

Annual Discussion Meeting - 9th January 2016

The Annual Discussion 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 10am on Saturday 9th January 2016

The Chairman, Graham Potts, welcomed all those who attended to the meeting and we went quickly round the room with each Judge introducing themselves and their County.

16D/01 **Presentation by Katy Lipscomb (JLO)**

This presentation included a review of 2015, what the SCAS Judges Committee had been doing in 2015 and their plans for 2016. A copy of the presentation is included (SCAS JUDGES CONFERENCE 2016.pdf) 2016 is the County Re-accreditation, once details are announced then the Committee will look to see if there is enough interest to run a session to go through the papers.

Mandatory equipment inspection at Archery GB rounds has been discussed by AGB. At the moment there are no plans to introduce this, but it is being discussed. The reason is that many archers are not aware of the rules on equipment, so are using incorrect equipment and it is not being picked up all the time.

Mandatory equipment inspection would cause many issues, for example the extra time needed (especially at Indoor tournaments) and the extra Judges needed. Under the current rules as Judges we have the right to check equipment at any time, but archers are often not aware of this. Some suggestions from the meeting were that we could do more formal spot checks of equipment at AGB Record Status Rounds so archers knew we were doing checks, also Organisers could put on the Entry Forms that equipment checks could happen; we could target specific groups of archers who are more likely to have incorrect equipment – such as beginners or barebows; at larger tournaments where there are enough Judges we could do a full equipment inspection to highlight that we can and do perform checks.

The Committee have no specific plans for 2016, so if there is any training or guides you need, whether that is in the form of the document or training day, then please let the Committee know.

Added post Meeting – the Operations Committee has issued a directive that there should be mandatory equipment inspection at all Record Status tournaments going forward. Please see the SCAS Judge Communication from January 2016 for more information

16D/02. **Field Presentation**

Netta Bridle, Paul Clark and Steve Vallis delivered a great presentation giving a flavor of what is involved in judging a Field event, including preparations before the tournament, course checking and checks during the event. A copy of the presentation is attached (Judging a Field Tournament.pdf).

Some other points that were mentioned were -

Make sure you get a copy of the entry form as soon as possible to make sure the details are correct – if there is a marked and an unmarked round being shot on the same course then the unmarked round must be shot first.

The website <http://www.gnasfield.co.uk/> contains some useful organizer checklists (it also lists field shoots and other information)

Archers can enter to shoot at different pegs than the ones for their class if they want (for example an adult can shoot from the junior pegs) but this is just for experience

Before the shoot all the judges should do the paperwork checks on targets/distances/face sizes to make sure you don't miss any errors

Make sure you work with the Field Party and Organiser, they will have put in a lot of effort before the event and you will need their help during the event

Before the Course Inspection, if you are using more than one laser measure to check, make sure they both read the same.

During the Assembly make sure you give details of all safety arrangements and information about any

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areas that need protecting or should be avoided (some woodlands have preservation orders on them or there maybe parts that are unsafe). Remind archers that no electronic equipment is allowed on the unmarked days – this includes cameras!

If you have an issue with an archer, make sure you let the other judges know for that day and for other shoots.

Make sure you are familiar with the Red Call Procedure – details are on the Archery GB website under the Judges information

16D/03. **How to do a Venue Inspection – Graham Potts**

Graham gave a presentation giving some basic information on doing a venue inspection and what to do if dispensation is needed. A copy of the presentation is attached (Ground Assessments Presentation.pdf)

Make sure you do not give dispensation without checking with the Chair of Rules Committee and the Chair of Judges Committee. If dispensation is needed then the club should contact the Chairs with details and diagrams/pictures if possible.

The onus is on the club to make sure that their ground complies with the rules.

Only National and experienced Regional Judges should do venue inspections.

Due to time constraints the remaining discussion points were moved to the end of the AGM.