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## JACQUES FONTAINE ELECTED WORLD SQUASH FEDERATION PRESIDENT

The Annual General Meeting of the World Squash Federation held yesterday elected a new President to succeed N. Ramachandran following the completion of the Indian's second and final four-year term.

Jacques Fontaine becomes the Federation's ninth President since the WSF's inception in 1967 - the first Frenchman and third European - and was elected by delegates representing a record-breaking 59 National Federations attending the 46th WSF AGM in Hong Kong.

"My intention will be to work with a new governance model based on integrity, transparency and team spirit," said Fontaine after his victory. "The WSF needs to establish a defined agreement with the professional section of our discipline, the PSA.

"The Olympic agenda remains a priority, along with increasing the profile of our sport worldwide and supporting grassroots development," added the new President. "Collaboration of all Member Nations is a must."

Also elected at the meeting were four new Vice Presidents: Pablo Serna, President of the Colombian Federation; Sarah Fitz-Gerald, the five-time World Champion and current World Over-45 Champion from Australia; Gar Holohan, President of the Irish Federation; and Huang Ying How, President of the Malaysian Federation.

"They bring a tremendous skill set, global representation and an unparalleled commitment," said President Fontaine, delighted by the candidates on his newly-elected board. "I am confident this will be the beginning of a new era for squash."

Fontaine, President of the French Squash Federation and European Regional Vice President as well as being a Board Member of the French National Olympic Committee, was elected ahead of three other candidates - Natalie Grainger, a former world number one from the USA who recently won the World Over-35 title; Egyptian Mohamed El Menshawy, a WSF Vice President for six years; and Zena Wooldridge, President of the European Squash Federation, from England.



*[Pictured above (L to R) are Gar Holohan, Huang Ying How, Jacques Fontaine and Pablo Serna (absent is Sarah Fitz-Gerald, who was unable to attend the meeting in Hong Kong)]*

The outgoing President was characterised by his efforts to secure a place for squash on the Olympic Games 2020 Programme - a bid which was ultimately unsuccessful.

"I want to say what an honour I feel in my heart to have had the opportunity to serve our Member Nations and the sport for the last eight years as your President," said Ramachandran, from Chennai, who became WSF President in 2008, having previously been President of the Asian Regional Federation.

"I have had the privilege of not only having good teams behind me, but so much support from so many people generally. I leave feeling that I have taken WSF forward."

The meeting also unanimously approved the application of Tahiti as the newest WSF member.

The incoming Board was delighted that squash legend Jahangir Khan agreed to serve a further term as Emeritus President of the WSF.

The emphasis of the AGM Conference which took place the day before the AGM was also on future direction – featuring a session on the Independent Review of the WSF commissioned by the WSF, published last month.

At the session led by the review's author Rowland Jack from I Trust Sport, the delegates discussed his recommendations and the background to them.

## AWARDS PRESENTED

### Hugo Hannes

Hugo Hannes, former President of the European Squash Federation and Vice President of WSF was presented with an award denoting his Outstanding Contribution – which is exactly what he has given to squash.



After having already served as a Board member for his national Federation for ten years, in 1998 he became a Regional Vice president. Later he was his Regional Federation President before becoming a WSF Vice president in 2012.

Not only is he a squash man through to his bones, but not surprisingly, coming from Belgium, a country that is synonymous with parliament, he is a diplomat. He is also a clear thinker, a team player, and a communicator, who has devoted so much of his life to supporting our sport at all levels. His award was greeted with alacrity.

### David Mui

A WSF Lifetime Achievement award was popularly presented to David Mui, Chairman of Hong Kong Squash for 16 years, having already served six years as Vice President. As well as chairing Hong Kong, David Mui has been President of the Asian Squash Federation since 2013 after serving eleven years as Vice President.

Mui has and continues to serve his national squash federation and region, with his great standing as a leader who can work with all his constituents to get things done – based on him being liked by all and for his winning personality. His leadership of squash in

Hong Kong has seen a strong team really enacting his approach very successfully.

Hong Kong Squash have been awarded the Certificate of Commendation by the HK Government in recognition of their excellence of governance and organisation. Impressive enough, but even more so when you know that HKS is the only national federation of the seventy in Hong Kong that have won it for four consecutive years.

Mui has also been instrumental in bringing squash to the people via glass courts in public locations. Squash on the Harbour is one of the iconic photos of our sport.

### Tony Choi

The final was an achievement award to Tony Choi, Head Coach of Hong Kong Squash since 1999, after a successful national team level playing career. He has overseen Hong Kong Squash go from strength to strength.

He has led teams and individuals to great success. At World level, Hong Kong won the Women's World Junior Team Championship in 2005.



*(Tony Choi & David Mui pictured)*

At regional level trophies at Asian Games and Asian Championships have flowed, as has the development of players into champions, such as Annie and Leo Au.

Not surprisingly, Tony – ASF Coaching Director since 2013 - has been honoured nationally – 6 times Coach of the Year, as well as 4 times ASF Coach of the year. Throw in a medal of honour from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2010 and you still only have part of the picture.

Tony has also found time to manage events for 20 years, including the superb Hong Kong Open for over ten years and most recently taken on the role of WSF Championship Committee Director.

A great asset for squash, and a great personality too.





### SERME WILL LEAD HOME CHARGE

When the 2016 WSF Women's World Team Squash Championship get underway in the suburb of Issy-les-Moulineaux and the French capital Paris from 28 November to 3 December, the home supporters will really have high hopes.



French number one Camille Serme comes to the event having won the US Open title in Philadelphia, is the reigning European Individual Champion, and eight times French Champion too. The 27 year old is a Parisian, being from the suburb of Creteil and so will be very much on home ground.

The same is true of French number two Coline Aumard (*below*). She not only comes from Paris, is also aged 27, and has the same coach too!

Philippe Signoret (*pictured above with Serme at the US Open*), has charted their progress, looks after the team, and will hope to steer them higher than their best ever finish of sixth place, which was where France finished at the last staging in Canada two years ago.

While England are the holders, there is no doubt that Egypt will be the team to beat, featuring five players in the World Top ten at this point.



The stage is set. 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.

### WSF WORLD DOUBLES GO TO MANCHESTER

England will host the WSF World Doubles Squash Championships next year for the first time following an agreement between the World Squash Federation and England Squash.

The 2017 World Doubles will take place at the National Squash Centre in Manchester from 1-5 August, featuring Men's, Women's and Mixed events.



*(Commonwealth Games, Manchester 2002)*

The Championships come just a year after the Australian city of Darwin successfully hosted the 2016 event - in which medals were shared between the hosts, New Zealand, Scotland, India and Malaysia.

The 5th World Doubles Championships will provide ideal preparation both for the 2018 Commonwealth Games in the Gold Coast - where doubles squash will be a feature for the 6th time since 1998 - and also the for Pan American Games the following year.

### Strong track record

England Squash CEO Keir Worth commented: "We are thrilled and honoured to have the opportunity to host the World Doubles Championships for the very first time. We have a strong track record of delivering a number of World Championships in England and this is a golden opportunity to showcase our wonderful sport ahead of the Men's and Women's World Championships here in December 2017."

