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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

There is lots of good news to share.

We have two new Candidates, Shamsul Hussain from Middlesex and Siobhann Mckechnie from Hertfordshire. Please bear them in mind for any tournaments you are at.

We have had lots of assessments already this year. Many congratulations to all – David Long, Marc Carroll, Timothy Pilbeam, Terence Williams and Paul Tolson who are now all County Judges
Erin Barkway, John Gorman and Robert Clark who are now all Regional Judges
Aislinn O'Connell and Paul Richards who are now both National Judges

At the recent Peacock WRS Weekend we managed to have one Judge of each grade – Candidate, County, Regional x 2, National, Continental, International Judge Candidate and International – I think that might win Judge Bingo!



2) Tie Breaks at World Archery Target events

Just as a reminder, the rule on what decides tie-breaks at WA Target events has changed, it is now -

“12.5.1. Except for those ties as set out in Article 12.5.2., tied scores in all rounds are ranked using:

- *Individuals and Teams:*

- o *Long distances:*
 - *The greatest number of Xs (inner 10s).*
 - *If still tied, the greatest number of 10s.*
- o *Short distances:*
 - *The greatest number of 10s.*
 - *If still tied, the greatest number of 9s.*

o After this, athletes still tied will be declared equal. However, for the position in the match play chart, a disk toss will decide the position of those declared equal.”

Please double check with any Organisers to make sure they are up to date with the rules.

3) Asiatic Bowstyle

A question was recently asked to AGB about whether shooting an Asiatic bow off the fingers still classed as Asiatic.

AGB have said

'Following discussion around the wording of the rule for Asiatic it is agreed that it is defined by both bow construction and the shooting style being from the thumb only. Any bow not conforming to the definition of a Asiatic bow, and by shooting style not conforming to the definition of an Asiatic then would be classed as a barebow.'

So to be classed as Asiatic the bow has to be shot from the thumb only. If it is shoot with the fingers it will be classed as a barebow (assuming it complies with the barebow rules).

4) In Person Upgrade Seminars

The In Person upgrade seminars will be held at Lilleshall on **Saturday October 10th**.

The seminar will be for

- Candidates to upgrade to County level
- County to upgrade to Regional Level
- Regionals to sit the National paper.

Anyone thinking of going for upgrade can attend, for people wanting to attend the County to Regional seminar then please make sure you check the J10 regarding time limits.

The day will consist of the seminar and then the written paper, depending on numbers you will hopefully know the result at the end of the day.

To register for the event the link will be on Sport:80 on the Membership Portal (it should be there in the coming days)

For people wishing to go for National you also have to complete a J03, which can be found on the Judge Resource section in the Membership area, and send it to me.

There will hopefully be online seminars for Candidate to County and County to Regional later in the year, but the dates are not known yet.

People attending an in-person seminar can claim £125 from SCAS to help with the costs.

5) Important Dates for your Diary

10th October 2026 – In person upgrade seminars - Lilleshall

9th January 2027 – SCAS Judge Conference – Stevenage Leisure Centre

Link to AGB Tournament Report form - <https://forms.office.com/e/jXi5mA8k8f>

PLEASE USE THIS FORM FOR ALL TOURNAMENT REPORTS RATHER THAN THE OLD FORM

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

Kind regards

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