

# Deaf Sports Australia E-News

*Passion Through Sport*



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*Australian  
Deaf Games Early  
Bird Registrations  
close on  
30<sup>th</sup> June!*

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- A photograph of a person in a yellow and green Australian sports uniform, wearing a white cap and sunglasses, in a crouched position on a lawn bowls green. In the background, a chain-link fence has a sign that reads "WALES V AUSTRALIA" and a yellow marker with the number "10". Another yellow marker with the number "2" is visible on the right. Several lawn bowls are on the green in the foreground.
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Greetings all,

There have been a lot of rumours flying around over the last few weeks about the future of the Deaflympic Games and ICSD - one report declared that the 2013, 2015 and 2017 Games were all cancelled. ICSD swiftly sent out a press release to clarify the situation - which I will outline here (the original copy of the release can be found elsewhere in this eNews).

2013 - no organising committee in Athens since 2009 and the Greek Government has not formally supported the Games, and is expected to make an announcement in the coming weeks. ICSD is now seeking alternative locations as part of a contingency plan.

2015 - as mentioned earlier this year, the Vancouver Organising Committee was dissolved in February and ICSD is seeking bids for the Games.

2017 - Barcelona, Spain and Buenos Aires, Argentina were set to present their bids at the Slovakia Congress in February. Since the Slovakia Games were cancelled, it is understood that Barcelona has withdrawn its candidacy leaving Buenos Aires as the sole candidate.

ICSD recently announced that the rescheduled 43rd Congress will take place in Rome, Italy during 13-15 September 2011. DSA will be sending two delegates to the Congress, to be determined at our next Board Meeting on 29 June. Fortunately, we will be able to use our airfares from Slovakia.

DSA sent out a release last week congratulating Rebecca Adam on her appointment to the ICSD Board. There was a vacancy created by the resignation of Vice-President Josef Willmerdinger, and ICSD was able to appoint a replacement Director directly. Most of you will know Rebecca from her time as DSA President, and as a long-serving member of ICSD's Legal Commission. Rebecca has been brought in by ICSD to perform the vital task of reviewing ICSD's governance in the aftermath of the cancelled Slovakia Winter Deaflympics, and in the lead up to the Rome Congress. Again, DSA congratulates Rebecca on her appointment to the ICSD Board, and has offered Rebecca and ICSD our full support.

I had the pleasure of representing DSA at the recent Deaf Australia National Conference in Hobart during 13-15 May, and presented a workshop on Deaf Youth and Deaf Sports, detailing the Schools Education Program and the challenges and achievements experienced to date. It was a successful Conference, and the shadow Minister for Sport in Queensland, David Gibson, was in attendance as well and I had the opportunity to meet him. Well done to Deaf Australia and Hobart for putting on an excellent Conference.

Keen to attend the Australian Deaf Games? There will be an information session coming to your State/Territory soon! Brisbane had theirs last weekend, and a full schedule is planned for June where a member of the Games Organising Committee will present an information session on the Games and answer questions. A schedule can be found in this eNews. Also, a reminder not to miss out on the Early Bird Games Registration Fee, which expires on 30 June 2011.

Earlier this month, I attended the launch of the Smart Auslan project, an initiative of the Australian Communication Exchange (ACE) and the National Sports Museum (NSM) where deaf and hard of hearing people can enjoy the museum's exhibits by watching an Auslan version using a smart phone (Samsung Galaxy). It was a great launch, and our patron, Kevan Gosper, also attended - actually, Kevan provided the voice for the narratives at the museum. It was very fitting that the NSM became the first museum in Australia to be accessible for deaf and hard of hearing people given Australia's love for sport. DSA applauds ACE and NSM for their initiative and to make this happen. Already there are talks about implementing a similar project at the IOC Museum in Lausanne using International Sign! Further details: [www.smartauslan.com.au](http://www.smartauslan.com.au)

The website for the 2012 Asia Pacific Games, to be held in Seoul, Korea, has been launched - visit [www.seoul2012.com](http://www.seoul2012.com)

Congratulations goes to our 'Deaf Socceroos' (Men) who came 7th at the 2nd Asia Pacific Deaf Football Championships held in Changwon, Korea. The Australians defeated India 3-2 to claim 7th place, but unfortunately missed out on qualifying for the World Deaf Football Championships. Full details and results can be found here: <http://www.apdsc.org/news/20110517.htm>

Until next month, yours in deaf sports,

Brent Phillips  
President



[www.seoul2012.com](http://www.seoul2012.com)





It has been an exciting month at the DSA office as we conducted our first Deaf Sports Australia Schools Education Workshop - titled ACTIVE DEAF KIDS, for 2011 in conjunction with the 2011 New South Wales Department of Education Deaf Sports Camp at Point Wolstencroft (near Sydney) on Thursday 26 May. At the camp Irena and Deaf Sports legend Cindy-Lu Fitzpatrick presented to around 100 deaf students on the health and social benefits of participating in sport and it was a great opportunity to kick off the program for 2011 and interact with so many young and enthusiastic students and inspire them to develop a lifelong involvement with sport.

