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SAVAGE & RUSNOV WIN OLYMPIC BERTHS FOR CANADA

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Medellin, COL - September 24

Racheal Savage (Caledon, ON) becomes the first Canadian female archer since 1987 to win an Olympic archery berth for Canada. Shooting strongly, Racheal won the bronze medal match at the Continental Qualification Tournament, thereby earning a spot for Canada on the line in Athens. Racheal tied the Canadian national record for the 12-arrow elimination round.

Robert Rusnov (Richmond Hill, ON), for the third time, has earned a spot on the Olympic archery line for Canadian men. Rob, a two-time Olympian, has fought back through injury in preparation for this event.

The Executive and Board of the Federation of Canadian Archers congratulates these two archers, as well as national team members Marie-Pier Beudet (Levis, QC) and Hugh MacDonald (Vancouver, BC) who competed in the event. Today, Claude Rousseau (St. Nicolas, QC) and Jonathan Ohayon will join their teammates to shot the World Ranking Event to achieve COC criteria.

SAVAGE ET RUSNOV GAGNENT LES POSITIONS OLYMPIQUES CANADIENNES

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Racheal Savage (Caledon, ON) devient la première archère canadienne depuis 1987 de gagner une position olympique pour le Canada. En tirant solidement, Racheal a gagné la médaille de bronze au championnat continental de qualification, de cette façon gagnant une position canadienne sur la ligne de tir à Athènes. Racheal a tiré une égalité du record canadien pendant la ronde éliminatoire de 12-flèches.

Robert Rusnov (Richmond Hill, ON), pour la troisième fois, a gagné une position sur la ligne olympique de tir à l'arc pour les hommes canadiens. Rob, deux-fois olympien, a battu contre les blessures en faisant ses préparatifs de cet événement.

Les membres du comité exécutif et ceux du comité administratif de la Fédération Canadienne des Archers félicitent ces deux archers ainsi que les membres de l'équipe nationale Marie-Pier Beudet (Levis, QC) et Hugh MacDonald (Vancouver, C-B) qui y

ont fait concurrence. Aujourd'hui, Claude Rousseau (St. Nicolas, QC) et Jonathan Ohayon feront concurrence avec les autres membres de cette équipe pour tirer l'Événement du Ranking Mondial pour atteindre les critères du COC.

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2. Olympic Qualifying Tournament - Coach's Journal by Joan McDonald

Day 1

This tournament is one of two chances that Canadian archers have to qualify for places at the 2004 Olympics in Athens. The first chance was the World Championships in July in New York City. Canada did not earn any Olympic places at that tournament although the women came close. At this tournament, taking place in Medellin, Colombia, we can earn a maximum of two places for women and two places for men. Since this method of qualifying archers for the Olympics was started, Canada has only been able to earn a place one man in 1996 in Atlanta and one place for men in 2000 in Sydney, Australia.

The team is composed of

Marie-Pier Beaudet Levis, Quebec

Racheal Savage Caledon, Ontario

Hugh MacDonald Vancouver, BC

Rob Rusnov Toronto, Ontario

Claude Rousseau Quebec City, Quebec

Jonathan Ohayon a Canadian living in California

Everyone met at the airport in Miami on Friday, September 19th. We had a worry about the remnants of hurricane Isabel that was supposed to blow through Toronto at the time out Toronto / Miami flight departed. It was certainly a good storm but it didn't slow down the airlines at all.

We met the Americans, the Barbadians, the Mexicans and Jim Easton at the gate for the flight from Miami to Medellin, Colombia so it was an archery flight. It seems strange that the people from California would come all the way east to Miami, but apparently this is the most efficient way to get to Medellin. The US men earned all three of their Olympic places at the World Championships and the women earned two of their three places. So the US sent two women to this tournament and one of them would should to

try to earn their third place. We expected Karen Scavotto to compete but apparently she was not coming because her family is quite wealthy and there was concern that this would make her a kidnap target. If wealth is what makes you a target, then none of the Canadian team has a thing to worry about!! So Janet Dykman and Lori Cieslinski were representing the USA.

