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From the President

Dear African Archery Family Members,



Welcome to this seventh edition of WAAf newsletter!

The Olympic Games is a major event that cannot go unnoticed by any athlete or official on the planet let alone if you are taking part in it. Yet, as a continental association, we did not stop our development activities and we kept working while keeping an eye on the Olympic event in Paris.

Six athletes representing five MA's took part in the archery competition at the Paris Games. As said before, this is an opportunity to our archers to measure their progress and for us as a continental association to check if our policies are yielding the intended results and reaching the set goals.

Now that the games are over for our athletes, I can express my satisfaction with the overall performance of our Archers. I was in Paris and I could easily notice that everybody did his job to the best of his abilities. I would like to thank all the Athletes, their coaches, and MA presidents and officials and encourage them to work harder and get prepared for the next continental and international events including Los Angeles 2028. I was really happy to meet a lot of Presidents and MA officials at the archery competition venue.

Meanwhile in Africa, WAAf was carrying out its development projects. Two successful beginner coach courses have been undertaken in Sierra Leone and Somalia, two ambitious MA's who showed an unconditioned commitment to develop Archery in their countries. Thank you Sierra Leone! Thank you Somalia! Hopefully we will see you take a step further and organize your local championships in the near future.

Finally, I would like to reiterate WAAf's commitment to help any active, in good standing MA in their efforts to develop the Olympic sport of archery to the best of our ability. God bless you all.

Thank you!

Tarik AMIRY

2. In the Spotlight: The Olympic Games, Paris 2024

The Paris 2024 edition of the Olympic Games saw a participation of 6 archers representing five countries.

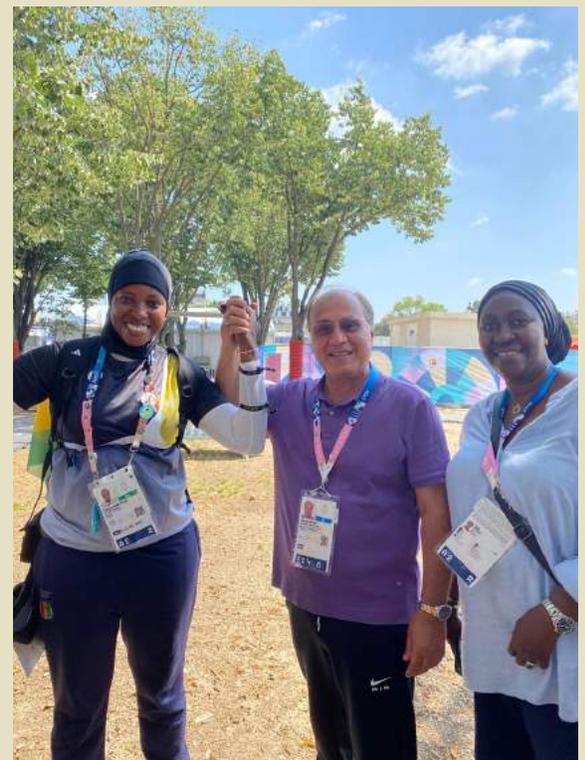
Africa's Representatives



The ranking round took place at les Invalides, Paris on 25 July. The morning session started with the Recurve Women event which saw a new World Record beaten by the top seeding South Korean archer **LIM Sihyeon** who scored a brilliant **694**. 18 archers out of the 64 who shot that day realized either their season or personal's best and most of them were among the top seeders, which clearly shows how prepared they are and announced a tough competition ahead during the eliminations.

The African ladies' performance was not, unfortunately, up to the expectations as the three of them seeded at the bottom of the list. In fact, out of the three only Guinee's representative, Fatoumata Sylla was able to go beyond the threshold (MQS) of 610 points realizing 619 pts, whereas Rihab Elwalid, TUN ranked 62 with 593 points just one place above Jana Ali, EGY who scored 573.

The men's results were not better than the women's as the three African representatives ranked last after the end of the second ranking session. Indeed, Egypt's Tolba ranked 62 with 624 pts while South Africa's Roux ranked 63 with 601 pts, and Chad's Madaye seeded 64 with only 600 pts.



The elimination rounds did not go as expected as none of the participants went beyond the 1/32 round. As was announced even before the start of the Games, the competition was tough, and total concentration and self-control were the key to keep progressing towards the podium. Unfortunately, the Olympic experience for the African archers participating in this 2024 edition was prematurely over as foreseen by many technicians because of the discrepancies, especially at the technical level between the African archers and their opponents during the eliminations.



