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Welcome to Stockholm and the 16th World Veterans Championships



Ericsson Globe 25th - 30th june 2012





Torpedo

Pimples inwards. Red, black. Thicknesses: 1,8 / 2,0 / max.

With this new rubber we have developed a rubber with phenomenal playing characteristics and almost unlimited flexibility. Resulting from a special gluing technique of the rubber surface with the sponge, the integrated dynamic gives its full potential by speed gluing. The extremely adhering and tensed rubber surface provides your balls a fighter's energy. The tension in the very adhering rubber surface confers, despite all the strength of your strokes, an irresistible sensation, enabling you to exhaust your repertoire. Torpedo is recommended for speed gluing which will confer a sensational sound. Torpedo - hard to believe that such a speed rubber can provide so much sensations.

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Pimples inwards. Red, black.

Thicknesses: 1,6 / 1,8 / 2,0 / max.

This new rubber is the fruit of researches on the TIBHAR best-seller "RAPID". Vladimir Samsonov contributed to the development of this new rubber. Its characteristics are an explosive and spin-friendly surface, but this rubber also makes half-distance strokes easier and more powerful. The combination of the new rubber surface with a new and relative hard sponge confers to this rubber an extraordinary power and a very good sound by speed gluing.



The First World Sports Veterans Association



SWAYTHLING CLUB INTERNATIONAL

(FOUNDED - STOCKHOLM 1967)





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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There are quite a number of interesting events in the Calendar 2012.

The LIEBHERR World Team Championships in Dortmund, Germany (March 25 – April 1) are the next spectacular competition at which our members will have the opportunity to meet up and enjoy. Dortmund actually has successfully hosted previous World Championships, in 1959 and 1989, which many of you will remember.

S.C.I. AGM – the Agenda is published within this edition – will take place in Dortmund on Wednesday, the 28th March. On the same day, starting at approximately 18,30 hrs., a reception by the German Table Tennis Association (DTTB) for SCI members and former German Internationals will be held. I do hope that many of you will be able to join us.

From the 25th to the 30th June the World Veterans Championships in Stockholm, Sweden will be staged. 3,200 players have entered – this is the maximum number – and more than 300 had to be put on the waiting list! Preparations for this huge event are going well. I am quite sure that the organisers will do everything possible to make this W.V.C into a most memorable tournament

The third big event this year is the European Individual Championships taking place in Herning, Denmark (October 17th to 21st). An announcement regarding SCI invited guests you will find inside this edition.

Take great care and my best wishes to you all.



DIANE SCHÖLER President S.C.I.

WEBSITE

THE SWAYTHLING CLUB INTERNATINAL WEBSITE IS ONLINE !!!

THE SCI-WEBSITE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE ITTF-WEBSITE UNDER:

http://www.ittf.com

You can visit the SWAYTHLING CLUB INTERNATIONAL Section under:

http://www.ittf.com/sci_link_main.html

You can now view, download and even print the S.C.I. NEWS direct from our website!!!

SPECIAL NOTICE:

We would like to have your opinion on the following:

"Should we continue to edit, print and post the S.C.I. NEWS to members? Or alternatively, should we request that our members "down load" the twice yearly issue from our Website"? Do let us have your views - as soon as possible -by contacting us at: <e.d.schoeler@mail.isis.de> or, of course by normal mail! We look forward to hearing your views. We will also put this question to the S.C.I. Assembly during our A.G.M. in March at the World's in Dortmund, before taking the final decision.



FUTURE EVENTS

LIEBHERR WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

DORTMUND - GERMANY

25th MARCH - 1st APRIL, 2012

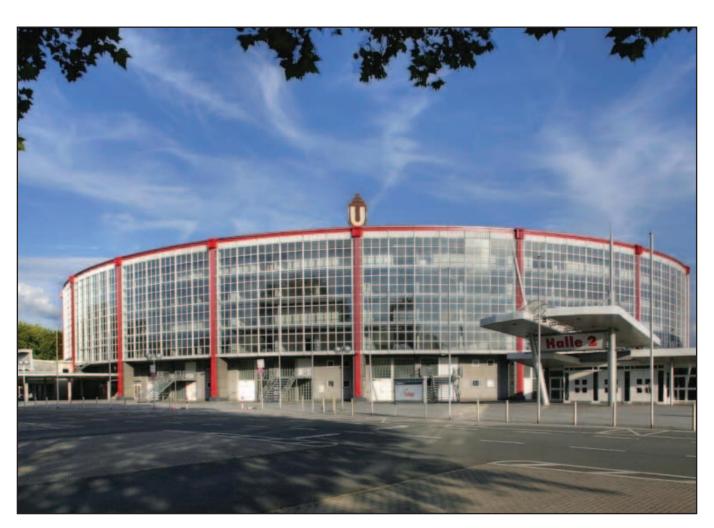
8 Invited S.C.I. Members

The following eight members have received an invitation to attend the above-mentioned event, kindly extended to the SCI by the German Table Tennis Federation:

