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INTERNATIONAL**

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**Rosalind Cornett née Rowe**  
**(14.04.1933 – 15.06.2015)**  
**World Champion in Women's**  
**Doubles 1951 and 1954**

*Photo: SCI*

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# SWAYTHLING CLUB INTERNATIONAL

(FOUNDED - STOCKHOLM 1967)

FOR TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONS AND OFFICIALS WHO HAVE  
REPRESENTED THEIR COUNTRY IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



Recognized by  
the ITTF

## HONORARY PRESIDENTS

Mr. Victor BARNA (Founder – Deceased 1972)  
Mr. Joe VESELSKY  
Dr. Zarko DOLINAR (Deceased 2003)  
Mr. Steve BOROS (Deceased 1994)  
Mr. Johnny LEACH MBE (Deceased 2014)  
Mr. Ferenc SIDO (Deceased 1998)  
Mr. Hugo URCHETTI (Deceased 2004)  
Mr. Ichiro OGIMURA (Deceased 1994)  
Mrs. Diane SCHÖLER

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1967 Hon. Ivor MONTAGU (Deceased 1984)  
1967 Mr. Bill VINT (Deceased 1993)  
1970 Mr. H. Roy EVANS (Deceased 1998)  
1972 Mrs. Suzy BARNA (Deceased 2014)  
1988 Mr. Hikosuke TAMASU (Deceased 1998)  
1993 Mr. Ranga RAMANUJAN (Deceased 2013)  
1994 Mrs. Nancy Roy EVANS (Deceased 1998)

## PRESIDENT

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Vacant position

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Reto BAZZI (SUI)

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Mr. Richard YULE (ENG)

**Press and Publicity** - Not assigned

### Public Relations

Mr. Milan ORLOWSKI (CZE)

**Sponsorship** - Not assigned

### World Veteran Championships

Director: SCI President

Chairman: Mr. Hans WESTLING (SWE)

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The new table tennis season 2015/2016 has just started. Now we can concentrate on the upcoming competitions - as players, officials or fans.

In this edition of our News, we look back to the highlights of the year – the World Individual Championships in Suzhou/China with the minutes of our AGM (pages 8 to 15) and the European Veteran Championships in Tampere/Finland with results and photos (pages 18 to 21). Both events were great opportunities for our members to meet up again and renew friendships.

I am glad to inform you that several SCI members will be offered - courtesy of the organising Association - to visit the World Team Championships in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia) as well as the World Veteran Championships in Alicante/Elche (Spain). Please go to pages 6 and 7 for details.

Interesting news from National SCI sections you find on pages 22 to 28, and some historic photos we found for publication under “Down Memory Lane” on pages 16 and 17.

Unfortunately, we also have to report that 4 members passed away recently, among them again one former World Champion; read pages 29 to 34. We will remember them!

Finally, I am pleased to inform you of some progress with regard to our website. With the assistance of Ian Marshall and Mohamed Dawlatly from ITTF, several sections from the SCI Booklet have been transferred to the right-hand side of the website. We hope to insert further useful information regarding national and international table tennis legends in the near future.

Take care –  
and best wishes!

Sincerely,

**Eberhard Schöler**  
President SCI





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## WEBSITE

### **THE SWAYTHLING CLUB INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE IS ONLINE !!!**



**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/ front Page/ittf7.asp?category=s club](http://www.ittf.com/front Page/ittf7.asp?category=s club)

***You can now view, download and even print the SCI NEWS direct from our website !!!***

### **Table Tennis Collector**



**Chuck Hoey, Editor TCC**  
*Photo by ITTF Museum*

Please be informed that the new edition of the Table Tennis Collector Journal, edition 76 (May 2015) is now available.

This is a direct link to the pdf download:

<http://www.ittf.com/museum/TTC76.pdf>

Please allow sufficient time for the download, which is 10 MB in size.

You can also access it via the ITTF Museum homepage: [ittf.com/museum](http://ittf.com/museum)

Click on the Journal icon, and select edition 76.

This issue has 62 pages of table tennis history – including a collection of items the late Susie Barna conveyed to the ITTF Museum, which is the cover story for TTC76.

Enjoy!

## FUTURE EVENTS

### **LIEBHERR ITTF EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS YEKATERINBURG/RUSSIA 25th September to 4th October 2015**

The following six Swaythling Club Members  
have received an invitation to attend this event:

Dmitry Abramenko, Israel  
Dimitar Karaivanov, Bulgaria  
Oscar Kraus, Israel

Pierre Juliens, Belgium  
Ryslan Kotsev, Russia  
Walter Rönmark, Sweden

We wish all attending members a most enjoyable stay in Yekaterinburg  
and many exciting table tennis matches!

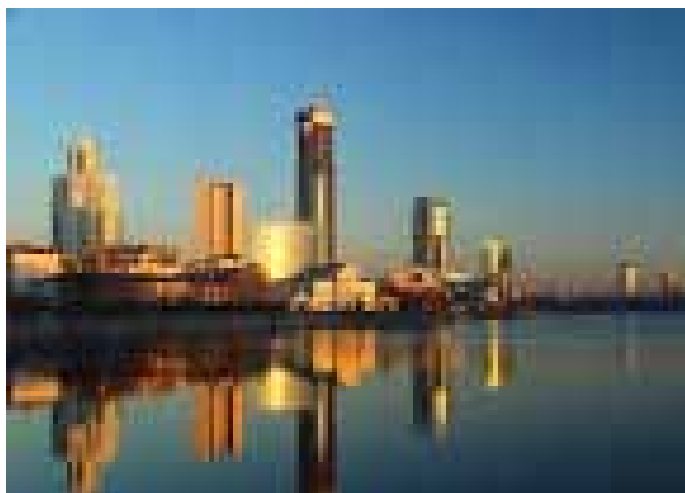


**LIEBHERR**  
**EUROPEAN**  
**TABLE TENNIS**  
**CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**YEKATERINBURG-RUSSIA**  
**25 sep - 4 oct 2015**

▲ Event Logo

◀ Touristic attraction

All photos by Russian Table Tennis Federation



For more details go to the organiser's website: <http://www.etc2015.com/eng>



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## FUTURE EVENTS

### **“PERFECT CHINA” WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA February 28th – March 6th, 2016**

7 Invited SCI Members

Those members wishing to apply for one of the seven places kindly offered by the Malaysian Table Tennis Association to attend this event are requested to apply to the following address:

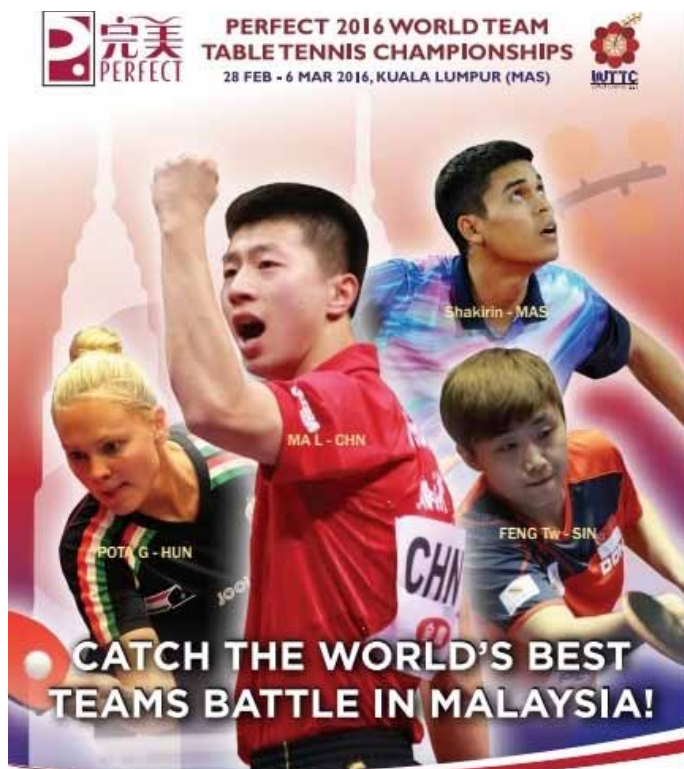
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Bismarckstraße 40 b, DE-41564 Kaarst, Germany  
or per email: e.d.schoeler@unitybox.de or gloriawagener@web.de

**Apply no later than 31st October, 2015**

Poster of the Event

Both photos by Malaysian Table Tennis Association

Poster of the Event





## FUTURE EVENTS

### **WORLD VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016 ALICANTE/ELCHE (SPAIN) 23rd to 29th May 2016**

10 Invited SCI Members



Those members wishing to apply for one of the ten offered places to participate as players at the above event are requested to apply to the following address:

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or: gloriawagener@web.de

**Apply no later than  
31st October, 2015**

To avoid problems regarding bookings and cancellations, all applicants should not enter the event individually or with a group before the SCI Invited Guests have been announced officially.



