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To: ALL WSF MEMBER NATIONAL FEDERATIONS

cc: WSF Regional Vice-Presidents, WSF Committee Members, WSA, PSA, Accredited Companies

FROM HEADQUARTERS



World Squash Day took place on 20 October, and is a main feature of this update.

To the over 40,000 players who participated, to the professionals who also took part in Macau and San Francisco, to all the club organisers and the venues

themselves; we salute and thank you all.

WSD demonstrated yet again the passion for our sport right across the globe, from the Pacific, through Asia and into Africa, Europe and Pan America. Over seventy countries were involved, from large established ones through to the very smallest – each with great enthusiasm, as evidenced by the great gallery of photographs on www.worldsquashday.com.

Also reported upon in this Update was the recent WSF AGM & Conference, from which you will read that Chris Stahl who has stood down as Vice President, after a wonderfully committed period of service, has been replaced by Belgian Hugo Hannes. There is also a new look to several of the WSF Committee and Commission Chairs and Directors. They will be forging ahead with plans in the coming year.

Meanwhile, re-elected President Ramachandran is devoting himself to doing everything possible towards a successful outcome for the Olympic bid.

For now, thank you again to everybody who supported WSD, and your thoughts and suggestions to Lorraine, Jazz and myself will be very welcome at any time, as ever.

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Andrew Shelley, Chief Executive

WORLD MASTERS GAMES



Squash is now a confirmed sport for the World Masters Games which is taking place in Torino (Turin), Italy, 2 – 11 August 2013. Full details are at:

<http://www.torino2013wmg.org/?lang=en>

PRESIDENT RAMACHANDRAN RE-ELECTED



World Squash Federation President Ramachandran was re-elected by acclaim for a further four-year term at the 42nd WSF AGM in Stockholm, Sweden on 30 September.

Mr. Ramachandran, from Chennai in India, declared himself honoured to have been given the

opportunity of having a further period of presidency.

"I have dedicated myself to leading the squash quest to achieve our dream of a place on the programme of the Olympic Games and will continue to do so," said Ramachandran, who succeeded squash legend Jahangir Khan in October 2008.

"Our sport has a great deal to offer and the chance for me to continue pressing our case is a task I will throw myself into fully."

Hugo Hannes (Belgium), who's term as President of the European Squash Federation will end next May, was also elected a Vice President for the first time - joining re-elected VPs Heather Deayton (Hong Kong) and Mohamed El Menshawy (Egypt).



Former WSF President Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, also accepted an invitation to continue as Emeritus President.



WSF Vice-President Chris Stahl (Malta), who had not stood for re-election, was recognised by President Ramachandran for his many years of

dedicated service to squash generally and the WSF specifically.

The AGM followed the two-day AGM Conference, which featured a variety of presentations for representatives of 40 nations as well as a large number of observers.

Presentations included case studies of the growth of squash in Poland; marketing initiatives from other sports; a stakeholder survey from New Zealand; the Swiss National Development Plan; marketing planning and an Olympic bid update given by Mike Lee of Vero Communications, the WSF bid consultants.



Back (L to R): Hugo Hannes, Mohamed El-Menshawly, Lorraine Harding, Chris Stahl, Andrew Shelley. Front: George Mieras, N Ramachandran, Heather Deayton, Jahangir Khan.

Following the AGM the WSF Board members who chair WSF Committees and Commissions appointed Committee Directors as follows:

ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION

Director: Dr Anne Smith

ATHLETES COMMISSION

Chairwoman: Heather Deayton

Director: Sarah Fitz-Gerald

CHAMPIONSHIPS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Hugo Hannes

Director: Thomas Troedsson

COACHING COMMITTEE

Chairwoman: Heather Deayton

Director: Major Maniam

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chairwoman: Heather Deayton

Director: Major Maniam

DISCIPLINARY & APPEALS COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mohamed El-Menshawly

