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S.C.I. News Flash



Wu Jang (CHN) and Fang Bo (CHN), having received the S.C.I. Junior Trophy of the World Junior Championships 2009 in Catagena (COL).



Thanks to the conception of our new rubbers, Torpedo and Rapid X-Press, we are entering a new rubber dimension in regards to the rubbers' quality and game potential which mains characteristics are the following:

- a harder and faster rubber surface
- a new gluing technique of the rubber surface with the sponge
- a new sponge with an extraordinary strength
- an extremely adhering and long-lasting rubber surface

... a new dimension

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.

Rapid X-Press

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.

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FOR TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONS AND OFFICIALS WHO HAVE
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It cannot in any way be said that this past year has been "a very good year". In fact the last six months have been reasonably unpleasant because for the first time in the history of our friendly club – a protest was openly announced by some members of the S.C.I. World Veterans Committee against decisions taken by the S.C.I. Executive Committee and the A.G.M. in Yokohama.

Details you can read in this NEWS edition under the heading "Controversy". In addition to this, the whole subject will be included in the Agenda of our AGM in Moscow.

Nevertheless, I am glad to inform you that we again successfully promoted our principles at the World Junior Championships held in Columbia, awarding the S.C.I. Trophy "Friendship, Fairness, Peace" to the winners of the singles events. Please take a close look at the photographs on the front page and on page 9!

The next highlights will be the World Team Championships in Moscow, Russia (23rd – 30th May 2010) and the World Veterans Championships in Hohhot, China (7th – 12th June 2010). I look forward to seeing many of you there, or at least at one of these events, enjoying the flair and spirit of both cities – and of course experiencing once again the skills of our professional and veteran players.

Take great care!



DIANE SCHÖLER
President S.C.I.

FUTURE EVENTS 1

WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

MOSCOW - RUSSIA

23rd - 30th May 2010

The Russian T.T. Federation have generously extended an invitation to ten of our members to attend the World Team Championships in Moscow.

They are:

Mr. R. Bazzi (SUI)	Mr. Billy Gibbs (SCO)
Mr. V. Khavkin (UKR)	Mr. F. Matilda (AHO)
Mr. W. Schnyder (SUI)	Mr. S. Itoh (JPN)
Mr. C. Taranto (URU)	Mrs. G. Wagener (GER)
Mr. T. Martin (IRL)	Mr. A. Rosenbaum (ISR)

We do wish them a most enjoyable stay in Moscow – and many interesting matches throughout the week.

15th WORLD VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOHHOT - INNER MONGOLIA - CHINA

7th - 12th June 2010

Ten S.C.I. playing guests have been invited and will take part in the 15th World Veterans Championships in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia.

They are:

Mrs. L. Andersson (SWE)	Mr. A. Bentsen (DEN)
Mr. T. Borg (SWE)	Mr. G. Evans (WAL)
Mrs. S. Federova (RUS)	Mr. N. Konov (BUL)
Mr. Yuxiang Li (USA)	Mrs. Jing Tian Zoerner (GER)
Mr. V. Purkart (FRA)	Mr. Ding Yi (AUT)

We are sure that the S.C.I. playing guests will enjoy this most fascinating country - it's history and above all the friendly atmosphere. Good luck in the tournament.



2010 年第十五届世界元老乒乓球锦标赛

15th World Veterans Table Tennis Championships 2010



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FUTURE EVENTS 2

EUROPEAN TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

OSTRAVA - CZECH REPUBLIC

11th - 19th September 2010

6 Invited S.C.I. Members

Those Members wishing to apply for one of the six places kindly given to the S.C.I. by the Czech Table Tennis Association are asked 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 15th May, 2010.

WORLD INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ROTTERDAM - NETHERLANDS

8th - 15th May 2011

We are in contact with the Netherland Association and hope to inform you as to how many places the S.C.I. will receive – details to be published in the next issue of our NEWS in September, 2010.

Photo from SCI Archive: R. Bazzi, B. Batinic, J. Karlikova, T-Földy, Chan Foong Keong, G. Wagener.