In partnership with Swimming Australia we have recently produced an information brochure on swimming. The brochure provides valuable information for the deaf community on how to join a swimming club, volunteer roles, how to access information about swimming and eligibility and classification. The brochure is a great example of how Deaf Sports Australia is working closely with National Sporting Organisations and helps to further strengthen the valuable partnership we have with Swimming Australia. A big thank you to Michael Woods (Swimming Australia), Annabel Bishop (Deaf Aquatics Australia) and Irena for all their hard work in putting this together. If you would like a copy of the brochure please contact the DSA office.

The Deaf Sports Australia office has been brightened up over the last month as we have had Natasha Ravlich on board as a work experience student. Natasha is currently studying sports administration at University in Melbourne and has been helping Irena work on the Schools Program. Natasha is a young deaf student and is great to see her get involved in sports administration. Hopefully more youngsters follow in her footsteps and choose to take up a career in sports administration. The more deaf professionals employed in the industry, the greater the chance for deaf issues to be raised and the profile of deaf sport to be raised. If you know of any deaf students out there who want advice on career options in the sports industry please feel free to DSA and we will help where we can to provide advice and contacts..

I will shortly be going on leave for an extended honeymoon from 11 June until 18 July, while I am away Irena will continue to keep the Deaf Sports Australia office up to date, so please feel free to contact her in my absence. I hope you enjoy reading this week's e-news and I look forward to returning in July.

Craig Dodson  
DSA Manager

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## Smart Auslan Launch

In a first ever for Australia, deaf and hard of hearing people are now able to access the Australian Sports Museum and receive the same information as their mainstream counterparts.

The “Smart Auslan” technology was developed by not-for-profit organisation, Australian Communication Exchange (ACE), over an 18-month partnership with the museum.

While hundreds of museums across Australia offer audio tours, only the National Sports Museum now offers the equivalent service for Deaf and hearing impaired Australians to gain easy access to the same information through a smartphone device.

Up until now, Deaf Australians have had to either pay for their own Auslan interpreter, or wait for a scheduled Auslan tour to fully appreciate the cultural experiences on offer at museums.

Brent Phillips, President of Deaf Sports Australia attended the launch and presented a speech offering the organisation’s full support for the initiative.

“Melbourne has a very rich history in sports, especially within the deaf community given that we have one of the oldest deaf cricket club of over 100 years old, the Australian Deaf Games being held since 1964, and the Deaflympic Games were held in this city in 2005” says Brent, “As a result, it is very fitting that the Smart Auslan program is launched at the Melbourne Sports Museum”.

DSA’s Patron, Kevan Gosper AO was also in attendance. Kevan has also provided commentary descriptions for some of the museums’ displays.

Each year, approximately 150,000 people visit the National Sports Museum and listen to audio descriptions of iconic exhibitions.

Smart Auslan provides Deaf and hearing impaired Australians with the same access to the museum display descriptions in Auslan sign language videos that can be accessed by scanning Quick Response (QR) codes with Android-powered smartphones.

The museum will have six Android devices located for visitors to use or alternatively the application can be downloaded onto an Android smartphone from the ACE website.

For further information go to [www.smartauslan.com.au](http://www.smartauslan.com.au)

The National Sports Museum is located at the MCG via Gate 3. For further information about the museum go to [www.nsm.com.au](http://www.nsm.com.au)



## Changwon City, South Korea

### Day 1 (13th May)

We arrived on Friday morning at 11.55am at Pusan Airport and we were taken to Changwon International Football Centre where we will be residing for the duration of the tournament.

The facilities here are absolutely first class. I have yet to see anything like this or compare this place to anything like this in Australia.

I believe the facilities we had in our stay at Orange were Fantastic, but where we are staying is over the top.



### Day 2 (14th May)

The official Draw was done today and Australia have a realistic chance. Two countries withdrew at the last minute citing VISA issues. (Pakistan and China)

Group A (Korea, Japan, Iraq, Uzbekistan)

Group B (Iran, Thailand, Australia, India)

Most of the Asian Pacific countries are supported by their Federal Government.

Korea, India, Iran, Iraq, Thailand, and Japan have been in camp for more than a month. Before the tournament has started whilst Uzbekistan have been in camp 3 weeks and Australia 3 days with NO government funding or support from our own FFA.

On Sunday 15th May Australia plays Thailand (Seeded 3rd Asia) in our first match.

On Tuesday 17th May Australia plays Iran (Asian Champions)

On Thursday 19th May Australia plays India who are unknowns.

After the 3rd matches are played in each group, the top 2 teams of each group will automatically qualify with the 2 third place teams playing off for the 5th and final spot remaining to qualify for the World Cup in Turkey 2012.

### Day 3 (15th May)

Australia vs Thailand

The Australian Deaf Football team opened their World Cup qualifiers today at 10.00am (AEST) with a 2 - 0 loss to Asia Pacific's 3rd ranked team Thailand.

The match was played in good spirits with Thailand dominating much of the 1st half with a quick short sharp passing game.

In the 4th minute of the game Australia came very close to scoring from a Ryan Sutor through ball to Mark Davis, whose shot was just wide of the posts.

Thailand's short sharp passing game really did not penetrate the Australia defence.

In the 2nd half Australia had 3 clear cut chances to score and failed. Then in the 59' Thongolez Somasak was deemed to be held back by the shirt by Australia Joshua Doe inside the 18 yard box. The referee awarded the penalty which was converted.

Coach Abbas Saad was very proud of the way the Australian team played and is still positive that qualification is still possible after this loss.

Australia's next match is against Iran who are the Asian champions.

