

**THE 1ST  
MIND SPORTS  
OLYMPIAD**



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*at a glance*

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- The 1<sup>st</sup> Global Mind Sports Event
- Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals
- Four London/NY Concorde returns
- Prizes to the value of £100,000
- Board Games
- Card Games
- Games Workshops
- Mental Skills

Abalone	Entropy	Memory Skills
Backgammon	Fanorona	Mental Calculations
Bridge	Gin Rummy	Othello
Chess	Go (19x19)	(Reversi)
Chess Problem Solving	Go (13x13)	Owari
Chinese Chess	Go (9x9)	Pentamind
(XiangQi)	Hare and Tortoise	Rummikub
Computer Programming	IQ Competition	Scrabble
Continuo	Japanese Chess (Shogi)	Skat (German rules)
Creative Thinking Tests	Jigsaw Puzzles	Speed Reading
Crossword Puzzles	Lines of Action (LOA)	Stratego
Decamentathlon	Magic – The Gathering	(l'Attaque)
Draughts (8x8)	Mah-Jongg	Twixt
Draughts (10x10)	Mastermind	Zatre

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## THE CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Welcome to the Mind Sports Olympiad, the first event of its kind and one which, thanks to your encouragement and participation, either as a visitor or a player, is now set to become an annual event.

Why Mind Sports? My experience, in both government and industry, has demonstrated to me that those who are Mind Sports enthusiasts bring a special dimension of intellectual acumen and competitive drive to their professional activities.

A further response is that Mind Sports offer the possibility of competing *and of winning*, to *everyone* – irrespective of age, sex or physical attainment.

Finally, at a time when education has rightly become the overriding concern, not only of Government but of all of us who care about the future of our country, our continent, and our world, any activity which stimulates mental development and structured thinking merits *one hundred per cent* support. And it is precisely in the stimulation of mental development and structured thinking that Mind Sports make a major – maybe *the* major – contribution to the creation of a better educated society.

So there you have it! By being active in Mind Sports you are:

- developing skills of significant value to you in your professional life
- signifying your readiness to participate in an environment that is neither ageist, sexist, nor obsessed with purely physical prowess
- contributing actively to making our world a better educated, and hence *better*, place

Enjoy yourselves, and may Skill and Good Fortune be with you!

Sir Brian Tovey KCMG



## THE ORGANISERS

### **Raymond Keene OBE – MSO Director**

Raymond Keene is the world's leading authority on Chess and Mind Sports. An International Chess Grandmaster since 1976 and ex-British Champion, Keene is the author of more than 100 books. He writes a daily Chess column in *The Times* and a weekly one in *The Sunday Times* and *The Spectator*. A primary organiser of the World Chess Championship match between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short and co-founder of the Mind Sports Olympiad, Raymond was awarded the title OBE (Officer of the British Empire) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth in 1985. He is well known as a TV presenter, having made 500 appearances worldwide.

### **Tony Buzan – MSO Director**

Tony Buzan is the originator of Mind Maps®, the President of the Brain Foundation, founder of the Brain Trust and the Brain Clubs, and the creator of the concept of Mental Literacy.

As one of the world's leading authors in this field, he has published 44 books (42 on the brain, creativity, learning and Mind Sports and two volumes of poetry). His books, which include *The Mind Map Book: Radiant Thinking*, *Use Your Head*, *Use Your Memory* and *Buzan's Book of Genius*, have now been published in 50 countries and translated into 22 languages. The classic *Use Your Head* has sold over a million copies worldwide. He advises governments and multinational organisations, including BP, Hewlett Packard and IBM, and regularly lectures to leading businesses, universities and schools.

### **David Levy – MSO Director**

David Levy is an International Chess Master and author of 55 books on Chess, games and computer science. He has been intimately involved with the organisation of two World Chess Championship

matches, namely Kasparov-Karpov, London 1986 and Kasparov-Short, London 1993. He was also the founding father of the highly successful computer Olympiads, co-organiser of the first Man vs Machine World Championship, the Draughts clash between Dr Marion Tinsley and Chinook in London 1992, and, as past President of the International Computer Chess Association, he has been a driving force in the creation of chessplaying programs.

Perhaps David's main claim to prominence was that before Garry Kasparov came on the scene, he was the main defender of human thinking skills in a series of high profile international matches against the world's best computers. His most recent triumph has been to win the prestigious Loebner prize for the computer program which can most successfully simulate human conversational skills. David's program 'Catherine' will be on display and ready to take on all conversationalists at the Mind Sports Olympiad.

#### **Don Morris – MSO Director (sponsorship, sales and marketing)**

Don Morris adds a touch of sparkle to the organisational team of the MSO. His experience has been in the world of themed parties, and his triumphs in this area have included masterminding an entire cavalcade of royal, charity and VIP special occasions. He remembers with particular fondness his involvement in the major James Bond premiere parties, and in the past he has also worked closely with the Prince's Trust for HRH The Prince of Wales.

A former chairman of the Champagne Academy, Don is often to be found supplying champagne at society events or providing mobile champagne bars for places such as Lords Cricket Ground. Planning and logistics at the Mind Sports Olympiad, as well as the launch and closing parties, all fall into Don's domain.

#### **David Pritchard - MSO Director**

The driving force in selecting the games was David Pritchard, an indoor games consultant and editor from 1972 to 1981 of *Games & Puzzles* magazine. Combined sales of his books on chess and games in general now exceed one million copies. David is widely regarded amongst the cognoscenti of the games world as one of the leading experts in the field.