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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 !!!

Many of our members – and quite often the National Representatives of the S.C.I. – do send us on a regular basis – photographs and articles which assist us enormously to publish and print an interesting and informative edition of our NEWS, thanks to the technical possibilities which are available today.

Keep your articles and photos flowing to our email address - they are appreciated and enjoyed.

Within the next two months, Laszlo and Teri Földy will start preparing to print a new booklet. They will require any new or corrected postal addresses, email or telephone changes.

SWAYTHLING CLUB INTERNATIONAL VOLKSWAGEN 2009 WORLD JUNIOR T.T. CHAMPIONSHIPS **CARTAGENA, COLUMBIA**

The Volkswagen 2009 World Junior T.T. Championships were held in Cartagena, Columbia. Unfortunately, we were not in attendance, but were assisted by ITTF officials receiving the following photos of the Winners being presented with the S.C.I. Junior Trophy:

Girls Junior Champion 2009 ▶

Winner Wu Jang (CHN),
being presented with
the S.C.I. Junior Trophy
by Mr. Jairo Orlando
O.C. Chairman.



◀ Boys Junior Champion 2009

Winner Fang Bo (CHN),
receiving the S.C.I. Junior Trophy
was presented by
ITTF President Mr. Adham Sharara.



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SWAYTHLING CLUB INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOSCOW - RUSSIA

24th May 2010 at 16.30 - 19.00 hrs.

Meeting Room No. 4 in the venue

A G E N D A

1. President's Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes of the previous A.G.M.
(Yokohama, Japan 2009,
included in the S.C.I. NEWS No.87).
3. Appointment of Scrutineers
4. President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Comments of Directors present
7. Motion for Amendments to the
S.C.I. Constitution.
8. Motion for any proposals.
9. Protest announcement -
sent to some of our members from a section
of the W.V.C. Committee.
10. Any other business



SWAYTHLING CLUB INTERNATIONAL CONTROVERSY INFORMATION FOR OUR MEMBERS

According to the New Directives for World Veterans Championships, members of the W.V.C. Committee are not entitled to compete in this event also as a player. This amendment of the existing procedure was approved by the A.G.M. in Yokohama 2009 and comes into effect as from the A.G.M. 2011 to be held in Rotterdam, for the World Veterans Championships 2012 in Stockholm, Sweden.

The reasons for this amendment, which aims at improving the assistance from the W.V.C Committee to the organisers of the event, were:

No player should, as an official, be involved in the general administration – for example Accreditation, Seeding, Draws, Time-scheduling, Jury and Ceremonies. Whenever needed, W.V.C. Committee Members must be available during the whole of the tournament. In the opinion of the Executive Committee, any conflict of interest between a player and an official must be avoided.

In November 2009, four members of the W.V.C. Committee – Hans Westling, Herbert Neubauer, Jens-Erik Linde and Niels Ramberg (the latter having resigned already in July 2009 as S.C.I. Solicitor and since then, according to paragraph 3 of the W.V.C Constitution is no longer a member of the W.V.C. Committee) – sent their “protest announcement” to an unknown number of Swaythling Club International Members, declaring “the illegal new directives as null and void”.

The reasons given were:

It is of utmost importance to have experience and expertise among W.V.C. Committee members to assist the organisers in various ways.

The procedures of introducing the new directives were irregular at every step.

On the 2nd December 2009, our President rejected this protest and confirmed that the Executive Committee is firmly behind the establishment of the new Directives.

This subject will be dealt with during our next A.G.M. which takes place in Moscow, on the 24th May 2010 at 16.30 hrs.



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COUNTRY CORNER **CROATIA**

The Croatian Veterans T.T. Association are pleased to announce the "Dr. Zarko Dolinar Memorial Tournament to be held in Porec on the 8th and 9th May 2010 in the Sports Hall "Veli Joze".

For further details and accommodation please contact:

Ms. Nada Petrovic
nada.petrovic35@yahoo.com
Tel: ++385 91 5563382.

