



# FCA News

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## The Case of the Growing Team

By Joan McDonald

There have been previous articles written about the Olympic qualifying process so I won't describe it here. In a nutshell, 64 men and 64 women qualified through a world wide qualifying process during 1995 and the early part of 1996. Canada qualified one spot for a male archer.

However, four men in Canada met the criteria set by the Canadian Olympics Association and so there was a competition in Montreal on June 15-16th to select the one archer who would make the trip to Atlanta. The four men were Jean Pascal (JP) St. Arnaud and Jeannot Robitaille of Quebec, and Kevin Sally and Rob Rusnov of Ontario.

This two day competition was one of the most intense weekends I have ever spent. Any one of those four men deserved to be Canada's Olympian. The competitors themselves had designed the competition. At the end of the first day, JP St. Arnaud was eliminated. The remaining three shot very well on Sunday, but Kevin Sally was in "the zone" and no one was going to catch him. At the end of the day, he became Canada's 1996 Olympic archer and Rob Rusnov, who was second, was named the alternate. Jeannot Robitaille was third.

So, Kevin and I began to prepare for the Games. The closer they got, the more of a zoo our life became. Kevin logged more telephone calls in the last two weeks of June than he normally does in a year. Newspapers and TV called constantly and he found it hard to even get to the practice range.

Then we heard through the remarkably effective archery grapevine that non the "wild card" entries for the Olympics had been turned down. Incredibly, at 9:30 pm on July 5th, that wild card was awarded to Canada. So, Rob Rusnov was added to the Olympic Team and Jeannot became the alternate. Everyone was thrilled.

Rob and Kevin kept practicing although the attention they received was a little overwhelming. One night there were 26 people at the practice range to watch them shoot!! On July 17th we flew off to Atlanta. We were met at the Atlanta airport by the Canadian Olympic Association and taken to the "Welcome Center" at the airport where we waited in line for 2 hours to receive our accreditation. This included two plastic cards which were worn chains around our necks. The top card contained our palm print. When we walked through the security check, it automatically read the palm print. Then we put our hand into a device and if the two prints matched, then you could proceed.

From the Welcome Center we traveled to the Olympic Village at Georgia State University and received our uniforms and other clothing and settled into our rooms. The Village was a typical university campus and offered everything that anyone could want. The Canadian Olympic Association has a superb support staff and organization and we had everything we could possibly want.

The next day there was a "Salute to Canadian Athletes" filmed by CBC for

showing before the opening ceremonies and a Canadian Team reception at an amazing restaurant/video game establishment.

When we returned at about 10 pm, I went to my mail box to pick up any mail or faxes that we might have received. There was a fax from our international federation, FITA. I read it once, then read it again. Then I handed it to another team leader to ask them what they thought it said. I could not believe my eyes - the fax said that an archer from Armenia was unable to attend and did Canada have another qualified archer available. Boy - you bet we did! My problem was that the deadline to enter the Olympics was midnight - I had just two hours to contact the technical people from the Canadian Olympic Association and complete the paperwork. I will not soon forget the phone call to Jeannot in Montreal telling him to get on a plane as fast as he could! Jeannot Robitaille thus becomes the first male Canadian archer to be on two Olympic teams.

On the 19th we got about 2 hours practice before Kevin had to leave to have lunch with the Prime Minister, Jean Cretien. by 6 pm we were dressed in our "parade uniform" and off to the Fulton County Stadium where we waited three hours for the athletes parade in the opening ceremonies. Unfortunately, this parade was poorly organized, which you may have noticed on TV, because the teams did not enter the stadium in an organized and orderly fashion. Canada was the 36th team to enter and we had to wait for two

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hours while all 197 teams paraded in. The United State team came last to thunderous applause and the rest of the ceremony continued. The choir was sensational, the 97 year old gymnast, the oldest living gold medalist (1924!) was a sensation. When the stadium went dark and the 85,000 spectators turned on their flashlights and we heard Martin Luther King's "I have a dream" speech, we were awestruck. The flag and the flame came into the stadium right in front of us and there was genuine delight and joy when Mahammed Ali lit the flame.