The flight was uneventful, but after we flew over the eastern part of Cuba, to the west of the aircraft and at the same height were some very large thunderclouds, several of which were forming some textbook anvils. Since we were probably flying at about 33-34,000 feet, these were some healthy storms. I watched them until it was dark and hoped they weren't over Colombia.

We arrived in Medellin in the driving rain and the sound of thunder. We were met at the airport by the organizing committee and loaded into buses, although getting all the luggage and equipment in was quite a struggle. The ride from the airport to the hotel was about 45 minutes and through the rain we could see the city below us. It was pretty

clear that we were traveling along the top of some mountains and city was below us.

We were welcomed at the front door of the hotel with a 122cm target made entirely of flowers. There are enormous bouquets of flowers everywhere. Medellin is known as the City of Flowers. The hotel is a wonderful modern hotel and our rooms are very, very nice. After we checked in we went downstairs where an awning was setup beside the pool where dinner was waiting for us. It was very beautiful, despite the rain.

Claude reported that he opened his SKB case - this is a tackle box that has a space for clothes built into the top of it and inside he found a teddy bear about 6" tall. He hastened to add that he does not travel with a teddy bear! He also found a note in both English and Spanish that his luggage had been searched so we have to suppose that they also put the teddy bear in at the same time. Whether it was searched in Miami or Medellin, we have no way of knowing.

Day 2

We were up at 7:30 and were amazed by the spectacular view from our hotel room. The hotel is high up on one of the many mountains that are part of the City of Medellin. In fact, the city is mostly built on the sides of the mountains and in the bottom of the narrow valley that snakes between the mountains.

We had breakfast with all the other archers under the awning beside the pool. Medellin is about 4800 feet above sea level so the air in the morning has a crispness about it that is cool but not cold and very enjoyable in the mornings. I had arranged for a bus to the archery field for practice and we shared it with the USA and Barbadian team. It was about a 30-minute drive to the field down the mountain and into the valley. Our view of the city from the windows of the bus gave us a surprise. Medellin is a modern and very clean city and we did not see some of the dismal poverty that we often see in other

South American cities. Of course, we might be in a newer part of the city, but even in wealthy areas of other South American cities, they are still dirty with garbage all over the streets and boulevards. Here we saw none of that.

The shooting range is located on the infield of an outdoor track. It appears to be a practice track for a large stadium that is right next door. So one side of the range has the stadium and seating for about 1,000 people and the other side has large outdoor advertisements. Today was overcast and calm, but we think that if there is any wind it will be very tricky to figure out.

The range was already busy with archers from all over the Americas and some time was spent in meeting and greeting our many friends. The Cuban archers are also here - we haven't seen them on the tournament circuit for many years and it was great to see that Juan Carlos Stevens is still on the team. Many archers didn't recognize Hugh who is now clean-shaven and has short hair. In fact, quite a few people walked right past him and asked me if he was coming to the tournament. Hugh told one young lady that he was Hugh's brother and she believed him!!

Everyone had a good practice session that was finished with a one-end match between Jonathan and Marie-Pier at 90 meters. Marie-Pier only shoots 33 pounds but by aiming a little high she can reach 90m. The prize for the winner was that the loser had to be a slave to the other for the day. It was a great match with Jonathan finally winning with

53 points while Marie-Pier shot a 51. We all hooted and hollered as Marie-Pier carried Jonathan's bow, put his equipment away etc.

By the time we returned to the hotel the sky had opened up and there were great thunderstorms, but we were all cozy under the awning beside the swimming pool for lunch. After lunch we had our first team meeting and began the process of preparing for the competition. At this meeting we also decided to start a new team tradition. At every team meeting the English-speaking team members will bring a new word or phrase in French to the meeting and the French-speaking team members will bring a new English word or phrase to the meeting. Everyone looked a little aghast at this idea - but they agreed to try.

After the meeting was finished we all went to the Colombian Federation office in the hotel to pay our hotel bill and entry fees. The cost for the hotel is \$50 US per day, which includes three meals each day, so given the high quality of the hotel this is one really good deal.

