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To: ALL WSF MEMBER NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

cc: WSF Regional Vice-Presidents, WSF Committee Members, PSA members, Accredited Companies



The 45th WSF AGM was hosted by the French Federation in Nice, with 34 countries represented, along with WSF Committee Members and partners.

FROM THE WSF PRESIDENT:

Dear Colleagues,

The 45th WSF AGM and Conference were superbly hosted last week by the French Squash Federation, as those members who attended can attest. We are very grateful to them.

The AGM meeting was characterised by the disappointment that the Tokyo2020 Organising Committee had failed to nominate squash. This together with a feeling by some members that our Constitution needs to change to alter our governance, recalibrate our planning, and also concern that I personally have not met expectations. So let me report to you all generally and specifically on these topics.

If I may start with the Olympic situation. We and Baseball/Softball were not selected at the time the IOC replaced wrestling by extraordinarily putting wrestling back into the Programme. But as we know, the door was opened later to Tokyo to nominate sports. They selected Baseball and Karate as high profile sports in the country, then others that the IOC had originally eliminated before the final shortlist. While we may disagree with the reasons given, I truly believe that as a sport we could not have done much more – the result was indicative of what the hosts were looking for.

Our earlier bid was a very costly affair which was entirely funded by WSF together with National Federations and individuals who at my request have readily contributed. We received no funding from any of our international partners, and here I would like to pay tribute again to all those who did support us.

However, as I reported at the AGM, I have recently met the IOC President again and have had positive conversations with him and others within the top echelons of the IOC on the matter of our continuing exclusion. At the time of writing I cannot say more as discussions are ongoing, however the IOC have indicated that there is a recognition that squash has been unfortunate and that they will try and help our sport. I will report on this in the coming weeks.



(N Ramachandran with IOC President Thomas Bach, photographed at their Meeting on 28th October)

Member Nations had proposed changes to governance at the AGM, suggesting an increased number of Board members, amendments to the voting system and other related matters. They were varied and as they were all slightly different and I can report that the meeting agreed to the formation of a working group of member nations who would review the motions, add to them as they wish and develop a proposed set of constitutional changes that an EGM planned for next year can vote upon in advance of the 2016 AGM so that they will already be in place for that meeting.

I had also clearly mentioned at the meeting that the existing Board of the WSF will not participate in the discussions as far as these changes are concerned and will await recommendations of this Group.

Finally, there was an attack from a quarter on my own leadership and the direction of WSF.

In terms of the WSF going forward, the Conference session devoted to the original outline strategic plan written a while ago produced comments that will be incorporated so that in the months to come a formal version can be presented to members.

As for myself, frankly, my primary target has been to secure a place for our sport in the Olympic Games Programme. I have poured my heart, soul, time and money into it, but not succeeded. However, as mentioned, the dialogue currently continues and I will not let the sport down by not going the extra mile now. I would also add that my other role as President of the Indian Olympic Association has been very beneficial to us as it has allowed additional high level IOC access, and that baseless allegations made by some disaffected people within India should be treated with the disdain they deserve. They are an unfortunate fact of life in my country.

On a general level, while my leadership style and these other matters have been brought up at the AGM I will simply reaffirm that I and my Board have done and shall continue to do nothing but our best for Squash. However, I must emphasise that I recognise the criticisms and will do my best to respond to their intent and the wishes of members in the short time that remains for my Presidency.

I thank all of those who have supported me and my Board so strongly, and I hope that I will finish my term in your service with a positive outcome in the fight for Olympic recognition and by evolving a new structure for our Federation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Ramachandran'.

Mr N Ramachandran, WSF President

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SQUASH'S 'DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND' OLYMPIC REJECTION



As the sport begins to come to terms with its latest Olympic Games rejection, WSF President N Ramachandran has admitted that he finds it 'difficult to understand' the decision.

After the International Olympic Committee (IOC) had raised the sport's hopes by offering the 2020 Games' hosts the

chance to increase the number of sports agreed by the Buenos Aires session in 2013, the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee recommended a further five - but did not include Squash.

"Back in 2005 the IOC membership voted us the top 'new' sport of the six in contention for the 2012 Games, but we lost out on a voting technicality," said the WSF President.

"Four years later we narrowly lost out to Rugby Sevens and Golf, and a further four years on we were shortlisted as a 'new' sport ahead of rock climbing, karate and roller sports, before being side-lined again when the IOC reintroduced its 'old' sport wrestling.

