



World Archery News



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We wish you all a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!*

Condolences

Kahraman BAGATIR (TUR)

We were greatly saddened to learn of the death on 6 December of Mr Kahraman BAGATIR, First Vice-President of the Turkish Archery Federation, EMAU Council Member and Organiser of several Golden Arrow Grand Prix, World Championships and World Cup Events.

Kahraman BAGATIR's contribution to the development of the sport is without any discussion and the Turkish Archery Family is in shock as a result of this sudden and unexpected passing away. Born on 14 April 1951 in Turkey, Kahraman was a fully committed volunteer to the sport of Archery. Everyone in Archery knows him. He is the example of a person who dedicated his life to sport in general and Archery in particular.

The World of Archery, the FITA President, Staff and Council and all the archers worldwide that have known Kahraman send their sincere condolences to his wife, daughters and son as well as the entire Turkish Archery Community.

Said the FITA President Prof Dr Ugur ERDENER: "I am deeply sorry for the very sudden and unexpected loss of my dear and longtime friend, Mr. Kahraman BAGATIR. Kahraman was a very valued and true friend to me personally and was also very devoted to the sport of archery for many, many years. He was a dedicated supporter of archery programmes both in Turkey and around the world. He made many invaluable contributions of time and effort to the Golden Arrow and World Cup Events, European and World Championships over many years and was in a large measure responsible for the great success enjoyed at all these archery tournaments. On many levels he will be missed very much. I extend to his family and friends my sincerest condolences for their great loss."

Mr BAGATIR's funeral took place on 10 December in Ankara.

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*Indoor World Archery Challenge
20 February 2010*



Mr. BAGATIR (left) receiving the Silver Plaqueette from the FITA First Vice-President Paul PAULSEN at the 2009 FITA Congress in Ulsan



World Archery Field Championships
13-18 July 2010



Central American & Caribbean Games
17 July-1 August 2010

Wedding

Renouka MOTEE and Ganeshan CHETTIAR (MRI)



Ganeshan CHETTIAR, the Secretary General of the Fédération Africaine de Tir à l'Arc (FAA, Federation of African Archery), married Renouka MOTEE in Mauritius on 29 November 2009.

We wish them a wonderful and happy life together!



Youth Olympic Games
14-26 August 2010



Commonwealth Games
2-14 October 2010



Asian Games
12-27 November 2010

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Communication

World Archery is on Facebook and Twitter

World Archery has launched its official Facebook fan page and Twitter page! These new platforms will allow archers to stay connected, informed, and involved with the sport they love. The target is to develop open communication between archers from all over the world.



Join us on our new Facebook page! You are welcome to give us your opinion in the Discussion board on the topic: "What do you expect from World Archery on Facebook?" You may also visit the Events section dedicated to the World Cup 2010, where you can let people know about your participation, or leave a message for the competitors!

The page also proposes links to the Facebook pages of the Singapore 2010 Youth Olympic Games, London 2012 Olympic Games and many other sports entities. Join us and the archers of the world on Facebook!

From now you can follow us on Twitter as well, and be notified whenever we post a major headline on our homepage.

Vanessa LEE, the young Canadian archer who won the recent Video Contest of the International Olympic Committee, believes the use of these new means of communication by World Archery "will really help bring the international archery community closer together, allowing talented and enthusiastic athletes to share their passion for the sport. I can't wait to see archers sharing information about training and competitions as well as simply networking with other archers through the World Archery Facebook wall and discussions."

World Archery Facebook page:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/World-Archery/182318993402?v=wall&ref=ts#>

World Archery Twitter page:

www.twitter.com/worldarchery

Discover the Nations of Archery

Let's know more about the Croatia Archery Association!

Croatia is an independent country since 1991 located in central Europe. It was formerly a Yugoslav Republic. The population of Croatia is 4.5 million inhabitants.

The first archery club was founded in Zagreb in 1955. The Croatia Archery Association (CAA) was established in 1972 as part of the Yugoslavian Archery Federation. In 1992 it became the first Croatian Sport Organisation affiliated to an International Sport Federation: FITA. Nikola SKORIC was Vice-President of FITA & editor of the FITA newsletter then called "The Arrow" and was awarded a Gold Plaque during the 1987 FITA Congress for his great contribution to archery.

In 1997 there were a dozen archery clubs in Croatia. In 2004 that number increased to 22, and today there are 45 clubs with more than 900 archers practicing. Among the best Croatian archers of the past, Zoran MATKOVIC ranked 10th at the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow, and Andrea ČIŽMEK won bronze at the 2001 World Indoor Championships. The best current archer is 24-year-old Ivana BUDEN, who has been among the top-ranked Compound Women since 2000.

