

# WORLD ARCHERY AFRICA NEWSLETTER



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## Word From the President

Dear African Archery Family Members,

It has been a very eventful, yet a memorable week in Tunisia! Where The 13th African Archery Championships and Continental Qualifier took place. First I would like to thank all the participants who made it to Nabeul. Secondly, Congratulations to the archers who qualified for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. We are proud of your achievements.



I would like to thank Mr. Ridha MANAI – the President of Tunisian Shooting Federation and the Local Organizing Committee for their efforts and cooperation. Thank you, Tunisia, for your outstanding hospitality!

Also, I would like to extend my thanks to Mr. Tom DIELEN – WA Secretary General for his attendance and WA staff who supported the Championships to meet all WRE requirements. My thanks also go to Dr. Ahmed KOURA – WAAf Secretary General and the team of judges for their sincere efforts.

Prior to the championships, WAAf organized a Youth Archery Training Camp under the umbrella of Olympic Solidarity that brought together young archers and their coaches from different African countries, which we think is an invaluable opportunity to share knowledge and improve performance.

The event in Tunisia was also an occasion for WAAf's Executive Board to hold an in-person meeting to highlight WAAf's activities and plan for the upcoming events and projects in Africa. The discussions during the meeting were very fruitful and productive. I would like to thank all the EB members for their commitment and the efforts they are making to develop archery in their countries and Africa in general.

Earlier in September we undertook two important development projects in Algeria, coaches and judges training courses, which were successfully achieved, thanks to the teamwork spirit of the involved parties. Thank you, Algeria, for being such an active Member Association! I highly encourage other MA's to follow the lead and do the same in their respective countries.

Finally, I hope we will witness more regional events like the one that took place in Mauritius last August and proved to be an opportunity to measure progress in a new setting and under real competitive conditions.

Thank you!

**Tarek AMIRY**

## Youth Archery Training Camp

Prior to the 13<sup>th</sup> African Archery Championships, World Archery Africa organized a youth training camp in collaboration with World Archery and Olympic Solidarity. The camp was held under the supervision of the international archery expert, Pascal COLMAIRE. 9 coaches and 14 archers took part in this camp from 4 to 8 November 2023. The practical part of the training took part on the same venue that later hosted the African championships. At the end of the training camp, certificates were given to all participants during a ceremony that was attended, in addition to the director, by World Archery SG, Mr. Tom DIELEN, WAAf President, Mr. Tarik AMIRY and WAAf SG, Dr. Ahmed KOURA, respectively.



## 13<sup>th</sup> African Archery Championships + CQT, Nabeul 2023

Nabeul, TUN hosted the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the African Archery Championships which was also a Continental Qualifying Tournament for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. The Tournament ran from 8 to 12 November 2023 with the participation of 92 athletes representing 20 countries.



The present edition was an occasion to confirm the improvement African archery has witnessed during the last years at all levels despite the great work that has yet to be done, especially by MA's in collaboration with World Archery Africa. In the Recurve Men category, the South African archer POTGIETER Werner seeded first with 652 points while in the Recurve Women category the Tunisian Olympian ELWALID Rihab seeded first with 636 points. In fact she and the Egyptian ALI Jana were the ones to confirm the MQS realized some weeks ago, thus announcing a tough battle over the Olympic quotas allocated to Africa in this category.



The participants shot for four consecutive days in Nabeul with a dream to grab a ticket out of the five available for the continent during the upcoming Paris Games 2024. Intense moments of emotions overwhelmed all the participants during the elimination matches. Indeed, many of the matches resorted to shoot-offs to decide the winner.

The final results were more than satisfying, especially for WAAf staff who were happy to see archers from 12 countries go back home with medals. The Olympic quotas went to 4 MA's as follows:

### Recurve Men

1. Youssef Tolba, EGY
2. Werner Potgieter, RSA

### Recurve Women

1. Jana Ali, EGY
2. Rihab Elwalid, TUN

### Recurve Mixed Team

1. Team Chad (represented by Israel Madaye and Martine Hallas Maria)



For more detailed information about the event, please consult the following links or scan the QR codes:

[Complete book of results](#)



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## WAAf Executive Board Meeting

On the occasion of the 13<sup>th</sup> Archery Championships and CQT, Nabeul 2023, World Archery Africa held its second face-to-face Executive Board meeting on 10 November 2023. Eight WAAf EB members in addition to the Secretary General and his Deputy attended the meeting which was presided by Mr. Tarik AMIRY. The presence discussed the points included in the meeting agenda for about two hours.

