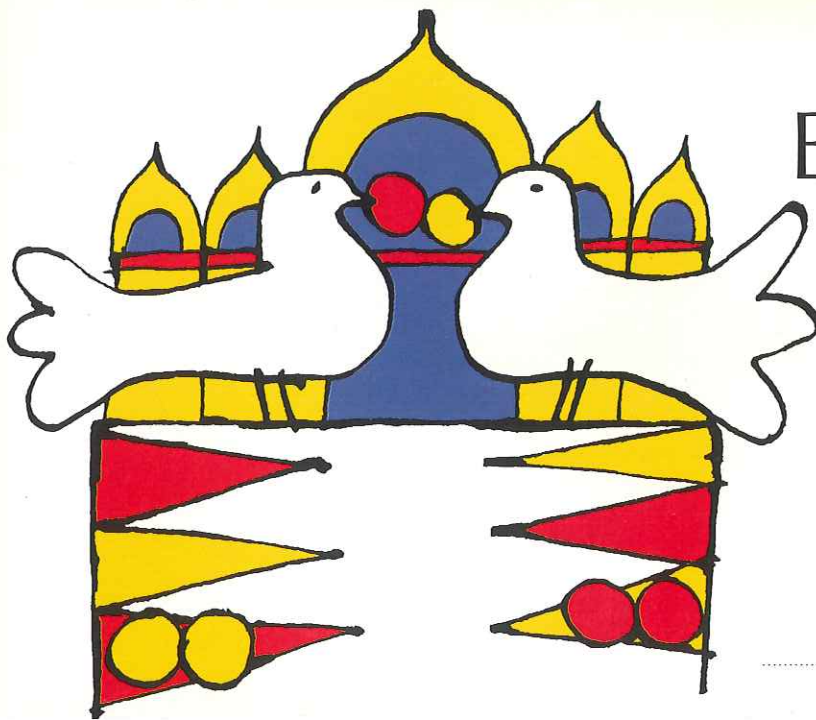
July 2nd/4th After THE 2nd BACKGAMMON OLYMPIAD
you can play professional backgammon at the

2nd BACKGAMMON SUPERCUP (limited to 32 players)
HOTEL VILLA CONDULMER in MOGLIANO VENETO

Great facilities for backgammon players: 3 nights including breakfast, dinner and refreshments during the tournament
Lit. 600,000 (about \$ 380 - DM 550).
Reserve mentioning "backgammon"tel. +39-41-457100 - fax +39-41-457134.

- ADDED PRIZE ■ MAIN TOURNAMENT: best of 3 (finals best of 5)
- 11 point matches ■ PROGRESSIVE CONSOLATION ■ WBF TOURNAMENT RULES
- TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: ALFONSO SARA

ORGANIZATION: CLAUDIO PAGANO
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Enrolments will be confirmed during the Olympiad.



THE 2nd
BACKGAMMON
OLYMPIAD
VENICE 1996
ADDED
PRIZE
LIT. 30,000,000
JUNE 25th TO 30th



Roulette

Black Jack

Chemin de fer

Trente et quarante

Slot Machine

Video Poker

Video Games

Horse Races

Casino Venus

Vegas Jack

Bar-Restaurant-Theatre

CASINO' MUNICIPALE DI VENEZIA

Winter location

Ca' Vendramin Calergi

Summer location

Lido di Venezia

open everyday

for information phone 041/5297111

CONDITIONS

- WBF Tournament rules will apply
- Tournament matches take precedence over all other forms of play
- The organization reserves the right, without giving any reason, to refuse registration
- Should a player wish to leave the playing area during the tournament, he must inform the staff; failure to do so will result in penalty points
- The hours between 20.00-22.00 p.m. have been set aside for dinner
- The organization reserves the right to change the programme in any of its parts
- Please dress appropriately (no shorts)
- The minimum age is 18 years.

