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Dear Judges,

I hope you had a Happy Easter (which was just a long weekend with lots of chocolate).

Enjoy your reading ...

Kind Regards,

Karen O'Malley

Services to Judging Awards

At the 2013 Archery Alliance Hall of Fame dinner held in Brisbane in February, Honorary National Judge, John Womersley was inaugurated into the Australian Archery Hall of Fame for his services to the Archery community.

John's involvement at multiple levels in the sport spans more than 50 years and his nomination came from the Officials Committee in recognition of his having begun our National Judging program.

Literally, as they say, he wrote the book! Congratulations John.

(photo below of John and Susanne Womersley in front of the banner photo of John and his bow)



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In addition, the work of five other National Officials was publicly acknowledged at the National Championships in Tuggeranong and the 3 judges who were at the Dinner were presented with their Certificates and Badges, to commemorate their years of service to the sport.

Service Awards for National Judges went to Bruce Lang and Jim Beatty (25 years) and to Junior Alexander, Coral Dandridge and Terrie Neilson (10 years).

Badges and Certificates for those not present were accepted by RGB Officials Convenors from North Queensland and South Australia, for presentation at an appropriate RGB occasion.

Congratulations from all of us.

New Archery Australia Judges Manual (2013)

The *Archery Australia Judges Manual (2013)*, is released as an Appendix, as it is meant to be used in conjunction with the new *World Archery Judges Guide Book*.

Because the *World Archery Judges Guide Book* is so thorough and to remove duplication of material relating to FITA events, the *Archery Australia Judges Manual* now covers only the areas relating specifically to Archery Australia's rules. These rules aim to encourage participation by all categories of archer in Australia, at as many events as possible.

In summary, Clout is shot under Archery Australia's Rules (C&R Ch 12). We also accept some equipment not recognised by World Archery, for example Barebow Compound. Additionally, under Archery Australia's Rules, archers may use Longbows (with aluminium arrows) for Target, Field and Clout events, and Barebow Recurve for Target and Clout events.

These are all referenced in the *Archery Australia Judges Manual (2013)*.

Both Judges Guides are now available on the Archery Australia website and, should you choose to order the *World Archery Judges Guide Book*, at \$20 per coloured copy, the *Archery Australia Appendix (2013)* will be included at the back.

What does the Officials Committee do?

Hopefully, all of you will have read in the recent Archery Australia e-Newsletter that the AA Officials Committee has an educative purpose. Please take the time to read the e-Newsletters, as material will not be duplicated by repeating it in the Judges News.

The Officials Committee is also the channel through which experienced National Judges may choose to apply for consideration by the Continental Association for attendance at the next **Continental Judge seminar**.

If any experienced National Judge is in this frame of mind, please contact officials@archery.org.au for more information, **as the next seminar will be held in Bangkok in November, 2013**. Please see World Archery Book 1, Appendix 4, for requirements, as applications must be endorsed and submitted by the Continental Association (ie Oceania).

Judges Seminars and Workshops

Archery Victoria held a Judges training Seminar in January, following which, Victoria now has new National Judge Candidates, Samantha Crawford, Liam Lyons, Robert Hawkins and Julia Louise. Congratulations and thanks to Merv Grinstead and Peter Bennett for conducting the Seminar.

NSW 1st Again by Andrew Crampton, NJC

On Saturday the 20th January 2013, a babble of judges congregated at Sydney Olympic Park. Unfortunately, in near perfect shooting conditions, 12 National Judges and 3 National Judge Candidates were there not to judge a tournament, but for a seminar.

The seminar was organised by David Robertson, the NSW Officials Convener, to bring the Judges in NSW up to speed with what was discussed by RGB representatives in Victoria late last year. David, being such a pro-active person, has been the first to deliver such a seminar.

Keynote speakers were very informative with John Hyde delivering an insightful update on World Archery and Archery Australia rules. The new interpretation of a high draw in field was the cause of much discussion. As well as John, Karen O'Malley gave a presentation from the Archery Australia Officials Committee and updated all judges present.

David Robertson gave a presentation on Matchplay Procedures and Rules and, like anything, the more you think you know the more you realise you need to learn. As pointed out, there is more to timing than just the clock, particularly in team events where the timing of removing the arrow from the quiver and what the interpretation of the removal of an arrow from the quiver is. Not to mention the stepping out of the waiting box and stepping up to shoot.

Matchplay is also such a fast paced version of our sport and the speed of scoring and arrow calls adds to the spectacle. Hence the reason so many judges are required to hold such an event. Karen O'Malley also was able to give some great input into this section, speaking from practical international experiences.

Towards the end of the day, David Robertson also distributed the Archery NSW Judges Kits which were fully stocked with everything a judge could need and these have been distributed around the state so all regions have the same equipment. On top of this, every Judge's bow scales were calibrated and certified so all Judges' bow scales are now uniform and consistent.

An informative day was had by all and the babble of judges are looking forward to the next informative seminar.