▀ *Venue and Map*  
▀ *Harbour and Castle*  
*Photos by Spanish Table Tennis Federation*

Details regarding the Championships you can view under [www.wvc2016.com](http://www.wvc2016.com)



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## **RICHARD BERGMANN SCI FAIR PLAY AWARD**

Zhu Yuling setting the example, reflecting the Swaythling Club spirit.

Winner of the Women's Doubles title at the QOROS 2015 World Championships in partnership with Chinese National Team colleague, Liu Shiwen, earlier in the evening of the concluding day in Suzhou, Sunday 3rd May, Zhu Yuling had been the recipient of a further accolade.

Following recommendations made by umpires, she was presented with the award for sportsmanship by the President of the Swaythling Club International, reflecting their mission statement of being an organisation that represents respect, fair play and friendship.

Throughout the tournament, Zhu Yuling had impressed officials with her attitude and behaviour; by nature she is quiet but as with all who win titles on the big stage there is an inner determination to succeed.

*Excerpts from an article by Ian Marshall, published on the SCI website on May 5th.*

*Photo by ITTF*



## **OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Please note that the SCI Office has been moved from the centre of Düsseldorf in Germany to a small village nearby. The new contact details are:

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**SCI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
IN SUZHOU/CHINA**

**during the Qoros World Individual Championships  
29th April, 2015, 15.00 - 17.00 hrs,  
Meeting Room 3 in the venue**

**MINUTES**

1. President's Welcome
2. Appointment of Scrutineers
3. Approval of Minutes of the previous AGM (Tokyo 2014, included in SCI News No. 97)
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Auditor's Report
7. Adoption of Budget
8. Appointment of Auditors
9. Report of the WVC Committee Chairman
10. Motion for Amendments to the Rules, if any
11. Release of the Executive Committee and Sub-Committees
12. Elections
  - a. SCI Executive Committee
  - b. WVC Committee
  - c. Directors and members for other SCI Sub-Committees
13. Any other business

*Outside view of the venue with event poster • Photo by SCI*





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## 1. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Ebby Schöler welcomed all members to the AGM in Suzhou and hoped they had had a chance to enjoy some of the championships. He looked forward to a smooth AGM and afterwards there would be a small reception given by the Chinese organizers. He hoped other meetings beforehand would be finished on time to enable for example European and Oceania members to attend the SCI AGM.

He stated that he would like at this point to thank the Chinese Table Tennis Association for their generosity regarding SCI Invited Guests and also to thank the Organising Committee for giving the SCI an office and meeting rooms for the AGM and WVC Presentations.

## 2. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEERS

Dr. Chandra Madhosingh from Canada agreed to be scrutineer, however, he did inform the members that it could be that he might not manage to stay for the whole AGM, as he wanted to watch later that afternoon a Canadian player in the arena.

## 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS A.G.M.

(Tokyo, Japan 2014, included in the SCI NEWS No 97)

Proposal to accept the minutes from Tokyo, 2014 was put forward and unanimously accepted by the assembly.

## 4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Firstly, Ebby thanked the ITTF - to name a few; Etsuko Enami who arranged the meeting rooms and was always quick to answer any queries; Judith Farago ITTF Executive Director and Habiba, who with Gloria does the SCI addresses on the data base. Ian Marshall helps with articles, which are most important for the SCI website.

Since Tokyo, he stated, 10 SCI members had passed away, including founder member Laszlo Földy and very suddenly and unexpected Vera Bazzi Director of the SCI Committee Press and Publicity. Johnny Leach the SCI Deputy President also died middle of last year. Other members who are no longer with us are:

Keith Bowler, Australia  
Christian Duvivier, Belgium  
Giuseppe Molina, Italy  
Sally Green Prouty, USA  
Geoffrey Reed, Jersey  
Aubrey Simons, England  
Georges Wassmer, Switzerland

He requested the assembly to stand for a minutes silence in remembrance.

He thanked the assembly and continued that 17 new members had joined since the last AGM, among them Thomas Weikert, ITTF President – in fact all ITTF Presidents were or had been members of the SCI – the ETTU President, Ronald Kramer and the ETTA President Sandra Deaton - four members from England and two from Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia. An item for discussion he said within the Executive was that a considerable

SCI members at the meeting • Photo by SCI



number of members in the SCI were over 80 and some even over 90 years of age. The SCI need younger members and the Executive had some ideas regarding this; however, it was not so easy to put them into force. If members and representatives have any suggestions or get the opportunity to encourage younger internationally retired players to join, please inform the Executive Committee.

The SCI NEWS, Ebby stated, was arranged by Diane and himself in the SCI office and involved quite a lot of time and work. Ian Marshall had helped with articles for the last few issues and Jens-Erik Linde had managed a good layout. For the past couple of years it had been printed in Slovakia by Anton Hamran and the SCI were very pleased with this arrangement. He impressed upon members and representatives to send any articles of SCI meetings, tournaments or any other interesting information on its members to the SCI Office. Some countries had a meeting every year, perhaps, he said, this could be improved in certain countries where meetings had in the past not been held.

He reported that 7 members had been invited to Suzhou; for the European Veterans in Tampere, Finland 6 members had been invited, who have, of course, to participate in the tournament. Today, he continued, he was informed that for the Worlds in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia next year 7 places had generously been offered to the SCI. The deadline date for applications would be announced in the next NEWS in September.

The SCI trophy being presented by the SCI in Suzhou, he said, was the "Richard Bergmann" Fair Play Award - chosen by the umpires. Fortunately, he pointed out, table tennis was a very fair sport in comparison to some other sports. For the team event next year in Malaysia the SCI would present the Victor Barna "Best Player Award" and every year a Junior Fair Play Award was presented to a male and female at the junior world championships.

He informed the assembly of the latest information received that table tennis was now the largest sports association with 222 national associations in the world. Perhaps, he stated people could be encouraged to play more table tennis outside of China!

Ebby continued that the WVC Presentations for 2018 took place on Monday and the countries presenting were France, Japan, Korea and USA. The WVC Committee decided yesterday that Las Vegas, USA would host the 2018 World Veterans Championships and due to the quality of bids France was given the option for the 2020 WVC in Bordeaux. Of course, he stated inspection visits had to be made. The forthcoming WVC would take place in Spain 2016 and the SCI was in continuous contact with the Spanish Organising Committee.

He concluded his report by thanking all officers, directors and Committee members for their work in the past two years – and finally asked if there were any questions from members. No comments were made.

## **a) Adoption of Report**

*The President's report was agreed and adopted.*

## **5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer, Werner Schnyder, commented on the financial outcome of the years 2014 and 2015.

### **Subscriptions:**

He advised members that subscriptions were paid fairly well on time, but it had to be pointed out however, that a considerable number of countries did not respond to invoices or reminders, even though the Club was interested in providing assistance to members who had health or financial problems.

He continued that an increasing number of members had taken advantage of the one year rebate when paying the membership fee for 5 years in advance.

### **Assistance and Support**

Werner informed the assembly that the Swaythling Club had been able to provide some financial help to a number of members.

