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To: ALL WSF MEMBER NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

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

EGM SIGNALS CHANGES

A World Squash Federation Extraordinary General Meeting, held on 3rd June in London and presided over by WSF President N Ramachandran (*pictured*), was attended by delegates from 43 nations.



It was a WSF Annual General Meeting in France last November which endorsed a proposal that a working group comprising a number of member nations would look at possible improvements to the constitution and structure – a process felt necessary as the

sport and its governance evolves.

Their deliberations during the first months of this year led to a set of eighteen motions being brought forward to the June EGM. They ranged from constitutional revisions such as the number of Vice-Presidents; creating possible new positions; the term of office allowable; setting age limits for board members; national eligibility to attend and vote; together with further possible alignment to the IOC preferred governance statutes for member Federations.

Successful motions

Motions which passed increased the number of Vice-Presidents by one (to four); altered the terms of President and Vice-President from four terms of two years to two terms of four years; and instituted a rotation to ensure that elections for all positions will not take place at the same time. The meeting also set an upper limit of 75 years of age for officers.

Another amendment was to eliminate the requirement that an incoming President should have served on the WSF or a Regional Board prior to nomination. Other motions linking various Rules directly into the WSF constitution, including match fixing, wagering, athlete entourage and 'Principles of Good Governance', and anchoring the status of WSF as an IOC Recognised Federation, were approved as well.

President Ramachandran also reported that the WSF is commissioning an Independent Review into the sport as a whole to evaluate governance, structures and relationships to maintain the process of improving practice and performance.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW TO BEGIN

The Independent Review announced by President Ramachandran at the EGM has now been put in place with the appointment of *I Trust Sport* to carry this out task for WSF.

The objective of the review is to determine whether the WSF and its partners are "fit for purpose" in their governance, structures, areas of responsibility and relationships, including relationships with the Olympic Movement and other key stakeholders; and to make recommendations within four months of initiation. This will be valuable in shaping structure, policy, strategy and relationships in the years to come.

The approach that *I Trust Sport* will be taking is a combination of desk research using a defined governance assessment process and a 360 degree review involving interviews with individuals within the WSF and representatives of stakeholder organisations.

The process

The governance assessment process will give a relatively objective analysis of the WSF's current state of governance, while the 360 degree review will offer insight into the opinions of the WSF's most important stakeholders. Together, the two elements will provide a detailed and nuanced independent review.



I Trust Sport is dedicated to improving the governance of international sport through collaboration. Assessing governance of international federations is a particular area of expertise. Founder Rowland Jack (*left*) has worked on projects with International Federations, sponsors and other

organisations on consultancy projects that have improving sports governance as their aim, and he regularly lectures on governance at universities and he has spoken at international conferences.

Before that he worked in sports marketing and communications for more than 10 years in several countries, including at six editions of the Olympic Games, summer and winter.

RAMACHANDRAN AWARDED IOC ORDER



The Executive Board of the IOC (International Olympic Committee) notified WSF President N Ramachandran on 3rd June that it had awarded him the Olympic Order for his outstanding services to the Olympic movement.

In addition to being WSF President, Ramachandran (*Pictured with IOC President Thomas Bach*) took over the helm as President of the IOA

(Indian Olympic Association) in February 2014, and was able to bring the nation back into the Olympic fold as in good standing following a rift in time for the Winter Games in Sochi.

WSF AGM INFORMATION

Full AGM details will be circulated to member nations this week, including accommodation packages and general information. The 46th WSF AGM will be held in Hong Kong, as previously announced, and the schedule is:

Monday 7 November
WSF Committee Meetings
Tuesday 8 November
Conference Day
Wednesday 9 November
WSF AGM

EGYPT IN CONTROL

When the Individual events of the WSF World Juniors get underway in the Polish city of Bielsko-Biala in August Egyptian players will be expected to dominate. With their conveyor belt of talent a full eclipse is not going to happen any time soon, but there are signs that other countries are likely to break up the seeding monopoly in the Men's event, at least.



When the Women's draw and seeding comes out shortly there can only be Egyptian Nouran Gohar (pictured) in top spot. The world senior number five who was a semi finalist in the World Championship and runner up in the British Open has no junior peer. She is the World Junior title holder, and could equal Nicol David's and Raneem El Welily's

two titles, but here countrywoman Habiba Mohamed, the likely second seed, could equal Nour El Sherbini's three if she were to win this year as the 17 year old would have a further year at junior level.

Egyptians Hania El Hammany, Amina Yousry and Rowan Araby are likely to figure in the final stages, as may Malaysians Sivasangari and Andrea Lee, along with Eleanor Epke (Nzl), Tinne Gilles (Bel), Amelia Henley (Eng) and Satomi Watanabe (Jpn).

