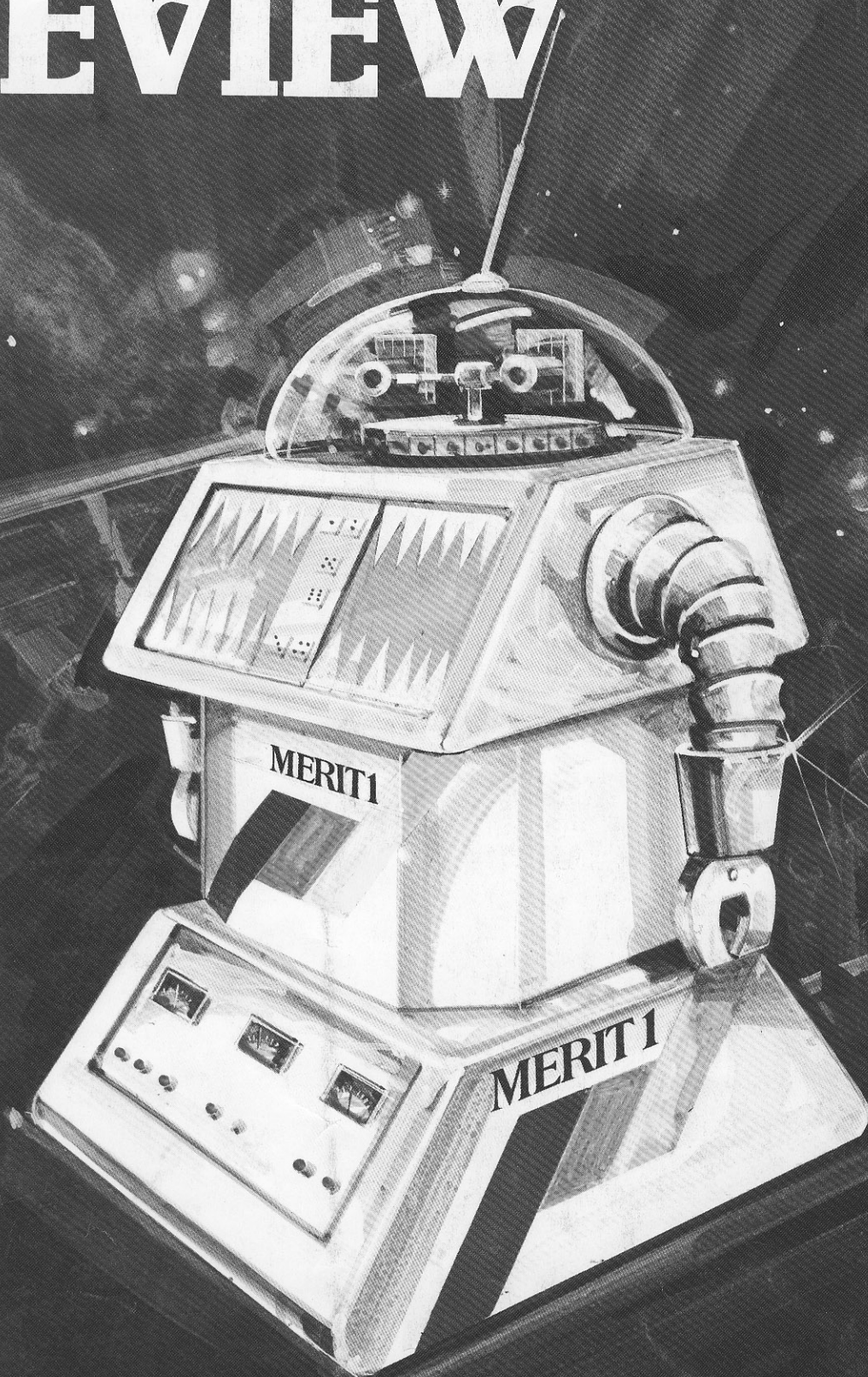


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BACKGAMMON CALENDAR April/July 1979

