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First Discover Archery classes delivered

On weekends from 17 September to 9 October, the World Archery Excellence Centre welcome more than 250 people from Lausanne and its surroundings to Discover Archery classes.

Free of charge and open to anyone aged 5+, the classes were an opportunity to promote the Centre and the important Olympic sport of archery to the public.

Delivered by the Centre's staff and coaches from the local club in Lausanne, the classes consisted of one hour of archery basics at 10 metres and 30 minutes of individual and team competitions.

The state-of-the-art environment and a friendly attitude brought friends and family together to enjoy sport.

"I took the lessons twice, once with my friends and other with my daughter, some of her friends and my husband. It was a nice activity for both children and adults, as we had the opportunity to try archery and compete

against each other just for fun," said Laika Collinasi, one of the attendees.

"The instructors were very friendly, clear in their explanations and excellent working with the kids. We would all like to keep practising!"

Juan Carlos Holgado, World Archery Excellence Centre Director, said that the activities were the first opportunity to test operations, the facility itself, plus internal equipment and technology. "Hosting Discover Archery classes with people of different ages and levels was definitely a great opportunity to test ourselves," he said. "It gave us a good idea of how the whole building will work ahead of our official opening at the end of the year."

The Centre will be fully-operational by December 2016. For more information, please contact the World Archery Excellence Centre staff at info@worldarcherycentre. org



REALSPORT:

Sports-specific flooring in the Centre

With more than 20 years of experience in the sports industry, RealSport was selected to create the indoor floor of the World Archery Excellence Centre.

The company's experience, team spirit and innovation, as well as its location close to the Centre in Canton de Vaud, made it the best option.

"RealSport is a well-renowned Swiss company that offered a product that fulfilled the highest Swiss standards of floor quality," said Centre Director Juan Carlos Holgado.

"By choosing a local supplier, we were able to secure excellent after-sales service and ensure the floor can be maintained by its original manufacturer for years to come."

Lead by Laurent and Arnaud Clement, and made up of more than 300 engineers, technicians, designers, shop assistants, foremen, skilled workers and interns, RealSport took on one of its biggest projects with the Centre.

"The World Archery Excellence Centre is an important challenge for us," said RealSport Technical Director Jonathan Burgy. "We really enjoy being part of this project, as it's probably the biggest indoor sports surface in Canton de Vaud."

Before the Centre, the company created the Muzzano American School and Geneva Multisport gym floors, with a surface of 3000 m2 and 3500 m2, in 2015 and 2016, respectively.

The floor

The POLYmatch Zurich floor at the Centre, as the material is professionally known, is 30m wide by 80m long, and features 52% shock absorption – a value that is required by Swiss regulations for children's sport activities.

It is designed to limit injuries while practising sports by softening impacts – for both youth and adults – and features no concrete in its construction.

The Zurich floor surface can be easily cleaned and maintained, quickly adapted to different sports such as volleyball, handball, unihockey, gymnastics... and archery, and has a lifespan of around 20 to 30 years.

At the end of that period, just adding another layer will be enough to make it as good as new – something that would not be possible with other flooring materials.

As part of the partnership agreement, RealSport will host archery activities for its clients at the Centre over the next three years, and its logo is visible in two areas of the floor.

For further information about RealSport, visit www.realsport.ch or contact Manager Arnaud Clément or Technical Director Jonathan Burgy at +41 21 921 2719.



Meet the Team

Development Coordinator and Assistant Coach **Thomas Rufer**

Thomas Rufer is an investigation engineer with broad knowledge in electronics, product development and product care in medical technology.

He has more than 15 years of experience as an international athlete and represented Switzerland at different stages of the Hyundai Archery World Cup circuit and World Archery Championships. His passion for archery motivated him to take a roll at the Centre, which combines development projects and coaching.

From 6-15 October, Thomas travelled to Taipei City to



take the World Archery Level 1 Coach Trainer Course.

He will be in charge of courses, archery seminars and all archery and non-archery events.

Administration and Finances Assistant **Hiwot Belay**

Hiwot Belay is a former Swiss law student with more than five years of experience as an administrative assistant. She has worked for companies such as

Nestlé PTC Orbe and Philip Morris International.



















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