COUNTRY CORNER **ENGLAND**

During the English Closed Championships from March 5th to 7th in Sheffield at the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, several English S.C.I. members attended a Lunchtime Reception. The ETTA generously provided two complimentary tickets per member for the Sunday afternoon finals session.

This is exactly the way we should encourage past international players to stay in their favourite sport.

In addition to the members shown on the photograph, Matthew Syed, Carol Moore and Alan Cooke were also present.

From left to right: Denis Neale, Bill Moran, Jose Ransome, Jill Parker, Alan Ransome.



COUNTRY CORNER

FRANCE

Founder of the Saint-Michel Sports affiliated at the FFFT in 1953, former official of the FFFT, ETTU and ITTF, Jean Devys is commonly named “the living memory of Table Tennis”. He is author of the book “The 80 Anniversary of the FFFT”. He is also father of the “Premier Pas Pongiste” (First TT Step).

A typical role model of the volunteer official, Jean Devys received in the Town Hall of Roubaix “The Insignia of Chevalier in the Order of the National Merit”. This decoration was given him by Pierre Lambin, President of the Regional Olympic Committee of North/Pas de Calais, who informed those present of the hobbies of Jean, who is a well informed film enthusiast, follower of the Lille National Orchestra, Member of the Friends of Paris-Roubaix. Honorary President of the FFFT, Jean Devys was warmly applauded by a crowd of friends amongst them Alain Dubois, President of FFFT and Jacques Secretin, the well-known Champion in the years from 1960 to 1980.



*Photo from
SCI Archive:
“Friends Meet” -
Ebby Schöler,
Werner Schnyder,
Laszlo Földy.*



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COUNTRY CORNER **IRELAND**

Pat O'Brien, Ireland's S.C.I. Representative has donated a rather special trophy to the World Veteran Championships – which will celebrate its 15th Anniversary in Hohhot in June 2010 this year. We are proud to include a photograph of Joe Veselsky our well-known long serving President – at his home in Booterstown, Eire. – together with this trophy. We have graciously accepted this trophy - with the names of past winners inscribed on it and the task of transporting it to the next venue – Hohhot, Inner Mongolia – when it will be handed over to the organisers of the World Veterans Championships 2012, to be held in Stockholm, Sweden.

The trophy is to be put on display at every World Veterans Championships in honour and memory of all the winners in all categories and will be named the Pat O'Brien Winners Trophy.

Our thanks indeed Pat on behalf of the S.C.I. and World Veterans Championships.



▲ *Joe Veselsky with the Pat O'Brien Winners Trophy*



◀ *The Pat O'Brien Winners Trophy*

COUNTRY CORNER **ISRAEL**



PROTOCOL of S.C.I. Meeting held in Rosh Haayin on 13th January, 2010

Present: F. Borys (Chairman), Y. Bogen, D. Davidson, Y. Parcelina, M. Neiman, S. Hoze, L. Podgorianu, Dr. S. Kedar.

Mr. Borys greeted those members present apologising for those who were unable to attend. He stated his wish is to hold these meetings twice a year.

Due to financial difficulties, the Israeli T.T. Association's activities have been reduced. It will be the aim in future to develop and encourage young and

skilful Table Tennis players.

It was decided that Mr. F. Borys will donate two trophies for the young winners at the forthcoming Beer Sheba competition.

Mr. F. Borys, the Israeli S.C.I. representative reminded all members to pay their fees – at the same time requesting that the S.C.I. Treasurer - Mr. Schnyder should send an updated account to him as soon as possible.



Photos: ▲ *S.C.I. members at the meeting.*

◀ *Mr. Fima Borys with Mendel Noiman, a new Swaythling Club member & Yossi Bogan, 8 times Israel Champion.*

▶ *Mr. Fima Borys with Mr. Lambi Podgorianu, a former coach of the Israeli team.*

▼ *Mr. Fima Borys with Michael Towber, Israeli champion (16 years of age), who plays in Poland.*





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COUNTRY CORNER **SCOTLAND**

Last year Scotland were hosts to the 2009 Commonwealth T.T. Championships, during which Swaythling Club members were welcomed by Glasgow City Council to attend the 18th Commonwealth Championships which took place in the newly opened Scotstoun Sports Campus. Nearly 25 Nations took

part in this event the largest entry ever received.