National Championships, Tuggeranong, ACT

Thank you to all Judges in attendance at the National Championships, held in Tuggeranong, ACT from Sat 16/3/13 to Fri 22/3/13. Judges were: Ken Winkler(CoJ); John Hyde(DoS); Peter Coghlan, Ed Crowther, Coral Dandridge, Ray Denton, John Dowden, Michael Greenland, Bruce Hall and Karen O'Malley (Judges).

All judges appointed to the Nationals and 8 additional Judges took the opportunity of a full day's Judges update Seminar held the day before the Championships began. This Seminar focused on judging at Field and Clout events.

There were also interesting sessions on Para and Vision-impaired Archery, Conflict Resolution and Equipment Inspection. Special thanks go to all seminar presenters, especially Stuart Atkins and Mick Turner who presented a session on Field Archery.

Judges Seminar at the Youth National Championships

This is the opportunity for any Judges to register for one (or both) of the two 2-hr seminars to be held on Sat 29 June, the day before the Youth Championships in Brisbane. Anyone interested should email officials@archery.org.au **before June 1st** for more information.

World Archery Rulebook and Interpretations

The recently completed version of the World Archery Rulebook is dated 1st April, 2013. Please view or download from www.archery.org under RULES.

You will also see, there are more than two dozen ByLaw changes which came into force on April 1st. PLEASE look at recent **World Archery Interpretations and ByLaws** and keep abreast of the latest interpretations by visiting the World Archery website regularly.

Archery Australia Rules

Longbow

At the AA Board meeting in Feb 2012, the Archery Australia Longbow Rules were amended to correspond to the World Archery wording, effective 1/1/2013.

Therefore, all longbowers in Australia currently should be shooting one or other of the drawing techniques, but not a combination of both. See Archery Australia's C&R (Dec 2012) Ch 8.2.

Additionally, at the upcoming National Indoor Championships, the maximum difference between arrow shaft and point in the Australian Indoor round is 0.1mm. Thank you to the Judges who brought up the issue of butt damage and points coming out, at last year's National Indoor event.

One copy of the most recent edition of *Archery Australia's Constitution & Rules* will be provided to each RGB Officials Co-ordinator in the coming weeks, along with a supply of Judges red Logbooks, to assist with organising new Judges Courses.

If your RGB is planning to offer a **National Judge Training Course**, please advertise it to other RGBs by emailing officials@archery.org.au

Merchandising – Judges apparel

Now available! Red spray jacket with JUDGE embroidered across the back and Archery Australia logo on the left breast. It packs neatly into a small pouch that is provided. Available from the Archery Australia office for \$35.

Please note the prices for all Archery Australia merchandise is discounted when you log on as an Archery Australia member. Judges shirts are also available in both long and short-sleeved versions.

Remember you should be wearing RED as your winter judges Jacket so you are readily visible to the competitors!

NEW ... Judges Online Diary

As an alternative to our red Judges Logbook, and to help in collating records easier for RGB Co-ordinators come re-accreditation time, Judges can now keep track of our officiating activities electronically, via the Archery Australia website (at ABOUT ARCHERY/OFFICIALS(JUDGES)/Judges Online Diary).

There are a series of fields which you complete, then scroll to the bottom of the page and hit SUBMIT. Material is automatically saved and while your stored data may be viewed by you at any time, once submitted, it cannot be edited.

Should you realise you have made an error after having submitted your entry, create a newer (second) version, and contact officials@archery.org.au by email and your first record will be removed manually at our end.

You be the Judge - Answers from Issue 75

There will usually be three case studies, of varying levels of complexity in each *Judges News*. It is not the intention to trick people; however bizarre some of these cases are, they come from real experiences sent in by our judges and I ask you to continue to email interesting cases to me at officials@archery.org.au

Since each completed case study attracts one accreditation point, it may be worthwhile submitting any answers you feel sure about, rather than doing none because you are not confident of answers to all three.

Remember, the Officials Committee is about education and increasing Judges' knowledge and experience and that you will need to have answered more than 50% of Case Studies to remain accredited.

We all need to learn our way around the new editions of the Rules. Thank you to those of you who checked their Rulebooks and replied to the Case Studies from the previous issue.

The table below shows the number of Judges in each RGB following re-accreditation and the replies received for Newsletter 75.

RGB	Judges	Replies	RGB	Judges	Replies
AACT	7	7	ASA	11	7
ASNSW	20	11	AV	6	3
AST	8	4	SQAS	12	9
ASWA	7	2	NQAA	4	4
<i>Oceania</i>	7	1	Total	82	48

Case studies responses.

75.1 In target or field, an arrow strikes the target, but the arrow hangs down, covering the target face. What should a judge witnessing this do?

Everybody who responded answered by correctly quoting in minute detail (!) the rule which applies to Target (WA 14.2.6.1). However, few responses attempted to deal with the situation should this happen in Field.

