

# Letter From The President

## Message from Interim President



*Donalda K. Ammons*

As some of you might not know, Mr. John M. Lovett passed away on Thursday, 30 October from multiple myeloma at a hospital in Melbourne. We created a special tribute to John and a photo album on [www.ciss.org](http://www.ciss.org) and [www.deaflympics.com](http://www.deaflympics.com).

Mr. Kuo-tung Chou, President of Asia-Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation, represented CISS at the funeral services on Friday, 7 November in Melbourne. A private burial took place afterwards. The Lovett family has requested that in lieu of flowers a donation may be made to CISS/DEAFLYMPICS in loving memory of John Lovett and mailed to CISS Secretariat in Frederick, Maryland USA. CISS and the Lovett family also received condolences from many and many people and organizations, for which we are deeply touched and appreciate.

Since the position of Vice President is also vacant since October 2002, I was recently named as Interim President by the Executive Committee until the next election during the Congress in Melbourne which will take place in early January 2005.

Filling Mr. Lovett's shoes is never easy, but I am more than ever determined to carry on his passion and vision for this prestigious organization and Deaflympic Games. To fulfill a long list of goals that the Management Team created under Lovett's leadership, I will now ask

all members on Executive Committee and Technical Directors to assume more responsibilities during this difficult and challenging time.

In two more weeks, I will meet with key officials of International Olympic Committee and International Paralympic Committee in Lausanne to discuss ways in which we can increase and promote more visibility for DEAFLYMPICS. I will also work with IPC in clarifying the individual national situations related to internal difficulties that deaf national sports federations face when attempting to apply for direct membership with CISS.

After my trip to Europe next month, I will spend the holidays with my family at home before flying on 27 December to Melbourne for a site inspection visit and meeting with the M2005 Organizing Committee.

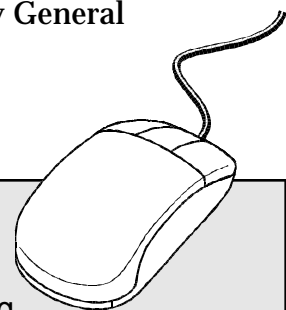
I am certain I will have lots of new and exciting news to share with you in the next E-News!

Happy Holidays!

Donalda K. Ammons  
Interim President & Secretary General

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# Inside DEAFLYMPICS

## Media Partnership with DeafNation

Frederick, MD-(21 November 2003) CISS/DEAFLYMPICS and DeafNation entered a media partnership agreement today.

DeafNation as one of DEAFLYMPICS media partners agrees to distribute information on DEAFLYMPICS at all DeafNation Expo and other related events. DeafNation will provide technical support for full coverage of Deaflympic Games and other sanctioned events such as Deaf World Championships and Deaf Regional Championships.

In addition, DeafNation will deliver news in international signs through DeafNation video streaming that will include the Deaflympic Games and human-interest stories on athletes and staff.

DeafNation's logo will appear on the official site of DEAFLYMPICS website ([www.deaflympics.com](http://www.deaflympics.com)) as one of the media partners.

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## Deaflympic Games

The Deaflympic Games, under the auspices of the Comité International des Sports des Sourds (International Committee of Deaf Sports - CISS), were first competed in Paris in 1924, making it the oldest among the disabled sports organizations. It also receives official recognition and patronage from the International Olympic Committee.



## Macau Sports Association of the Deaf

Macau Sports Association of the Deaf  
Council Members

President: LAO IOK IENG

Vice President: U KA WENG

Secretary general: HO VENG IAN

Treasurer: SAM SUT KUAN

Council member: HONG SIU MAN

They can be contacted at [Macau@ciss.org](mailto:Macau@ciss.org)



CISS is an international governing body for deaf sports, with nearly 90 nation members and is currently led by an executive committee of 8 Deaf persons. Dr. Donald K. Ammons, of Washington, D.C. USA, is serving as Interim President and Secretary General. The CISS headquarters are in Frederick, Maryland.

## Upcoming Events

To view further upcoming events, check out Calenderlive at CISS' Events page at <http://www.ciss.org/events.html>

# Deaf Sports Events

## 5th World Deaf Golf Championships

Stockholm, Sweden in July 2004!

### When?

The 5th World Deaf Golf Championships (WDGC) are played from Tuesday 27th July to Friday 30th July 2004. A practice round will be held on Monday 26th July.

### Where?

It will be held at Drottningholms Golf Club, which is located on an island in Lake Maelaren, just 15 kilometres (10 miles) west of the Stockholm city centre. The golf course is very close to the Royal Palace of Drottningholm, where the King Carl XVI Gustaf and the Queen Silvia lives.