In his opening word Mr. Amiry highlighted the success of the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of African Archery Championships and thanked all those who were involved in the preparation for this event. He also pointed to the fact that bringing together more than 90 archers (92) and 25 officials from 20 countries is a proof of WAAf's success in motivating the African archery family members on the one hand, and success in managing the archery sport on the continent on the other. President Amiry also pointed to the improvement of scores compared to the previous editions of the championship, which might be adopted as a solid argument to claim more quotas for Africa in future editions of the Olympic Games.

The floor was given to Secretary General, Dr. Ahmed Koura to make a presentation summarizing WAAf's activities and projects during the past months and assuring WAAf's intention to carry on its efforts to develop archery on the African continent through organizing intensive coach's trainings to keep the pace with the developing scores realized by archers and ensure better results, especially in continental and international events. Dr. Koura also pointed to the success of the Youth Archery Training Camp that had been organized prior to the event. 14 archers and 9 coaches took part in the camp which was directed by the international expert, Mr. Pascal Colmaire and funded by Olympic Solidarity.

WAAf EB has approved the Individual and Teams African Records for the Recurve and Compound divisions for all classes. There was an agreement at the end of the meeting to carry on WAAf's good practices as far as archery development is concerned and to come back for the next meeting with concrete, feasible, and realistic propositions to change the current situation of almost one third of African Member Associations: help and assist them to become active and conserve the status of being in good standing.



## Archery development in Africa: Algeria

World Archery Africa (WAAf) has organized two new archery development projects in Algeria in partnership with Fédération Algérienne de Tir Sportif (FATS), as part of its yearly development plan on the continent. Mr. Abderrazak LAZREG, FATS' president, officially announced the start of 2 concurrent trainings at the National Sports and Leisure Complex in Tikjda, Algeria: a level 1 national archery coaches training from 24 to 30 September 2023, and a National Judges Course from 25 to 28 September 2023. Both trainings are being held in partnership with WAAf and conducted under the supervision of the international expert and coach trainer Mr. Pascal Colmaire, assisted by Mr. Saber Ben Brahim and the International judge, Dr. Ahmed Koura, respectively. In a short opening speech, Mr. LAZREG thanked WAAf for its support and commitment to help African Member Associations that are willing to develop archery in their respective countries and assured that FATS is willing to sustain this partnership with WAAf as he believes that training is a pillar of development.

At the end of the training, all the candidates: 20 coaches and 21 judges had the opportunity to gain more practical experience by attending the 4<sup>th</sup> leg of the Algerian National championship which had already been registered on World Archery's Wareos platform and was held in Tikjda Sports and Leisure Complex, too.



## Activities in African Member Associations

Algeria

<https://www.facebook.com/www.fats.dz>

The 4th leg of the Algerian national archery championship came to an end yesterday after two days of competition. On September 29, 20 seniors (RM / RM) competed on the field at the Tikjda National Sports and Recreation Center which had been arranged for the occasion. Yesterday, September 30, was the turn of the youth categories to compete. A total of 39 athletes (30 men and 9 women) took part in this tournament. They represented 11 clubs from all 'Sports Leagues' (districts/group of clubs). The results for all the categories were managed electronically even for the U13 category whose archers were helped to use the lanseo Scorekeeper NG app by the judges. The medal matches were shot alternately.

The competition coincided with the end of the two training courses for national coaches and judges that have been organized in partnership between the World Archery Africa (WAAf) and the Algerian Federation of Shooting Sports (FATS). In fact, part of the course was dedicated to practical training/observation for both judges and coaches.

Everyone was happy with the training course and competition venue, the National Sports and Recreation Center of Tikjda, an isolated breath-taking park situated at 1400 meters above sea level with exceptional scenery around and with excellent facilities and training conditions for athletes. World Archery Africa is planning to run similar activities in many African Countries.



## Mauritius

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The First Mauritius Africa Open Archery Tournament has been held in Mauritius from 25 to 27 August 2023. 53 Barebow, Recurve, and compound archers from eight countries were brought together on the world-known island to shoot with the aim of coming back home with a medal. At the end of Sunday's finals which have been streamed live on YouTube, Mauritian archers were present on all podiums. The Recurve Men (RM) competition was dominated by three Mauritian archers, namely CHAN YAM Ryan, JUHEL Aurelien, and BABET Jean Marie Cliff. In the Recurve Women (RW) category, NGUYEN Isabelle and LAURET Beatrice from the Réunion went back home with Gold and Silver, respectively while the Namibian Quinn REDDIG took the Bronze medal. In the Compound Men (CM) division, the top three places went to Mauritian archers HOW KEMG FAT Henri (gold), MAHAMOODALLY Ziyaad (silver), and CHAROUX Adrien (bronze).