When we were finished there, we stopped by the jewelry counter to look at the gems. The best emeralds in the world are found in Colombia so this is a great place to look at these wonderful green gems. The sales lady quickly showed us some emeralds that were unset and in little plastic boxes with see through lids. She took the lid off one box with two matched emeralds that would make lovely earrings. Somehow, Jonathan bumped the box and one of the little emeralds fell out of the box, bounced on the

counter and onto the floor. We all stood rooted to our spots as one person got down on their hands and knees to find the little stone. Finally, the saleslady found it part way under the counter. Jonathan was very relieved - I think there were green dollar signs dancing in front of his eyes!!

I had about a half hour and then headed off to the annual meeting of COPANAROC, which is the archery federation for the Americas. These meetings are the penance I pay for getting to come to these great tournaments. They go on forever and ever, discuss endlessly and make very few decisions. And even after the decision is made, they still discuss it. This meeting was supposed to start at 5pm, didn't actually get going until about 6 and I finally left the meeting at 11:30 to go to bed. However, this one was slightly better than some of the near-riots I've attended in the past.

Day 3 Sunday, September 21st

Today is official practice day. Everyone was in the hotel lobby by 7:45am when we boarded four large buses for the ride to the range. The buses careened down the mountain with a definite superiority attitude - we're coming and everyone better get out of the way!! The day was calm and warm again but with a definite threat of more thunderstorms, which held off until our practice was finished. By about 10:45 everyone has finished practicing and ready to head back to the hotel. Denis Beaudet and I stayed on the field to attend the Team Captains meeting, which was well run by Sergio Font from Cuba. This man could organize the entire Olympic games in an hour. It was a good meeting with a good explanation of the strange way the Olympic Qualifying portion of the tournament will be run. I'll try to explain this more when we get to that day in the event. Lunch wasn't until 2 pm so we held our team meeting while we waited. Everyone had their new word or phrase, some of which were "unusual" and generated quite a bit of discussion and certainly some hilarity. Jonathan and Hugh are well ahead of the rest of us with French and are able to show off their new words in whole sentences.

The currency in Colombia is Pesos - about 2,500 to one US dollar. I changed \$10 US dollars into 25,000 pesos (these numbers could make you believe you were wealthy!) and went in a taxi with Juan Carlos to the local market to buy water. Juan Carlos is one of the many volunteers who are dying to do anything to help. We purchased three 5-litre jugs for about \$4 US and only paid about 90 cents for the taxi ride. I had not noticed the security at the gate of the hotel because they pass the archery buses through without stopping them. But when we came back in the taxi, the taxi was stopped, we were asked questions - well, Juan Carlos was asked questions - all in Spanish of course, and then the cab was given the once over including looking underneath it with mirrors. I'm not sure if this makes me feel confident or not!!

At 7 pm we were ready in our team uniforms for the opening ceremonies, which are being held in the ballroom at the hotel. The show opened with the story of archery in dance including vignettes of Robin Hood, Diana the huntress, William Tell and Cupid. Then dancers brought each country's flag down the aisle and handed it to the flag bearer for each country who then carried it up onto the stage. Then the requisite

number of dignitaries including the Mayor of Medellin, came onto the stage and made a number of speeches of welcome. The Mayor spoke movingly about the world's perception of his city because the press only reports the bad things that happen and none of the good. I guess that's the story of countries and cities everywhere. The recent SARS "epidemic" in Toronto is a good example.

After the speeches there was more dancing, both Colombian folk dances and a very modern number with dancers hips moving at speeds that were remarkable. The evening ended with an archer shooting an arrow into a large "balloon" about 14 feet wide and 10 feet tall that appeared to be a backdrop for the stage with the tournament logo on it. The "balloon" exploded at the same time as some fireworks went off and a large air cannon fired out a blizzard of pieces of coloured paper. It was quite an ending to one of the most amazing opening ceremonies for an archery tournament that I have attended.

Day 4 September 22nd

Today and tomorrow are the FITA round which is used to rank the archers prior to match play. Everyone was on the bus at 6:45am. Grim.....we're up at 5:20am if you can believe it!! I had to ride in the jump seat beside the driver and I sure won't do that again.

Again it was cloudy and threatening with quite a breeze blowing right to left across the field and really chilly. Everyone was adding layers and putting on pants. But by 8:15 - 8:30 the wind had died down, the wind had all but stopped and the clouds had lifted. It wasn't sunny but wasn't threatening rain any longer either.

