

## Annual General – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016

### The Annual General Meeting of the Regional Shooting Committee was held in the Lewis Silkin Suite at the Stevenage Leisure Centre, Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 1LZ at 2pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016

The Chairman opened the meeting with a welcome and the following statement

“Thank you to you all for attending the discussion meeting this morning. Hopefully you all found it worthwhile and the discussions lively and useful and we will finish the other items later. Thank you for attending the Annual General Meeting”

16/1. **Apologies for absence.** Apologies for absence had been received from Paul Body, Hannah Brown, Kieran Carr, Simon Cooper, Richard Hillier, Tommy Hodder, Debbie Horn, Andrea Kehoe, Derrick Lovell MBE, Victoria Moore and Arthur Scales

A minutes silence was held in memory of Lynn Archer and Graham Sibley who have passed away since the last meeting

16/2. **Minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2015 (as circulated)** - the minutes were agreed and signed.

16/3. **Matters arising.**

15/3 – It was asked if there was any news on point 14/3 - “At the 2013 Discussion Meeting the topic of sighters for the second round in a double round was raised. Geoff Barham asked if there was any new on this. Graham Potts responded that it was with Rules Committee and is being looked at carefully as changes to this will have impact on other rules.”

Graham Potts confirmed that it was still being looked into by the Rules Committee as it is a complicated Issue

**Update – Graham Potts confirmed that this is still on the radar of the Rules Committee and they are still looking at it as part of a larger piece.**

15/12 – SCAS Judge Renewal Procedure – “It was agreed that the Proposal should go ahead in its current form for the moment, and then for next year’s meeting the Committee will come up with some alternative wording to add to the Candidate section to indicate this for the Meeting to agree.”

There has been no movement on this. The Committee will look at the Candidate renewal section again, as it was felt at the 2014 meeting that after 3 years the Candidate should have been assessed or should have put in for assessment in the coming year. The Committee will look at this and make sure that any suggestions also tie up with the J10.

**Update - This is to be discussed under Any Other Business**

15/12 – Judge Uniform,

It was asked if there was any news on the Judge’s uniform, particularly as we can no longer get it from the current provider. Hannah Brown, Chair of the Judge Committee, advised there would be an update available soon.

**Update - This was covered in the Discussion Meeting earlier**

16/4. **Correspondence.** All correspondence has been sent out during the year in the regular communications.

16/5. **Matters for discussion from the discussion meeting** – There were no matters

16/6. **Any matters for resolution from the discussion meeting** – There were no matters

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Welcome to the AGM this afternoon, and thank you to those of you that were here this morning for contributing to a full discussion program. I think we all appreciate the opportunity we get every year to discuss issues we have found during the year, and to brush up on our knowledge.

We all are indebted to Katy once again this year - she puts in an enormous amount of work on our behalf, and ensures that progress is made with assessments, new recruits and reports to SCAS Council, as well as ensuring we are kept regularly informed of changes and developments that affect our work as judges.

Thank you Katy, we are very fortunate to have you as our JLO.

2015 continued to be a good year for SCAS Judges, and Katy will be running through the various information from our returns, and also confirming details regarding assessments. I would like to congratulate those who achieved upgrades during the year. One upgrade of note is Robert Potts' success in passing his Continental Judge Exam for Europe - well done Robert, and on the basis that you may well now move Region following your move to Shifnal in Shropshire (as part of the SCAS "exodus" which includes Jo Orbell and Vicky Duncan, we hope you do not, but we understand if you do...), many thanks for the work you have undertaken within the Region, not only Judging but also the mentoring you have undertaken.

Good luck from all of us in your new role in AGB - don't let this affect your Judging!

This is the time of year when I get the opportunity, on behalf of all the archers in SCAS, and beyond, to say thank you to all of you who give so freely of your time to provide the "technical official" support that is needed to ensure the sport continues to provide archers with the correct competitive environment.