WSF President Ramachandran added: "Doubles on a wider court with a lower tin has proved itself to be fast-paced and exciting. It has been a great success in the Commonwealth and PanAm Games as well as at our own WSF World Doubles earlier this year, and naturally we are very pleased that next year it will be in the strong hands of England to host.

"We are sure that the visiting teams will enjoy a hugely successful event, which so many will use as preparation for the next Games."



## WORLD MASTERS, A J'BURG TRIUMPH



While England claimed five gold medals and hosts South Africa a total haul of 21 medals in the 2016 WSF World Masters Squash Championships in Johannesburg, it was home player Craig van der Wath who stole the limelight after

winning the Men's Over-50 trophy to secure a record sixth World Masters title.

A record 951 players entered in the WSF event featuring 19 men's and women's events, from Over-35 to Over-80, staged at The Wanderers Club, Country Club and Parkview Squash Centre. The event was memorably well organised by Jean and Chris Granger, Angelique Clifton-Parks and an extensive team.



Johannesburg-based Van der Wath, who won his first World Masters title at the O35 championship in 2001, was in impressive form as he despatched England's 2014 British Open O45 champion Yawar Abbas 6-11, 11-3, 11-3, 11-4 in the O50 final to become the first player in the event's 33-year history to win six titles.

### Fitz Fitness For Third

Australia's former world No.1 Sarah Fitz-Gerald, winner of a then record five World Open titles while on the Tour, bagged her third World Masters trophy after defeating England's Andrea Santamaria 11-4, 11-3, 11-5 in the Women's O45 final.

"It was touch and go for a while," said Melbourne's 47-year-old. "I had a calf injury which almost stopped me entering, so I feel really humble that I made it here and still came through to win another title".

Debutant Mohammed Abbas became the sole Egyptian medallist after beating South African Gary Wheadon 9-11, 11-7, 11-7, 11-7 in the Men's O35 final.

"Masters squash is so different, it's still tough but it's so much fun too," the former world 13 said.

It was a rewarding home-coming for former South African international Natalie Grainger, now representing the USA, who successfully defended her Women's O35 crown after overcoming England's Lauren Briggs 9-11, 11-6, 11-4, 12-10 in the final.

Veteran campaigner Barbara Sanderson picked up her fourth World Masters title after winning the inaugural Women's O75 event. Victories over her three opponents gave the Armagh-born 76-year-old her latest title since first winning the O65 title in 2006.



The Men's O75 champion was Adrian Wright, the 75-year-old Englishman who claimed his fourth title since 2006 when he beat South African Desmond Sacco 11-9, 11-9, 9-11, 12-10.

Proving that squash is a game for people of all ages, Englishmen Malcolm Gilham and John Woodliffe - aged 81 and 80, respectively - battled for a full 40 minutes before Gilham ultimately prevailed 9-11, 11-5, 11-6, 7-11, 11-6 to claim the Men's O80 title.

### Jersey's Boy Succeeds

Jersey's sole competitor progressed all the way to gold in the Men's O45 championship. Second seed Nick Taylor fought through to the final without dropping a game - then toppled top-seeded South African Michael Tootill 13-11, 11-3, 11-5 to win his first World title.

England's Ann Manley won the Women's O70 title after beating compatriot Bett Dryhurst 6-11, 11-6, 8-11, 11-8, 11-5 in the final. It was the 70-year-old Bristol's third World Masters title - and the third time she beat Dryhurst in the final!

Also in contention in the Johannesburg championship for the first time was The Nations Cup - a trophy awarded to the country whose men and women across all age-groups produce the best overall performance in the championships. By a clear margin, South Africa won the 2016 Nations Cup, with England in second place, while Scotland won the award for nations with fewer than ten entrants.

## WSF WORLD MASTERS RESULTS:

### Men's:

**Over-35:** [1] Mohammed Abbas (EGY) bt [2] Gary Wheadon (RSA) 9-11, 11-7, 11-7, 11-7. Bronze medal play-off: [5/8] Ray Simbule (ZAM) bt [5/8] Jimmy Schlebusch (RSA) 11-9, 3-11, 6-11, 11-6, 11-7

**Over-40:** [1] Rodney Durbach (RSA) bt [2] Adrian Hansen (RSA) 11-4, 13-11. Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] Paul Atkinson (RSA) bt [3/4] Patrick Chifunda (ZAM) 11-9, 11-3, 11-7

**Over-45:** [2] Nick Taylor (JEY) bt [1] Michael Tootill (RSA) 13-11, 11-3, 11-5. Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] Craig Wapnick (RSA) bt [5/8] Jesus Souto Iglesias (ESP) 11-6, 11-6, 11-6

**Over-50:** [1] Craig van der Wath (RSA) bt [2] Yawar Abbas (ENG) 6-11, 11-3, 11-3, 11-4. Bronze medal play-off: [5/8] Frank Ellis (SCO) bt [3/4] Stephen McLoughlin (ENG) w/o. **Over-55:** [1] Willie Hosey (IRL) bt [9/16] Peter Gilbee (AUS) 11-6, 11-7, 11-5. Bronze medal play-off: [2] Trevor Wilkinson (RSA) bt [3/4] Bryan Beeson (ENG) 11-6, 11-8, 8-11, 4-11, 11-3

**Over-60:** [3/4] Udo Kahl (GER) bt [2] Johnny Orsmond (RSA) 9-11, 11-9, 11-9, 11-7. Bronze medal play-off: [1] John Macrury (CAN) bt Stan Voges (RSA) 11-7, 11-3, 8-11, 11-6

**Over-65:** [5/8] Esa Tuominen (FIN) bt [5/8] Ian Graham (ENG) 11-7, 11-7, 10-12, 11-8. Bronze medal play-off: [5/8] Robert Anjema (NED) bt Olof Beneus (SWE) w/o

**Over-70:** [5/8] Norbert Kornyei (USA) bt Guy Davies (ENG) 6-11, 11-8, 11-5, 4-11, 15-13. Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] Martin Pearse (ENG) bt Russell Shipton w/o

**Over-75:** [1] Adrian Wright (ENG) bt [2] Desmond Sacco (RSA) 11-9, 11-9, 9-11, 12-10. Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] Tom Slattery (AUS) bt [3/4] Björn Borgvall (SWE) 8-11, 11-8, 11-3, 11-9

**Over-80:** [3/4] Malcolm Gilham (ENG) bt [3/4] John Woodliffe (ENG) 9-11, 11-5, 11-6, 7-11, 11-6. Bronze medal play-off: [1] Lance Kinder (ENG) bt Jack Millard (RSA) 11-7, 11-6, 11-3.

