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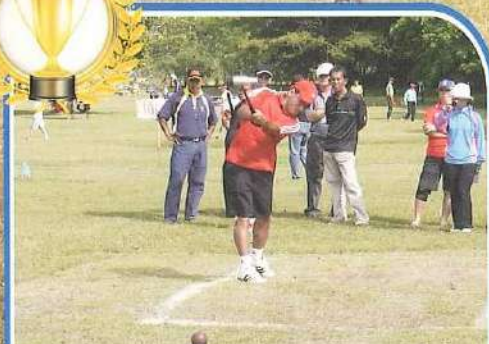
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會長的話：President's Message：

加強國際宣傳一五年計劃第三期

Strengthen International Publicity- The Third Step of The Five-Year Plan

國際木球總會會長 翁明輝
Mr. Ming-Hui WENG
IWbF President



五年計劃從2009年開始實行，本會推動了二項重要工作：

第一期－東亞教練往西行

我們的講師遠赴非洲、印度、中東、中亞、中美洲舉辦講習會，本人參與了大部分行程，觀察木球在這些新興國家發展的條件和發展前景。

第二期－就地取才與材

在東亞教練往西行的過程中，確定木球運動很受新興國家歡迎，但需要培養當地講師和在當地製造球具才能普及發展。去年世界盃、世界大學、亞洲沙灘運動會的三大比賽，加上今年的第七屆亞洲盃，還有各會員國舉辦的國際公開賽，已培養了許多優秀人才散佈各國，球具也因需要加上本會的鼓勵，一些重要會員國已能做出符合規格的球具。

木球運動在各國朋友合作下，已經具備了在國際上普及發展的條件，現在最需要的是有力的宣傳，因此本會除了加強文宣資料，並重拍木球影片光碟，接洽宣傳管道，並將提供給各會員國廣為宣傳。



Mr. Ming-Hui WENG, IWbF President (5th right) with Mr. Del R. De Guzman, Mayor of Marikina City, Philippines (4th right) in the 1st Philippine Woodball Invitational Open 2011
國際木球總會翁明輝會長(右五)與菲律賓馬里基那市Mr. Del R. De Guzman市長(右四)於2011年第一屆菲律賓木球邀請賽中合影

The Five-Year Plan has been launched from 2009. The first and second steps of the Plan are as below.

The First Step- East Asian Coaches Going West

Our lecturers traveled to Africa, India, Middle East and Central Asia, and Central America for holding workshops. I joined most of the said trips and observed the conditions and prospects of Woodball development in these emerging countries.

The Second Step- Utilization of Existing Resources and Talents

While East Asian coaches moving westwards, we ensure Woodball has been very acceptable among emerging countries. However, to popularize Woodball in the emerging countries, it is necessary to train lecturers and manufacture equipment locally. Hence, many excellent talents has been trained up during the main events of last year and this year, including 4th World Cup Woodball Championship 2010, 3rd World University Woodball Championship 2010, 2nd Asian Beach Games Muscat 2010, 7th Asian Cup Woodball Championship 2011, and international open championships held by the member countries. Moreover, some main member countries have manufactured certified equipment by IWbF's encouragement.

By cooperation among Woodball friends from each country, Woodball has the conditions of being popularized internationally. The most crucial tool to promote Woodball at present is powerful publicity. Therefore, besides strengthening advertisement material, IWbF is producing the new video as well as contacting channels to disseminate it for making beginners more understanding of current Woodball development. The latest Woodball video will be provided to member countries while finalized.



Asian Woodball Federation General Assembly of AWbF 2011

21-22 July 2011
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia



Mr. Ming-Hui WENG, IWbF President (5th right, front row) and Mr. Thomas KOK, AWbF President (4th right, front row) with executive officials of member countries in the General Assembly of AWbF 2011.
國際木球總會翁明輝會長(前排右五)及亞洲木球總會鄒進家會長(前排右四)與亞洲各會員國幹部於2011年亞洲木球總會會員大會中合影。

Special Report :

7th Asian Cup Woodball Championship 2011 Review

Ms. Elaine Tan

President, Malaysia Woodball Association

Malaysia is honored and proud to be the host of 7th Asian Cup and 15th Malaysia Woodball International Open Championship 2011 and this time it was the 1st time held in the State of Perlis, Malaysia in conjunction with the 68th Birthday Celebration of His Royal Highness The Raja of Perlis.

As a matter of fact, the 1st Asian Cup was held in 1999 in Lanjut Beach and Golf Resort at Rompin, State of Pahang, Malaysia. It was also a significant year where the Woodball was officially recognized and accepted as one of the Sports by Olympic Council Asia.