It is important that we continue with expanding our numbers - there are more participants in the sport, and the numbers of shoots keep rising, so please keep encouraging others to "come on board". We also have a good opportunity to continue to support the AGB "Youth Judge" initiative. Please take the time if people ask about Judging to give them some information, and ensure they at least leave with Katy's email details so they can get in touch, or alternatively, take their email address and send it on to Katy.

I am aware that later this year AGB are hosting their first combined Youth Judge and Candidate Judge seminar - a change in approach to our training, and I look forward to seeing the success of this idea of giving classroom training to all candidates at an early stage.

I am pleased to see that for 2015 we have a good number of SCAS Judges appointed to National events, fulfilling all types of role, and would urge all of you to consider applying each year - it is an opportunity to work with others from across the UK, and to develop your own skills and talents in Judging, and opportunities are becoming greater as the number of shoots included increase, including the Youth Festival. Our International Judges were busy again this year, and for next year have appointments that include a position for Hannah as Technical Delegate for the World Field Championships, and as most of you know my appointment as Chairman of the Technical Officials (i.e. Judges) for the Rio Olympics. The appointments the team have shown once again that GB Judges are well regarded in the International arena. We appreciate the support we get from you, fulfilling Judge requirements while we are away, and we thank you for your continued support.

The work of Judges, and other volunteers must not go unnoticed, and it is important if opportunities arise for recognition we should take these up, so please ensure your Clubs and Counties are aware of these opportunities as well. We all give of our time for others to do what they wish to do, and in an ever increasing level of "professionalism" in an amateur sport, we are grateful to you all for the time you give.

I wish you all "good judging" in 2016, and please remember that if you have any queries or questions, Katy, Hannah and myself will always be happy to talk through the issues or queries

Graham Potts, Chairman SCAS Judges Committee 09/01/2016

**16/8. Secretary/Liaison Officers Report.**

I would like to start with some thank yous. Firstly thank you to Graham and Hannah as the other members of the SCAS Judge Committee, whilst all the emails and information may come from me, they help write it all. It is very much a team effort and without their support and help I would not be able to do the duties of JLO. I would also like to thank everyone that has helped with the assessments this year (of which there many). Many thanks to the people who conducted the assessment and also to the other judges at the

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tournament. I know having an assessment at a tournament puts extra pressure on everyone involved, so thank you for your understanding. Most importantly I would like to thank all of you. Your hard work and dedication through the year helps keep the standard of judging in SCAS high. In particular the extra effort you all put in to keep yourselves up to date with the latest rules and procedure shows through. This was demonstrated by the extremely good results achieved by the Regional Judges in the re-accreditation.

There have been a lot changes in the list of Judges. As at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 we have 60 Judges in SCAS. The Regional Shooting Panel now comprises of 3 International Judges, 2 International Judge Emeritus, 2 International Youth Judges (of which one is also Continental), 13 National Judges, 9 Regional Judges, 16 County Judges (including 4 Youth Judges) and 15 Candidate Judges.

Sadly we lost two of our number this year. Graham Sibley, although he retired from active Judging in 2013 had been a very active Judge during his long career and had been awarded the title of SCAS Judge Emeritus after he retired. Also Lynn Archer passed away unexpectedly.

We also had some retirements, Dave Wallace from Berkshire retired at the beginning of the year after over 20 years of Judging. Paula Golding from Berkshire retired in November after 18 years of Judging. Gwen Mills retired at the end of 2015 after over 21 years of Judging. Also Sylvia Underlin from Bedfordshire, Mark Constable from Kent, Jason Curtis-Bridges from Cambridgeshire, Kayleigh Griffin from Essex and Derek Sizeland from Norfolk. They all served judging during their careers and will be missed by those who knew and Judged with them.

And Alan Westlake has moved to be a member of EMAS

Returns for the year indicate that the number of Judging days has increased by 148 days from 2014, with 1127 Judging days through the year, with the average number of days 19.10 days work per person, and 14.45 days work per position (based on having received 78 returns out of 80 positions). As you can see we have had a large increase in the number of candidates this year, so we all need to do all we can to help them find tournaments and develop.