### Women's:

**Over-35:** [1] Natalie Grainger (USA) bt [2] Lauren Briggs (ENG) 9-11, 11-6, 11-4, 12-10. Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] Jacqueline Ryder (RSA) bt [5/8] Liesl Claxton (RSA) 11-8, 11-7, 11-5

**Over-40:** [2] Samantha Herbert (RSA) bt [3/4] Anlen Murray (RSA) 3-11, 11-8, 7-11, 11-7, 11-9. Bronze medal play-off: [5/8] Karen Schultz (RSA) bt [5/8] Catherine Atkinson (RSA) 11-5, 11-9, 11-7

**Over-45:** [1] Sarah Fitz-Gerald (AUS) bt [3/4] Andrea Santamaria (ENG) 11-4, 11-3, 11-5. Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] Linda Shannon (RSA) bt [2] Hope Prockop (USA) 11-3, 11-8, 11-13, 7-11, 11-3.

**Over-50:** [5/8] Mylene de Muylder (FRA) bt [3/4] Sharon le Roux (RSA) 11-6, 11-6, 3-11, 9-11, 11-5. Bronze medal play-off: [5/8] Zoe Durbach (RSA) bt [3/4] Rachel Woolford (ENG) 14-12, 7-11, 11-9, 10-12, 11-6

**Over-55:** [2] Karen Hume (ENG) bt [1] Jill Campion (ENG) 6-11, 5-11, 11-7, 11-4, 11-6. Bronze medal play-off: Mariet Smal (RSA) bt Karen Fannin (RSA) 11-6, 9-11, 3-11, 11-9, 11-5

**Over-60:** [3/4] Julie Field (ENG) bt [2] Anne Richards (AUS) 11-3, 11-2, 11-8. Bronze medal play-off: [1] Pauline Douglas (SCO) bt [3/4] Eunice Bond (SCO) 11-4, 11-7, 11-5

**Over-65:** [2] Marilyn Kennedy (AUS) bt [3/4] Faith Sinclair (SCO) 11-4, 11-9, 11-3. Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] Margaret Hunt-Kemp (RSA) bt [1] Claire Bryars (FRA) 11-6, 11-2, 10-12, 6-11, 11-1

**Over-70:** [1] Ann Manley (ENG) bt [2] Bett Dryhurst (ENG) 6-11, 11-6, 8-11, 11-8, 11-5. Bronze medal play-off: [3/4] Sheena Worwood (RSA) bt [3/4] Jean Grainger (RSA) 11-9, 10-12, 11-7, 11-6

**Over-75:** [1] Barbara Sanderson (IRL) bt Alma Cave (RSA) 9-11, 11-3, 11-7, 11-3. Bronze medal play-off: [2] Joan Witton (ENG) bt Dawn Kaiser (RSA) 13-11, 11-4, 11-8.

## WSF WORLD CALENDAR

The WSF World Calendar of events is updated monthly and can be found at

<http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wsf-calendar>

### Photographs:

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## RAMACHANDRAN'S AWARD



The Olympic Council of Asia awarded outgoing WSF President N Ramachandran the prestigious OCA award of Merit for his outstanding contribution to sports in Asia as President of Indian Olympic Association.

The award was presented to him by the OCA President, His Excellency Sheikh Ahmed Al-Sabah at the OCA General Assembly being held recently in Vietnam. Present on the occasion was the International Olympic Committee President, Dr Thomas Bach. It was only a month earlier that Mr Ramachandran had received the IOC's Olympic Order for his contributions to the Olympic movement from Dr Bach himself at the Rio Olympics.

Delighted on what he said, "is another glorious moment in my life," Mr Ramachandran said, "I accept the award in all humility and I take pride in dedicating this honour to all the athletes in India."

## WSF WORLD JUNIOR CIRCUIT

Events that are part of the WSF World Junior Circuit take place throughout the year. Here are the forthcoming ones.

View the current WSF World Junior rankings at: <http://wsf.tournamentsoftware.com/ranking/ranking.aspx?rid=101>.

### November '16

03 – 06 Belgium Junior Open

18 – 20 Polish Junior Open

25 – 27 Irish Junior Open

### December '16

02-04 Barbados Junior Open

08-11 Swiss Junior Open

10-13 Canadian Junior Open

### January '17

02 – 06 British Junior Open

12–15 Australian Junior Open





## USA STRIKE TRIPLE GOLD IN PANAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the 24th staging of the Pan American Squash Championships - the first to be held in the USA - the hosts clinched three gold medals, including a clean sweep in the Team Championships.

Played over a week at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, the event began with the individual championships. 18-year-old Californian Mariam Kamal, winner of the Pan American Junior Championship title last month, claimed the women's title in an all-USA final against Haley Mendez - both players having eliminated the top two seeds in the semi-finals.



A tough men's final which went the full distance saw unseeded Leandro Romiglio upset second-seeded Mexican Arturo Salazar 3-2 to become Argentina's first men's champion since 2004.

Salazar recovered to take gold in the Men's Doubles event, partnering Eric Galvez to an 11-5, 11-2 win for Mexico over Chileans Rafael Allendes and Sebastian Gallegos in the final; while Chile took gold in the Women's Doubles, where Giselle Delgado and Anita Pinto upset Nayelly Hernandez and Luz Sarahi López Dominguez, the No.2 seeds from Mexico.

### Argentina's Mixed Fortunes

Argentina scored a sole gold in the championships when Antonella Falcione and Gonzalo Miranda progressed from a mighty upset over the top seeds in the Mixed Doubles semi-finals to win the final against Colombians Catalina Pelaez and Erick Herrera.

Team USA beat Argentina in the men's team final and Mexico in the women's climax - both ties going the full distance and Mariam Kamal leading the women's team to become the only double gold-medallist.

**Men's Individual. Quarter-Finals:** Leandro Romiglio (ARG) bt Tyler Osborne (CAN) 11-4, 4-11, 11-9, 11-4. Gonzalo Miranda (ARG) bt Josue Enriquez (GUA) 11-8, 12-10, 11-0. Edgar Zayas (MEX) bt [3/4] Christopher Gordon (USA) 8-11, 12-14, 12-10, 11-6, 11-5. [2] Arturo Salazar (MEX) bt Eric Galvez (MEX) 8-11, 11-1, 11-1, 8-11, 11-2.  
**Semi-finals:** Leandro Romiglio (ARG) bt Gonzalo Miranda

(ARG) 11-5, 11-4, 11-4. [2] Arturo Salazar (MEX) bt Edgar Zayas (MEX) 11-2, 11-4, 11-4

**Final:** Leandro Romiglio (ARG) bt [2] Arturo Salazar (MEX) 9-11, 11-4, 3-11, 12-10, 12-10.

**Women's Individual. Quarter-Finals:** [1] Diana Garcia (MEX) bt Fernanda Rocha (ARG) 13-11, 11-5, 8-11, 11-4. Haley Mendez (USA) bt [4] Anita Pinto (CHI) 11-7, 12-10, 11-7. Mariam Kamal (USA) bt [3] Giselle Delgado (CHI) 11-9, 11-7, 11-9. [2] Catalina Pelaez (COL) bt Nayelly Hernandez (MEX) 5-11, 11-5, 9-11, 13-11, 14-12

**Semi-finals:** Haley Mendez (USA) bt [1] Diana Garcia (MEX) 11-1, 11-8, 9-11, 11-5. Mariam Kamal (USA) bt [2] Catalina Pelaez (COL) 7-11, 11-4, 11-9, 9-11, 11-5