Of course, Judges are not involved in the scoring process in Field archery (WA 27.2.4), but should you be present when something unusual happens, as the case study mentions, and archers ask you how they should proceed, interpretation is necessary.

While there is no rule covering hanging arrows in the Field in the WA rule book, to avoid possible arrow damage and the possibility of the arrow's falling out of the face should shooting continue, the archers should stop shooting and move forward to score the hanging arrow, mark the hole and remove the arrow, then return and complete the end. Like the pass-through or rebound situation referenced in WA 27.2.4, the archers on the target decide on the arrow value.

But, unlikely as it may be, should it be an unmarked field course, there is a problem, as anyone approaching the target can measure the distance to be shot with their remaining arrows. In this case a they should ask the judge to carry out the score-and-remove process as the judge could approach the target in a zig-zag pattern. This would also apply should an archer shoot an incorrect face in a block of 20cm faces, for example.

75.2 In an unmarked FITA Field course, a target is set up on top of a large rock. The archer misjudges the distance and sets the sights incorrectly. When he shoots, the arrow hits the rock and smashes into 2 pieces. The front (point) end of the arrow cannot be found, but the rear of the arrow embeds into the 5 scoring zone. How would this be scored?

Well, this one elicited some interesting responses!

Using the same rule (WA 27.2) to justify their answers, Judges were divided between giving the arrow a score of 5 or a M, and there was much discussion about what actually constitutes an arrow, according to the Rulebook (including referencing the diagram) and how much of an arrow constitutes 'an arrow' from the scoring point of view.

Interesting, but unfortunately, irrelevant. We can only apply the Rules which say that *an arrow shall be scored according to the position of the shaft in the target*, irrespective of where the point is (or isn't) and in spite of the moral position of whether an archer should receive a score when they clearly missed the target in the first instance, by hitting a rock. If the arrow lodges in the target, the way it travelled in getting there is unimportant so it should score a 5.

If the point had travelled through the back of the butt and was no longer attached to the rest of the arrow, we would have no hesitation in scoring the 5. If the arrow had hit a tree and rebounded into the target by good luck, we would have no hesitation in allowing the score, and the archer always gets the benefit of the doubt. And ... I remember several respondents wanted to give a score in a previous case study to an arrow which deflected off the ground and leaned by the point into the scoring zone.

My favourite response, however, was that you would hope the archer would 'man it up' and not try to claim points he clearly didn't earn!

75.3 Shooting AA Clout, an archer shoots but as the ground is very hard, the arrow lies on the ground with the point in the 8 zone. Another archer shoots and his arrow strikes the arrow lying on the ground 15cm from the point, breaking the arrow on the ground in two. The point of the struck arrow flies into the air from the impact, and the point end of the arrow lands outside the scoring zone. The rear of the arrow remains where it was struck, in the 8 zone. What scoring value would you give the arrow and why?

Hmmm ... and now it's just the opposite, because the (AA 12.8.11) Clout rule is specific: *The value of an arrow that does not lodge in the ground shall be determined by the position of its point as it lies. An arrow struck by another arrow shall score as the point lies.*

The rule makes it quite plain that the arrow has to be scored on the basis of where the point of the broken arrow lies, however unfortunate that might be for the archer concerned. The arrow is scored as a M.

NEW CASE STUDIES You be the Judge, No 76:

We are improving, with more Judges responding to all 3 Case Studies. Remember, if you can attempt only one or two each *Judges News*, you are still able to claim those points. Don't be so put off that if you find one case that seems too perplexing that you don't answer any! Remember you need to answer more than 50% of Case Studies to remain accredited.

Please remember to give reasons and quote appropriate references for each of your answers but DO come to a conclusion and give an answer, not just quote a rule.

76.1 Look closely. What score would you give to the arrow on the left, below? Why?



76.2 Competing at an Indoor event, in the first scoring end an archer shoots an arrow which misses the butt and strikes the back wall, which is brick. The arrow rebounds off the back wall with great force, landing on the floor and slides back towards the shooting line, eventually coming to rest within the 3m zone. Is the archer entitled to re-shoot this arrow? Explain why.

76.3 In a FITA field round, Archers A and B approach a target and shoot 3 arrows each into an 80cm face. When Archer C uses binoculars before he shoots his first arrow, he sees the face is missing one pin in the top corner. As it is very windy, he asks the Judge to have the field crew fix the face before he shoots. There is no field crew, so the Judge goes to the target and moves a pin to the top corner. When the Judge returns to the shooting peg, Archers A and B complain that the face has been touched before the arrows have been scored. Do they have grounds for Appeal? What would you have done as the Judge in this situation?

Please have your replies with RGB administrators by mid May, who in turn are asked to collate and forward replies by the end of May. Alternatively, judges can e-mail their answers directly to Karen at officials@archery.org.au by May 31st, (but inform your RGB administrator you have done so).

Until next time - Happy Judging!

Karen