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The Hotel Riviera is situated in a privileged area very close to Carcavelos Beach – considered to be the best of the various beaches in the area - and centrally located in relation both to Lisbon city and other places of great historic interest such as Cascais and Sintra. A prestigious hotel, whose opening marks a new era of modern tourism, built in a privileged area, close to the magnificent Carcavelos Beach, on the Estoril Coast, 5 km from Cascais and 20 km from Lisbon.

130 Rooms and Suites, all equipped with air conditioning, satellite TV, radio, minibar, safety deposit box, trousers press and hair dryer. American Buffet Breakfast. Room Service 24 hours. Broad Band Internet Connection in all rooms. Restaurant with Traditional Portuguese and International Cuisine. Meeting rooms with natural light up to 180 persons. Outdoor pools (adults and children). Snack Bar by the swimming pools (during Summer). Spa with sauna, turkish bath, massage rooms, gymnasium and indoor swimming pool. Rent a car. Laundry. Baby-sitter service (on request). Private parking and garage. Shopping Center with 52 shops. Bar with music. 2 panoramic lifts. Rent-a-bike. Tennis Court.

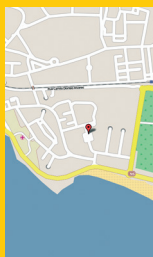
"Special BackgammonRate": 95€/night (single or double occupancy), including breakfast. Please make your reservation quickly and mention "backgammon" upon booking. Rooms at the backgammon rate are limited and requests after filling the quota or passing the cut-off date (July 15th) will be accepted on a space-and-rate available basis. Average temperatures in Carcavelos in August: 33°C and sunny !!!

Please book before 13th July 2016, mentioning "Backgammon", per email: reservas@rivierahotel.pt or info@world-backgammon-association.com



Past Winners:

2015: Vincenzo RICEPUTI (Italy)
2014: Michihito "Michi" KAGEYAMA (Japan)
2013: Jürgen ORLOWSKI (Germany)
2012: Inga VIGH-PEDERSEN (Denmark)
2011: Paul WEAVER (USA)
2010: Clive KAYE (England)
2009: Franz-Josef BERG (Austria) R.I.P.
2008: Matvey "Falafel" NATANZON (Israel)
2007: Michel SERRERO (France)
2006: Jean-Philippe ROHR (France)



3 - 7 August 2016



„Mario Sequeira Memorial“



XI 2016 Portuguese Open & Masters



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XI Portuguese Open & Masters 2016

This year's Portuguese Open will be marked as "Mario Sequeira Memorial", the well-known international backgammon traveler from Portugal who sadly passed away in the past year. We will keep his memory alive by celebrating backgammon near his residence in Portugal. The "sunshine, beach and family" event will take place for the 11th time in a row at the Riviera Hotel**** in Carcavelos with shops, restaurants, cafés and the beach nearby.

The Portuguese Open will be a free entry tournament on Wednesday and Thursday, followed by the Portuguese Masters over the weekend. Various side-events will be lined up and we'll have "farewell"-drinks on the beach after the awards ceremony and the fingerfood on Sunday. Come and enjoy the excellent food and wines, the warm sunshine, the sandy beaches and the inexpensive and lavish lifestyle, after the Monte Carlo tournaments, and enjoy as a contrast the relaxing "backgammon holidays" among friends and with your family.

Events and Fees:

PORTUGUESE OPEN (limited to 32 players, first come, first served): free entry +25 € registration / 5 point matches, Single Elimination, clock preference, First Prize: 500 €

PORTUGUESE MASTERS: 440 € entry + 60 € registration + 10 € cocktail mandatory before 15th July 2016 / optional side-pool 150 € (95% return) / 9 points matches, T-Swiss Format, clock mandatory. Registrations for the PORTUGUESE MASTERS must be made via email (info@world-backgammon-association.com), before 15th July 2016. Late registrations (after 15th July) will be subject to an additional 20 € fee. **SIDE-EVENTS:** Doubles: 250 € per team (85% return), 7 points, single elimination, clock mandatory

SpeedGammon: 25 € (85% return), re-entries allowed, 5 points, time setting: 2 min. total bank time + 10 sec. per move

DMP-Challenge: 10 € (85% return), multiple entries allowed

Mini-Jackpots (4 players): 25€, 50€, 100€ available during all weekend
Tournament Organization: LINX Events, a sub-division of LINX Crossmarketing GmbH, appointed by World Backgammon Association LLC. (WBA)

Tournament Direction: Chiva Tafazzoli (WBA)

NB: For players not staying in the tournament hotel during the entire tournament days, there will be a 100€ fee to cover for the penalty charge regarding the room quota (does not apply to local players. No other exceptions). Make your room reservation quickly as the hotel is always booked out in the summer.

General Conditions:

Only cash payments in Euro will be accepted. The WBA tournament rules will apply. This event is by invitation only, thus the tournament committee and directors reserve the right to refuse application or admittance without giving due reason. The usage of official tournament precision dice is mandatory. Clocks are mandatory in Elite Group, Doubles and SpeedGammon matches. Tournament trophies will be presented during the awards ceremony only. Leaving the tournament room without informing the Tournament Director and / or staff might result in penalty points and forfeit. The Tournament Directors reserve the right to change the program during the event. Tournament Director's ruling is final, unless over-ruled by the Ruling Committee.

PROGRAM*:

Wednesday, August 3rd, 2016

13:00	Playing room opens, Quarter-entries and half-entries towards Main Event
18:00	Start PORTUGUESE OPEN
20:00	Dinner Break
22:00	PORTUGUESE OPEN continues

Thursday, August 4th, 2016

15:00	Playing room opens, Jackpots & side-events, Quarter- & Half-entries
15:30	Final PORTUGUESE OPEN
17:30	Registration closes
18:00	Start main event, all divisions, Round 1
20:00	Dinner Break
22:00	Start Round 2

Friday, August 5th, 2016

14:00	Start Round 3
16:00	Start Round 4
18:00	Start Round 5
20:00	Dinner Break
22:00	Start Round 6

Saturday, August 6th, 2016

14:00	Start Round 7
15:00	Start Doubles (for players out of the main event)
16:00	Start Round 8
18:00	Start Round 9
20:00	Dinner Break
22:00	Start Round 10

Sunday, August 7th, 2016

14:00	Start Round 11
15:00	Start Ultimate Fight
16:00	Start Round 12 / [eventual Round 13 at 18:00 if needed]
20:00	Projected Awards Ceremony and cocktail with finger-food
21:30	Farewell drinks by the beach

* The director reserves the right to change the format and match length of any event. Times will be adhered to as close as possible in the case of changes.

Format:

T-Swiss Format applies in all divisions. Pairings and byes are computerized. A player is out as soon as he loses 3 matches and can still win the tournament with 2 losses. <http://www.ebgt.info/ft-swiss-system.html>

Prize Distribution**:

(based on 30 players, 30-50 players pays 4 prizes, 50+ players pays 5 prizes):

Main event based on <30 players: Winner: 40% / 2nd: 30% / 3rd: 20% / Winner Ultimate Fight: 10%

Main event based on 30-49 players: Winner: 40% / 2nd: 25% / 3rd: 15% / 4th: 10% / Winner Ultimate Fight: 10%

Main event based on 50+ players: Winner: 30% / 2nd: 25% / 3rd: 20% / 4th: 15% / 5th: 10% / No Ultimate Fight

**** Prize Distribution is subject to adjustment by the Tournament Director, based on the number of players**