**Final:** Mariam Kamal (USA) bt Haley Mendez (USA) 11-7, 11-5, 12-10.

**Men's Doubles. Semi-Finals:** Eric Galvez and Arturo Salazar (MEX) bt Robertino Pezzota and Leandro Romiglio (ARG) 4-11, 11-4, 11-6. Rafael Allendes and Sebastian Gallegos (CHI) bt Antonio de la Torre and Mauricio Sedano (GUA) 11-6, 11-4

**Final:** Eric Galvez and Arturo Salazar (MEX) bt Rafael Allendes and Sebastian Gallegos (CHI) 11-5, 11-2.

**Women's Doubles. Semi-Finals:** [3/4] Giselle Delgado and Anita Pinto (CHI) bt [1] Grace Doyle and Mariam Kamal (USA) 8-11, 11-10, 11-7. [2] Nayelly Hernandez and Luz Sarahi López Dominguez (MEX) bt [3/4] Karol Gonzalez and Ana Gabriela Porras (COL) 11-8, 11-5

**Final:** [3/4] Giselle Delgado and Anita Pinto (CHI) bt [2] Nayelly Hernandez and Luz Sarahi López Dominguez (MEX) 11-8, 6-11, 11-10.

**Mixed Doubles. Semi-Finals:** Antonella Falcione and Gonzalo Miranda (ARG) bt [1] Diana Garcia and Edgar Zayas (MEX) 11-9, 11-4. Catalina Pelaez and Erick Herrera (COL) bt [2] Winifer Bonilla and Josue Enriquez (GUA) 11-7, 7-11, 11-8

**Final:** Antonella Falcione and Gonzalo Miranda (ARG) bt Catalina Pelaez and Erick Herrera (COL) 11-7, 9-11, 11-4.

**Men's Team Championship. Semi-Finals:** USA bt MEXICO 2/1; ARGENTINA bt COLOMBIA 2/0.

**Final:** USA bt ARGENTINA 2/1 (Todd Harrity bt Leandro Romiglio 11-8, 11-6, 11-7; Faraz Khan lost to Gonzalo Miranda 11-13, 11-8, 9-11, 7-11; Christopher Gordon bt Robertino Pezzota 11-8, 11-4, 11-2)

**Women's Team Championship. Semi-Finals:** USA bt COLOMBIA 2/0; MEXICO bt ARGENTINA 2/0

**Final:** USA bt MEXICO 2/1 (Mariam Kamal bt Diana Garcia 7-11, 11-8, 11-9, 7-11, 11-8; Grace Doyle lost to Luz Sarahi López Dominguez 8-11, 6-11, 9-11; Marina Stefanoni bt Dina Soledad Anguiano Gomez 8-11, 11-8, 11-1, 11-8)



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**Meanwhile, Camille Serme, France's US Open champion, demonstrates six key tactical tips.**

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## WATERS RETIREMENT MARKED

Friends and colleagues of Canadian Graham Waters marked his retirement after 30 years of refereeing at the top level of squash, a highlight of which was the presentation of a painting by local artist Hal Jones, depicting Graham and the Blackshirt community (the Canadian referee uniform).



A WSF memento was presented to him by close friend Zal Davar, and WSF Emeritus President Jahangir Khan (whom Waters had refereed on a number of occasions) sent a message which was read out.

The 69-year-old from Nova Scotia said, "I feel very lucky to have been able to do this for so long. It was to some extent being in the right place in the right time after I established myself as a referee on the ground level in Canada. One thing just led to another.

"But I will say this: I have mixed emotions of this whole thing. I know it's time to go — not because I sense any deterioration in my abilities but because I see younger officials that need to be made room for. I know it's time but I will miss it terribly. I have lots of good friends all over the world."

His officiating career included 10-12 world championships, five world championship finals, and being selected as one of the enduring members of the very top tier of WSF Referees.

### WSF DIRECTORY

The current edition of the WSF Directory with updated National Federation addresses, WSF Committee / Commission details, and much more besides is on the WSF website at:

<http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/WSF-Directory.pdf>

## WSF LEVEL 2 IMPLEMENTATION ON TRACK

A busy autumn follows a busy summer in the area of Coach Education. The new WSF Coach Education Programme (CEP) Level 2 syllabus was presented in Pan America to Spanish speaking coaches at the end of October in Asuncion, Paraguay by tutors Renato Gallego and Esteban Casarino together with Michael Khan, the WSF CEP Coordinator (*pictured below*).



A second course targeting the English speaking of the Caribbean area is planned for early 2017, and other regions are coming on stream too. With Level 2 now on track the WSF CEP Panel is already working hard on the Level 3 syllabus. This will include modules of sports psychology and training science for which external experts will provide the input. The planned rollout date is the second half of 2017.

For CEP details go to:

<http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/CEP-Information-Update-February-2015.pdf>

To see a list of National Course Managers go to:

[http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/150226\\_RCM-NCM.pdf](http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/150226_RCM-NCM.pdf)

### PYRAMIDS SELLING ITSELF

No excuses are needed to show another photo – but in front of one of the most iconic sporting backdrops of all time - the Pyramids of Giza - it was local man Karim Abdel Gawad, the new World No.3, and Women's World No.4 Raneem El Welily who took the spoils in the 2016 Al Ahram Squash Open to write their names into Egypt's sporting history books.



## LOW & YIP CLAIM WORLD UNIVERSITY TITLES

Top seeds Low Wee Wern and Yip Tsz Fung (*below, left*) triumphed in the 9th World University Squash Championships which came to a climax in the Nicol David Arena at the Bukit Jalil National Squash Centre in the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur.



Malaysian Low, a student at KDU Penang University in Penang, reached the final of the women's individual event without dropping a game - overcoming compatriot Nazihah Hanis in the semi-finals. The 26-year-old former world No.5, who resumed her studies while recovering from knee surgery, faced second seed Tong Tsz-Wing in the final.

Tong, the world No.43 from Hong Kong and a student at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, brushed aside surprise opponent Nada Elkalaawy, a 5/8 seed from Great Britain, in the other semi.

Tong drew level after Low took the opening game - but the Penangite, currently ranked 27 in the world, regained the upper-hand to close out the match 11-3, 8-11, 11-3, 11-8 after 49 minutes to win the gold medal for Malaysia for the first time in 10 years.

"I'm feeling good for the country that I managed to end Malaysia's wait for a gold medal since 2006," said Low. "The situation demanded careful play and against a resilient Tong who has shown good ability to adapt to situations in this championship. I had to be sharp. Tong gave me a good fight in this final."

### Tong in check

The men's final was also a Malaysia/Hong Kong affair - in which favourite Yip Tsz Fung denied Malaysia a rare championship gold double by defeating KL-based Ivan Yuen in straight games.

World No.46 Yuen, a student at Universiti Putra Malaysia, was a 3/4 seed and secured his unexpected place in the final after upsetting second-seeded Briton Joshua Masters in the semis. But City University of Hong Kong student Yip, who had only beaten Yuen once before, stormed through to his anticipated victory to become Hong Kong's first men's gold medallist in the event's 20-year history.