Mr. S. Gerdzikov (BUL)
Mr. K. Dmitrov (RUS)
Mr. K. Strong (IRE)
Mr. G. Wagener (GER)
Mr. M. Nieman (ISR)
Mr. Zvi Rathaus (ISR)
Mr. D. Karaivanov (BUL)
Mr. T. Martin (IRE)

We wish them an enjoyable stay with plenty of first-class T.T.

146 Nations will be represented – the organisers expect around 3.500 accredited persons, among them 97 Women's Teams with 387 female athletes, 123 Men's Teams with 506 male athletes, 230 coaches and 171 umpires!





FUTURE EVENTS

WORLD VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

25th - 30th June, 2012

10 Invited S.C.I. Members

The following ten members have been allocated a place at the above mentioned championships, as 'playing' guests of the Swedish T.T. Association. We wish them every success and a most enjoyable tournament in Stockholm!



Michael Appelgren (SWE) Mrs. M. Van Gelder (BEL) Mr. L. Van Gelder (BEL) Mr. C. Pedersen (DEN) Mrs. M. Stretton (RSA) Mrs. T. Földy (SUI) Mrs. B. Kaminsky (USA) Mr. P. O'Brien (IRE) Mrs. E. Santifaller (ITA) Mr. Wenyuan Diao (CHN)

The organisers can accommodate 3200 players.

This number was reached soon after the start of the online entry.

More than 300 additional players had to be put onto the waiting list!

During meetings in Stockholm together with the organisers,
Hans Westling and Michael Theis (our Computer Expert) discussed with
Thomas Wadsten and Göran Aldvik – all aspects regarding their areas of responsibility.
The outcome was regarded as very positive and they look forward to further contacts.





FUTURE EVENTS

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

HERNING - DENMARK

17th - 21st October, 2012

5 Invited S.C.I. Members

Those Members wishing to apply for one of the 5 places kindly offered by the Danish Table Tennis Association to attend this event are requested to apply to the following address:

C/o D.Schöler, Schäferstrasse 2, 40479 Düsseldorf, Germany. or per email e.d.schoeler@mail.isis.de

Apply no later than 31st May, 2012













ANNOUNCEMENT

The 17th WORLD VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

will be held in

AUCKLAND - NEW ZEALAND

12th - 17th May, 2014

Courtesy of TTNZ





▲ Visit to Auckland

▼Main Venue

SCI members, from left to right: James Morris, Hans Westling, Alan Tomlinson





SWAYTHLING CLUB INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DORTMUND - GERMANY

28th March, 2012 at 11.00-13.00 MEETING ROOM 16

AGENDA

- 1. President's Welcome
- 2. Appointment of Scrutineers
- 3. Approval of Minutes from previous A.G.M. (AGM Rotterdam, Netherlands 2011 Published in the SCI NEWS No.91)
- 4. President's Report
- 5. Treasurer's Report
- 6. Motion for amendments to the Rules, if any
- 7. Motion for any proposals
- 8. Any other business
 - a) Associate Members
 - b) S.C.I. News printed/ posted or in future only published on website for printing?

PLEASE NOTE:

"A Reception by the D.T.T.B given for the Swaythling Club will take place on Wednesday 28th March at approximately 18,30 hrs – directly after the German Men's match which starts at 16.00 hrs - either in the venue or the Restaurant area of the Park Hotel, next to the venue."

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COUNTRY CORNER BULGARIA

The annual meeting of the Bulgarian S.C.I. took place in Sofia on the 10th January, 2012 at the Restaurant Gurko 22. Seven members and honoured invited guests celebrated 80 years of Bulgarian Table Tennis. Their President's happy smile points to a quiet but confident future for our Sport in Bulgaria!

Bulgarian SCI members, from left to right: Alexander Sladkarov, Slavek Gerdjikov, Najden Konov, Dimitar Karaivanov, Stefan Kitov





Mr. Slavek Gerdjikov - living in Prague - celebrated on the 12th January, 2012 his mother's, Mrs. Hana Gerdjikova's, 100th birthday!

