

# SQUASH PULSE

## ASF Annual Awards 2013

To honour the effort and achievement of the squash elites in the region, ASF presents the Coaches Awards and the Performance Awards annually to well-recognised coaches and players respectively.



The nomination period for both the **ASF Coaches Awards** and the **ASF Performance Awards 2013** was closed. It has attracted 19 nominees from 7 countries for the four categories of the Coaches Awards, while there are 22 nominations from 7 countries for the four categories of the Performance Awards.

Please note that the ASF Office will announce all awards' recipients later this month and the presentation will be made during the 2014 Asian Team Championships.

We'd like to thank all members' federations for your support. And gratitude should also be given to the Selection Panels, chaired by ASF Coaching Director, Mr. Tony Choi (HKG) and his dedicated panel members including Maj (R) S. Maniam (MAS), Mr. Koo Ryun-Hoe (KOR) and Mr. Allaaeldeen Allouba (QAT).



*Mr. Duncan Chiu,  
Secretary General*

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of **Squash Pulse**, the ASF bi-annual e-newsletter! It gives me great pleasure to share with you the activities that have been happening in the region in the past six months as well as the exciting upcoming events.

In this issue, you will see that the region has been very active over the last six months. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the sub-committees and all members' federations for their hard work and commitment.

I hope this newsletter finds you enjoying warm weather of the spring. And we welcome any ideas, comments or suggestions that help us do better.

## Major Games and Championships



Being one of the major games of ASF this year, **East Asian Games** squash event was successfully concluded on 10 October at Tianjin, China. The six-day competition attracted four regions to participate in the team events, as well as nine players for the Men's and eight for the Women's individual events. Thank you all the officials, referees and helpers who made the event a memorable experience.

### Team Results

#### Men's Team Event

Gold	- Hong Kong, China
Silver	- Japan
Bronze	- Korea

#### Women's Team Event

Gold	- Hong Kong, China
Silver	- Korea
Bronze	- China

### Individual Results

#### Men's Individual Event

Gold Medallist	- Lee Ho Yin (HKG)
Silver Medallist	- Huang Cheng Yao (TPE)
Bronze Medallists	- Au Chun Ming (HKG)
	- Fukui Yuta (JPN)

#### Women's Individual Event

Gold Medallist	- Chan Ho Ling (HKG)
Silver Medallist	- Li Dongjin (CHN)
Bronze Medallists	- Au Wing Chi (HKG)
	- Matsui Chinatsu (JPN)



Hong Kong Team (the back row), who won both the Men's and Women's Team Event, share the joyful moment with their coaches, team physiotherapist, ASF officials, the VIP guests and Mr. David Mui, MH, JP, President of ASF (5<sup>th</sup> from the right front row).



Left Top:

The women's medal winners together with Mr. Kim Won Kwan (front left) and Mr. Timothy Fok, member of the International Olympic Committee (front right).



Left Bottom:

The men's medal winners on the stage.



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### West Asian Championships

Congratulations to West Asian Squash Federation who has successfully organised the first **West Asian Championships**. Five teams from West Asia participated in this tournament, which was held from 22 to 25 November 2013 at Tehran, Iran. Congratulations should also go to Kuwait team, which won the championships. And applause also goes to Iran, which hosted such a remarkable event.

#### Results

Champion	- Kuwait
1st Runner-up	- Iraq
2nd Runner-up	- Iran
4th Position	- Qatar
5th Position	- Jordan



*Iraq Team (top photo) and Iran Team (right photo), the 1st and the 2nd Runners Up of West Asian Championships respectively.*



*Top: Kuwait Team, the Champion of the first West Asian Championships.*



### Women's World Championship 2014

The Women's World Championship was successfully concluded on 23 March in Penang, Malaysia. We would like to congratulate Laura Massaro, the new World Champion. Besides, Nicol David who finished as the 2nd Runner-up is the only Asian player in the top four.