Assuming Egyptian Saadeldin Abouaish takes Men's top seeding slot the Runner Up in the British Junior Open (winner Youssef Soliman is now aged 19), he will have to look over his shoulder, not only at countryman Youssef Abdallah, but US Junior Open winner Ahmed Israr from Pakistan, Malaysian Eain Yow Ng (already a PSA Tour winner), Jordanian Mohammed Al Sarraj, Englishmen Charlie Lee and Kyle Finch, Frenchman Benjamin Aubert and Ryunosuke Tsukue from Japan amongst others.

The stage is set for some great contests even before the men's Team Championship begins!

DARWIN AWAITS

According to the Australian hosts: For doubles squash fans, this August cannot come around quick enough. Australia will head a list of seven countries featuring Men's, Women's and Mixed events who will compete in the 2016 WSF World Doubles Squash Championships taking place in the Northern Territory capital of Darwin from 15-18 August.



This exciting form of the game should not be missed by anyone with an opportunity to head to the top end of Australia.

Below is the list of competing countries and their most promising partnerships:

- Australia: Cameron Pilley / Ryan Cuskelly, Rachel Grinham / Donna Urquhart
- Colombia: Miguel Rodriguez / Catalina Pelaez
- India: Saurav Ghosal / Harinda Sandhu, Dipika Pallikal Karthik / Joshana Chinappa
- Malaysia: Nafiizwan Adnan / Delia Arnold
- Wales: Peter Creed / Tesni Evans

Australia won the Men's & Mixed gold medals at the 2014 Commonwealth Games, will display six pairing throughout the events, while India, the reigning Commonwealth Games Women's Doubles champions, will also compete in the three categories. Colombia, Men's Doubles gold medallists in the 2015 Pan American Games, will be represented by a single pairing in each of the events, whilst both Malaysia and New Zealand will be represented by two pairings in each. Scotland and Wales complete the entry list.

CHINA'S FIRST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BID

The Liaoning Province city of Dalian is bidding to make squash history by becoming the first in China to host a World Squash Championship.

The announcement of the tender to stage the WSF Women's World Team Squash Championship in 2018 came during a press conference on the opening day of the three-day 2016 WSF Ambassador Programme visit to the coastal city of Dalian, hosted by the Dalian Squash Association in conjunction with the Chinese Squash Association.

The proposal to the World Squash Federation is to stage the biennial event in September 2018 at the Xigang Stadium, the city's six-floor sports centre which boasts four all-glass squash courts. It is planned that action would also take place on an all-glass court at the new Olympia 66, the largest Shopping Mall in the region, with the final stages being held outside on an all-glass court erected on the Dalian quayside at Dong Gang Square.

Wang Guo Guang, the Dalian Squash Association Secretary General who is the driving force behind the bid said, "The city has been a great supporter of squash and I would like to show my appreciation to the city by bringing the World Championship here. "It would be a great milestone in my life and would make me very proud."



Speaking on behalf of the Chinese Squash Association, Vice President Huang Kai added:

"Currently, the most important event we hold in this country is the China Open. This initiative would give us a

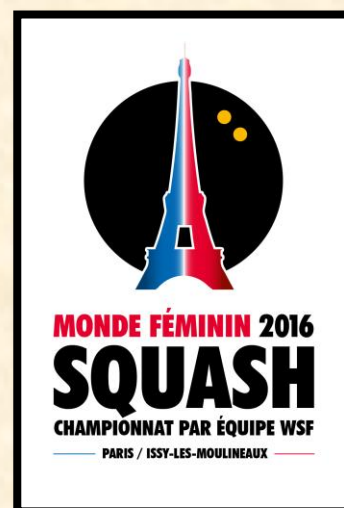
great opportunity to work closely with the World Squash Federation to bring a major new event to China".

WSF Chief Executive Andrew Shelley warmly welcomed the proposal, saying: "The Chinese and Dalian Squash Associations have already shown how strongly they not only organise events, but promote our sport, so this - coupled with the enthusiasm of the city authorities and facilities available - make this a superb option for WSF, and an exciting opportunity for the players and officials who will come to Dalian."

(Pictured after the press conference (L to R): Huang Kai, Wang Guo Guang, Low Wee Wern & Andrew Shelley)

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR WOMEN'S WORLD TEAM

While hosts France will be bidding to reach the final for the first time in the event's 37-year history, European rivals England - winners of the championship two years ago in Canada - will be striving to defend their title at the 2016 WSF Women's World Team Squash Championship which will be staged in the suburb of Issy-les-Moulineaux and the French capital Paris from 28 November to 3 December.



17 nations will compete in the biennial World Squash Federation event, hosted by the Fédération Française de Squash, which will take place at the historic Jeu De Paume and St Cloud Squash clubs, with final stages being held on an all-glass court at the Palais Des Sports Robert Charpentier.

Competing in the championship will be Australia, Austria, Canada, Egypt, England, France, Germany, Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Spain, USA and Wales.