Many congratulations. Fantastic!

Hana Gerdjikova (100 years old, sitting down), Slavek Gerdjikov and friends (standing).



COUNTRY CORNER IRELAND

It was with a great deal of pleasure that I flew to Dublin, Ireland last October to meet with Joe Veselsky, Pat O'Brien, Joe Hickey (ITTA President) and all the Irish Swaythling Club Members. What an enjoyable day it was for our Irish Members! A full house attendance with awards being presented to:

Bill Stringer Pat Conneely
Ian Erskine Jimmy Robinson
Pat Hunter Jennifer Thompson

Meeting our Irish friends once again was great! To have Joe Veselsky sitting opposite us after such a long while – brought back

so many good memories which both Ebby and I will treasure. Joe has been my inspiration over the years - if I have achieved just a little of his human knowledge, afore-sight and kindness – I will be more than satisfied. Thanks Pat, for all the hard work and preparation.

A truly memorable day!

Diane Schöler, SCI President

Irish SCI members at an award presentation during a meeting in Dublin, October 1st, 2011 From left to right: Andrew Dennison, Ken Strong, Alexander Thackaberry, Pat O'Brien, Colum Slevin, Joe Hickey, Tony Martin



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COUNTRY CORNER ISRAEL

S.C.I. MEETING held on the 11th January, 2012.

Present:

F. Borys(Chairman),

R. Snapir (Secretary), M. Neiman, O. Kraus,

Z. Rathaus (Raz), D. Davidson

Mr. Borys greeted members warmly, even though it was raining. He spoke of the late S. Ezratti, who passed away last November. Members honoured his memory by a moment of silence. Mr. Kraus reported on the European Championships in Gdansk which took place in memory of A. Grubba. The organisation was first class

and the Israeli team's results were good. The European TTA had made a great step forward.

Mr. Neiman reported on the youth in Israeli T.T and Mr. Z. Raz reported on the advanced Table Tennis studies for school pupils and adults. The last was trained by a former Yugoslav coach named Branca. Mr. F. Borys thanked Mrs. Schöler for her cordiality and at the same time reminded members to pay their fees.

Signed:

F. Borys. (Israeli Representative)

SCI members from Israel





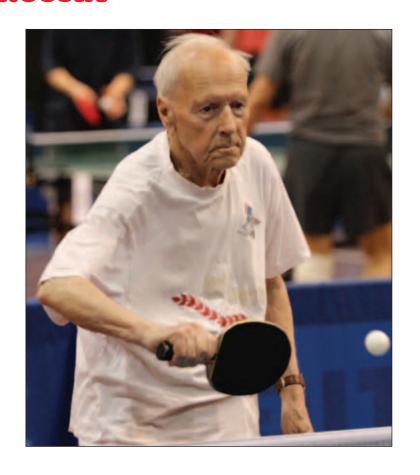
COUNTRY CORNER RUSSIA

ALEXANDER KAPTARENKO - turned 100 years old

Alexander Kaptarenko was born on January 27th 1912 in St. Petersburg.

His hobby is Table Tennis and he is training three times a week. He will be participating in the World Veterans Championships in Stockholm, Sweden in June.

Together with Dot de Low from Australia (also 100 years) they will be the oldest competitors taking part.



COUNTRY CORNER SERBIA



On the occasion of the Opening of a new "Training Centre" in Subotica, our SCI Member Alexandar Matkovic (former President of the Serbian T.T.A.) met legends Istvan Jonyer (HUN), on the right, and Dragutin Surbek (HRV) on the left, during the official opening ceremony last January.

Good to see them looking so well!

Opening Training Centre Subotica/Serbia. From left to right: Dragutin Surbek (HRV), Alexandr Matkovic, Istvan Jonyer (HUN)

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COUNTRY CORNER SWEDEN

Swedish SCI Members were invited to the S.O.C. in Stockholm from 19th – 23rd last October, which were held in the classic venue of Eriksdalshallen, at the same time to attend a special lunch. General Secretary Emanuel Christiansson informed everyone of the largest ever table tennis tournament to be organised in Sweden – the WVC 2012.

Sports Director Anders Johansson gave a summary of his observations during the Euros in Gdansk – at the same time presenting his plan for future Swedish successes. A most interesting discussion took place between those present, as both of the former International coaches were present!