### **Profit and Loss statement**

Werner advised members that a consolidated profit of CHF 27.880,19 had been achieved during the 2 year fiscal period. He said this had been mainly due to the following facts:

*From left to right: Ivo Goran Munivrana, Juriy Gazaryan, Radivoj Hudetz • Photo by SCI*





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A number of countries had paid their membership fees 5 years in advance and the Veteran World Championships in Auckland, New Zealand contributed to this profit. He continued that thanks to the generous contribution of the SCI sponsors, Butterfly and Tibhar, the high cost of the magazine could be reduced. On the other hand he pointed out that the overall cost of the Swaythling Club due to its commitments such as the twice yearly magazine and donations to members who are in need of help exceed the income from membership fees.

## **Current Assets**

The assets of the Swaythling Club International had increased from CHF 283.384,10 up to CHF 311,264.29. With this amount he was confident to be able to ensure all the future activities and responsibilities toward the members.

## **WVC**

This Event, he explained was organized under the responsibility of the SCI and had become an

Reto Bazzi, SCI Rules Expert, smiling, as there were no propositions for changes to the rules and regulations • Photo by Zdenko Kriz



extremely important and popular championship. This was not only from the sporting point of view, but also a financial topic to secure and cover all the necessary expenditures, such as future Presentations for WVC organizers, office overheads, WVC Committee meetings and when necessary travel expenses. As already mentioned the event 2014 in New Zealand was a big success. The next WVC Championship would be held in Spain 2016, he stated, and he was positive that a spectacular and well organized tournament would be had and hopefully a high number of participants

## **Outlook 2015/2016**

He was confident to be able to present a positive financial result at the end of the fiscal period in 2016. Werner said he was at the assembly's disposal for any further questions and concluded his report with many thanks to his colleagues and the Executive Committee and he expressed his sincere and special gratitude to the President Ebby Schöler for doing such an excellent job.

He thanked the assembly for their attention. No comments were made.

## **a) Adoption of Report**

*Report was agreed and adopted.*

## **6. AUDITORS REPORT**

The Auditor's Report for the fiscal years 2013 and 2014 signed by Mr. Laszlo Pal and Trix Luterbacher and read to the assembly by Alan Ransome. It stated they had in their capacity as auditors for the Swaythling Club International audited the books on April 16th 2015 for the financial period 1st January 2013 – 31st December 2014. All records for the mentioned period were available to them for audit. Werner Schnyder, Treasurer of the Swaythling Club International, who was responsible for the accounting, supplied all the information they had requested.

Spot checks of the most important income and expenditures convinced the auditors that the records were in order and the books clearly arranged and kept correctly and with due care. Moreover they had verified all the different bank accounts and the balances.

The balance sheet as per December 31st 2014 showed a consolidated profit of the Swaythling

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Club International of CHF 27'880.19 and the current assets showed a total income of CHF 311'264.29.

All books and documents were kept in perfect order. The auditors expressed their warm thanks to the Treasurer, Werner Schnyder and recommended, based on their detailed audit, that the accounts presented be approved and that the Treasurer's actions be ratified.

## **a) Adoption of Report**

*Report was agreed and adopted*

## **7. ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR NEXT TWO YEARS**

The Treasurer advised members that the assessed total Income for SCI/WVC for the years 2015/2016 would be CHF 51,800.00. Expenses for the years 2015/2016 were assessed at CHF 35,500.00 which left an estimated profit of CHF 16,300.00.

*The Budget was agreed and adopted*

## **8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

It was agreed by the assembly to appoint Mr. Laszlo Pal and Mrs Trix Luterbacher as auditors for a further two years.

## **9. REPORT OF THE WVC CHAIRMAN**

Hans Westling gave a short report stating that a week after the Worlds Championships in Tokyo 2014 the WVC was held in Auckland, New Zealand. The tournament, he said, was run in one hall with 1,600 participants who were well satisfied with the organization. A big thank you on behalf of the WVC Committee was given to Paul Kyle and his team for staging such a wonderful tournament.

The forthcoming WVC championships would be held in Elche and Alicante, Spain 2016 and the venue was situated between these two cities. A large participation was expected and if any of the SCI members were interested, they should go to the website [www.WVC2016.com](http://www.WVC2016.com) for information. He hoped to see many SCI members participating in Spain next year.

He informed the assembly, that yesterday long discussions were held to decide who would host

the 2018 WVC and eventually the WVC Committee decided that the World Veteran Championships 2018 would take place in Las Vegas, USA during the month of June. An option for 2020 was given to Bordeaux, France. He commented that all applicants presented bids of a very high standard and Japan and Korea were advised by the WVC Committee to come back to apply for a future Championship.

Hans thanked the assembly for their attention.

## **a) Adoption of Report**

*Report was agreed and adopted*

## **10. MOTION FOR AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES**

No motions were put forward, but Ebby explained a proposal that would be put forward in the future to incorporate the Para TT into the SCI regulations, which the ITTF had successfully already done. The Para TT Championships were, he said, separate to other World Championships. The SCI would invite Oivind Eriksen, who was involved in the Para TT, to an Executive meeting in autumn to discuss the most practical way to integrate them into the friendly Swaythling Club International and then in Malaysia 2016 put the proposition forward at the AGM. This was agreed by the assembly.

From left to right: Diane Schöler, Jing Tian-Zörner, Ebby Schöler • Photo by SCI





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## 11. RELEASE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEES

Alan Ransome thanked the present Committees for their work – the AGM then released the present Officers, Directors and Committee Members.

## 12. ELECTIONS

Before voting took place Ebby explained to the assembly the importance of Johnny Leach, a former World Champion who had been the Deputy President of the SCI until he passed away middle of last year; even though he was unable to travel during the latter years, his heart was with the SCI and continual contact was kept with him by telephone discussing all items. Ebby mentioned that in the Constitution it was stated that the Executive Committee was responsible for the smooth running of the SCI and the Executive were of the opinion that a former World Champion or medallist should be found for the position of Deputy President. Therefore, he requested the assembly to give the EC one or two years at the most, the deadline would be the AGM in Düsseldorf 2017, maybe they could find somebody for this position before the AGM in Kuala Lumpur 2016. If nobody, however, could be found, then he would open the position to members for nominations. He hoped that the assembly would be in agreement with his suggestion.

The proposal was agreed unanimously by the assembly. Ebby thanked members and said that he and the EC would try and find a solution.

From left to right: Juriy Gazaryan, Svetoslav Gerdjikov, Koji Kimura, Sergei Wagin • Photo by SCI



As the same SCI Executive Committee and WVC Committee were standing for nomination it was proposed that all committees be elected on block. This was seconded by Dr. Chandra Madhosingh and Mr. Foong Keong Chan.

### a) SCI Executive Committee

New Executive Committee for the next two years:

President: Eberhard Schöler  
Deputy President: vacant  
Treasurer: Werner Schnyder  
Secretary: Gloria Wagener  
Rules Expert: Reto Bazzi

### b) WVC Committee:

The WVC Committee for the next two years voted on block consists of:

WVC Chairman: Hans Westling  
WVC Director: Eberhard Schöler  
WVC Treasurer: Werner Schnyder  
WVC Secretary: Gloria Wagener  
WVC Committee Member:  
vacant (SCI Deputy President)  
WVC Rules Expert: Reto Bazzi  
WVC Computer Expert: Michael Theis

The above Committees were voted unanimously by the assembly for another two years.

### c) SCI Sub-Committees - Proposal:

#### National & International Relations

Director: Mr. Richard Yule (SCO)  
Ass. Director: Mr. P. Alaor Azevedo (Brazil)  
Dr. Michael Scott (USA)  
Mrs. Marta Stretton (South Africa)  
Mr. Amir Mirsadeghi (Iran)  
Mr. Carlos Taranto (Uruguay)

#### Press & Publicity

Director: Vacant  
Ass. Director: Mrs. S. Federova (Russia)  
Publication of SCI News:  
Mr. J.E. Linde (Denmark)  
Jaroslav Stanek (Czech Republic)  
Mr. Ian Marshall (ENG)

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## Public Relations

Director: Mr. Milan Orlowski (CZE)  
Ass. Director:  
Mr. Chan Foong Keong (Malaysia)  
Mr. Koji Oribe (Japan)

## Sponsorship & Advertising

Director: Vacant  
Ass. Director:  
Mr. Houshang Bozorgzadeh (USA)  
Mr. Laszlo Pal (Switzerland)  
Zbynek Spacek (Czech Republic)

Ebby explained that the EC had not been able to fill the position of Director for the Sponsorship and Advertising Committee since Tim Boggan had been the Director. Houshang Bozorgzadeh, Assistant Director was unable to be contacted, perhaps he was unwell.