Currently boasting four players in the world top ten - led by the new world number one and World Champion Nour El Sherbini (pictured) - Egypt are likely to be seeded to reclaim the title they won for the second time in 2012, when the event was last held in France.



CALENDAR UPLOADED

The WSF World Calendar featuring World, Regional, PSA and National Open Championships is updated monthly is at: www.worldsquash.org/ws/wsf-calendar. To add your national championships to the WSF World Calendar please go to: www.worldsquash.org/ws/national-event-registration

PAKISTAN, MALAYSIA & ENGLAND CELEBRATE REGIONAL SUCCESSES

While Pakistan and Malaysia triumphed in the men's and women's Asian Team Squash Championships, respectively, in Chinese Taipei, England recorded an unexpected double in Poland where the 44th edition of the European Team Championships were held for the first time.

Second seeds Pakistan secured the men's Asian title for the fourth time in a row after wins by Farhan Mehboob and Farhan Zaman in the final against Hong Kong China, the favourites who were making their first appearance in the final since 1996. Meanwhile, bronze medallists Japan were celebrating their first ever finish in the last four.

There was also a successful title defence in the women's championship - but Malaysia achieved their success as third seeds, without the services of event veterans Nicol David, the former world number one, and Low Wee Wern, a world number five.

Led by sisters Delia Arnold and Rachel Arnold, Malaysia topped the Pool B qualifying group against expectations after upsetting India - then repeated their success against the second seeds in the final with wins by Sivasangari Subramaniam and Delia Arnold.

Firm favourites England dropped just a sole match en-route to the women's European championship final - then, in the third successive final against France, despatched the No.2 seeds 2/0 following wins by former world No.1 Laura Massaro and Victoria Lust to claim the title for the 38th time.

After losing to France in the 2015 final, England were underdogs in the men's event in Warsaw. But the two countries lined up in the final for the 9th successive year - and the second seeds triumphed 2/1 after victories by Chris Simpson and Tom Richards, and a significant game win by James Willstrop in his 3/1 defeat to career-long rival Gregory Gaultier.

A 3/1 win over Germany in the third-place play-off saw Scotland record their highest finish since 1999.

Asian Team Championships,, Chinese Taipei

Men's final: [2] PAKISTAN bt [1] HONG KONG CHINA 2/0 (Farhan Mehboob bt Tang Ming Hong 11-4, 11-7, 11-4; Farhan Zaman bt Max Lee 9-11, 12-10, 8-11, 11-7, 11-9).

Bronze medals: [5] JAPAN & [4] INDIA

Women's final: [3] MALAYSIA bt [2] INDIA 2/0 (Sivasangari Subramaniam bt Sachika Ingale 11-7, 11-6, 12-10; Delia Arnold bt Joshna Chinappa 9-11, 13-11, 11-8, 11-9). Bronze medals: [1] HONG KONG CHINA & [4] JAPAN

European Team Championships, Warsaw, Poland

Men's Final: [2] ENGLAND bt [1] FRANCE 2/1 (Chris Simpson bt Lucas Serme 11-4, 11-1, 11-3 (34m); James Willstrop lost to Gregory Gaultier 7-11, 7-11, 11-4, 1-11 (44m); Tom Richards bt Geoffrey Demont 11-8, 11-6, 11-2 (37m)). 3rd place play-off: [4] SCOTLAND bt [3] GERMANY 3/1 (Douglas Kempself bt Rudi Rohrmuller 11-6, 8-11, 11-9, 3-11, 11-8 (81m); Alan Clyne lost to Simon

Rösner 15-13, 11-4, 5-11, 5-11, 5-11 (69m); Kevin Moran bt Lucas Wirths 11-9, 11-9, 7-11, 11-3 (49m); Greg Lobban bt Raphael Kandra 6-11, 11-6, 5-11, 11-9 ret. (64m)
Women's Final: [1] ENGLAND bt [2] FRANCE 2/0 (Victoria Lust bt Laura Pomportes 11-7, 11-8, 11-6 (29m); Laura Massaro bt Camille Serme 11-5, 11-1, 11-6 (30m)). 3rd place play-off: [7] NETHERLANDS bt [4] WALES 2/1 (Tessa ter Sluis bt Jenny Haley 8-11, 11-8, 13-11, 5-11, 11-9 (39m); Natalie Grinham lost to Tesni Evans 7-11, 5-11, 11-4, 7-11 (32m); Milou van der Heijden bt Deon Saffery 12-10, 8-11, 11-7, 11-7 (36m)



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:

July '16

- 13-17 Dutch Junior Open
- 16-23 Caribbean Junior Open
- 21-24 Argentina Junior Open
- 27-31 Hong Kong Junior Open
- 29-31 Brazil Junior Open

August '16

- 6-11 World Junior Championships
- 17-20 Japan Junior Open
- 22-28 Pan American Junior Championships
- 26-28 Finnish Junior Open
- 26-01 Cairo Arab Regional Junior Open
- 31-04 Indian Junior Open

September '16

- 06-09 Iran Junior Open
- 09-11 Welsh Junior Open
- 20-24 Asian Junior Championships
- 30-02 Serbian Junior Open
- 30-02 Danish Junior Open



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WSF AMBASSADORS SET TO PUT DALIAN ON THE SQUASH MAP

The legacy of a three-day WSF Ambassador Programme visit to the Liaoning Province in China will be to put the city of Dalian on the international Squash map, according to the Dalian Squash Association Secretary General Wang Guo Guang.

