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Dear Colleagues,

Please find below a few bits of information to keep you up to date with the latest news.

1) Judge Changes and news

Sadly Tommy Hodder from Essex passed on 6th April, with his beloved wife Kerry at his side. Tommy had been suffering with several medical problems for quite some time and had been in hospital for the last few weeks. Tommy was a long standing archer, and shot for his country on occasion. He became a Judge many years ago and progressed to County before his health issues slowed him down. Tommy was always a fighter and never let his health issues stop him doing what he wanted. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him particularly for his extensive archery knowledge. Our thoughts are with his wife Kerry and all his family and friends at this time.

Sadly Bill Kinsella has decided to retire from Judging. Bill has been a Judge since 2011 and was a firm fixture at many tournaments, particularly those in Bedfordshire. I would like to thank him for all his hard work and dedication over many years and wish him well in his retirement. He will be much missed by all.

In happier news we have two new candidates in Berkshire, Nick and Jackie Lee. I am sure you will all make them welcome and if you have any shoots (when we have shoots back up and running again!) where a candidate could attend please bear them or any of our other candidates in mind.

Also, Richard Custance, who is a National Judge and currently President of Archery GB, has moved from EMAS to Kent. So if you know of any shoots in the area that could use an experienced pair of hands or any support then please think of Richard.

2) Some light reading – whilst things are quiet

Whilst we have our weekends free please take a moment to make sure that you are up to date with the latest AGB Rule changes which came out at the beginning of the month. Also take a moment to re-read the J10 form which has had some small changes made to it recently. I have attached a copy for you.

3) Painted arrows AGB Interpretation

An archer recently appeared at a tournament, shooting barebow target, with the shafts of his arrows painted to within 20cm of the pile. He stated he had done this so he could see the arrows in the target better.

The AGB Rules Working Group have said that this is okay as the painting is part of the crestring and not a wrap. However, make sure that the end of the paint cannot be used as an aiming point or draw check indicator in any way.

4) Barebow having memoranda at Target Events AGB Interpretation

A question was asked about barebows being allowed to carry written memoranda at target events (such as list of “sight marks”). The new WA Rules (which have been copied straight from Field and 3D) do not allow this.

The AGB Rules Working Group have these are not allowed on the field of play so if you see an archer with something, such as a list of sight marks then we, as Judges, have the right to ask to see it to check, but we do not have the right to search.

5) KG Phantom as a Barebow AGB Interpretation

KG Archery have released a new bow called the KG Phantom. The advert says it incorporates lead weights and silicone shock absorbers.



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The AGB Rules Working Group along with the World Archery Field and 3D Committee have said this cannot be used as a Barebow as is. As the Shock Absorbers are added, and not "built-in" to the riser, they are not part of the exemption listed in the rules, and therefore the shock absorbers could not be used - the weights must be mounted directly to the riser without the shock absorbers, and be below the handle. Judges should also check there is nothing in the bow window that would help with aiming - there might be a need to tape something over, but it's not easy to see from the pictures.

So basically, the bow could be legal, provided the rules are followed, and as Judges, we have the right to have the bow dismantled to check.

As regards to using it as an Instinctive Bow in WA Field and 3D, the rules state the weights must be installed during the manufacturing process. This Riser could be used, but without any weights or shock absorbers which are added - again, we have the right to ask the archer to dismantle the equipment so we can check.

6) Important Dates for your Diary

Just a reminder of some important dates

9th January 2021 – SCAS Judge Conference at Stevenage

If you have any questions or problems, please do not hesitate to contact me, Hannah or Richard.

Kind regards

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