Alojz MAUSER – former elite archer and President of the CAA, organiser of major archery tournaments – attributes this strong development to a combination of different criteria:

- organisation of high-level tournaments with a good media coverage;
- practice of archery in schools,
- promotion of archery during fairs,
- team-building sessions for companies using archery
- ...

Currently the CAA has a structure of one employee, several coaches and 17 judges (some of them international or continental judges). The CAA organises 40 tournaments per year at the national level in all divisions and the following types: Outdoor Rounds (70m, FITA and 900 Rounds), Indoor, Field and 3D Archery.

The CAA has a long experience of organising major archery events: They were the organiser of the 1st ever Archery World Cup Stage in 2006 and every year since 2008. They also hosted several European Grand Prix since 2001, the European Junior Cup in 2000, the European Junior Championships in 2001, the European Field Championship in 2007 and the World Field Championship in 1974 and 2004. The CAA also organised several coaches and judges seminars. In the near future the CAA will organise the following events: the 2010 European Indoor Championships and a stage of the World Cup in 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Last year, the CAA started to build a national para-archery team, directed especially toward the numerous persons with war injuries. Another important project of the CAA is to become a FITA accredited partner centre in Porec, where any FITA Member Association could hold training camps as well as courses and seminars for coaches, judges and organisers. It is expected that this centre will contribute to an increase in the number and level of archers in Croatia and the neighbouring countries.

Development

Calendar

23 Nov-20 Dec. 2009	FITA Level 1 Coaches Course	Cairo (EGY)
9-13 December	Postgraduate Education of the NZL Coaches	Auckland (NZL)
20 December	Coordination meeting with the Egyptian Council of Sport and Olympic Committee	Cairo (EGY)
7-16 January 2010	Training camp with MEAC assistance	Johannesburg (RSA)
28 Feb.-12 March	Commonwealth & Mediterranean Training Camp	Ain Sokhna (EGY)
20 Feb.-14 March	FITA Level II Coaches Course	Cairo (EGY)
15-21 March	Olympic Solidarity Coaching Course for Coaches	Nepal
22 March – 4 April	FITA Training Camp Level I & II	Cairo (EGY)
12-25 April	FITA Coaches Course Level III	Cairo (EGY)
3-16 May	FITA Training Camp Level II and III	Cairo (EGY)
23 May	FITA Level II Coaches Course	Cairo (EGY)

Training Camp for the Commonwealth and the Mediterranean Region: Date Change

Due to a date change of the African Championship, the Commonwealth & Mediterranean training camp will take place from 28 February to 12 March 2010.

The camp will take place at Ain Soukhna, 100 km from Cairo near Red Sea at the occasion of the African Championships that has been rescheduled from 7-11 March 2010. It will be a unique event for the participants in order to gain experience and familiarize with an international competition. The training camp will be under the expertise of coach MUN Baek Woon and will be coordinated by FITA Development Department.

This program will be entirely funded by FITA and two development partners: "Foundation for Global Sports Development" and the "Fondation Internationale pour le Développement du Tir à l'Arc". A complete document will be resent to the member associations of the Commonwealth and Mediterranean since there are specific conditions to respect and a limited number of participants. Each application will be evaluated by FITA for approval/disapproval.

For those member associations of the Commonwealth & Mediterranean interested to benefit of this scholarship, you are kindly requested to contact FITA Development Department; Mrs. Deqa Niamkey dniamkey@archery.org no later the **15 January 2010.**

Coaching

FITA Middle East Archery Center

Training camp for the Russian Junior Archery Team and Egyptian National Team

A joint training camp for the Russian Junior Archery Team and the Egyptian National Team took place at the FITA MEAC from 17-30 November. The Russian delegation consisted of 8 boys and 9 girls shooting in recurve and compound, accompanied by 3 coaches. The Egyptian team gathered 21 boys and 20 girls in the cadet, junior and senior categories. The goal of the camp was to prepare the Egyptian team for the Continental Qualifying event for the Youth Olympic Games and for the 2010 African Archery Championship that will take place in Ain Sokhna. Additionally this experience was a great opportunity for both teams to exchange knowledge, coaching methods and shooting techniques.

The members of the Russian delegation were the following:

Junior Men	Junior Women	Coaches
Chingis Badmazhaov	Kristina Timofeeva Kristina	Valery Lycenk
Chuldum	AnnaBamboeva Anna	Oleg Platonov
Kahesheto Comboiv	Alena Doby Ching Alena	Svetlana Zhigitova
Aldar Tsydenv (compound)	Ekoterina Kroveynikova	
Kostya Snzhitsykicov	Iyna Bolotova	
Alexey Urchev	Tatiana Senina	
Liya Sysoev	Alexandra Makushina	
Evyeny Kirkin	Sayana Tsirempilova	
	Oksana Terekhova (compound)	



Russian National Junior Archery Team



Egyptian National team with Russian junior archery team in practice.

