



SQUASH PULSE

1st Management Committee Meeting

The first management committee meeting was successfully held on 26 April 2013 in Hong Kong. During the meeting, we had established the direction and goal for the coming year. New development ideas in certain areas have also been discussed.

Thank you all committee members for your attendance and invaluable inputs.



The newly elected and appointed officials of ASF.

Front row, left to right: AVM Syed Razi Nawab (Vice President), Mr. Fayez Abdullah S. Al-Mutairi (Vice President), Mr. David Mui, MH, JP (President), Mr. Kim Won Kwan (Vice President) and Mr. Duncan Chiu (Secretary General).

Back row, left to right: Mr. Karl Mak (Assistant Secretary General), Mr. Munir Shah (Referees Director), Mr. Tony Choi (Coaching Director), Mr. Cedric Tyen (Honorary Treasurer), Mr. Choi Young Chyul and Mr. Kim Doo Hwan.



*Mr. Duncan Chiu,
Secretary General*

Following the inauguration of the new management committee in February, we have launched the new ASF website in April. And now I am excited to announce our first e-newsletter: **Squash Pulse**, which marks the beginning of our new communication channel. Sent bi-annually to all ASF members, **Squash Pulse** highlights the happenings in the region, includes coaching, referees and any competitions, which allows you to take the pulse of squash development in Asia.

I hope you all enjoy the issue. And we welcome any ideas, comments or suggestion that help us to do better.

Moving Forward

With great disappointment, Squash isn't given a chance to get into the Olympics. We wish to thank the WSF, especially the President, Mr. N. Ramachandran and his Bid Team for all the great work they have done. Despite the disappointing outcome, ASF will surely continue to work hard to help our beloved sport grow in Asia and show to the world that Squash is a real global sport.

Major Games



Being one of the major games of ASF this year, **East Asian Games** squash event will be held from 5 to 10 October at Tianjin, China. There are four events: Men's and Women's Team and Individual Events respectively.

Four teams of three players each will participate in the team event. They are China, Hong Kong, Korea and Japan. Hong Kong teams are seeded first for both the Men's and Women's events.

For the individual events, there are 9 players for the Men's and 8 for the Women's. We are very happy to see Chinese Taipei to send their ever first player to participate in the squash event of **East Asian Games**. Their representative, James Huang Cheng Yao, is the third seed of the event, after Max Lee Ho Yin and Leo Au Chun Ming from Hong Kong.

While Annie Au Wing Chi and Joey Chan Ho Ling from Hong Kong are the first two seeds of the Women's event.

As the sanctioned authority, ASF organised a press conference in Hong Kong on 25 September to make the draw for the individual events. Please visit our official website www.asiansquash.org for match details.

We'd like to thank the support from the organiser and the participating countries. May we also wish all the players good luck!

Team Events

Men's Team Seeding

Seed 1 - Hong Kong, China
Seed 2 - Japan
Seed 3 - Korea
Seed 4 - China

Women's Team Seeding

Seed 1 - Hong Kong, China
Seed 2 - Korea
Seed 3 - Japan
Seed 4 - China



Above: Hong Kong Team (front row), the coaches: Faheem Khan (1st from the left back row) and Wong Wai-hang (1st from the right back row) and the officials of ASF.

Top: Mr. David Mui presents his speech at the press conference.

Middle: Mr. Duncan Chiu officiates the Men's individual draw.

Bottom: Mr. Cedric Tyen officiates the Women's individual draw.

Major Games



Besides East Asian Games, **Asian Youth Games** is the other major games of ASF in 2013.

Asian Youth Games were held from 17 to 23 August at Nanjing. It attracted 35 players from 12 countries to participate in the individual's event, while there were 12 countries for the team's event. Thank you all the officials, referees and helpers who made the event a memorable experience.

Asian Youth Games Results



The winning teams of the Men's Event.

