

Dear Members,

If last year's GP seemed less well attended, I think this year was probably eerily similar. A good indicator is always the amount of free seating in the stands or the number of people on the port post-race, eager to get into the bars, either to celebrate or to drown their sorrows. Thus an unfortunate pattern seems to be emerging over recent years at this iconic track.

With regard to the race itself, however, Lewis Hamilton took the victory in this year's Grand Prix, ahead of Sebastian Vettel and Valtteri Bottas, to pull ahead with a 17 point lead in the Driver's Championship over his team-mate, Bottas. The Mercedes driver finished just ahead of Max Verstappen's Red Bull but the Dutchman was demoted thanks to a five-second penalty for an unsafe exit from his pit-stop. Will Lewis, our champion Monaco resident, take a sixth World Championship this year? It is certainly looking likely.

Ahead of the Grand Prix, three-time World Champion man of Mercedes, Niki earlier in the week, by emblazoned with his name, was observed. Hamilton helmet bearing Lauda's also carried tributes on their legendary driver whose serious accident remains one history.



drivers paid tribute to and non-executive Chair-Lauda, who had died donning red caps and a one-minute silence also wore a red racing name and several teams cars, a fitting homage to a comeback story following a of the greatest in sporting

This month we shall be holding our flagship BAM event, the Queen's Birthday Party, at the Salon Bellevue of the Café de Paris, with music from the Goldberg trio formed from members of the Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte-Carlo. With Her Majesty celebrating her 93rd birthday this year, as well as holding the title of longest reigning British monarch and welcoming the safe arrival of yet another great grandchild, I am still hopeful that we might be graced with a Princely appearance one of these years. Our fingers are firmly crossed - but we might just have to settle for a wonderful evening in each other's company as we raise a loyal glass to our Sovereign.

Cheers!

John Luigi Megginson
President

STOP PRESS – QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY COCKTAIL

Last bookings are now being taken for our flagship event of the year, the celebration of the official birthday of our beloved Queen Elizabeth II.

On Tuesday, 18th June, from 7pm-9pm, the Salon Bellevue of the Café de Paris will once again be our festive setting, overlooking the famous "Camembert" and Casino gardens which, we are delighted to see, are now rapidly regaining their former glory!

The prestigious Goldberg Trio (generously sponsored by Blevins Franks and Savills) will provide the musical backdrop to our celebrations.

For full details see article on page 3.

Booking form is available [HERE \(link to PDF\)](#), or you can now also register and pay online by going to <https://www.weezevent.com/the-queen-s-birthday-celebration-cocktail-party>

BAM - HONORARY TREASURER

Unfortunately, owing to unforeseen circumstances, BAM finds itself once again in need of an Honorary Treasurer.

If anyone is interested in taking on this rôle, please contact the Administrator on bamadmin@monaco.mc for further details.

PAST EVENTS

JAZZ NITE WITH JILLY JACKSON & HER TRIO – THURSDAY 2 May – Stars 'n' Bars

The month of May started with a bang, in the shape of a great evening spent in the company of Jilly Jackson and her trio, who lit up the Star Deck of Stars 'n' Bars, not only with her wonderful voice and performance but also by explaining to us the history of jazz and singing a wide range of numbers - some well known, some special favourites, whilst others were less familiar. The chefs and staff of the Star Deck really outdid themselves, serving us a delicious three course meal, following which the evening stretched into the small hours as the SnB resident DJ took over!



THURSDAY COCKTAILS – 9 May – Caffè Milano

We chose a new venue for the first of our two May cocktails, visiting the Caffè Milano, tucked into the corner of the Port. It was also the opportunity to try out a new formula of a demi-pizza and glass of wine or beer for €10. We had a very healthy turnout, welcoming some new members who were getting their first taste of a BAM event so we hope that they enjoyed themselves and we look forward to seeing them again soon.

LUNCH at the LYCÉE TECHNIQUE et HOTELIER de MONACO – Friday 10 May

The President writes : On 10th May we held our regular Lycée lunch at the Cordon d'Or Restaurant in great company, with old and new members present. The purpose of these lunches is of course to give the students the chance to speak English. I should like to believe that, as the wine flowed, so did the intricacy and complexity of our prose, culminating in expressive and heuristic interactions... or was it perhaps the other way round? Either way, we enjoyed ourselves immensely and the food was as delightful to our palate as the discourse was to our intellect. A symposium to be repeated!