The FITA round started promptly at 9 with two shooting lines, which is always a little slow. There are 17 countries present with 52 men recurve, 17 men compound, 38 women recurve and 10 women compound. For the Olympic qualifying part of the competition, there will be 24 men and 17 women shooting. There is one archer from Russia, and a team of women recurve shooters from Turkey.

Everyone started off the competition well for the first few ends. At 90 meters Rob shot consistently well and finished in 2nd place with a 305. Claude and Jonathan also did well. Claude was 4th with a 295 and Jonathan had a 293. Although Hugh started well, he struggled in the second half was not at all happy with his 288 and 11th place.

On the ladies side, Marie-Pier shot a great 317 to finished second and Racheal finished with 288 and 15th place.

The butts are made of cardboard and with the frames are quite large and heavy so there was a break of about 25 minutes between distances to reset the field for 70 and 60 meters.

At 70 meters Rob continued shooting well with a 328 and winning the 70-meter distance and was 2nd overall at the half-way point in the FITA. Jonathan shot a really nice 319 to pull into 4th place for the distance and 4th overall. Claude shot a 306 for 14th place at

70 meters and dropped to 7th overall and Hugh shot 305 for 15th place at 70 and 14th place overall. Neither Claude nor Hugh were happy about that!!

Marie-Pier had a tough 60 meters with a 305 for 18th place for the distance and dropping to 6th overall while Racheal perked up a bit , shooting 314 for 11th place and 17th overall.

In South America it is the custom to give out medals for each distance and the total FITA so we had to wait for a while for the results. A nice medal ceremony was held with flags and national anthems, but the guy running the PA system couldn't get the right anthem with the right medal winner, so the lady from Turkey got Oh Canada. When Rob got his gold medal for 70 meters, we wondered what anthem would play, but his was one of the few that was right.

Day 5 September 23

It's much warmer at the field and the cloud cover is much higher and indeed broke up during the morning and we had a beautiful sun shiny day, again with very little wind. The wind was a bit worse at 30 meters, but was certainly manageable. We all came home quite sunburned even though we all had sunscreen on. Maybe it's because the elevation is so high.

Racheal broke a nock on the last arrow of the last practice end and gave her arm a really good smash, but we got ice on it quickly and the swelling and bruising wasn't that bad.

There were busloads of school children in the stands during the day, all of who cheered the archers loudly, although I don't think that they could actually see anything on the field. But their enthusiasm was great.

Rob wasn't shooting as well as yesterday at 50m and had a miss on the second last end. He finished with a 312 in 10th place for the distance. His 30 meters wasn't stellar either with 337, but by the end of the distance he was again shooting well. His total FITA of 1280 put him in a tie for 3rd place - but he lost the tie on hits and finished 4th overall. Jonathan continued shooting strongly with a 315 at 50 for 4th place and a 343 at 30m which was 2nd for the distance. His total of 1270 was excellent. I'm sorry but I don't have a copy of the final results here, so I don't know the exact placing for the rest of the

men. I'll have to update you on that tomorrow. Claude shot a great 319 at 50m for 5th place for the distance and 337 at 30m for a total of 1257. Hugh recovered nicely from his disappointing first day with a 317 at 50m and 341 at 30m.

I can tell you that all 4 men finished the FITA in the top 10 and that the team of Rob, Jonathan and Claude finished the ranking round in first place.

Marie-Pier was happy with her 310 at 50m and 337 at 30m to finish with a FITA of 1260 and I think she was 5th overall, but I'll confirm that tomorrow. Racheal looked to me like she was shooting better than yesterday, but she struggled in 50m hell with a 260. Despite this, she worked hard at 30m to find her shot again and was successful and was feeling much more confident at the end of the day despite her 1185.

Tomorrow will be the match play for Olympic Qualifying. So the next big test will be to see my phone has been unlocked and I can actually send these messages!!

Day 6 - September 24

Today started out like all the others - at 5:20am.....unbelievable that we get up at that hour on holidays.....but it wouldn't end like any other day! Today is the match play to determine what countries will earn spots for the 2004 Olympic Games. Countries in the Americas who had not earned places at the World Championships in July can send a maximum of 2 archers to compete for a maximum of 3 places for men and 3 places for women. This means that no country can earn more than 2 places at this tournament. All the countries from the Americas have two archers here who will shoot this part of the competition, except the United States, which will only have one woman because they earned two places for women and all three places for men at the World Championship.