The other match played in Australia's group was Iran vs India (14-0).

#### **Day 4 (16th May)**

Our Assistant coach arrived today and the team went straight into a 2 hour training session on Shape and Structure.

The boys had some down time and went out shopping and looking around.

Abbas, Robert and Brian found a great coffee shop near the university.

The boys are getting tired of eating fish, rice and salads.

Abbas and Brian have asked to have the menu changed, so we will see what transpires.

#### **Day 5 (17th May)**

Australia vs Iran

Australia's 2nd qualifier was against the Asian Pacific Champions Iran who are coming off a 14-0 win against India.

After losing 2-0 in our first match against Thailand the Australians rebounded superbly in the first half against Iran having the scores lock at 1-1 at half time.

Iran opened the scoring in the 15' minute where Iran's striker Javad Soleimani capitalized on some lazy defence and was able to tap in a soft goal.



Australia pressured the Iranians and were awarded a penalty when Australia's Mark Rust ran beat three players and ran into the box only to be brought down from behind in a very late challenge. Australia's captain Jamie Flanagan converted from the spot.

Australia went into the half time break having dominated most of the first half and having the Asian Champions rattled.

Australia resumed the 2nd half with aggression and Pece Cincev picked up his first yellow card with a late challenge in the 46'.

In the 54' Basin Alitreza managed to get a cross in from the goal line, and Javad Soleimani managed to get a foot in and tapped in what seemed a soft goal through some soft marking.

For the next 5 minutes the Australian's dropped their heads and went further down in the 58' minute where Javad Soleimani dribbled past two defenders and unleashed a shot on goal which beat the Australian keeper.

Australia made some changes and missed two opportunities to try and peg back the difference, in the end the Iranians were too strong and physical for Australia.

In the 71' Basir Alizadeh scored a header from a corner.

To the Australian team's credit, they never gave up and kept taking it to Iran but it was not going to be their day.

Australia must beat India on Thursday to keep their chances alive.

In the other match played today Thailand beat India 7 - 1

### **Day 6 (18th May)**

Today was another rest day, the boys went into town and did some shopping.

### **Day 7 (19th May)**

Australia's third qualifying match was against India and it was a must win for Australia. Pece Cincev who had done an exceptional job in the midfield for Australia in the last two matches was to miss India's match through a back injury.

Australia played really well and ended up winners 4-0.

Australia came out of the blocks and started pressing India right from the start.

The first 20 minutes of play Australia dominated possession with India playing a very tight compact game against Australia.

In the 22' Mark Davis had a long range shot that was saved by the outstretched Indian keeper.

In the 25' a long range throw in found Mark Davis on his own at the back post which resulted in Australia's first goal.

In the 38' Australia's captain Jamie Flanagan made a run from inside his own half and from 45 yards out saw the keeper off his line and unleashed a venomous shot in the top right hand corner to take Australia to a 2-0 lead.

Australia went into the half time break with a 2-0 lead.

The second half Australia came out playing attacking football, but India's defence was well organized, in the 60' Nicholas Fonti was cautioned for a late challenge which then had coach Abbas Saad substitute him to avoid any further controversy with the referee.

In the 70' a further two changes were made and fresh legs produced two further goals for Australia in the 82' minute by Mark Davis and Joshua Doe in the 90'.

Overall it was a very solid performance by Australia and look forward to the quarter final match up with Uzbekistan this Sunday 4pm AEST

**Day 8 (20th May)** - Rest day.

### **Day 9 (21st May)**

Training was at 10am where Abbas had a game plan for Uzbekistan. Players went through a number of scenarios and strategies in learning how to breakdown the Uzbekistan defence and where they would be vulnerable in attack. Tomorrow Australia take on Uzbekistan and the winner goes through to the World Cup in Turkey 2012. Australia has been lucky in that it has had some results from other matches work in their favour.



## Day 10 (22nd May)

### Australia vs Uzbekistan

This match will decide who will take the 5th Asian spot at the World Cup in Turkey 2012. Australia has played Uzbekistan on one occasion three years ago and the match finished up a 1-1 draw.

Uzbekistan is a very physical team and has been installed favorites to win this match by three to four goals by the other Asian countries.

The Australian starting line up was unchanged to that of the team that beat India.

From the opening whistle Australia's game plan was to win key individual battles in defence and then open up and play down the channels.

Australia again dominated the first half with more than a dozen missed opportunities.

In the 25th minute of the game Uzbekistan's Kardash received a free kick for a late challenge about 40 yards out from the Australian goal line. The free kick came into the box where there was a scramble to kick the ball out, Australia failed to clear the ball on the 18 yard box and Uzbekistan's Kardash blasted the ball towards Australia's goal where it took a deflection and went into goal. Australia restarted the game and dominated the rest of the first half but failed to score where they had 3 one on one opportunities.

Australia came out in the second half believing that they could score and still win the match. Australia's Nicholas Fonti and Mark Theodossiou were winning their individual battles in the middle of the park and a 51st minute strike by Pece Cincev from 25 yards out had the Uzbekistan keeper at full stretch to make the save.

In the 55th, 58th and 72nd minute Australia was denied calls for a penalty which resulted in late challenges being committed by Uzbekistan players.