## Men's

**Quarter-finals:** [1] Yip Tsz Fung (HKG) bt [5/8] Addeen Idrakie (MAS) 11-3, 13-11, 11-6, [3/4] Wong Chi Him (HKG) bt [5/8] Ryunosuke Tsukue (JPN) 9-11, 3-11, 11-6, 11-4, 11-9, [3/4] Ivan Yuen (MAS) bt Yeung Ho Wai (HKG) 11-7, 11-2, 11-8, [2] Joshua Masters (GBR) bt Martin Mosnik (SLO) 11-7, 11-7, 11-5

**Semi-finals:** [1] Yip Tsz Fung (HKG) bt [3/4] Wong Chi Him (HKG) 11-2, 8-11, 11-5, 11-7, [3/4] Ivan Yuen (MAS) bt [2] Joshua Masters (GBR) 11-7, 12-10, 12-14, 11-5

**Final:** [1] Yip Tsz Fung (HKG) bt [3/4] Ivan Yuen (MAS) 11-3, 11-9, 11-4.

## Women's

**Quarter-finals:** [1] Low Wee Wern (MAS) bt [9/16] Li Dongjin (CHN) 11-6, 11-5, 11-9, [3/4] Nazihah Hanis (MAS) bt [5/8] Hwayeong Eum (KOR) 11-8, 11-6, 11-7, [5/8] Nada Elkalaawy (GBR) bt [3/4] Lee Ka Yi (HKG) 12-10, 11-7, 5-11, 5-11, 11-4, [2] Tong Tsz-Wing (HKG) bt [9/16] Gu Jinyue (CHN) 11-6, 11-4, 5-11, 11-5

**Semi-finals:** [1] Low Wee Wern (MAS) bt [3/4] Nazihah Hanis (MAS) 11-5, 7-5 ret., [2] Tong Tsz-Wing (HKG) bt [5/8] Nada Elkalaawy (GBR) 11-4, 11-4, 11-3

**Final:** [1] Low Wee Wern (MAS) bt [2] Tong Tsz-Wing (HKG) 11-3, 8-11, 11-3, 11-8.

## WSF APPROVED BALLS

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

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	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
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## SPIN REGISTRATION CHARGE

The 'once-for-life' SPIN registration fee will be raised from GBP10 to GBP15 from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017.

As 50% of the fee is split equally between the WSF Regions will be unchanged, each Region receives a 50% increase in their SPIN rebate per player from January to assist them funding their work.



## 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.

BRAND NAME	APPROVED MODEL
<b>Black Knight</b> 	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)
<b>Dunlop</b> 	Dunlop I-ARMOR (R-07) Dunlop Junior (9903 Jr) Dunlop Vision (R-16)
<b>Grays</b> 	Grays GT Eyewear
<b>Harrow</b> 	Shield Pro R16 Covet R615 Radar R43 Radar Jr R717JR
<b>i-Mask</b> 	i-Mask
<b>Karakal</b> 	2500 (9903 Jnr) Pro 3000 (R43)
<b>Reydon (Mantis)</b> 	Mantis Protective Eyewear
<b>Oliver</b> 	<b>Rage (9903V)</b> <b>Rage Junior (9903JR)</b> <b>Prolite (RB10C)</b> <b>Speed (R601)</b> <b>Attitude (PRO2)</b> <b>Shark (R43)</b> <b>Marvel (SE-7)</b>
<b>Prince</b> 	Rage (9903V) Rage Junior (9903JR) Prolite (RB10C) Speed (R601) Attitude (Pro2)
<b>Salming</b> 	ASTM F803
<b>Tecnifibre</b> 	R615

## GOLAN & SERME ARE EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS

The 2016 European Individual Squash Championships concluded in contrasting styles in the Czech Republic capital city Prague when France's Camille Serme won the women's title and Spaniard Borja Golan clinched the men's gold medal at the Hector Sports Centre.



Competing in her sixth successive final, top seed Serme claimed her fifth straight title after recovering from a game down to beat Nele Gilis 8-11, 11-7, 11-4, 11-5 in 43 minutes. The match marked the maiden final for Gilis, the 20-year-old 3/4 seed from Belgium who beat

her younger sister Tinne Gilis in the semi-finals.

### Golan Scales Heights

Golan, a 3/4 seed from Santiago de Compostela, was making his ninth appearance in the championship - and appearing in his fourth final, and his third against French star Gregory Gaultier, the reigning world champion bidding for a record tenth title!

But this was to be Golan's year: the 33-year-old Spaniard battled for 82 minutes to beat Gaultier for only the second time in his career and claim the prestigious European crown for the first time.

**Men's:** Quarter-finals: [1] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) bt [5/8] Iker Pajares Bernabeu (ESP) 11-3, 11-4, 11-6. [3/4] Lucas Serme (FRA) bt [5/8] Jan Koukal (CZE) 11-7, 11-6, 11-13, 7-11, 11-4. [3/4] Borja Golan (ESP) bt [5/8] Aqeel Rehman (AUT) 11-8, 11-5, 11-9. [5/8] Raphael Kandra (GER) bt [2] Mathieu Castagnet (FRA) 11-3, 8-11, 5-11, 11-7, 11-9. **Semi-finals:** [1] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) bt [3/4] Lucas Serme (FRA) 11-6, 11-4, 11-8. [3/4] Borja Golan (ESP) bt [5/8] Raphael Kandra (GER) 11-5, 11-9, 11-8. **Bronze medal play-off:** [3/4] Lucas Serme (FRA) bt [5/8] Raphael Kandra (GER) 8-11, 13-11, 11-8, 12-10. **Final:** [3/4] Borja Golan (ESP) bt [1] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) 10-12, 11-7, 11-4, 3-11, 11-9.

**Women's:** Quarter-finals: [1] Camille Serme (FRA) bt [5/8] Anna Serme (CZE) 11-4, 11-6, 11-2. [3/4] Sina Wall (GER) bt [5/8] Birgit Coufal (AUT) 11-7, 13-11, 11-3. [3/4] Nele Gilis (BEL) bt [5/8] Xisela Aranda (ESP) 11-2, 11-6, 11-7. [5/8] Tinne Gilis (BEL) bt [2] Coline Aumard (FRA) 11-6, 9-11, 11-7, 6-11, 12-10. **Semi-finals:** [1] Camille Serme (FRA) bt [3/4] Sina Wall (GER) 11-8, 11-2, 11-4. [3/4] Nele Gilis (BEL) bt [5/8] Tinne Gilis (BEL) 11-4, 11-6, 12-10. **Bronze medal play-off:** [5/8] Tinne Gilis (BEL) bt [3/4] Sina Wall (GER) 12-10, 14-12, 8-11, 11-13, 11-5. **Final:** [1] Camille Serme (FRA) bt [3/4] Nele Gilis (BEL) 8-11, 11-7, 11-4, 11-5.