We have had quite a few changes in levels during the year.

Many congratulations to Robert Potts on becoming World Archery Europe Continental Judge. To Richard Pilkington who passed his National Target assessments, to Kieran Carr, Paul Body and Paul Richards for passing their Regional Target assessments, to Steve Vallis and Paul Clark for passing their Regional Field assessments, to Pete Stickings, Tony Harris, Sean Fox, Martyn Gore, Debbie Horn and Steve Johnson for passing their County Target assessments and Ben Stickings, Freja Nilsson, Jessica Nilsson and Nathalie Nilsson for passing their Youth Judge assessments.

Many thanks again for all your hard work during 2015 and I hope that 2016 brings all of us many enjoyable, sunny and fun days judging. And don't forget, if you have any questions, about anything, please just ask me or any of the Committee

Katy Lipscomb – SCAS Judge Liaison Officer – 09/01/2016

16/9. **Elections**

- a. Nominations Received. We have received seven nominations for Katy Lipscomb as Liaison Officer/Secretary

No nominations were offered from the floor so Katy Lipscomb was elected as Liaison Officer/Secretary for the period 2016 – 2018.

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- a. County Judges
  - i. Sean Fox
  - ii. Martyn Gore
  - iii. Tony Harris
  - iv. Richard Hillier
  - v. Tommy Hodder
  - vi. Debbie Horn
  - vii. Tracey Jackson
  - viii. Steve Johnson
  - ix. Bill Kinsella
  - x. Maggie Pearce
  - xi. Arthur Scales
  - xii. Peter Stickings
  - xiii. Andrew Trimble
- b. Candidate Judges
  - i. Declan Ashworth
  - ii. Andrea Kehoe

Renewal Forms and Annual returns had been received from them everyone except Tommy Hodder who has been ill and has been in hospital for the majority of the end of 2015. All renewals were approved and Graham Potts will send a card to Tommy to pass on the best wishes of the meeting.

16/11. **Appointment or promotion of Judges.**

- a. World Archery Europe Continental Judge
  - i. Robert Potts
- b. National Judge
  - i. Richard Pilkington
- b. Regional Field Judge
  - i. Paul Clark
  - ii. Steve Vallis
- c. Regional Target Judge
  - i. Paul Body
  - ii. Kieran Carr
  - iii. Paul Richards
- d. County Target Judge
  - i. Peter Stickings
  - ii. Tony Harris
  - iii. Sean Fox
  - iv. Debbie Horn
  - v. Martyn Gore
  - vi. Steve Johnson
- e. AGB Youth Judge
  - i. Ben Stickings
  - ii. Freja Nilsson
  - iii. Jessica Nilsson
  - iv. Nathalie Nilsson

16/12. **Additional Discussion Items / Any Other Business**1) **New version of the SCAS Judges Terms of Reference**

The draft document that was issued with the Agenda was gone through part by part and any changes discussed and agreed. The changes were amending the wording of the assessment section to say that County assessments could be done at non Record Status tournaments which are of a suitable quality (the J10 states that Regional assessments must be done at Record Status or above tournaments; also an amendment to the Emeritus section to say that they have no power as a Judge and should not wear anything to indicate that they are still an active Judge. It was agreed to add a section at the end recording what grants are available to Judges from the Committee, but the values should not be included as these can be changed. It was also agreed to remove the SCAS Renewal process as the Renewal process in the J10 was now in place and is more robust than the SCAS process.

There was also a discussion on whether assessments should be over 1 or 2 days. Some people suggested that assessments should be done over 2 days as 1 day is not enough time to do the written assessment and give time to see how well the candidate performs on the field; the written section takes people off the field for long periods of time; also on occasion it is difficult to do the written assessment at some grounds due to lack of space or a quiet place. Others preferred to do it all in 1 day as it is a stressful situation and it was better to get the assessment over with in one day; also if someone has problems with the written paper there is the oral part to talk up their marks. At the moment the J10 states that except for in exceptional circumstances the assessment should be one 1 day, but Katy will raise it at the JLO meeting.

