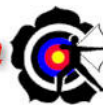




**British Columbia Archery Association**



## WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

At the AGM held in Quesnel a new BCAA committee was formed with the intention of developing Province wide judging knowledge & building an 'experience bank' into which all BC Judges & Judge candidates have both access & input.

The aim of this newsletter which we hope will become a regular feature e-mailed out to all BC judges & judge candidates is to provide backup, support, information, case studies and to answer all your queries on training, rule interpretation, procedures, etiquette etc. Simply put, if, as a judge or judge candidate you have any queries about the act or process of being or becoming a judge, this committee is here to try to answer them.

The committee consists of the following people:

**Ron Ostermeier** (BCAA Technical VP & BC Provincial Judge Chair)

**Paul Mackwood** (BCAA Coaching Chair & BC Provincial Judge)

**Shelley Kwasnycia** (National & BC Provincial Judge)

**David Kretzschmar** (BC Provincial Judge) David will also act as Secretary for the committee & is Editor of this publication.

**Susan Lemke** (BCAA President, BC Provincial Judge, FCA Regional Coach Council, Team Leader for: 2007 Pan Am Games, 2007 World IPC Korea & 2008 Paralympics Beijing) Susan will act as Mediator & facilitator on our committee.

## OVER TO YOU!

This committee cannot function without feedback & input from YOU the judges of BC. We appreciate that you are all busy & that you have lives "outside archery". We ask that you support this positive step and send in you queries, case studies; anything you would like answered, as long as it pertains to judging. Your queries may be of a general nature or more personal (e.g. training, courses, advancement etc) nothing is taboo. We shall endeavor to put your queries before the relevant

people & respond either personally or through this publication when appropriate, but we must have your help to do this, please get involved. Details of how to raise queries are given later in this newsletter.

It is hoped to circulate this publication bi-monthly between issues of the archer, so come on give us something to work on... Get involved, after all it's you were trying to help.

A few rules, please be respectful, no personal attacks, no specific beefs with named individuals.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

*At the last world cup event, (the second of four) The following rule was **rigidly** enforced, in fact these items were not even allowed to be in the archer's quiver forward of the waiting line!*

***Equipment not permitted: Rule 7.3.4.1** Any electronic communication device or headsets in front of the waiting line (including the Field practice field) & at any time on the field course. (FCA note: PDA's may be used to record scores or arrow impacts etc) This from a recent email letter from Canadian Olympic Coach Joan McDonald who attended the event with several Canadian athletes*



*Communications Devices...Allowed or Not?*

**COMMUNICATION DEVICES...****Chapter 7 – Outdoor Target Rounds**  
**7.3.4 Equipment not permitted - all divisions**

*(combines FITA 7.3.4 & 8.3.3 & Field rules)* For athletes of all **divisions the following equipment is not permitted**  
**7.3.4.1** Any electronic **communication device** or headsets in front of the waiting line [including the Field practice field] and at any time on the field course. [FCA note: PDA's may be used to record scores or arrow impacts, etc]

**Chapter 9 - 3D Archery**

**Rule 11.9.1** Camera or range finding devices are not allowed on any of the shooting ranges regardless of use.

Sorry, I don't have any answers here just food for thought & some questions.. *Ed*

Cell phones, PDA's, Blackberries, Palm/ pocket computers.... Who nowadays even thinks when they clip one of these devices onto their belt or slip one into their pocket? Don't the majority of people carry these gadgets? At home? Work? Leisure? Might it not be a very good idea to have a "communication device" when on a Field course? How would one call for timely medical assistance in the event of an accident? Remember that a judge may not be readily available.

Rule 7.3.4.1 allows the use of a PDA to record scores, arrow impacts etc. Aren't many of the programs that are available for these devices also capable of calculating distances, trajectories etc? e.g. TAC, TAP, Archers Advantage, Target plot etc. How can anyone (read judge) know which part of the program is being used? Could the user perhaps also be "communicating" via e-mail, text, voice, etc. Aren't many current PDA's that run these programs synonymous with communications devices?

On a 3D course, why are cameras not allowed? I suspect that at one time a camera could be used as a "range finding device" focus on a target, read off your distance on the lens ring. The camera has been effectively used as a rangefinder. Does the same apply to fixed focus cameras however? e.g. the type found in many cell phones, PDA's & even pocket digital cameras, most give no indication of "distance". When is a communication device (read cell-phone) nowadays not a camera? When is a PDA not a phone or even a camera? Technology has advanced & one wonders is it time for the archery world to advance too? After all it's not that long ago that Compound bows were thought by many to be from the dark side.

Will judges soon be expected to check whether a PDA (allowed) is also a communication device, a camera or merely a device for plotting arrow impacts? Will they also be expected to check that the installed software program performs "permitted" functions only? Is the PDA (allowed) perhaps also a Communication device, (Blackberry) range finder or a means of estimating distances or angles (the device itself may not be; but installed software certainly could be). Are these rules actually enforceable? Is it time some of them were examined further & perhaps updated?

Maybe some of you out there may wish to provide your comments & feelings on this matter, especially taking into regard the sidebar "did you know?" article.

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*FOR THE GOOD OF  
THE SPORT...*

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Do you have question, a photo, and a brief article you'd like to see included? Perhaps a photo of yourself & a brief bio?

We can't guarantee to include everything we receive but we'll do our best. Lets try to make this an informative publication with a regular dialogue between some of our more senior judges and the newer people out there, after all knowing the rule book is only part of the story, there's a lot more to judging!

Articles should be short and to the point. Due to space limitations we reserve the right to edit submitted material.

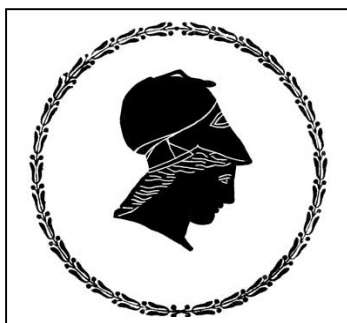
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Any Photos should be in .jpg format.

*Please e-mail submissions to:*

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## JUDGE BIO



Your Bio Here? Send it in!

Could this be your photo? Would you like to be included in a future issue? If so please send a .jpg photo & a brief bio to the editor. We will keep these on file & use as space permits in future issues.

## ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION...

The BC archery Association (BCAA) exists to promote Archery in all its forms throughout British Columbia. The BCAA is affiliated with the Federation of Canadian Archers (FCA) providing structured education programs, assistance & liability insurance, to all member archers.

## FOOTNOTE...

So, after reading this first edition of the "Red Shirt Diary" do you have any constructive comments to make? Do you think this publication will be useful? Will you read future issues or merely consign them to the trash? Will you join in & make it work?

Your constructive feedback would be greatly appreciated.



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