PRIZES

- 100% of the Olympic Individual entry-fees will be returned with an **Added Prize of Lit. 30,000,000.**
- Over **70 trophies.**
- A free entry-fee in the Master Category of the **6th Mitteleuropa Backgammon Tournament at Nova Gorica** (6th-8th September '96) to the winner of the Kick-off.
- Olympic T-shirts, Olympic Wine bottles and other prizes will be drawn among all the players.
- Players and their guests will receive a 6-day free pass to the Casino rooms.

TOURNAMENT HOTELS

HOTEL 4 FONTANE ****

Via 4 Fontane, 16
30126 Venezia Lido
tel. +39-41-5260227
fax 5260726
Lit. 310,000 (double)
Lit. 230,000 (single)

HOTEL LA MERIDIANA ***

Via Lepanto, 45
30126 Venezia Lido
tel. +39-41-5260343
fax 5269240
5 nights or more:
Lit. 190,000 (double)
Lit. 160,000 (single)
less than 5 nights:
Lit. 230,000 (double)
Lit. 180,000 (single)

HOTEL PETIT PALAIS ***

Lungomare G. Marconi, 54
30126 Venezia Lido
tel. +39-41-5265993
fax 5260781
5 nights or more:
Lit. 190,000 (double)
Lit. 160,000 (single)
less than 5 nights:
Lit. 230,000 (double)
Lit. 180,000 (single)

HOTEL RIVAMARE **

Lungomare G. Marconi, 44
30126 Venezia Lido
tel/fax +39-41-5260352
Lit. 150,000 (double)
Lit. 90,000 (double without bathroom)
Lit. 110,000 (single)
Lit. 195,000 (triple)

HOTEL VILLA DELLE PALME *

Via Dandolo, 12
30126 Venezia Lido
tel. +39-41-5261312
Lit. 85,000 (double)
Lit. 50,000 (single)

All prices are for B&B per night.
Make reservation mentioning "backgammon".

In order to avoid any disappointment, we advise you to register as soon as possible.

- Arrangements with restaurants
- Bungalow on the beach
- Golf
- Tennis
- Riding
- Sight-seeing trip to Venice and its lagoon. On request boat-trips from 5 people upwards. Private tourist services.

HOW TO REACH THE LIDO

- BY CAR:
ferry boat from Tronchetto (boat 17)
- FROM THE AIRPORT
(Tessera): private boat (S. Marco Company) to the Lido.
The time table is in accordance with the flights.
- FROM RAILWAY STATION
boat n. 52 (diretto); boat n. 1 (accelerato); boat n. 82 (turistico).
- FROM PIAZZALE ROMA
(car terminal): boat n. 52 (diretto); boat n. 1 (accelerato); boat n. 82 (turistico).
- FROM TRONCHETTO
(autopark): boat n. 82 (turistico); boat n. 40 (Casino Express)

**CASINO/
MUNICIPALE****LIDO
VENICE****TUESDAY, 25th
JUNE**

15.00 - 19.00
Registration.
15.30
Jackpot programme.
16.00
Backgammon Circuit of
North-East Italy 1996:
final matches.
22.00
Olympic International
Kick off
(Added Lit. 3,000,000).
Free Entry.
Re-entries will be possible.

**WEDNESDAY, 26th
JUNE**

12.00 - 19.00
Registration.
12.30
1st seminar.
14.00
Jackpot programme
& Kick off.
15.00
Quarter Entries.
19.30
Welcome drink with tasting
of the "Olympic Wine".
21.00
Public Manual Draw.
22.00
Olympic Individual
Tournament
(Added Lit. 15,000,000).

**THURSDAY, 27th
JUNE**

12.00 - 14.30
Registration.
12.30
2nd seminar.
15.00
Olympic Team Tournament
(Added Lit. 6,000,000).
18.00
Superjackpot, Jackpot
programme & Kick-off.
22.00
Progressive Consolation.