## SENTHILKUMAR & SUBRAMANIAM SCORE ASIAN JUNIOR SUCCESS

The climax of the 23rd Asian Junior Individual Squash Championships in Kuala Lumpur saw the hosts maintain their hold on the Women's U19 title and India end Pakistan's five-year stranglehold on the U19 Men's trophy at the Bukit Jalil National Squash Centre.

Sivasangari Subramaniam, winner of the Commonwealth Youth Games gold medal last year, was firm favourite to win the Women's crown - and reached the final without conceding a game. The 17-year-old from the Malaysian state of Kedah faced a surprise opponent in the final after Japan's Satomi Watanabe, the No.3 seed, upset 2nd seeded Malaysian

Andrea Lee in the previous round.

Watanabe, the reigning Hong Kong and US Junior Open champion, recovered from 2/0 down to take the third game - but Subramaniam went on to extend her unbeaten record over the 17-year-old from



Yokohama to win and become the third successive Malaysian winner of the title.

By contrast, India's Velavan Senthilkumar was the second seed in the Men's event - in which Malaysian Eain Yow Ng was predicted to make up for his final defeat 12 months ago after becoming the World Junior champion in August.

### Ng Tastes Defeat

But, in the championships' biggest upset, Ng was stopped in the semi-finals - losing from 2/0 up to Jordanian Mohammad Al Sarraj. The fourth seed from the Jordan capital Amman was hoping to become his country's first ever Asian Junior champion - and established a 2/0 lead over Senthilkumar in the final, but 18-year-old Senthilkumar, a product of the Indian Squash Academy in Chennai, mounted a determined fight back - going on to record a 12-14, 9-11, 11-6, 11-8, 11-7 victory after 56 minutes to become the first Indian winner of the title since 2010.

#### RESULTS:

**Men's. Semi-finals:** [4] Mohammad Al Sarraj (JOR) bt [1] Eain Yow Ng (MAS) 7-11, 6-11, 12-10, 13-11, 11-8, [2] Velavan Senthilkumar (IND) bt [3] Ling To Yu (HKG) 6-11, 11-2, 11-8, 11-6. **Final:** Velavan Senthilkumar (IND) bt Mohammad Al Sarraj (JOR) 12-14, 9-11, 11-6, 11-8, 11-7.

**Women's. Semi-finals:** [1] Sivasangari Subramaniam (MAS) bt [4] Zoe Foo Yuk Han (MAS) 11-5, 11-5, 11-5, [3] Satomi Watanabe (JPN) bt [2] Andrea Lee (MAS) 11-7, 11-6, 8-4 ret. **Final:** [1] Sivasangari Subramaniam (MAS) bt [3] Satomi Watanabe (JPN) 11-8, 11-7, 4-11, 11-9.

## MARIA'S STORY PREMIERE'S AT THE TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL



The inspirational story of a squash player - *Girl Unbound: The War to be Her* - starring Pakistan's Maria Toorpakai Wazir was unveiled at the recent Toronto International Film Festival.

*Girl Unbound: The War to be Her* tells

the story of Toorpakai, who fought against gender barricades imposed upon her in her home region of Waziristan - where women are forbidden by the Taliban from playing sports - to become Pakistan's best ever female squash player.

Directed by filmmaker Erin Heidenreich, the film follows Toorpakai as she represents Pakistan despite death threats made by the Taliban against her and her family, the latter of whom are forced to relocate to the safety of Islamabad.

*Girl Unbound: The War to be Her* takes audiences from Toronto, Canada, where Toorpakai trains with former World Champion Jonathon Power, to Pakistan, where she defies the threats to take a road trip with sister and local politician, Ayesha Gulalai, in a moving documentary that exposes audiences to the realities of living in a region that exists under the totalitarian rule of men and where women's rights are non-existent.

### I'm Very Thankful

"Seeing so many people moved by the movie and to see the emotion that they all had was amazing and I'm very thankful to everyone for being so kind," said Toorpakai following the premiere.

"I come from an area that is lawless, where the Taliban have control. It was forbidden for girls to play sport so I disguised myself as a boy and competed as a boy when I was young because my family were very supportive and my father, unlike most men in the area, educated my sisters and I.

"It was only when I was sixteen that I started to grow my hair and look more like a girl - at that time I was also performing well internationally which is when the death threats started coming to my family.

"But I have seen so many girls who are scared of becoming teenagers because that means they will be married off - they are seen as a burden to their family and have no future. They have no voice, and I think it is important to let the world know that women deserve to be heard."

See a *Girl Unbound: The War To Be Her* trailer here: <https://vimeo.com/182113611>





## WHY SQUASH 57?

Although most countries have only a handful or no Racketball players, in view of the possibility of it becoming a growth area, here is the published rationale for the change of name from Racketball to Squash 57.

A small number of countries around the world play Racketball, with each only having quite small or tiny numbers of players. The major exception is England where Racketball has been growing strongly and has a structure featuring events.

It is because the squash variation is in its relative infancy that it was felt to be the right time to develop a strategy that gives the variation the best chance of evolving and becoming a genuine complement to squash in all countries.

The issues that were identified:

Because the word 'squash' is not part of the name, this has seemed to necessitate England Squash and a couple of other national Federations to append '..... and Racketball'.

There is international confusion with the game of Racquetball, which is a sport played on a different size court with no tin, has a different ball and has other variations. (Anybody who has bought Racketball balls and been sent Racquetball balls, knows this issue).

Having two names almost the same means that as the sport of Racketball grows, this will be more difficult to achieve where Racquetball is played.

Racquetball is administered by a different International Federation, who are attempting to grow their game themselves making our task harder if we retain the name.

## Racketball & Racquetball

Racquetball is already a feature of the Pan American Games giving us little or no chance of both Racquetball and Racketball being included.

Of course, people playing for fun locally have no interest in the strategic decision to enable Racketball to flourish, but National Federations and WSF has to.

As has been announced, the branding agency – retained by England Squash – conducted extensive research, both in England and other countries too. England Squash accepted the recommendation, supported by the WSF, that the name to use for the

future will be Squash57. It may seem an unusual move to use a number rather than a name, added to squash, but the rationale is sound:

Firstly, including the name squash in the variation ties it firmly to the squash family. It avoids any need for Federations and clubs needing to append '..... And Racketball' to their names.

*The confusion with Racquetball disappears and so enables more momentum to be generated for it.*

## Longer term

Also, absolutely key in the longer term, it will enable both Squash and Squash57 to be promoted together in respect of events, be they local, national or international. This includes allowing us to promote Squash57 as a squash discipline, so giving us the chance to bid for it to be added into major games.

In due course as Squash57 blossoms then people will very possibly tend to talk of playing 40 or 57, based upon the centimetre diameter of the ball.

The support for the name change of Racketball, especially from those countries that have only just begun, has been heartening. However, there have been a few completely understandable negative comments from some people who either don't want any change or simply don't like the new name. We hope that they will give it a chance.

While England Squash will be branding their events with the Squash57 name it is appreciated that some social players will continue with using Racketball rather than Squash57 or 57 for a while or even a long while. We hope that they realise the long term strategy put in place will allow 57 to flourish alongside Squash all over the world.