MONACO e-PRIX – Saturday 11 May



The third Monaco e-Prix, organised by the Automobile Club of Monaco, took place on Saturday, 11 May, giving us a foretaste of the "real" thing to come later in the month. Although a much quieter affair than its sister races, several improvements made since the first race in 2015 mean that the second generation Formula E battery life (GEN 2) has evolved considerably and drivers can now complete the race using a single car. This year saw three former F1 drivers coming into Formula E : Pascal Wehrlein joined Mahindra Racing, Felipe Massa chose the Monégasque team, Venturi and Stoffel Vandoorne signed for the new team HWA RACELAB. Another former Formula 1 driver, double Monaco e-Prix winner Sebastien Buemi, also took part on a circuit specially developed from the lower part of the Monaco F1 Grand Prix circuit. Winner Jean-Eric Vergne now tops the Championship list.

THURSDAY COCKTAILS – 23 May – L'Oliveraie

Since the Monaco Grand Prix was in full swing, making getting around Monaco somewhat fraught, we decided to hold a Thursday cocktail at l'Oliveraie, well away from all the frenetic activity of the racegoers and the general noise and disruption. Longtime BAM member Betty Calder most generously treated us to delicious plates of tapas which were much appreciated by all and many members stayed on long after the normal "Happy Hour" had ended.

FUTURE EVENTS

THURSDAY COCKTAILS – 13 June - 6pm-8pm – Novotel

We shall be returning to the newly-renovated Novotel for the first of our June cocktails. This seems to be a very popular venue with our members but please be sure to pay for your drinks as you go along, so as to avoid leaving us with a bill at the end of the evening!

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY COCKTAIL – Tuesday 18 JUNE - 7pm – Café de Paris



As mentioned above, we are delighted to confirm our annual celebration of the official birthday of H.M. Queen Elizabeth II, to be held once again in the Salon Bellevue and Terrace of the Café de Paris, set in the heart of Monaco's Place du Casino, overlooking the famous "Camembert" and edifices of the sumptuous new "One Monte-Carlo" complex (*see box at head of page 2*).

As those of you who have attended in previous years will know, this is our flagship event of the year, when not only do we pay tribute to our Sovereign, the longest reigning monarch in history, but also salute H.S.H. Prince Albert II of Monaco as ruler of the Principality in which we have the privilege of residing. To this end, we welcome many of the dignitaries of His Government, the Conseil National and other Monégasque institutions to celebrate with us.

Entertainment will be provided by the prestigious Goldberg Trio, formed from members of the Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte-Carlo.

As in previous years, entrance will be by **PREPAID TICKET ONLY.**

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THURSDAY COCKTAILS – 27 June - 6pm-8pm – l'Oliveraie, Place des Moulins

With the good weather (hopefully) now well established, we'll take advantage of a pleasant evening in the open air at l'Oliveraie. Wine is a very reasonable €2/2.50 per glass and a beer €6.

GUIDED TOUR OF THE SALVADOR DALI EXHIBITION – Thursday 11 July – 5pm



This year's Summer Exhibition at the Grimaldi Forum is dedicated to the works of celebrated Spanish painter, Salvador Dali. We are arranging a private tour with commentary on the sometimes highly eccentric works of the moustachioed maestro by an English-speaking guide, followed by a cocktail buffet on the private terrace of the "Rose des Vents" Restaurant.

The tour is limited to a maximum of 30 people; cost is €35 for members, €40 for non-members.

Booking form will be available shortly but please note the date in your diary.

SAVE THE DATE - BAM SUMMER PARTY – Thursday 25 July

Now that our beloved Baobab is sadly no more, we are unable to repeat our Summer Seaside party of yore. We are, however, busy planning a new version so please mark the date in your diary and watch our email updates and July newsletter for details and booking form for our Final Fling before the summer break!

OTHER NEWS

BAM KEEPING FIT – Our girls are showing how it's done!

The gentle exercise class run by Lisa Parker on Wednesday mornings already has a faithful and enthusiastic group of BAM members eager to regain their "fit" bodies ready for the summer. If you would like to join Lisa's group, contact her at lisajazzmin@gmail.com. Her studio is at Monaco Broadcast, next door to Stars 'n' Bars.

BAM members will receive a discount on a course of 4 classes.

And finally : Don't forget the English Library, open every Saturday morning from 10.30am-noon in St. Paul's Church Hall, avenue de Grande-Bretagne. A constant supply of new reading, books for sale and a friendly chat are all on offer.

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