So this Olympic qualifying part of this tournament will have 24 men and 19 women. Those who place 1st, 2nd or 3rd at the end of the day will have earned a place for their country at the 2004 Olympics. The weather was warm and sunny and again calm, although it had obviously rained during the night because of the amount of water on the field. The average temperature in Medellin - all year around - is about 25 - 27 degrees.

Marie-Pier had a bye in the first round, but Racheal's match in the first round was against Judy Magras from Barbados. Racheal was pretty nervous for this match and we could see her hands shaking. In fact, we could even see her hand shaking in the grip at full draw! Certainly, it didn't affect her shooting and she cinched the match in the first end by shooting a 56 while Judy shot a 38. In a match of 18 arrows, an 18 point lead on the first end is pretty difficult to catch and Racheal won the match 152 to 123.

In the 1/8 eliminations, Marie-Pier came up against Ana Maria Rendon, a junior from Colombia. Marie-Pier opened her match with a 53, followed by two 50's for a total of 153 while Ana-Marie shot a 45, 42 and 48 for 135 giving Marie-Pier a decisive win of 18 points.

In the one-eighth final, Racheal's match was against Roxanna Rosario who was placed 3rd in the preliminary round and has done well in several major international tournaments. We felt that this would be a tough match. Racheal was again shaking with nervous energy and we wondered if she would be able to shoot decently this way. But she outshot Roxanna 149 to 145 putting both Marie-Pier and Racheal into the quarter finals.

In the quarterfinals with matches of only 12 arrows, Marie-Pier shot against Maidenie Sarduy of Cuba. Marie-Pier's first end of 3 arrows was a good group but sat on the left side of the target and totaled 23 while the Cuban shot a 25. On the next three arrows, Marie-Pier got the 2-points back shooting a 26 to 24 for the Cuban and the match was tied at 49 points. On the next end Marie-Pier shot a 24 and the Cuban a 25 taking a one-point lead with three arrows left. In the last three arrows the Cuban shot a 28 for a total score of 102 but Marie-Pier shot a 26 for a total of 99, putting Marie-Pier out of the competition.

In Racheal's quarterfinal match she shot against Fatima Carvalho from Brazil and with hands and knees still visible shaking she shot a 28, 27, 26 and 29 for an awesome total of 110 tying the Canadian record for a 12-arrow match. The Brazilian wilted under the onslaught and finished with a 99, so Racheal moved into the semi-finals. A number of people on the field were beginning to consider the shakes as an ingredient of good technique!

In the semi-finals she would shoot against Lori Ceilinski of the US. For this match she was relieved that the shakes had disappeared. Rae opened the match by surrounding the gold with three eight's. But Lori started with a 28 taking a four-point lead so this would be difficult to get back. On the second end Rae shot a 26 and Lori a 27, meaning

Lori now had a 5-point lead. In the next end on the second arrow, Rae's string caught her clothing guard and missed the target to the right. Boy, that took the wind out of our sails!! There is no coming back from a miss against an archer like Lori! So now Rae would go to the bronze medal match, a match she must win if we are to have a women at the Olympics in Athens.

All the matches had been shot together up until now. The bronze medal match would be shot with alternating shooting, agents, electronic scoring - the whole bit. Rae would compete against Denise Van Lamoen from Chile who was ranked first from the FITA -of those who were competing in the CQT. Jonathan was Rae's agent at the target. During the coin toss we saw that the shakes were back. On the first end, she stood on the line like it was Sunday afternoon at Caledon and fired off three perfect shots and that looked like a perfect 30 while Denise shot a 26. In fact the judge at the target called one of the 10's a nine so Rae had a 3 point lead. Quite a way to start the match. In the second end, I watched her bowhand and it was visibly shaking in the grip but she still shot a 25. Denise had a 26 cutting Rae's lead to 2 points. On the next end Rae just shook them into the gold shooting a 28 and getting the point back as Denise shot a 27. My heart rate was about 170 and my mouth was dry as we waited for the last three shots. Rae opened with a 7 and Denise shot a 9. Rae's lead was now only 1 point. My heart rate increased. Rae shot a 9 and Denise shot a 10. The match was tied. Rae shot an 8 and we held our breath. Denise shot a 7! I couldn't even add the score to determine if Rae had won. Denise was quicker and told Rae she had won and all hell broke loose. If we thought Rae was shaking during the match, now she was really a wreck. Everyone descended with hugs and tears as Canada qualified its first woman for the Olympics in 20 years! And believe it or not, a reporter from CityTV stuck a microphone in her face to