With the strong support of his Royal Highness, Crown prince of Perlis, the 7th Asian Cup and 15th Malaysia Woodball International Open Championship was decided to be held at Kangar, Capital of Perlis last year.

The said Championships were jointly organized by Malaysia Woodball Association and Perlis Woodball Association and supported by Malaysia Government, State Government and its various agencies together with the commitment of Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP) and Universiti Teknologi MARA, Perlis (UiTM) was a tremendous great success. The contribution and effort contributed by the above mentioned parties cannot be measured and certainly deserved all the credit and compliments.

The number of Participating countries and participants were overwhelming and registered the biggest Championship ever held in the history of Woodball development and it was also the first time where fairway competition were held at night at Dataran Sheikh Ahmad (Town Council Public park in the heart of Royal Town, Kangar, Perlis).

It is never an easy task to organize such a big event comprising 13 countries with total of 380 participants covering Open and Youth Team Event, Singles Event, Mixed double, Fairway Competition and Veteran Senior Events. It required strong financial and manpower support. With that, we salute all the parties mentioned in the above particularly UniMAP.

We were proud having presented one of the most challenging permanent International Woodball Courses at UiTM, Arau, Perlis in Asia Region as an official competition venue.



Ms. Elaine Tan, President of Malaysia Woodball Association (2nd right) with prize winners of Men's Singles Stroke Competition in the 7th Asian Cup Woodball Championship 2011

馬來西亞木球協會會長Ms. Elaine Tan (右二) 與2011年第七屆亞洲盃木球總標賽男子個人桿數賽獲獎者合影



Venue of the 7th Asian Cup Woodball Championship 2011
2011年第七屆亞洲盃木球錦標賽比賽場地

The spectacular Welcoming and Opening ceremony dinner together with the closing dinner were extravaganza and superb impressive. We were honored to have his Royal Highness, Crown Prince of Perlis as our Guest of honor to grace the Closing Dinner.

In line with the Sports Tourism, quite many were given the opportunity to visit places of interest in Kangar, Padang Besar and Duty Free shop. They were also being arranged to have 1 day tour of Langkawi Island.

Having mentioned all the above, without the strong participation from the foreign countries, the success of the said Championship would not be happened. A big "THANK YOU" on behalf of Malaysia Woodball Association and Perlis Woodball Association.

However, we also realized there were some short comings beyond our control and we shall learn and gain the experience in future undertaking. Thank you for the understanding and cooperation.

We hope all of you would bring back all the fond memories and hope to see you again in next Championship to come.



Woodball in Singapore - The Next Lap

Mr. David WONG Wei Li PBM
President, Woodball Association (Singapore)



Mr. David WONG Wei Li, President of Woodball Association (Singapore) (center) with prize winners in the 11th Singapore Lion Cup International Woodball Open Championship 2011
新加坡木球協會Mr. David WONG Wei Li (中) 與2011年第十一屆新加坡獅城盃國際木球公開賽獲獎者合影

Woodball Association (Singapore) was registered on 11 Jan 2000. We have come a long way to where we are today, with our headquarters in Hougang Plaza and numerous clubhouses. Much of our success today is the fruit of our late founder President – Mr Koh Kim Ban. He dared to dream of a Woodball body for Singapore which is independent and affiliated to the International Woodball Federation.

How does one measure success in a sport like Woodball?

In the early years, Woodball was promoted through the grassroots organizations under the People's Association, including Community Centres and Clubs, Residents Committees, senior citizen groups. As a sport which promotes healthy lifestyle, it took off from there. There are now numerous miniature Woodball courses in various parts of Singapore which allows easy access for residents to engage in the sport regularly.

Having successfully made the initial impact, it is now appropriate for WAS to plan for the next decade. This is also in line with the government's new initiative – Vision 2030 – “Sports Plan for All, By All”. I would like to suggest a multi-pronged approach for our fraternity.

Firstly, Woodball must no longer be viewed by the public as a sport only for the seniors. This is evident in the average age of our participants at international championships. We must not be successful only in winning veterans or senior competitions anymore. The recent 7th Asia Cup is a good start as it now incorporates a youth competition.

We plan to introduce Woodball to the youth at various levels. At the grassroots, we will introduce to the youth members who are working. Students will be introduced through their educational institutions and we must reach the mainstream schools, as well as ITEs and the tertiary institutions – both private and public. We will introduce a Youth Championship starting from 2012 to promote greater interest and participation in this sport.

