Vth. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Enclosed is a letter from the Malaysian Federation advising of a postponement until December of this year. It is believed that the delay was due to official approval being given at a later date than expected, however all's well and we hope that it has not caused anyone too much inconvenience with airfares etc. As stated in the letter you will be kept abreast of all happenings.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE ITF

People are sending correspondence to the ITF addressed to General Choi Hong Hi or Master Park Jung Tae etc. All correspondence with the ITF is considered to be ITF business and not personal. PLEASE NOTE that all correspondence with the ITF should be addressed as under:
International Taekwon-Do Federation
8/2 Stollgassee
A-1070 Wien
Austria

You should not put anyone's name on the envelope and if you do it will be opened anyway and dealt with as is all mail. We understand that everyone is important but regretfully the ITF is too large for mail to await the return of individual officers before being dealt with. A much quicker and more efficient service will be given to you and should your correspondence warrant being dealt with by General Choi Hong Hi, or anyone else in person, then you have our assurance that it will be done. Sometimes it will happen that you feel an item should be dealt with by someone specifically because you feel that it is personal and you do not wish it to be known by too many people. Please understand that all of the staff at the headquarters know that discretion must be used with all matters and you need not fear that your business will be told to others who do not need to know. You must rely on the integrity of the staff to be discreet in dealing with your business and you have our assurance that this will be so. Should you wish to write a private letter to someone then please send it to their private address. Following the ITF Congress in March a list of all officers with addresses will be published, this includes the chairmen of the standing committees. You will be advised of the circumstances under which you should write to someone specifically but until then all correspondence should simply be addressed as above. You may of course wish to write your letter to "Dear Master Park" but it would be better to write "Dear Sirs" however if you feel that it is too formal then by all means put someone's name.

GENERAL Choi HONG HI

Notwithstanding the above item about official correspondence for those people who would like to send General Choi Hong Hi some personal greetings we give his private address below:
4216 Regency Drive, Mississauga, Ontario. L5C 4A1, Canada.
HUMAN WEAPON MAGAZINE

This magazine has been subject to the fortunes of the ups and downs of individuals in the past and has had a stop/go existence. The ITF headquarters have now taken over the responsibility for publishing this magazine and intend that it will be published regularly, at three monthly intervals. All information will be given in the magazine and it will be a must for those who wish to keep up to date with the latest happenings within the ITF. This will be the ITF Official Magazine and we would like articles, photographs or any other items which you consider would be of interest or benefit to the other members. Please do not look upon this as something that someone else will do and so you do not need to bother, the magazine will only be alive with your genuine interest behind it. We want you to let us know of all the things that happen to you within TKD and if possible accompanied by photographs. The initial issues will perhaps be a trifle amateurish but the intention is to eventually have the magazine printed by publishers.

THIS TIME WILL NOT BE LIKE THE OTHERS, THIS TIME IS FOR REAL AND THE MAGAZINE WILL BE A REGULAR FEATURE. Please give your support and let us have something to go into the magazine.
The cost will be $1.25 (US) per copy but to order single copies will be time consuming and not very practical so we ask you for 1 year's subscription which is $5.00 (US) and includes postage by airmail to you. A sample form which should be filled in is enclosed and we ask you to fill in all the details asked for to ensure that your copy will reach you promptly.

This is your magazine, by you, for you, so give it your best shot!

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE

Due to unexpected commitments the course will now take place from 10th to 21st March 1986 and the graduation will be on the 22nd. We remind you that you should write to the headquarters and reserve your place giving your personal details of Degree held and other qualifications.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE CHANGE OF DATES!!!

A reminder to all that you must have the permission of your instructor and National Governing Body to come on the course.

You are also reminded that you must have an ITF class 'B' Umpire Certificate before you can have a class 'A'. Class B may be had from your National Governing Body on application, you must of course be qualified.

The ITF qualifying course is for a class A qualification. All members from 4th. Degree to 8th. Degree who do not hold a class A umpire certificate or who do not hold an International Instructor's Certificate are reminded that they may not say that they are qualified as such. You are invited to come on the course to Vienna and may not take part in international events as umpires or instructors until you have the certificates.

