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## Good News: 2nd World University Woodball Championship 2006

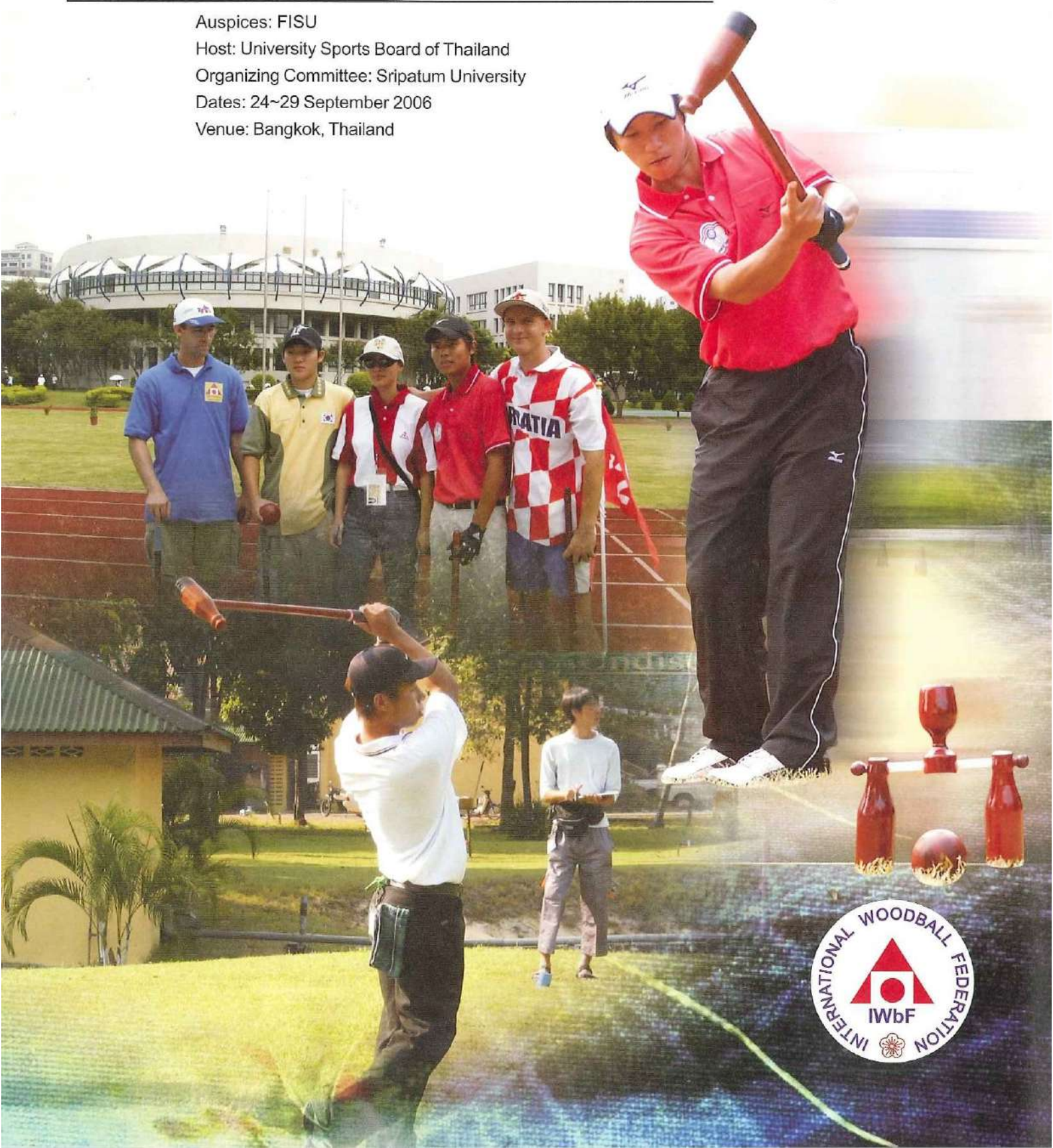
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Dates: 24~29 September 2006

Venue: Bangkok, Thailand







## President Message

### *Woodball Empire: Globalization of Woodball as our Primary Goal*

The primary goal of our Federation is to promote Woodball sports to a scale of an empire in ten years.

Woodball sports has gradually planted its roots and gained popularity in some countries with the cooperation of friends at home and abroad. These friends not only like Woodball but also have enthusiasm and ambition to promote Woodball. Five outstanding Presidents have contributed a lot in the development of Woodball during the past ten years, namely President Kok from Malaysia, President Koh of Singapore, President Araya of Japan, President Chung of Korea, and President Dr. Pat of Thailand. They can be viewed as "The Five Overlords" of Spring-and-Autumn Period in the China History in the world of Woodball. In the future, the Woodball sports should march toward a state of "Seven Great Powers." The member that wishes to obtain the hegemony in the Woodball world must have numerous players, professional competitors, systematic organization, and commercial capability, for future IWbF Presidency to be elected must be assumed by the strongest member country among the members.