From our Member Associations

Sri Lanka Youth National Championships

The Sri Lanka National Archery Association organised their National Youth Championships to encourage and promote our sport among the younger generation. This event was held from 5-7 December and gathered 70 participants in categories under 12, 14 and 18 years of age.

Archery took firm root in Sri Lanka after receiving FITA's assistance in 1999. The growth of archery is relatively slow due to the lack of equipment but the high number of participants at this competition is a satisfactory indication of the future of archery in Sri Lanka, with a population of 20 million.



During the competition



Closing ceremony

Events

World Archery Event Organisers Seminar 2010



World Archery is pleased to inform you about our Event Organisers Seminar that will take place on:

10-14 June 2010 in Antalya, Turkey

This interactive Seminar will combine technical input, personal effectiveness facilitation and practical, hands on experience. This will ensure delegates go away with skills to enable them and their teams to perform to the peak of their abilities, to continue to push the boundaries in delivering better, high quality international archery events.

The World Archery Event Organisers Seminar 2010 will be delivered in collaboration with our partner, Sportworks Group Limited www.sportworksuk.com. There will be classroom based activities combined with practical workshops taking place around the Antalya World Cup Event Stage 2.

This is an assessed Seminar and certification will be awarded against three criteria: attendance at all sessions, completion of an onsite evaluation and successful online post Seminar assessment.

Each delegate will receive a full resource pack that will include the new World Archery Official Event Organisers Manual. This Seminar will be the launch of the brand new World Archery publication.

Who is this Seminar aimed at?

- Anyone organising, interested in organising, collaborating on or learning about future events
- Current and or potential Technical Delegates

In the future any organisation wishing to host the following events:

- World Cup
- World Championships
- World Ranking Event

must construct an Organising Committee with at least one member having attained the World Archery Event Organisers Seminar certification.

The outline Seminar programme is as follows:

Thursday, 10 June 2010

- Arrival day

Friday, 11 June 2010, Saturday, 12 June 2010 and Sunday, 13 June 2010

Seminar Delivery and Practical Sessions to include:

Monday, 14 June 2010

- Departure day

The cost of participation is:

- €420 for Seminar participation fee if booked on or before 1 March 2010.*
- €120 for a single room accommodation, per day and per person.
- €85 for a double room accommodation, per day and per person (twin or double bed).

* Late registrations:

- An additional €45 for registrations from 2 March to 14 May 2010 will be charged.
- An additional €90 for registrations made from 15 May 2010 will be charged.

Full details on the programme, what the costs includes and registration will be available on www.worldarchery.org very shortly. Should you have any questions regarding the event, please contact Ms Sandrine Blatter at sblatter@archery.org.

Singapore 2010 Updates



The **Youth Olympic Games Medal Design Competition** is closed for entries and a gallery of medals can now be viewed online. Voting procedure will be open until 22 January 2010. The 10 best medals voted by the public will be presented to an IOC jury who will then elect the winning medal design for Singapore 2010. Visit www.medaldesigncompetition.com to view the designs and vote for your favourite medal!

The Singapore Youth Olympic Games Organising Committee organised the **Singapore 2010 Friendship Camp**, jointly with Singapore's Ministry of Education and the Singapore Sports School, with one goal in mind: to give young athletes the chance to experience cultural diversity and have fun while doing it. More than 400 athletes from more than 100 National Olympic Committees gathered in Singapore from 8-12 December for the Friendship Camp.

The young athletes experienced an exciting range of activities and learned about the Olympic values of Excellence, Friendship and Respect. Participants had the opportunity to get up close and personal with well-known athletes like Michael Klim, Asafa Powell, Veronica Campbell-Brown and Dexter Lee during the Culture and Education Programme, which provided a sneak preview of what athletes can expect at the Youth Olympic Games in August 2010, among other activities.

More information is available on www.whyohgee.com.sg/singapore2010/updates/friendship_camp.

1230 Archers from 25 Countries Will Shoot in Nimes

The Tournament of Nimes, to be held from 22-24 January 2010, promises to be an exceptional event. The tournament is already sold out with 1230 registered archers from 25 countries. This Tournament, along with the Tournament of Las Vegas from 19-21 February, serves as qualifier for the Indoor World Archery Challenge.