We practiced every morning. The heat was everything you heard it was, but by the end on the first week we seemed to acclimatized and it became somewhat tolerable. It was hot enough that the glue on the two way tape that held Kevin's arrow rest in place became fluid and it would not stay put. He replaced it, but eventually he gave up and went to the equipment trailer provided by Hoyt/Easton and screwed it into the bow.

The archery range was about a 40 minute drive from the Village, but not the first few days. One day we were lost on the bus and the trip took us two hours. We knew how to get there, but the bus driver wasn't listening - finally we all ganged up on him and he went the way we told him. But after the first three days, transportation worked without a hitch.

On July 28th the archers shot the ranking round - 72 arrows at 70 meters to position the archers from 1st the 64th. Kevin shot very well equaling the Canadian record for 36 arrows and setting a new Canadian record for the total round. Both Rob and Jeannot shot well and finished with their average scores. This ranking sets up the one on one competitions and now our luck had run out. all three archers were in the same pool which meant that if they won their first matches they would shoot against each other.

August 1st was the first day of match play competition. All three men shot at the same time which made it very difficult to help any of them. Jeannot's match against Korean Kim Bo Ram was extremely tough - but Jeannot still shot his average for an 18 arrow match, but lost the match. Rob shot

against Larsson of Sweden and was leading half way through the match, but then Larsson caught fire and edged him out at the end of the match. Kevin shot against Poilolainen also of Finland, the 1980 gold medalist. Their match went back and forth and was tied with one arrow to go. Kevin shot and 8, Poikolainen shot a 9. So all three were eliminated from the competition. They were all very disappointed.

But we had to get busy and practice for the team round which was held August 2. The team practiced extremely well and started well during their match against Ukraine. But the Ukrainians were better shooters and we were eliminated.

The archery venue and the organization of the competition were superb - I can't imagine how it could have been better done. There were 5,500 people in the stands all day, every day. They cheered like banshees for the Americans and the American men responded. Justin Huish, a 19 year old, was calm, cool and totally in control. The key match for him was against Frangilli of Italy, the #1 ranked archer (Justin was ranked #9). At the end of the match they were tied. In the one arrow shoot off, Justin put an arrow as close to the center as possible - the crowd went berserk and from then on he cruised to the Gold medal.

In the team round the US men's team of Justin Huish, Rod White, and Butch Johnson cruised through to the gold medal match. Butch shot superbly, anchoring the team in the match against the Koreans for the gold medal. At the end of the match it appeared that the match was tied, but the scoreboard showed a questionable arrow for each team. The arrow for the Koreans was called the lower value and the arrow for the Americans was called the higher value giving the American men the gold medal and one of the major upsets of the games.

Overall - the Olympics were an unbelievable experience for all of us. We discovered that the people of Atlanta are the friendliest people in the world. We were awed by the sheer size and complexity of the event. We were astonished to find that there were 70,000 volunteers from every nook and cranny of the world, all there just to make this a great event for the athletes.

We were thrilled by the spectacle of the opening and closing ceremonies. We made friends with athletes from many other sports from an uncountable number of countries. We discovered that "grits" are really quite good, especially at breakfast with blueberries. We cheered as loud as we could for our good friend Justin Huish and for the US team. We have never been so hot in our lives. We were disappointed that we didn't place better, but we are already planning for the 2000 games in Sydney and we know we won't have to cheer for anyone else because we will be bringing home the medals for Canada.



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# FED NOTES

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## ACC Meeting Highlights

The Archery Canada Council met November 23 & 24 in Calgary. New initiatives highlights from the meeting include: revised Canadian Target Championships format, revised Canadian 3D Grand Prix Championships, guidelines for Judges to audit the National Judge Seminar and observe at the Canadian Target Championships, rule changes for 1997, National High School Championships event, IBEP supplementary materials, and an optional club range certification program. These initiatives are subject to Board approval and available funds. For more details, contact your Provincial FCA Director.