2) **Proposal of retired Judges for SCAS Judge Emeritus Status**

The following retired Judges were proposed to become SCAS Judge Emeritus – Gwen Mills, Paula Golding, Dave Wallace and Roger McMullen. All of them have been judges for many years and have helped judging in the area, particularly with encouraging and training other Judges. The meeting unanimously voted to award them with the title. Katy will write to each of them to let them know and send them a Certificate of Recognition.

3) **Grant for Regional Judges attending National Conference**

The J10 now specifies that Regional Judges have to attend a National Conference once every re-accreditation period.

To help with this, it is proposed that Regional Judges can apply for a £50 grant from the SCAS Judges Committee once every re-accreditation period after they have attended the Conference. This is the same terms as National Judges have. This was agreed. Katy will produce a claim form along the same lines as the National Judge Claim Form.

4) **Grant for Candidate Judges attending the Candidate Seminar**

The J10 now says that all Candidates must attend a Candidate Seminar before they can be assessed for County Judge. In order to help with the cost of this it is proposed that they can apply for a grant of £50 from the SCAS Judges Committee after they have attended the Seminar. This will only be paid once, so if they go to two Seminars they cannot apply for the grant twice. This is also only payable to Candidate Judges, not Candidate Youth Judges, who are entitled to a bursary from Archery GB to help with their costs. This was agreed. Katy will produce a claim form along the same lines as the other Claim Forms.

5) **Mobile Numbers on the Judges Details List**

With the changes in how we communicate and as it is often useful to get in touch with someone if you are delayed on your way to a tournament the Committee would like to include mobile numbers on the List of

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Judges details. Currently we only do so if no landline number is supplied. This list is also printed in the SCAS Green Book/Year Book which is circulated round the Region. No one raised any objections.

The following items are those remaining from the Discussion Meeting

**6) Unseen Bouncers Proposal – Mark Davis**

One of the questions on the Regional Re-accreditation was about an unseen bouncer which was not claimed, the rules say that for a bouncer to be claimed it must be seen, so the archer loses that arrow. This does not seem very fair. Mark proposed that in such cases, providing the bouncer has been verified by a Judge at the targets, that the archer can shoot another arrow as soon convenient.

The meeting had various thoughts on this. Unseen bouncers can happen for many reasons – you might not be able to see the arrow on the floor due to long grass, Archer A shoots an arrow, but it is Archer B's arrow that falls out the target, two archers shoot at the same time and misidentify the arrow that bounced.

Rule 305 (b) – *"The Judge shall be in sole control of the shooting, shall resolve all disputes in accordance with the Rules of Shooting and make any necessary interpretation and any decision on occurrences not covered by them."* covers situations like this. However some Judges might not be confident enough to apply this rule. It would also lead to inconsistency in applying the rules, as some Judges might do this and some might not.

The Rule Book should not include all the possibilities as it will become too big.

Maybe just remove the word seen from the current rules

Overall it was felt that if someone lost an arrow due to an unseen bouncer it was unfair and not protecting the archers score. It should be added to the rules so all Judges treat the situation the same.

**7) Question on WA and AGB Youth Judge Scheme – Geoff Barham**

What training do the Youth Judges get and how do they fit into the scheme and what happens when they are no longer Youths?

For World Archery the Youth Judge grade sits outside of the Continental/International Judge schemes. They have to go through a seminar which lasts several days and includes a closed book exam at the end. They can be Youth Judges until they are 30. When they are over 30 they lose the title. If they want to continue they need to apply to become a Continental Judge under the normal rules. The title of WA Youth Judge is the same as any WAE or WA Judge title in the UK, it is the grade you are in the UK Scheme that matters, not the WAE or WA one. So if you are a National Judge you can be in charge of WRS tournament, but if you are not you can work in the team.