With Australia unable to score and with so many chances Uzbekistan scored their 2nd Goal when Australia pushed everyone forward in the last 2 minutes of play to try and find the equalizer. Against the run of play Australia was caught at the back with no defence and Uzbekistan score in the last 30 seconds of the match.

For the Australian side, it means we have missed qualifying for the World Cup in Turkey in 2012 but will return to Seoul in May 2012 and try and qualify for the Deaflympics which will be hosted in Athens, Greece 2013.

Coach Abbas Saad and Robert Stanton are very proud of their troops and the performances of all matches but especially in this game where the team is gutted not winning this match where they dominated the game for more than 85% of the match and missed plenty of opportunities.

Clearly the team has come along way in the last 3 years under Abbas Saad and Robert Stanton. They have had to rebuild the squad from scratch. Australia has a team that can compete with Asia's best countries on the world stage with room for much more improvement from a very young team.

Australia will bid to host the 2014 Asia Pacific World Cup qualifiers and hopefully then Australia will qualify for the next World Cup in 2016.

[www.austdeafgames.org.au](http://www.austdeafgames.org.au)

## Registrations Are Open Now!

Registrations for the 2012 Australian Deaf Games is now available online at [www.austdeafgames.org.au](http://www.austdeafgames.org.au)



Early Bird Rate				Standard Rate				Late Rate			
Adult	Conc.	Youth	Child	Adult	Conc.	Youth	Child	Adult	Conc.	Youth	Child
\$139	\$119	\$99	FREE	\$159	\$139	\$119	FREE	\$189	\$169	\$149	FREE

**Early Bird Rate:** open of registration until 30 June 2011

**Standard Rate:** 1 July 2011 - 31 October 2011

**Late Rate:** 1 November 2011 - 31 December 2011

Please note that these fees are only for General Registration to the Games (Opening, Closing and social events), and do not include fees to participate in sporting events. Separate fees will apply for each individual sports are on offer.

As you can note, we are be offering early bird registration fees so be sure to register as soon as possible!

## How do I Participate in State Teams?

You will need to contact your relevant State Deaf Sports Association to obtain details on how to participate in State-based competitions in your chosen sports. Below is a list of contact details for State Deaf Sports Associations:

Australian Capital Territory Deaf ACT David Brady <a href="mailto:david.brady@austouch.com.au">david.brady@austouch.com.au</a>	New South Wales Deaf Sports Recreation NSW Tony Clews <a href="mailto:tclews@DeafSociety.com">tclews@DeafSociety.com</a>
Queensland Deaf Sports Recreation Queensland Julie Lyons <a href="mailto:dsrq@dsrq.org.au">dsrq@dsrq.org.au</a>	South Australia Deaf Sports Recreation South Australia Tanya Morgan <a href="mailto:dsrsa@adam.com.au">dsrsa@adam.com.au</a>
Victoria Deaf Sports Recreation Victoria Meg Aumann <a href="mailto:maumann@dsrv.com.au">maumann@dsrv.com.au</a>	Western Australia Western Australia Deaf Recreation Association Murray Nicholson <a href="mailto:murrayjamesnicholson@gmail.com">murrayjamesnicholson@gmail.com</a>
Other States Please contact the DSA Office: Irena Farinacci <a href="mailto:irena.farinacci@deafsports.org.au">irena.farinacci@deafsports.org.au</a>	New Zealand New Zealand Deaf Sports Association Annette Scott <a href="mailto:Executive1@deafsports.co.nz">Executive1@deafsports.co.nz</a>
Fiji Fiji Association of the Deaf Gael Seru	Samoa Samoa Deaf Association Vai Leatuvao

## GOC to Launch Australian Deaf Games Roadshow

The 2012 ADG GOC will be travelling to visit States and Territories to meet with the Deaf sporting community to promote and provide information about the 2012 ADG. Below are the roadshow meetings to be held in your State:

Hobart, TAS - Friday, 3 June 6:00pm @ Hobart Deaf Club

Melbourne, VIC - Friday, 17 June 6:00pm @ Vicdeaf

Sydney, NSW - Friday, 17 June 7:30pm @ Club Burwood

Adelaide, SA - Saturday, 18 June 7:00pm @ Deaf SA

Perth, WA - Friday night (time TBA), 24 June @ Deaf Community Centre, East Perth



## Oceania involvement

In the last bulletin, we were thrilled to let you know that New Zealand Deaf Sports Association accepted our invitation to participate in the 2012 Games.

We can now confirm that both Fiji and Samoa have also accepted our invitation to participate in the Games. This will be the first time we have had more Oceania countries involved as New Zealand have been involved in some previous Games. Deaf Sport Australia and the ADG GOC is assisting where we can.

## Auslan videoclips on our website - thanks to

Two new videoclips have been produced and have been added to our Games website at <http://www.austdeafgames.org.au/news/auslanvideos.htm>

Thanks to our new partner organisation, iAuslan we are now able to produce Auslan videoclips which complement the text information on our website. Our first two videoclips are:

“Welcome to the Games and latest news”

“How to register for the Games”

Very soon, more Auslan videos will be available on topics that include “Registration terms and conditions”, “FAQs”, “Volunteers wanted”. Please share these around.