"When given a lifeline by the IOC and Tokyo 2020, we presented a strong case - confirming low cost and highlighting domestic medal potential via two top world juniors from Japan," Ramachandran continued. "We even offered to provide the two all-glass show courts at no cost to the hosts and for them to remain in Japan as a legacy of the Games.

"Yet, the final outcome was that previously eliminated sports have been nominated.

"We find this difficult to understand.

"Despite the fact that our WSF-led bid had the unanimous support of all parties in the sport, it is not surprising that some have voiced frustration at the decision, which is understandable.

"In the meantime, we will continue to grow the sport that, contrary to the impression given by the 2020 decision-makers, is flourishing on all continents - not only attracting new players but also TV audiences and growing crowds at some of the world's most iconic locations."

Ramachandran added that he has requested an explanation from the IOC of how sports which were previously eliminated by the IOC, when Squash was shortlisted, have now been considered and requested that Squash be given the same opportunity.

Photographs:

Many with thanks from SquashSite.co.uk and squashpics.com

SOUTH AFRICA AND IRELAND TAKE TOP WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES HONOURS



Squash players from all continents journeyed to Argentina to compete in the 20th World Transplant Games in Mar Del Plata.

Edward James Ormond, the sole South African competing in the Men's Open event, aged 23, defeated Britain's 25-year-old Robert Casey 11-3, 11-2 to take the first Squash gold medal.

Deirdre Faul emerged triumphant in the Women's Open championship. The 47-year-old from Ireland dismissed silver medallist Janike Venter, from South Africa. Ms Faul also claimed Women's Over-40 gold.

Great Britain's Michael Gibbons was also a double gold medallist - reigning supreme in both the Men's Over-60 and Over-70 categories.

New Zealand's Laurence Smith won gold in the Men's Over-50 event while a second gold medal went to South Africa when Johannes Jacobus Kleingeld secured the Men's Over-40 title. *(Pictured are members of the South African Games squad)*

Medallists:

Men's Open Gold: Edward James Ormond (RSA)

Silver: Robert Casey (GBR)

Men's Over-40 Gold: Johannes Jacobus Kleingeld (RSA); Silver: Sean Adriaanse (RSA)

Men's Over-50 Gold: Laurence Smith (NZL);

Silver: Humberto Cieri (ARG)

Men's Over-60 Gold: Michael Gibbons (GBR);

Silver: Kim Pheng Yeo (SIN)

Men's Over-70 Gold: Michael Gibbons (GBR);

Silver: Malcolm Souza-Lewis (GBR)

Women's Open Gold: Deirdre Faul (IRL);

Silver: Janike Venter RSA)

Women's Over-40 Gold: Deirdre Faul (IRL);

Silver: Bee Eng Dang (SIN)

CALENDAR UPLOADED

The WSF World Calendar featuring World, Regional, PSA and National Open Championships is updated monthly, and can be found at <http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wsf-calendar>.

To add your national championships to it please go to <http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/national-event-registration>



STARS RIDE & SHINE FOR WORLD SQUASH DAY

Clubs all over the planet made a racket for World Squash Day as the sport bounced back from its Olympic disappointment to demonstrate all the attributes that make it one of the fastest-growing sports on every continent.

World Squash Day 2015 united nations large and small, and embraced every playing level from free beginners' classes to events involving the world's leading professionals.

As well as staging events to promote the sport, World Squash Day also raised valuable funds for Unicef, the world's largest children's organisation.

The Delaware Investments US Open in Philadelphia (*WSD enthusiasts pictured*), donated a percentage of ticket sales from the first round of play.



There were many innovative projects designed to involve as many clubs as possible.

There were some outstanding projects which saw squash academies building partnerships with their local communities.

In Malaysia, former world No.18 Sharon Wee (*pictured*) held a free coaching day at the University of Malaya courts in Kuala Lumpur.



The packed programme, which attracted TV coverage, included free sessions for underprivileged children.

Wee's squash academy is championing a youth squash programme dedicated to helping underprivileged

children. "We are at the stage of getting the squash community together with sponsors, ministries and the sports council," said Wee. "We're all very passionate about making this happen."

"I promise to pull it through. The underprivileged children deserve the chance to be champions in life and their chosen sport."

"Squash has given me a great journey of life. Squash is my school of life and I want the children to experience it, too."

In the Republic of Ireland capital Dublin, former world No.7 Derek Ryan led Squash Link Ireland on massive cycle ride, stopping off at 20 clubs on the way to play matches against members.



