



When you feel like quitting, think about why you started

Pippa Roberts

Steven Fenech who is well known in Melliha, has had a great year with his two partners Sarah Farrugia and Andrea Naumann Clement. The Malta Open Dance Spectacular held by the Malta Wheelchair Dance Sport Association (MWDA) was held at the Basketball training stadium at Ta' Qali as Pippa had a premonition that the weather was going to be bad and if it rained, the University Sports Hall would have big problems. The heavens opened and we had the worst weather possible for the two days, which really taxed the organisers and in particular Steve as he was also dancing as well as helping with the organisation.

Steve with Sarah won the Malta Open Dance Spectacular Freestyle Championship and Steve with Andrea Naumann from Germany won the Ballroom Championship. Despite the bad weather, all the competitors (15 countries), together with friends, relatives and visitors had a great time with the highlights of the event being the special opening and the team match. The theme on this occasion was integration.

Dancing to Another Brick in the Wall, wheelchair dancers including an electric wheelchair first danced separate from the adjudicators and the Pippa Gee Dancers and then together after the wall in the middle of the dance floor was removed. This year for the first time, special needs dancers also



took part from three countries. Steve with Andrea also took part in the film called The Dancing Detective which was all filmed in Malta and is a Hallmark Production, they had a few dancing scenes in it they had a great time whilst filming.

Moving into 2023 Steve participated with both partners at the Holland Dans Spektakel, The Polish Open Championships and the German Open Championships, winning all their events. The couple were also invited to perform in the final programme of the programme "Brilliant Dance". Steve is now looking for a new Latin American

partner to carry on performing after his partner retires later this year.

The Open Dance Spectacular 2024 is now being planned and anybody who is interested in sponsoring Steve in the coming year or the event should contact the Malta Wheelchair Dance Sport Association (MWDA): maltawda@yahoo.co.uk





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