Led by Malaysia's world No.5 Low Wee Wern and the four-time Hong Kong national champion Dick Lau - and including Asian Federation Regional Referee Robert Arrffan, from Singapore, and Dick Leung, the Assistant Head Coach at Hong Kong Squash - the WSF team was hosted by the Dalian Squash Association in conjunction with the Chinese Squash Association.



Launched in 2011, the inspired WSF international promotional initiative annually takes two leading squash players, together with an international coach and referee, into younger squash nations to help raise the sport's profile - through clinics, exhibition matches, refereeing and coaching seminars, and media work.

The first day's schedule included a visit to the city's Xigang Stadium, a six-floor sports centre which has a single floor devoted to squash - featuring the world's only single location boasting four all-glass courts!



The WSF Ambassadors were later invited to the Dalian Jiahui Foreign Nationals School, an international primary and secondary school which boasts 1,600 pupils where an inspiring and unique partnership with the Dalian Squash Association was unveiled.

In conjunction with plans to build a new sports centre including an all-glass squash court, the school announced the inauguration of the Jiahui Education Group Squash Training Base.

In summing up the success of the WSF Ambassador visit, Dalian Squash Association Secretary General Wang Guo Guang said: "This visit will help people know about squash - it will help the development of the sport here in Dalian and help attract more media support. We have never had as much media coverage for squash as we have had during this visit. There has been a lot of interest - especially on the internet and through social media, all over China.

MINNOWS MACAU MAKE WORLD SQUASH PLEDGE: "WE'RE COMING!"

Forever in the shadow of neighbours Hong Kong, Macau is aiming high in its plans for Squash following the three-day WSF Ambassador Programme visit to the Chinese special administrative region.

"It's not just Hong Kong we are trying to emulate, we want to tell the whole world that we are coming," said Lim Chee Ming, Head Coach, Macau Squash.



Immediately following a three-day visit to Dalian in China, the Macau leg of the 2016 visit kicked off with a School Road Show at Escola

Primaria Oficial Lugo-Chinesa "Sir Robert Ho Tung", where two portable and inflatable development courts were erected in the school's sports hall for some 50 young pupils. The enthusiastic youngsters were introduced to the basics of the game by Dick Leung (pictured), aided by Wee Wern and Lau.

The team was invited by Macau Squash President William Kuan to attend the city's Anti-Drug Carnival at the Macau Canidrome where Macau Squash had a booth. The event was opened by prominent Macau entrepreneur Angela Leong On Kei, a member of the Legislative Council of Macau.



(The WSF party at the Macau Canidrome with William Kuan (5th from right); Angela Leong On Kei (4th from right); and Lim Chee Ming (extreme right))

Macau Squash also ensured that the WSF party visited one of the best tourist attractions the peninsula has to offer. A brave group, led by Lau and Wee Wern (pictured left), walked the famous 'Skywalk' around



the outer perimeter that encircles the Macau Tower - in the open air 233 metres high, with stunning views of the 'Las Vegas of Asia'!

A coaching clinic at the Centro de Bowling on the final day attracted numerous local youngsters (pictured above), who were also able to enjoy matches between Dick Lau and the Macau men's No.1 Steven Liu, and Low Wee Wern and rising local star Yeung ('Chi Chi') Weng Chi. The event was held in the presence of Chao Kuok Wai, Head of Sports Development at the Sports Bureau of Macau SAR Government, and his colleague Wu Lao Ut.



After his various coaching sessions, both with players and coaches, Dick Leung said: "The trip achieved a lot - especially in China where the game is less-developed. All the coaches I saw had the skills, but what they needed was more experience to give them greater confidence - they certainly had the ability.

Robert Arrffan focussed on newer aspects of the Rules of Squash in his refereeing seminars. "The main issue we focussed on was the interpretation of 'interference' - leading to 'lets', 'no lets' and 'strokes'. The latest rules focus on 'no easy lets' - meaning more 'no lets' and 'strokes'. I urged them to practise as much as possible with all sorts of games, from social to tournament.

Close bond

Dick Lau, making his debut as a player Ambassador, felt a close bond with the players he worked with. "It's been a great opportunity for me to be involved with this programme, especially in two countries where, because I am from Hong Kong and speak Cantonese, I have a lot in common with the players.