The 1/32 elimination round matches started on July 30 for Chad's Madaye and Tunisia's Elwalid. In fact, Madaye did not resist much against Korea's Kim Woo-jin who seeded first during the qualification round and later won the Gold Medal. He lost 0 to 6 after three quick sets. Half a surprise was however created by Rihab Elwalid who succeeded in winning a set and making a tie in another after a shy start against China's Yang X. before finally losing 7-3.



On July 31 Egyptian archer Jana Ali played against Korea's Nam S. and lost 6-0. Although the result speaks for itself, Jana showed promising signs of a future African champion given her young age.

The second match was supposed to be played between South Africa's representative Roux W. and Korea's Kim JD but it was postponed to August 1st because of forecasted thunderstorms. Roux finally played his match and lost 6-0. Our archers did their best but South Korean archers proved to be way ahead at all levels.



The last two matches were played on August 1st and involved Egypt's Tolba Y. who played against the German archer Unruh F. and lost against him 6-0, and Africa's record woman and Guinea's representative Sylla F. who played against USA's Kaufhold C. Like Elwalid, Sylla made a good performance and was able to win a set, but it was not enough. She finally lost 6-2 thus announcing the end of the African archers' participation in this edition of the Games.



Overall, though the results could have been way better than the ones realized, African archery's presence in the Olympic games was quite positive and encouraging. Indeed, four out of the six archers participating in the Games are first timers and hopefully this first experience will be an incentive to work harder and maybe renew the experience in Los Angeles in 2028.

Following is a summary of Africa's representatives' full results:

Recurve Women			
Athlete	Qualification	10+X	1/32 round match Result
1. Lim Shiyeon, KOR	694	48	
2. Nam Suhyeon, KOR	688	44	
3. Yang Xiaolei, CHN	673	34	
61. Fatoumata Sylla, GUI	619	16	Lost 2-6 against Casey Kaufhold, USA
62. Rihab Elwalid, TUN	593	11	Lost 3-7 against Yang Xiaolei, CHN
63. Jana Ali, EGY	573	14	Lost 0-6 against Nam Suhyeon, KOR

Recurve Men			
Athlete	Qualification	10+X	1/32 round match Result
1. Kim Woo Jin, KOR	686	43	
2. Kim Je Deok, KOR	682	42	
3. Florian Unruh, GER	681	39	
62. Youssef Tolba, EGY	624	15	Lost 0-6 against Florian Unruh, GER
63. Wian Roux, RSA	601	14	Lost 0-6 against Kim Je Deok, KOR
64. Israel Madaye, CHA	600	15	Lost 0-6 against Kim Woo-jin, KOR

The games were an opportunity for WAAf President, Mr. Tarik Amiry to meet and exchange with World Archery Secretary general, Tom Dielen and many MA presidents and officials who were present at the venue.





3. Ianseo Course Organized in RSA

The South African National Archery Association organized an Ianseo course from May 31 to June 2, 2024, in Marks Park, Johannesburg. The course was partly sponsored by World Archery through bearing some of the costs of the expert Matteo Pisani, Head of Technology at World Archery.

The objectives of the course were:

- to train tournament administrators in the various South African provinces on how to use the Ianseo scoring program better
- to standardize the score sheets that are used so that all the archers are being educated on how to complete the same format of score sheets use
- to introduce the use of electronic scoring to archers by using their cell phones/tablet
- to standardize the results that are produced
- to start working with the rest of the member associations in good standing in Africa to ensure that we all use the same scoring system.

The course was a blend of theory and practice where all the participants had the chance to take part in planning and managing a local competition on the last day of the training. Hopefully, future courses of this kind will culminate in having fully qualified result managers in Africa, which is essential to archery development on the continent.

The course was open to participants from other African countries than South Africa. Thus 11 participants took part in the course including one participant from Algeria and one from Tunisia.



4. Beginner Coaches Course in Sierra Leone

In the context of its archery development plan in Africa for the year 2024, World Archery Africa (WAAf) organized a Beginner Archery Coaches' Course in partnership with the Sierra Leone Archery Association (SLAA) from 22 to 26 June 2024. The course was held in the Olympafrika Centre in Goderich, Freetown under the supervision of coach trainer Djafer Serir, ALG and coordinated by Saber Ben Brahim, TUN, WAAf Deputy Secretary General.

