



## 8<sup>th</sup> WCSA World Target Championships Chairman of Judges Report Stephen Sommers

The 8<sup>th</sup> WCSA World Target Championships were conducted in the at the Strathalbyn Archery Club, just outside Adelaide Australia, from April 1<sup>st</sup> until April 8<sup>th</sup> 2017. The event consisted of the Target Championships, the Individual Match Play Championships, The Forest Championships. The event also comprised 2 new events. They being the Bushland Championships and the Team Match Play event as a demonstration event.

Due to the sizing of the ground the Target bow shooting line and the Sports bow shooting line were separated. The Target bow competitors shot in a southerly direction whilst the Sports bow shot westerly. Both lines were shot under the DoS control.

A judge seminar was held on Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 with all judges and judge candidates in attendance.

### **Unofficial Practice – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017**

The unofficial practice was held without any issues. Approx. 90 minutes at each distance and the range was closed at 15:00.

Weather conditions were almost perfect – clear sky and low to mid 20 Celsius with a slight breeze.

Target draw was conducted at the end of the days shooting.

### **Official Practice – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017**

The official practice started at 09:30 with competitors on their allocated target. Shooting ceased at 16:30. Weather similar to the day prior.

Some concern raised over the target butts – on target 1 & 2. Pass throughs were beginning to be experienced. The target butts consisted of Stramit. A secondary back stramit panel was replaced and then carpet strips to aid with the pass through issue. This seemed to alleviate the issue.

No other issues were raised on the Official Practice day.

### **Target Championships Day 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**

The official opening was conducted at 09:00 and the event was officially opened by the Mayor of Alexandrina (local council) and WCSA President John Bingham. The ground handed over to the judges and the event commenced at 09:30.

Again, almost perfect weather conditions.

2 equipment failures were experienced with missed bolts being made up at the end of the range.

The day concluded at approx.. 16:00



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**Target Championships Day 2 – 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

The competition for day 2 commenced at 09:30. Weather was good again.

Almost immediately an equipment failure was experienced which could not be fixed. The competitor consequently withdrew. He was later offered an alternate bow at end 7 and was able to make up 4 ends within his 15 minutes.

1 competitor shooting after the timing signals which resulted in the highest scoring bolt being removed and an official warning.

Pass throughs were also happening which kept the judges and field crews busy replacing the backing boards (& carpet strips, etc).

Competition concluded at approx.. 16:30

Medal ceremony was conducted at the end of the day

**Match Play – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

The match plays commenced at 09:30. It started with demonstration of the gold medal matches for Assisted, Senior Womens and Junior Boys. Each match was conducted individually and shot under the 3 bolt alternate ends. This seemed to draw out the day and the future matches should be shot with both competitors shooting at the same time.

The sports match plays were conducted on their shooting line and controlled by a judge.

Once these gold medal matches were completed the round of 16 matches commenced. All matches were complete by 13:00

The Team Match play started at 14:00. Instructions were given to all competitors and a practice end (under match conditions) was permitted. 8 Target teams and 2 Sports teams competitions were conducted.

The event was completed in just over 60 minutes and general feedback for the event was positive.

Following completion of shooting the Sports Bow shooting area was opened for Bushland round practice.

Match Play medal ceremony was conducted at the end of the day.

**Bushland Championships – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

The fields used for the Bushland and Forest Championships were part of the clubs field grounds. Targets used were numbered 13-36 – ie Target 1 was labelled Target 13. The waiting pegs were labelled 13 and the shooting pegs labelled 1.

The competitors were walked out at approx. 09:20 with shooting starting at 09:40.



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After 3 targets 1 competitor bow had a limb break and he withdrew.

No other significant issues and the 1<sup>st</sup> group left the course at 13:15. The CoJ call for the course to be closed at 15:00. All competitors had left the course at 14:35

**Forest Championships – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

The Forest round was conducted on the same course as the Bushland Championships with shooting pegs moved. Weather warmer than previous day (29 Celsius). Target re-allocation conducted.

The competitor who withdrew the previous day was able to obtain another bow and competed.

No major issues for the day although there was a minor medical issue with a blood nose. The only reason for raising this issue was due to the lack of a first aid kits. Perhaps a thought for further events.

Again, the first group were off the course at 13:15 with a 15:00 close call made. All competitors were off the course at 14:25 at which time the course was given back to the crew for cleanup.



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Judges for the event were:      Stephen Sommers – Chairman  
   Tony McLoughlin – Deputy Chairman  
   John Bingham  
   Iris Bingham  
   Jeff Copley

New Judge Candidates:      Stephen Caldicott  
   Mark Goodyer  
   Pat Copley

Two further judges committed to the event:

Rikkard Zitterquest who advised the week prior to the event of his non attendance  
Parvej Joshi, who did not contact the Chairman of his non attendance. Parvej has since been contacted and advised that his Judges accreditation has been revoked.

Organising Committee & Volunteers were:

John Clark  
David Adams  
Allen Stribling  
Allen Holdworth  
Shirley Biggs  
Norm Biggs  
Tania Mitchell  
Greg Mithcell  
Shane Burge  
Michael Chambers  
Lillian Sommers (score data entry)



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**Final Comments**

I must emphasise that the organisation of the event was the best I have experienced with WCSA World Championships. Congratulations must be given to the committee. Not only was it well organised but members of the committee were more than happy to assist where and when they could.

Overall the event was conducted in high spirits and most competitors left the grounds at the end of the day tired, but in high spirits. Everything seemed to run smoothly and according to the timetable advertised in the program.

My thanks to the judges who stepped up when we suddenly lost 2 judges. They did a great job

Also, my thanks to the organising committee and field crew. Their efforts made the event a huge success.

A very well run and successful World Championships.

Yours truly

Stephen Sommers

Chairman of Judges

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