ETHICS PANEL

Director: N. Ramachandran

MEDIA COMMISSION

Director: Howard Harding

MEDICAL COMMISSION

Director: Dr Anne Smith

OLYMPICS & MAJOR GAMES COMMITTEE

Chairman: N. Ramachandran

Director: George Mieras

REFEREES COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mohamed El Menshawly

Director: Rod Symington

RULES COMMISSION

Director: Rod Symington

TECHNICAL

Chairman: N Ramachandran

Director: Chris Herridge

The WSF Marketing & Communications Commission has been discontinued with this element being directly managed from the WSF Office in conjunction with Marketing Advisor Marjolein Houtsma.

WOMEN'S WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP NEWS



Three Make Debuts in Record World Championship Line-Up

Argentina, Korea and Namibia will compete for the first time in the 2012 WSF Women's World Team Championship in November in Nimes, France, where a record 26 nations will take part in the biennial WSF event.

In a further unique development for world squash, initiated by hosts the Fédération Française de Squash, action will take place on three new state-of-the-art all-glass ASB show courts.

Staged in France for the first time in its 33-year history, the Championship will be held at the La Parnasse Arena and the eight-court Club des Costières, in Nimes, from 12-17 November.

Asian entries will be boosted by China, making only their second appearance, alongside Championship regulars Hong Kong, Japan and India, plus, bronze medallists in the past three events, Malaysia.

Defending Champions Australia will be looking to extend their nine-title record - while 2008 Champions Egypt and six-time Champions England, winners in 2006, will undoubtedly be going for gold again.

Meanwhile, hosts France, led by Camille Serme (pictured) - appearing in the event for the 14th successive time since 1987 - will want to improve on their best ever finish in 6th place at the last staging in New Zealand.

The Seedings and Pools

Pool A: [1] England, [16] Scotland, [23] Republic of Korea

Pool B: [2] Egypt, [15] Wales, [24] Mexico

Pool C: [3] Malaysia, [14] South Africa, [19] China, [26] Spain

Pool D: [4] Hong Kong China, [13] Czech Republic, [20] Colombia, [25] Namibia

Pool E: [5] New Zealand, [12] USA, [22] Japan

Pool F: [6] Australia, [11] Canada, [18] Austria

Pool G: [7] Ireland, [10] India, [17] Argentina

Pool H: [8] Netherlands, [9] France, [21] Germany

Official event website:

www.worldwomensquash-nimes2012.fr

MEMBER LIST

An updated WSF contact list is on the website, so do check that your listing is correct. You can check out whether we have received your changes in officers/contact details at:

http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/121101_2012-November-Handbook.pdf

PSA MOVES

As mentioned in the last Instant Update, PSA was closing down its office in Cardiff, Wales in September and is now operating from Leeds, England. Here are the contact details:

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WSA HAVE A NEW TOUR DIRECTOR



The Women's Squash Association (WSA) has a new Tour Director, with Anneli MacDonald having started at the end of October.

She brings with her a wealth of experience gained from five years working for Badminton England. Not only has she had past involvement in top-level

international badminton events, but secondment to Paralympics GB at the London 2012 Paralympic Games too.

WSF APPROVED RACKETS



RICARDO ROUDE



Sadly, two weeks ago Ricardo Roude, former Pan American Federation Vice President, lost his battle with cancer. Ricardo, from Argentina was an energetic advocate of squash who will be greatly missed.

He was Vice President of the Argentina Association of Squash (1992-1998), then President (1998-2008). He held the position of Secretary and Treasurer of the South American Squash Federation (2002-2006), then was Vice President (2007-2011).

MALAWI'S MATEWERE MAKES IT



As reported in the Namibian newspaper, Malawi's number one men's squash player, James Matewera, hitch-hiked 2,800 kilometres just so he could feature in the Namibian Open Championship which was held in Walvis Bay recently.