Meeting of Swedish SCI members during the Swedish Open 2011. From left to right -

Standing up: Walter Rönmark, Christer Johansson, Christian Heyerdahl, Anders Johansson, Thomas Berner, Hans Westling, Emanuel Christiansson -Sitting down: Björne Mellström, Mikhael Appelgren, Nicke Bergström, Toni Borg, Tord Östner.





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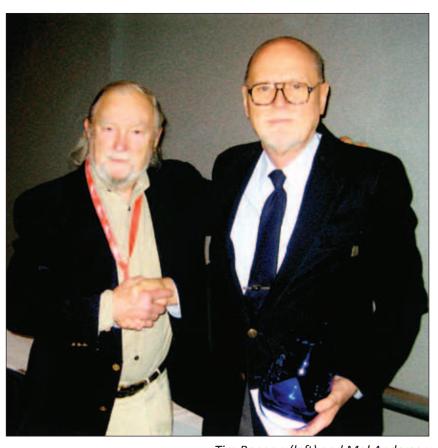
On December 15, 2011, during the Awards Induction Banquet of the 29th Annual Hall of Fame, our SCI member Mal Anderson received the "2011 Mark Matthews Lifetime Achievement Award" in American Table Tennis.

A member of the USTTA/ USATT since 1957, Mal is well known for being Secretary of the ITTF Rules Committee, and, back home, as Chair of the ASATT Rules Committee for almost a quarter-of-a-century. As the first U.S. International Umpire, he has a reputation for honesty and fairness. He also has held various Committee positions, including serving eight years on the Association's Executive Committee.

But all that is not what he is famous for. During his two-and-a-half-decade tenure as Chair of the USTTA Photography Committee, he has made the special contribution, greatly expanded in recent years, of an enormous number of T.T. photos, not only of our domestic players but those from many other countries. These are said to number – are you ready? – 55.000, which as photohistorian he's steadily catalogued and willed to the Association.

Mal's photos, in all their rich and complicated variety, bring back to us a world of basic human values and relationships, a secular/ spiritual world of wonderful memories and soul-fulfilling friendships.

Tim Boggan



Tim Boggan (left) and Mal Anderson

List of past winners of the "MARK MATTHEWS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD"

1999	Bobby Gusikoff	

2000 Sol Schiff

2001 Jimmy McClure

2002 Dick Miles

2003 Marty Reisman

2004 J. Rufford Harrison

2005 Leah Thall Neuberger

2005 Thelma "Tybie" Thall Sommer

2006 Joseph R. "Tim" Boggan

2007 George Braithwaite

2008 Danny Seemiller

2009 Houshang Bozorgzadeh

2010 Fred Danner

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IN MEMORIAM MIHOVIL (MISHA) KAPETANIC (SERBIA)

Serbia and World Table Tennis have lost a great personality. It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Mihovil – Misha (as he was known by his friends) Kapetanic, aged 89 years.

Mihovil Kapetanic was President of the European Table Tennis Union from 1986 to 1992, Vice President of ITTF and Personal Honorary Member of both ITTF and ETTU as well as a member of the ITTF President's Advisory Council. He was also Honorary President of the Balkan Table Tennis Union - but above all he was a good friend.

Serbian Table Tennis President Zoran Kalinic stated that a deep sense of sadness was felt in their circles. He sent their heart-felt condolence to Misha's family, particularly to his daughter.

We will always remember him and his enthusiasm for our sport.

Courtesy of ETTU and Serbian Table Tennis
Association



1982	Gothenburg	Sweden
1984	Helsinki	Finland
1986	Rimini	Italy
1988	Zagreb	Croatia
1990	Baltimore	USA
1992	Dublin	Ireland
1994	Melbourne	Australia
1996	Lillehammer	Norway
1998	Manchester	England
2000	Vancouver	Canada
2002	Lucerne	Switzerland
2004	Yokohama	Japan

WORLD VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS 1982-2016

2006	Bremen	Germany
2008	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil
2010	Hohhot	China
2012	Stockholm	Sweden
2014	Auckland	New Zealand
2016	Elche / Alicante	Spain



<u>IN MEMORIAM</u> KJELL JOHANSSON (SWEDEN)

On Monday, 24th October 2011, Kjell Johansson (SWE) passed away, after a short period of illness. This sudden, devastating news shocked the whole T.T. fraternity. He was and will remain one of the greatest players to have graced our sport. World Champion, European Champion and Swedish champion – Kjell is a table tennis legend!