A two-day festival at The Mote Squash Club in Kent, England, ended up with coaches Chris Tomlinson and World Squash Day co-ordinator Alan Thatcher each receiving a cream pie in the face after their juniors celebrated exceeding their fund-

raising targets after serving breakfasts to members.

The biggest sum of money was raised for Unicef via a World Squash Day auction set up by Lichfield Squash Club member James Roberts. A signed shirt provided by England's three-time world champion Nick Matthew, and a white ball autographed by former world No.2 Jenny Duncalf and Malaysia's record eight-time women's world champion Nicol David, both received bids of more than £200.

Amazing events worldwide

World Squash Day global co-ordinator Alan Thatcher said: "We saw some amazing events take place all over the world, from El Salvador to St Petersburg, and many places in between."

"It was wonderful to see so many thriving squash communities demonstrating the essence of the sport, which is having huge amounts of fun on court, while promoting the world's healthiest sport and raising significant sums of money for Unicef in the process."

"We are already in discussion with the PSA about involving the world's leading players in next year's event, to ensure that World Squash Day enjoys another day of fun, fitness and friendship, and delivers the maximum impact possible to support Unicef."

World Squash Federation President N Ramachandran added: "World Squash Day has become synonymous with bringing the sport together - and this year was no exception. A range of activities, especially those involving youngsters, are always a key feature, and adding support for Unicef, has made a perfect link."

"The WSF is very grateful for all the hard-working volunteers and all those who took part, whose efforts made sure that the Day was a resounding success internationally."

SQUASHEMPOWER – AN URBAN PROGRAMME EXAMPLE

The superb USA National Urban Squash & Education Association (NUSEA) has spread across many cities, and it is insightful to see how a fledgling program develops on the path towards joining NUSEA.



SquashEmpower, which started in 2004 and is run by experienced coach Connie Barnes (*left*), plans to partner with Washington DC Public Schools in a multi-year program to build/run squash courts at a number of DCPS' locations, and then use that daily fun-filled forum to also provide academic and mentoring programming to

participating local teenagers. The ultimate goal is college attendance for its' students.

Plans are made is to engage youth who live in District of Columbia neighborhoods that are under-served and who may not have same opportunities and advantages as higher income families. Now after contributing in a small way SquashEmpower is moving to community-oriented "home bases" to try and enlarge and flourish further.

In this way the credo that squash is a life-long sport that provides all of the traditional advantages of athletics (health, discipline, focus, sportsmanship, skill development, success, dealing with frustration/failure, camaraderie, respect for competitors and referees, etc.) can be expanded.

Barnes believes....

Barnes also believes – as evidenced by other urban squash programs throughout the country that are affiliated with the National Urban Squash & Education Association (NUSEA) – that combining squash with academic and mentoring programming can further develop and enrich the lives of teenage participants. Some of these urban squash programs have begun to measure their success in terms of better high school graduation rates, better grades, etc., but this is still a nascent endeavor. She does know, however, that hundreds of lower-income students in these programs have gone on to college, an outcome that was otherwise unlikely to be attainable.

As for costs she reckons, 'The cost to install the requisite two or three squash courts is estimated to be approximately \$150,000 per location. Operating costs to provide the squash and academic/mentoring programming builds as the program grows, but is moderated by having a significant portion of the coaching, academic tutoring, and mentoring provided by volunteers. We need to raise \$50,000 this year and another \$200,000 early next year. Over the course of 10 years, our funding requirements total approximately \$5 million'.

Whether she can raise all necessary funds through philanthropic efforts remains to be seen, but the size of the challenge is clear, as are the benefits that will accrue in Washington as they already do in so many US cities – and now beyond as the concept spreads.

EUROPEAN UNDER 23 CIRCUIT

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The European Squash Federation (ESF) in conjunction with PSA have launched a new European Under 23 Tour for 2016.

The initiative has been put in place with the dual purpose of helping young players reach their full potential and assisting them in successfully making the transition from junior tournaments to fully fledged PSA World Tour events.

Each host venue will offer \$2,000 in prize money in both the Men's and Women's events while the participants will be able to earn points that will count towards their PSA World Rankings – helping new players bolster their position within the professional ranks before making the move to compete alongside the world's best players.

WSF WORLD JUNIOR CIRCUIT

The current WSF World Junior rankings are at:

<http://wsf.tournamentsoftware.com/ranking/ranking.aspx?rid=101>.