Hotels in the city of Nimes will soon be sold out. More information is available on the website of the organisers, www.arclubdenimes.com.

Invitation to the 1st Asian Archery Grand Prix 2010

The National Archery Association of Malaysia is pleased to announce that the 1st Asian Archery Grand Prix 2010 will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 5 to 12 February 2010. This competition is open to recurve and compound archers from all the countries members or affiliate of the Asian Archery Federation.



You can download the invitation letter and application form on the homepage of www.worldarchery.org. The deadline for subscriptions is 2 January 2010.



African Qualifications for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games

The Federation of African Archery (FAA) announced that the Continental Qualifications for the 2010 Youth Olympic Games will be held at the Centre for High Performance in Pretoria, South Africa on 24-27 April 2010. The 60th South African National Championships (a FITA World Ranking event) will also take place at this occasion.

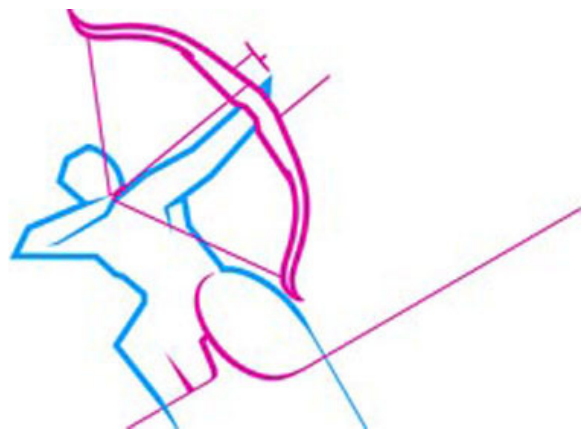
The FAA would also like to announce that the African Championships will take place in Egypt in March 2010. Entry forms are available from www.sanaa.org.za. Contact info@sanaa.org.za for more information.

London 2012 Paralympic Games

3 December marked exactly 1000 days to go until the Opening Ceremony of the London 2012 Paralympic Games. This was another landmark moment in time for Para-Archery. The occasion was marked by Paralympic archers, who shot arrows towards targets across the Meridian line in Greenwich.

The London 2012 Paralympic Games Qualification Guide for Archery has just been released. You can download it on our homepage or on www.paralympic.org.

The London 2012 team was delighted to launch the Paralympic pictograms - icons representing each Paralympic sport featuring in the London 2012 programme. As with the Olympic pictograms, there are two versions: a silhouette and a 'dynamic' one that really helps to bring the sport to life.



Indoor E-Mail Competition: Second Round!



The indoor E-Mail Competition, organised by the Archery Club ILVES from Estonia, is a wonderful opportunity to compare your results with archers from all over the world. This competition is meant for all recurve and compound archers. Shoot a round at 18 metres and send your result by e-mail to ilvescup@hotmail.com before the deadline. Results from elite archers and club-level archers from all over the world are welcome. Over 200 archers from 27 countries and from 65 different clubs took part in the first round. It's not

too late for archers who did not take part in the first round but would still like to participate! The second round of this competition lasts until 20 December.

There is no entry fee and no written proof of the score is required. However participants must follow the FITA rules and the principles of fair-play. More info on this competition on the homepage of www.worldarchery.org or on www.archery.ee.

Welcome to Russia for Ski-Archery!

The Russian Archery Federation invites athletes from all over the world to try ski-archery! Many ski-archery competitions will be organised in Russia this winter! You can download the calendar on our homepage or under the section News/Archives 2009. The highlight of the winter season will be the Open Ski-Archery Russian Cup in Rybinsk from 27 March – 1 April 2010.

The Russian Federation is ready to assist athletes regarding accomodation and meals in Rybinsk and help them with equipment for ski-archery. Archers who wish to take part in these competitions can contact Mr. Vladimir MATVEEV, yovick-arco@yandex.ru. Information on the sport of ski-archery is available on the FITA website.

FITA Rules

Interpretations

Book 4, Chapter 9, Art. 9.3.1.2

The Austrian Archery Federation has requested an interpretation of whether or not the bow-windows, as shown on the pictures below, in the Barebow division are legal in Field Archery.



The Constitution and Rules Committee has determined that the following interpretation of the Technical Committee is not contrary to the existing rules or Congress decisions and is supported by the comments of the Field Committee and Judges Committee.

Response from the Technical Committee:

It is the majority opinion of the FITA Technical Committee that the questions posed by Austria regarding the various bows with snake skin or other interesting paint jobs, are legal under the following guidelines.