Secondly, we will need to strengthen our internal resources in terms of technical competencies. We need to encourage more experienced players to consider coaching the sport. We will need to formalize coaching courses and seek recognition of the coaches.

Thirdly, we need to address the big issue of funding. All sports need financial sponsorship for success and Woodball is no different. How do we differentiate ourselves from the myriad of sports seeking corporate sponsorship will be the challenge that we face? We need to emphasize on the uniqueness of the sport.

There are actually numerous unique features of Woodball. It is an environmentally friendly sport, whereby no natural environment is damaged nor does it require man-made alterations. It is relatively inexpensive and it is one of the few sports that one can engage in from one's youth to old age. It does not require special spaces for practice. Many of the successful sports achieve popularity as it hinges on spectator interest and participation. Woodball can be successful too by increasing interest and spectatorship.

In the months ahead, Woodball Association (Singapore) will strive to achieve greater success in our twin objectives of making the sport available for all ages and excellence for those who are keen and skillful.



The Progress of the Preparations for The 3rd Asian Beach Games, Beach Woodball Discipline

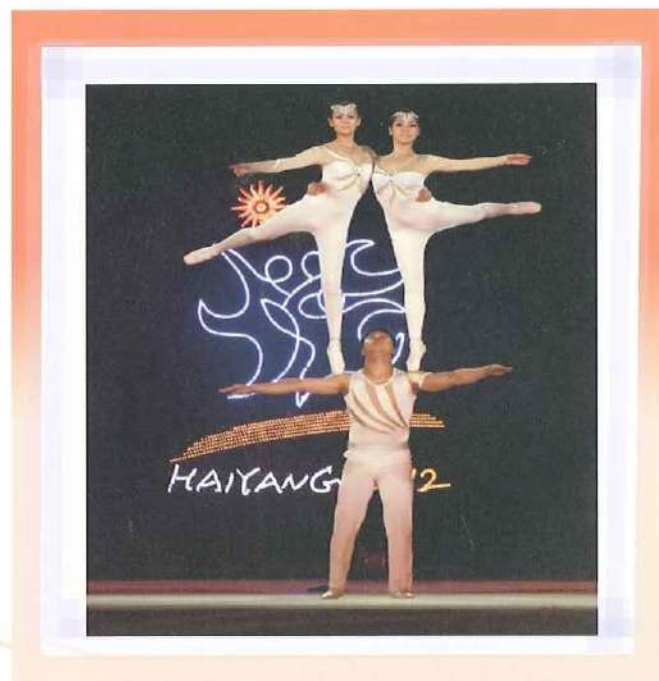
Secretariat
Chinese Woodball Association

The 3rd Asian Beach Games (ABG) will be held in June 2012 in the beautiful coastal city- Haiyang, China. The host city, Haiyang, is in the peninsula province of Shandong in east China and known for its extensive sea beaches, national forest parks, wetland reserves, and also for beach and yacht activity.

A total of 43 events in 11 sports will be contested, including Beach Volleyball, Beach Kabaddi, Beach Handball, Beach Soccer, Beach Sepak Takraw, Beach Basketball, Dragon Boat, Powered Paragliding, Road Roller Skating, Beach Woodball, Climbing, Windsurfing, and Water Skiing.

The slogan for the 2012 ABG, "Share the Joy", expresses the dream for a harmonious relationship between people, as well as between humans and nature. 38 countries and regions have registered to participate in the Games on 14 June, the submission deadline of the first registration phase. We believe more Asian friends will participate in this great event in the end. The competition venues are currently under construction, and Beach Woodball venue will be completed in December 2011.

The design of the Beach Woodball course of the 3rd ABG comprises eighteen fairways, including twelve fairways used for competitions and six for practice. The total length of the course is 600 meters, and the width of each fairway is from 3 to 5 meters. Also, of the twelve fairways, there are 2 left-curving and 2 right-curving fairways. The competition venue is divided into media area, competition area, reception area, transportation area, security area, observatory area, and so on. The Beach Woodball course integrated with sea and sky emphasizes the recreation and entertainment of Beach Woodball.



Mascots of the 3rd Asian Beach Games Haiyang 2012
2012年第三屆海陽亞洲沙灘運動會吉祥物

At present, ten teams enrolled in the Beach Woodball Discipline, including China, Mongolia, Chinese Taipei, Iran, Oman, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. For more game information, please visit the official website, <http://www.haiyang2012.com/en>.