**FRIDAY, 28th
JUNE**

12.00 - 19.00
Registration.
12.30
3rd seminar.
14.00
Jackpot programme
& Kick off.
15.00
Olympic Consultation
Double
(Added Lit. 3,000,000).
22.00
8th City of Venice
(Added Lit. 3,000,000).

**SATURDAY, 29th
JUNE**

12.30
Improve your game with
the experts.
14.00
All tournaments continue.
14.00
Jackpot programme
& Kick off.

**SUNDAY, 30th
JUNE**

12.30
Improve your game with
the experts.
14.00
Last Chance.
15.00
Finals.
20.00
Prize giving ceremony
and cocktail.
22.00
Jackpot programme
continues till the end.

STAFF

- Organization
- studiogiochi**
- Tournament Director
- Dario De Toffoli**
- Coordinator **Alfonso Sara**
- WBF coordinator **Marco Fornasir**
- International Committee:
- Armando Balbi, Giuseppe Bau, Nick Begakis,
Stefano Boni, Claudio Borgnino, David Bridges,
Carol Joy Cole, Bill Davis, Martin de Bruin,
Andrea de Zandonati, Nino Di Bella,
Pio Domeniconi, Abraham Eitan, Max Esquivel,
Guido Flamigni, Franco Forleo, Raffaello Gatti,
Roberto Gobbo, Eric Gravgaard,
Heiner Haussleiter, Bjorg Isberg, Haig Kesdjan,
George Klitzas, Matthias Körner, Davorin Lozej,
Mario Madrigan, Anthony Maltezopoulos,
Marcello Marzaduri, Sergio Montefusco,
Claudio Pagano, Aldo Peretti, Roberto Rai,
Ulf Ring, Bill Robertie, Claudio SalamoneAlvaro
Savio, Rolf Schreuder, Alfred Schwarz,
Kenji Shimodaira, Andrea Sirch,
Roberto Spadavecchia, Alan Steffen,
Sanjit Teelock, Svilen Todorov, Evert Van Eijck,
Mario Viceconte.
- Tournament Committee will be
announced under the Presidency of
Alberto da Pra.
- Graphic design **Tapiro**

FEES**Olympic Individual Tournament**

	entry-fees	registration-fees **
Master	Lit. 1,000,000	Lit. 100,000
(Quarter Entry*)	Lit. 250,000	Lit. 100,000
Champion	Lit. 350,000	Lit. 80,000
Intermediate	Lit. 150,000	Lit. 50,000
Beginner Programme	Lit. 50,000	Lit. 50,000

All the Olympic Individual fees

are inclusive of the participation in the 8th "City of Venice".

*Quarter entry means that 4 players play in a 4 player mini-jackpot, the winner receives a full entry in the championship, the 3 losers may then re-enter the tournament (in any category), without paying any extra registration fees.

8th City of Venice (only)

	entry-fees	registration-fees**
Master	Lit. 250,000	Lit. 50,000
Champion	Lit. 100,000	Lit. 30,000
Intermediate	Lit. 50,000	Lit. 30,000
Beginner Programme	Lit. 30,000	Lit. 30,000

**These registration-fees are valid for members of WBF who exhibit the 1996 Card.

Non-members will pay other Lit. 30,000 (Olympic Tournament) or Lit. 20,000 (City of Venice only). The WBF Card will be available at the tournament.

Olympic Team Tournament

Per team Lit. 300,000

Olympic Double Tournament

Per team Lit. 200,000

Olympic Kick-off

	Tuesday	free
1 st re-entry		Lit. 150,000
2 nd re-entry		Lit. 100,000
3 rd re-entry		Lit. 50,000

All fees are in Italian Lire.

\$= ABOUT LIT. 1,550

DM= ABOUT LIT. 1,050

ADVANCE ENROLMENT

Advance registrations will be accepted. For olympic tournaments the fees can be paid in advance to: Worldwide Backgammon Federation P.O. Box 47 CH-6850 Mendrisio SWITZERLAND. Payments must be date-marked by the 10th of June.