Having got to the quarterfinals, Matewera explained that it was a "wonderful opportunity" to come to Namibia and play against some of the best players in Southern Africa. Sixty-four players from Namibia, South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Malawi participated in a three-day competition. "I found out about the tournament on the internet and just knew I had to go. Finances are a problem, so I decided to hike," he said. He travelled from Lilongwe to Zambia's capital, Lusaka, and then to Walvis Bay.

"I just made it", he added. "I managed to catch three lifts. It was long, but I am happy that I came. I was treated very well and it was good to meet up with some of the top players and play some good games of squash," he said.

WSF AGM 2013 AWARDED TO CHRISTCHURCH

The New Zealand city of Christchurch has won the bid to host the World Squash Federation AGM in October next year. The dates of the 43rd AGM will be 23 October, with the AGM Conference on the two preceding days.



WORLD SQUASH DAY SMASHES RECORDS



Squash is claiming a world record for the biggest sports match in history with more than 40,000 players registered in the World Squash Day Challenge, which demonstrated global support for the sport's 2020 Olympic bid.

More than 800 clubs from over 70 nations joined in, with players representing Team Squash and Team 2020.



Delighted WSF Chief Executive Andrew Shelley said: "It was wonderful to see the worldwide squash community come together in one massive match. It clearly illustrated the passion the whole sport has for squash's Olympic bid, as well as promoting squash at national and local levels. These 2020 figures really illustrate how much players of all abilities care about seeing Squash in the Olympic Games."

He also paid tribute to WSD founder, Alan Thatcher, saying "Alan has done a fabulous job in developing WSD and this year, helped by Victoria Clark and SquashSite, have moved it up as high profile celebration of squash".



World Squash Day founder Alan Thatcher said: "Hundreds of pictures have been uploaded to the WSD website and Facebook page showing large numbers of happy, smiling people doing what they love best, enjoying the thrill of playing one of the world's most physically-demanding sports.

"The pictures also showed the lifelong friendships, great sportsmanship and sheer fun that this game delivers. It was heartening to see so many of the world's leading players supporting the event."



Women's World Champion Nicol David set a great example: the Malaysian cycled round her home city of Amsterdam to visit every squash club and also waved banners outside some of the city's most iconic buildings.

Other former World Champions, including Australians Vicki Cardwell and Michelle Martin, joined the action as more than 50 clubs participated "Down Under".

Leading Egyptian stars Nour El Sherbini and Raneem El Weleily also played a special WSD challenge match in Alexandria.

World Squash Day was also celebrated in some exotic



locations, with Reunion Island hosting a team from Mauritius. Frenchman Thierry Lincou, who hails from Reunion, beat fellow former World Champion David Palmer in a match on World Squash Day.

One of the biggest events took place at the Tanglin Club in Singapore, where they joined forces with the British Club and Hollandse Club to stage 188 matches.



A 24-hour marathon in Slovenia attracted more than 300 players; 334 matches took place over 15 centres in the Czech Republic. Results were also posted from Zimbabwe, China and from various clubs in the Caribbean.

Around 750 youngsters from the inner-city of Johannesburg, townships of Soweto and Alexandra - among numerous around the world who would benefit from Olympic inclusion beyond 2020 - had a fun-filled day, as they joined the rest of the world in celebrating World Squash Day through their annual Egolisquash Festival.

A huge event in Hong Kong was followed by a flashmob dance in the heart of the city, which attracted national media attention.

Upwards of 150 clubs were involved in England, with big numbers also recorded in Canada, USA and throughout Asia and Europe.

There was a raft of messages of support, including one from double Olympian Dame Kelly Holmes, while WSF President Ramachandran summed up his delight by saying: "Our sport cares about promoting itself. It cares deeply about our Olympic aspirations and developing and innovating.

"World Squash Day is a superb illustration of this."

