

SQUASH PULSE

Major Games and Championships

18th Asian Individual Championships

The 18th Asian Individual Championships, which was successfully held from 1 to 5 May 2015 in Kuwait, attracted 50 men's players and 23 women's players from 10 regions to participate. After the five-day competitions, Leo Au from Hong Kong and Nicol David from Malaysia won the Asian Men's and Women's Champions respectively. Congratulations besides go to the winners, we should also thank Kuwait Squash Federation and all the officials, referees and helpers, who made the event a memorable experience.



Above: Mr. David Mui, MH, JP, President of ASF (3rd from the right in the front row) leads the officials of the championships and the winners to take a group photo.

Below: Mr. David Mui, MH, JP, President of ASF (middle) and the newly Asian Champions: Leo Au (left) and Nicol David (right).

Results

Men's Event

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Champion | - Leo Au (HKG) |
| 1 st Runner-up | - Abdullah Al-Mezayen (KUW) |
| 2 nd Runner-up | - Nasir Iqbal (PAK) |
| | - Farhan Zaman (PAK) |

Women's Event

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Champion | - Nicol David (MAS) |
| 1 st Runner-up | - Annie Au (HKG) |
| 2 nd Runner-up | - Joshana Chinappa (IND) |
| | - Delia Arnold (MAS) |



*Mr. Duncan Chiu,
Secretary General*

It has already been two years since our 1st issue of Squash Pulse, which was launched in October 2013! Here comes the 5th issue!

The region has been very busy in the last summer with lots of happening. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the sub-committees and all members' federations for their hard work and commitment.

I hope you will enjoy this newsletter. And as always, we welcome any ideas, comments or suggestions that help us do better.

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The seven-day squash events of the 28th Southeast Asian Games were concluded on 15 June 2015 at Kallang Squash Centre in Singapore. We would like to congratulate Malaysia who clinched four gold medals in five squash events: the Men's and Women's Team and Singles. Applause should also go to Singapore who captured their first Jumbo Doubles gold medal.

We would also like to congratulate all other winners and to express our great gratitude to Singapore Squash Rackets Association, who hosted such a successful event.

Results

Men's Singles Event

Gold Medallist - Sanjay Chal (MAS)
Silver Medallist - Muhd Bahtiar (MAS)
Bronze Medallist - Samuel Kang (SIN)
- Bryan Koh (SIN)

Women's Singles Event

Gold Medallist - Rachel Arnold (MAS)
Silver Medallist - Vanessa Gnanasigamani (MAS)
Bronze Medallist - Jemyca Aribado (PHI)
- Mao Shi Yuan (SIN)

Jumbo Doubles Event

Gold Medallists - Marcus Phua & Vivian Rhamanan (SIN)
Silver Medallists - Ade Furkon & Sandi A. Perdanato (INA)
Bronze Medallists - Ricky Espinola & David Pelino (PHI)
- Phuwis Poonsiri & C. Tangjaitrong (THA)

Men's Team Event

Gold - Malaysia
Silver - Singapore
Bronze - Indonesia
- Philippines

Women's Team Event

Gold - Malaysia
Silver - Indonesia
Bronze - Singapore
- Thailand



Top: The winning teams of the Men's Event.

Bottom: The winning teams of the Women's Event.



Top: The medallists of the Women's Singles Event.



Middle: The medallists of the Men's Singles Event.



Bottom: The medallists of the Jumbo Doubles Event.

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10th East Asian Team Championships

The 10th East Asian Team Championships, which was held from 26 to 28 June, 2015 at Chinese Taipei, has attracted 6 East Asian regions included China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong China, Korea, Japan and Macau China to participate. Congratulations to Hong Kong China, who captured double Champions at the Men's and Women's events, as well as to Squash Rackets Association of Chinese Taipei for hosting such a wonderful event.

Final Positions

Men's Event

1. Hong Kong, China
2. Japan
3. Korea
4. Chinese Taipei
5. China
6. Macau, China

Women's Event

1. Hong Kong, China
2. Japan
3. Korea
4. China
5. Chinese Taipei



Left: Mr. David Mui, MH, JP, President of ASF (2nd from the left in the front row) and the Hong Kong China Double Champion teams with their coaches: Mr. Tony Choi (1st from the left in the back row) and Mr. Wong Wai Hang (1st from the right in the back row) and Ms. Emily Mak, Executive Director of Hong Kong Squash (2nd from the right in the back row).