## Accommodation - do it now!

Accommodation in Geelong is fast being booked. We advise that you book as soon as possible. The time of the Australian Deaf Games is during peak holiday time and Geelong is a popular destination. There are many options available at the following website:

<http://visitgeelongbellarine.com/great-ocean-road/destinations/geelong>

We urge you to visit the website and book your accommodation now to avoid disappointment. There are still good options available. The 2012 GOC Transport and Accommodation contact person is Gary Kerridge. Gary can be contacted at [g.kerridge@ballarat.edu.au](mailto:g.kerridge@ballarat.edu.au)

Enquiries were made to see if the Games Organising Committee could pre book rooms and advertise availability. Response to this request to several places was not positive. Securing accommodation will depend on YOU and your teams booking as soon as possible. If you have not yet done so .. do so NOW.



## Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers will be required to assist with Registrations, sports, logistics, and so on. Volunteer forms will be released soon so keep your eyes peeled for future announcements in the meantime. For further information about volunteering or to express your interest, please contact Paula on [paula.thornton@austdeafgames.org.au](mailto:paula.thornton@austdeafgames.org.au)

## Games Hub

The Games Hub will be held at the Deakin University on the Geelong Waterfront. The Games Hub will also include meeting rooms for National Deaf Sports Associations to host their meetings during the Australian Deaf Games. NDSOs requiring a meeting room will need to contact Craig Dodson at Deaf Sports Australia at [craig.dodson@deafsports.org.au](mailto:craig.dodson@deafsports.org.au)



*Games Hub at Deakin University,  
Geelong Waterfront.*

*The Closing Ceremony event will  
also be held at this venue*



## ADG Sports Program Schedule

	Sat 14/1	Sun 15/1	Mon 16/1	Tue 17/1	Wed 18/1	Thur 19/1	Fri 20/1	Sat 21/1
Opening Ceremony	NIGHT							
Closing Ceremony								NIGHT
Aquatics			DAY					
Athletics		DAY						
Basketball			DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	
Beach Volleyball		DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY			
Cricket			DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	
Cycling							DAY	DAY
Darts					DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY
Eight Ball		NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT			
Futsal						DAY	DAY	DAY
Golf			DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	
Lawn Bowls		DAY	DAY	DAY		DAY	DAY	
Netball		NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	NIGHT	
Rugby 7's							DAY	DAY
Shooting		DAY	DAY	DAY				
Squash		DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY			
Surfing				DAY				
Table Tennis							DAY	DAY
Tennis			DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY	
Tenpin Bowling	DAY	DAY	DAY	DAY				
Touch Football - tbc					DAY	DAY		

*\* Note - schedule may be subject to change*

### More Information

If you have any questions regarding the Australian Deaf Games, please contact the DSA office at [dsa@deafsports.org.au](mailto:dsa@deafsports.org.au)

## Reminder!

Early Bird Registrations for the Australian Deaf Games close on **30<sup>th</sup> June 2011**.

Be sure to register to get the best deal!

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# XVI Australian Deaf Games



14 -21 January 2012  
Geelong, Victoria  
[www.austdeafgames.org.au](http://www.austdeafgames.org.au)



## 2011 National Deaf Tennis Club Championships

In early April, deaf tennis players from all around Australia gathered in Canberra for our national championships. We had a mix of old and new faces, and it was a particular pleasure for us to welcome Japanese international representative Ayami Sato, who is currently living in Sydney, and her high standard of play was always going to be a big challenge for the Aussie women! This is the first time in many years that we've had a national championships separate from the Australian Deaf Games, and our approach is that all deaf people in Australia are welcome to come and play - regardless of age, standard of play, etc.

Before competition began on the Saturday we were briefed on how to look after the clay courts - by bagging (smoothing) and watering them at the end of each set. Then play got underway, starting with the singles. For the events that were not round robin, first and second round losers entered a consolation event, so there was lots of tennis to be played!

On Sunday, we woke up to find that it was raining. So some matches were shifted indoors, on to a very fast court surface, which was a major challenge for all! Fortunately, by early afternoon the rain cleared, so we moved back to the outdoor venue, but since the clay courts were still flooded we played on the hard courts. It was fantastic that despite the difficult weather and repeated changes of venue there were so many spectators!

The last few matches were finished on Monday. It was an action-packed weekend with lots of tennis, some very close matches, and some fun social events. Congratulations to all competitors on their fine efforts and sportsmanship during the weekend. Special congratulations to the event winners. Many thanks to Tennis Australia, Tennis ACT and the Australian Institute of Sport for their support during the event, and to Physio Penny Gillett for her dedicated work.

After a great weekend of tennis we are looking forward to the next big event on the deaf tennis calendar, which after our international event in Turkey in June this year will be the Australian Deaf Games in January next year. In the meantime keep up to date with events in your state - email to [info@deaftennisaustralia.org](mailto:info@deaftennisaustralia.org) and let us know you're interested!

### Results

#### Women's Singles

Winner: Ayami Sato (Japan)

Runner-up: Carolyn Nixon (nee McKnight)

Consolation event winner: Kathy Sakellarios

#### Men's Singles

Winner: Glen Flindell (VIC)

Runner-up: John Lui

Consolation event winner: Michael Louey

#### Women's Doubles

Winners: Carolyn Nixon & Kathy Sakellarios (VIC)

Runners-up: Renuka & Laurel Payne

#### Men's Doubles:

Winners: Glen Flindell & Stephen Swann (VIC)

Runners-up: John Lui & Jamie Zafir



**Mixed Doubles:**

**Winners: John Lui & Ayami Sato (NSW/Japan)**

**Runners-up: Joshua Sealy & Carolyn Nixon**

**Consolation event winners: Albert Nguyen & Lauren Payne**

The Australian Mens Team of John Lui, Stephen Swann, and Jamie Zafir are off to Turkey in June to compete at the Dresse & Maere Cup (deaf version of Davis Cup) so we wish them all the best of luck. Penny Gillet will also be traveling with the team to offer support through her first-class physiotherapy services.