Glasgow City Council's warm welcome will be long remembered by all those who took part in this tournament, which ended with a Civic Reception being held in the fine Glasgow City Hall Building.



WORLD VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIPS 1982-2012



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
2006	Bremen	Germany
2008	Rio de Janeiro	Brazil
2010	Hohhot	China
2012	Stockholm	Sweden

COUNTRY CORNER **SWITZERLAND**

A very active section of our club exists in Switzerland, under it's National Representative Teri Földy. During their yearly get-together they were able to take some excellent photos also of their visit to the office of the ITTF Museum in Renens.



Chuck Hoey, ITTF Museum Curator





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IN MEMORIAM **ALEX AGOPOFF**

Alex died at the age of 92. He was a well-known name of French Table Tennis,

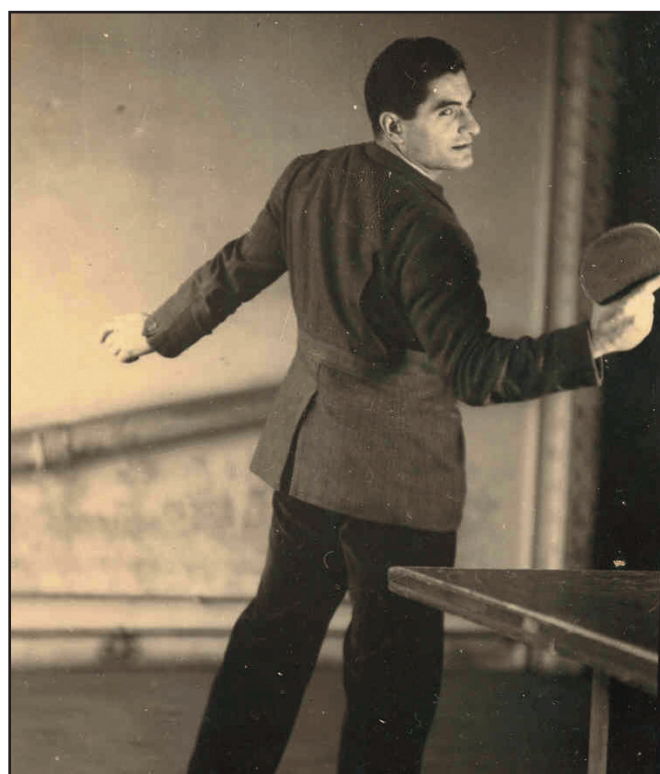
French Cup Winner 1939
11 x French Champion Titles:
1 x Single in 1945
4 x Men's Doubles
6 x Mixed Doubles

Born in 1918 in Istanbul from Armenian parents, Alex arrived in France, at Enghien les Bains in 1926 together with his mother, brother and sister, his father having died during the war. First National Coach, National Referee, Member of the FFTT Management Committee, all these positions earned him the "Gold Medal of the Ministry of Sport". This great player was also named "Chevalier dans l'Ordre National du Merite" and "Chevalier of the Legion of Honour". He was also the proud owner of the Military Cross (June 1940's campaign).

Alex Agopoff lived with his wife in Paris in the 18th district.

He did not wish to have a funeral.

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IN MEMORIAM **SIGBJORN SKAR**

Sigbjorn Skaar, President of the Norwegian T.T. Association 1989 – 1995, has died at the age of 58 years.

On many different levels, he did an outstanding job for many years – as a player, a leader, an international umpire and President of the Norwegian Association. His leadership was most apparent during the organisation of the

World Veterans Championships which were held in Lillehammer in 1996.

He always showed his great social skills as a leader by including, at all levels, those with whom he worked.