ask how she was feeling. She moved her mouth several times, but nothing came out and she finally stammered "I'm speechless!"

Of course while all these matches were going on the men's matches were also taking place and we were all kept pretty busy running back and forth keeping up-to-date on who was winning what. I don't have quite the detail for Rob's and Hugh's matches because Denis Beaudet kept a really accurate record of Marie-Pier and Racheal's matches but I didn't do nearly as well with Rob and Hugh. Both Rob and Hugh had bye's in the first round.

In the second round Hugh shot against Cristobal Merlos of El Salvador - a really good shooter who has won many events in the Americas. Hugh took the lead in the first end and never let it go winning the match 158 to 153. Meanwhile, Rob was shooting against Oscar Camacho of Venezuela shooting a string of 53's to win the match 159 to 147 putting both of them into the quarterfinals.

Hugh met Leonardo Cavalho from Brazil, the 2nd ranked archer from qualifying. Cavalho got going early in the match and finished with a 110 defeating Hugh who fired a 104 and knocking Hugh out of the competition. In the final results, Hugh placed 6th. Meanwhile, Rob was shooting against Marcus Bartoloto also from Brazil. Rob started this match off with bang firing a 29 while Bartoloto shot a 24 so Rob had a five-point lead after the first three arrows. On the next end Bartoloto gained one point back shooting a 27 to Rob's 26 but then lost it again on the next end when Rob shot a 25 and Bartoloto shot a 24. On the last end, Bartoloto really got it in gear with a very nice 30 but it was too little, too late as Rob shot 28 winning the match 108 to 105.

In the semi-finals Rob shot against Jorge Chapoy of Mexico. The match started out fairly well with Rob shooting a 53 to Chapoy's 54. But on the 3rd end, at exactly the same time that Racheal shot her miss off to the right, Rob shot a miss as well, even into the same location on the apron. It was like a synchronized miss between the two of them. So this match was over for Rob and he would have to win the bronze medal match to earn a place for Canada.

Rae's bronze match was shot before Rob's so he had a good example to follow. He was competing against Leonardo Cavalho of Brazil, the gentleman that had knocked Hugh out of the competition. Cavalho is left-handed so they would be standing face to face on the shooting line. Rob won the toss and elected to shoot second. Rob opened with a

27 while Cavalho shot a 23 giving Rob a nice 4-point lead right from the beginning. On the second end, Rob shoot a 28 while Cavalho shot a 27 increasing Rob's lead to 5 points. On the third end, Cavalho was able to get one point back shooting a 28 while Rob shot a 27 so Rob would go into the last three arrows with a 4 point lead. On the last end Rob started with a 10 and Cavalho shot a 9. On the second arrow, Rob shot a really wild shot and was very lucky to have it land in the 7 ring. Cavalho shot a 9 so Rob's lead was 3 points with one arrow to go. Rob's last arrow wasn't perfectly shot, but it landed dead centre in the ten-ring. Cavalho shot another 9 and Rob and won the

match 109 to 105, but when the final result came up on the scoreboard, Rob's score was 110. I'm not sure where my mistake is, but it doesn't matter - he won the match and for the third Olympics in a row, he has earned a place for men for Canada.

I can tell you that today was a pretty good workout for my heart muscle - it was definitely into the high end of an effective training range for the whole day!!

We sort of watched the gold medal matches but we were all still too excited to really focus on them at all. Lori Cielinski of the USA won the gold for the ladies beating Maidenie Sarduy from Cuba, the lady who had eliminated Marie-Pier. On the men's side it was a competition between two Mexicans, Chapoy and Serrano with Chapoy winning 107 to 106.