Forthcoming events on the World Junior Circuit are:

November '15

05 – 08 Belgian Junior Open

13 – 15 Polish Junior Open

27 – 29 Irish Junior Open

December '15

03 – 06 Swiss Junior Open

12 – 15 Canadian Junior Open

January '16

02 – 06 British Junior Open

08 – 10 Scottish Junior Open

15 – 17 Czech Junior Open

15 – 17 Oceania Junior Open

WORLD MASTERS 2016

If you are thinking of entering the World Masters next year, and so many players will, here is a link to the latest newsletter on the event:

<http://wsfworldmasters.com/wm16-newsletter01/>



Official WSF Magazine

Four former world champions give their views on who is going to win the 2015 PSA Men's World Championship.

Also, Rod Gilmour visits PSL champions Duffield and the season's new squash rackets are reviewed.

For these features and more, please click here:
<http://www.squashplayer.co.uk/features/features.htm>

MALAYSIA SWEEP THE BOARD



Eain Yow Ng and Sivasangari Subramaniam fulfilled their seedings in the Commonwealth Youth Games by claiming double gold for Malaysia in Squash's debut in the fifth

staging of the Games in Samoa.

The pair endorsed their status as favourites by winning the titles without conceding any games over two days at the Tuana'imato Sports Facility in Apia.

Ng, a 17-year-old from Kuala Lumpur, overcame unseeded Indian Velavan Senthilkumar in the semi-finals before getting the better of England's No.2 seed Patrick Rooney 11-8, 12-10, 11-5 in the men's climax.

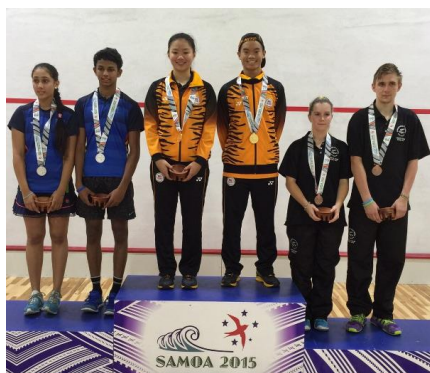
It was 18-year-old Rooney's third successive straight games defeat by the Malaysian in international junior competitions.

The women's final also brought together the event's top two seeds. Subramaniam, from the Malaysian state of Kedah, defeated New Zealander Eleanor Epke 11-3, 11-5, 12-10.

"I'm very happy because winning a gold medal for the first time in the Commonwealth is a great thing," said 16-year-old ranked 96 in the world.

India's Velavan Senthilkumar took the men's bronze medal after his Pakistani opponent Israr Ahmed was taken ill after the semi-finals - while Sri Lanka struck bronze in the women's event when Mihiliya Methsarani beat fellow non-seed Sadia Gul of Pakistan 11-8, 11-6, 11-9

Australia so close



After success in both Squash Singles Malaysia pairings clinched the titles in the three Doubles events to give the Asian nation an unexpected clean sweep of all the gold

medals.

Men's singles champion Eain Yow Ng struck gold for the second time, partnering Andrea Lee to an 11-7, 11-3 victory over unseeded Indians Harshit Jawanda & Velavan Senthilkumar in the Mixed Doubles final.

The predicted Men's Doubles final went the full distance, with top-seeded Malaysians Mohd Farez Izwan & Marcus Wei Jie Sim ultimately triumphing 11-8, 8-11, 11-10 over Alex Eustace & Joseph White, the No.2 seeds from Australia

But another dramatic final brought the Women's Doubles championship to a surprise outcome when



second seeds Zoe Foo Yuk Han & Andrea Lee survived two tie-break games to upset New Zealand favourites Eleanor Epke & Abbie Palmer 11-10, 11-10. The win gave 16-year-old Lee, winner of the Asian Junior Championship last month (pictured below with fellow women's medallists), her second gold medal of the day!



Guyana pair Taylor Fernandes & Larissa Wiltshire took bronze in the women's doubles.

Two countries joined the squash medals table for the first time when Marc Kalsrap & Aidan Rowston of the Norfolk Islands claimed bronze in the men's doubles, and

TONY PARKER RETIRES



Players retire, and so do referees. Referees may do so after a very long and successful officiating career in that most difficult of roles. We may not agree with all their decisions but it is more likely that they are right and we are wrong!

