

CASINÒ MUNICIPALE DI VENEZIA • SD2 STUDIOGIOCHI

THE 1ST BACKGAMMON OLYMPIAD VENICE 1992



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DAL NEGRO

CARTE DA GIOCO

IL GAZZETTINO

It has been asserted that civilization and its culture are derived from games, from their properties of imagination, genius, and invention and even from their rules of discipline; that all the important expressions of civilization are therefore but a reflection of games. But also the opposite has been asserted - that games derive from an imitation of the social order portraying an unusual, regressive, and backward picture of civilization - a mirror of characteristics which have been surpassed in its evolutionary process.

But, leaving aside these inquiries into which came first, what emerges is the existence of manifold and multifarious elements of transfer between the two worlds and a similarity of behaviour and stimuli. So much so that the fondness for certain games in a given historical period reflects the tendencies and tastes of the community, which in its turn, conditions their character as regards its nature and its flaws.

Games are, therefore, a relevant cultural and social phenomenon which occur widely. This is especially true whenever games become performances, displaying skill and competitiveness - as summed up in the Greek word "agon".

This first Backgammon Olympiad cannot but be greeted with great attention, interest, and even enthusiasm; the crowning result of the success achieved by previous tournaments. It will certainly be an expression of the great involvement by players from all over the world and of the expectation which this international event has already awakened.

A warm welcome then, to all the participants, with the wish that their stay in Venice and at the Casino will be a most pleasant one.

Armando Favaretto
Councillor, Municipal Casino

A very warm welcome and a hearty "Good Luck!" to all the players and fans who have chosen to celebrate with us this 1st Backgammon Olympiad

Alberto da Pra
President of WBF

HOW
TO REACH
THE LIDO
OF VENICE

From **TRONCHETTO**

- Boat n.1
(Accelerato)
- Boat n.34
(Diretto turistico)

By **CAR**

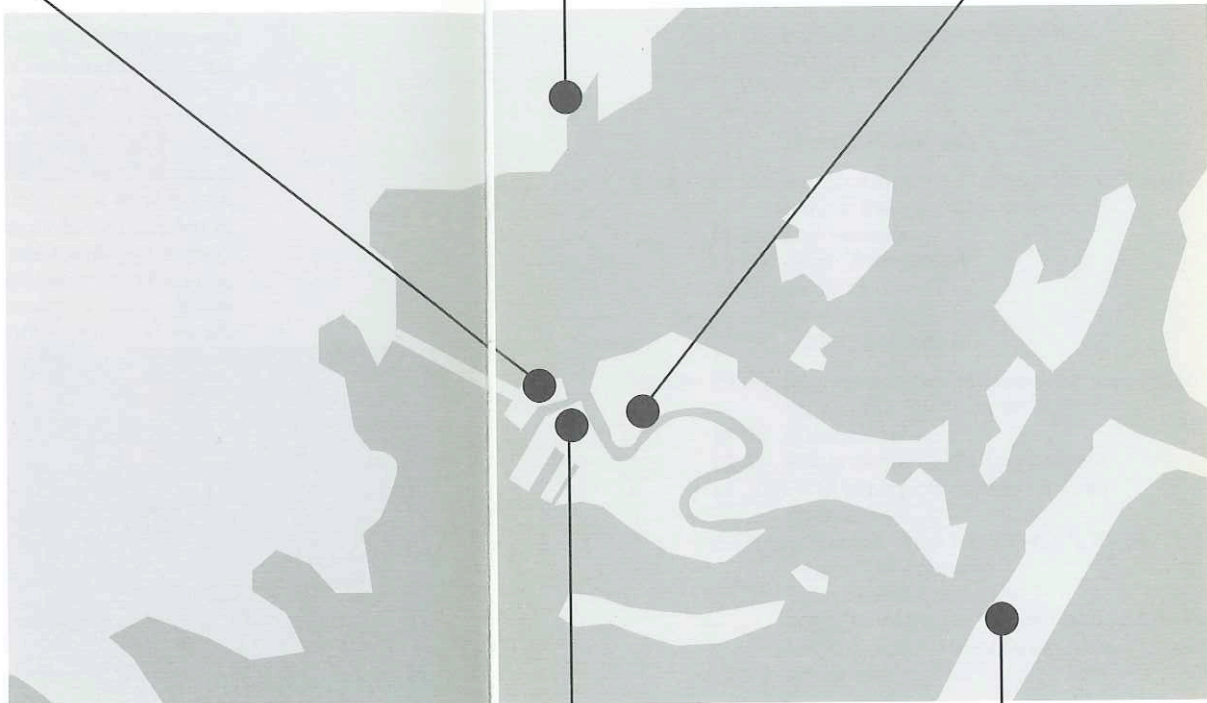
- Ferry-boat
from Tronchetto
(boat n.17)

From the **AIRPORT**
(Tessera)

- Private boat
(S. Marco Company)
to the Lido;
the timetable
is in accordance with
the flights
- Bus n.5
to P.le Roma

From **RAILWAY
STATION**

- Boat n.1
(Accelerato)
- Boat n.2
(Diretto)
- Boat n.34
(Diretto turistico)