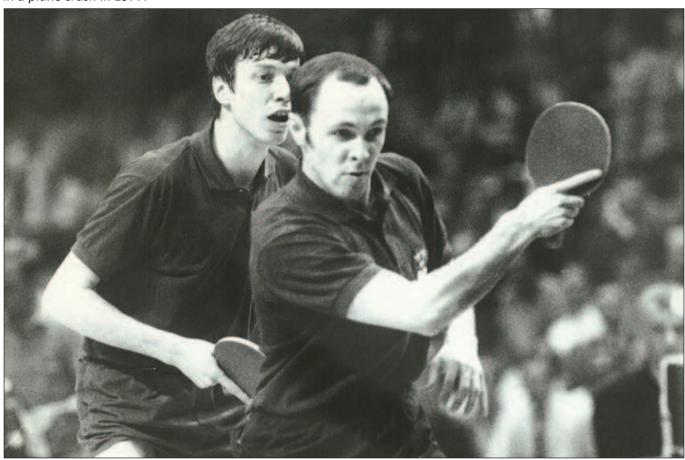
Above all, he will be remembered as one of the fairest sportsman to inspire our sport – for which he was awarded the UNICEF Fair Play Award. The Swaythling Club International were honoured to have had Kjell Johansson as a member and prominent part of our T.T. history.

He will be greatly missed.



Kjell Johansson - Photo also taken in Munich 1969

Hans Alser/Kjell Johansson - Kjell and his friend and partner Hans "Hasse" Alser during the World Championships in Munich 1969, where they won the Men's Doubles, for the second time after Stockholm 1967. Hasse was sadly killed in a plane crash in 1977.





IN MEMORIAM COR du BUY (NED)









We announce with great sadness the death of Cor Du Buy on Friday 11th November 2011, after a short illness, at the age of 90 years.

His name has been linked with table tennis over the past 75 years when he won his first Dutch Title at the age of sixteen. Only last year he was a guest of the organisation during the World Championships in Rotterdam.

Like many of us, he learnt to play table tennis on the kitchen table (our family on the dining-room table!).

Nine times National Singles Champion – not forgetting Men's Doubles eight times and Mixed Doubles five times! Without question, his achievements would have been that much greater had it not been for the intervention of World War II.

He popularised table tennis throughout the Netherlands over many years - giving exhibition matches throughout the land. He received the title "Bondsritter" (Knight) and was named the national player of the century in 1999. The ITTF honoured him with its Merit Award. He will be remembered throughout his country as a top sportsman and fine promoter of table tennis!

Courtesy of Bas den Breejen

- 1. Action photo +/- 1960
- 2. International match Netherland vs. England in 1948 From left to right:

Will van Zoelen, Cor du Buy, Victor Barna, Johnny Leach

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From left to right: Football Star Johan Cruiff, Cor du Buy, Bert van der Helm

4. Cor met Carla and Paul Gimbel (1999)



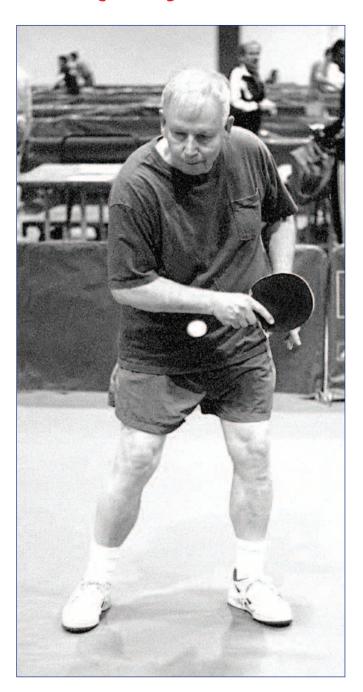
IN MEMORIAM GEORGE HENDRY (USA)

In 1936, after George had won the 1935 U.S. Open Boys U-15 and the 1936 Men's Western Open, his picture would appear on the back cover of the well-known "Wheaties" cereal box. At the 1937 Intercities, George, now 17, won the Outstanding Player Award and became a member of the 1938 U.S. World team. At Wembley, Hendry's play was likened to Defending Champion Bergmann's, his "tireless game", and in two matches with the Champ himself George gave Richard plenty of trouble. On returning to the States, Hendry was ranked U.S. second behind Sol Schiff, and first in Doubles with his early St. Louis mentor, Bill Price for whom in 1984 he'd write an obituary for the official U.S. Table Tennis magazine.