One referee who has stepped down recently from international involvement is England's Tony Parker. He has

been at the top of his game for over three decades, including the last twenty years as a world level referee and assessor – the role from which he is retiring.

Tony had the respect of all the players on the professional Tours – they have known that when they see his face behind the court they can focus on their own play without worrying about the quality of decision.

He also has the gratitude of so many referees as he has been a great mentor and confidant to so many of the current referees – for whom his guidance has been invaluable.

He has not only led by example, but helped aspiring referees, the next generation.

Thankfully, the sport nationally in his country is not losing his great experience, and at the British Grand Prix recently the WSF took the opportunity to present him with a memento.

ON THE COACHING SIDE.....



4th European Coaching Conference

31 coaches from 15 European countries met for the 4th European Coaching Conference from 18-20 September in Prague/Czech Republic. The Hector club provided an excellent venue with a large meeting room next to the courts and the hotel in walking distance.

The theme of the conference was "Supporting performance at elite level".

Some of the topics and presenters:

Goran Vuckovic (Slovenia, University of Ljubljana) – "Performance analysis"

Mirek Dobos (Physio, Czech David Cup Team) – "Injury prevention"

Philip McWilliams (Scotland) – "Strenght training for squash"

Csaba Altvater (Hungary, fitness coach) – "Performance testing"

Ronny Vlassaks (Belgian and Dutch Head Coach) – "Training planning"

Colin White (Ireland, Austrian National Coach) – "Squash Sanity – group fitness for squash"

Peter Hirst (England) – "Skill and accuracy"

ASIAN WSF COURSES

WSF Courses were organised by Hong Kong Squash at the Hong Kong Squash Institute in September tutored by WSF Coaching Committee Director Major Maniam, assisted by Tony Choi and Chris Clarke.

The WSF Level 1 refresher course had participants from Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, Pakistan, Japan, Korea, Macau and China; while the ASF Level 2 tutor course had participants from Hong Kong, Singapore, Iran, Japan and Korea.



QUAINY BONILLA

Squash lost a highly regarded young national Guatemalan squash player when Quainy Bonilla was killed in the recent landslides in the country. The family home was washed away and his father badly injured. Anybody wishing to help the family rebuild their home and lives can do so at:

<http://www.squashconbonilla.myevent.com/>

CERTIFIED EYEWEAR BRANDS 2015

The following brands have passed national safety standards and, having applied for WSF Certified listing, are the only brands permitted for use in WSF, Regional and many national junior events.

When buying new products look for the WSF Certified Tested logo. Brands that become certified will be added to the WSF website and featured here.

BRAND NAME	APPROVED MODEL
Black Knight 	Turbo (AC 114) Turbo Jnr (AC 114 Jr) Lasers (AC 111) Sight Guard (AC 112) Kona (AC 119) Kona Junior (AC 119 Jr) Lynx (AC 122) Stiletto (AC 620)
Dunlop 	Dunlop I-ARMOR Dunlop Junior Dunlop Vision
Grays 	Grays GT Eyewear
Harrow 	Shield Pro R16 Covet R615 Radar R43 Radar Jr R717JR
i-Mask 	i-Mask
Karakal 	2500 (9903 Jnr) Pro 3000 (R43)
Reydon (Mantis) 	Mantis Protective Eyewear
Oliver 	Rage (9903V) Rage Junior (9903JR) Prolite (RB10C) Speed (R601) Attitude (PRO2) Shark (R43) Marvel (SE-7)
Prince 	Rage (9903V) Rage Junior (9903JR) Prolite (RB10C) Speed (R601) Attitude (Pro2)
Salming 	ASTM F803
Tecnifibre 	R615

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TIME

Men's Teams now in Egypt



The 2015 Men's World Team Squash Championship will now take place in Cairo, Egypt after the hosts Kuwait were forced to give it up due to the suspension of their National Olympic Committee by the IOC because of governmental involvement in

the national Olympic body.

The Egyptian Squash Federation stepping in means that the 25th biennial World Squash Federation championship can still take place on the published dates of 12 – 18 December, and will feature 23 nations: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Canada, Colombia, Egypt, England, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong China, India, Iraq, Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Mexico, Pakistan, Qatar, Scotland, South Africa, Switzerland and USA.



England will be defending the title they won for the fifth time, but first time since 2007, in France - where they beat three-time champions Egypt in a dramatic final.

The 2015 line-up also includes eight-time champions Australia and six times winners Pakistan. Stage one of the championship is a group phase before the knock-out ties of stage two will decide all the finishing positions. Newcomers Qatar will be moving up to the senior ranks after making their debut in the World Junior Team Championship in 2012.