The Press and Publicity Committee, he continued, had no Director due to the sudden death of Vera Bazzi a few months previously who had occupied this position. Jens-Erik was still publishing the SCI NEWS and Libuse Uhrova has retired from her position on the committee; Jaroslav Stanek is to take her place – he is also the new SCI National Representative for the Czech Republic. Ian Marshall had kindly accepted to join this committee, helping with articles for the website and publication.

The above mentioned SCI Sub-Committees and their Directors were unanimously agreed on block by the assembly.

## 13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Foong Keong Chan commented on the ITTF Veterans Committee – he thought it incorrect that Hans and Diane, who were members, should not receive free hospitality at World Championships by the Organising Committee, as do the other members of the Committee. He suggested that the SCI write officially to the ITTF regarding this matter.

Ebby thanked him and said he would consider his suggestion. At the same time he informed Mr.Chan that he and the SCI Members were looking forward to their stay in Kuala Lumpur next year.

There were no further comments subsequently the meeting was adjourned at 16.30 hrs.

Prepared by	Read and confirmed by
.....	.....
Gloria Wagener Secretary SCI	Eberhard Schöler President SCI

4th June, 2015 - Ratingen

## Completion of a caption in SCI News No. 98 March 2015



Claude Bergeret and Jean Devys both have informed us that the “unnamed official” in the section “Down Memory Lane, 61 years ago” is **Marcel Corbillon (France)** who is presenting “his” Cup (still existing) to the Japanese Women’s Team.

Many thanks, Claude and Jean!

### First triumph of Japanese Women’s Team

World Champions, from left to right: Fujie Eguchi, Kiiko Watanabe, Yoshiko Tanaka, Koji Gotoh (Captain), Hideko Gotoh, Marcel Corbillon.

Photo by JTTA



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## DOWN MEMORY LANE



### ▲ 49 years ago European Championships 1966, Wembley Stadium, London

Top players from left to right: Heirits (HUN), Agnes Simon (GER), Eva Koczian (HUN), Diane Schöler-Rowe (ENG), Eberhard Schöler (GER) Vlado Miko (CSSR), Victor Barna (ENG), Svetlana Grinberg (SU), Martha Luzova (CSSR), Laima Balaishite (SU)

Photo by SCI

Poster from an event in Sweden 1954 Photo by SCI  
▼ Ogimura, Flisberg, Leach, Elmblad , 2 x Rowe



Suzie and Victor Barna 1938 in London  
Photo by ITTF





## DOWN MEMORY LANE



### ▲▶ 80 years ago

**World Championships 1935** in London, England  
Marie Kettnerova, Czechoslovakia, winner of the women's singles against Gal (Hungary) 3:1 (-15, 18, 11, 19), with her trophy.

And on the right hand side, this is how Marie looked like at the end of last century, at her home in the Czech Republic – very good!

*Both photos by Czech SCI*



### ▼ 46 years ago

**World Championships 1969** in Munich, Germany  
The Japanese Teams, winning four gold medals, with their cups and presents

*Photo by SCI*





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### EUROPEAN VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS TAMPERE/FINLAND

**June 29th – July 4th, 2015**

Since 1995, the European Veteran Championships have been organised eleven times – this year the event took place in Tampere/Finland between June 29 and July 4.

It was the outstanding largest table tennis event ever staged in Finland and became a big success in all aspects.

In one playing hall with 94 tables, the conditions for 1830 participants were perfect – and as a sufficient number of volunteers were also present and the announced time table was followed perfectly, everybody was more than pleased.

Approximately 30 SCI members took part and actually performed very well. Most successful in terms of medals was Branca Batinic, winning the WS 50 and receiving a silver medal in WD 50. One gold medal each was the result for Claus Pedersen/Niels Ramberg in MD 65, Herbert Neubauer in MD 70 with his German partner, Ding Yi in MS 50, Lumir Ruzha in MS 85 and Maria Nemet Jonyerne in WS 65.

*From left to right: Esko Heikkinen, Zdenko Kriz, Suzie Hughes (ETTU VC), ETTU President Ronald Kramer, Sonja Grefberg, Gunter Klugmann (ETTU VC).*

All result from the Championships can be viewed on [www.evc2015.com](http://www.evc2015.com) and photos from all award ceremonies are available on [www.ettu.org](http://www.ettu.org), Media, Galleries.

Six invited guests from SCI were very well treated and most grateful to the organisers for this week in charming Tampere!

Bv Hans Westling



## The Winners, new European Veteran Champions 2015

Women	Singles	Doubles
Over 40	Cecile OZER (BEL)	E. CHUNIKHINA / L. LAVRUKHINA (RUS)
Over 50	Branka BATINIC (CRO)	M. VINTILA TIFACHI / M. GAFTEA (ESP/ROU)
Over 60	Elle OUN (EST)	M. HUßMANN / G. KUX-SIEBERATH (GER)
Over 65	M. NEMET JONYER (HUN)	M. KERWAT / U. KRÜGER (GER)
Over 70	Jutta BARON (GER)	R. BERG / K. RAUSCHER (GER)
Over 75	Karin NIEMEYER (GER)	K. GUTSCHMIDT / H. WUNNER (GER)
Over 80	Marianne BLASBERG (GER)	P. BUTCHER / M. BLASBERG (ENG/GER)
Over 85	Pam BUTCHER (ENG)	I. HECQ/G. LANGEN (BEL/GER)



▲ WS 50 / 1. Branka Batinic (CRO), 2. Inna Tikhomirova (RUS), 3. Maria Vintila Tifachi (ESP), 3. Marta Baubnerova (SVK)  
 ▼ WS 65 / 1. Maria Nemet Jonyer (HUN), 2. Larisa Ilinskaia (RUS), 3. Karin Flemke (GER), 3. Carol Cowie (ENG)





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## The Winners, new European Veteran Champions 2015

Men

Over 40  
Over 50  
Over 60  
Over 65  
Over 70  
Over 75  
Over 80  
Over 85

Singles

Dmitry MAZUNOV (RUS)  
DING YI (AUT)  
Bela FRANK (HUN)  
Nosratallah SAFAI (SWE)  
Wolfgang SCHMIDT (GER)  
Horst IFFLAND (SUI)  
Kai MERIMAA (FIN)  
Lumir RUZHA (CZE)

Doubles

G. RUBINSHTEIN / A. SAVELEV (RUS)  
Y. ILLARIONOV / I. ROLDUGIN (RUS)  
R. LINDMÄE / L. SEGAL (EST/UKR)  
C. PEDERSEN / N. RAMBERG (DEN)  
H. NEUBAUER / W. SCHMIDT (GER)  
V. AMOSOV / A. VALOV (RUS)  
A. DISSMANN / H. KOULA (GER)  
E. JUNKER/F. ROESSLER (GER)



▲ MD 65 / 1. Claus Pedersen/Niels Ramberg (DEN), 2. Matti Lappalainen/Göran Skogsberg (FIN/SWE), 3. John Clarke/Geoff Salter (ENG/SCO), 3. Jaroslav Kucera/Zdenek Remes (CZE)

▼ MD 70 / 1. Herbert Neubauer/Wolfgang Schmidt (GER), 2. Roy Norton/Kenneth Stonebridge (ENG), 3. Josef Merk/Rene Theilott (GER), 3. Leif Appelskog/Sven-Olof Kratz (SWE)





▲ MS 50 / 1. Ding Yi (AUT), 2. Carsten Egeholt (DEN), 3. Matthias Bluhm (GER), 3. Miroslav Cecava (CZE)

*All photos by Finnish Table Tennis Association*

▼ MS 85 / 1. Lumir Ruzha (CZE), 2. Rolf Gross (GER), 3. Friedrich Roessler (GER), 3. Michel Hovelaque (FRA)



**Please note that the next European Veteran Championships  
will be staged from 26th June to 1st July 2017  
in Helsingborg / Sweden.**



# SWAYTHLING CLUB INTERNATIONAL

## COUNTRY CORNER

### **BELGIUM**

The Flanders I.T.T. Ostend Masters is a well-known tournament, appreciated by the best European table tennis players. This year, organiser Jean Denys and his team succeeded in achieving a high level participation: Apollonia (POR – World Ranking 18), Steger (GER – WR 28), Franziska (GER – WR 31), Mengel (GER – WR 44), Kou Lei (HRV – WR 45), Shibaev (RUS – WR 54), Tokic (SRB – WR 70) and Belgium legend Jean-Michel Saive (WR 126). After having beaten Steger and Shibaev, Tokic won the final against against Kou Lei who had accounted for Mengel and Apollonia beforehand.

