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Lee Wei & Sock Khim won Women Doubles Gold in Indore

Beh Lee Wei and Ng Sock Khim captured their first ever Women's Doubles title on the ITTF Pro Tour, when they beat the host nation's Mouma Das and Poulomi Ghatak in the final in Indore at the Indian Open on Sunday 15th March 2009.

Seeded No.2, they overcame Mouma Das and Poulomi Ghatak, seeded no.3 by 11-8, 11-4, 11-9, 11-9. It was an impressive performance by the Malaysian duo.

Beh Lee Wei and Ng Sock Khim had been making progress in their doubles. In 2007 they had reached the round of the last 16 in the World Championships and the semi-finals in the Commonwealth Championships whilst in 2008, they won the gold in the South East Asian Championships in Jakarta.

In the Women's Singles Event, Lee Wei settled with a silver medal when she lost to Yu Meng Yu (Singapore) with a score of 2 – 4 games in the Final match.

On the other hand, Ng Sock Khim beat Kumarasem (India) 4 – 1 in the quarter final of the Women's Singles and later lost to Yu Meng Yu (Singapore) 1 – 4 in the Semi Final to take home a Bronze Medal.



Beh Lee Wei & Ng Sock Khim receiving the Women's Doubles Champion prize from Mr. Chowhan, Secretary General, India Table Tennis Federation



Lee Wei & Sock Khim in action during the Women's Doubles Final



Lee Wei posing with her prize money of USD2,200 for Women's Singles Runner-up

Sock Khim receiving prize for Women's Bronze Medal from Indian TTF Official



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The Malaysian contingent members are as follow:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
1. Mr. Chan Foong Keong	ITTF Delegate (ITTF Board of Director)
2. Mr. Cyril Sen	ITTF Umpires Evaluator
3. Ms Christina Chee Shin Lian	ITTF Delegate & Women's Working Group Committee
4. Mr. Peter Sim Si Jeng	ITTF Sports Science Committee
5. Ms. Wang Loon Foon	International Umpire
6. Mr. Hao Peishu	Coach
7. En. Muhd Shakirin Ibrahim	Player (World Ranking No.410)
8. Mr. Kho Mao Sheng	Player (World Ranking No.706)
9. Mr. Chai Kian Beng	Player (World Ranking No.766)
10. Ms. Beh Lee Wei	Player (World Ranking No.159)
11. Ms. Ng Sock Khim	Player (World Ranking No.210)
12. Ms. Chiu Soo Jiin	Player (World Ranking No.294)



Photo of Flag Handing Over Ceremony conducted by Dato Tang See Hang, President TTAM (fifth from left) Others include (from left) women players-Beh Lee Wei, Chiu Soo Jiin, Ng Sock Khim, Coaches Hao Peishu, Soong Poh Wah-Executive Director TTAM, Chen Fook Yen-GM TTAM, men players-Muhd Shakirin, Chai Kian Beng & Kho Mao Sheng

New China Coach assumed duty in February 09

Mr. Liu Yucheng of Jiling, China had assumed his duty as TTAM Coach for our National Team on 6 February 2009. He is employed by TTAM to replace Mr. Pak Man Il of DPR Korea whose employment ceased on 23 January 2009.

Mr. Liu, aged 62 was selected into the China National Team at the age of 17 and later became the chief coach for Jiling Province women team. After coaching in Jiling Province for a few years, he was assigned by China Table Tennis Association as coach to various foreign countries including Peru, Burma, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia.

With his vast coaching experience, he will shoulder the responsibility of training our National Men's team to groom them up to a higher competitive level.



ITTF-WSFFM Friendship Trophy Table Tennis Tournament

The Friendship Trophy organized by Table Tennis Association of Malaysia on 8th March 2009 at Olympic Council of Malaysia Indoor Sports Arena attracted about sixty participants with the oldest age 77 and youngest age 7. It was the objective of ITTF Women Working Group (WWG) to promote gender equality and to enhance stronger social integration in celebrating our sport of table tennis alongside with International Women's Day. The event was sponsored by the Women's Sports & Fitness Federation of Malaysia (WSFFM)

We celebrated in a small scale but with great meaning of an environment that supports the full participation of women and girls, and male participants support women and sport throughout all areas.

Encouragement from parents to allow their children to join in the movement was great. Tribute was also paid to those parents who played vital roles to encourage their daughters to play and continue to support the sport of table tennis with equality.

Friends of female-female or male-female partners also contributed great fun on the day. The objectives of healthy lifestyles and empowerment of women respectively were installed further from the message of ITTF WWG.

The prize presentation was presented by Mr. Chan Foong Keong, TTAM Honorary Secretary to all the winners.

It was a day of joy and fun for all who supported women and sport besides battle of matches on the table !



Group photo of participants with Mr. Chan Foong Keong- TTAM Hon Secretary (front row fourth from left) and Ms. Christina Chee Shin Lian- TTAM Women Committee Chairperson (front row first from right).



Wang Luan Foon passed the Blue-badge Umpire Written Exam



Ms. Wang Luan Foon (photo) of Kuala Lumpur had passed the Advanced Umpire Written Exam for blue- badge International Umpire conducted in Indore, India during the ITTF Pro Tour India Open in March 2009. She will proceed to obtain four "meets expectation" evaluations at international competitions and pass the oral interview in order to qualify as a blue-badge umpire.

Ms. Wang is an active International Umpire who had officiated in the Beijing Paralympic Games 2008 in September 2008 and the India Open in March 2009. She is also invited to perform her IU duties in the forthcoming 2009 World Individual Table Tennis Championships in Yokohama, Japan in April and the European Veteran Table Tennis Championships in Croatia in June this year.