Men's Individual in Seattle



The draw for the 2015 PSA Men's World Championship sees 112 of the world's top players, including World No.1

and 2014 World Championship runner-up Mohamed Elshorbagy, head to Bellevue, Washington on November 15 for the tournament's first appearance in the United States.

With 32 countries represented in an entry list that spans six continents and with a \$325,000 prize fund, this year's event features Elshorbagy looking to recover from his heartbreak defeat in the final in Doha 12 months ago. Ramy Ashour, the man who beat him in that historic encounter, lines up



on opposite sides of the draw if he recovers from a hamstring injury and could reignite the dramatic rivalry with his fellow Egyptian in the final.

Ashour bids for a fourth World Championship crown and could face Nick Matthew - a three-time World Champion - in a blockbuster semi-final.

Recent Delaware Investments US Open winner Gregory Gaultier, a four time World Championship runner-up, will be hoping to break his title duck and could line up against Elshorbagy in the semi-finals, but with all the world's best players on show, the path to glory will be fraught with danger.

The event takes place from Sunday November 15 – Sunday November 22.

Women's Individual in Kuala Lumpur



The World's top women will travel to the Malaysian capital for the Women's World Squash Championship being held from 11-18

December.

The tournament will see a top-class international field of the best 32 players in the world coming together for the largest prize-purse in the sport. The tournament will feature the top 23 players from the WSA World Rankings and the eight players who make it through the World Championship Qualifying Competition, which will be held immediately



preceding the event proper. The final place will be awarded as a wildcard by the organisers.

Commenting on the historic agreement, which will see the World Tour's premier women's event, held under WSF auspices, staged in the same country for three years in a row for the first time in its 36-year history.

WSF APPROVED BALLS



SPIN INFORMATION



For players who wish to play in all World Individual and Team Championships, Regional Events and World Junior Circuit events at all age levels, they need to be registered. A SPIN (Squash Personal Identification Number) stays with them for life.

For individual events where national federations enter their players they will do so using the SPIN of the players. Similarly, in those events where players enter themselves e.g. World Masters, they will do so using their SPIN.

For team events of all ages in World and Regional Championships, Member Nations will enter their teams into the event using the on-line system. Squad and Team submissions can also be made on-line.

PLAYER REGISTRATION

Any player, irrespective of age, can register themselves - or their federation can do so on their behalf - by completing the on-line registration form. They should also let their national federation know that they are doing so.

The current SPIN registration fee - paid on-line - is a once only lifetime fee of GBP10.00 (not annual).

Notes: Half of all the fees paid by the players (or Member Nations on their behalf) are split equally between the five Regional Federations to help fund development initiatives.

Tournament Planner software is used to take entries for National Junior Opens, with players at U19 level able to claim World Junior ranking points.

WHERE DO PLAYERS REGISTER?

Simply go to **www.worldsquash.org/spin**

MEMBER NATION LOGIN

Separately, all WSF Member Nations have their login so that they can view all registrations from their country, enter WSF Championships and do so for WSF individual events.

WSF DIRECTORY

The new edition of the WSF Directory with updated National Addresses, WSF Committee & Commission details, and much more besides is on the WSF website: <http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/WSF-Directory.pdf>.

WSF APPROVED RACKET



PARA SQUASH IN WALES



There is strong activity on the para-squash front in Wales, reports coordinator Richard Plenty. Rhiwbina Squash Club near Cardiff supports a regular group of eight players 'who come from Bridgend college every other Monday, these young adults have different levels of disability, using either a wheelchair or walking frame.

Alternative weeks we have just opened to anyone in the local area to come and have a go. We're in partnership with Disability Sports Wales, who keep pushing it for us'.

Testing has indicated that full length squash rackets and a Racketball ball works well for them.

COURT ACCREDITATION / REGISTRATION



The WSF Accreditation scheme ensures that centre operators know that they are buying courts of a good standard, and their users will be playing in the right conditions. Full information on WSF Court Accreditation can be found at:

www.worldsquash.org/ws/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/150206_WSF-ACCREDITATION-Information-2015.pdf

For all World, Regional, PSA Tour and Junior Circuit events using newly built courts, and expanding to other events run under the auspices of national federations, there is a requirement that they are Registered as being Complete Court Accredited (CCA) i.e. that all the main components are Accredited and are appropriate for competitive use.

