

# SQUASH PULSE

## ASF Annual Awards 2014

The annual **ASF Coaches Awards** and **Performance Awards** have attracted fifteen nominees from six countries and twenty-seven nominees from eight countries respectively this year.

The four categories for each award will be presented later this year to well-recognised coaches and elite players of the region to honour their effort and achievement.

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



*Mr. Duncan Chiu,  
Secretary General*

Time flies!!

**Squash Pulse**, the ASF bi-annual e-newsletter has come to its 4<sup>th</sup> issue since it was launched in October 2013! It's once again my 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.

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 as always, we welcome any ideas, comments or suggestions that help us do better.



Above: Winners of the ASF Annual Awards 2013 and the ASF officials include Mr. Duncan Chiu, Secretary General (6th from the left), AVM Syed Razi Nawab, Vice President (7th from the left), Mr. David Mui, MH, JP, President (8th from the left), Mr. Kim Won Kwan, Vice President (9th from the left) and Mr. Cedric Tyen, Honorary Treasurer (11th from the left).

## Major Games and Championships



The ever-first squash event appeared in the **Asian Beach Games**, was successfully concluded at Phuket in Thailand from 13 to 16 November 2014. The four-day competition attracted fifteen men's players and nine women's players from nine Asian regions to compete in the all-glass squash showcourt, being erected in front of the famous Karon Beach.

Thank you all the officials, referees and helpers who made the event a memorable experience. Congratulations should also go to India and Hong Kong, China who captured the first Asian Beach Games gold medals through Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu and Liu Tsz Ling's victories in the Men's and Women's Individual Events respectively.

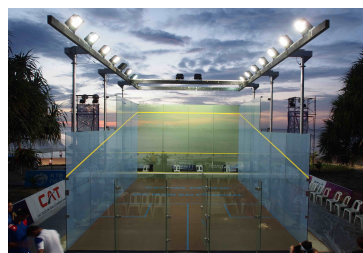
### Results

#### Men's Single Event

Gold Medallist	- Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu (IND)
Silver Medallist	- Yip Tsz Fung (HKG)
Bronze Medallist	- Kush Kumar (IND)
	- Muhammad Asim Khan (PAK)

#### Women's Single Event

Gold Medallist	- Liu Tsz Ling (HKG)
Silver Medallist	- Tong Tsz Wing (HKG)
Bronze Medallist	- Li Dong Jin (CHN)
	- Aparajitha Balamurukan (IND)



*Top Left:*  
The all-glass court on the shores of the Andaman Sea.



*Bottom Left:*  
The Women's and Men's gold medallists: Liu Tsz Ling (left) and Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu (right).



The **Women's World Team Squash Championship 2014** was held from 1 to 6 December in Niagara-on-the-Lake in Canada. In the event, Malaysia finished second while Hong Kong, China made forth, their highest-ever positions attained in history.

Congratulations to both regions as well as all other participating Asian countries. Full results please refer to <http://www.wsfwomensteams.com/>



Congratulations should also go to Nicol David who reclaimed the World Champion at the **Wadi Delga Women's World Squash Championship 2014** to win the title for the eighth time.

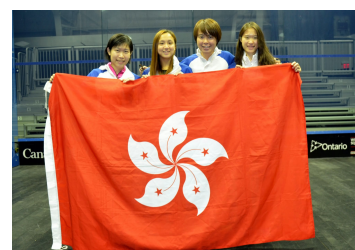
Big applause also go to all other participating Asian players. Full results please refer to <http://www.worldsquashchamps.com/>



*Left:* Nicol David (MAS), the eight-time World Champion.

*Top Right:* The Malaysian Women's Team for the World Team Championships 2014.

*Bottom Right:* The Hong Kong, China Women's Team.



## Major Games and Championships



The 17<sup>th</sup> Asian Junior Team Championship, which was held from 28 January to 1 February, 2015 at Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia, has attracted fourteen regions to participate in the Boys' and Girls' Team Events. We would like to thank Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia for hosting the event, as well as the officials, referees and helpers who made the event a successful one.

We would also like to congratulate Malaysia who captured double Champions for the second time in history after its Boys' and Girls' teams winning in the Championship.