"China is a big country and I hope that this will lead to more success for players there, which could ultimately boost our chances of getting into the Olympics.



(Wee Wern & Lau with Steven Liu and Yeung Weng Chi)

Low Wee Wern, who made her WSF Ambassador debut in Papua New Guinea in 2014, added: "This trip has been really good - it was nice to see a city like Dalian show what can be achieved with things like four glass courts in a venue. They have the facilities to produce better players in the future and are keen to have more events, which is vital for the sport's growth. "The number of kids who came along to the clinic here in Macau was really impressive".

"Chi Chi is a good example of this - because of Lim's efforts with her over the past three years, the basics of her game are good because she started at the right time."

Players eyes opened

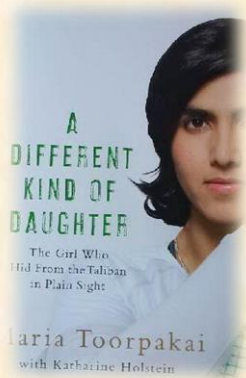
Speaking on behalf of hosts Macau Squash, Lim Chee Ming explained: "Our intention by hosting the Ambassador visit was to promote squash to the people of Macau - and there is no doubt that our players have had their eyes opened to what the potential is.

In summing up the achievements of the sixth and latest Ambassador Programme, WSF Chief Executive Andrew Shelley said: "With the support of sponsorship, our hosts and the group who give their time freely we hope to inspire squash communities - but every year we end up being inspired ourselves!

"Dalian and Macau did just that. Their passion to develop and promote squash is immense, and to play a small part in supporting them is the least we can do. Like so many other places around the world, squash in China is in great hands and I am sure will go from strength to strength. Through this relationship we have forged I am sure that we are better placed to support them."

TOOR PAKAI SPEAKS AT UN CONFERENCE

Pakistani squash player Maria Toor Pakai Wazir shared her extraordinary story of triumph in the face of adversity when she led a discussion at the United Nations Women's International Forum on 6 June.



Wazir, the World No.66, released her autobiography titled 'A Different Kind of Daughter' earlier this year, which charted her remarkable journey to becoming a professional athlete by disguising herself as a boy in order to train, compete and attend school in her native Waziristan - a Taliban controlled area of Pakistan where the idea of

sport for women is decried un-Islamic and girls rarely leave their homes.

With the support of her parents Wazir defied Taliban-threats, competing in the face of almost universal hostility to prevail and is now the top ranked female squash player in Pakistan - and she shared her story with some of the most influential women in the international arena.

WSF ACCREDITED COMPANIES 2016

Any company that can demonstrate relevant experience and expertise in providing squash courts - using only WSF Accredited Products - is eligible to apply to become a WSF Accredited Company.

WSF Accredited Companies

- Provide a five-year guarantee that covers both materials and workmanship.
- Ensure that they have and maintain the capability to provide complete courts using only Accredited Products.
- Construct courts using only Accredited Products and have the right to register these courts for competition play without inspection (subject to the payment of the relevant registration fee).

Current WSF Accredited Companies are:



COACH SPIN REQUIREMENT



As was notified to Regions and Nations during 2015, it has become an increasing necessity to ensure that the Code of Conduct operated by each sport, especially for multi-sport events, embraces coaches. So we incorporated coaches into the WSF Code of Conduct while

attending events by requiring them to have a SPIN when at WSF / Regional events from 1st January 2016.

This ensures that they are officially recognised and fall under the formal management of squash.

Some coaches will already have a SPIN as players or as WSF Registered Coaches, of course, but if not will need to secure one. There is a small once-in-a-lifetime payment for this, as regions and nations know.

We would emphasise that this is a SPIN as a personal identification, and there is not a requirement for a WSF Coach qualification to be able to attend.

Hosts of events will need to include the requirement for accompanying coaches to give their SPIN number, as they now do for players.

Here is the wording of the requirement:

WSF WORLD & ALL REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - COACH REGISTRATION (SPIN REQUIREMENT)

All team or individual player coaches designated by their nation as part of their event onsite management team (solely, or in attendance with an appointed team manager*) at any Championship** held under the auspices of WSF and all Regional Federations must be WSF Registered i.e. have a WSF Squash Personal Identification Number (SPIN), as their licence to attend in a formal representative role. This is required at the time of them being registered to attend by their national federation.

Where a person already has a SPIN as a player, they would use their existing number.

This Rule will ensure that all coaches formally fall under the WSF Code of Conduct while in formal attendance at a World or Regional Championship.

SPIN's will be required for all events taking place from 1 January 2016 onwards.***

NOTES:

* There is no requirement for designated team managers to be WSF Registered.