In reviewing the rules that pertain to Multi-Colored risers we must first look at the subset rule 9.3.1.1.1 that Multi-Colored risers are legal. In our opinion, this simply means that the bow is not required to be one solid color. We also feel that 9.3.1.1.1 is not actually contradictory to the main rule in 9.3.1.2 as some have suggested. It is our interpretation that 9.3.1.2 is a standalone rule concerning aids in aiming in the bare bow division and is very clear in its intent. That is, there may be no marks, laminations or blemishes, etc. in the sight window area. We understand the intent of the rule is to eliminate possible sighting marks within the archer's vision.

To summarize: Having specially painted or anodized risers is legal but the archer may not have marks of any type in the sight window area. If so, that area simply needs to be covered over for competition purposes. Therefore, the bows we have reviewed are all legal, except that the sight window area must be taped over in the bare bow division where the paint design, marks, screws, rivets, marks, attachments, lines, or blemishes could offer any additional aid in aiming.

FITA Technical Committee, 20 November 2009

Approved by the FITA C&R Committee, 3 December 2009

Continental Associations

The COPARCO Judges Conference and Training for Continental Judges was successfully organised by the Colombian Archery Federation in Bogotá from 2-5 December. The following participants passed the exam and are now accredited as Continental Judges: Gino Solano (DOM), José Espinoza (VEN), Adam Martínez (PUR), Ana Celina Buitrago (COL).

Member Associations

Elections in Ivory Coast

The *Fédération Ivoirienne de Tir à l'Arc* (FIVTA) elected a new president, Mr Mi-Carême Moïse ESSIS.

Contact Updates

The complete directory is available on www.worldarchery.org, Organisation/Member Associations.

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CIV - Fédération Ivoirienne de Tir à l'Arc

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Calendar Highlights

2010

2 January	YOG CQT Oceania	Hamilton (NZL)
3-4 January	Oceania Youth Championships	Hamilton (NZL)
7-14 March	Test Event Commonwealth Games	Delhi (IND)
5 -12 February	1st Asian Grand Prix	Kuala Lumpur (MAS)
1st week March	2nd Asian Grand Prix	Bangkok (THA)
7-11 March	African Championships	Cairo (EGY)
16-21 March	European Indoor Championships	Porec (CRO)
15-18 April	YOG CQT Americas (COPARCO)	Salinas (PUR)
20-25 April	European Grand Prix (1st leg)	Rhodes (GRE)
4-8 May	World Cup Stage 1	Porec (CRO)
18-23 May	European Junior Cup & YOG CQT Europe	Reggio Calabria (ITA)
24-30 May	European Championships	Rovereto (ITA)
7-11 June	World Cup Stage 2	Antalya (TUR)
22-27 June	European Grand Prix (2nd leg)	Echmiadzin (ARM)
13-17 July	European Junior Championships	Winnenden (GER)
13-18 July	Field World Championships	Budapest (HUN)
17 July-1 August	Central American and Caribbean Sports Games (Archery: 24-30 July)	Mayaguez (PUR)
20-25 July	European Grand Prix (final leg)	Moscow (RUS)
3-7 August	World Cup Stage 3	Ogden (USA)
14-26 August	Youth Olympic Games (Archery included)	Singapore (SIN)
31 Aug.-4 Sep.	World Cup Stage 4	Shanghai (CHN)
18-19 September	World Cup Final	Edinburgh (GBR)
23-26 September	World Archery University Championships	Shenzhen (CHN)
3-14 October	Commonwealth Games (Archery: 4-10 October)	Delhi (IND)
4-10 October	European 3D Championships	Alghero-Sassari (ITA)
12-27 November	Asian Games	Guangzhou (CHN)

2011

12-17 April	European Grand Prix (1st leg)	Antalya (TUR)
2-7 May	World Cup Stage 1	Porec (CRO)
17-22 May	European Grand Prix (2nd leg)	Toulouse (FRA)
6-11 June	World Cup Stage 2	Antalya (TUR)
30 June-1 July	FITA Congress	Turin (ITA)
2-10 July	World Championships	Turin (ITA)
1-6 August	World Cup Stage 3	Ogden (USA)
12-23 August	Summer Universiade (Archery included)	Shenzhen (CHN)
22-28 August	European Field Championships	Florence (ITA)
5-10 September	World Cup Stage 4	Shanghai (CHN)
14-30 October	Pan-American Games (Archery included)	Guadalajara (MEX)
October	World Cup Final	Istanbul (TUR)

Bold = World Ranking Tournaments

Red = Last Updates

YOG = Youth Olympic Games

CQT = Continental Qualification Tournament

FITA Partners



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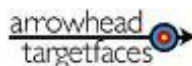
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Textile Industry



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