### Results

#### Top 8 Position

#### Boys' Team

- 1st - Malaysia
- 2nd - Pakistan
- Co-3rd - Hong Kong, China
- India
- 5th - Iran
- 6th - Jordan
- 7th - Singapore
- 8th - Kuwait

#### Girls' Team

- Malaysia
- Hong Kong, China
- India
- Singapore
- Korea
- Sri Lanka
- Chinese Taipei



*Right: The Malaysian Double Champion Teams: Girls' Team (top) and the Boys' Team (bottom).*

### Coming events

#### 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Individual Championships

Date: 1 - 5 May 2015

Venue: Kuwait

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> West Asian Championship

Date: 22 - 25 May 2015

Venue: Amman, Jordan

#### 28<sup>th</sup> South East Asian Games

Date: 9 - 15 June 2015

Venue: Singapore

#### East Asian Team Championship

Date: 26 - 28 June 2015

Venue: Chinese Taipei

#### Men's and Women's World Junior Individual Championships

Date: 25 - 30 July 2015

Venue: To be assigned

#### Women's World Junior Team Championship

Date: 31 July - 4 August 2015

Venue: To be assigned

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> Asian Junior Individual Championships

Date: 23 - 27 August 2015

Venue: Tehran, Iran

#### Commonwealth Youth Games

Date: 5 - 11 September 2015

Venue: Samoa



## Coaching



Mr. Tony Choi,  
Coaching Director

I am delighted to report that four ASF sanctioned and supported Level 1 (Hong Kong, China, Iran, Kuwait and Sri Lanka), one Level 2 (Pakistan) Coaching Courses and one Instructor Course (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia) were held in the last six months. I would like to thank the respective associations for their support as well as all the coaching instructors for their time and dedication.

I would also like to congratulate Mr. Cyrus Poncha of India, who has been appointed as the first Regional Course Manager (RCM) for the World Squash Federation (WSF) Coach Education Programme. Reporting to me, Mr. Poncha will coordinate between all National Course Managers in the Asian countries and the Coach Education Programme Coordinator of WSF regarding any matters relating to coach/course registration in Asia.



Top Row: Level 1 Coaching Course in Hong Kong, China (Left); Level 1 Coaching Course in Iran (Middle); Level 1 Coaching Course in Kuwait (Right).

Bottom Row: Level 1 Coaching Course in Sri Lanka (Left); Level 2 Coaching Course in Pakistan (Middle); Level 1 Instructor Course in Malaysia (Right).

### Coming events

#### Level 2 Coaching Course

Date: 30 April - 5 May 2015

Venue: Kuwait

#### Level 2 Coaching Course

Date: 8 - 13 August 2015

Venue: Tehran, Iran

#### WSF L1 Refresher Tutor Course

Date: 11 - 12 May 2015

Venue: Chennai, India

#### WSF L1 Refresher Coaching Course

Date: 13 - 14 May 2015

Venue: Chennai, India

#### WSF L1 Coaching Course

Date: 13 - 16 May 2015

Venue: Chennai, India



## Referees



Mr. Munir Shah  
Referees Director

A total of 6 referees clinics were conducted in Macau, Kuwait, Singapore (4) by Anthony So (Hong Kong, China), Nasser Zahran (Egypt/Kuwait) and Munir Shah (Singapore) from October 2014 to March 2015.

Assessment exercises were conducted on 5 occasions in Macau during the Macau Open (October 2014), Islamabad during the CAS International PSA Championship (October 2014), Kuala Lumpur during the Malaysian National Championship and Royal Lake Club Open Championship (November/December 2014) and Islamabad during the DG Rangers Sindh Championship (December 2014). The pool of assessors in these exercises comprised resources from 4 countries, namely, Fahim Gul (Pakistan), Tahir Khanzada (Pakistan), Anthony So (Hong Kong, China), Yogendra Singh (India) and Leslie Ponnampalam (Malaysia).

The year 2015 began with a flurry of referees clinics conducted by Munir Shah in Singapore, in conjunction with the commencement of the National League and the Inter-School League. But the main highlight in the first quarter was the inauguration of the South East Asia Cup (12 - 14 March 2015), in which WSF, Regional and National referees from Hong Kong, China, Malaysia, Philippines, Indonesia and Singapore were invited to officiate in this regional team event.



Top Left: The referees in the South East Asia Cup.

Top Right: Some of the referees lined up for the South East Asia Cup Final between Malaysia and Singapore.



Bottom Left: Referees relaxing in the foyer of the Singapore Island Country Club during the South East Asia Cup.

## Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)

There were four junior competitions in the last four months. Two were held in December last year. They are REDtone 8<sup>th</sup> Kuala Lumpur Junior Open and Old Chang Kee Singapore Junior Open. While Qatar Junior Open and Doha Junior Open were held in March this year.

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



Top: Doha Junior Open.

Bottom: REDtone 8<sup>th</sup> Kuala Lumpur Junior Open.

Top: Qatar Junior Open.

Bottom: Old Chang Kee Singapore Junior Open.

### Coming events

#### PBA 13<sup>th</sup> Penang (Malaysian) Junior Open (AJSS Platinum Event)

Date: 1 - 6 June 2015

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

Date: 31 July - 2 August 2015

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

Date: 12 - 16 August 2015

#### Iran Junior Open (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 14 - 18 August 2015

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