### The Championships

The Tournament is open to all deaf and hard of hearing male and female golfers. The hearing loss must be at least 55 decibels in the better ear. A copy of an audiogram is required to enter the competition. Those who have previously supplied an approved audiogram do not need to submit a copy again. It is not allowed to wear hearing aids during the tournament. It is required to be a member of an official Golf Club, and a copy of the member's card (or similar) must be sent together with the entry form.

The championship is played according to the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews Rules of Golf.

### Mens' Tournament

The mens' individual tournament will be 72 holes of stroke play over four rounds. If two or more players have equal results after the final round, there will be a play-off until there is a winner. Mens' golfers must have an official handicap of 15 or under, and up to ten golfers from each country are allowed to enter.

The mens' team competition will be a stroke play tournament. A minimum of 4 and a maximum of

6 golfers will be selected by their national captain before the start of the tournament. Every day, the four best scores in the team will be summed. The team with the lowest total score after four days will be the winning team.

### Ladies' Tournament

The ladies' individual tournament will be 72 holes of stroke play over four rounds. If two or more players have equal results after the final round, there will be a play-off until there is a winner. Women golfers must have an official handicap of 24 or under, and up to five golfers from each country are allowed to enter.

The womens' team competition will be a stroke play tournament. A minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 golfers will be selected by their national captain before the start of the tournament. Every day, the two best scores in the team will be summed. The team with the lowest total score after four days will be the winning team.

### Seniors' Tournament

To play in the seniors' tournament, the golfer must be of an age of 50 years or older, and an official handicap of 18 or under.

The seniors' individual tournament will be 72 holes of stroke play Over four rounds.

If a golfer enters the Seniors' tournament, he may not enter for the Mens' Tournament.

### Hotel accommodation

We are trying to get all the golfers accommodated at the Skytteholm Hotel & Conference Center. It is beautifully located close to the Lake Malaren. There will be transfer buses between the hotel and the golf course. You can have a look at the Hotel

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on their website: <http://www.skytteholm.se/>

For those who wish to stay in another Hotel, they have to make own arrangement.

### Travel arrangement

Arlanda is the Stockholm's international airport. Upon arrival at Stockholm Arlanda airport, we will help with the transportation to the Hotel. For those arriving in Stockholm in another way than by air, we will try to be as helpful as possible.

### Visa regulations

We have decided to not include a list of the visa-regulations for entering Sweden because it changes constantly, and it will be impossible for us to keep the list updated.

Each golfer has to get himself/herself informed if a tourist-visa is needed to visit Sweden. Please, check with Your travel agency or with the Swedish embassy or consulate about the visa-requirements.

### Sweden

Sweden is the third largest country in Western Europe after France and Spain. It has a population of 9 million inhabitants, and the capital is Stockholm, where 750.000 people lives.

It is not recommended to use US Dollars or Euro for payment in Sweden. International Credit Cards such as VISA and Master Card are accepted almost everywhere. You can look at the current exchange rates here: <http://www.forex.se/>

The time is GMT +1hour. Daylight Saving Time (GMT +2hours) occurs between March 28 and October 31.

Sweden has cold winters and warm summers. The average temperature is 22 C (70 F) in the summer, and you can expect both hot and humid- or cold and rainy weather.

You can read more about Sweden at the following links:

<http://www.sweden.se/>

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/destinations/europe/sweden/>

### Provisional program

Saturday 24th July

Arrival in Stockholm / Checking in at the Hotel / WDGf board meeting.

Sunday 25th July

Arrival in Stockholm / Checking in at the Hotel / WDGf Annual General Meeting / Informal welcome-meeting.

Monday 26th July

Practice round / Official Team Photograph Session / Opening Ceremony

Tuesday 27th July

First round of WDGc / Viking Party

Wednesday 28th July

Second round of WDGc

Thursday 29th July

Third round of WDGc / WDGf Board meeting

Friday 30th July

Fourth round of WDGc / Prize ceremony / Closing Banquet

Saturday 31st July

Checking out from the Hotel.

### Cost Estimate

Skytteholm Hotel (7 nights):

2415 SEK (345 SEK per night and person in a twinbed room, including breakfast.)

Greenfee, Drottningholms GC (Monday-Friday):  
2250 SEK

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# Deaf Sports In Brief

## 1st World Badminton Championship

Held in Sofia, Bulgaria 20-28 October 2003



*Group photo of Medal winners*

*Compiled by Martin Bogard*

The first ever World Deaf Badminton Championship was held at Winter Palace of Sports in Sofia, Bulgaria from 20 to 28 October 2003.