## International Judge Seminar

An International Judge Seminar will be conducted in conjunction with the 1997 World Championships in Victoria, BC. The seminar will be held August 14 to 16. FITA has agreed to allow FCA certified National and National Judge Candidates to attend the seminar for \$25/day. Accordingly, the FCA office will co-ordinate the Canadian contingent and handling of fees. The registration deadline is January 31, 1997. To register, or to get additional information contact the FCA office.

## TV Feasibility Contract

The FCA signed a contract with John Restivo to develop a made-for-TV event framework and meet with TSN, CBC, and CTV to discuss possibilities of Canadian archery on TV. If the networks are interested, plans will be made for sponsor procurement and event logistical arrangements. Getting archery exposure on TV will have many spin-off benefits to the entire Canadian archery community.

## Funding Opportunities for Clubs to Host Wheelchair Archery Outreach Clinics

The FCA has funding available for archery clubs and/or provincial archery associations to conduct beginner archery clinics to persons in wheelchairs in a rehabilitation facility. The FCA will fund course conductor expenses (ground travel and meals) and supplies. Clinics must be held between January 1 and March 1, 1997. A written clinic evaluation report must be submitted to the FCA before funds are released. Contact Brian MacPherson at the FCA office for details. Funding is limited and is available on a first come first served basis.

## Wheelchair Archer Training Camp

A Wheelchair Archer Training Camp will be held at the National Archery Center in Montreal on March 15 & 16, 1997. The target group is wheelchair archers/athletes of provincial level who have a personal coach (level II NCCP certification). The camp will be conducted by NAC Coaching Staff, National Wheelchair & Paralympic Games coach Arthur Nault, and three time Paralympic athlete Alec Denys. FCA will pay the travel and accommodation expenses of one wheelchair archer and his/her personal coach from provinces who have demonstrated commitment to wheelchair archery development. The FCA office must make the travel and accommodation arrangements. Registration deadline: January 31, 1997. It is a decision of the PSO who, if anyone, should attend this clinic. Therefore, please contact your provincial archery association for details.

## FCA Judges Needed for 1997 Events

National Judges and National Judge Candidates interested in judging at the

- 1997 Canadian Outdoor Target Championship and/or
- 1997 Canada Games

are invited to apply to the Archery Canada Council. To apply send a letter (fax or mail) to the FCA office by January 31, 1997. The letter should state your name, judge qualifications, event(s) for which you are applying, and reasons for applying. Judges will be selected and notified by February 28. FCA support will be determined at a later date.

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## 1998 Target Championship

Your fellow archers, at the FCA Annual General Meeting, selected the 1999 Pan American Games Archery committee to host the 1998 Canadian Outdoor Championship in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The event will be chaired by Dave Mosscrop. Good luck to Winnipeg and the ABAM.

## 1998 3D Championship

Although by deadline time no bids were received for the 1998 3D Championship, two bids were received afterwards from Alma, PQ, and Regina, SK. Both bids were reviewed by provincial 3D Representatives and a vote by mail was taken. The votes are in and the winner, Regina, will be the host club for the 1998 7th Annual Canadian 3D Championship.

### Canadian Archers on the Move!

- Robert Sheppard is the new Provincial Coach Coordinator for Nova Scotia.
- Dave Bennett (MN) and Marlee Loiselle (BC) successfully passed the National Judge Candidate level as a result of their work at the 1996 Canadian Outdoor Championship.

### Archery Innovators

The Archers & Bowhunters of Manitoba (ABAM) produced a four colour poster encouraging youth to take up the sport of archery. This is a promotional effort that is sure to increase youth participation in the province.

If you know of new and innovative archery activities in your area, contact the FCA office so we can share the information with the rest of the country.

### Short Notes:

- Athletes interested in attending the NAC on a full or part time basis in the 1997 fall/winter season are encouraged to apply before **March 15, 1997**. Application forms are available from the FCA and NAC offices.
- National Archery Center address: 1000 Emile Journeault, Montreal, PQ, (514) 445-2982, fax (514) 445-9378
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## NAC Comments by Resident Athletes

### Jacquie Saito (AB):

"It (the Claude Robillard Sports Complex) is a great facility with many different sports...and I look forward to interacting with some of the people from other sports. Provided I can get over the language barrier thing.