Right: Mr. Kim Won Kwan, Honorary President of EASF (1st from the right) with Mr. William Kuan, President of EASF (1st from the left) and the Japanese Men's team, who finished 2nd.



The 2015 Commonwealth Youth Games was held 5 to 11 September at Samoa. There was some remarkable achievement of the Asian countries. Malaysia won all five gold medals of the squash events include Men's and Women's Singles and Doubles as well as the Mixed Doubles. Besides getting a silver medal at the Mixed Doubles, India also has Velavan Senthilkumar clinching the bronze medal of the Men's Singles event. Pakistani Israr Ahmad and Sadia Gul finished 4th in the Men's

and Women's Singles events respectively. Mihiliya Methsarani from Sri Lanka also captured the bronze medal of the Women's Singles event.

Congratulations to Malaysia as well as all other participating Asian players and countries. Full results please refer to www.samoacyg2015.ws



Left: Mixed Doubles Gold medallists from Malaysia and the Silver medallists from India.

Right: Ng Eain Yow (MAS), the Men's Singles Gold medallist and Sivasangari Subramaniam (MAS), the Women's Singles Gold medallist.

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22nd Asian Junior Individual Championship

The **Asian Junior Individual Championship**, which was held at Tehran, Iran, from 23 to 27 August, has attracted 143 participants from 10 regions to participate in the 8 events. We would like to thank Iran Squash Federation, who organised such a wonderful event.

Congratulations should also go to all winners, coaches and officials.

Results

Boys Under 19

- Champion - Israr Ahmad (PAK)
 1st Runner-up - Ng Eain Yow (MAS)
 2nd Runners-up - Ling To Yu (HKG)
 - Sajad Zareian (IRN)

Boys Under 17

- Champion - Mohammad Alsarraj (JOR)
 1st Runner-up - Chan Wui Ki (HKG)
 2nd Runners-up - Alireza Shameli (IRN)
 - Ong Sai Hung (MAS)

Boys Under 15

- Champion - Siow Yee Xian (MAS)
 1st Runner-up - M Hafiz Zhafri (MAS)
 2nd Runners-up - Tushar Shahani (IND)
 - M Jafarzadeh (IRN)

Boys Under 13

- Champion - M.A Amirul (MAS)
 1st Runner-up - Navaneeth Prabhu (IND)
 2nd Runners-up - Au Lap Man (HKG)
 - Danial Gharooni (IRN)

Girls Under 19

- Champion - Andrea Lee (MAS)
 1st Runner-up - Choi Uen Shan (HKG)
 2nd Runners-up - Harshit Kaur Jawanda (IND)
 - Nazihah Hanis (MAS)

Girls Under 17

- Champion - S. Subramaniam (MAS)
 1st Runner-up - Zoe Foo (MAS)
 2nd Runners-up - Cheng Nga Ching (HKG)
 - Nikita Joshi (IND)

Girls Under 15

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

Girls Under 13

- Champion - Kiroshanna Manoharan (MAS)
 1st Runner-up - Wong Heng Wai (MAS)
 2nd Runners-up - Fung Ching Hei (HKG)
 - Megha Bhatia (IND)



Top row from the left: Hong Kong China, India, Iran, Iraq.

Bottom row from the left: Jordan, Malaysia, Pakistan, Sri Lanka.

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The **WSF World Junior Squash Championships 2015** was successfully held 26 July to 4 August at Eindhoven, The Netherlands. We would like to congratulate Diego Elias from Peru and Nouran Gohar from Egypt, who claimed the World Junior Men's and Women's Champion respectively. Congratulations should also go to Egypt who won the World Junior Women's Team Champion.

We would also like to congratulate Malaysia who finished co-3rd in the team event as well its player, Ng Eain Yow claiming the 2nd runner-up in the Men's Individual Event. Hong Kong China and India also finished the 7th and 8th respectively in the team event.

Results

Junior Men's

- Champion - Diego Elias (PER)
- 1st Runner-up - Youssef Soliman (EGY)
- 2nd Runners-up - Saadeldin Ehab Abouaish (EGY)
- Ng Eain Yow (MAS)

Junior Women's

- Champion - Nouran Gohar (EGY)
- 1st Runner-up - Habiba Mohamed (EGY)
- 2nd Runners-up - Salma Hany Ibrahim (EGY)
- Mariam Metwally (EGY)

Junior Women's Team Final Position

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1st - Egypt | 10th - France |
| 2nd - USA | 11th - Australia |
| 3rd - England | 12th - Germany |
| - Malaysia | 13th - Finland |
| 5th - Canada | 14th - South Africa |
| 6th - New Zealand | 15th - Belgium |
| 7th - Hong Kong China | 16th - Netherlands |
| 8th - India | 17th - Guyana |
| 9th - Switzerland | 18th - Zimbabwe |



Top: Diego Elias (right) and Nouran Gohar (left), the new World Junior Men's and Women's Champion.