** Championships include any team or individual events where the attending national or other team / individual coaches are formally nominated to accompany those participating

*** The cost of a SPIN is a once-for-life GBP10, got online at <http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/spins>

TOP PLAYERS TO PERFORM AT DUBAI OPERA

Dubai representatives and the Professional Squash Association (PSA) have announced that the 2017 and 2018 editions of the season-ending PSA Dubai World



District in Downtown Dubai.

The two year agreement will see the world's top male and female squash players perform on one of the region's grandest stages, building on the inaugural 2016 PSA Dubai World Series Finals in a purpose built venue in Burj Park, Downtown Dubai.

The PSA Dubai World Series Finals is the season-ending climax to the both the men's and women's PSA World Series tours, featuring the world's best eight qualified players battling for the last title of the season.

Dates for the PSA Dubai World Series Finals tournaments were also announced as June 6th - 10th in 2017 and June 5th - 9th in 2018.

ASB CELEBRATES 50 YEARS



It was clear from the outset that the local market would become too small for the plans of ASB founder Horst Babinsky back in the mid-sixties.

Babinsky launched his venture by producing the first plastic curtain tracks for the Bavarian market, but it was in the world of Squash that ASB have flourished. In 1977, the first ASB squash court was presented. This signalled the beginning of a huge success of this completely new squash court design. In the years that followed, more than 7,000 ASB squash courts have been installed around the world.

Over these years ASB have regularly introduced innovations and further developments - eg. moveable side walls, the rotary glass back walls, the ASB System Walls, the height-adjustable tin, electronics for the squash court and also the ASB all-glass court, and glass floors too! The company has been granted more than 40 patents.

A new book, titled *ASB: 50 Years of Exceptional Success*, will be published in July.

LESS THAN THREE MONTHS TO GO



There are already over 600 entries for the WSF World Masters in Johannesburg – and entries don't close until 12th August so there is still time for anybody wishing to do so to add themselves too at:

<http://wsfworldmasters.com/>. Entries start at the 35 – 39 age band and go right up to Over 80.



There is also a new feature this year with the introduction of the Nations Cup, which aggregates finishing positions of players from each participating country to provide a 'league tables' for countries with small and large entries. So your participation may make all the difference!

Johannesburg may be known as the City of Gold, but it is famous for diamonds too, and at a draw at the Opening function a diamond will be the prize!

Nine previous champions have already entered – three from South Africa, two each from Australia and England, one each from Scotland and Ireland, along with hundreds of other players of all standards. Why not join them for the event which takes place 24 – 30 September?

WSF APPROVED BALLS

Squash balls which have been tested and approved as meeting WSF Specifications:

	Artengo SB 990 Squash Ball
	Black Knight Ball
	Dunlop XX Yellow Dot Championship Ball
	Eye Ball Squash Ball
	HEAD Sport AG Yellow Dot Ball
	Huashen Double & Single Yellow Dot Balls
	Karakal Squash Ball
	MR Price Sport Maxed Squash Ball
	Prince Rebel Pro Ball
	Taiball Yellow Dot Ball
	Tecnifibre Squash Ball
	Victor / VICTEC Doppel-Gelb Squash Ball

CERTIFIED EYEWEAR BRANDS 2016

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
	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) Air Frame Small (AC 641SM) Guardian AV (AC 660)
	Dunlop I-ARMOR (R-07) Dunlop Junior (9903 Jr) Dunlop Vision (R-16)
	Grays GY Eyewear
	Shield Pro R16 Covet R615 Radar R43 Radar Jr R717JR
	i-Mask
	2500 (9903 Jnr) Pro 3000 (R43)
	Mantis Protective Eyewear
	Rage (9903V) Rage Junior (9903JR) Prolite (RB10C) Speed (R601) Attitude (PRO2) Shark (R43) Marvel (SE-7)
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	ASTM F803
	R615

SPIN INFORMATION



For players, all players who wish to play in all World Individual and Team Championships, Regional Events and World Junior Circuit events at all age levels will need to be registered. Their 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.



Official WSF Magazine

Issue 3 of Squash Player is marked by a brand new look and some exclusive content.

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Chinappa Secures Top 10 World Ranking Berth



Chennai-born Joshna Chinappa has become only the second female Indian player in history to reach the world's top 10 after she moved up a place to World No.10 in the July World Rankings.

Elsewhere in the top 10, US No.1 Amanda Sobhy rises a single place to a joint career-high No.7 ranking, swapping places

with Omneya Abdel Kawy who falls to No.8.

The rest of the top 10 is unchanged, with World Champion Nour El Sherbini maintaining her No.1 ranking ahead of England's Laura Massaro at No.2.

Egypt's Raneem El Welily follows some way behind at No.3, while Malaysia's eight-time World Champion Nicol David and World Junior Champion Nouran Gohar complete the top five at No.4 and No.5, respectively. France's Camille Serme, at No.6, and Joelle King at No.9 are the other players to round out the top 10.