Thomas Kok (Malaysia)



Kim Ban Koh (Singapore)



Shuichi Araya (Japan)



Tong Gu Chung (Korea)



Patanachart Kridiborworn (Thailand)

To attain great achievement on the stage of the world, we have to let others know our goals and the opportunities we can offer, so as to encourage heroic people worldwide to participate in the Woodball promotion and development. Our goal is not to develop an ordinary sports, but to promote a global sports, which is the goal worth our while to pursue.

The invention and the development of Woodball differ from other sports, because its equipment does not evolve randomly, but was designed toward perfection from the start. Moreover, Woodball sports does not develop gradually and have its organizations afterwards. On the contrary, we founded organizations in different countries from the beginning, and then promoted this sports, which give us more advantages than other sports. Besides, no one is as obstinate as me, willing to devote wholeheartedly to the development of Woodball for such a long time. And few are like me able to afford so many opportunities, and have so many friends throughout the world to cooperate with. Therefore, we have good chance to achieve our goal: the globalization of Woodball sports, happiness and good health of everyone, the world of Woodball as sports for all, and a world of harmony.

## **Cherish the Tradition and Make History**

### I. Ode to the sacred Land of Woodball

Under the Bridge of Shuang-Shi where three rivers meet  
It's a Beautiful Land surrounded by mountains  
Resembles a dragon coiled part of the Course upward  
Similar to a crouched tiger is the other part in form  
Heroes gathered together in this Grand Garden

### II. Heroes' Meet

In the sacred land assembled Heroes  
Strategies mapped out in Shuang-Shi  
The Five Overlords all arrived  
The Seven Great Powers haven't been raised yet

### III. The World for All

Brand new world of Woodball sports  
Created by friends from everywhere  
Remarkable achievements recorded in the history  
Health and happiness spreading around the world

*Ming-Hui Weng*

Ming-Hui Weng

IWbF President  
March 2005





# Asian Woodball Extravaganza 2004

In 2004 Woodball development in Asia region was sprouting high with shining lime light. Congratulations and many thanks to all leaders and members of Woodball Federation and Associations.

The 5th Woodball Association Cup International Open Championship was held from 7th to 10th August 2004. There were 9 countries participating. Namely: China, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Korea, Macau China, Malaysia, and Singapore with a total of 200 participants. I think that was the highest number of participants with so many countries participating the Championship ever since. I must congratulate the Woodball Association (Singapore) for the outstanding performance. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend and share that auspicious occasion due to my commitment as OC for the 8th Malaysia Woodball International Open Championship 2004. The Woodball Course at Clementi Woods Park is indeed a very challenging Course. Woodball in Singapore is developing very well, more and more people are taking up the game including the Malay community. This is very encouraging and keeps the spirit high.



The 8th Malaysia Woodball International Open Championship and the 5th Malaysia Woodball International Youth Championship were held concurrently from 11th to 16th August 2004 immediately after the Singapore 5th Woodball Association Cup International Open Championship. The contingents from Chinese Taipei, India, Japan, Korea and Singapore came over to Malaysia through Johore second Link check point. The connecting Championships were held with the suggestion of Mr. Ming-Hui Weng, President of International Woodball Federation way back in 2001. In view of the geographical location and being close neighboring country, it would be very practical for foreign participants to take part in both the Championships to save traveling cost especially for new visitors. For the past 4 years, we have been collaborating very well. It is my hope that the spirit of cooperation would prevail and strengthen the good rapport established over the years. This year the local participants have increased many fold and they were mostly from the state of Pahang. The participating countries including Malaysia are 6 countries with a total of 197 participants.

In conjunction of the above Championships, Malaysia Woodball Association also took the opportunity to celebrate its 8th Anniversary during the Farewell Dinner occasion. It was a grand occasion with a total of 600 persons attending the auspicious occasion. This year, the Championships were held at the OUG Woodball Course in Kuala Lumpur is to commemorate its establishment since 1997. Both the Championships and Anniversary dinner were very successfully organized.

In September, Chinese Taipei hosted two inaugurated grand historical Woodball Events concurrently. The first one being the 1st world University Woodball Championship 2004 and the second one being the 1st World Woodball Championship 2004. Participating countries were: Chinese Taipei, Croatia, Hong Kong China, India, Japan, Korea, Macau China, Malaysia, Mongolia, Singapore and Thailand. The Opening Ceremony was very grand and the guest of honor was the Mayor of Taipei City. The instant result shown on the large screen through IT system was very efficient and impressed. That was the most spectacular and magnificent Championships ever organized so successfully in spite of raining. The spirits of Sportsmanship were demonstrated in the most cordial understanding manner during the whole duration of the Championship. Congratulations to all parties in putting up that fantastic Championship. A recognized credit and compliments must be recorded in the history of Woodball development.







