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2004 Coach Recognition Award...



Dear Readers,

We are extremely happy during this issue to be able to congratulate our National Coach Mr. Shawn Tay on winning the High Performance Coaching Award (Junior Competitions).

This award is given to Mr. Tay for his coaching techniques, enabling our athletes to finish in 38th placing at the 2003 IDSF World Youth Latin Championships, and 1st and 2nd placements at the 2003 Asian Championships.

This is the 2nd time in two successive years that Mr Tay has won a National recognition award. In 2003, he received the Certificate of Commendation to National Sports Association Officials for his contribution to the development of Sporting Singapore.

SGDF is very proud that our National Coach has won this accolade, grooming our young athletes from local standing to an international standing in a short period of time.

The Nominations for the Coach Recognition Awards 2004 hit a record high of 115 coaches being nominated for various categories of the Awards. These 115 coaches had been nominated by the public, students, representatives from educational institutions and the Co-curricular Activities Branch, and Singapore Sports Awards winners.

"The response this year is indeed very encouraging and the increment reflects the growing recognition and acknowledgement of sports coaches in Singapore. The purpose of the Awards is to formally recognise outstanding coaches for their professionalism, achievements and coaching standards. I am delighted with the overwhelming response as it is a clear indication that there is an awareness of recognising coaches for their specialised expertise in each of their own niche area of coaching," said Mr Eugene Chew, Deputy Director of Coaching Development Department, SSC.

A total of 26 coaches from 15 sports won awards in various categories at the Coach Recognition Awards Ceremony held at the Arts House on 17 Sep 04. The coaches were each presented with a trophy by the Guest of Honour Ms Ho Peng, who is a Council Member of the Singapore Sports Council and Director of Curriculum Planning and Development at the Ministry of Education. The event was made even more meaningful as the winners' nominators were invited to present the certificates to their coaches.

"A coach is also a mentor, a friend, and a pillar of strength and support to his young charges. The coach does not merely teach a set of sports skills. He knows that for his protégé to succeed, far more is required ... the athlete has to focus, to be tenacious, to remain undaunted and fight on despite the odds, and to never give up... Behind every winner is a great coach who has made it possible for the athlete to win," said Ms Ho Peng.

Excerpts from www.ssc.gov.sg

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DanceSport Updates!



5th SGDF Singapore Open DanceSport Championships 18th April 2004

SGDF organized yet another successful 5th SGDF Singapore Open DanceSport Championships held earlier this year. This year features the IDSF Open World Ranking Championships for Latin and Ballroom, as well as other categories such as Juniors, Ngee Ann Polytechnic Open and Juvenile events.



We would like to congratulate Melvin Tan & Sharon Tan and Albert Santoro & Irma Tan for making the finals in the IDSF Grade A Latin Open event.

2nd SGDF Nationals Championships 19 June 2004

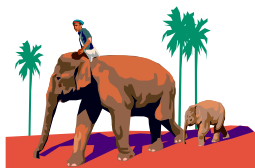


Once again our SGDF Nationals ran successfully at Ang Mo Kio Community Club. With the SGDF, we aim to provide our members with more opportunities to compete as well as to increase the awareness of the sport amongst Singaporeans.

Congratulations to Julian Soon & Iris Tan for being Champions in both the Grade C and Grade D events.

IDSF International Open Standard & Latin Championships Bangkok, Thailand, 17 / 18 July 2004

The Thailand IDSF International Open Championships saw a large participation from the members of the region. This event was held over 2 days with close to 60 over couples in each Grade A category.



SGDF is pleased to subsidize our top ranked couples for this event. Representing Singapore in the Standard are Richard Tan & Jenny Tong, and Chan Huang Seng & Lillian Lim. Representing Singapore in the Latin Category are Melvin Tan & Sharon Tan, and Albert Santoro & Irma Tan.

IDSF Asian Championships Seoul, Korea, 18 September 2004

IDSF Asian Championships was held this year in Seoul Korea. This is a regional competition where only the top 2 Grade A Latin & Grade A Standard athletes are selected from their countries to participate in this event.



SGDF is pleased to be able to nominate and subsidise 4 of our top ranked athletes to participate in this event. Our representative in the Standard is Chan Huang Seng & Lillian Lim; And representing the Latin event are Melvin Tan & Sharon Tan, and Roger Kwa and Connie Tan. Both Richard Tan & Jenny Tong were unable to make the trip due to some last minute urgent matters.

"This is the first time I am participating in a representation competition and I am very excited to be able to represent Singapore in the Asian Championships. Such competitions pits the best amongst the bests and it is indeed a challenge for us to do well in these competition. Definitely this provides us with much more exposure and will improve our experience and dancing." quoted Connie Tan, when asked how she feels about representing Singapore in this Event.



Home Grown Singapore International Adjudicator

The IDSF Asian Championships also saw our very own home grown Former Singapore Grade A Champions and Representative Sabrina Sim, debut as an International Adjudicator at this event.

SGDF is very proud to groom and be able to provide the training grounds for our athletes to become International Adjudicators.

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17th Lion City International DanceSports Championships...