Message issued by ITTF :

Table Tennis to go ahead without 'Speed Glue'

PARIS (AFP) — Risks of birth defects, nervous system and lung problems brought about the end of the "speed glue" era in table tennis and next month's world championships will be the first without it for over 30 years.

The International Table Tennis Federation banned the substances from September 1, 2008, or just after China's clean sweep of gold medals on home soil in the Beijing Olympics.

That means the elite table tennis scene at the Yokohama world event from April 28 to May 5 will have changed markedly compared to previous championships.

Speed glue, first discovered by Hungary's Tibor Klampar more than 30 years ago, revolutionised the game, increasing spin and speed by up to 30 percent and making powerful shots easier to play.

Yet there was a darker side. While the game became a better spectacle because of powerful, yet effortless shotmaking, harrowing incidents started the warning bells ringing.

A player at the Scottish championships collapsed after his glue can fell over and he inhaled all the fumes.

Some athletes had nervous system-related disorders such as severe headaches, concentration problems, and poor awareness. A table tennis shop in Japan was even raided by youngsters who wanted to "sniff glue".

A respected German table tennis magazine "Deutsche Tischtennisport" even reported a chemist stating there had been at least five instances of birth defects in newborn babies after skin contact with toluene, one of the toxic solvents in the first generation of speed glues.

Former French national team doctor Christian Paliarne, who carried out major research into the consequences of speed gluing, told "Deutsche Tischtennisport": "It has been proved beyond doubt that inhaling solvents during the speed gluing process has side effects.

"The coaches must ask themselves whether they really can be answerable for allowing 11- to 13-year-olds to use speed glue."

Of course all these claims were the extreme end of the spectrum and on a day-to-day level, health-related problems were rare. Yet in December 1992, the ITTF banned speed gluing.

A players organisation CTPP, led by Sweden's 1991 world champion Jorgen Persson, claimed the decision was too drastic and too close to the 1993 world championships in Gothenburg, Sweden.

The 1992 Olympic champion Jan-Ove Waldner was also concerned the ban would simply bring about cheating.

Two months after the ruling, the ITTF rescinded the ban and instead found a compromise whereby dangerous glues, containing the most dangerous toxic substances such as toluene and trichlorethylene, were made unavailable through control of the market.

The glues were weaker meaning players had to put on more and more coats of it to get the same speed and spin-boosting effect, often just prior to each international match.

ITTF president Adham Sharara believed the repeal of the speed glue ban in 1993 was a mistake, saying the decision to ban it on September 2008 will stay.

"There's no going back," Sharara said. "We've made enough compromises and the end of the Olympic Games in China spells the end of speed gluing. It would be irresponsible to ignore all the reports about the danger of certain chemicals in our society and in our sport."



Important dates for 2009 Malaysian Youth TTC

1. Closing date for team entry & individual entry by numbers (Borong A) – 30th Apr 2009
2. Closing date for all other final entries (Borong B, C, D, E, S & M) - 6th May 2009
3. Draw for team events – Friday, 8 May 2009 (11 am)
4. Team managers' meeting – 2nd June 2009 (5 pm)
5. Draw for Individual events – 2nd June 2009 (after team managers' meeting)
6. Competition date – 3rd – 6th June 2009

CALENDAR 2009

DATE/MONTH	EVENTS (updated: April 2009)	VENUE
8 Mar	ITTF-WSFFM Friendships Trophy Tournament	OCM Kuala Lumpur
11 - 14 Mar	Revision of Level 1 Coaching Manual Workshop	Kuantan, Pahang
12 - 15 Mar	ITTF Pro Tour - India Open	Indore, India
16 - 20 Mar	MSSM Table Tennis Tournament	Sabah
19 April	SportsUnite-MILO-Tripicana-TTAM Doubles Carnival	Tropicana City, P.J.
28 Apr - 5 May	2009 World Individual Table Tennis Championships	Yokohama, Japan
19 - 25 May	Commonwealth Championships	Glasgow, Scotland
May	Asian Cup (subject to qualification)	Pyongyang, DPR Korea
June	Youth Table Tennis Training Camp	Kuala Lumpur
1 - 5 June	Level 1 Table Tennis Coaching Course (1)	Terengganu
20 - 23 June	Level 1 Table Tennis Coaching Course (2)	Kelantan
3 - 6 June	29th Milo Malaysian Youth Championships	Kuala Lumpur
7 - 17 June	Centralised training for SEA Junior TTC	Kuala Lumpur
19 - 23 June	15th SEA Junior Table Tennis Championships	Bangkok, Thailand
29 June - 7 July	1st Asian Youth Games	Singapore
1 - 12 July	World University Games	Belgrade
13 - 17 July	Level 1 Table Tennis Coaching Course (3)	Sarawak
15 - 19 July	23rd Golden Racket International TT Tournament	Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
July	15th Asian Junior Table Tennis Championships	Subject to qualification
10 - 14 August	Level 1 Table Tennis Coaching Course (4)	Kuala Lumpur
12 - 16 August	ITTF Pro Tour - China Open	China
27 - 31 Aug	23rd Pyongyang International TT Invitation	Pyongyang, DPR Korea
13 - 17 Sep	Level 1 Table Tennis Coaching Course (5)	Perlis
16 - 30 October	2nd Islamic Solidarity Games	Iran
19 - 24 October	Level 2 Pilot Coaching Course	MSN, Bukit Jalil
2 - 8 November	19th Asian Table Tennis Championships	Pune, India
November	Youth Training Camp / Match Practice	KL / Singapore
22 - 25 November	22nd Milo Malaysian Hopes Championships	Kota Kinabalu, Sabah
9 - 22 December	25th SEA Games (Table Tennis : 10-16 December)	Laos
December	46th Malaysian Table Tennis Championships	To be confirmed