Where It All Happened:

- World Squash Day was celebrated throughout Asia, including events in China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.
- African nations taking part included Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zimbabwe.
- Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE all participated.
- More than 50 events took place across Australia, plus many more in New Zealand, where The Datsuns' drummer Phil Buscke, a keen squash player, threw down a challenge to members of the All Blacks rugby team to get on court.
- Across North-, South- and Central-America, competing nations included Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru and USA. World Squash Day activities featured in the PSA World Tour event in San Francisco, where a 20-up College Challenge took place on the glass court by the San Francisco waterfront, between Stanford University and California University-Berkeley and University of Southern California.
- European nations included Armenia, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, England, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Scotland, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine and Wales.
- Exotic island squash outposts such as the Bahamas, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cook Islands, Norfolk Island, Trinidad & Tobago, plus St Vincent & the Grenadines all took part too.

CLOTHING REGULATION REMINDER

For any match covered by television, players' clothing shall conform to the advertising regulations published and generally applied by the appropriate television authority of the Host Country; and both players must wear distinctly different coloured clothing – the colour must not change during a match. (Where colours are similar, the lower placed individual/team on the draw sheet must change colour).

SQUASH FLASHMOB HITS MALAYSIA



The world's top squash players turned out in force at the Curve Shopping Mall in Selangor, Malaysia, during the CIMB Malaysian Open to stage a flashmob to draw attention to the sport's bid to be added to the Olympic Games programme in 2020.

Inspired by world number one Nicol David, and led by the record six-time World Champion from Malaysia, the event featured more than 200 players and fans dancing to Nicki Minaj's 'Starships' and Beyonce's 'Run The World'.

"I had the idea of creating more awareness for squash and, with my friends back in Penang, we decided that it would be great to do a flashmob and we basically decided to go ahead with it," said the Malaysian squash queen, who has topped the world rankings since 2006.

"All the top players, guys and girls, were excited to do this and come together to show that we deserve to be in the Olympics.

"Watching the London Olympics this year was really heart-breaking," added 29-year-old David. "I watched it every single day and not being there just didn't seem right."

"It went really well," said David afterwards. "It was a good turnout and I've been getting really good feedback from everyone. I think all the players had a really good time!"

APPS ABOUND!

Professional Squash Association now has an iPhone App, enabling fans of the circuit to follow players and tournaments throughout the year, including live streaming of PSA World Series events right to their iPhones.

Key features include results, rankings, tournaments (previous, current and coming up), draws, news and video clips. Followers will be able to watch events live on SquashTV and live scores direct from major events will also be available shortly.

The PSA App is available via iTunes at:

<http://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/psa/id558499057?mt=8>

SquashSite, the squash news website, also has an App to enable enthusiasts to keep up to date:

<http://squash365.com/?p=12365>

NOVEMBER RANKINGS



England's James Willstrop marks up his tenth month as world number one in the November PSA Men's World Squash Rankings. The 29-year-old maintains his lead over fellow Englishman Nick Matthew. Both players bowed out at the semi-final stage of last month's US Open, the fifth PSA World Series event of the year in Philadelphia - where Egypt's Ramy Ashour triumphed to win his second World Series crown of 2012. The 25-year-old from Cairo moves up to No4 in the new rankings - but Frenchman Gregory Gaultier, the US Open runner-up, holds onto third place.

Egyptian Mohamed El Shorbagy, the youngest player in the top 20, also moves upwards - to No7, just one place below his career-best position. The 21-year-old from Alexandria reached the quarter-finals in Philadelphia before going down to Willstrop in a 90-minute five-game thriller.