He will be sadly missed by everybody he was in contact with.

IN MEMORIAM **JOSEF KOCZIAN**



It is with sadness that we announce the death of Josef Koczian, Hungary, 83 years of age, who died in a Budapest hospital on the 10th December, 2009. He had been ill for some time.

Josef started his successful table tennis career 1946 in Budapest, Hungary, winning 14 medals at the World Championships.

Gold: Men's Team Championships
1949 Stockholm & 1952 Bombay
Men's Doubles Championships
1953 Bucharest

During his career, he also won National and International tournaments in singles and doubles.

For some years he lived and played in Sweden – however after his retirement he spent most of the time in Hungary. He was the elder brother of Eva Koczian, well-known Hungarian International player, European Singles Champion and finalist in the singles event at the 1961 World Championships held in Beijing, China.

Laszlo Földy quotes: "He was a good friend and a fair sportsman, never once complaining after losing a match".

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

**To all participants of the World Veterans Championships 2010
to be held in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia**

PLEASE NOTE: RACKET COVERINGS Law 2.04.07

"The racket covering shall be used without any physical, chemical or other treatment.

Slight deviations from continuity of surface or uniformity of colour due to accidental damage or wear may be allowed provided that they do not significantly change the characteristics of the surface.

At the start of a match and whenever he changes his racket during a match a player shall show his opponent and the umpire the racket he is about to use and shall allow them to examine".



SWAYTHLING CLUB INTERNATIONAL

IN MEMORIAM **YURI POSEVIN**

To visit Moscow in a few weeks time for the World Team Championships and not have Yuri Posevin's smiling face to greet us will be a most difficult moment for many. The news of his death in December 2009 came as shock to us all. He had become the symbol of friendship and courtesy whenever meeting him during all the various sporting events at which he had officiated for so many years – his beloved table tennis.

I am sure that many friends will wish to visit his final resting place in Moscow – to pay their last respects to our long term Swaythling Club Member, and friend.

Our sincere condolences go to his wife and family.



Photo from SCI Archive: AGM 2009 in Yokohama

S.C.I. NEWS FLASH

CONGRATULATIONS

Helmuth Hoffmann - German International Table Tennis player celebrated his 90th birthday last November. Our sincere congratulations to this charming sportsman.

In the first German International after the war in 1949, Helmuth played against Sweden, which Germany lost closely 4-5. Who says table tennis is not a healthy sport!

TABLE TENNIS BOOK (1)

"Hungarian T.T. World Champions" - by Robert Szentgyörgy writes exclusively on the world-famous champions who between them won 30 gold medals representing their country.

For further details please contact: Robert Szentgyörgy per email
<Roberto50@freemail.hu>

TABLE TENNIS BOOK (2)

"Table Tennis grows up" is the title of a new book by Swedish author Jens Fellke, written in English and German. It features, among many informative stories, a survey of speed gluing and its ban, many other developments, knowledge, enjoyment and a special report on Jörgen Persson, the passionate world champion.

For further details please contact per email: <jens.fellke@telia.com>

RESIGNATION

Mr. Jens-Erik Linde, one of our World Veterans Committee Members, has resigned from the Committee, coming into effect in May 2010. His wish is to play in the event and enjoy the company of his family, friends and the Danish Group whose trip to Hohhot he has organised. We are sorry to lose this experienced veterans event organiser of the past fifteen years and shall look forward to meeting up with him once again in Hohhot. Thanks for your help, Jens-Erik - thanks for the memories!



DONATION

Jean Devys, our long standing member and table tennis historian from France, is also well known for his stamp collection of table tennis motives. He now has donated six albums with exceptional examples, starting from 1949, to the ITTF Museum in Lausanne, where they will be shown among trophies, medals, bats, balls and other items from the history of Table Tennis. Jean Devys has now been named "Ambassador of the ITTF Museum". If you have any interesting pieces from the early or latter days of our sport, please consider preserving such items for future generations in the ITTF Museum. You can visit the Website of the Museum under <http://ittf.com/museum/>

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