On 15th August, only a limited number of Belgian SCI members were present in Ostend, due to the holiday period. More members will attend the GAC World Tour Belgian Open on 12th September in De Haan, near Ostend. A report with photos from this get-together will be inserted onto the SCI/WVC website in the second half of September.

*By Pierre Juliens*

*From left to right: Pierre Juliens, Norbert Van de Walle, Frans Lanckman with "historical" bats from an exhibition of approximately 100 old bats • Photo by SCI Belgium*



## **COUNTRY CORNER** **CZECH REPUBLIC**

### ***"Merry go round" jubilee***

The Czech section of the SCI met on 15th April for the anniversary session in a Prague Ping Pong restaurant called "The Thirsty Stag". There were a lot of items to be discussed...

At the beginning, a new leadership had to be elected. After the resignation of Libuse Uhrova who was chairwoman for the last 15 years, Jaroslav Stanek was elected as the new chairman. Also elected was Pavel Spacek as the man in charge of economics.

The President of the Czech Table Tennis Association then informed our members about the present situation of our sport as well as the preparations for celebrating the 90 years anniversary of organised table tennis in the former Czechoslovak Republic. He invited all present members to take part in the anniversary celebration which took place in the Moravan town of Hodonin on 30th May.

The most successful living players from Czechoslovakia, having participated in creating the history of our lovely sport, enabling us to gain many

World and European titles and medals, were invited to the celebration.

With great satisfaction we can state that - although Czechoslovakia was divided into two separate republics - nothing had changed in the relationship, friendship and mutual co-operation between the Czech and Slovak TT Associations.

Czech SCI now has 28 members. 3 of them this year celebrated a significant anniversary. In the name of SCI, Milan Orłowski congratulated them, wishing good health to Libuse Uhrova (80), Josef Posejpal (80) and Jaroslav Stanek (75), also presenting them with small gifts. Vladimír Brhel received the Prize of the Czech SCI for his life-long work developing table tennis and for the many players he brought to high standards, for example Iveta Vacenovska, our best player at present.

*By Jaroslav Stanek*

Ian Marshall wrote a very interesting report "Long Distinguished History, Czech Republic Celebrates Milestone Anniversary", published on June 8. Please go to the ITTF website, section SCI/WVC. Enjoy!

*Attending members.*

*Photo by Czech SCI*





# SWAYTHLING CLUB INTERNATIONAL

## COUNTRY CORNER **HUNGARY**

### ***Report of the annual meeting held on May 14 in the House of Sports of Hungary.***

Robert Szentgyörgyi, the Secretary of the Hungarian SCI, welcomed the attendants in the House of Sports in Budapest.

After his speech, the members raised and observed a minute of silence in memory of Laszlo Földy, winner and medallist of many World and European competitions. He passed away at the age of 81.

60 years ago, the victory of the Hungarian Mixed Doubles at the WTTC 1955 in Utrecht (NED) took place. Eva Koczian and Kalman Szepesi won the gold medal against Aubrey Simons (ENG) and Helen Eliot (SCO). It was Eva Koczian's moment to help us relive that memorable match.

We had the pleasure of congratulating Zoltan Bubonyi on his nearing 80th birthday. He was

member of the silver medallist team at the WTTC in Dortmund 1959.

We are glad to inform SCI that two new members have joined our Hungarian SCI – Josef Kelemen, veteran competition organiser and still active player, and Csaba Szöllösi, coach and player. Our membership increased to 16.

It was a really enjoyable meeting. After discussing some official matters, personal issues, memories and important table tennis events were mentioned.

We are grateful for the kind hospitality offered by the Hungarian Table Tennis Association.

Best wishes from our beautiful capital city Budapest to all SCI members around the World!

*By Robert Szentgyörgyi*

*From left to right - Front row: Eva Koczian, Ilona Piller Kerekes, Laszlo Pigniczki, Tibor Horvath, Zoltan Bubonyi. Back row: Laszlo Volper, Jozsef Mayer, Jozsef Kelemen, Robert Szentgyörgyi, Peter Temes, Peter Rozsas. Photo by SCI Hungary*





## COUNTRY CORNER **HUNGARY / continued**

The European Veteran Table Tennis Championships this year were held in Tampere, Finland, where the participants from Hungary achieved outstanding results.

Gold medallists were Mrs. Maria Nemet Jonyer (WS 65) and Mr. Bela Frank (MS 60), while Ms. Gisella Zacher (WS 70), Mr. Istvan Szalai (MS 70) and Mr. Jozsef Mayer (MS 80) were bronze medallists.

Congratulation for these fantastic results!

*By Robert Szentgyörgyi*

*From left to right: Back row: Maria Nemet Jonyer, Bela Frank  
Front row: Istvan Szalai, Gisella Zacher, Jozsef Mayer*

*Photo by SCI Hungary*



## COUNTRY CORNER **ISRAEL**



*Angelica Rozeanu in Utrecht 1955 • Photo by SCI Israel*

*The apple did not fall far from the tree.*

No doubt that Angelica Rozeanu was unique: 17 gold medals at World Championships (six in singles between 1950 and 1955) for Romania, before she left for Israel in 1961. She was called “the girl who was born with a racket in her hand”, a genius of table tennis – but as an ancient proverb says, the apple does not fall far from the tree.

Here come some words about the descendants of Angelica who are world famous, too: she had a daughter and four nephews/nieces. Two of them, Ilan and Ophir Herbst won two gold medals at the World Championships of Mind Games in Beijing (China) in December 2014 (pairs and teams, Israeli team). A few months ago, they were crowned as Bridge European Champions.

Another Rozeanu niece, Orly Herbst, was the Showjumping Israeli Youth Champion in 1992 with horse Osetia and Vice Champion of Israel some years later with the same horse.

*By David Davidsohn (member of the youth team trained and taught by Angelica Rozeanu at “Progressul Club” in Bucarest.*



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## **COUNTRY CORNER** **ISRAEL (continued)**

*Report of the meeting of the Israeli SCI on 15th June 2015 in Tel Aviv.*

In attendance: F. Borys, D. Davidsohn, M. Neiman, D. Abramenko, A. Rosenbaum, A Segal, D. Balnero, D. Koren, R. Snapir

Fima Borys welcomes the members present, especially D. Davidsohn, the Israeli representative to the WTTTC in Suzhou and D. Abramenko, the representative to the ETTC in Ekaterinburg. He then reports about the last Israeli championships with regard to organisational purposes, in comparison to other European countries.

D. Balnero thanks Fima Borys for the invitation to join the club which he enjoys very much. He has known Fima for many years and learned a lot from him. He suggests to highlight SCI in front of table tennis players.

D. Davidsohn then shows a presentation of the Suzhou championships He informs about the Jewish Museum in Shanghai including table ten-

nis subjects, where he found photos of the late Angelica Rozeanu and Richard Bergmann. In Suzhou, E. Schöler presented the SCI Fair Play Trophy to a remarkable Chinese player.

M. Neiman reports on a championship in Gdansk (Poland). The organisation and accommodation were professional and excellent. Each winner (places 1 – 4) were awarded by the Mayor of Gdansk.

M. Neiman and A. Segal review the situation in our sport. A. Rosenbaum suggests to invite young players to SCI meetings. He and M. Neiman thank Fima Borys for his efforts and mention that he would deserve more, D. Balnero is ready to help.