Details of this, are at:

www.worldsquash.org/ws/resources/accreditation/complete-court-accreditation-cca/scheme

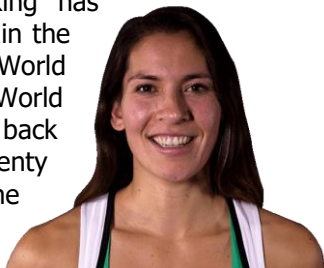
Court Registration is at:

www.worldsquashcourts.org/addAccredited.aspx

Recognising that there will be occasions where the court owner does not wish all or some of the courts to be *Registered*, where they are not intended for national and international competition, in these circumstances they can *List* their courts using the same form but without paying a fee. The *List* will not be published but will be on our database making it easy to upgrade in the future from 'non-competition' to 'competition' use if required.

KIWI KING BACK INTO WOMEN'S TOP 20

New Zealand's Joelle King has rocketed up 15 positions in the November PSA Women's World Rankings to occupy the World No.13 berth and move back inside the world's top twenty players for the first time since January 2015.



The 27-year-old former World No.4 missed almost a year of Competitive PSA World Tour action between 2014 and 2015 after suffering a serious Achilles injury and found herself as low as No.57 in recent months but after making a successful comeback this summer she has continued to go from strength-to-strength and reached the final of the Carol Weymuller Open, PSA W50 tournament, in October.

King is one of five big risers within the world's top twenty with Indian pairing Joshana Chinappa and Dipika Pallikal and Egyptian duo Nour El Tayeb and Heba El Torky also on upwards trajectories. U.S. Open runner-up El Tayeb moves up three positions to equal her career-best World No.5 standing after an impressive run at the PSA World Series event in which she defeated World No.1 Raneem El Welily – who maintains her grasp on the top berth for a third month.

Meanwhile Chinappa moves up three places to World No.17 with compatriot Pallikal moving up five places to No.14 after her impressive run to the quarter-finals of the U.S. Open and El Torky moves into the top 20 for the first time in her career to hold the No.20 berth.

PSA Women's Rankings – November 2015

1	Raneem El Welily	EGY	2,971
2	Nicol David	MAS	2,152
3	Laura Massaro	ENG	2,113
4	Camille Serme	FRA	1,680
5	Nour el Tayeb	EGY	1,340
6	Omneya Abdel Kawy	EGY	1,292
7	Alison Waters	ENG	1,175
8	Nour El Sherbini	EGY	1,106
9	Nouran Gohar	EGY	808
10	Annie Au	HKG	744
11	Amanda Sobhy	US	715
12	Sarah-Jane Perry	ENG	653
13	Joelle King	NZL	603
14	Dipika Pallikal	IND	584
15	Delia Arnold	MAS	576
16	Emma Beddoes	ENG	570
17	Joshana Chinappa	IND	557
18	Emily Whitlock	ENG	504
19	Rachael Grinham	AUS	482
20	Heba El Torky	EGY	465

CUSKELLY AND GAWAD REACH CAREER HIGHS

Less than 24 hours after recording one of the finest wins of his career over new World No.8 Mathieu Castagnet in the first round of the 2015 Qatar Classic, PSA World Series tournament, Australian Ryan Cuskelly broke into the top 20 in the PSA World Rankings for the first time.



The 28-year-old occupies the World No.20 position, one place behind highest ranked compatriot Cameron Pilley, in the PSA Men's November Rankings, moving up two places courtesy of his triumph at the Bluenose Classic. Cuskelly took the PSA M35 title courtesy of straight-games win over Egypt's Karim Abdel

Gawad who also celebrates a career high ranking this month after breaking into the top 10 for the first time in his career – occupying the World No.10 position.

Fellow Egyptian Mohamed Elshorbagy has maintained his grasp of the World No.1 position for the 13th consecutive month as part of an unchanged top five but World No.2 Gregory Gaultier will now have top spot in his sights after narrowing the gap following his triumph at the Delaware Investments U.S. Open. Elsewhere inside the top twenty Stephen Coppinger and Fares Dessouki both move up to occupy their career best positions of No.14 and No.18, respectively, while Omar Mosaad, Marwan Elshorbagy, Borja Golan and Daryl Selby also enjoy upwards movements.