The 2nd Backgammon Olympiad is organized by **studiogiochi**, under license of the **Worldwide Backgammon Federation** and on behalf of the **Casinò Municipale di Venezia**.

OLYMPIC TITLES

- Olympic Individual Title
- Olympic Team Title
- Olympic Double Title
- General ranking of countries

Past Olympic Champions (1992):

Individual Champion: Robert Wachtel (USA). Finalist: Kazuhiro Shino (Japan)
Team Champion. The mixed team: Ralf Jonas (D), Christoph Wagener (D), Roland Ekstroem (S)
Ranking of countries: 1st USA - 2nd Germany - 3rd Japan - 4th Italy - 5th Denmark

OLYMPIC INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

(ADDED LIT. 15,000,000)

- Three categories: Master, Champion, Intermediate.
- On Friday all the players eliminated from the Progressive Consolation go directly, **free of charge**, to the 8th International Tournament "City of Venice". The "City of Venice" therefore has the function of "2nd Consolation" for players playing in the Olympiad, but is also open to the public, upon payment of an entry fee.
- On Sunday all eliminated players go, free of charge, to the "Last Chance".

OLYMPIC TEAM TOURNAMENT

(ADDED LIT 6,000,000)

- One category only.
- Every team has 3 players.
- Private teams as well as official teams will be accepted.
- This tournament will have 2 phases. The 1st phase of eliminations in which each team will play against 3 other teams: the winning teams of each 4-team group, together with the best seconds go to the 2nd phase; the 2nd phase will have a normal knock-out format.

8th CITY OF VENICE

(ADDED LIT. 3,000,000)

This successful event has been included in the Olympic programme. It includes players who are knocked out of the progressive consolation but it is also open to new players who pay a separate entry-fee.

Past Winners

- 1989 Gerhard Stoll *Italy*
- 1990 Carsten Joh *Germany*
- 1991 Robert Hutchinson *Great Britain*
- 1992 André Hoffmann *Hong Kong*
- 1993 David Bridges *Great Britain*
- 1994 Michael Grabarczyk *Germany*
- 1995 Evert Van Eijck *Holland*

OLYMPIC KICK-OFF

(ADDED LIT. 3,000,000)

It acts as Warm up too: all the players present on Tuesday 25th will have one free entrance to this tournament. After that anyone can re-enter (paying the entry-fee) three times, till all the sheet is full. There will be 32 16-player qualification sheets and the winners will enter the 32-player final sheet.

OLYMPIC CONSULTATION DOUBLE

(ADDED LIT. 3,000,000)

Players play in pairs on the same board and can confer with each other.

BEGINNER PROGRAMME/SCHOOL

3-days of school with recognized masters plus a no-cube tournament from Friday.

LECTURES

- 3 seminars will be given by **Alan Steffen**.
- Improve your game with the experts: You can play free of charge with expert players who will also comment on the moves.
- **Alan Steffen** will be commenting the final shown on a large screen.

JACKPOT PROGRAMME

- **Stoppots** (Danish style). You decide how many matches you play; entry-fees from Lit. 25,000 to Lit. 800,000.
- **Superjackpot** Lit. 1,500,000.
- **1-point tournament**. Players of all categories can have fun with this 512- player tournament. Entry-fee Lit. 10,000 with possibility of re-entry.
- **Speed gammon**. Is for quick thinkers only. Each player gets 9 minutes on a chess clock to play a 5-point match. You can win the match on score, or if your opponent runs out of time first.
- **Internet Trophy**. Reserved for players with a rating on FIBS.

ITALIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Tournament results count towards WBF's Italian Championship 1996.

EQUIPMENT

- The beautiful **Dal Negro** tournament boards will be used.
- Players must use **precision dice**. These will be available at the tournament, but players may use their own precision dice, if of the same size as the official ones.

NIGHT: THERE'LL BE A PLAYING ROOM OPEN TILL 5.00 A.M..

DAL NEGRO