



Northern Counties Archery Society.

Judges Information Update February 2013

Judge Upgrade

During the past month two judges have taken assessments for higher grades. These were Gareth Beeby of Yorkshire and Craig Benson of Cumbria. Both took the County assessment at the beginning of February and I am pleased to announce that they both passed.

Judge Retirement

At the beginning of February George Bowring of the Cheshire Archery Association tendered his resignation from judging. George first started judging in 2006 and attained the grade of County in 2008.

Field Shoot

Yorkshire Archery Association is organising a 2 day field shoot on the 26th and 27th October, which will be hosted by Dearne Valley at their Venue, Savin Royd Woods, Haigh Lane, Haigh Village, Nr. Woolley (just off M1 junction 38). The first day is an unmarked FITA and the second a marked FITA. The Yorkshire champs will be awarded on scores shot on the second day, and the shoot also incorporates the English archery championships which will be awarded on the combined scores of both days. Two judges are required to assist at this shoot, so if you are available and willing to help judge, please contact me so that I can forward your details on to the T.O.

World Archery Bylaws

At the beginning of the month WA issued a number of new bylaws. The bylaws primarily cover Field and 3D rounds and come into effect from the 1st April. The PDF document containing all the bylaws is attached to the same email this update came with.

Judges National Conference

The National conference was held at Lilleshall on the weekend of 16th and 17th February. Currently there are 40 registered active judges within NCAS, of which only 8 attended the conference, which is a bit disappointing, and is the lowest figure for several years now. The minutes of the conference, which also includes copies of all the presentations show, are attached to the same email this update came with.

J Forms

Following a meeting of all the Regional JLO's, which was held before the Judges Conference, it was agreed to revise three of the J forms. The forms in question are:

J2 Application for Regional assessment. This now has to be submitted to the Judge committee for their approval of both the Candidate and of the judge assigned to carry out the assessment.

J5 Judge Report form. The box for listing the name of the event has been removed and replaced with a series of tick boxes to indicate the status of the event, i.e. WRS, UKRS, Tassel or H2H.

J10 National Judging Scheme. The requirements for County judges to attend a National conference before applying for Regional assessment has been amended, plus a new section covering the procedures that have to be complied with when carrying out assessments at all grades, has been added.

All the revised forms have been uploaded to the judge's website and are available for download.

National Judge Re-assessment

It may not seem like it but at the end of this year it will be four years since the last Re-assessment exam for National judges, which means is time for the next one. The exam will probably be issued around November, though an exact date has not been set so far. All judges who are National status will have to

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sit the exam and there is a separate exam for both Target & Field. I will issue more information as it becomes available.

World Archery Interpretations

Book 4, Article 22

The Spanish Judge Committee has requested an interpretation as to whether (i) a longbow may be used in the Instinctive or Barebow divisions, (ii) an instinctive bow may be used in the Barebow division, (iii) a Barebow may be used in the Recurve division and (iv) bows permitted in the Longbow division, Instinctive Bow division, Barebow division, or Recurve division may compete in the Compound division?

Response from the Technical Committee:

- 1) A longbow may be used in the Instinctive Bow division as well as in the Barebow Division. There are no restrictions in these classes that would disallow such equipment.
- 2) An instinctive bow may be used in the Barebow division.
- 3) A longbow or instinctive bow or Barebow may be used in the Recurve division.
- 4) None of the bows permitted in the Longbow division, Instinctive Bow division, Barebow division, or Recurve division may be used in the Compound division. Within all of these divisions, there is a consistency of how each bow is used and shot other than with respect to compound bows. None of these bows are mechanically aided and all are released with fingers other than compound bows. The compound bow, as described in Book 4, Article 22.2.1, is a completely different type of bow than the other bows listed and is not used in a consistent way to the non-mechanical bows noted here.

World Archery Technical Committee, 22 January 2013

Approved by the World Archery C&R Committee, 22 January 2013

Stan Snow

I am sorry to inform you that Stan Snow, a well known YAA judge, coach and past President, died on Sunday February 17th from cancer, which he had been battling with for some time.



Stan Snow had been in archery for well over 50 years. He was well known for his great good humour, his willingness to help and his enthusiasm for the sport which never diminished, although sadly his health recently prevented him from taking an active role.

There are many judges and coaches who wouldn't be where they are today if not for Stan who not only had a talent for shooting, but for all aspects of the sport, as he rose not only to the rank of National Judge but also of Senior Coach.

He also served as county Treasurer for YAA for many years, on the Regional committee, and more recently as YAA President, where he carried out his duties in a typically friendly yet professional manner.

Stan was always a real ambassador for the sport, and no doubt many of you will have personal memories of him at tournaments, field inspections, coaching courses and committee meetings.

He will be sadly missed at many levels in the Society he served so well and for so long with such great humour and personality.

Stan was cremated at Doncaster Crematorium on the 1st of March.