**Current Activities through DTA:**

**Brisbane: Fortnightly Friday Evening hits**

**Melbourne: Weekly Monday Night hits until October**

**Sydney: Deaf Tennis Champs TBC**



*Left: Stephen Swann, Michael Louey and Glen Findell*

*Below: Kathy Sakellarios, Carolyn Nixon and Ayami Sato*





## 2011 Australian Deaf Golf Championships Results

Deaf Golf Australia were the proud hosts of the 19th Australian Deaf Golf Championships that was held at Links Lady Bay at Normanville, South Australia on 6 to 8 May 2011.

The website for the golf course can be found here : [www.linksladybay.com.au](http://www.linksladybay.com.au)

30 golfers from all over Australia attended these Championships and lovely warm weather greeted those golfers. Links Lady Bay proved to be a tough but fair golf course. We would like to congratulate the following winners (noting no golfer can win more than one trophy) :

Mens Gross Champion : Jack Besley (Victoria)

Mens Gross Runner-Up : Mark Aird (Queensland)

Mens Gross Third Place : Tony Klimek (WA)

Ladies Gross Champion : Karon Fowler (Victoria)

Ladies Gross Runner Up : Therse Pierce (Victoria)

Seniors Gross Champion : Alan Bitters (WA)

Seniors Gross Runner Up : Kevin Hayden (Queensland)

Mens Nett Champion : Graham Home (Queensland)

Mens Nett Runner Up : Joel Smales (WA)

Mens Nett Third Place : Thomas Beggs (Victoria)

Ladies Nett Champion : Wendy Home (Queensland)

Ladies Nett Runner Up : Mariellen Coles (Victoria)

Seniors Nett Champion : Brendan Fogarty (Victoria)

Seniors Nett Runner Up : Ray Panzic (WA)

State Mens Teams Champion : Victoria (Gavin Balharrie, Thomas Beggs, Jack Besley, Paul Bourke, Barry Engelsman, Gary Kerridge)

State Mens Teams Runner Up : Queensland (Mark Aird, Kevin Hayden, Graham Home, Wayne Parsons)

State Mens Teams Third Place : WA (Alan Bitters, Peter Brown, Robert Bull, Tony Klimek, Ray Panzic, Joel Smales)

## 2011 National Deaf Golf Championships Photos



*Top: Jack Besley - Men's Winner;  
Top Right: Karon Fowler - Women's  
Winner (with Wendy Home as  
presenter), Right: Victorian Team:  
Barry Engelsman, Thomas Beggs,  
Jack Besley, Gavin Balharrie and  
Paul Bourke*

*Below: On the golf course*





2011 International Deaf Lawn Bowls Championships Photo Gallery



6th International Deaf Lawn Bowls Championships  
Perth - Western Australia - April 2011



Deaf Basketball Association of South Australia is hosting the next National Deaf Basketball Club Championship in Adelaide!!

**The Alan Sandon Shield will be held from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th July 2011**

We will have a special dinner to celebrate the 50th year anniversary of South Australian Deaf Basketball.

Games will be held at Wayville Basketball Stadium, Rose Terrace, Wayville.

50th year anniversary dinner will be held at the Deaf Society's Hall, 262 South Terrace, Adelaide.

We will have Open Men and Women's teams, Masters (over 40's) and Juniors (under 18's).

### REGISTRATION:

Open player: \$80 (does not include 50th year dinner)

\*\*\* Early Bird: \$70 if paid by 6th May \*\*\*

Masters: \$40 (includes 50th year dinner)

Juniors: \$40 (includes 50th year dinner)

Coach/Manager: \$80 (does not include 50th year dinner)

Visitors: \$40 (includes dinner)

50th year dinner only:

\$30 for a buffet style dinner including desserts

Please contact DBASA for team/player registration form.

Please contact DBASA if you require further information.

Email: [dbasa@live.com.au](mailto:dbasa@live.com.au)



Please contact Tanya Morgan from DSRSA if you want to purchase 50th year anniversary dinner tickets via email on [dsrsa@adam.com.au](mailto:dsrsa@adam.com.au)



DEAF BASKETBALL  
AUSTRALIA



Dear Full Members, Associate Members, Executive Board, TDs, and Commissions;

Here is the press release that will go out today regarding to the 43rd ICSD Congress.



### ICSD To Hold 2011 Congress In The Eternal City

12 May, 2011; The International Committee of Sports for the Deaf today announced the venue and dates of its 2011 Congress: Rome, from 13-15 September.

ICSD is delighted to have the support of the Federazione Sport Sordi Italia as we all prepare for Congress. Rome will make for a memorable and productive meeting of the deaf sport world," commented ICSD President Craig Crowley. "Deaf sport faces huge challenges, to repair some poor decisions about hosting the Deaflympics and to take our movement forward. But at the same time, there are new opportunities for us to embrace. We must work together, and we must work quickly," added Crowley.