PSA Men's Rankings - November 2015

1	Mohamed Elshorbagy	EGY	1360
2	Nick Matthew	ENG	1313
3	Gregory Gaultier	FRA	1273
4	Ramy Ashour	EGY	794
5	Miguel Angel Rodriguez	COL	674
6	Omar Mosaad	EGY	627
7	Simon Rösner	GER	550
8	Mathieu Castagnet	FRA	451
9	Marwan Elshorbagy	EGY	431
10	Karim Abdel Gawad	EGY	425
11	Peter Barker	ENG	421
12	Tarek Momen	EGY	408
13	Borja Golan	ESP	406
14	Stephen Coppinger	RSA	402
15	Max Lee	HKG	381
16	Daryl Selby	ENG	380
17	Saurav Ghosal	IND	378
18	Fares Dessouki	EGY	326
19	Cameron Pilley	AUS	323
20	Ryan Cuskelly	AUS	294

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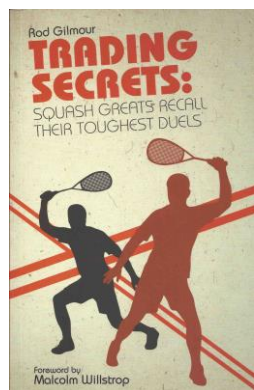
The WSF Coaching & Development Conference 2016 has been confirmed. It will take place in Kuala Lumpur on 19 – 21 February, kindly hosted by the Malaysian Squash Federation. The delegate package will be published very shortly.

SNIPPETS

EQUAL PRIZE MONEY AT TOC

The J.P. Morgan Tournament of Champions, the world's largest squash spectator event, announced that the total purse and size of the draw for the women will equal that of the men's. Total player compensation will reach \$300,000 USD, ranking the championship as one of the top four in the world for 2016. The 2016 championships will be played January 7-14, 2016 in Grand Central Terminal, New York for the 19th time.

TRADING SECRETS



While the title may be misleading, the book of this title by sports journalist Rod Gilmour certainly provides some interesting insights as it using the platform of some of the most memorable matches squash has seen. The match is reported while a player at the centre of it gives insight into the build-up, the match itself and their career generally.

Who knew that an Adelaide Fire Station had a role in Chris Dittmar's tilt at beating both Jahangir and Jansher Khan to take a World title? Mind games when Rodney Eyles beat Peter Nicol in a stunning World final? How Ramy Ashour dealt with his psychological and physical issues before winning the world crown in 2014.

The twist is that not only is the specific match reportage reproduced, but Gilmour's interview with players too. If you remember the clash, here is the full story of it.

Trading Secrets is available at

http://www.amazon.co.uk/Trading-Secrets-Squash-Greats-toughest/dp/1785310437/ref=tmm_pap_title_0

ULTRA HD – A FIRST

The AJ Bell British Squash Grand Prix in Manchester became the first racket sport ever to be broadcast live in UltraHD in the UK

MATTHEW COLLECTS HIS OBE

Three-time World Squash Champion Nick Matthew was officially awarded his OBE at Buckingham Palace, London by Her Royal Highness, Princess Anne.

Matthew attended the royal appointment with his family and described the experience as 'humbling and an absolute honour' as he collected the accolade for his services to squash.



The 35 year old from Sheffield is the most successful English squash player of all time with 33 PSA World Tour titles, three Commonwealth Games gold medals and seven British National titles to his name.

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CHANGES TO PSA BOARD

English World No.16 Daryl Selby was one of a trio of new faces elected onto the Professional Squash Association's (PSA) Board of Directors as officially confirmed during the association's annual AGM held in Doha, Qatar during the Qatar Classic.

The 32-year-old is joined on the nine-strong board by J.P. Morgan Tournament of Champions Director John Nimick who brings with him a wealth of experience garnered from a lifetime of involvement within the sport that has encompassed time as a player, administrator and tournament promoter.

Also joining for the first time is Shabana Khan, the former Women's World No.23 who is staging the 2015 World Championship in Bellevue, Washington later this month in what will be the tournament's first ever appearance in the United States.

They join existing board members Ziad Al-Turki, Ashley Bernhard, Jonathan Kemp and Mohab Khattab while former Men's World No.1 James Willstrop and former Women's World No.2 Jenny Duncalf were re-elected to their positions of Men's and Women's president, respectively.

RE-BOUND

PSA have partnered USA's NUSEA (National Urban Squash Education Programme) to start 'Re-Bound' to recycle squash equipment and distribute to disadvantaged squash communities internationally – from used squash balls to unwanted rackets and clothing – collected at Major PSA tournaments.



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