	location	date	sponsors	director(s)	added prize money
APRIL	Hyatt Regency Boston	April 6-8	Black and White Scotch for Boston Symphony Orchestra	Francesca Parkinson Lewis Deyong	\$22500
	Coral Strand Casino Manchester	April 6-8	Coral Provincial Casinos	Chris Zessimides Brian Twomey	
	La Coupole Geneva	April 12		Roland Jakober	
	Byblos Hotel St. Tropez	April 21-23	Merit European Circuit	Robert Perry	
MAY	La Coupole Geneva	May 10		Roland Jakober	
	Calle de Volpe Sardinia	May 18-20	Merit European Circuit	Robert Perry	
	California Open Los Angeles	May 25-28		Sydney Jackson	
JUNE	Villa d'Este Lake Como, Italy	June 1-3	Merit European Circuit	Robert Perry	
	La Coupole Geneva	June 7		Roland Jakober	
	Divonne Casino	June 22-24		Roland Jakober	20000 ff
JULY	Crockfords, London	July 2-7	Coral Casinos	Henry McDowell	£5000
	MERIT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MONTE CARLO	JULY 9-15		Lewis Deyong	\$15000

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MONTE CARLO '78

Main European Championship CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner — European Champion:
Dick de Surmont (France)
Finalist: Philip Bimes (France)
Semi-Finalist: Yani Zographos (Greece)
Ladies Prize: Sandy Carlston (U.S.A.)

MERIT



1st Consolation

Finalist: Kiumav Pokakhasses (Iran)
Semi-Finalist: Mr. C. Mulcahy (U.S.A.)
Semi-Finalist: Jason Lester (U.S.A.)
Ladies Prize: Maralyn Crow (U.K.)

2nd Consolation

Winner: P. Bader (S. Africa)
Finalist: P. Gold (U.K.)
Semi-Finalist: K. Hakim (Iran)
Semi-Finalist: Miguel d'Almeida (Brazil)
Ladies Prize: Pary Elghanayan (Iran)

Last Chance

Winner: Freddy Narboni
(Switzerland)
Finalist: Nouri Pakzad (Iran)
Ladies Prize: Carmen Alvarez (Spain)