The 3rd Japan Woodball Open Championship was held from 2nd to 3rd of October 2004 in Fukushima. I arrived on the 1st afternoon. It was quite a long journey from Narita Airport. It was my 3rd visits to Fukushima. I love the scenery and the weather very much. The Woodball friends were very warm and friendly. I love the home cooked Japanese food hosted by Professor Shuichi Araya's family and the fresh fruits directly from the tree too. The two days Woodball Championship were very interesting and fun too. The weather in first day was fine and the second day was raining but rain did not stop the competition going on. They were very well organized and successful, although there were only two foreign countries participating in this Championship. Namely: Chinese Taipei and Malaysia but the spirit of sincere sportsmanship, cooperation and unity were marvelous. I give my due respect to such a splendid moral performed by everyone of them. Their warm hospitality and care extended was superb and impressed until the day of departure. I am honored, proud and enjoyed the special and most memorable treatment given by special people whom I love very much during my stay in Fukushima.

Woodball in China is gaining its popularity with the strong support from the Chinese Leisure Sports Administrative Center in recent years. Quite a few number of Championships were held in different provinces of China. In 2004, the Guozhan Cup China International Woodball Open Tournament was held from 14 to 18 Oct. It was hosted by the Chinese Leisure Sports Administrative Center and organized by the Beijing Woodball Association. The competition venue is a newly built International Woodball course located at Putigu, Miyun District of Beijing. It is only about one and a half hour drive from Beijing Airport. The surrounding is full of hilly green with exotic scenery. Beijing should be proud of such achievement. I am sure there will be more Woodball Courses mushrooming everywhere in China soon. The participants were treated to visit Badaling Great Wall, Wangfujing Street and Tiananmen Square. The Tournament was a great success. Everybody enjoyed the competition and registered a lot of fond memories.

The long waited 2nd Korea Woodball Open Championship was held from 20th to 25th October at Suwon Beautiful City. The weather was cold. The participating countries were: Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaysia, Mongolia and Singapore. I noticed that there were many Korean ladies Woodball players participating the Championship and they were all playing very well. The Woodball Course is beautiful and challenging. The unique Korean foods were delicious. All of us enjoyed very much. The farewell party was quite elaborating. After the formal part, many took the floor and danced along. Some went on to sing along with the Karaoke. Everybody was enjoying himself or herself. A lot of fun and good fellowship. Congratulations! Both the Championship and Farewell Dinner function were very well organized.

After so many years of developing Woodball in Asia Region, we have managed to introduce the game to the following countries other than Chinese Taipei and Malaysia, namely: China, India, Japan, Indonesia, Korea, Hong Kong China, Macau China, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Singapore and Thailand. They are many other Asia Countries we need to explore and introduce the game to them so that Woodball can be a world wide recognized game and hopefully one day it can be one of the competition events in SEA GAME, ASIAN GAME and OLYMPIC GAME as well. Lets work hand in hand to achieve such a goal.

To raise the skill and standard of Woodball game, it is important to have permanent Woodball Course established so that players would have the opportunity to practice regularly. In Malaysia, I think so far has got the most permanent Woodball Courses in the world and they are world class standard. For your information, the up coming World Class Woodball Course is located in the world renowned Tioman Island Resort.

It is heartening to note that China, Chinese Taipei, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Singapore and Thailand are also having the world class standard permanent Woodball Course. I hope that other countries would try to set up a permanent Woodball Course to meet the standard required for Woodball Championship in time to come.

The International Woodball Rules established in 2001 is quite adequate in governing the game and to execute the duty as referee in all Championships but overtime, it is only practical to reinforce and improve the shortcomings of the rules for overall betterment. You are welcome to bring forward any practical proposal for our attention. We shall gather all proposals and discuss in depth for collective consensus.

Finally, I hope that Woodball Sports would prosper to a greater height with your support and co-operation in 2005.

**Thomas Kok**

President  
Asian Woodball Federation  
March 2005



# Report of European Woodball Development

In Summer semester 2004, woodball was taught as subject (Trend sports) in the Institute for Sport Science, University of Augsburg in Germany (see the photos down and visit Web side - <http://www.sport.uni-augsburg.de/spowi/trend/iwood.htm>). Totally 7 students (4 male and 3 female) attended woodball lectures (1 semester-hour credit) and lecturer was Srecko Mavrek - Lucky, Vice-president of IWbF and president of EWbF, who expects to be awarded with PhD Degree in Sport Science at the Karl-Franz-University Graz in this year. Also, it is expected that woodball will appear as subject at few other Institutes for Sport Science in the following years. Regarding Woodball events in member countries, there were some local tournaments in Estonia, Croatia and Sweden. Development of Woodball clubs in these three countries goes well, while we still expect foundation of the first clubs in other member countries. Two Croatian students (Vedran Mavrek and Ivica Suton) who participated in the 1st World University Woodball Championship in Taipei were awarded with the Award for contribution to the development of university sport from Zagreb University Sports Association.