Meanwhile, England's Alison Waters has fallen three places to No.13, while her compatriots, Sarah-Jane Perry and Emily Whitlock, move up to No.12 and No.16 - with the latter being a career-best for Whitlock. Egypt's Nour El Tayeb falls two spots to No.16, while 2007 World Champion Rachael Grinham remains at No.20 for the fifth successive month.

PSA Women's Rankings - July 2016

1	Nour El Sherbini	EGY
2	Laura Massaro	ENG
3	Raneem El Welily	EGY
4	Nicol David	MAS
5	Nouran Gohar	EGY
6	Camille Serme	FRA
7	Amanda Sobhy	USA
8	Omneya Abdel Kawy	EGY
9	Joelle King	NZL
10	Joshana Chinappa	IND
11	Annie Au	HKG
12	Sarah-Jane Perry	ENG
13	Alison Waters	ENG
14	Jenny Duncalf	ENG
15	Emily Whitlock	ENG
16	Nour El Tayeb	EGY
17	Victoria Lust	ENG
18	Delia Arnold	MAS
19	Dipika Pallikal	IND
20	Rachael Grinham	AUS

Unchanged Men's Top 20



Egypt's Mohamed ElShorbagy has maintained his place at the summit of the PSA Men's World Rankings, released today (July 1st), for the seventh consecutive month.

The 25-year-old, whose dominant form over the past season saw him lift six of seven World Series titles, has a commanding lead over World Champion

Gregory Gaultier and compatriot Omar Mosaad, who sit at No.2 and No.3, respectively.

England's Nick Matthew remains at No.4, while Colombia's Miguel Angel Rodriguez stays at No.5. Marwan ElShorbagy, the younger brother of World No.1 Mohamed, celebrates a third successive month inside the top 10 at No.6 in the world and is one place above Frenchman Mathieu Castagnet.

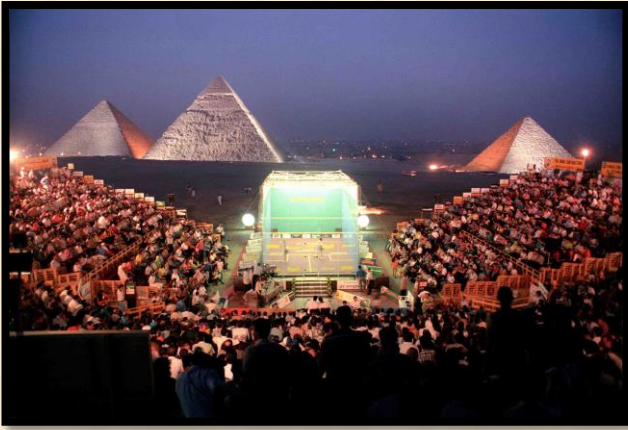
Egyptian trio Karim Abdel Gawad, Ali Farag and Tarek Momen round off the top 10 and occupy the No.8, No.9 and No.10 positions, respectively.

Three-time World Champion Ramy Ashour stays at No.12, while Australian No.1 Cameron Pilley, who reached the final of May's PSA Dubai World Series Finals, hovers just outside the top 10 at No.14. English duo James Willstrop, at No.19, and Daryl Selby take the last two spots inside the top 20.

PSA Men's Rankings - July 2016

1	Mohamed Elshorbagy	EGY
2	Gregory Gaultier	FRA
3	Omar Mosaad	EGY
4	Nick Matthew	ENG
5	Miguel Angel Rodriguez	COL
6	Mathieu Castagnet	FRA
7	Marwan Elshorbagy	EGY
8	Karim Abdel Gawad	EGY
9	Ali Farag	EGY
10	Tarek Momen	EGY
11	Simon Rösner	GER
12	Ramy Ashour	EGY
13	Borja Golan	ESP
14	Cameron Pilley	AUS
15	Fares Dessouki	EGY
16	Ryan Cuskelly	AUS
17	Saurav Ghosal	IND
18	Max Lee	HKG
19	James Willstrop	ENG
20	Daryl Selby	ENG

SQUASH BACK AT THE PYRAMIDS



The Great Pyramid of Giza - one of the seven wonders of the world - will once again provide the backdrop for a professional squash tournament when the 2016 Al Ahram International takes the sport back to its most iconic location ever for the first time in a decade.

The breathtaking pyramids were the setting for the 2006 World Championship, providing imagery of one of the most iconic sporting locations ever, and after an agreement was reached between the PSA, Egyptian Squash Federation and promoter Amr Mansi [Managing Director of I Events], the sport's top stars will once again compete in front of the trio of structures this September, when the tournament gets underway on September 19-23.

The 16-man draw will see the world's elite compete for a share of a \$100,000 prize fund as part of what promises to be an electric 2016/17 PSA World Tour season.

Egyptian Squash Federation President Mr Assem Khalifa commented: "We are glad to announce that we will once again be hosting one of the most distinguished squash events in the world here in Egypt.