1978 Winner Dick de Surmont and Bobby Riggs

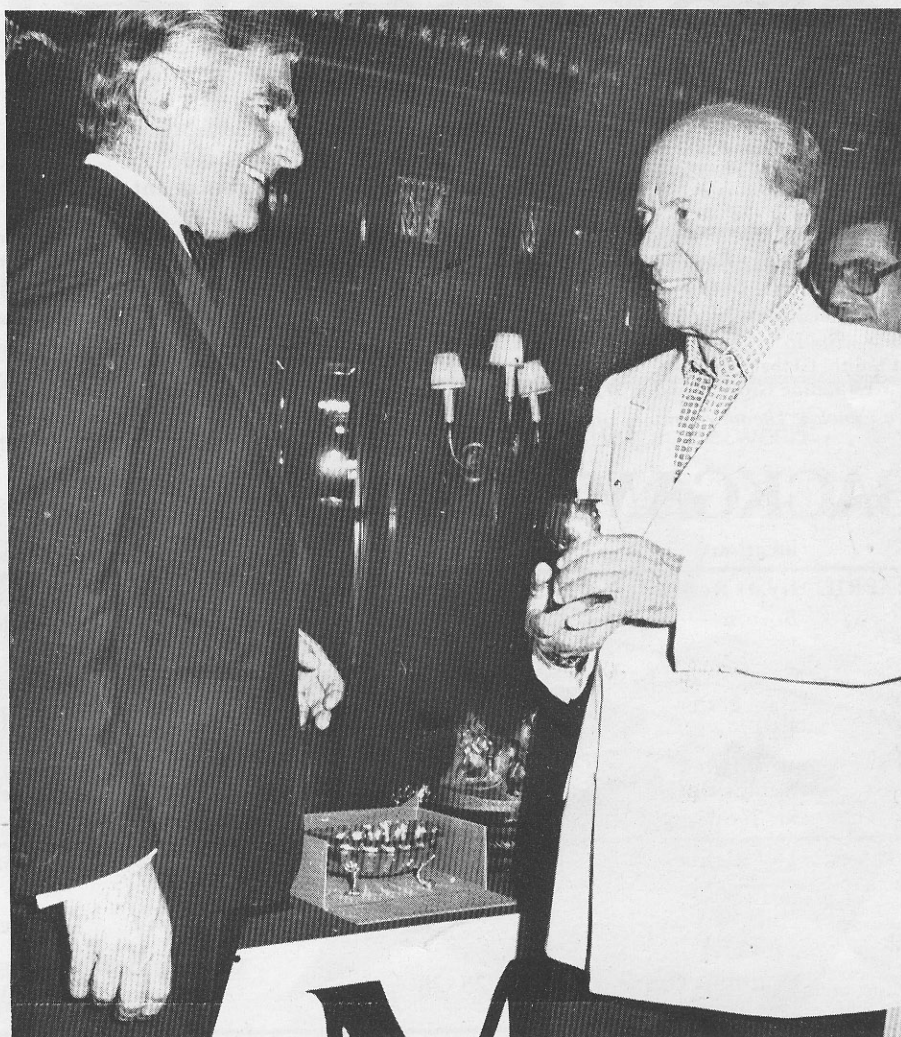
INTERMEDIATE

Main Event

Winner: Mai de Alfarez (Spain)
Semi-Finalist: Fritz Annaheim
(Switzerland)
Semi-Finalist: Michael Elghanayan (Iran)
Ladies Prize: Mai de Alfarez (Spain)

1st Consolation

Winner: Pierre Eric Forrest
(France)
Finalist: Nicole Taboury (France)
Semi-Finalist: Gunther Ludwig
(Germany)
Semi-Finalist: Stefan Bernbeck
(Switzerland)
Ladies Prize: Nicole Taboury (France)



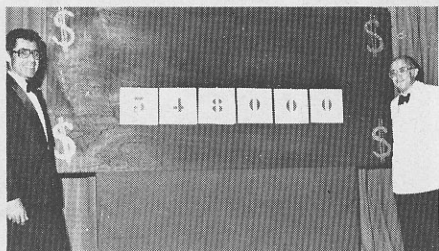
Bernard Combemale Chief Executive SBM and Felix Mechoulam



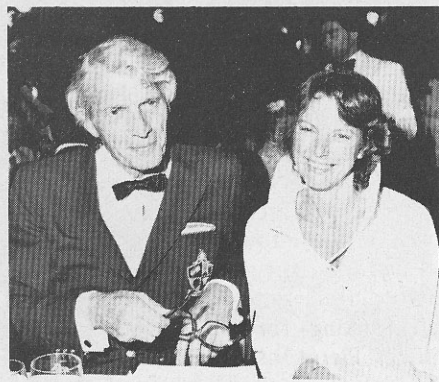
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Senhor and Senhora Galvao of Brazil



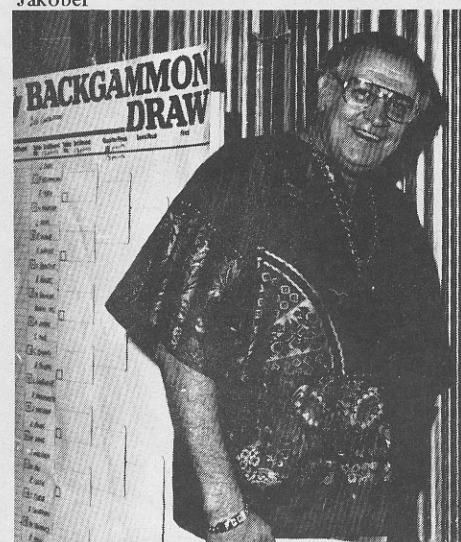
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Rosemary Motakhasses, Fred Levy and Vicki Jakober



Bud Clardy counts the House



Livia Weintraub and Bernard Combemale



Gino Scalamandre



Hard workers
Pat Smith, Liz Beattie and Roland Jakober

Championship	MERIT	Championship	MERIT
Prize Money-Players Pool		Prize Money Auction Pool	
2nd Players @ \$150 - \$103,800		TOTAL \$211,000	
Championship - \$42,160		Championship - \$126,600	
Winner - \$18,296		Winner - \$75,960	
Finalist - \$12,632		Finalist - \$25,220	
Semi-Finalist - \$5,216		Semi-Finalist - \$12,660	
1st & 2nd Consolation - \$15,600		1st & 2nd Consolation - \$31,650	
Winner - \$9,220		Winner - \$18,550	
Finalist - \$5,216		Finalist - \$6,330	
Semi-Finalist - \$1,164		Semi-Finalist - \$2,165	
Last Chance - \$20,360		Last Chance - \$21,100	
Winner - \$7,952		Winner - \$14,720	
Finalist - \$2,168		Finalist - \$6,330	
Championship	MERIT	Championship	MERIT
Division of Added Prize Money			

2nd Consolation

Winner: Serge Risser (France)
 Finalist: Steven Elghanayan (Iran)
 Semi-Finalist: Paula Phillips (U.S.A.)
 Semi-Finalist: Klaus Kempgens (Germany)
 Ladies Prize: Paula Phillips (U.S.A.)

