



Archery World Championships 3—10 July 2011 Para-Archery World Championships 10-17 July 2011

The World Archery Championships were held in Turin (Italy) from 3-10 July 2011. The bronze and gold medal finals took place on the beautiful Piazza Castello in the heart of the old town. The square is surrounded by several historic places such as Palazzo Reale, Palazzo Madama and other buildings that are symbolic of the Baroque period.

The gold medals went to Korea in Recurve Men and Women, thanks to Woojin Kim, while on the women's side there was a surprise winner, Denisse Van Lamoen from Chile. A big surprise came also in the compound division with the victory of Canada's Christopher Perkins. In compound women, the 2009 champion Albina Logoniva (RUS) managed to defend her title successfully.

In the mixed pair category the winning teams were Korea in recurve and Italy in compound. The team medals went to Korea in recurve men and Italy in recurve women, while the USA won both the men's and women's competitions.

Moreover a number of Olympic quota places by country have been allocated during the Turin World Championships.

The World Para Championships also took place in Turin on 10-17 July. As well as new world champions being crowned, the event also allocated a total of 140 quota places for the London 2012 Paralympic Games.

Our New Zealand team performed very well against such an enormous stage of competitors. There were over 200 entries in all divisions, and they fought bravely in extremely hot conditions.

The Recurve team of Yiftach Swery, Robert Peterson and Stephen Florence unfortunately did not make the cut for matchplay, and individually Stephen was only two points away from a place in the matchplay as well. Congratulations to the boys - the shot well and we are very proud of them.

The Women's Compound team of Anne Mitchell, Mandy McGregor and Stephanie Croskery also did not make the cut for the team's matchplay, but all three made it through to the Individual matchplay. Unfortunately none of them passed the 1/48 round.

Stephen Clifton made it through to the individual Men's Compound eliminations, but was knocked out in the 1/48 round.

Shaun Teasdale was highly ranked in the Men's Compound qualifications, and beat his first opponent in the 1/48 eliminations. He then had a nail-biting match in the 1/24 round against Marcelo Roriz from Brazil, who

World Archery FITA Congress

The Congress voted to change the name from FITA to World Archery Federation (WA). This decision allows the sport to align itself with the dynamic World Archery brand that has been launched two years ago and to have a name that will be easily understood worldwide.

The World Archery Federation President Prof Dr Ugur ERDENER said, *"I am delighted by the Congress decision and the large support this proposal has received. Let me first reassure you that we are not denying our history. We have a wonderful heritage on which we are building our future. Archery is of course one of the most ancient sports and has played a key role in human society."*

As a federation we have had a strong development in our 140 member federations. We have had intense competitions and superb events. I would like to sincerely thank all the people who have helped us arriving so far and we just want to make sure that gives our people and our sport the best platform, the best look and the best chance to be known worldwide. We want to be recognized as dynamic, attractive and important Olympic sport!"

Also celebrated were other anniversaries, and they were allowed to choose two archers they thought were iconic for memorial posters:

- 150 years of Archery Great Britain; Iconic archers Alison WILLIAMSON and Simon TERRY
- 150 years of the German Archery Federation; Iconic archers Cornelia PFOHL and Franz BAUM

- 50 years of the Italian Archery Federation; Iconic archers Paola FANTATO and Giancarlo FERRARI
- 80 years of FITA/World Archery; **Athletes of the Century**: archers KIM Soo-Nyung (KOR) and Darrell PACE (USA)

World Archery Secretary General Tom DIELEN concluded, *"a recent survey in Great Britain showed that among all the Olympic sports teenagers wanted to try out archery as their no.1 choice. This is ahead of football, athletics, etc. This is in a country where most sports originated. This is also in a country where the Olympic and Paralympic Games will be held next year. I think this simply shows all the efforts FITA and World Archery have been doing, all the efforts the people in this Congress room have been doing and all the rights decisions they have taken. Such survey, such celebration and such a day show that our sport is in a great shape!"*

Communication

Thanks to the several thousands of views on the recent World Archery Championships in Turin, the Archery TV on YouTube has just passed 6,000,000 views! Moreover www.worldarchery.org has a record month with 450,000 visitors!

World Archery has increased its web offer and for the first time the finals of the World Championships in Turin (ITA) were streamed live on a dedicated website: www.liveworldarchery.tv.



Rob Peterson shooting at 50m



The New Zealand team



The Women's Compound team



Stephen Florence and Robert Peterson inspect their gear

The welcome pack proudly announced "*We have prepared two unforgivable venues ...*", so what were we in for?

It started a bit shaky, with a hotel booking hic-up, and the food ... I don't think the team will look at a plate of vegetables the same again.

Once we were all at the hotel, we were able to plan the next few days. Carole had congress to attend during the unofficial practice days, so I was in charge of the team. The organizers had provided buses for these days, so traveling to and from the venues was not difficult. The "qualifying" range was some distance from the bus stop, with a loose metal track to content with. The Croatian team was at the same hotel, and when space permitted, they offered us rides in their van. That was certainly appreciated. Registration was relatively simple, with only Rob needing his photo taken for accreditation. Temperatures were generally in the mid-30's. Practice was a good chance to adjust to the conditions. The opening ceremony was impressive – images were projected on the side of the "lodge" with 3D effects, and performers were on the stage. Official practice was a bit of a "free for all" – especially for the recurvers as they had to find a spot on the range for each distance.