"This event is the reason the Egyptians excelled in the sport as the Al Ahram tournament in the past has shown them that dreams can come true. We are truly looking forward to bringing this event back and guarantee to make it an unforgettable one."

NICOL DAVID'S RECORD RUN

Malaysia's record eight-time Women's World Squash Champion Nicol David celebrates an historic milestone this month after reaching her 151st successive month in the world top 10.

The 32-year-old WSF Athletes Commission Director from Penang overtakes the 150-month world top 10 record established by Britain's Peter Nicol when he retired in October 2006 – and is well ahead of the 142

straight months achieved by Australians Michelle Martin & Liz Irving (David's long-time coach); the 141-month runs recorded by Jahangir Khan and Jansher Khan, both from Pakistan; and 140 months by Egyptian Amr Shabana.

David, alerted the squash world to her formidable potential in July 2001 becoming the first player to win the World Junior title twice, broke into the world top 10 in January 2004 after reaching the World Championship semi-finals for the first time, unseeded.

Exactly two years later, the Penangite took over the No.1 spot for the first time – then in August 2006 began an unprecedented unbroken 109-month reign as the world's number one player.

"Nicol David is a living legend of our sport – this latest achievement is testament to the unique status she has established in world squash," said World Squash Federation President N Ramachandran. *"Nicol is not only one of the most popular players on the professional circuit, but also a remarkable worldwide ambassador for squash who has worked tirelessly to raise the sports profile in all corners of the globe.*

"I doubt there will ever be an equal: Nicol, the WSF wishes you all the very best in the future!"



Jahangir Khan, the 10-time British Open champion who was unbeaten over five and a half years in the 80s, added: *"This achievement cannot be over-estimated. To maintain this level of supremacy over more than 12 and a half*

years is truly remarkable.

"Nicol's achievements are universally recognised – she has done much to raise the profile of the sport around the world."

Fellow WSF Hall of Fame inductee Sarah Fitz-Gerald, the five-time world champion from Australia, said: *"What I love about Nicol is she's possibly oblivious to this milestone she just achieved! To stay in the world's top 10 for so long is an amazing feat on your body, mind and will power.*

"Congratulations and I'm wondering what other milestones are yet to be added to her amazing achievements."

SNIPPETS

Koukal Makes History at Gibraltar Open



World No.130 Jan Koukal became the first player to win PSA World Tour titles in 13 consecutive years after defeating Portuguese qualifier Claudio Pinto in the final of the Gibraltar Squash Association Gibraltar Open, PSA M5

tournament.

(Koukal, right, is pictured with Mike Corren – see his record breaking story too)

First Pay For Play Centre For Moscow

The Moscow authorities have initiated the first pay for play centre in the Russian capital, with the completion of seven courts built by Courtwall at the Velodrom Krylatskoye. The venue of the cycling competition of the Moscow 1980 Olympic Games now has six singles and one permanent doubles court, including a first for Courtwall, a manually moveable sidewall to give the additional option of converting the doubles court and a singles court into a large open multi-use area.



Corren beats own record

Australian veteran Mike Corren shattered his own record for being the oldest ever PSA World Tour title winner after beating South Korea's Ko Youngjo in the final of the City of Kalgoorlie & Boulder Golden Open, PSA M5 tournament at the age of 42 years and 99 days.

Corren's victory comes two years after his last triumph on the PSA World Tour, which was at the 2014 edition of the Golden Open, beating Jan Koukal in the final on that occasion.

The victory also sees Corren extend his lead as the most successful active player on the PSA World Tour with 51 titles under his belt - 14 more than Egypt's three-time World Champion Ramy Ashour in second place.

Bordeaux hotspot

The Atlantic city of Bordeaux in France is a new squash hotspot. End of last year CourtTech completed ten Squash and eight Badminton courts at SquashBad 33, and this year in the North of Bordeaux eight courts at Squash & Padel. Squash enthusiasts there are certainly well served!



First WSF Level 2 Coaching Course



The beginning of July was also the start of WSF Level 2 Coaching Courses, with the Latvian Capital of Riga being the first venue. This course was held in accordance with the newly completed WSF Level 2 Syllabus and attracted 16 participants from Latvia, Estonia, Belarus and Russia. The candidates spent four intense days of lectures and practical sessions, which were conducted by WSF Tutor Ronny Vlassaks. At the end of the course he was joined by WSF Coach Education Programme Coordinator Michael Khan for the final assessments. (The new syllabus requires that Level 2 courses are assessed by two qualified WSF L2 Tutors in order to maintain a high quality level and common standards worldwide).

The candidates had to deliver a twenty minute group and individual session each followed by a Q&A. Additionally they are required to plan, deliver and document a four week training plan with one of their students back home. Only after this has been approved they will receive their certificate and be listed in the WSF Coaches directory on the WSF-Website (<http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/coaching-development/coach-education-programme/coaches-tutors-directory>).



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