All members express their sorrow and send their condolences to Diane Schöler, at the occasion of her beloved twin sister Rosalind's death.

*By Fima Borys*

*Israeli SCI members at the meeting • Photo by SCI Israel*



## COUNTRY CORNER

### USA

#### *Academy to honour Dr. Michael Scott with distinguished service award*

He is a storyteller, a jokester, a man who loves to spin a good yarn and then bask in the satisfying glow as others digest the information and ultimately crack a smile about it. When it comes to medicine and sport, though, D. Michael J. Scott Jr. is as serious as one can get.

For more than half a century Scott skilfully worked both into his vocational pursuits and by doing so he has been chosen to receive a 2015 Distinguished Service Award (DSA) by the United States Sports Academy.

The DSA is given annually to those individuals who have made outstanding contributions to national or international sport through education,

research or service. The DSA is separate from the Academy's Awards of Sport. Each nominee must possess an extensive background in sport, which means that the individual must have had significant dealings in instruction research or service in sport for more than 10 years.

Born in Butte, Mont., to a father who was a surgeon and a mother who was a nurse, there was little doubt what career path Scott would take. Seattle became, and remains, home, where he attended high school and college before going off to medical school in Nebraska and then interning in New York City. Ultimately, Scott set up a dermatology practice in Seattle following stints as a captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in World War II and as an Army dermatology consultant stationed in Munich, Germany.



All the while, an athlete and sportsman lived in him. A water and snow skier, he played tennis for some time switching from racket to paddle and taking up table tennis. At that point, already at middle age, a star was born. Ultimately, he'd be named to the USA Table Tennis Hall of Fame.

In 1970, Scott became Director of the Washington State Table Tennis Association and as he taught others to play, his game blossomed and he was recognized as the best senior player in the Northwest. From there, he went on to garner seven singles or doubles honours at national tournaments well into the 70s. He also chaired the USA Table Tennis (USATT) Disciplinary Committee from 1973-through 1982 and served as Vice-President of the USATT before being named the first USATT Sports Medicine and Science Committee Chair in 1982, which triggered his growing impact on the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Sports Science and U.S. Olympic substance abuse committees.

*Photo: Dr. Michael Scott*



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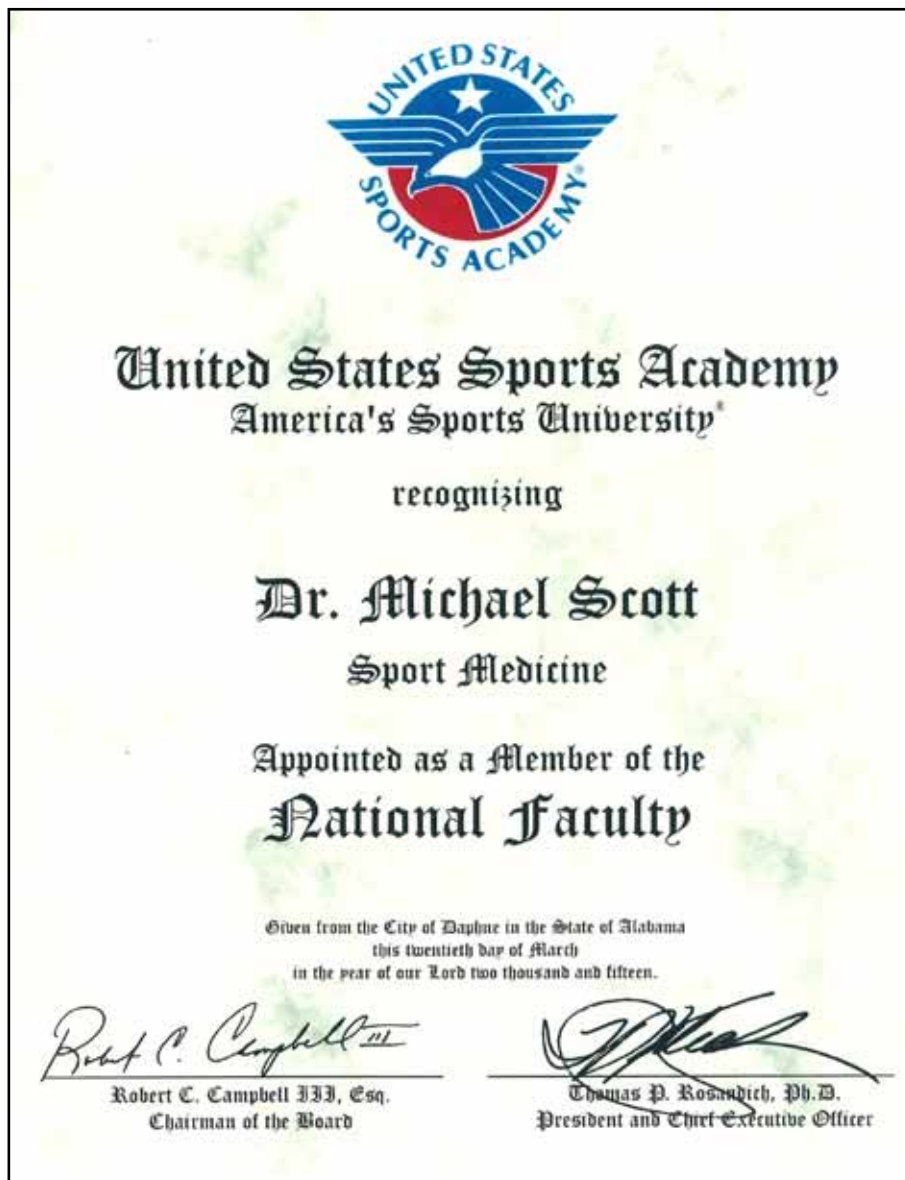
## COUNTRY CORNER

### **USA (continued)**

His reach extended well beyond table tennis. Scott availed his drug-testing services to the Pan-Am Games, the Olympic Games and World Championships. He also served as team physician and umpire for boxing, judo and table tennis tournaments, and shared his sport medicine expertise through lectures held from Juneau, Alaska, to Bahrain, Saudi Arabia.

Of Irish descent, Scott gained dual citizenship and served both the Irish and American teamphysician at table tennis tournaments. As recently as this decade, which puts Scott in his 90s, he was still serving in such capacity at international events.

*Published on 22nd April, 2015 by United States Sports Academy.*



*Photo of the Certificate*

*Photo by SCI USA*



*"Jokephoto by SCI"*

## **IN MEMORIAM** **KEITH BOWLER (AUS)**



He was a long time patriarch and personal honorary member of the Oceania Table Tennis Federation; his contribution to the sport of table tennis immense. A quiet man, he was respected by all.

For those of you who may not have known Keith, he was one of the founding officials of Oceania Table Tennis Federation in the 1970s along with Ken Wilkinson. He and Ken were alternate ITTF Vice-Presidents for Oceania in the days when this position was applicable.

For many years Keith was Executive Director of OTTF, only relinquishing the post in the early 1990s. Notably, he is a Life Member of Table Tennis New South Wales and Table Tennis Australia. Keith was also recognised by ITTF for many years of work for Table Tennis worldwide.

The funeral was held on Thursday 19th March 2015. Our condolences go to his family. Keith will go down in history as a great Table Tennis administrator and mentor to everyone associated with him over his time in the game.

It is with great sadness that the death of Keith Bowler is announced; he passed away on Saturday 7th March 2015 in Sydney, Australia.

*Excerpts of an* article by Ian Marshall, published on the ITTF website on 15th March 2015.

*Photo by ITTF*

## **IN MEMORIAM** **CHRISTIAN DUVIVIER (BEL)**

We are very sad to announce the death of Christian Duvivier. He was 65 years old and passed away on 5th March following a long period of illness.

In the 80s and 90s of the last century, Christian was coach of the Belgian National team. He believed wholeheartedly in the principles of the Swaythling Club International – friendship and fairness. He was a real gentleman in the small Belgian table tennis world.

He will be sadly missed.