## WORLD MASTERS GAMES 2017 – AUCKLAND



With more athletes than the Olympics, the World Masters Games is the largest multi-sport event on earth. .... and now less than six months away. In April 2017 they take place in Auckland, NZ.

The Squash competition is open to ages 35+, with male and female players competing in 5 year age categories, right up to 80+. Three team categories will also be contested: 35+, 45+ and 55+. Entry form and details at: [www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz](http://www.worldmastersgames2017.co.nz)

## Current WSF Accredited Companies are:



# PSA Men's & Women's World Rankings – November 2016



## Gohar Claims Career-High No.3 Spot



The November PSA Women's World Rankings have seen World Junior Champion Nouran Gohar break into the world's top three for the first time in her career as the 19-year-old continues to go from strength to strength on the PSA World Tour.

Cairo-born Gohar made a stunning start to the season after capturing a maiden World Series title at the Hong Kong Open and, despite bowing out of the U.S. Open at the quarter-final stage last month, she becomes the third Egyptian female in history to reach the top three.

Her compatriot, Nour El Sherbini, holds on to top spot, while England's Laura Massaro sits behind her at No.2. Al Ahram Open winner Raneem El Welily moves up a spot to No.4, overtaking Malaysia's eight-time World Champion Nicol David, who caps off the top five.

Camille Serme's title-winning exploits at the U.S. Open sees her switch places with United States No.1 Amanda Sobhy to leave the pair residing at No.6 and No.7, respectively, with Omeya Abdel Kawy, Joelle King and Alison Waters rounding out the top ten, Waters moving up four places after reaching the Carol Weymuller Open final.

Outside the top 10, England's Emily Whitlock has claimed a career-best No.14.

## PSA Women's Rankings – November 2016

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

## Gawad Breaks Top Three too



In-form Egyptian Karim Abdel Gawad has moved up to a career-high World No.3 ranking after the November PSA Men's World Rankings.

The 25-year-old, who hails from Giza, defeated defending champion Gregory Gaultier en route to the semi-finals of last month's Delaware

Investments U.S. Open in what was the latest chapter of an impressive season that has so far.

Gawad leapfrogs compatriot Omar Mosaad, who drops down to No.4, while Mohamed ElShorbagy extends his lead at the summit of the World Rankings ahead of World No.2 Gregory Gaultier after capturing the U.S. Open crown. The man he beat in the final, three-time World Champion Nick Matthew, stays at No.5, while Egyptian duo Ali Farag and Marwan ElShorbagy sit at No.6 and No.7, respectively.

'Colombian Cannonball' Miguel Angel Rodriguez moves back into the top 10 while Tarek Momen and Hong Kong Open winner Ramy Ashour round off the top 10 - completing a seven strong Egyptian presence inside the top 10.

After an impressive month former World No.1 James Willstrop is the biggest mover inside the top 20, jumping up eight places to No.11.

## PSA Men's Rankings – November 2016

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





## JOINING FORCES

Stars of the game joined forces to support World Squash Day, with events taking place worldwide.

Three-times world champion Nick Matthew helped with the launch, urging clubs to promote the sport, attract new players and raise money for Unicef.



Three more world champions, Peter Nicol, Jonathon Power and Thierry Lincou, teamed up with 2001 British Open runner-up Chris Walker (*above*) to support an event in San Diego, USA.

Fun, fitness, music and art were among the themes enjoyed by clubs the world over.

Plenty of fancy dress doubles tournaments provided the fun, plus a wooden rackets festival in Latvia (*below*), and an international team tournament at the Woden Squash Centre in Canberra, Australia, where former world No.3 Anthony Ricketts joined in the fun as teams took to the courts representing different countries.

A large group of Irish squash enthusiasts certainly illustrated the fitness aspect as they cycled around 20 clubs in Dublin, playing a game at each one.



Australian musician Darren Hanlon gave permission for his song (Not Enough Songs About Squash) to be the official World Squash Day anthem following a social media campaign on Twitter.

World Squash Day founder Alan Thatcher said: "It was wonderful to see so many creative ideas emerge from so many clubs, and especially pleasing to see so many star players joining in the fun."

## 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).

*\*(GBP15 from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017)*

*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](http://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.



## GAWAD IS WORLD CHAMPION IN CAIRO



Egypt's Karim Abdel Gawad became the 2016 Wadi Degla PSA Men's World Champion after his final opponent in Cairo, three-time winner Ramy Ashour, was forced to retire in the fourth game of their climactic clash after a reoccurrence of the hamstring injury that has ravaged the last two years of his career.

Gawad, the 25-year-old World No.3 from Giza, battled back from a game down to go 2-1 up after a series of explosive rallies brought a vociferous crowd at the Wadi Degla club to their feet time and time again.



But, just two years after he marked a return from six months on the sidelines by taking the 2014 World Championship title, Ashour was unable to repeat the feat as his troublesome hamstring flared up again when 2-1 down in the fourth to hand the title to Gawad, who becomes only the third Egyptian of all time to hold the sport's most illustrious title after Amr Shabana and Ashour himself.

"I still can't believe it," said Gawad. "It has been a very long week, I didn't have a good start, but I think I had good performances this week. I'm grateful to my team

as I was able to get back on court today after my match yesterday.

### Ashour let down by hamstring again

"I feel very sorry for Ramy for having the injury again and not being able to complete the match today. He's a great ambassador for our sport and we are all happy to have him around at the tournaments.

"He's great for many generations and all the generations learn a lot from him, even me. I wish him a speedy recovery."



Ashour said: "It was an honour to play this week, I've been through a lot, and every time I fall down I learn.

"As long as I'm still breathing, I'll just keep trying. It's the thing that I feel so much happiness when I do and thank you all for being here today."

Gawad was appearing in his first ever World Championship final after coming through a brutal test against World No.1 Mohamed ElShorbagy.

He put in a superb display, unleashing a veritable feast of winners on his opponent as they contested high-octane rallies throughout the 90-minute clash. With the scores poised at two games apiece and with Gawad 5-1 up in the decider, ElShorbagy was forced off court with an apparent achilles injury. Despite battling on, ElShorbagy was unable to prevent Gawad from taking a huge 13-11, 10-12, 11-13, 11-2, 11-5 triumph to reach the final.

Ashour, meanwhile, was aiming to win a fourth World Championship title after his semi-final opponent, 2015 champion Gregory Gaultier, was forced to pull out with an ankle injury sustained in his quarter-final clash with Egypt's Tarek Momen.

### Results - 2016 PSA Men's World Squash Championship

Semi-Finals: [6] Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY) bt [1] Mohamed ElShorbagy (EGY) 3-2: 13-11, 10-12, 11-13, 11-2, 11-5 (90m), [5] Ramy Ashour (EGY) bt [2] Gregory Gaultier (FRA) w/o  
Final: [6] Karim Abdel Gawad (EGY) bt [5] Ramy Ashour (EGY) 3-1: 5-11, 11-6, 11-7, 2-1 retired (50m)



## 8th WORLD DEAF CHAMPIONSHIPS



Players from England, South Africa, Sweden and Canada arrived at the Crusaders Squash courts in Durban, South Africa over the week 3-7th October 2016 to contest the World Deaf Championships.