12 candidate coaches and archers took part in the course which was intended to help the Sierra Leone Archery Association (SLAA) create a national nucleus of coaches who can immediately start training young archers following World Archery's Standard Teaching



Process. The SLAA will soon receive a bundle of archery equipment from World Archery and is looking forward to organizing its national championship in a country where archery is unusually popular.

This course was hailed by the Sierra Leone NOC President, Mr. Prince Sualley who stressed during a meeting with WAAf expert, course coordinator, and president of SLAA his support to archery in the country and willingness to help the SLAA carry out its plans, namely spreading archery practice throughout Sierra Leone. He even attended the course closing ceremony and was accompanied by members of his executive team including the Secretary General and Treasurer, thus confirming his commitment to help and assist in

the development of archery in Sierra Leone. The ceremony also witnessed the presence of the ex-president of the Sierra Leone NOC, Dr. Patrick Coker in addition to some local club presidents and representatives.

The end of the course saw the distribution of certificates to the participants who were encouraged to start applying what they have learnt with the hope of getting certified World Archery Level 1 Coaches as a next step.



5. Beginner Coaches Course in Somalia

As a part of its archery development plan in Africa for the year 2024, World Archery Africa (WAAf) organized its second Beginner Archery Coaches' Course in partnership with the Somali Archery Federation (SAF) from 27 July to 1 August 2024. The course was held at Shimo Hotel in Mogadishu, Somalia under the supervision of coach trainer Djafer Serir, ALG and coordinated by Ahmed Koura, EGY, WAAf Secretary General and International Judge.



20 candidate coaches (including 3 females) and archers took part in the course which was intended to help the Somali Archery Federation (SAF) create a national nucleus of coaches who can immediately start training young archers following World Archery's Standard Teaching Process. The SAF will soon receive a set of beginner archery equipment from World Archery and is looking forward to spreading archery in different clubs in Somalia.



Abdullahi Abow Hussein exerted too much effort to provide all required facilities and equipment for the success of this course. He invited many VIP's to the course's opening including the Head of Sports Department in the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the President of the Somali Football Federation, President of the Table Tennis Federation, and executive board members of the Somali Archery Federation.

The Minister of Youth and Sports Mr. Mohamed Barre Mohamud welcomed WAAf expert, the Course

Coordinator, and the President of the Somali Archery Federation in his office and confirmed his absolute support to the Somali Archery Federation and willingness to help this federation carry out its plans, namely spreading archery throughout Somalia until he sees Somali archers in international competitions and events.

The end of the course saw different ways of evaluation and certificates of participation were distributed to all participants who were encouraged to start applying what they have learnt in training many competing archers with the hope of getting certified World Archery Level 1 Coaches as a next step.

One of the strong points in Somalia as far as archery is concerned, is that it is a traditional sport deeply rooted in the country's history, practiced on a wide scale, and has a lot of fans. The WAAf expert and Course Coordinator were invited to attend a competition in traditional archery which was held at the Football Stadium in Mogadishu.

Traditional archery in Somalia is really a unique sport. Archers shoot from the sitting position and the target is a piece of rubber on the ground 60m from the shooting line (similar to Clout archery). They use wooden bows and arrows with very special shooting rules. The passion for archery is already there and perpetuated in Somalia, which is a major asset to the speedy development of this sport in such a beautiful country.



6. African MA's Activities

6.a. Benin

The 15th National Archery Championship 2024 took place from July 18 to 20, 2024 in Godomey (Abomey-Calavi), Benin. The competitions brought together Beninese archers of all age categories. More information is available via the following links:

➔ <https://youtu.be/c7zzfCYb1ic>

➔ <https://fb.watch/tupfXurw4b/>

➔ <https://www.esaetv.bj/article/16763/cloture-championnat-national-de-tir-a-larc-2024-20-actualite>



6.b. Djibouti

Elective General Assembly of the Djiboutian Archery Federation: Abdillahi Darar Okieh Elected New President

The General and Elective Assembly of the Djiboutian Archery Federation took place on 30 June, 2024 in Arta, Djibouti. Abdillahi Darar Okieh was elected new president of the Djiboutian Archery Federation, succeeding Ali Ibrahim. This event marks an important turning point in the history of the federation, since Abdillahi Darar becomes the third president elected since its creation. His predecessor, Ali Ibrahim, warmly welcomed this victory, testifying to the continuity and spirit of unity within the organization.