*By Pierre Juliens*

*Photo by SCI Belgium*





# SWAYTHLING CLUB INTERNATIONAL

## IN MEMORIAM **GEOFF REED (JERSEY)**

Geoffrey Harold Reed was born on 7th of July 1925 in London. The son of a Baptist deacon he was brought up in Brownhill Road Baptist Church in Catford. During the war he was evacuated to Lancashire and eventually attended Colts Grammar School where he passed the nowadays equivalent of O levels. He started work with the RAF after leaving school as an apprentice mechanic and then moved to Jersey in 1948 when his parents, Edith and Harold retired to the island. Geoff's grandparents had also moved to Jersey some time before where his grandfather practiced as a dentist with their family home at Beachwood Cottage at La Rocque. Geoff became a Hoover salesman before joining Ken Sheppard at Forum Garage which was initially a car hire establishment. Geoff became the junior partner and the firm progressed to holding the Peugeot dealership. Geoff remained there until he retired.

Known simply as "Geoff" he was Mr. Jersey Table Tennis and he remained the Patriarch of the sport until the day he passed away having officiated at the Inter Insular where Jersey achieved a last gasp win in the Aggregate when winning the Green Trophy 8 – 2. Since moving to the island after the war he was heavily involved in the organisation and training of junior and senior

players initially within the Caesarean Table Tennis Club and he also became fully involved in the administration of the sport's organising and overarching body the Jersey Table Tennis Association. He devoted his life for over 50 years to the sport in Jersey and served in virtually every capacity possible in the JTTA including President. He introduced table tennis to many hundreds of youngsters from all the different local clubs, coaching them from beginners, and his methods have produced many Channel Island champions and highly ranked UK players. Some of these young people came from different backgrounds and Geoff managed to motivate them in such a way being involved in the sport to make them more disciplined and to give them a purpose.

Internationally Geoff was recognised as "Mr. Jersey" when he regularly attended the ITTF meetings at his own expense. He became an international umpire in 1983 and umpired and refereed many top international matches. For ten years he was the European representative on the Commonwealth TT Federation management committee. He was also an active member of the Swaythling Club International and remained fully involved on the JTTA Council. The

*Photo by Jersey TTA*





## IN MEMORIAM

### **GEOFF REED (JERSEY) continued**

former is Table Tennis Champions and Officials who had represented their countries in World Championships. Geoff was the only member from Jersey and served for some 40 years attending the AGM and usually contributing as a scrutineer. He was well liked and was known as always willing to assist.

In 2006 he was recognised with a special award for his life time contribution to Table Tennis at the Channel Island Sports Personality Awards. Then in 2009 his endeavour and service was recognised by the sport's world governing body, the ITTF who presented him their prestigious Merit award.

Geoff's contribution to Table Tennis has been tremendous and selfless, not only at club level but especially at island level where he was a leading figure in achieving the long sought after goal of an island Table Tennis Headquarters. His contribution in time, effort and enthusiasm was surpassed when the JTТА had to find sufficient funds to build the new HQ at the FB Fields where all the clubs could play under one roof. Geoff mortgaged his home to provide the funds towards the costs of establishing the JTТА premises in FB

Fields. Without this amazing gesture the Geoff Reed Table Tennis HQ would not have been built and opened on 16th of June 1999. This made a huge difference to the sport in the Island allowing the JTТА to host visiting clubs and Associations for tournaments, coaching and umpiring courses and most importantly as a base for schools to visit where the children can learn the rudiments of the game before taking the sport up full time. The Centre which bears his name will be hosting the sport of Table tennis in the forthcoming Island Games and will be played under the newly installed state of the art LED lighting organised by Geoff very recently.

His memory will live on with the magnificent purpose built table tennis centre which bears his name. He is and will be deeply missed by all members both past and present of the JTТА.

*By Jersey Table Tennis Association*

***Please also read the article by Ian Marshall published on [www.ittf.com](http://www.ittf.com), section SCI/WVC on 17th May 2015***

## **WORLD VETERAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 1982-2020**

1982	Gothenburg	Sweden	2002	Lucerne	Switzerland
1984	Helsinki	Finland	2004	Yokohama	Japan
1986	Rimini	Italy	2006	Bremen	Germany
1988	Zagreb	Croatia	2008	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil
1990	Baltimore	USA	2010	Hohhot	China
1992	Dublin	Ireland	2012	Stockholm	Sweden
1994	Melbourne	Australia	2014	Auckland	New Zealand
1996	Lillehammer	Norway	2016	Alicante / Elche	Spain
1998	Manchester	England	2018	Las Vegas	USA
2000	Vancouver	Canada	2020	Bordeaux	France



# SWAYTHLING CLUB INTERNATIONAL

## IN MEMORIAM

### **ROSALIND CORNETT NÉE ROWE**

**Highly popular table tennis player who won two world championships with her twin sister.**

*Obituary published in "The Times" on Tuesday 7th July 2015*

Rosalind Rowe – playing with her sister and doubles partner, Diane – gave credence to the mayor of London's belief that table tennis belonged not to the Chinese but to the dining room tables of England. Their triumphs in the world championships of the 1950s would not have occurred but for their father's encouragement between meal times at home in west London.

A former footballer who had played for Brentwood and Wimbledon in the 1920s, Ronald Rowe wanted to introduce his five daughters to some form of sport at a time when there were fewer opportunities in tennis or hockey than there are today. So he cleared the family's dining-room table of everything other than the books that acted as a net for table tennis. The girls took to the sport straight away.

"We used to play every evening," Diane recalled. "We had to crawl under the table a lot (to retrieve the ball) but used to play for ages." Did they call the sport whiff-whaff, as Boris Johnson had famously proclaimed it to be at the Beijing Olympics? "I have never heard of that term," she said. "He can call it what he likes."

For their 14th birthdays, the twins requested a bicycle from their parents; they were given a table-tennis set instead. They progressed from rallies in these rudimentary surroundings to practising at West Ealing Table Tennis Club for three hours every night and on Sunday afternoons.

Rosalind was chosen to play for England when she was just 16, while Diane, her twin, was selected shortly afterwards. They complimented each other perfectly as Rosalind was right-handed and Diane left-handed. Responsibility for their coaching passed from rudimentary instruction at home to Victor Barna, the five-times World Champion who had left his native Hungary during the Second World War to join the British Army.

As the twins approached their 18th birthdays,



*Rosalind in 1954, making a speech at a reception • Photo by ETTA*

with Rosalind ranked fourth in the world, they won the women's doubles title at the world championships in Vienna in 1951, playing their way through four knock-out rounds to reach the final against the highly rated Romanians, Angelica Rozeanu and Sari Szasz. Cheered on by British servicemen stationed in the Austrian capital, the Rowe sisters won 3:1.

They won again in an all-English final on their 21st birthday in 1954 in front of 10,000 people at Wembley Arena, beating Ann Haydon, who would win the Wimbledon tennis singles as Ann Jones in 1969, and Kathleen Best. The twins embarked on a whirl of celebrations first of all back at home for a 21st birthday cake, and then to the England team hotel in London for a party. It was the fourth of five successive appearances in the world doubles final.

Rosalind had less success in the singles, but she generally got the better of Diane. "We were similar in lots of ways but she was more determined,



## IN MEMORIAM

### **ROSALIND CORNETT NÉE ROWE (continued)**



*Twins with cake (Diane) and cup (Rosalind) on their birthday in 1954.*

extra determined," Diane said. "She had a strong sense of character. What she wanted she went for and achieved it. She got the husband she wanted to".

Rosalind Rowe was born in Hayes, west London, 20 minutes before Diane in 1933, and she was the fourth of five sisters. During the Second World War, she was evacuated to south Wales. When her father cycled from London to see her, he found that Rosalind was unhappy. He arranged for his wife to bring the girls back home on the train in spite of the bombing of London.

After leaving school, Rosalind found a job in a

bank, but table tennis was her calling. She was a semi-finalist in the singles at the world championships of 1952 and 1953 and a quarter-finalist in 1955. The twins toured New Zealand for 36 days in 1952 and, it was reported, "they smiled and played their way into the hearts" of hundreds of people. Indeed, the twins attracted considerable publicity wherever they went. In 1951, they were invited to Sweden where they played against Queen Louise, the sister of Lord Mountbatten, at the Royal Palace. Prince Carl Gustaf, the present king, acted as ball boy.