Final Results are shown below. For more interesting stories and wonderful photos, please check the 1st World Deaf Badminton Championships website, which was compiled by CISS Badminton Technical Director, Martin Bogard.

### **Men's Singles**

Bagga, Rajeev (IND)  
Andersen, Jannich (DEN)  
Woo, Ji Soo (KOR)  
Rubas, Josef (CZE)

### **Women's Singles**

Jeong, Seon-Hwa (KOR)  
Dovydyte, Kristina (LTU)  
Gurina, Olga (RUS)  
Bak, Eun-Jeong (KOR)

### **Men's Doubles**

Sin, Hyun-Woo - Woo, Ji Soo (KOR)  
Kulakov, Anton - Karpov, Artemi (RUS)  
Sondergaard, Jesper - Andersen, Jannich (DEN)  
Jankus, Andrius - Dovydaitis, Tomas (LTU)

### **Women's Doubles**

Bak, Eun Jung - Jeong, Seon Hwa (KOR)  
Novik, Jevgenija - Dovydyte, Kristina (LTU)  
Bula, Sophie - Cicala, Isabelle (SUI)  
Perrollaz, Regula - Brunner, Ursula (SUI)

### **Mixed Doubles**

Dovydyte, Kristina - Dovydaitis, Tomas (LTU)  
Vasilyeva, Galina - Karpov, Artemi (RUS)  
Jeong, Seon Hwa - Sin, Hyun-Woo (KOR)  
Bak, Eun Jung - Woo, Ji Soo (KOR)

For more information, go to [www.bulbad.8k.com](http://www.bulbad.8k.com).

## DIBF News

*By Kjell Gunna*

DIBF Vice President, Lyndon Borrow and Kjell Gunna, DIBF Secretary-General will travel to Lagos in Nigeria 19-23 November 2003 for a coaches clinic/development seminar in Deaf basketball. A total of nine (9) men and women from Ghana and eight (8) from Nigeria are expected to participate. Ghana has entered a team to the 2005 Deaflympic Basketball tournament in Melbourne so it will be very exciting for us to see how they play and coach. There is no doubt this clinic/seminar will mean a "lift" for deaf basketball in the region of Africa.

# IOC In Brief

## First athletics competition for women in Kabul

[www.olympic.org](http://www.olympic.org)  
19 November 2003

A first athletics competition for girls and women will be arranged in Kabul's Ghazi Stadium on Thursday 20 November. The competition, organised by the National Olympic Committee (NOC) with the support of the Embassy of Denmark, is meant to inspire increased sports activities in schools and universities, and to identify athletic talents.

### Qualification event for Athens

It is also a national qualification event for the Olympic Games to be held in Athens in August

next year. Similar competitions are currently being organised in a number of provinces by the NOC in partnership with the Ministry of Education and the UN's Youth and Children Development Programme (YCDP).

### Olympic Scholarship

A national final will take place in Kabul on 15 December. The winner of the National Championships in the 100m or 200m will go to Tehran (Iran) to train with other Afghan athletes on an Olympic scholarship.

[http://www.olympic.org/uk/news/olympic\\_news/full\\_story\\_uk.asp?id=264](http://www.olympic.org/uk/news/olympic_news/full_story_uk.asp?id=264)

## 5th World Deaf Golf Championships

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Three Functions:

1500 SEK (Opening function, BBQ party, Closing Ceremony)

WDGC Entrance Fee:

650 SEK (Transportation etc)

All the above prices are per person.

The exchange rates are (19 NOV 2003):

100 SEK = 13,09 USD

100 SEK = 10,96 EUR

(SEK = Kronor, USD = US Dollar, EUR = Euro)

The 5th WDGC homepage is now working, although with a lot of information missing. The homepage will be updated now and then, and would hopefully be fully functional in a couple of weeks. Later this year an entry form to the 5th WDGC will be added, which could be downloaded. You can take a look at our homepage here: <http://hem.passagen.se/sdg1989/>

### Entry form and dates

More information will be sent to interested countries by e-mail. This will include a full entry- and Hotel booking form together with all the costs and fees associated with the WDGC.

The deadline for entering the 5th WDGC is 26st April 2004

Note that all the entries to the WDGC must be made via the National Deaf Golf Association or the National Deaf Sports Association.

### How to contact us

For more information and to get on our mailing list, you can contact us at the following address:

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We are happy to answer all your questions. Welcome to Sweden and Drottningholms Golf Club in July 2004!



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