1	[1]	James Willstrop	ENG	1,593
2	[2]	Nick Matthew	ENG	1,349
3	[3]	Gregory Gaultier	FRA	1,160
4	[5]	Ramy Ashour	EGY	964
5	[4]	Karim Darwish	EGY	883
6	[6]	Peter Barker	ENG	653
7	[8]	Mohamed El Shorbagy	EGY	624
8	[7]	Amr Shabana	EGY	532
9	[9]	Laurens Jan Anjema	NED	446
10	[11]	Daryl Selby	ENG	429

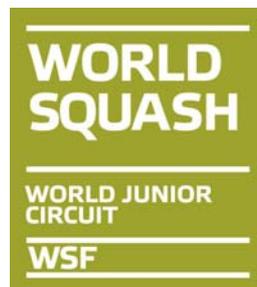


While Malaysian Nicol David stands proud at the top of the WSA World Ranking, as she has done unbroken since August 2006, Raneem El Weleily has retaken the No.2 spot from Laura Massaro after beating the Englishwoman in the U.S Open semi's. Englishwoman Alison Waters is now back to fourth spot, continuing her climb after a lengthy period of injury but it is the great run of form of 24 year old New Zealander Joelle King that has caught the eye and seen her move up seven places and into the top five. Only last week the Kiwi reached the final of the China Open after coming close to displacing Nicol David in the US Open semi-finals earlier in the month.

Also joining top level movers was Low Wee Wern, who moved closer to her compatriot Nicol David as she jumped to world No.7, her highest ever ranking. The Malaysian gained the biggest title win of her career last week after winning the China Open.

1	[1]	Nicol David	MAS	3292
2	[3]	Raneem El Weleily	EGY	1911
3	[2]	Laura Massaro	ENG	1567
4	[8]	Alison Waters	ENG	1049
5	[7]	Joelle King	NZL	1032
6	[4]	Jenny Duncalf	ENG	1032
7	[9]	Low Wee Wern	MAS	1030
8	[5]	Nour El Sherbini	EGY	1015
9	[6]	Annie Au	HKG	950
10	[3]	Madeline Perry	IRL	734

WSF WORLD JUNIOR CIRCUIT RANKINGS



Men's top 10:

1	[2]	Abdulla Al Tamimi (Qatar)	75.00
2	[5]	Ahmad Al Sarraj (Jordan)	67.67
3	[6]	Richie Fallows (England)	65.00
4	[4]	Thomas Ford (England)	60.33
5	[1]	Oliver Holland (England)	58.33
6	[8]	Martin Svec (Czech Republic)	54.33
7	[-]	Ryosei Kobayashi (Japan)	53.33
8	[-]	Addeen Idrakie Muhammad (Malaysia)	51.00
9	[11]	Mazen Hesham Ga Sabry (Egypt)	43.33
10	[-]	Elias Diego (Peru)	41.67

Women's top 10:

1	[1]	Emily Whitlock (England)	93.33
2	[2]	Nour El Sherbini (Egypt)	88.33
3	[3]	Anaka Alankamony (India)	80.00
4	[29]	Ka Hei Chiu (Hong Kong)	75.00
5	[22]	Karla Eva Urrutia (Mexico)	67.67
6	[4]	Yathreb Adel (Egypt)	66.67
7	[9]	Nele Gilis (Belgium)	59.33
8	[5]	Melissa Alves (France)	56.67
9	[7]	Maria Elena Ubina (USA)	48.33
10	[8]	Ha Ko Po (Hong Kong)	41.67

WORLD CHAMPIONS SAY NO TO DOPING

Nick Matthew and Nicol David, the two World Champions, are both backing the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) campaign *Say No To Doping*.



Matthew and David, the Malaysian who won a record sixth women's world title last year, are spearheading the World Squash Federation support of the campaign.

"We professionals are educated about the dangers of taking or ingesting anything that we are not certain about in respect to anti-doping," said Matthew, the Englishman who successfully defended his world title last year in Rotterdam. "But we need to play our part to ensure that the sport as a whole is alive to the need to stay clean. If one person lets us down, the whole sport suffers."

N Ramachandran, WSF President: "We are proud of our anti-doping record, but vigilance is so important to keep it that way. It is for this reason that we, with the support of the players, keep the message percolating down".