#### Results

Champion	- Laura Massaro (ENG)
1st Runner-up	- Nour El Sherbini (EGY)
2nd Runners-up	- Raneem El Welily (EGY)
	- Nicol David (MAS)



*Top four of the Women's World Championship 2014: Raneem El Welily, Nicol David, Laura Massaro and Nour El Sherbini (from left to right).*

### COMING EVENTS

#### East Asian Championship

Date: 29 May - 1 June 2014  
Venue: Tokyo, Japan

#### 17<sup>th</sup> Asian Team Championship

Date: 11 - 15 June 2014  
Venue: Hong Kong

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Asian Junior Individual Championships

Date: 22 - 26 June 2014  
Venue: Kish Island, Iran

#### Asian Games (Squash Events)

Date: 20 - 27 September 2014  
Venue: Incheon, Korea

## Coaching



*Mr. Tony Choi,  
Coaching Director*

I am delighted to report that five ASF sanctioned and supported Level 1 and two Level 2 Coaching Courses were held in the last six

months in the region.

In the last quarter of 2013, Hong Kong, Macau, Sri Lanka and Kunshan of China organised the Level 1, while Kuwait had the Level 2 Coaching Course in November.

In the first quarter of this year, a Level 1 Coaching Course was held

in January in Tehran, Iran. And Hong Kong has also organised a Level 2 Coaching Course over four weekends in February and March.

I would like to thank the respective associations for their support as well as all the coaching instructors for their time and dedication.



*The Level 1 Coaching Course in Macau.*



*The Level 1 Coaching Course in Sri Lanka.*



*The Level 2 Coaching Course in Kuwait.*



*The Level 1 Coaching Course at Kunshan of China.*



## Referees



*Mr. Munir Shah  
Referees Director*

I am very pleased to say that there were a lot of happenings in the aspect of referees activities in the region over the last six months.

Seven Referees Clinics were conducted in Amman, Macau, Jakarta, Hong Kong (2), Tehran

and Colombo. And eight Referees Assessment Exercises were conducted during a number of tournaments including the PSA Championships in Amman (October), East Asian Games in Tianjin (October), Macau Open (October), China Open in Shanghai (October), the National Championship in Jakarta (November), Hong Kong Open (December), the National Championship in Colombo (December) and in Tehran (February 2014).

Besides, I had also conducted a Regional Assessors Programme in Hong Kong on 30 November 2013 just before the Hong Kong Open started.

On 4 to 5 October 2013, Jordan hosted the World Referees Conference in Amman, where a total of 30 participants from some 10 countries took part in this event.

I would like to thank all instructors and assessors who travelled around to help the success of all these events.



*The Regional Assessors Programme in Hong Kong.*



*Indonesian National Squash Championship.*



*The Referees Group at China Open in Shanghai.*



*The Referees Group at Macau Open together with Mr. William Kuan, Chairman of Macau Squash Association.*



## Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)

The juniors have been very busy in the region as there were five junior competitions in the last six months. Three were held in the last quarter of 2013. They are 5<sup>th</sup> Roshan Khan Pakistan Junior Open Squash Championships, REDtone KL International Junior Squash Open Championships and BUFF Singapore Junior Squash Open 2013. While Qatar Junior Open and Doha Junior Open were held in March 2014.

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



*Top:*

*BUFF Singapore Junior Squash Open 2013.*

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*5<sup>th</sup> Roshan Khan Pakistan Junior Open Squash Championships.*

*Left Bottom:*

*Kuala Lumpur Junior Open 2013.*

### COMING EVENTS

**PBA 12<sup>th</sup> Penang (Malaysian) Junior Open (AJSS Platinum Event)**

Date: 7 – 12 June 2014

**Hong Kong Junior Open (AJSS Platinum Event)**

Date: 29 July – 2 August 2014

**Japan Junior Open (AJSS Silver Event)**

Date: 7 - 9 August 2014

**6<sup>th</sup> Indian Junior Open (AJSS Platinum Event)**

Date: 24 - 28 August 2014

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