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A word from the President

Dear African Archery Family Members,



Welcome to this sixth edition of WAAf newsletter!

As planned last year, 2024 has started with a lot of projects and activities and we are determined to stick to our plan until we achieve it with success. We do believe in teamwork and our bigger team includes you as a valued Member Association. I am so confident that we will achieve most, if not all, of our objectives set for this year.

Reaching our goals would not be possible unless everybody does his best and contributes to the efforts we are doing. Therefore, I would like to kindly remind all Member Associations that they need to be in good standing with both WAAf and WA. This is the key to being eligible for the different plans and actions of assistance that both entities offer for Member Associations who need it.

Being in good standing also means being an active Member Association. We are getting scarce information and reports from Member Associations about local activities. Please share with us and all the other MA's what you are doing for archery locally. We can help you spread the word and assist you to grow bigger! Besides, one of our main objectives for this year is to widen the population of archery practitioners and for this end we planned many development projects on the continent.

Finally, WAAf Congress will be held in Cairo, EGY by the end of this year. I would like to invite all Member Associations to attend and actively take part in it. Hopefully by that time we will have achieved all the goals we have set!

Thank you!

Tarik AMIRY

2.11th WAAf Executive Board Meeting

The 11th WAAf Executive Board Meeting was held online on 7 April 2024. This was an opportunity to review WAAf's activities for the past four months of 2024 and present the road map for the months to come.

President Tarik AMIRY opened the meeting and welcomed the members. He then gave the floor to Dr Ahmed KOURA who made a presentation about the different activities and projects undertaken by WAAf as of 1 January 2024. The floor was then given to Mr Ahmed FATHALLAH, WAAf's treasurer who made a presentation of WAAf's audited financial report. Mr FATHALLAH pointed to the fact that WAAf has a new bank account and office in Cairo, Egypt. Concerning the balance, he said that so far the balance is positive but we still need to urge MA's who have not paid their annual membership fees to do so as this money will help implement the different development projects that are planned on the continent for 2024.

One of the other important outcomes of the meeting was the agreement of the members on the date and venue of the upcoming WAAf Congress which will be held in Cairo on 14 December 2024.



3. Egypt to host the African Games 2027

Egypt has won the right to organize the African Games scheduled to be held in 2027, according to a statement by the Egyptian Ministry of Youth and Sports published on March 9, 2024.

The African Games are the largest sports forums in Africa, and are held every four years under the supervision of the Association of National Olympic Committees in Africa (ANOCA).

The African Games include 31 sports among which we can cite football, handball, volleyball, athletics, basketball, gymnastics, squash, equestrian, karate, weightlifting in addition to shooting sports and archery.

It is worth noting that the last edition of the games held in Accra, Ghana in March 2024 did not include archery. Africa was about to lose its mixed team quota for Paris 2024 which was finally preserved thanks to invaluable efforts and cooperation between WAAf, WA, ANOCA, and IOC.

The quota was decided during the last African Championships that took place in Tunisia in November 2023 and the Chad mixed-team will represent Africa in the Paris Olympic Games next August in addition to 4 athletes from Egypt (2), South Africa (1), and Tunisia (1) in the individual competitions.



4.a. RSA: 2nd Southern Region Archery Championships & 74th SA National Archery Championships, Marks Park

A fantastic event organized by South African National Archery Association, in Marks Park, Johannesburg from 15 to 17 March 2024.

Friday afternoon, saw the inspection of equipment, issuing of numbers, followed by official practice. There were around 137 Archers in the various categories for the ranking rounds on Saturday morning with some top scores achieved.

After the rankings were the initial eliminations up to semifinals. Sunday morning were the Bronze medal matches, followed by the live-streamed Gold medal Matches.

It should be noted that WAAf has supported this event by providing the medals that have been awarded. This is part of WAAf's strategy to encourage regional archery events on the continent.

