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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.

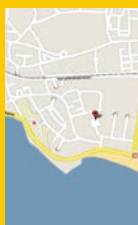
"Special Backgammon Rate": 95 € / night (single or double occupancy), including breakfast. Please make your reservation quickly and mention "backgammon" upon booking. Rooms at the backgammon rate are limited and requests after filling the quota or passing the cut-off date (July 15th) will be accepted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

Please book before 13th July 2015, mentioning "Backgammon", per email: reservas@rivierahotel.pt or info@world-backgammon-association.com



Past Winners:

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)



13 – 16 August 2015

10th ANNIVERSARY PORTUGUESE BACKGAMMON OPEN 2015



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10th Anniversary Portuguese Open 2015

2015 marks the 10th Anniversary of the Portuguese Open, the most traditional tournament of the World Backgammon Association. The Portuguese Open is also regarded as the "sunshine, beach, and family" event with good food and wines and inexpensive lifestyle. Right after the Monte Carlo tournaments, it offers a nice contrast of relaxing "backgammon holidays" among friends and with family.

For the 10th Anniversary, there will be a 10% addition to the prize-pool of the main event, as well as a special souvenir for all participants. The traditional "Kids Tournament" at which everyone is a winner will take place, free of charge and various side-events will be offered. The event will close its doors for the 10th time with a great cocktail and finger-food, followed by a night out in Estoril for the party animals among you. Come and enjoy the long beaches, the food, the sunshine, the pool and the action in Portugal and reach out for the title and your chance to figure among the winners of this great event.

Events and Fees:

Main Event: 480 € entry + 70 € registration + 10 € cocktail mandatory / optional side-pool 150 € (95% return) / 9 point matches, T-Swiss Format, clocked

Doubles: 250 € per team (80% return), 7 points, single elimination, clocked

SpeedGammon: 25 € (80% return), re-entries allowed, 5 points, time setting: 2 min. total bank time + 10 sec. per move

DMP-Challenge: 10 € (80% return) re-entries allowed

Mini-Jackpots (4 players): 25 € (no main event players), 50 €, 100 € available during all weekend.

Tournament Organisation: LINX Events, a sub-division of LINX Crossmarketing GmbH, appointed by WBA.

Tournament Direction: Chiva Tafazzoli & staff

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 for not meeting the room quota (does not apply to local players. Strictly no other exceptions !).

EXTRA BENEFITS:

- Welcome souvenir for all participants of the main event
- 10% addition to the prize-pool of the main event to celebrate the "10th Anniversary"

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*:

Thursday, August 13th, 2015

15:00 Playing room opens
15:30 Quarter-entries, half-entries satellites and jackpots
18:30 Registration closes
19:00 Start Round 1, Main Event
21:00 Dinner Break
22:30 Start Round 2, Main Event

Friday, August 14th, 2015

13:00 Playing room opens, Jackpots & side-events
13:30 Start Round 3, Main Event
15:30 Start Round 4, Main Event
17:30 Start Round 5, Main Event
19:30 Dinner Break
21:00 Start Round 6, Main Event
23:00 Start Round 7, Main Event

Saturday, August 15th, 2015

13:30 Doubles starts (ongoing), Side-events
15:30 Kids Tournament (16 years and below), free of charge with prizes for everyone
20:00 Dinner Break
22:00 Start Round 8, Main Event

Sunday, August 16th, 2015

12:00 Start Round 9, Main Event
14:00 Start Round 10, Main Event
15:00 Start Ultimate Fight (Last Chance)
16:00 Start Round 11, Main Event
18:00 Start Round 12, Main Event
20:00 Awards Ceremony + Cocktail
22:30 Party in Estoril

*** 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 sit-outs 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/t-swiss-system.html>.

Prize Distribution**:

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

Main event based on 30-50 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**