The ITF now have the facilities to allow members to transact with their VISA cards. The visa may be used for all transactions including certificate fees but there is a surcharge of 4% on all transactions. Please quote your card number

It is rather unfortunate that we have to report this but due to some unfortunate events in Malaysia the MITF and Master Sabree Salleh have been expelled from the ITF. There is a new association being formed and we shall advise you when it is completed.

Honduras have applied to host the Junior World Championships and Poland have applied to host the Euros in the year 2000. Italy have applied to host the XLIth World Championships in the year 2001.

We ask you to use a typewriter or computer to print the details on the certificate application forms. Please only send forms in the layout sent out by the ITF. You must also send a list of the applicants on the form sent out by the ITF.

Information has been received that the XLIth World Championships in Argentina will be held in October 1999. We hope to have full details in the next newsletter.

Mr. Vladimir Ardzhevanidze, 4th Dan, Georgia
CHAMPIONSHIPS

1998

OCT - 10th. to 12th. - IVth. Junior World Championship in New Delhi, India tel: +91 11 6891983 fax: 4671812.
Italian Open - 23rd. to 25th. - Riccione, Italy Fax: +39 6 66410084.
NOV - Riga, Latvia - 14th. to 16th. - Tel/Fax: +371 2 995131.

1999

JAN - 10 - Oceania Invitation Championships - Melbourne.
AUSTRALIA, Phone +61 3 97433686.
OCT - X1th. World Championships - ARGENTINA, Phone +54 1 2816552.
APR - 24 + 25 - USTF Nationals - Odessa, Texas, USA, Phone +1 303 4663587.

2000

Junior World Championship, Honduras have applied to host this.
Euros, Poland have applied to host this.

2001

X11th. World Championships, Italy have applied to host this.

We remind you that for Continental Championships you must have written permission from the ITF.

OTHER EVENTS 1998

PROMOTIONS

Many congratulations to those who have been promoted 1997

V11th. Degree
Oct. - 10th. - David Drysdale - USA.

Vth. Degree
Oct. - 10th. - Joan Drysdale - USA.

IVth. Degree
Nov. - 6th. - Rodolfo Tognola - Argentina.

1998

VIIIth. Degree
June- 1st. - Leong Wai Meng - Greenland.

V11th. Degree
June- 6th. - Renee Sereff, Robert Wheatley - USA.
August. - 2nd. - Peter Harkess, Leslie Hutchison - UK.

Vth. Degree
Apr. - 25th. - Fred Barkley - Canada.
June- 6th. - Robert Haynes, Jonas Pologne - USA, 23rd. - Artie Shoosover - USA.
Paul McPhail, Evan Davidson - New Zealand.

Vth. Degree
Apr. - 25th. - John Caccioli, Vincent Affatigato - USA.
May - 20th. - Sergio Barriga - USA.
August. - 9th. - Thomas Denis - UK.

IVth. Degree
25th. - Carlos Patalinghug, Laura Plante, Gregory Coutu - USA, Christopher Reid - Canada.
May - 8th. - Mario Fuertes - Argentina.
June - 6th. - Barney Montano, Bob Ito, Nicholas BrummeI - USA, 23rd. - Graham Patterson, Danny Ward.
Jeanette Joe - New Zealand, Lance Birch - Australia, 27th. - Michael Erdman - USA.
Jul. - 20th. - Dennis Haynie - USA.
Aug. - 2nd. - Derek Gilmour, Anthony McKenna - UK.
9th. - Anthony Wilcox - UK.

The ITF is receiving many more enquiries than it should, this does not mean that the ITF do not welcome enquiries but there is a limited staff and a lot of work. We ask that individuals do not make enquiries to the ITF unless they have asked their national association first. Generally the national association should then ask the ITF and not the individual. This cuts out the amount of time spent by the ITF in answering telephone calls, faxes and e-mail. It seems that some people think that they can ask for information direct from the ITF and then keep up a correspondence. Sometimes we feel that it is only because they have just logged on to the internet and need someone to send an e-mail to. The ITF are very happy to receive requests for advice etc but we must put it in perspective. Most of the information asked for is able to be found in the newsletters and because we do not want to offend anyone we usually answer. For the future we shall not answer questions about items which can be found in newsletters or individual requests which we believe could have been answered by the national association. There has to be a system of priority for answering correspondence so please do not be unhappy if an answer takes a month, or more, to reach you. If you wish to telephone the ITF for a quick answer then it is welcome but we request that you have all the necessary information at hand. For important items we ask that you fax to us so that we may be sure that we understand what you want and our written reply cannot be misinterpreted or misunderstood, we hope! The normal period from receiving certificate applications until we post the certificates is 1 month. If you do not receive your certificates after 6 to 8 weeks from the date you posted the applications then you should enquire about the certificates. Certificate applications are not actioned if the fees are not paid. YOU MUST HELP US BY TYPING THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS AND ONLY PUTTING 1 FIRST NAME AND 1 LAST NAME ON THEM.