

ONE WORLD ONE DREAM

This was the Chinese Motto for the Beijing Olympics, and for Vice Chairman of the BCCMA Peter Warr this was his dream to be invited by the Beijing Olympic Organising Committee to be a high ranking official (chairman) at the Wushu Olympic Tournament (Sanshou Competition) which was held under the Olympic Cultural Section of the games.

The two British competitors Richard Devine (Taolu), and Nick Evagorou (Sanshou), that had completed the rigorous selection process, performed exceptionally well receiving a bronze medal (Sanshou) and a sixth place overall (Taolu) this was a fantastic result for Chinese Martial Arts in the UK. The team officials Soon Tuan They and Paniko Evagorou, representing the UK was IWUF Grade A taolu judge Stewart Beckett, and BCCMA President Raymond Smith.

The only way to describe the Beijing Olympics is AWESOME with the grand scale of every thing that went on, it was reported that there were 1 million volunteers' working in Beijing and they were all motivated to welcome you and make sure every body had a good time.

The Olympic village was estimated to be about a third of the area of Milton Keynes with all the new stadiums that had been built for the specific sports requirements, the Birds Nest which is the Chinese National Stadium and hosted the opening and closing ceremony and all the athletics, the cube for diving swimming etc, gymnastic stadium, cycling stadium, badminton, hand ball, volley ball stadiums, and so on all the buildings and facilities were beyond every athletes dream. It is estimated that the Chinese Government invested over 40 billion US dollars on building this village.

The security was incredible, every person that entered the village was screened (it was similar to the airport), all coaches, buses and cars were thoroughly searched which was operated very quickly and effectively. Every little detail had been planned for.

The closing ceremony was out of this world, with 92,000 spectators, on every seat there was a gift bag full of goodies. Each section in the birds nest had a medical centre, refreshment centre, and toilets, the refreshments included beer, water juices, tea, pizzas, croissant, cakes biscuits this was all free you could have as much as you liked.

At an estimate there were at least 20,000 volunteers, 10,000 athletes, and between 30 to 50,000 Chinese performers within the show this does not include the organisers and the people in charge of the fireworks which went right across Beijing.

We must congratulate all the team GB they done an excellent job in promoting their sports and winning 19 gold medals, and fourth on the medal table, this made us all very proud of the British team. We would also like wish our team GB a successful Paralympics as well.

Owing to Peter's previous success in China and his position as the Vice Chairman of the IWUF Technical Committee, with the smooth running of the Sanshou competition combined with his professional attitude at the Olympic Wushu Tournament, he has impressed the Chinese organisers so much that they have invited Peter back to China in September to be the Chairman of the World Sanshou Full Contact Championships, to be held in Harbin.

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Pete at the Olympic Gymnasium venue of the competition



Officiating as chairman of the Sanshou Competition



Left to right IWUF T/C Chairman Wang Yulong, IWUF V/ Chairman Peter Warr, Director of Sanshou Chen Gourong.



Pete with Stewart Beckett IWUF UK Taolu Judge outside the Birds Nest Stadium