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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

Many congratulations to Julie Pede and David Hall who passed their County assessments and Tony Harris who passed his Regional assessment. Their new grades start straight away.

On the downside, Steve Johnson has moved to Scotland, so whilst he is continuing with his Judging he will no longer be a SCAS Judge, I am sure SAA will welcome him with open arms.

At the recent Archery AGM many awards were given out, including one to Graham Potts. Graham received a Bronze Plaque for his work on many committees including his current work as Chair of Rules Committee and for his role as Chair of Judges at the Rio Olympics.

Mention must also be made of the Honorary Life Membership to John Poyner. John was a SCAS Judge for many years before moving to GWAS, he helped train and support many of the current SCAS Judges.

2) Judge Awards

At the National Conference it was announced that a new system was being introduced to recognise Judges who have retired or who have consistently gone above and beyond. The form, the J12 is now available on the AGB website

(<http://www.archerygb.org/5090.php?folderid=2314&includeref=doclist5091>). If you know of someone who you think should get an award, please complete the Form and send it to me as JLO.

The SCAS Judge Committee will then consider the application and add any detail that might be needed. It will then be sent to the National Judge Committee. The Committee will review each application and decide whether the Judge is suitable for an Archery GB award, such as a plaque, and if they are they will forward it on to the Awards Committee; or consider them for an award from the National Judge Committee.

3) New J Forms

The new suite of J Forms is now available on the AGB website -

<http://www.archerygb.org/5090.php?folderid=2314&includeref=doclist5091>. Please make sure that you use them going forward. Please note all new applications for assessment must now be on the new form with the relevant Checklist completed. If you have any questions on the new forms, please just ask.

Please find attached a new version of "Guide to moving through the Grades" to hopefully help.

4) Annual Returns

One of the new forms is the J07 – Annual Report Form. This new version now contains everything we need in SCAS for our Annual Reporting. So, from now on please use the J07 Form for your Annual Returns. Apologies that this is the second new form to use in as many years, but as we can now use the AGB form we should.

In order to help I have written a Guide on how to complete the form. I will not be accepting any Annual Returns on the old forms.

5) Marking Arrow Holes

Just as a reminder, marking of all arrows holes is mandatory at World Record Status tournaments, it is not up to the archer to decide if they want to do it.

6) String Stoppers

When checking equipment please don't get confused about string stoppers

Recurve – the string stoppers CANNOT touch the string when at rest, make sure you check during the tournament as the string can stretch

Compound – the string stoppers CAN touch the string

7) Practice

As per the recent announcements on the AGB website I can confirm that there has been no change in the rules about practice during a round. Practice is only allowed at the start of the round, not at distance change or after lunch etc.

8) Important Dates for your Diary

Just a reminder of some important dates

6th January 2018 – SCAS Judges Conference

20th and 21st January 2018 – Candidate Seminar

3rd March 2018 – Regional Preparation Seminar

4th March 2018 – National Judge Conference in the SCAS area

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

Kind regards

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