Below is the link to a copy of the 74th Nationals Results Edition, with the full set of results, some photos and link to the live streaming of the event. A complete album can be seen on the SANAA FB page or via the link below, too:



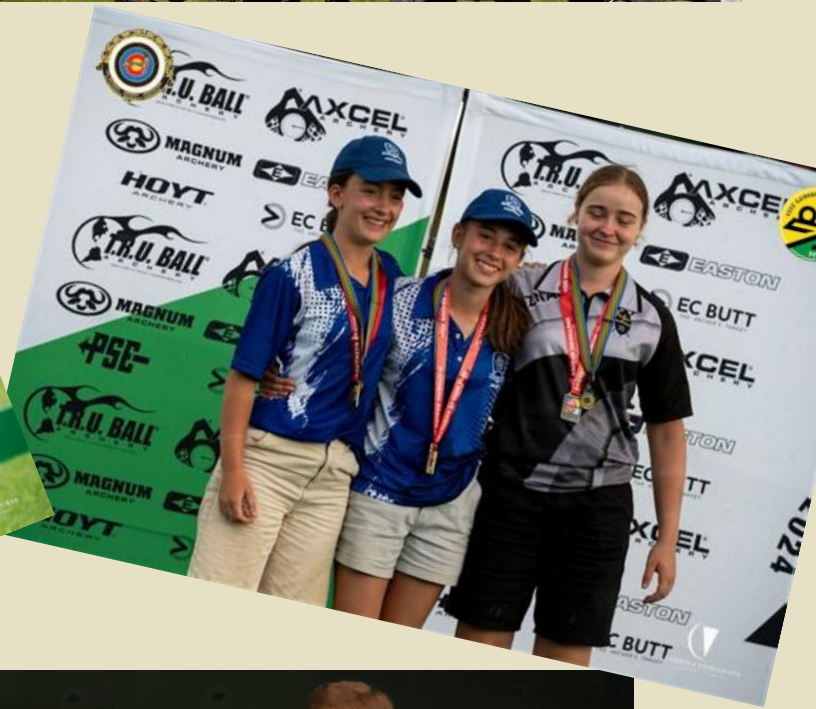
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Link to the live streaming.
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4.b. Namibia

Namibia participated in the 2nd Southern region Archery Championships along with Zimbabwe and South Africa. Below are Namibia's team and results.

- Coach/Manager: Frank Reddig,
- Lutz Wahlers (Bronze Barebow Men),
- Quinn Reddig (Gold Recurve Woman),
- Jacqueline Coetzee (Bronze Compound Woman),
- Jannie Meuwesen (Bronze Compound Men)
- Louan Groenewald, Hofmeyr van Blerk, Jannie Meuwesen (Silver Compound Men Team),
- Jannie Meuwesen and Jacqueline Coetzee (Silver Compound Mixed team)



One week after taking part in the RSA regional event, the AAN organized the Independence Shoot on 23 and 24 March 2024. The event was hosted by the Atlantis Archery Club. Namibian archers shot 720 on the first day followed by 2x300 on the second. Eliminations and medal matches were organized on 24 March.



4.c. Zimbabwe

Having had a relatively quiet start to 2024, the regular practice in Zimbabwe has been carried out in very hot and dry conditions, heat wave after heat wave! A team of 5 athletes, plus Coach Shane Hill and Manager Nonku Jijita managed to participate in the 2nd Sothern Regional Championships in South Africa. The organization was superb! Having managed to come back with a few medals, Zimbabwe is looking forward to seeing archery grow and be practiced by a wider public throughout the country.

Following is a summary of the medals bagged by team Zimbabwe:

- Bryce Hill U21 Recurve Men Gold,
- Valerie Jijita U18 Standard Bow Woman Gold,
- Thando Chikadaya U18 Recurve Men Silver
- Iona Bartosz Compound Master Woman Bronze.