ICSD Congress will be held at Rome's Summit Hotel, conveniently located between the airport and the city centre. The hotel also regularly serves as a venue for FSSI meetings.

"Ten years after hosting the Deaflympics, FSSI is proud to welcome the world of deaf sport to Rome again. The Summit Hotel is the home of our own annual congress. We know you will find it to be a comfortable and productive place," commented FSSI President Daniela Mazzocco. "FSSI looks forward to hosting the organisation of deaf sport. We also look forward to competitions involving top deaf athletes from around the world. The ICSD World Deaf Basketball Championships will take place in Palermo, following the ICSD Congress in Rome," added Mazzocco.

ICSD and FSSI will provide further information in the coming days and weeks about accommodation, pricing and other details. The deadline for members to submit new motions for Congress has been set at 13 June.

"Considering the opinions of ICSD members is something we do every day, not just at Congress," commented Craig Crowley. "I was elected on the basis of making ICSD a more open and accountable organisation. It is only right that we consider new motions. Members must remember, however, that we already have a number of motions to consider from Vysoké Tatry. In addition, changes to our Constitution are required to conform with our partners in the Olympic Movement. We will have a very busy time in Rome, and also before, as we reform, restructure and renew our organisation," concluded Crowley.

Kind regards,

Sue Burnes  
ICSD Office Administrator



Dear Members

It is my duty as President to inform you of the latest developments in the follow-up to the failure of Slovakia 2011.

You can appreciate the demands that this position has placed on the

Executive Board, new Chief Executive and ICSD's staff and Technical Directors. This is a challenging and difficult time.

It was regrettable that one member of the Executive Board chose to resign recently, especially when we face serious issues about the future standing of our organization.

Josef Willmerdinger served ICSD since Jaromir Ruda was entrusted with the Deaflympics. Josef has chosen not to be a part of the new strategic direction that this organization desperately needs to move forward. ICSD appreciates Josef's positive efforts, his relationships with member countries and especially his work with Technical Directors. ICSD wishes to thank Josef for his services to the Deaf Sport Movement.

We are indeed in a very difficult situation, created by Deaflympics hosting arrangements made years ago. Despite our much closer relationship, positive cooperation and support from the IOC, ICSD and its members still have to deal with the devastating impact of Deaflympics failures.

The IOC is assisting ICSD with the independent observation of our activities and our games management work. This is only one part of ICSD's work to follow up on Slovakia. We continue to work closely with Slovakian authorities, as they move closer to a criminal prosecution of Ruda. And ICSD is conducting an internal review of documents and actions, to see what we could have done better.

I have approached and spoken with a number of member countries regarding a potential replacement for Josef. After consulting with the full Executive Board and our external legal adviser, Onside Law, it would be most appropriate to temporarily appoint Rebecca Adam (AUS - APDSC). The decision was made in the most democratic way possible, with regional representatives also being consulted.

Rebecca has already served ICSD for a number of years as a member of our legal commission. As a former president of Deaf Sport Australia, she also fully understands the needs and concerns of members. Rebecca will not take over Josef's work as VP for World Sport. Instead, she will perform the vital task of reviewing ICSD's governance in the lead up to Congress and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support, during these difficult times.

Very best wishes,

Craig A. Crowley MBE  
President

## New Chair for Deafness Forum

Posted May 21st, 2011

Deafness Forum (a peak national organisation representing the nearly 4 million Australians with hearing loss) today announced that it's long-serving Chairperson Mr Alex Jones had decided to step down from the Board of the leading advocacy group.

Announcing his decision, Mr Jones said: "After more than 5 years as a Director and then Chairperson of Deafness Forum of Australia, I believe it's time for someone new to lead the Deafness Forum through its next phase of advancing the interests of deaf and hearing impaired Australians."

Deafness Forum is the peak body for deafness in Australia. Established in early 1993 by the Federal Government, the Deafness Forum represents all interests and viewpoints of the deaf and hearing impaired communities of Australia, including those people who have a chronic disorder of the ear and those who are DeafBlind.

Mr Jones said that during his time with the Deafness Forum he was most proud of raising the profile of the peak advocacy group; and gaining prominence for, and political will to address, the issues impacting on Australians who are deaf and hearing impaired. He was also proud to have been active in building bridges - both within the Deaf/hearing loss sector, and across the wider disability sector.

Deafness Forum Deputy Chairperson, Lynden Beaumont, said: "Alex has been as been an outstanding leader and champion for better opportunity and access for deaf and hearing impaired Australians. We know he will continue to advocate for their interests in his own capacity. Deafness Forum thanks Alex for his commitment over many years".

Mr Jones said: "Deafness Forum is stronger than ever with a highly skilled and passionate Board. I look forward to working with the new Chairperson on the changeover. At a management level, the Forum is in excellent hands with our new CEO, Kris Newton, and her team.

"I intend to remain active in my individual capacity in advocating for better opportunity and access for people with disability, including supporting initiatives such as the "Every Australian Counts" campaign and the introduction of a National Disability Insurance Scheme."

Mr David Brady was elected by the Board as the new Chair. Mr Brady was born profoundly deaf and wears hearing aids. A graduate of University of NSW in Social Sciences, with a Masters Degree in Sports Management from the University of Sheffield in the UK, David is a keen athlete (representing Australia at the 2005 Deaflympic Games in Water Polo). He is currently Business Operations Manager with Touch Football Australia, and volunteers as a mentor with 'Hear for You'.

