

# Wheelchair Dancing

Pippa Roberts

Music and dance go hand in hand and after 13 years of dancing Steven Fenech is still going strong. With his new partner Roxanne Buttigieg they have taken part in Championships on a regular basis reaching the finals and also winning the British Championships in both Latin American & Ballroom. They also placed high in the Belgian & Dutch Championships.

Steve & Roxanne are extremely good ambassadors both for Wheelchair Dancing and Malta, as their down to earth approach wins the hearts of all who meet them and watch them dance. Recently with their coach Pippa Roberts they were invited to Austria to perform in Cabaret for the Austrian Dance Teachers Association at their Annual Conference & Dinner Dance receiving a four minute standing ovation from their dance peers. They also demonstrated during the lectures on Wheelchair Dancing and able bodied Latin American that Pippa Roberts gave during the four day Congress.

In August 2015 the German Open Championships (one of the largest DanceSport Championships in the world) held in Stuttgart by the WDSF hosted the first ever invitation Wheelchair DanceSport Standard Championship and the couple were invited to participate and were featured on the website of the event; truly an honour for the couple.



Steve & Roxanne are currently looking for sponsors to enable them to represent Malta in the International Paralympic Committee World Championships which are to be held in Rome, Italy in November. It is unfortunate that they always have to travel by air which puts Malta at a distinct disadvantage to those countries whose athletes can easily travel by car.

Any donations and support to help the couple participate in International Championships including the World Championships are welcomed. The couple are also available for demonstrations and shows. For further information contact the Malta Wheelchair DanceSport Association: [maltawda@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:maltawda@yahoo.co.uk) or visit the website: [www.maltawda.com](http://www.maltawda.com).