Student practices woodball swing

As the 10th International Course for P.E. Teachers, which should be held in Budapest in 2004 was cancelled, the 3rd European Woodball Open Championship will be held from 14-17 July, 2005 in Graz, Austria. There will be totally 48 gates played (2 circles in two woodball courses), while the finalists will play in additional 12 gates. Also, the 1st European Course for Woodball Coaches and Referees will be organized in the same time because there is a big need for professionals who will be qualified to promote woodball in Europe. This Course will be composed of 4 hours theoretical



lectures, 4 hours theoretical/practical lectures and 8 hours of playing and practicing refereeing in the Championship (totally 1 semester-hour credit). Woodball players and the students from all IWbF member countries are welcome to participate in these two events (contact Srecko Mavrek - Lucky by e-mail [mavrek@stud.uni-graz.at](mailto:mavrek@stud.uni-graz.at)). Regarding other Woodball events in 2005, there will be the 1st Croatian University Woodball Championship in June in Croatia, the Swedish Woodball Championship from 2-4 September in Sweden and Woodball presentation and Workshop during Summer semester at the University of Udine in Italy. As we intend that EWbF office be located at one of the universities in the future, there will be more preliminary meetings and talks about this idea with the directors of the Institutes in Austria, Germany and some other countries.

*Srecko Mavrek Lucky*

Srecko Mavrek - Lucky, M.Ed.

President  
European Woodball Federation  
March 2005







**"Embassy Cup 2004" Woodball Invitational Tournament**  
20 May 2004; Beijing, China



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**The 5th Woodball Association Cup International Open Championship 2004**  
6 Aug.~11 Aug. 2004; Singapore



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**The 1st World University Woodball Championship**  
3 Sep.~7 Sep. 2004; Taipei, Taiwan



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3 Sep.~7 Sep. 2004; Taipei, Taiwan



**The 1st World Cup Woodball Championship**  
8 Sep.~12 Sep. 2004; Taipei, Taiwan



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**The International Woodball Federation Provisional Meeting 2004**  
10 Sep. 2004; Taipei, Taiwan



**The 3rd Japan Woodball Open Championship**  
1 Oct.~4 Oct. 2004; Fukushima, Japan



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1 Oct.~4 Oct. 2004; Fukushima, Japan



**The 3rd Japan Woodball Open Championship**  
1 Oct.~4 Oct. 2004; Fukushima, Japan



**China International Woodball Open Tournament 2004**  
14~19 Oct. 2004; Beijing, China



**The 2nd Korea Open International Woodball Championship 2004**  
20 Oct.~25 Oct. 2004; Suwon, Korea



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## YEARLY SCHEDULE OF INTERNATIONAL WOODBALL EVENTS 2005

Date	Events	Venue	Host
11~13 July	Eastern European Woodball Seminar	Varna, Bulgaria	Bulgarian Woodball Federation
14~17 July	The 3rd European Woodball Open Championship & 1st European Course for Woodball Coaches and Referees	Graz, Austria	European Woodball Federation
19~24 August	The 4th Asian Cup Woodball Championship	Singapore	Asian Woodball Federation
19~24 August	The 6th Woodball Association Cup International Open Championship	Singapore	Woodball Association (Singapore)
24~29 August	The 9th Malaysia Woodball Open Championship	Tiomen, Malaysia	Malaysia Woodball Association
2~4 September	The 4th Asian University Woodball Championship	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia	Mongolian Woodball Federation
2~4 September	The Swedish Woodball Championship 2005	Sweden	Swedish Woodball Federation
9~13 September	The 4th Japan Open International Woodball Championship	Osaka, Japan	Japan Woodball Federation
22~27 October	The 10th Taiwan International Woodball Invitation Championship 2005	Taipei, Hualien, Taiwan	Chinese Taipei Woodball Association
23~27 October	The International Woodball Coach Workshop 2005	Hualien, Taiwan	International Woodball Federation
23~26 October	The 4th General Assembly of International Woodball Federation	Taipei, Taiwan	International Woodball Federation
November	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Woodball Open Championship of India	India	Woodball Association of India
27 November~3 December	The 5th Thailand Open Woodball Championship	Chiengmai, Thailand	Woodball Association of Thailand