Later, from June, 1941 until his return to Military School in January, 1942, he'd go on Tour with the premier exhibition performer of the day, Coleman Clark. They played in such places as the Roxy Theatre and Radio City Music Hall, and at times shared the billing with notables as Benny Goodman, Tommy Dorsey and Cab Calloway. Whilst in U.S. Service, George did a stint as a Medic in the Phillipines, earned two Bronze Stars, then came back to Table Tennis, met and played Mixed with his future wife, Marilyn, then left the Sport in 1952.

He established a career in Accounting, had children, and was eventually divorced. More than 25 years later, he returned to Table tennis and in the 1981 US Closed Over 50's - had no trouble in beating me, 10 years his junior, and a circuit regular!

That's when the second of Hendry's two table tennis lives started. For details of Hendry's Second T.T. life please go to the SCI/



WVC website - and read more of this most fascinating player.

We will never forget his fairness, integrity, justice and everlasting humanity.

Tim Boggan



IN MEMORIAM

Sadly, we also inform you of the following members who have passed away throughout the past year. They are:

November 2011 Shmuel Azrati (Israel)

Long time veteran of Israeli Table Tennis – aged 92.

December 2011 Finn Arnesen (Norway)

Long time member

Kjell Svanevik (Norway)

Age 74. He was a central and very active friend in Norwegian T.T. as a player, umpire and organiser. President of NTTA from 1977 -

1983. A fine personality in our sport.

January 2012 Kveta Hruskova (Czech.Rep.)

Aged 87 years. Runner-up in women's singles

at the World Championships 1949, losing 2:3 to Gizzi Farkas.

Multiple Winner of Czechoslovak Championships

Photo (Courtesy of Libuse Uhrova) - From left to right: Kroupova, Kveta Hruskova (sitting down), Vyhnanovsky, Kolar







NEWS FLASH

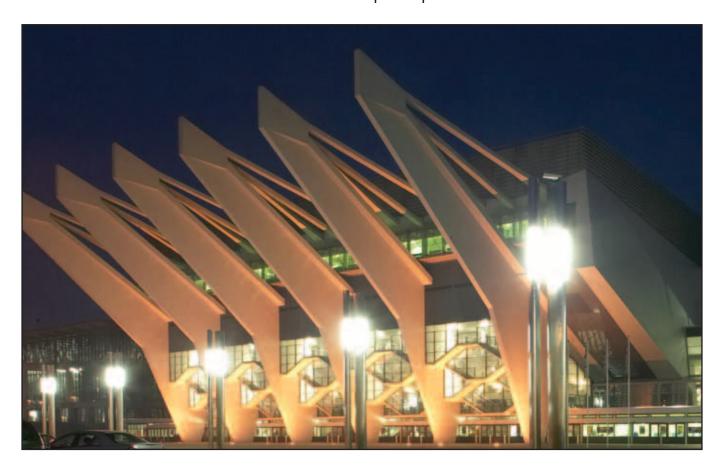
EUROPEAN VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS BREMEN - GERMANY

27th MAY - 1st JUNE, 2013

The 10th European Veterans Championships will be held in the ÖVB ARENA – Bremen, Germany from the 27th May – 1st June, 2013.



It is anticipated that 130 Tables will be in use – coupled with special flooring and perfect lighting. Accommodation will range from small boarding houses to five star luxury hotels, all within walking distance to the hall. The organisers expect approximately 3000 participants!



STANLEY PROFFITT AWARD

Due to the unusually low interest rates accumulated on the Stanley Proffitt special account over the last yearly period - the SCI Executive Committee made the decision to

carry the interest amounts forward into year 2013, before donating this award. Discussions will be held at the end of year 2012 to once again assess the overall situation.



NEWS FLASH

SCI JUNIOR TROPHIES

In November 2011, at the Volkswagen World Junior Championships in Bahrein, the "SCI Richard Bergmann Fair Play Trophy was awarded to 17 year old Simon Gauzy

from France and to 18 year old Ankita Das from India. The presentation was made by George Segun, Chairman of the ITTF President's Advisory Council.





The PAT O'BRIEN TROPHY

The Pat O'Brien Trophy – silver plates in wooden frames, engraved with the names of all winners of World Veterans Titles in the various age categories – will be exhibited during the World Veterans Championships in Stockholm next June.

You are welcome to check your memories there!





MEMBERSHIP FEE

N.B.

We respectfully remind our members to update their Membership Fees, either through their Representative or directly, at their earliest convenience. Please note my correct email address, which was incorrectly printed in the newly published booklet!

Werner Schnyder, Treasurer