Some attributed their popularity to their femininity and the fact they were twin. Their coach, Victor Barna, had other ideas. "They are popular because they have great talent, fighting spirit, personality and charm," he said in 1952. "They dress neatly and their behaviour on the table is exemplary. They never gasp or yell if they miss a shot and never play to the gallery."

In 1954 Rosalind became ill on the ship taking her on another tour to New Zealand – with a stop in Australia planned too – when she came under the care of the ship's doctor, John Cornett. Evidently his treatment worked and, the following year, she retired at the end of the world championships to marry him. As Mrs. Cornett, she

*Rosalind in her home in Sittingbourne / Kent some years ago - Photos by SCI*





# SWAYTHLING CLUB INTERNATIONAL

## IN MEMORIAM

### **ROSALIND CORNETT NÉE ROWE (continued)**

never played competitively again. They moved to Sittingbourne, Kent, where he joined a medical practice and she concentrated on golf and bringing up their two daughters and two sons. Sheena has emigrated to Australia, while Jan remains in Sittingbourne; Martin works in the stock exchange and John is an economist.

Diane married the German player Eberhard Schöler, who also became her mixed-doubles partner. The sisters published a book on the sport, *The Twins on Table Tennis*.

“Our father was not very good at the game but once he encouraged us, we never stopped,” Diane said. “We had an innate understanding of the other, like a machine, in automatic harmony.”

Rosalind Rowe, table tennis player, was born on April 14, 1933. She died on June 15, 2015, aged 82.

*Obituaries were also published in other English newspapers, for example The Daily Telegraph (25th June) and The Independent (16th July).*

**We recommend to also read the article by Ian Marshall which was inserted to the ITTF website, section SCI/WVC on 15th June.**



▲ Rosalind attacking, December 1950

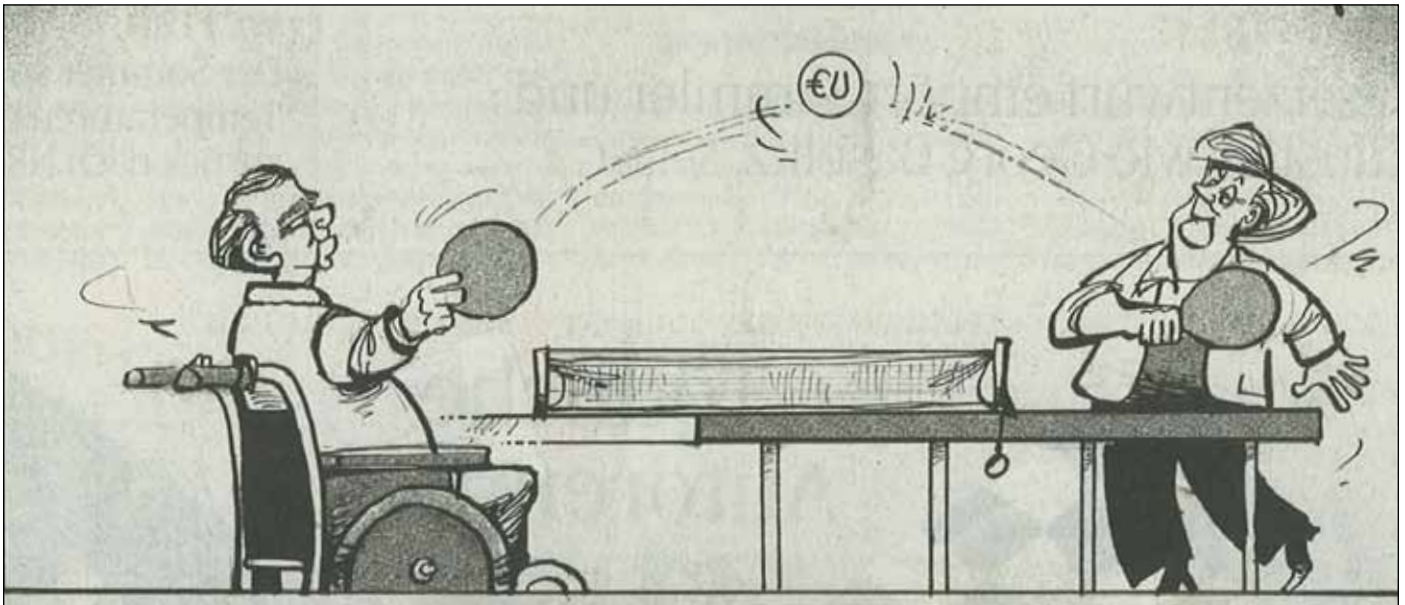
▶ Rosalind defending, in 1953

▼ Twins being interviewed by BBC in 1954

Photos by ETTA



## NEWS FLASH



- **EURO CRISIS -**

Photo by Rheinische Post

*Remembering the Ping Pong Diplomacy from 1971.*

See the publication in the German newspaper Rheinische Post from 15th July 2015: Wolfgang Schäuble and Angela Merkel as “Eingespieltes Team” = Well-coordinated Team.

- **2015 ITTF STAR AWARDS**

The International Table Tennis Federation is excited to announce that the 2015 ITTF Star Awards will take place in Lisbon, Portugal on 9th December 2015.

- **TABLE TENNIS TIMES**

A quarterly, independent, newsletter from the world of English Table Tennis has been launched – first issue summer 2015. The effort is to inform of what is happening today, as well as some features on yesteryear which is hoped to be of interest. A further aim is to put people into touch with each other who have lost contact. • For further details go to:

<http://tabletennisengland.co.uk>

- **Historic success of Team Europe against Asia**

On 1st and 2nd August in Zhangjiagang, China, the Asia Euro Allstars Challenge was won 6:4 by the European Team, coached by Richard Prause (GER), consisting of Vladimir Samsonov (BLR), Marco Freitas (POR), Andrej Gacina (CRO), Robert Gardos (AUT) and Bastian Steger (GER) – the first ever success of the Team Europe on the Asian Continent. Asia played with Ma Long (CHN), Chuang Chih-Yuan (TPE), Tang Peng (HKG), Gao Ning (SIN) and Noshad Alamyani (IRI).

## **MEMBERSHIP FEE**

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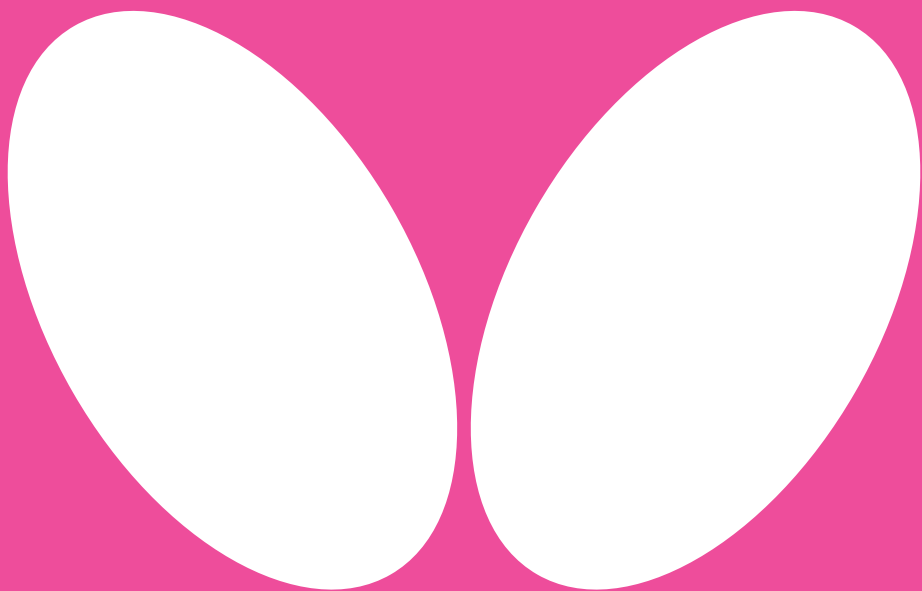
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