"Although Alex is stepping down from the Board, he has offered his support and advice in the role of Immediate-Past Chair, and I very much appreciate this gesture; he still has a great deal to offer our sector.", Mr Brady said.



## Inspiration through Silence

Inspiration through silence: CSUN's sole deaf basketball player is role model to many people

May 15, 2011

By [Gilberto Manzano](#)



*#42: Lizarraga ended the 2011 season with 134 rebounds, 19 assists, 22 steals and 189 points. photo credit: Monique Muñiz / Sports Editor*

Michael Lizarraga, 22, the only deaf player in Division I men's basketball last season, had his inspiring story covered by "The New York Times," "Los Angeles Times," ESPN, Fox Sports, "Los Angeles Daily News," CBS Sports and many other media outlets.

Having to cover the Cal State Northridge men's basketball team for the last two seasons, I had the opportunity to see all the attention Lizarraga received from reporters and began to wonder if he ever got tired of the spotlight.

Prior to a road game against UC Riverside in February, Erin Matthews, Lizarraga's interpreter, told me the 6-foot-7 senior forward does get annoyed at times, especially if the interview is after a loss, but he understands it's for a good cause.

Lizarraga has become a role model to many young deaf athletes and has been receiving countless fan mail through his personal and fan page on Facebook.

"Mike you are an amazing inspiration. I just worked a basketball tournament for hearing impaired children and these kids are learning a lot from you. Keep up the good work," Maura Baginski said.

Lizarraga doesn't only encourage deaf children.

"It was amazing and inspirational being able to sit on press row and watch you (Lizarraga) play in person tonight at Pacific. From one D-I athlete to another, congratulations on all that you have achieved in your career and good luck in the Big West Tournament. You represent everything that is great about an athlete overcoming a challenge to pursue their dreams," said Gwen Arafles, a senior softball player at UC Berkeley.

I asked Lizarraga if we could schedule a meeting so I can ask him a few questions.

"Sure, but how do you want to do this?" he said.

I paused and realized his interpreter Matthews wouldn't be around since the basketball season was over. We arranged to meet in front of the Matadome with our laptops to talk through Google chat.

During our one-hour chat, I got to know Lizarraga's personality off of the court and how he handles being a role model.

Lizarraga and I decided to get together at 3 p.m. on May 6 after he was done playing pick-up basketball with current and former teammates. It's 20 minutes after 3 p.m. and I'm starting to think he forgot about our interview or he just didn't want to talk.

A CSUN assistant coach walks by and I ask him if he can remind Lizarraga about our interview.

"Oh, no, I can't do that. Michael (Lizarraga) won't stop playing until the game is over," he told me.

A few minutes later Lizarraga comes out of the gym and points at my laptop and gives me a disappointed look. He then pulls out his fancy Apple MacBook and I realized that he was making fun of my less-expensive PC Toshiba.



So far I've learned that Lizarraga takes pick-up basketball seriously and is a jokester. Oh, wait, and he gets bored easily.

While I ask Lizarraga who he has winning the NBA Finals (he picked the Heat and was right about the Lakers going down), I catch him on his Facebook and watching YouTube videos of Clippers All-Star forward Blake Griffin.

It turns out Lizarraga wanted to show me one of the letters he received on his fan page.

Gilberto: Do you respond to most letters?

Michael: Yea some, but sometimes I get e-mailed long letters and at times I'm not in the mood to respond back.

Gilberto: Does it get tiring being a role model?

Michael: Not really. I like to get attention (laughs).

I then remind Lizarraga about the video Telemundo, a Spanish-language TV channel, ran about him.

Michael: Oh yeah!! I love that video, but sucks that I don't understand it at all!

Gilberto: So you don't know Spanish?

Michael: Te amo (I love you)... hermano (brother)... hermana (sister)... lol  
I guess that's a no.

Lizarraga, a native of Dixon, California, will return to his high school, California School for the Deaf, on May 26 to be a guest speaker at a banquet. He will discuss his time as a student-athlete at Northridge.

Gilberto: Have you ever been a guest speaker?

Michael: Never! I'm looking forward to it! I am so excited about it.

Lizarraga's teammates began to walk by and he would stop them to show them videos on his laptop or just to talk. Freshman forward Jordan Mitchell began to talk about the movie "Thor" with Lizarraga.

"I love Jordan (Mitchell) but he's a big nerd," Lizarraga, said. "He loves to read comics."

I then noticed that Lizarraga is watching at least his third dancing video during our interview.

Gilberto: You like to dance huh?

Michael: Yeah, I love to dance because of my team! I dance a lot at bars and parties. Oh, I went to Dublin's (a bar and grill near campus) and some girls and guys came up to me. They were so crazy.

Gilberto: I then thought about how tough it must be to dance without being able to listen to the music.

Michael: I don't need to follow the music to dance. I can feel the beats or just dance without the music.

Lizarraga, who is polite, funny, friendly and a leader, has shown that being deaf has not stopped him from living a normal life and doesn't expect anyone to feel sorry for him.

Except for movies without subtitles.

"Don't they understand not everyone can hear?" Lizarraga said jokingly.

Just a minor complaint.

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