In his acceptance speech, expressed his determination to meet the challenges both nationally and internationally. He underlined his commitment to strengthening the presence and influence of the federation in the world of archery.



6.c. Zimbabwe

Harare Archery Club successfully held two Championships in June and July, 2024, at Courteney Selous Primary School, the Third Annual Championships and Second Provincial Championships. The event saw 18 archers competing in various categories and distances, showcasing their skills and determination in the fair and warm weather.

The competitions featured junior archers shooting at distances of 15m in the Genesis and Recurve categories, 20m in the junior compound category, 30m in both Recurve and Compound categories, 50m in compound, and 60m in Recurve. The diverse range of distances provided a thrilling challenge for all participants. Several club records were broken during the championships, reflecting the high level of talent and dedication among the archers. Medals and Trophies were taken home by:

- Harare Club Championships
 - o Top Recurve archer Anna Wang, Top Compound archer Jesse Steele, Top Barebow archer Shezaan Wazir and Top Genesis archer Munopa Maunga.
- Provincial Championships
 - o Top Recurve archer Luke Nel, Top Compound archer Jesse Steele, Top Barebow archer Shezaan Wazir and Top Genesis archer Mathew Gratwicke.

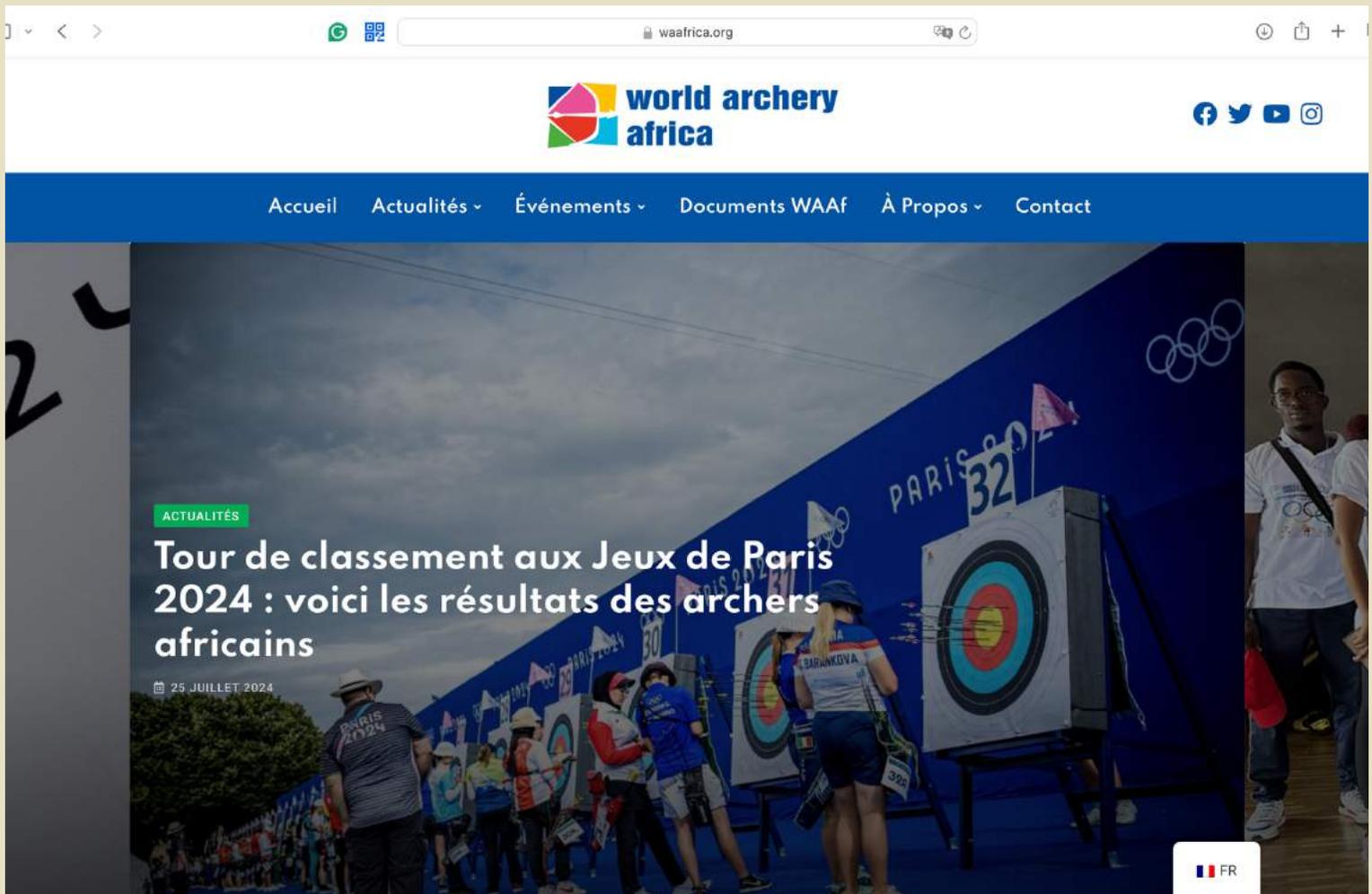
Travelling abroad, Bryce Hill and his Coach Shane travelled to the UK to participate in a month of intense training and then completed the tour with participating in the Archery GB Youth Festival. Bryce achieved a New Zimbabwe record for Junior recurve of 580 points and breaking a 301 in the second 36. Congratulations to the hard work and determination always being there to achieve. Gavin Sutherland (Zimbabwean recurve archer at the 2016 Olympics) living in the UK, having switched to compound bow participated in the British Field championships in May, winning a bronze Medal, which is a great achievement for an African Archer in the UK.

