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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

We have a new Candidate, David Hall from Norfolk. I am sure you will all make him feel welcome.

There is also some retirements. Gwen Mills from Hampshire, Derek Sizeland from Norfolk and Derek Doherty from Surrey have all retired.

During the SCAS Judges Meeting it was voted to award the title of SCAS Judge Emeritus to Gwen Mills, Paula Golding, Dave Wallace and Roger McMullen. This is in recognition of the many years of hard work and dedication they have each put in.

At the SCAS Council Meeting on the 16th January it was voted that Peter Turner should be awarded a SCAS Gold Plaque. This is the highest award that SCAS can give and is in recognition of the hard work Peter has and still does for Target, Field, 3D and Flight shooting, both in organising Field shoots (including being the SCAS Field Tournament organiser for many years) and also judging them. Many congratulations Peter!

2) Mandatory Equipment Inspection at Archery GB Record Status Tournaments

Those of you who were at the SCAS Judges Conference will remember that we discussed this. At the Operations Meeting which was also held on the 9th January they also discussed it and the Operations Committee have issued a directive that there **will be an Equipment Inspection at all Record Status events with immediate effect.**

As we discussed at the meeting this raises issues in terms of space to do the inspection and time needed (particularly at Indoor Tournaments). The directive does not specify that all the

inspections have to be done before shooting starts, so you can continue to do them during sighters and during the competition – but try to avoid this affecting the archers shooting.

I would suggest that you try and do the compound bows before the start of the competition due to the space needed for the archers to draw back their bows so they can be weighed.

Don't forget that the archer is responsible for ensuring their equipment is legal and complies, therefore if you find that an archer is not complying and has to have their scores disqualified, that is their responsibility.

3) Proposed Archery GB Rule Changes

In the Spring Archery UK there is some proposed Rule Changes which may take effect from 1st April. These include

- Amending Rule 304 (f) so lights and countdown clocks can be used when shooting AGB Rounds to Method 2.
- Adding Table 3-2A to add new rounds for Junior Archers. These rounds are similar to the WA 70m, 60m and 50m rounds but are designed for Juniors of varying ages.
- Amendment to Rule 504 for Field Archery to clarify that when an unmarked and a marked round are being shot on the same course then the unmarked round should be shot first.
- Amendments to Part 11 – Rules of Shooting the concern Archers with Impairment

These are for discussion. If you have any views, positive or negative on these changes, please make them known to the Chairman of the Rules Committee, on email chairman.rules@archerygb.org (please do not use Graham's personal email for rules queries, as he prefers to conduct all AGB Rules business via the AGB email)

4) National Judge Conference

Just to remind you that the National Conference has been **CANCELLED**.

This is due to a lack of people applying before the deadline.

The AGB Office is now in a position to process the refunds. Please email

lorraine.williams@archerygb.org with your bank account details for BACS or name and address for a cheque. Emails should be titled "Judges Conference Refund".

5) Judging Uniform

The National Judge Committee are working to finalise the design of the new trousers. The latest sample should be with them this week. As soon as there is any more news I will let you know.

For those of you who have ordered the trousers, you should have been contacted by Kudos asking for your details so a refund could be processed. If you have not heard from Kudos then contact them directly by phone or email (I have contact details if you need them).

6) Camouflage at World Archery Events.

The new World Archery rules banning all camouflage from archery equipment (so bows, arrows etc) came into force from 1st January.

The AGB Rules Committee have issued the following information –

“Reference: Camo equipment. As you all know, WA have introduced a ruling banning Camo based equipment at events. At present there is no requirement for us to enforce this at events organised by AGB (including World Record Status events) unless they are "Major" events - for example the European Target Championships 2016. There may yet be a need for us to re-consider this approach, particularly in respect of televised events (for example, National Series Final). Further communication will be made in due course.”

A statement is likely to be made on the AGB website, in the e-zine and in Archery UK in due course.

Apologies that this information is different to the information we were given at the SCAS Judges Conference by the Rules Committee.

So for the moment no action should be taken against any archer using camouflage equipment. Although camouflage clothing is still banned by AGB clothing rules.

7) World Archery Rule Changes – **Effective 1st April 2016**

World Archery have published the following rule changes which will take effect from 1st April 2016.

Book 1 Article 1.4.2.5.1 and 1.4.2.5.2 – Definition of an active Member Association

Book 1 Article 1.16.8 – Cost of a Member Association asking for a Rule Interpretation

Book 2 Article 7.2.1.2 and Book 3 Appendix 1 – Removal for the requirement for target numbers to be alternating yellow on black and black on yellow

Book 2 Article 8.1.1.8 – Change to the outer margins on Field Faces

Book 3 Article 21.4 – Amendment to the face size used for the Compound Round and Match play for W1 archers

Book 3 Article 21.6.5 – Clarification on chest strapping where allowed by the classification card

Book 3 Article 21.12.9.8 – Clarification on the assistance a VI archer can have during match play.

8) SCAS Judges Conference 2017

The SCAS Judges Conference has been booked for 7th January 2017 at Stevenage Leisure Centre. So please put the date in your diary!

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

Kind regards

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