For Archery GB the applicants have to apply and are chosen by AGB and the National Judge Committee and become Candidate Youth Judge. The first thing they do is attend a Seminar (which is the same as the Candidate Seminar), once they have done that then they can work in the field. They are mentored and monitored by the National Judge Committee. The Candidate Youth Judges need to fulfil the same requirements as a Candidate before they can be assessed. If they pass they are Youth Judges.

Basically Candidate Youth Judges are the same as Candidate Judges, and Youth Judges are the same as County Judges, with the exception that if they are under 18 they cannot be Chair of Judges. Youth Judges are also not under the same re-accreditation rules as County Judges. When they are over 18 they can transfer into the other scheme when they want.

**8) Quick Review of the Regional Re-accreditation**

A quick review of lessons learnt from the Regional re-accreditation was given. A copy of the presentation is included (Regional Judge Re-accreditation Review.pdf). It also includes the answers to the 6 Target and 6 Field questions that most people got wrong.

Mark Davis suggested that a good practice for doing open books exams is to print it off and do it first of all

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without looking at the books, then leave it for a couple of days and then re-go through it with the Rule Books. This will help highlight any gaps in your knowledge. Also make sure you do the paper as soon as you can – don't leave it to the last minute.

**9) Question on proposed AGB Rule Changes – Tony Harris**

Is it possible to have the proposed AGB Rule Changes before they appear in the Archery UK magazine? Graham Potts (in his capacity as Chair of National Rules Committee) said that it was not, as normally there was not time to distribute it before the magazine came out. However Graham would encourage everyone to give feedback on proposed Rule Changes, whether it is positive, negative or a change to the proposal.

**16/13. Date and Venue of next meeting**

As the AGB Operations Meeting and the SCAS Council Meeting are also at this time of year it was agreed to wait until the dates for these are known, so we can aim not to clash with them. The proposed dates are 7<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017. Everyone was happy to hold it at Stevenage again.

**Added post Meeting – the dates of the other meetings are not yet available so the meeting has been booked for the 7<sup>th</sup> January.**

However if anyone can recommend another venue in a suitable location then we would consider the meeting in 2017. The venue needs to be in a central location with good transport links and be able to hold approximately 65 people. The current venue costs £200 for the room and approximately £150 for the refreshments. **Any suggestions need to be sent to the Judge Liaison Officer by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.**

Many thanks to Peter Turner for bringing his weights so that our bow scales could be checked during lunch and to the people that helped check the bow scales. Many thanks also to Netta Bridle, Paul Clark and Steve Vallis for producing and presenting the presentation on Judging a Field Event.

The meeting closed at 3.55 pm .

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<b>Activity in the Region 2015</b>													
<b>By Grade</b>		<b>Designation of Round</b>		<b>Numbers of Judges</b>					<b>Events by Grade</b>				
				<b>Judges</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>		<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Change</b>
International	211	Archery GB	601	Target International	6	7	6	-1	177	161	189	186	-3
Continental	30	World Archery	526	Target Continental	0	0	1	1	21	0	0	30	30
National	328			Target National	13	12	13	1	280	289	294	310	16
Regional	241			Target Regional	10	8	9	1	205	226	181	209	28
County/Youth	259			Target County	17	15	18	3	179	179	160	254	94
Candidate	58			Target Candidate	11	11	15	4	65	46	39	58	19
Total	1127			Total	1127	Field International	6	7	6	-1	29	39	15
<b>Type of Event</b>		<b>Status of Event</b>		Field Continental	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Target	993	International	91	Field National	2	2	1	-1	53	55	61	18	-43
Field	80	World Record Status	299	Field Regional	3	2	4	2	31	39	15	32	17
Clout	54	National	125	Field County	4	4	2	-2	0	19	20	0	-20
Flight	0	Regional	66	Field Candidate	5	5	4	-1	18	11	5	5	0
		County	191										
		Club	355	Totals	77	73	80	7	1058	1064	979	1127	148
Total	1127	Total	1127	Returns from	72	70	78						
				Average Days per Judge					14.69	14.78	13.99	14.45	
				Percentage of total	93.51%	95.89%	97.50%						