Middle: The top 3 World Junior Women's Teams: Egypt, USA, England and Malaysia.

Bottom: Indian team (left) and Hong Kong China team. (right).

Photography by Steve Cubbins

Coming events

ASF Grand Slam

Date: February 2016
Venue: Chennai, India

18th Asian Team Championships

Date: May/June 2016
Venue: Chinese Taipei

23rd Asian Junior Individual Championships

Date: July / August 2016
Venue: Malaysia

Coaching



Mr. Tony Choi,
Coaching Director

I am delighted to report that one ASF sanctioned and supported Level 1 (Macau, China), two Level 2 (Iran, Kuwait) Coaching Courses, one Level 2 Tutor Course (Hong Kong, China) and one WSF Level 1 Tutor Refresher Course (Hong Kong, China) were held in the last six months. I would like to thank the respective associations for their support as well as all the course tutors for their time and dedication.



Top Left: ASF Level 2 Coaching Course in Kuwait.

Top Right: ASF Level 2 Coaching Course in Iran.

Middle Left: ASF Level 1 Coaching Course in Macau.

Middle Right: ASF Level 2 Tutor Course in Hong Kong.

Bottom Left: WSF Level 1 Tutor Refresher Course in Hong Kong.

Referees



Mr. Munir Shah
Referees Director

A total of 12 referees clinics were conducted in Singapore (6), Malaysia (5) and China (1) by Munir Shah (Singapore), Mohd Abdullah Arrffan @ Robert (Singapore), Raymond Tan (Singapore), Leslie Ponnampalam (Malaysia) and Peter Chee (Malaysia) so far this year, involving a grand total of 304 participants.

Assessment exercises were conducted on 6 occasions in Malaysia (3), China, Pakistan and Macau in conjunction with championships on the PSA/WSA circuit as well as local tournaments. A tailor made Referee Assessor's

programme was conducted by Munir Shah (Singapore) during the Southeast Asian Games in Singapore. The pool of assessors in these exercises comprised resources from 5 countries, namely, Tahir Khanzada (Pakistan), Anthony So (Hong Kong China), Mohammad Fayyaz (Hong Kong China), Leslie Ponnampalam (Malaysia), Mohd Abdullah Arrffan @ Robert (Singapore) and Ebrahim Kamal (Bahrain).

These activities bear testimony that the development of referees in Asia is progressing steadily with a greater number of national and regional referees receiving assessments in competitive matches. Receiving valid assessments is a major challenge and the ASF Referees Committee will encourage more countries to embrace this path by ensuring that Asian referees are given priority in receiving assessments, wherever and whenever possible.



1. SEA Games referees.

2. Munir Shah with Mohd Arrffan at SEA Games.

3. Referees at the China Open.

4. Referees attending the China Open referees clinic.

5. Referees in a relaxed mood at the Macau Open.

6. Group photo of the referees at the Macau Open.

7. Referees at the 5th Leg of the Malaysian Tour.

8. Referees at the Jumbo Doubles of the Malaysian Tour.

9. Singapore Schools Sports Council Basic Referees Course.

Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS)

There were total six junior competitions in the summer months. They are PBA 13th Penang (Malaysian) Junior Open, Japan Junior Open, HEAD Hong Kong Junior Open, Iran Junior Open, CMS Borneo Junior Open and Indian Junior Open.

We'd like to congratulate all participants and winners as well as to thank the organisers for making the events all the success!



Top Left: HEAD Hong Kong Junior Open.

Bottom Left: Japan Junior Open.

Bottom Right: PBA 13th Penang(Malaysian) Junior Open.



Coming events

**REDtone KL Junior Open 2015
(AJSS Gold Event)**

Date: 1 - 6 Dec 2015

**Old Chang Kee Singapore Junior Open 2015
(AJSS Gold Event)**

Date: 16 - 20 Dec 2015

Qatar Junior Open (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 5 - 7 Mar 2016

Doha Junior Open (AJSS Silver Event)

Date: 7 - 9 Mar 2016

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