From **PIAZZALE ROMA**

- Boat n.1
(Accelerato)
- Boat n.2
(Diretto)
- Boat n.34
(Diretto turistico)

**CASINO'
MUNICIPALE**
of the Lido

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 30th June

- 15.00 - 19.00 Registrations in the olympic tournaments
- 15.30 Jackpots
- 19.30 Welcome drink and opening ceremony
- 22.00 Warm up
- 22.30 Jackpots

Wednesday, 1st July

- 10.00 - 12.30 Late registrations in the olympic tournaments
- 11.30 1st seminar
- 16.00 Individual tournament starts
- 18.00 Jackpots
- 22.00 Double-Gammon tournament

Thursday, 2nd July

- 10.00 - 12.30 Registrations for players who participate only in the 4th "City of Venice"
- 11.30 2nd seminar
- 15.30 Team Tournament
- 22.00 Jackpots

Friday, 3rd July

- 15.00 - 19.00 Registrations for players who participate only in the 4th "City of Venice"
- 11.30 3rd seminar
- 15.30 Finals of the Team Tournament
- 19.30 Prize-giving ceremony for Team Tournament
- 20.00 Welcome drink for the 4th "City of Venice" tournament
- 21.30 Tournament continues
4th "City of Venice" starts (valid also as 1st Consolation for the Olympic Tournament)
- 22.00 Jackpots

Saturday, 4th July

- 11.30 Improve your game with the experts
- 15.00 Tournaments continue
Consolations
- 18.00 Jackpots

Sunday, 5th July

- 11.30 Improve your game with the experts
- 14.00 Last chance
- 15.30 Finals
- 16.00 Jackpots
- 20.00 Prize-giving ceremony and cocktail.

The 1st Backgammon Olympiad is organized by SD2 Studiogiochi, under license from the Worldwide Backgammon Federation and on behalf of the Casinò Municipale del Lido di Venezia.

OLYMPIC TITLES

Individual Olympic Title.
Title for the country with the 5 best-placed individual players.
Olympic Team Title.
Title for the country with the 5 best-placed teams.
There will also be a general ranking of countries.

OLYMPIC INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

Three categories: Championship, Intermediate and Beginners.
In every category:
• on Wednesday start of the Main Olympic Tournament.
• on Friday all players eliminated on the 1st day go directly, free of charge, to the 4th International Tournament "City of Venice". The 4th "City of Venice" therefore has the function of "1st Consolation" for those players playing in the Olympiad, but it is also open to the public, upon payment of an entry fee.
• on Saturday all players eliminated from the Main Olympic Tournament and from the 4th "City of Venice", go, free, directly to the "Consolation".
• on Sunday all players eliminated go, free, to the "Last chance".

OLYMPIC TEAM TOURNAMENT

(Lit. 15,000,000 minimum added prize money)
One category only.
Every team has 3 players.
Private teams as well as official teams of National Federations or Associations will be accepted.
This tournament will have 2 phases
• the 1st phase of eliminations will have a round-robin format, in which each team will play against 4 or 5 other teams
• the 2nd phase will have a normal knock out format and will have a number of teams equal to a power of two (eg 8, 16, 32, ...).
Details will be posted on the Notice Board.

4TH INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT CITY OF VENICE

This successful WBF Golden Circuit event has been included in the olympic programme. It has the usual tournament structure with a separate entry-fee, but also includes the players who are knocked out of the Olympic Individual Tournament.

Past winners:

- 1989 Gerhard Stoll (Italy)
- 1990 Carsten Joh (Germany)
- 1991 Robert Hutchinson (Great Britain)

WARM UP

(Lit. 2,000,000 minimum added prize-money)
On Tuesday there will be a Warm Up open to the players of all categories.

JACKPOT PROGRAMME

- Jackpots for beginners only
- Speedy Jackpots
- Jackpots
- Super Jackpots (not more than 32 players, 11-point matches)

Details will be posted on the Notice Board

DOUBLE GAMMON EVENT

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

SEMINARS

Lessons for Intermediate and Championship levels will be given by the two-time World Champion Bill Robertie.

IMPROVE YOUR GAME WITH THE EXPERTS

You can play free of charge with expert players who will also comment on the moves.

ENTRY & REGISTRATION FEES

Warm up

free

Olympic Individual Tournament

	entry-fees	registration-fees *
Championship	Lit. 750,000	Lit. 60,000
Intermediate	Lit. 300,000	Lit. 40,000
Beginners	Lit. 100,000	Lit. 25,000

These fees are inclusive of the participation in the 4th "City of Venice".

Olympic Team Tournament

free

4th City of Venice (only)

	entry-fees	registration-fees *
Championship	Lit. 250,000	Lit. 40,000
Intermediate	Lit. 100,000	Lit. 25,000
Beginners	Lit. 35,000	Lit. 15,000

Players registered only in the "City of Venice" tournament who wish to take part in the olympic team tournament may do so by paying an additional registration-fee of Lit. 100,000 per player.

All fees are in Italian Lire.

\$1= about Lit. 1,250.