4.d. Algeria

A World Archery Level 1 Coaches certification exam took place in Souidania, Algeria last March. As planned in 2023, the first part of the coaches training course took place in Tikjda, ALG in September 2023 under the supervision of the international expert, Pascal Colmaire. Out of the 20 candidates who initially took part in the course, 13 coaches applied for the certification exam that was run by coach trainer Djafer Serir and WAAf representative and coordinator Saber Ben Brahim. Following a close coordination with World Archery and abiding by their rigorous evaluation procedures and standards, 9 candidates finally were certified level 1 archery coaches and received their diplomas from WA. This certification is valid for 4 years.



4.e. Egypt

Egypt Archery Nationals took place in Cairo over two days, 1 and 2 March 2024. 263 Athletes (133 Women + 130 Men) representing thirteen (13) clubs met together for the first time on the grounds of Petrosport Club in Cairo thus confirming that the Egyptian championship is one of the biggest local events taking place on the African continent.

The competition catered for all the possible active classes and divisions in the country. These were:

- RM, RW, CM, CW
- RU14 Men & Women
- RU21 Men & Women
- RU12 Men & Women
- RU18 Men & Women
- RU10 Men & Women
- RU16 Men & Women
- RU8 Men & Women

Being aware of the importance of grassroots practitioners and the importance of shedding light on their activity, the Egyptian Archery Federation organized a competition for the following Open beginner categories:

- 50m Recurve Open Men & Women
- 25m Recurve Open Men & Women
- 18m Recurve Open Men & Women



5. New African Record Alert

Côte d'Ivoire recurve national team archer Frank Olivier EYENI scored 660 in the first leg of the French Championship that took place in Riom on 13 and 14 April 2024. He thus hit his season's best and broke the actual African record which has been detained by Calvin HARTLEY, RSA (659pts). Eyen's last best performance was during the 12th African Archery Championships that took place in Pretoria, RSA in November 2022 where he reached the final RM and lost to South African Wien Roux. Eyen is shooting for Nimes Archery Club this season as he is pursuing his studies in France.



6. Obituary

Jean Beya Wa KABENGA, President of the National Congolese Archery Federation, COD (Fédération Nationale Congolaise de Tir à l'Arc), passed away on 7 April 2024 following an illness. Mr. Kabenga was also a Board Member of World Archery Africa from 2018 to 2022. In addition to his sports title, Mr. Kabenga was also known in the Congolese political circle as he was a National Deputy. On this sad occasion, WAAf president, Secretary General, and all members of the Executive Board present their sincere condolences to his family, close friends, and the African archery family.



7. WAAf Calendar of events

Date	Event	Place
13 & 14 April	Double 720	Kwazulu Natal, South Africa
20 & 21 April	720 Round	Western Cape, South Africa
20 & 21 April	720 & Eliminations	Eastern Cape South Africa
28 April	720 Round	Mauritius
1 May	720 & Eliminations - May Day Challenge	TBC, Zimbabwe
11 May	Double 720	Swakopmund, Namibia
12 May	Indoor	Swakopmund, Namibia
18 & 19 May	720 Round	Western Cape, South Africa
18 & 19 May	Double 720 & Eliminations	Gauteng, South Africa
25 May	Africa Day Shoot	TBC, Zimbabwe
25 & 26 May	720 Round Tuks Autumn	Tshwane, South Africa
June & July	Provincial Championships	Zimbabwe
8 & 9 June	Double 72 Winter outdoor	Eastern Cape, South Africa
15 7 16 June	Doen Wessels 720 & Eliminations	Free State, South Africa
15 & 16 June	Dave Wallace Double 720 Legs 1-4	Kwazulu Natal, South Africa
22 June	Namibia Nationals	Windhoek, Namibia
28-30 June	Archery Festival	Cairo, Egypt
5 July	Algeria Outdoor Archery Championship Fianls	Algiers, Algeria
14 July	Edna Trimmer Indoor, WA Indoor	Western Cape, South Africa
25 July - 4 August	Olympic Games	Paris, France
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
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

8. Contact us!

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