The shooting schedule was quite different to what we would normally expect. The Women's Recurve started first, with a full FITA. Then all the Compounds shot, starting around 5pm. Apart from a brief downpour towards the end, there was certainly no issue with warmth or light when shooting finished. However, with the new "bye" system there were a quite a few archers involved in shoot-offs for the eighth and 104th spots and that was deferred for another day. The Men's Compound results in particular foretold the tough matches ahead, with 23 archers shooting 700+ and Shaun's 697 placing him 32nd.

Stephanie shot 668 to be the top Kiwi in the Women's Compound, but again the strength and numbers of the competition put her in 63rd spot. All the NZ Compound archers qualified for the elimination stages.

The Men's Recurve shot the full FITA the following day, with high temperatures and tough competition to deal with.

Unfortunately numbers were against them, with Stephen Florence shooting 1264 for the top NZ score, agonisingly close to the 1266 needed to join the other six archers shooting off for positions 102, 103 & 104. This meant the competition was over for our Recurve Men.

The elimination rounds were spread out over 3 days. The first day was for the teams, giving rise to the second

Unforgettable Turin

"controversy" of the event. Three Men's Recurve matches were tied, putting 6 teams in a shoot-off situation (including Italy). The time was set to 40 seconds, not 60. All but one archer managed to get their arrow shot. This led to protests, and after an hour it was decided to hold the shoot-off again with the correct time. One result changed - the Italians won this time.

The second day of eliminations saw all our Compound archers competing. The Women were first. This saw leads swapping with their opponents over the 15 arrows, but at the end, all the kiwis had been eliminated. Unfortunately Steve shared the same fate in the first round for the Men's. Shaun won his first match 145 - 143, but was out in the second. The second day of individual eliminations saw the upset of the event - all the Korean Recurve women were knocked out before the semi-finals. One blew the chance on a shoot-off, seeming too nervous to shoot until only a few seconds remained. The door was wide open, with none of the top eight Recurve women making the final 4.

The afternoon was one of the first chances the team could go out as a team and sight-see. We decided to see the 'Shroud of Turin' as it was apparently free. When we got there - yes to go into the chapel was free (the copy of the shroud was on display) but to see (and hear) the history we had to pay. It was probably worth it, so we all wandered around with the translator "phone" to our ears.

There were 2 days of finals - Compound first, then Recurve. With the buses taking us to the centre of town before things really got under way, we got some sight-seeing in - first the Egyptian Museum (the largest collection outside Egypt), then did our own. We met back town centre and watched the individual Compound finals. The Men's events were fairly intense, with the few nines that were shot generally being only mm's from the 10 line. After Reo Wilde lost the semis, we could see that he wanted to finish with the bronze in style, beating his own world record. After several X's & 10's he did drop one in the 9. The crowd let out a collective "oohhh". At the end of the day Albina Loginova (Russia) had defended her title and Chris Perkins (Canada) at 19 was the new Men's World Champion.

The Recurve finals saw the Korean's restoring pride with a clean sweep for the men (apart from Brady Ellison winning the bronze over the third Korean) with the team, mixed team and individual golds. For the women, they had the mixed team gold and teams bronze to take home. The day also saw a new Women's Recurve World Champion - Denisse Van Lamoen from Chile - with the tough battle of getting there after ranking in the 30's after the FITA.

Overall, I think the NZ team had mixed feelings - most of the scores were reasonable, but not enough to get far in the eliminations. And finally, the closing ceremony seemed to have forgotten the archers!, with dancing and gymnastic displays.

By Chris Gorman - Assistant Team Manager

Results

Men's Recurve

Men's Recurve Team

1. Woojin Kim KOR
2. Jin Hyek Oh KOR
3. Brady Ellison USA

1. Korea
2. France
3. Italy

Para Men's Recurve (standing)

Team

1. Zhi Dong CHN
2. Suk Ho Kim KOR
3. Timur Tuchinov RUS

1. Russia
2. Korea
3. Ukraine

Women's Recurve

Women's Recurve Team

1. Denisse Van Lamoen CHI
2. Kristin Esebua GEO
3. Yuting Fang CHN

1. Italy
2. India
3. Korea

Para Women's Recurve (standing)

Team

1. Fangxia Gao CHN
2. Irina Batorova RUS
3. Magali Comte SUI

1. China
2. Korea
3. Iran

Men's Compound

Men's Compound Team

1. Christopher Perkins CAN
2. Jesse Broadwater USA
3. Reo Wilde USA

1. USA
2. Denmark
3. Canada

Para Men's Compound (Open)

Team

1. Philippe Horner SUI
2. John Stephen Stubbs GBR
3. Abdullah Sener TUR

1. Great Britain
2. Korea
3. Sweden

Women's Compound

Women's Compound Team

1. Albina Logoniva RUS
2. Pascale Lebecque FRA
3. Erika Anschutz USA

1. USA
2. Iran
3. Venezuela

Para Women's Compound (Open)

Team

1. Danielle Brown GBR
2. Stepanida Artakhinova RUS
3. Zandra Reppe SWE

1. Russia
2. Great Britain
3. China

Mixed Compound Team

Mixed Recurve Team

1. Italy
2. Netherlands
3. Korea

1. Korea
2. Mexico
3. Great Britain

Men's Recurve W1/W2

1. Ebrahim Ranjbakivaj IRI
2. Myeong-Gu Lee KOR
3. Sidik Muhammad Salam MAS

W1 = Tetraplegic

W2 = Paraplegic

STA = Standing or shooting from chair/stool

Para Mixed Compound Team

1. Russia
2. Great Britain
3. Sweden

1. Iran
2. China
3. Thailand

Women's Recurve W1/W2

1. Yanhong Xiao CHN
2. Zahra Nemati IRI
3. Hatice Bayar TUR

Men's Compound W1 Team

1. Czech Republic
2. USA
3. Japan