BOOKINGS FOR TOURNAMENTS

Send a fax to SD2 studiogiocchi (39-41-5240881) with name, surname, nationality and tournament category. Bookings must then be confirmed with a regular registration.

ADVANCE-REGISTRATIONS

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 datemarked by the 10th of June. For the "City of Venice" tournament only, contact the organizers.

*These registration-fees are valid for members of the WBF (or associated National Federations) who exhibit the 1992 Card. Non members will pay an additional registration fee of Lit. 40.000 (Olympic Tournament) or Lit. 25.000 (4th "City of Venice" only). The WBF 1992 Card will be available at the tournament.

PRIZES

100% of entry-fees will be returned with

ADDED PRIZES:

- Lit. **20,000,000** net minimum guaranteed
- Over 70 trophies
- A gift for each player.

The distribution of the added prize-money will be announced and posted on the Notice Board.

Players and their guests will receive a 6 day free pass to the Casino rooms.

Special DAL NEGRO Trophy for the winner of the Olympic Individual Tournament.

Special GAZZETTINO Trophy for the winner of the 4th "City of Venice".

Special WAGONS-LITS Trophy for the winner of the Warm up.

Other prizes to be announced.

Baroness Bridget of Culcreuch will present the prize-giving ceremonies.

ADDED PRIZE MONEY
Lit. 20,000,000 net

**INTERNATIONAL
COMMITTEE**

Giuseppe Baù, Nick Begakis, Ugo Bergamo, Vittorio Boero, David Bridges, John Broomfield, Aldo Brucoli, Michel Cordier, Baroness Bridget of Culcreuch, Baron Hercules of Culcreuch, Miro Dal Negro, Crispin De Nys, Alberto da Pra, Dario De Toffoli, Giampaolo Dossena, Bruno Fanan, Armando Favaretto, Marco Fornasir, Faik Gousseinov, Roland Jakober, Harald Johann, Prince Joli Kansil, Danny Kleinman, Davorin Lozej, Mario Madrigal, Anthony Maltezopoulos, Howard Markowitz, Vladimir Paravian, Princess Vera de Rachevsky, Alex Randolph, Ulf Ring, William Robertie, Alfonso Sara, Alvaro Savio, Alfred Schwarz, Tomoyuki Shimomura, Sandro Sorbini, Norbert Stippler, Ikko Tanaka, Chris Ternel, Gianni Trainini, Yamin Yamin.
Other names will be announced.

Many thanks to all Italian Backgammon Clubs and in particular to the Backgammon Club Venezia.

**TOURNAMENT
COMMITTEE**

Alberto da Pra will preside over the tournament-committee, that will be announced.

DIRECTION

Organizing director: Dario De Toffoli
Tournament directors: Marco Fornasir, Alfonso Sara.

CONDITIONS

- WBF Tournament rules will apply.
- Tournament matches take precedence over all other forms of play.
- The tournament committee reserves the right, without giving any reason, to refuse registration.
- Participation in lower categories may be refused to players obviously qualified to play in higher divisions.
- Should a player wish to leave the playing area during the tournament, he must inform one of the directors; failure to do so will result in penalty points.
- The hours between 8.00-10.00 p.m. have been set aside for dinner. However, if there is a Tournament Match still in progress it should continue to completion unless **both** players agree to break for dinner. In any case the playing room will remain open to the players.
- The organization reserves the right to change the programme in any of its parts. Changes will be announced clearly in advance and posted on the Notice Board.
- The minimum age is 18 years.

**TOURNAMENT
HOTEL**
(Special B&B rates)

**** HOTEL 4 FONTANE
Lit. 240,000 (double room)
Lit. 180,000 (single room)
V. 4 Fontane, 16 30126 VENEZIA-
LIDO (close to Casino)
Tel. 39-41-5260227 fax 5260726

BOOKING

WAGONS-LITS Turismo
S. Marco 289/305 30124 VENEZIA
Tel. 39-41-5228247 or 5229525
fax 5228508
Claudia Vettor:
from Monday to Friday 9.00-18.00
Saturday 9.00-12.00

Other accommodations (from * to *****)
available on request.

Make reservations mentioning the
"Backgammon Olympiad"

Arrangements with restaurants.

On request:

- bungalows on the beach
- golf
- tennis
- special tourist services for Venice and its lagoon

A press room will be available.

Close circuit and Videos.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dario De Toffoli

S. Polo, 3083 - 30125 VENEZIA ITALY

Tel. 39-41-5211029 fax 5240881

During the Olympiad (at the Casino):

39-41-5297244

Information about the event may also be available from:

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P.O. Box Kingswood - Adelaide
SOUTH AUSTRALIA 5062
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- Danish Backgammon Federation
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- Das Backgammon Magazine
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- Deutscher Backgammon Bund
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Hercules and Bridget Culcreuch
Mount Rule House, Braddan, Isle of Man
GREAT BRITAIN
tel. 44-624-851045 fax 627514
- U.S. Backgammon Enterprises
William Robertie
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has its seat in Switzerland (P.O. Box 47 CH-6850 Mendrisio) and Alberto da Pra is its president.

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