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION AFFILIATION CERTIFICATE

All National Organisations are asked to send the ITF copy of their affiliation certificate. Should you not have a certificate then you must affiliate now. Enclosed is a copy of the letter of explanation about affiliation for 'main' and 'branch' gymnasiums and we are in process of insisting that these fees are paid by all members? how can you be a member if you are not paying the fees?
DRESS REGULATIONS

The regulations with regard to wearing of dobok will be an agenda item for the March Congress but in the meantime it is felt that one or two items should be clarified. You may not wear the emblem or flag of another Nation on your dobok. This means that if you are British then you may wear only the Union flag and not the flag of Ireland when you are practising in Britain. Of course if you are British and practising in America then you may wear the American flag. When wearing a black belt then the degree held should be indicated on the belt in Roman numerals.

CERTIFICATE APPLICATION FORMS

We remind you again that the correct filling in of forms is necessary to avoid mistakes and costly replacement of certificates. We enclose a copy of a properly filled in form for certificates and ask you to take note of the exact format e.g. when writing your name put the SURNAME FIRST (Last Name First), (Family Name First). Only one nationality should be put in the space for that. When putting the Date of Birth put the MONTH FIRST, then the date and then the year. When you put the month write it in letters and not in figures. PLEASE TYPE ALL APPLICATIONS OR WRITE THEM IN BLOCK CAPITALS. Should you not comply with our request then you will have to pay for replacements where your incorrectness is to blame for the mistake.

The date asked for on the form is the grading date: PLEASE NOTE IT IS THE DATE OF THE GRADING.

SWEDISH NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

This will be held in Göteborg on the 16th. March 1986. For details please contact Mr. Fikret Guler, Farsta TKD Klubb, Box 9, 123 21 Farsta, Sweden.

ITALY

We have had a letter from the President of FITAE, Mr. Maurizio Massatani with regard to the situation there and we print some details here:

They have now got an office for administration and public relations and have a secretary general in the person of Dr. Claudio Barbaro. International correspondence should be sent to Via Della Giuliana 70, int. 18 Rome. FITAE are also expanding their membership to parts of Italy where ITF TKD was not represented previously. They will also commence printing their own newsletter and continue to submit material to a magazine called 'Samurai'. They also have had Master Park Jung Tae there for a seminar in December and plan another for March or April. The schedule at the moment for 1986 is:

January in Venice seminar and training with the Yugoslavian team.
February in Rome National Umpire/Instructor course and tests for black belt/ regional championships.
March in Trieste international tournament.
April in Rome/Cagliari Master Park Jung Tae's visit.
May in Melfi National Championship for green and blue belts.
June in Zagreb training for national team.
July in Rome training for national team.
December in Malaysia World Championships.

More details/info from the above address but also in the address before Rome put 00195 for the code.
MAIN GYM NO. 137

Jim Murray of Pottstown has written to tell us of a tournament that they are hosting on April 19th, at the Pottstown Senior High School. This is an ITF invitational tournament and you should write to Mr. Murray at Suite 350, Summit Court, 262 King Street, Pottstown, Pa. 19464, phone: (215) 326-8970 for further information.

Mr. Murray was also kind enough to send us a copy of his brochure and we hope to use it later in the magazine perhaps for advertising, many thanks to him for his taking the trouble to let us know, this is what we want.

No doubt many of you could give some small items of interest but think that we will not be interested in it. We are interested to receive all items no matter how uninteresting that you feel they are so please put them in an envelope and send them to us it won't cost much. Many thanks.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

More ITF efficiency in centralizing things to ensure speed and cost savings. We have been offered safety equipment by a manufacturer which will have the official ITF mark on it. This will be the approved equipment to be worn at championships to ensure a high safety standard and once the supply machinery is working smoothly it will become compulsory. There is a four week delivery period from receipt of order and of course it will be helping you and the ITF in terms of cost. The equipment will be despatched direct to you from the manufacturer but you order it through the ITF.

The cost of the the items is listed and a full brochure with prices will follow, the cost does not include postage or import duty.

- Kick is $12.20 (US) per set.
- Punch $12.20
- Arm Guard $9.45
- Shin Guard $10.30
- Shin Instep $11.45
- Super Shin $20.00
- Super Kick $22.00
- Head Guard $16.65 each.
- Competition Head $12.20
- Deluxe Target for Kick and Punch $15.00.

NATIONAL OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION

Some of you will find that you have 2 copies of the Newsletter. The second copy we ask you to send to your National Olympic Committee please. Also we would like to send correspondence direct to them so please send us their complete address and telephone number.

Please do this!