Coming up - the 50th Zimbabwe Archery National Outdoor Championships on August 10th and 11th – this promises to bring together the best archers from the country, continuing the spirit of competition and excellence.



7. WAAf Website available in French

Good news for our French-speaking audience: WAAf's website is officially available in French. The decision to translate it was driven by WAAf's conviction that for a better outreach and effective communication, we have to talk to people in the language they prefer. French is spoken by almost 167 million people across the African continent alone in 2023.



8. Obituary

Namibia's para-archer Katelynn Venter passed away on Tuesday 6 August 2024, at the age of 18, a few days after undergoing a brain surgery. She started archery in 2019 and was part of the Atlantis Archery Club in Walvis Bay, Namibia. The deceased shot for Namibia in the Compound Women Open (CWO) category. She was a gold medalist at the 12th African Archery Championships in Pretoria, RSA in November 2022. On her Facebook page, close friends, family members, and colleagues mourned a very kind-hearted young lady, a talented archer, and a continuously smiling human soul. Despite her handicap, Katelynn never gave up hope and belief in becoming a champion. She proudly shot for and represented her country, Namibia, in different international competitions and events like the Africa/Oceania Qualification Tournament for Paris 2024 Paralympic Games that took place in Dubai, UAE in March 2024 when she seeded 2nd.



On this sad occasion, WAAf President, Mr. Tarik Amiry, on behalf of all Executive Board members, staff, and the bigger African archery family presents his sincerest condolences to Katelynn's family, friends, and all those who knew her and were saddened by her loss. RIP Katelynn!



Katelynn with WAAf President T. Amiry during the 12th African Archery Championships, Pretoria, RSA 2022



9. WAAf Calendar of events

Date	Event	Place
9 – 11 August	Zimbabwe 50 th National Target Archery Championships	Zimbabwe
10 & 11 August	Micheal Shiers 1440, & Double 720	Kwazulu Natal, South Africa
17 & 18 August	Cape of Good Hope Champs, 720 Round	Western Cape, South Africa
18 – 22 August	International Archery Championship for Western and Central Africa (TIZOCATA)	Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire
28 August – 8 September	Paralympic Games	Paris, France
15 & 16 September	City of Johannesburg Champs Double 720 & Eliminations	Gauteng, South Africa
5 & 6 October	Interprovincial Champs 720 Rounds	Western Cape, South Africa
26 & 27 October	Tuks Spring Challenge 720 Rounds	Tshwane, South Africa
1 November	Algeria Outdoor Archery Cup	Algiers, Algeria
9 & 10 November	KZN Quatro	Kwazulu Natal, South Africa
24 November	Malcom Todd Champs 1440 round	Western Cape, South Africa
6-7 December	Algeria Indoor Archery Cup	Algiers, Algeria
14 December 2024	WAAf Congress	Cairo, Egypt



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