HONG KONG CHOSEN BY IOC



This year, the long-established and ever-popular Hong Kong Open has also been chosen as the inspection event for the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to determine which of the sports shortlisted should claim a place on the programme for the 2020 Olympiad.

As a centrepiece in the WSF bid for Olympic inclusion, the Hong Kong Open - having been recognised as one of the favourite and best-organised events - will showcase the best of the sport to impress the IOC delegation.

"Hong Kong Squash is very proud to hold the Hong Kong Open for the 27th time with the support of Cathay Pacific, Sun Hung Kai Financial and all other co-sponsors," said Mr David Mui, MH, JP, Chairman of Hong Kong Squash. "It also is an honour for us to have the opportunity to present the tournament, and the sport, in its best possible light to IOC delegation. Ensuring that squash gets the chance we all feel it deserves to become part of the Olympic programme."

Sponsored by Cathay Pacific and Sun Hung Kai Financial, the Hong Kong Squash Open 2012 will take place at Hong Kong Squash Centre and Cultural Centre from November 25 to December 2. The world's top players will be there, with the semi finals and finals taking place on an all-glass court sited on the Harbour again, with the stunning backdrop of the Island skyline.

STANDARD RACKETBALL RULES

Racketball is a game using larger, bouncier balls and shorter rackets, played on a squash court. So that countries, giving Racketball a try, know the Standard Rules, they were finalised at the recent WSF AGM and can be found on the WSF website under the Rules & Regs tab.

WSF APPROVED BALLS



STALWARTS HONOURED

At the US Open, Saturday was termed Hall Of Fame day, with US Squash announcing inductees for 2012, to complement presentations to 2011 winners.

The newest members were Tom Poor and Lennie Bernheimer. The two partnered up to win many national doubles titles and also direct events, while Poor also won a hatful of singles titles and both are devoted to junior/urban squash.

Meanwhile, Cleveland's Jack Herrick, winner of the World Masters over-45 in 1983 and who held numerous domestic positions as well as Chairing PSA for fourteen years, was inducted too.



Another added was serial winner Joyce Davenport who has won a national singles title in each of six decades amongst a large haul, and competes in the over-70 bracket while still coaching regularly.

Finally, a college head coach who can only be described as legendary: Bob Callahan, who took on the role at Princeton and 31 years later - the hugely popular head - is still successfully encouraging and mentoring students, was a very popular inclusion.



COURT CONNECTIONS

ASB have just completed two new courts in Astana, the capital city of Kazakhstan, and six more in a squash centre in Ostrava in the Czech Republic.

They have also installed two in Noumea, New Caledonia, one of

which has a glass side wall (see above).

Meanwhile, last month the first Courtwall Peter Nicol signature courts were opened in East Grinstead, England. The company has also constructed an all-glass court in Prague,



Czech Republic featuring a dark royal blue front wall and lighter blue shade side walls, high-tech plastic fittings, and a finless back wall construction (see right).

PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP



The Pan American Championships, held in Ambato, Ecuador, produced first time champions in the singles events.

Miguel Rodriguez was seeded to win the men's title, and duly did so beating Argentinean Hernan D'Arcangelo in the final. However unseeded Mexican Diana Garcia beat both the top two seeds, Antonela Falcione (Argentina) early one, and then top placed Brazilian Thiasa Serafina in a tight four game final.

The men's doubles gold went to Argentina with Roberto Pezzota and D'Arcangelo overcoming Byron Garcia and Jose Molina (El Salvador), while Colombia snatched the Women's Doubles crown via Karol Gonzalez and Viviana Tovar, victors over the Mexican duo of Monserrat Castellanos and Karla Gomez. Colombia also took the Mixed title with Rodriguez and Alejandra Porras beating Falcione and Matias Valenzuela in a match that went to 11/9 in the decider.

As for the team championships Mexico beat Colombia in the Women's final while Argentina took gold against Mexico in the men's.