The archery facility is terrific. We have a room where we can keep our equipment and it is locked up when we're not there. There is an 18 meter range with about 12 butts. There is also a hall where we can shoot up to 70 meters. ...There is a computer in the room that keeps track of our schedules and what we've done.

It's nice to have other archers around and to interact with new people. The archers of Montreal are there at night. I look forward to meeting new people through there as well. It's nice to see how things are run compared to what I'm used to in Alberta.

Pascal has done a great job of making our training plan for the year....We have a lot of say about what goes into our training plan and how to implement things. It's a great experience and I highly suggest it to anyone who's interested."

### Phil Prowse (AB):

"After several meetings, and lengthy discussions, Pascal devised a year long training plan for the permanent members. It works on a collective and individual basis. It carefully details what is to be achieved each week, including both shooting and conditioning exercises. ...Our training plan is further broken down to the day-by-day level. ... Each new concept is implemented on a step-by-step basis, beginning with a blank butt and slowly working through a series of cut out targets. Each shooting session is about 2 hours in length and is done once a day for 5 days. Then a new concept is introduced.

We have met with Pierre Bouchamp from the Canadian Olympic Association who generously offered all of us his services....His seminar brought up interesting points about life outside of sport, what to prepare for, and what to expect. He is available for counseling, job searching, résumé drafting, etc. I expect several more seminars, not unlike this one, in the near future and look forward to them.

As for life out of the NAC (what life?) - well, we are a bunch of teenagers living 3000 miles from home. .... We live like peasants in a small, cramped apartment, and spend the majority of our money on stupid things, like rent, heat, electricity, and so on. Entertainment is in the form of a 10" black and white television, which frankly I didn't know still existed. It was graciously donated by the Dean family (Alan Dean is FCA Vice President of Marketing and Communications)."

### Craig Lawson (BC):

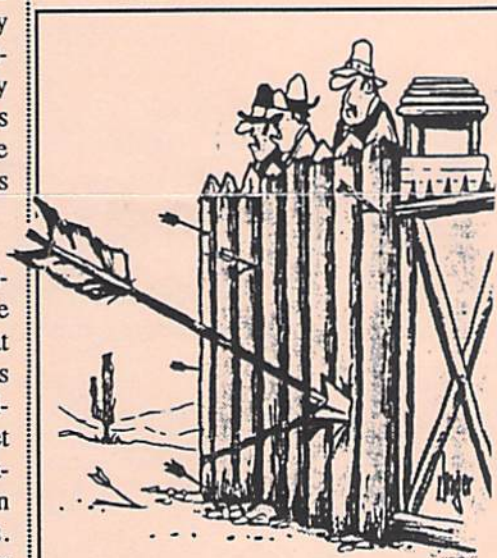
After meeting with Brian MacPherson from the FCA, it was reassuring to hear support of my personal and long term goals, which I know I also get from my family and BC. Brian took any suggestion I had, even though there were very few I had to make! When I arrived, I was very impressed at how organized the NAC was with all of the daily functions to operate effectively.

The local and provincial archery communities have been very supportive. The (FTAQ) had loaned us a video camera that we used to tape our shooting. As well as being very helpful in letting us use various equipment that the NAC has not yet attained due to this being the first operating year. The local archery club has been very friendly and welcoming to us. Sylvain Cadieux helped me tune my equipment and other members have also been very helpful in making the transition from BC to Montreal easier.

I appreciate the dedication of Pascal Colmaire and the FCA to make the NAC an effective training center for us. I hope I am able to have a positive influence on the operation of the center and its ability to be extremely effective in the future."

Editor's Note: These comments have been extracted from reports that the archers wrote. The reports were too lengthy to print in their entirety. From the comments above you will understand that the athletes are impressed with the center and its effectiveness.

  
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