Both Rae and Rob were called for drug testing, so we packed up their equipment and Denis and Claude took it back to the village while Rob, Rae and the others selected for doping control boarded a bus for a ten minute ride to a medical clinic. We poured water into both of them and hoped that Rob wouldn't be too slow. Many of you know that it can sometimes take several hours or more for him to complete this task. He was the last person tested and we only had to wait for about 45 minutes after he was called so we made it back to the hotel just before 4 pm.

We then started to try to phone Canada to let Racheal's parents know of her success this day. We spent some time trying to make Canada Direct work and then enlisted the help of the front desk. They couldn't contact them either and called the operator. They said there was something wrong with the line and would look into it. We gave up and e-mailed her Dad to call her. If we place a normal long distance call from here it will be billed at Colombian rates which are very high. If he places the call from Canada it will be much cheaper. They finally called back later tonight and Rae had the thrill of telling them of her accomplishment - her mother burst into tears!

Tomorrow all archers will compete in a World Ranking Event - another round of match play, which will take two days to complete. This is important for the Canadian archers because scores shot during this round of match play can be used to meet the criteria set by the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC). As most of you know, in order to use the places we have won here at the Olympics our archers have to meet some difficult standard set by the COC. So it's another important day!!

3. 2004 3D National Championships In British Columbia

For the first time, British Columbia will host the FCA 3D nationals. Host club, Silvertip Archers, in Prince George invite 3D shooters from across the country to participate.

The 2005 3D nationals will be held in Saint John, New Brunswick.

Information will be posted on the FCA website when it becomes available.

3. Championnat de Tir sur cible animalière 2004 en Colombie-Britannique

Pour la première fois, Colombie-Britannique va tenir les championnats nationaux 3D. Le club hôte, Silvertip Archers, de Prince George vous invite à y participer.

Les championnats de tir sur cible animalière 2005 auront lieu à Saint Johns, Nouveau-Brunswick.

Les informations seront publiées sur notre site web quand elles seront disponibles.

4. New Score Template

The FCA Web Site posts the results of registered Indoor and Outdoor FCA events. If you would like the results for your club or province's FCA events posted, please use the standard Excel spreadsheet template available from the FCA site at:

<http://www.fca.ca/Resultsfolder/FCAScoreTemplateSep15.xls>

The template allows you to maintain a list of local archers and judges along with their category and FCA number so these only have to be entered once. It reduces the work in recording results and may be of use for your own club web site, newsletter, etc.

The template now includes a facility for handling indoor competitions separately, and for handling Double FITAs split Outdoor FITAs as well as 900 and 1200 rounds.

It reduces the work in recording results and may be of use for your own club web site, newsletter, etc.

4. Nouveau Formulaire des Résultats

Le site web de la FCA rend public les résultats des tournois homologués de tir en salle ainsi que ceux de cible fixe. Si vous voulez publier les résultats de la FCA du niveau club ou du niveau provincial, SVP utilisez le formulaire des résultats en Excel, disponible sur notre site web à:

<http://www.fca.ca/Resultsfolder/FCAScoreTemplateSep15.xls>

Ce formulaire vous permet de maintenir une liste des archers régionaux ainsi que les juges, avec leur catégorie et leur numéro d'adhésion de la FCA, pour les inscrire seulement une fois. Le travail a été réduit et il est possible d'inclure les résultats dans vos bulletins de club. Ce formulaire offre maintenant la possibilité d'inclure des résultats de tir en salle, ceux de la FITA double, ceux de la FITA sur deux jours, ainsi que ceux des rondes 900 et 1200.

In Closing

For all national championship results, please use the links off of FCA's homepage at www.FCA.ca. Minutes from all meetings will be distributed in October.

The FCA national office will be open September 29 to October 3 from 07:30 to 15:30 ET.

See you next time!

Enfin

Veillez bien noter que tous les résultats des tournois nationaux sont disponibles sur notre site web à www.FCA.ca. Suivez les liens. Tous les procès-verbaux seront publiés en octobre.

Le bureau national de la FCA sera ouvert du 29 septembre au 03 octobre de 07h30 à 15h30.

A la prochaine!

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