Last Chance

Winner: Felix Mechoulam (Mexico)
 Finalist: Garry Gardner (U.S.A.)

BEGINNERS

Main Event

Winner: Olavi Lehto (Finland)
 Finalist: Peggy Stotland (U.S.A.)
 Semi-Finalist: Miss Jarvis (U.S.A.)
 Ladies Prize: Peggy Stotland (U.S.A.)

1st Consolation

Winner: Wolfgang Passman (Germany)
 Finalist: Ingaborg Rosenweig (Germany)
 Semi-Finalist: Nicholas Sanchez-Osorio (Mexico)
 Semi-Finalist: Vicky Jakober (Switzerland)
 Ladies Prize: Ingaborg Rosenweig (Germany)

2nd Consolation

Winner: Mrs. Gandji (Iran)
 Finalist: Paolo Callioni (Italy)
 Semi-Finalist: Mr. Yasin (Iran)
 Semi-Finalist: Miss Gennaro (Italy)
 Ladies Prize: Mrs. Gandji (Iran)



Pary Elghanyan

Last Chance

Winner: Fernando Durao (Portugal)
 Finalist: Rosemarie Motakhasses (Switzerland)
 Ladies Prize: Rosemarie Motakhasses (Switzerland)

TENNIS

Winners: Dr. Stefan Bernbeck (Zurich)
 Roland Jakober (Geneva)
 Runners Up: P. Salaava (Finland)
 Brian Young (S. Africa)



Moris Benardete and Robert Zehil

BACKGAMMON

Learning to win

by Lewis Deyong

One of the most amusing facets of the current worldwide backgammon boom is the backgammon player's ego. One of the most popular methods of massaging that ego around the circuit is to write a book. The result of most of these little ego trips is an incredibly boring book on the subject — few of them actually written by the named authors, and all of them repetitive and lacking in humour.

This book is different. For a start, Lewis Deyong has written it all himself and he knows the game from A to Z.

Include in that comprehensive alphabetical bracket the letter H for hustling! Byt also, much more important, include another H for humour. Lewis has succeeded in packing in a wealth of humour and anecdote which spices the instructional narrative and the vitally important diagrams.

One of the most attractive features of backgammon is the humour which can accompany even the most important of matches, whether they be tournament or money matches.

Lewis himself has maintained his own brand of dry humour both as a professional player and promoter of backgammon around the world and also, more noticeably, as an auctioneer. I have never ceased to wonder at his ceaseless flow of patter — some of it extremely cynical but always funny — during his marathon auctions, some of them lasting hours. If you have ever tried holding the stage and the microphone for this length of time, as I have, you will appreciate the testing nature of the task.

Lewis has allowed his wit to spill onto these pages and we, who have played the game around the world, can testify how often he hits the target. The anecdotes, even if some names are masked by pseudonym, are true too.

As a professional horseracing correspondent, I find I have less time than I might like to play backgammon these days, particularly in time-consuming tournaments, so I always take part of my holidays to coincide with the World Championships at Paradise Island, Nassau, and the European Championships in Monte Carlo, both sponsored by Philip Morris and run by Lewis Deyong.

These are "musts" in any player's

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diary, and novice readers of this book who might feel too inexperienced to enter should take heart from the fact that Ken Goodman, winner of the 1977 World Championship, had only been playing for about a year.

Once you follow the text of this book and particularly the excellent diagrams, and discuss them with those of your friends who are developing a grasp of the game, you could be good enough to enter any championship within a matter of a few months.

You need never feel overawed by your opponent. Take heart from my own personal experience, described elsewhere on these pages, of success in the Q.E.II International Tournament back in April 1974, ostensibly an invitation World Championship confined to thirty-two players. I only got a place in the lineup in my twin capacities as writer and auctioneer. Yet, in a tournament

designed to cut out flukes — only one progressively longer match per day — I was able to knock out three of the top seeds, including the American Captain Barclay Cooke in a twenty-nine point final. It lasted four-and-a-half hours for a score of 29-28, two bottles of champagne consumed in the match (by myself) and a cheque for £10,000. The victory was particularly well received by my bookmakers at home!

So, if I can do it, you can.

Read this book and you will both learn and enjoy. Lewis Deyong has produced a winner — by far the best book on backgammon ever written.

Charles Benson, London 1979

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