2012年第三屆海陽亞洲沙灘運動會沙灘木球場地效果圖
Effect Drawing of the Beach Woodball Venue of the 3rd Asian Beach Games Haiyang 2012

Photo Gallery

International Tour Woodball Championships 2011

2011年國際木球巡迴賽

Hong Kong Woodball Open 2011

International Tour - Hong Kong Stop

2011年香港活木球公開賽 / 國際木球巡迴賽 - 香港站

9-10 April; Hong Kong



1st Philippine Woodball Invitational Open 2011

International Tour - Philippine Stop

2011年第一屆菲律賓木球邀請賽 / 國際木球巡迴賽 - 菲律賓站

13-18 May; Marikina, Philippines



11th Singapore Lion Cup International Woodball Open Championship 2011

International Tour - Singapore Stop

2011年第十一屆新加坡獅城盃國際木球公開賽 / 國際木球巡迴賽 - 新加坡站

26-31 May; Singapore



4th Thailand Open International Woodball Championship 2011

International Tour - Thailand Stop

2011年第四屆泰國國際木球公開賽 / 國際木球巡迴賽 - 泰國站

6-11 June; Bangkok, Thailand



Photo

15th Malaysia Woodball International

International Tour - Malaysia Stop

2011年第十五屆馬來西亞國際木球公開賽

19-25 July; Perlis, Malaysia



2nd Estonia Open International

International Tour - Estonia Stop

2011年第二屆愛沙尼亞國際木球公開賽

12-15 August; Tallinn, Estonia



Photo Gallery

International Open Championship 2011

賽 / 國際木球巡迴賽 - 馬來西亞站



Woodball Championship 2011

賽 / 國際木球巡迴賽 - 愛沙尼亞站



7th Asian Cup Woodball Championship 2011
International Tour - Asian Cup
2011年第七屆亞洲盃木球錦標賽 / 國際木球巡迴賽 - 亞洲盃
19-25 July; Perlis, Malaysia



Asian Cup
亞洲盃

International Woodball Events 國際木球活動

Thailand Air Sea Land Beach Woodball Championship 2011
2011年泰國空海陸沙灘木球公開賽
3-7 May; Pattaya, Thailand



International Woodball Referee Workshop 2011
2011年國際木球裁判講習會
21-24 July; Perlis, Malaysia



Upcoming International Woodball Events 2011

Date	Events	Venue	Host
8-11 September	2nd Uganda International Open Woodball Championship 2011	Entebbe, Uganda	Uganda Woodball Federation
14-19 September	4th Mongolia Open International Woodball Championship 2011	Darkhan City, Mongolia	Mongolian Woodball Federation
30 Sep.-4 October	10th Japan Open International Woodball Championship 2011	Fukushima, Japan	Japan Woodball Federation
9-14 October	16th Taiwan Open International Woodball Championship 2011	Taipei, Taiwan	Chinese Taipei Woodball Association
10-12 October	General Assembly of IWbF 2011	Taipei, Taiwan	International Woodball Federation
10-12 October	AWbF Provisional Meeting 2011	Taipei, Taiwan	Asian Woodball Federation
14-18 November	China International Beach Woodball Open Tournament 2011	Hainan, China	China Woodball Association

Current Rankings of the International Tour Woodball Championships 2011

FEMALE

Ranking	Name	Country	Points
1	NG Cho Kwan	Hong Kong	124
2	MAR Ngok Yeng	Singapore	93
3	Siripat KARINIT	Thailand	89.5
4	WU, Chih-Han	Chinese Taipei	87
5	Widi Lestari	Malaysia	77
6	WANG Jing	China	75
7	TAN Sooi Kim	Singapore	74
8	WONG Wan Sze, Winnie	Hong Kong	69.5
9	Aniah Hassan	Malaysia	67
10	CHAN Yuk Ngan	Hong Kong	65
11	LI Fanfan	China	61.5
12	NG Lai Ling	Hong Kong	60.5

MALE

Ranking	Name	Country	Points
1	Ahris Sumaryanto	Indonesia	128
2	LEE Hon Kwong	Hong Kong	107.5
3	Muhamed Taha Mahwan	Singapore	99
4	Sharnudin Ngah	Malaysia	89
5	NGAI Chun Yin, Jeremy	Hong Kong	85.5
6	WU, Yi-Cheng	Chinese Taipei	79
7	WONG Siu Kai	Hong Kong	77.5
8	Kok Cheng Kar	Malaysia	64
9	Siow Chong Wah	Malaysia	63.5
10	Yong Cheng Poh	Singapore	62
10	Peera CHAISONGKRAM	Thailand	62
10	Sarawuth INTARASIRI	Thailand	62

The 4th Thailand Open International Woodball Championship 2011