Men's Team Event

- Gold - Malaysia
- Silver - Independent Olympic Athletes
- Bronze - Hong Kong, China
- Jordan

Women's Team Event

- Gold - Malaysia
- Silver - Hong Kong, China
- Bronze - Independent Olympic Athletes
- Japan



The winning teams of the Women's Event.



The men's medal winners and Mr. David Mui (front left) and Mr. Duncan Chiu (front right).

Men's Individual Event

- Gold Medallist - Kush Kumar (AOI)
- Silver Medallist - Mohd Syafiq Mohd Kamal (MAS)
- Bronze Medallists - Yuen Tsun Hei (HKG)
- Ng Eain Yow (MAS)

Women's Individual Event

- Gold Medallist - Vanessa Raj Gnanasigamani (MAS)
- Silver Medallist - Chan Pansy Pui Hei (HKG)
- Bronze Medallists - Choi Uen Shan (HKG)
- Mihiliya Methsarani (SRI)



The women's medal winners on the stage.

Asian Championships

FMC 17th Asian Individual Squash Championship

Aamir Atlas Khan from Pakistan and Annie Au from Hong Kong, the new Men's and Women's Asian Champions respectively, were born at Islamabad, Pakistan at FMC 17th Asian Individual Squash Championship. The tournament was held from 1 to 5 May 2013.

We wish to thank Pakistan Squash Federation for hosting such a successful event.

Results

Men's Results

- Champion - Aamir Atlas Khan (PAK)
 1st Runner-up - Abdullah Al-Mezayen (KUW)
 2nd Runners-up - Farhan Mehboob (PAK)
 - Muhamad Asyraf Azan (MAS)

Women's Results

- Champion - Annie Au (HKG)
 1st Runner-up - Low Wee Wern (MAS)
 2nd Runners-up - Delia Arnold (MAS)
 - Joey Chan (HKG)



43 players representing 9 countries participate in FMC 17th Asian Individual Squash Championship.



Above:

The Men's Final between Aamir Atlas Khan and Abdullah Al-Mezayen.

Top Left:

The winners and guests at the prize presentation ceremony.

Top Right:

Mr. David Mui and ACM Tahir Rafique Butt, President of Pakistan Squash Federation.

Bottom Left:

Aamir Atlas Khan, the Asian Men's Champion receives his trophy from Mr. David Mui.

Bottom Right:

Annie Au, the Asian Women's Champion receives the gold medal from ACM Tahir Rafique Butt.



Asian Championships

20th Asian Junior Individual Championship

Congratulations to Jordan Squash Federation who organised a wonderful junior tournament in June. The Asian Junior Individual Championship that was held at Amman, Jordan attracted 155 juniors from 13 countries to participate in 8 events: Boys and Girls Under 19, 17, 15 and 13 respectively. Applause also went to all winners, officials and helpers.



Winners of the 20th Asian Junior Individual Championship and the ASF officials, Mr. David Mui (3rd from the right back row) and Mr. Cedric Tyen (4th from the left back row).

Results

Boys Under 19

- Champion - Syed Ali Mujtaba Sha Bokhari (PAK)
 1st Runner-up - Ahmad Alsaraj (JOR)
 2nd Runners-up - Tayyab Aslam (PAK)
 - Kush Kumar (IND)

Boys Under 17

- Champion - Ng Eain Yow (MAS)
 1st Runner-up - Mohd Syafiq Mohd Kamal (MAS)
 2nd Runners-up - Yuen Tsun Hei (HKG)
 - Chan Darren Ti Lunn (MAS)

Boys Under 15

- Champion - Mohd Farez Izwan Mohd Mukhtar (MAS)
 1st Runner-up - Mohammad Alsarraj (JOR)
 2nd Runners-up - Robin Maan (IND)
 - Ranjit Singh (IND)

Boys Under 13

- Champion - Muhammad Hafiz zhafri Abdul Harif (MAS)
 1st Runner-up - Veer Chotrani (IND)
 2nd Runners-up - Saksham Choudhary (IND)
 - Siow Yee Xian (MAS)