Featuring
IDSF Grand Slam Latin Championships
IDSF International Open Standard Championships

Once Again, the Lion City DanceSport Championships have surpassed all expectations anybody has of a DanceSport event. The crowd was huge with support for both the IDSF Grand Slam and the IDSF International Open Standard Events. This was indeed a star studded event of the year in Singapore. The 17th Lion City DanceSport Championships were co-organised by Shawn & Gladys DanceWorld and Singapore DanceSport Federation.



IDSF International Open Standard
Prize Presentation

This year saw many participants in the competitions. The day events mainly showcase the lower grade events as well as the 1st few rounds of the IDSF Grand Slam Latin and International Open Standard Championships. The National Ranking competitions for all levels were also held during the day events,



Franco Formica & Oksana Nikiforova
Winners of IDSF Grand Slam Latin

The night events started off with a big bang. A group of children, ages between 3 to 13 came together and performed an opening dance for the audience. These children put on an extremely lively Jive and were met with huge applause towards the end of their performance.



Our Special Guests – Mr & Mrs Oon Jin Teik,
Mr Lukas Hinder, Mr Harald Frahm, Mr Keji Ukai,
Together with our organizers, Shawn & Gladys Tay
and SGDF Exco Robert & Sabrina Ong

The IDSF Grade A Dance Championships were not the only highlights of the evening. Many cheered the children participating in the Juvenile I (ages 9 and below) and II (ages 12 and below) events. The Junior Open (ages 15 and below) were particularly exciting as well.

Mr. Oon Jin Teik, Chief Executive Officer of the Singapore Sports Council graced the event as the Guest of honour. The Lion City Roll of Honour which recognizes the recipients for their outstanding services and dedication to DanceSport were given to Mr. Lukas Hinder, Treasurer, IDSF; and Mr. Harald Frahm, Vice President, IDSF.



Maurizio Vescovo & Melinda Torokgyorgy
- Demonstrating during the congress

The winners of the IDSF International Open Standard Championships were Paolo Bosco & Silvia Pitton; and Franco Formica & Oksana Nikiforova won the IDSF Grand Slam Latin Championships.

With the success of the 17th Lion City Championships, SGDF has once again proven her capability to organize international events. Indeed, SGDF aims to be able to provide our members with similar exciting Championships in the next coming year.

1st SGDF Dance Congress, 8 August 2004

SGDF organized the 1st ever Dance Congress following the IDSF Championships. Maurizio Vescovo & Melinda Torokgyorgy was invited to give a talk on Competitive Dancing for the members of SGDF. The congress was met with a good response and many feedback that they had benefited much from the lecture.

Moving forward, SGDF thanks our members for the support they have shown for our events and we aim to be able to provide more opportunities for our members, in both the competitive arena as well as the education of DanceSport.



The entire working committee who has made
the IDSF GrandSlam & International Open
Standard a tremendous success



Upcoming DanceSport Events

*IDSF Competitions (October to December 2004)**

02 October	IDSF World Cup Latin	Czech Republic, Ostrava
02/03 October	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Czech Republic, Ostrava
02/03 October	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Malta
09 October	IDSF World Latin	Germany, Leipzig
09 October	IDSF World Youth Latin	Spain, Platja D'Aro - Girona
09 October	IDSF World Senior Latin	Belgium, Liege
16 October	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Belgium, Liege
16/17 October	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Netherlands, Arnhem
23 October	IDSF World Junior II Ten Dance	Russia, Moscow
22/23 October	IDSF Grand Slam Latin	Russia, Moscow
24 October	IDSF International Open Standard	Russia, Moscow
23/24 October	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Chinese Taipei, Taipei
24 October	IDSF International Open Standard	Poland, Elblag
30 October	IDSF World Standard	Lithuania, Vilnius
06 November	IDSF World Youth Standard	China, Shanghai
06 November	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Switzerland, Zuerich
06 November	IDSF International Open Standard	Latvia, Riga
13 November	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Finland, Lahti
20 November	IDSF Asian Pacific Standard & Latin	New Zealand, Christchurch
20 November	IDSF Grand Slam Standard	Austria, Vienna
21 November	IDSF International Open Latin	Austria, Vienna
20/21 November	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Slovakia, Bratislava
27 November	IDSF World Youth Ten Dance	Estonia, Tallinn
27/28 November	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Estonia, Tallinn
4/5 December	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Lithuania, Vilnius
04 December	IDSF International Open Latin	Croatia, Varazdin
4/5 December	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Spain, Salou -Spanish Open-
4/5 December	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Denmark, Copenhagen (Lyngby)
11/12 December	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Slovenia, Maribor
11 December	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Australia, Melbourne
12 December	IDSF World Ten Dance	Australia, Melbourne
11 December	IDSF International Open Latin	Byelorussia, Minsk
18 December	IDSF World Junior II Latin	Latvia, Riga
19 December	IDSF International Open Latin	Latvia, Riga
18/19 December	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Ukraine, Dnipropetrovsk
18/19 December	IDSF International Open Standard & Latin	Luxembourg

SGDF competitors who wish to participate in the above events may inform the Secretary by Fax at least 4 weeks in Advance. Participation in IDSF Championships will be through selections based on the SGDF national Ranking Lists and the Asian Ranking Lists. All other DanceSport competitors in Singapore who are not yet members of SGDF are reminded to join the Association immediately to be eligible for participating in the above events.

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