England demonstrate their superiority over the rest of the field, by taking seven of the top ten places, including Matthew Hewitt (*pictured*) who took the Men's title for his first time, defeating Max Percival of South Africa 3-0 in the final.

The championships also saw the first World Deaf Squash Junior title that resulted in a first trophy for the young English player, Noah Duckworth (17) from Nottingham Squash Club, when he defeated Alex Johansson (18) of Sweden 2-1. Noah illustrated the benefit of being coached by Neil Guirey who happens to be the coach to one Nick Matthew!

Matthew Hewitt clearly showed that even with absence of the top two deaf players in the world who have dominated the last ten years, it was a clear demonstration of England's strength and depth in the men's game, and the future looks exciting with the emergence of new players, such as the Junior finalists.

The next championships are scheduled for Toronto, Canada in 2018.

## SNIPPETS

### KIWI HAMILTON BECOMES REGIONAL REFEREE



Jackie Hamilton has the 2018 Commonwealth Games in her sights having become an Oceania Regional Referee. Hamilton was the centre referee at the Christchurch PSA final. She also was the centre referee at the New Zealand Senior Nationals Men's Open Final recently. She had received a Prime Minister's scholarship through High Performance Sport NZ to attend tournaments around New Zealand and Australia and to achieve assessments so she could gain her Regional status.

## TONY CHOI MOVES ON

After 17 years leading coaching for Hong Kong Squash, Head Coach Tony Choi has been appointed as Deputy Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Sports Institute, effective from 1 December 2016. He does hope to continue supporting Asian Squash Federation and WSF (where he is Director of the WSF Championships Committee) so he will not be lost to squash as he takes on the wider role of general sports development and management in Hong Kong.



## LAUREN SELBY APPOINTED



Norwegian Squash Federation have made Englishwoman Lauren Selby one of the few female national coaches worldwide with her appointment to spearhead the development of top players in Norway.

The 32-year-old former professional tour player from Essex will spearhead a two-pronged project that aims to re-shape Norwegian squash from top to bottom. Lauren will head the development of senior players in the country and lead a new team whose brief is to unearth fresh, young talent and run the junior development programme. She will begin her new role on 1 January 2017.

## BROADCASTERS SIGN PSA EXTENSIONS

BT Sport, Fox Sports Australia And Sky New Zealand have agreed long term deal extensions With PSA. As a result, all semi-final and final matches from televised PSA World Tour tournaments will be transmitted across the UK, Australia and New Zealand on a multi-year basis.

### 2016/17 PSA Broadcast Partners

Astro (Malaysia / Brunei)  
BeIn Sports (Middle East / North Africa)  
BT Sport (UK)  
DAZN (Japan)  
Eleven Sports (Singapore + Taiwan)  
Eurosport (Europe)  
Fox Sports Australia (Australia)  
MNC Indonesia (Indonesia)  
PCCW / Now TV (Hong Kong)  
Sky Sports NZ (New Zealand)  
Super Sport (Sub-Saharan Africa)  
Ten Sports (Indian Subcontinent)  
Truevisions (Thailand)

## IRISH SPORT & EDUCATION PROGRAMME

For just over two years Mark Kelly has been focused on establishing the Irish Squash & Education Association (ISEA). 'We are a youth enrichment organisation whose flagship programme, Squash Link, will address the educational requirements of individuals and communities most in need of such support, initially in Ringsend, Dublin', he says.



'We are inspired by a community outreach and engagement initiative first offered in 2012 by Trinity College to students from City Quay National School - an inner-city primary school just off the River Liffey. Thanks to the passion and energy of Elvy Da Costa, Head Squash Coach at Trinity College Dublin for over two decades, John Dillon, Alumni Director at Trinity Development & Alumni and John O'Connor, President of Irish Squash in 2012, our collective imaginations were stirred into action. My subsequent research into the [national urban squash movement in the United States](#) was followed by an invitation from Tim Wyant to a 20th anniversary celebration of Urban Squash' he continued.

Urban squash is an out of school youth enrichment and development model that combines squash, the catalyst and hook, with academic support, mentoring, engagement with the community as well as further education and job placement opportunities for students at risk of leaving school early.

More information about Ireland's first programme is at [www.squashlink.org](http://www.squashlink.org).

## ANOTHER DAVID MILESTONE



Nicol David reached another major milestone in her phenomenal career this month when she established the longest ever unbroken run in the world rankings top five. The 33-year old Malaysian extended her world

top five reign to 11 years and 11 months since January 2005 – thereby overtaking the 142-month record set by Australian Michelle Martin in December 1999. In third place in the 'top 5' list is Pakistan's Jansher Khan (135 months) with compatriot Jahangir Khan (129 months) in fourth place. David already holds the record for the longest run as world No.1 (109 months) and the longest unbroken world top 10 run (155 months)

## JAHANGIR KHAN: 555 – THE UNBEATEN RUN

Squash journalists Rod Gilmour and Alan Thatcher have written a fascinating book titled 555 on Jahangir Khan's career - to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the end of his his amazing five year unbeaten run from 1981. 11th November 1986 was the date of the World Open final in Toulouse where Ross Norman prevailed after so many failures.



All the angles are covered. By speaking to a raft of Khan's fellow professionals, the book chronicles his rise through the 1980s,

how the game was subsequently popularised by 'The Conqueror' and how he became squash's first millionaire player.

555: the untold story behind squash's invincible champion and sport's greatest run' is available on Amazon and bookstores now.

## COURTS ON SHOW

ASB, has joined forces with TPoint in a new initiative bringing squash to visible outdoor places.

The concept brings the court - usually externally invisible, within a club or sports centre - centre-stage as the focal point of the building in which it is housed.



"The beauty of TPoint is that it is the definition of form meets function," explained ASB CEO Christof Babinsky. "Building any squash centre means a significant investment. Normally the investment is focused on providing the building and infrastructure around the courts and a maximum of 15% is actually spent on the equipment (squash courts).

"However, the squash court is what matters the most to the actual end user, the player. TPoint addresses this issue in a beautiful way where most resources are spent on the playing surfaces with the superb side effect of creating this impressive urban space and social hub".



## ESTONIAN NATIONAL CENTRE

The Estonian Squash Federation now has a new national training centre. Through an agreement with the Tere Tennis Club in Tallinn, one of the largest Baltic facilities, four new Courtwall courts have been built and designated as the Federation training base.



Estonian Squash Federations' Ardo Nomm is excited! These new courts give us completely new opportunities to develop squash in Estonia. We have better training conditions and we can now organize international tournaments at any level. There is also space to bring a glass court if necessary. If more players are coming from abroad to play in Estonia, it also increases our level of play and gives more motivation to our top level players to practise more, which altogether helps to develop squash locally. The new Courtwall courts and the leading Tere Tennis Centre Complex is a great combination and is something we have waited for over 20 years.'



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