Girls Under 19

- Champion - Ho Ka Po (HKG)
 1st Runner-up - Anaka Alankamony (IND)
 2nd Runners-up - Vanessa Raj Gnanasigamani (MAS)
 - Chan Pansy Pui Hei (HKG)

Girls Under 17

- Champion - Choi Uen Shan (HKG)
 1st Runner-up - Nazihah Hanis Abd Razak (MAS)
 2nd Runners-up - Mihiliya Methsarani (SRI)
 - Harshit Kaur Jawanda (IND)

Girls Under 15

- Champion - Lee Andrea Jia Qi (MAS)
 1st Runner-up - Foo Zoe Yuk Han (MAS)
 2nd Runners-up - Ho Ka Wing (HKG)
 - Sivasangari Subramaniam (MAS)

Girls Under 13

- Champion - Ooi Kah Yan (MAS)
 1st Runner-up - Lui Hiu Lam (HKG)
 2nd Runners-up - Chan Siu Ting (HKG)
 - Aifa Azman (MAS)

Coaching



The coaching activities have been in full swing in the region. There are seven ASF sanctioned and supported coaching courses for 2013.

There were two Level 1 and two Level 2 Coaching Courses in the last few months. Sri Lanka and Chennai, India organised the Level 1 in April and May respectively. One Level 2 was held in January in Iran while the other was held in August in Islamabad, Pakistan. Malaysia is having a

Level 2 Coaching Course, which started 30 September till 6 October.

Besides, Hong Kong and Kuwait will organise a Level 1 and a Level 2 Coaching Course respectively in the coming months.

We'd like to thank Coaching Committee and the respective associations for their hard work.



The Level 2 Coaching Course in Islamabad, Pakistan.



The Level 1 Coaching Course in Sri Lanka.

COMING EVENTS

Coaching

Level 1

Date: 25 - 27 Oct & 3 Nov 2013

Venue: Hong Kong, China

Level 2

Date: 17 - 23 Nov 2013

Venue: Kuwait

Referees

Referees Clinics & Seminars:

Date: 4 - 5 October 2013

Venue: Amman, Jordan

Date: 4 October 2013

Venue: Tianjin, China

Date: 30 November 2013

Venue: Hong Kong, China

Date: TBC

Venue: Jakarta and Bandung

Referees



The Referees Clinic in Manila, Philippines.



The Referees Clinic in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Munir Shah, our Referees Director has been travelling around the region for the last few months to conduct Referees Clinics. He was in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in March for a one-day clinic and then to the Asian Squash Championships in Pakistan. In May, he travelled to Manila, Philippines for a two-day clinic. In the second half of 2013, there will be four more clinics to come.

It is very pleased to see that the ASF Referee Programmes are functioning in helping the Asian referees to advance in their referee path and to attain the necessary international qualifications.

Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)



Japan Junior Open Squash Championships 2013.



HEAD Hong Kong Junior Squash Open 2013.

Eleven junior competitions are registered as 2013 AJSS events. While three of them will be held in the last quarter of 2013, the other eight have already come to a conclusion. They are Qatar Junior Open, Doha Junior Open, MILO All Star Junior Squash Championships, PBA 11th Penang (Malaysian) Junior Open, Japan Junior Open Squash Championships, HEAD Hong Kong Junior Squash Open, 5th Indian Junior Open and Iran Junior Championships.

We'd like to thank the organisers for making the events all the success!



5th Indian Junior Open – The winners and Mr. Srivatsan Subramaniam, Secretary General of SRFI.

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COMING EVENTS

5th Roshan Khan Pakistan Junior Open Championships (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 24 – 28 November 2013

REDtone KL International Junior Squash Open Championships (AJSS Gold Event)

Date: 10 – 15 December 2013

BUFF Singapore Squash Open (AJSS Gold Event)

Date: 18 – 22 December 2013