Organization-wise, although the tournament was announced on short notice, the LOC was able to get the support of the government and some local sponsors. The competition abode by standards and measures worthy of internationally recognized tournaments, which leaves no doubt that this edition laid down the bases for more successful editions in the future.

This regional tournament was supported by World Archery Africa (WAAf) and was honored to have WAAf President and the Mauritian Vice Prime Minister present at the iconic finals venue at Cudan Waterfront.





## Namibia

<https://www.facebook.com/archeryinnamibia>

On 02 September 2023, SAC (Swakopmund Archery Club) hosted the 16th Namibian Target Nationals at the SFC Sport Grounds in Swakopmund in conjunction with the ruling body of the AAN (Archery Association of Namibia).

With 9 archers in 6 different divisions participated in the Outdoor target Nationals. The archers shot one round of 72 arrows and eliminations to determine the winners.



## Zimbabwe

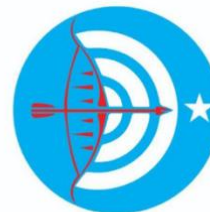
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12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> August saw Zimbabwe 49<sup>th</sup> Target Archery Championships being held at Courteney Selous School in Harare. The field consisted of many beginners and seasoned archers on the line. A 720 was held on day one with certificates awarded to the top archers in Recurve, Compound, Barebow and Genesis. Day 2 was a short 36 score followed by group eliminations to give all athletes the experience of eliminations and the pressure. A short clip follows with the weekend's events - <https://fb.watch/o6cm3Fv5kW/> or on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/BIRTz1XvsP4>

## Somalia

<https://somalearcheryfederation.org>

In addition to its Facebook page, the Somali archery federation has recently launched its own website dedicated to its activities and consolidate its outreach. Those who are interested may click on the link above to know everything about archery in Somalia and the activities taking place there. Somalia is an emerging member association with a clear motivation to develop archery locally and confirm its presence on the continent and hopefully internationally in the near future.



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## South Africa

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthAfricanArchery>

The 21 & 22 October, saw South Africa coordinating a Virtual southern regional Indoor / Outdoor event with Namibia and Zimbabwe joining in the tournament. A variety of conditions were had from country to country from lovely sunny days to being indoors and conditions in thunderstorms. This did not deter the athletes with close to 250 archers competing in the recognized divisions.



## WAAf Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Place
25 – 26 November 2023	Jan & Lala Jacobs Quatro Champs	Tshwane District, RSA
16 & 17 December 2023	Year End shoot Day 1 – 720 & Eliminations Day 2 – Double 300 & Eliminations	Swakopmund, Namibia
13 & 14 January 2024	Double 720 & Eliminations	Marks Park, Gauteng, RSA
13 & 14 January 2024	1440 round and double 720	Western Cape, RSA
20 & 21 January 2024	720 & Eliminations	Tuks, RSA
27 & 28 January 2024	Double 720	Londt Park, Eastern Cape, RSA
February & March 2024	Provincial Championships South Africa	RSA
1 & 2 March 2024	Egypt Nationals Archery Championships	Cairo, Egypt
<b>15 – 17 March 2024</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Southern Regional Outdoor Championships and 73<sup>rd</sup> Nationals</b>	Gauteng, RSA
13 & 14 April 2024	Double 720	Kwazulu Natal, RSA
20 & 21 April 2024	720 Round & Eliminations	Western Cape, RSA
1 May 2024	720 & Eliminations – May Day Challenge	TBC, Zimbabwe
18 & 19 May 2024	720 Round	Western Cape, RSA
18 & 19 May 2024	Double 720 & Eliminations	Gauteng, RSA
25 May 2024	Double 720 & Eliminations Africa Day Shoot	TBC, Zimbabwe
25 & 26 May 2024	720 Round Tuks Autumn	Tshwane, RSA
June & July 2024	Provincial Championships	Zimbabwe
8 & 9 June 2024	Double 72 Winter outdoor	Eastern Cape, RSA
15 & 16 June 2024	Doen Wessels 720 & Eliminations	Free State, RSA
15 & 16 June 2024	Dave Wallace Double 720 Legs 1-4	Kwazulu Natal, RSA
14 July 2024	Edna Trimmer Indoor, WA Indoor	Western Cape, RSA
<b>25 July – 4 August 2024</b>	<b>Olympic Games</b>	<b>Paris, France</b>
<b>December 2024</b>	<b>World Archery Africa Congress</b>	<b>Cairo, Egypt</b>

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