

Ontario DanceSport

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear OADA Members,

Congratulations to all our Elite dancers who have placed so well in the WDSF Worlds this fall!

18/12 WDSF World Youth Standard, Riga, Latvia

out of 59 couples Patrick Rucinski & Ella Nusenbaum. Ont Excellent result! 14th /59 couples Winson Tam & Anna Nina Kus, Ont

19/11 IDSF World Cup Latin, Vienna, Austria

8th out of 29 couples Alon Gilin & Anastasia Trutneva, Ont. Congratulations!

12/11 WDSF World Ten Dance, Shanghai, China

3rd out of 34 couples Anton Belayev & Antoaneta Popova, Ont Excellent result!

29/10 WDSF World Standard, Moscow, Russia

out of 71 couples Anton Belayev & Antoaneta Popova, Ont 36th /71 couples Alon Gilin & Anastasia Trutneva, Ont.

15/10 WDSF World Junior II Standard, Kishinev, Moldavia

17th out of 59 couples Roman Redziuk & Anastasia Soboleva, ONT 30-31/59 Tony Cooperman & Sabrina Flisfeder, Ont. 01/10 WDSF World Youth Latin, Ostrava, Czech Republic
Tied with 5 couples for 28th out of 66 couples Winson Tam & Anna-Nina Kus, ONT

Many dancers have been travelling to WDSF competitions in Italy, Slovenia, Spain, and Austria this fall and have done very well. Just a reminder to inform me please when travelling outside of Canada.

Some special mention to the following upcoming competitions sanctioned by Ontario Dancesport:

- January 26th -29th, 2012, The Falls Premier Ball will be held in Niagara Falls
- February 25th, 2012, Ontario Closed Amateur Championships & Official Qualifier for 2012 CCC will be held at the Ramese. The deadline for the Ontario Closed Championship is February 4th, 2012. This deadline will be strictly enforced so please enter early!
- March 24th 2012, Blue Silver 2012 Dancesport will be held in Toronto
- April 19th, 20th & 21st, 2012 Crystal Leaf International will be held in Toronto
- June 24th, 2012, Niagara Dancesport will be held in Niagara Falls

For more information on these competitions or for a listing of other Canadian sanctioned competitions please check the new Ontario DanceSport website.



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The **56**th **Annual Canadian Closed Championships** will be taking place in Vancouver, British Columbia on April 6th & 7th, 2012. For information about these Championships, please visit the 2012 Canadian Closed Championships Website. Information about syllabus events can be found on the SnowBall Classic Website. The forms for the Championship level can be found on our website plus I have attached them to this letter. A reminder that any Junior, Youth, Adult, Senior I, Senior II, & Senior III dancer in both Standard & Latin championship that wishes to compete in the CCC must compete in the same style & age category at the Ontario Closed.

Due to the current situation in the USA and England please remember to notify me before you make any travel plans to make sure it is a recognized/sanctioned event.

No competitions, in England, except Blackpool, are recognized for the year 2012.

Further reminders:

- 1. Remember you must inform me if planning to compete out of country.
- 2. All Youth, Adult & Senior dancers competing in a WDSF event must have a WDSF MIN number. You must notify Ontario DanceSport if you have a different partner this season since your WDSF MIN number is paired with your old partner. If you do not notify us then you will not receive WDSF Ranking points or be permitted to compete.
- 3. You must <u>ask permission from the ODS President in order to perform any demonstrations/shows</u>, whether for money or not, if you wish to maintain your amateur status. I know that this is still not being done by some, even though a continual reminder is sent out.
- 4. Please notify ODS & the membership Director, Henri List, if changing your email, postal address, or phone number. If you have not been receiving email announcements on various items please send me your email address at presidentoada@rogers.com and I will add you to the list.
- 5. Check the new Ontario DanceSport website for announcements, ODS news, ODS Rule Book, sanctioned competition listing, membership forms at http://www.ontariodancesport.com
- 6. If you are interested in 2 tickets for Blackpool seats in the front row of the 1st Balcony facing the band, please contact Les Green at 905-493-8883
- 7. See everyone at the **2012 Ontario Closed Championship** competition on February 25th which is the only official Qualifier for any Ontario Dancer planning to compete at the 2012 Canadian Closed Championships in Vancouver!

I am very sorry to report that **Paulina Cheng** has resigned as Vice President of Ontario Dancesport since she is moving back to Hong King for 2 years. Since she is leaving just after the Ontario Closed deadline and will not be here for the Closed Championships it is imperative you get your entries in to me by the deadline! We will all miss you, Paulina, and wish you best of luck in your new endeavours.

Dave Winn, the ODS Treasurer, will assume the duties of the second representative to Canada DanceSport.

Season's Greetings, Happy New Year! See you in 2012!

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