BID CAR STICKERS AND WRISTBANDS

SquashStars in Malaysia, an initiative that Nicol David is very much part of, have been superb supporters of the Olympic bid. Recently, at the Malaysian Open they created a squash flashmob that received great coverage, as mentioned elsewhere.

Now, as you will see from below, they are making available the popular car stickers and wristbands they have produced to member federations.

Car Stickers



500 and above @ US\$0.50 each.

Minimum order: 500.

Wristbands



US\$1.00 each Minimum order: 100. Two colour combinations available (white on red or red on white)

Cost: As per quantity ordered + shipping charges

If you would like to order either, for national promotional use, then do contact Kavitha direct at kavi.aj@squashstars.com.

WSF DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The inaugural WSF Development Conference, was held prior to the WSF AGM in Stockholm, featured presentations on schemes used by tennis, badminton and table tennis - alongside initiatives from the squash world such as the Colombian Schools Programme; the Egyptian junior selection system; development tools; dealing with introducing and transitioning players and a series of workshops.

The presentations can be viewed at the WSF website, the direct link being:

http://www.worldsquash.org/ws/?page_id=2357

SNIPPETS

Evergreen Khan

Top seed Latasha Khan beat Nicolette Fernandes on home soil to claim the WSA Tour 10 Orange County Open 2012. As it is Khan's 20th Tour title, only months before her fortieth birthday, an extra round of applause please!

Matthew picks up 25th

At the British Grand Prix in September, England's Nick Matthew recovered from a game down to beat countryman James Willstrop and claimed the 25th PSA World Tour title of his career. It was also the 30th Tour clash between the two rivals since 2001 and the 50th appearance in a Tour final by Matthew. More applause!

.....while David picks up 1st



Nicol David added the one major title missing from her résumé, when she beat Raneem El Welily in the Delaware Investments U.S. Open final in Philadelphia, her 80th Tour final. This

has set a new record for the number of WSA titles won, moving one ahead of legendary Australian Sarah Fitz-Gerald with sixty three now. A clap for her too!

Meanwhile Ramy Ashour, the other featured player in the forthcoming Olympic bid presentation video, won the Men's title there.

Tall Willstrop on a Shortlist!

Shot and a Ghost, the debut book by England's world number one squash player James Willstrop, has been shortlisted for this year's William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award.

Titles celebrating an astonishing range of sports - including football, cricket, long-distance running, cycling, TT racing, squash and the Ironman triathlon - will battle it out for the richest and most prestigious prize of its type anywhere in the world.

The Willstrop book, an eye-opening diary account of a 'brutal' year on the Tour, will represent squash on the shortlist for the first time in the 24-year history of the William Hill Sports Book of the Year Award.

Meanwhile, in Tanzania



In an effort to promote squash, the Dar es Salaam Gymkhana Club in Tanzania has waived the entrance fee for students, who now get courts free of

charge. Renovations of two courts are ongoing so that they can increase the number of tournaments for the new season. Plans are for at least six events annually. (Players from Zanzibar, Arusha, Tanga, Mwanza, Mtwara and Dar es Salaam took part in World Squash day, in events arranged by the Tanzania Squash Association).

Also in Africa



Canadian teenager Riley Waterous, who started collecting the rackets that became the *Rackets For Africa* initiative, accompanied his father on what can only be described as a lightning business trip to

Johannesburg, so that he could see at first hand the work of coach Glenn Lazarus in Central Gauteng. Riley in blue, is pictured with a young group of Gauteng players.

Riley's verdict: He was over the moon and so impressed with all the work being done, making his efforts to get RFA up and running was so worth it.

Meanwhile a consignment was recently received by the Uganda Squash Rackets Association for use in their youth training programme, starting with an event that took place to celebrate the World Squash Day in Kampala.

Finally.....

The players arriving in the Cayman Islands for the Women's World Open in December are assured of a warm welcome as Cayman has just been voted the friendliest country in the World by Forbes Magazine!

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