

# THE ARIZONA CUP INTERNATIONAL ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIP

APRIL 8-12, 1989  
HOSTED BY THE ARIZONA STATE ARCHERY ASSOCIATION  
By DIANA CARR



1ST PLACE TEAM - USAT#1 (C),  
2ND - USAT#2 (R), 3RD - ASAA (L)

ASAA TEAM CHAMPIONS (L-R) J. BARRS,  
M. BERGENHEIER, R. MCKINNEY

1ST PLACE TEAM - ASAA (C),  
2ND - USAT#1 (R), 3RD - USAT#2 (L)

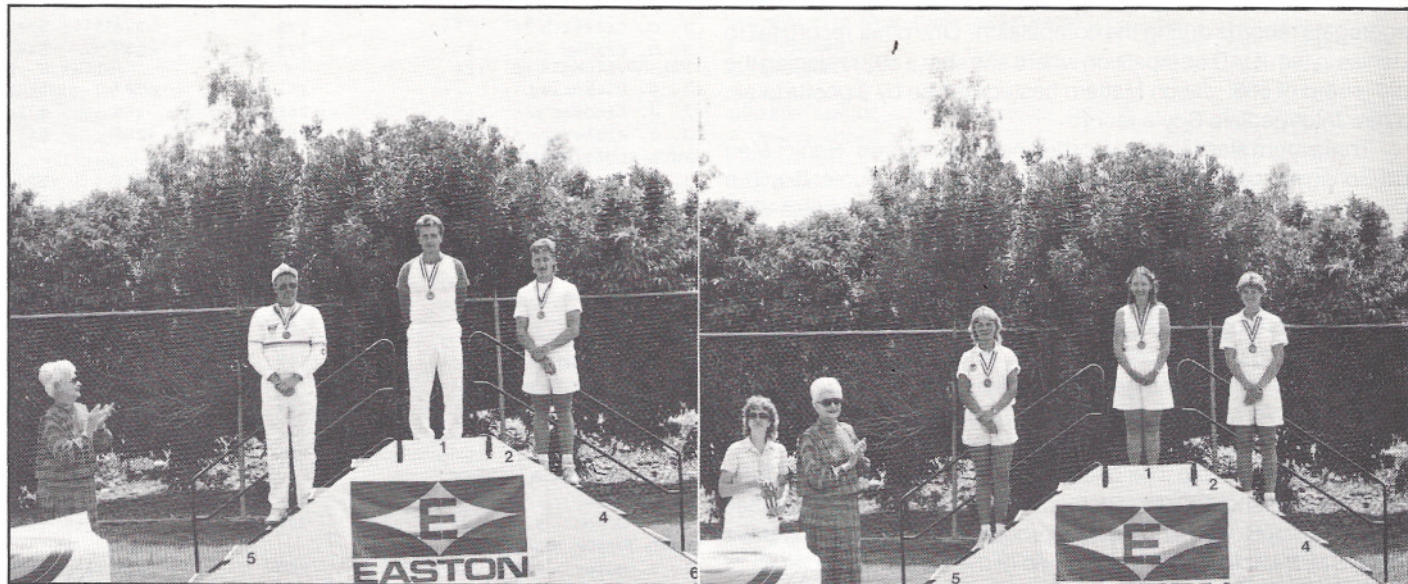
The first annual Arizona Cup Invitational was held in Tempe under the beautiful Arizona sky. It was a huge success and a pleasure for all who participated.

This first year of what will be an annual international invitational tournament sent proceeds to the Phoenix Children's Hospital and the United States Archery Team. The format was exactly like the Olympics with the competitors shooting a FITA on the first two days then the top twenty-four men and twenty-four women shot the Grand FITA Round on the following two days (providing they survived the cuts after each pass). The fifth day was a team event which ended with an exciting shoot off.

This year's tournament was dedicated to Margaret Klann, who has been so very important to archery for many years as coach of

Arizona State University and author of the book Target Archery. Her smiling face and unending exuberance was once again present as she came to support the shooters...her "grandkids!" The tournament was also dedicated in loving memory to Al Henderson, a long-time Arizona coach, Olympic coach and much loved benefactor of archery. When the tournament was in the planning stages, it was hoped that both Al and Margaret could be present to lend their support to the archers of the world in attendance. We were all devastated with Al's recent death, we surely missed his hugs and support at the tournament.

The countries present were: Canada, Finland, Great Britain, Northern Mariana Islands, Soviet Union and Sweden. The United States Archery Team, the Junior Elite Team, the U.S.O.C. Resident



MEN'S CHAMPION T. POIKOLAINEN (C), 2ND - A. RASOR (R),  
3RD - E. ELIASON (L), AZ GOV. MOFFORD (FAR LEFT)

WOMEN'S CHAMPION J. NELSON (C), 2ND - D. OCHS (R),  
3RD - J. SJOWALL (L). FAR RT. - D. TONE AND GOV. MOFFORD

Athletes, the States of California, Texas, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Arizona were all present to vie for the first Arizona Cup title. Werner Beiter of the Beiter Company located in Germany was present throughout the tournament.

Friday at noon the media persons arrived to spend two hours interviewing local and foreign celebrated archers. The media were presented souvenir tee shirts and pins as thanks for their support. That evening ASAA President Terry LaBeau conducted a short opening ceremony to introduce the teams. A reception was held afterwards at the Tempe Sheraton Mission Palms Hotel.

Early on Saturday morning, the competition began. At the end of 90 meters on the men's line, Tomi Poikolainen (FIN) was in the lead with a 316 followed by a tie at 309 between Olympic Bronze Medalist Vladimir Esheev (URS) and Olympic Gold medalist Jay Barrs (AZ). The weather was extremely cooperative with little breeze at the longer distances. Jason Mattern shot the high 70 meter score, 331, for a half way score of 632. Tomi was still in first place with a 642 followed by Vladimir with a 638. These two international powers were showing just how strong they could be. Of the seventy men shooting the FITA, fifteen were over 600 points at the middle of the FITA.

On the ladies line, forty-three women were competing. At 70 meters Debra Ochs finished with a strong 315 followed by Denise Parker with a 313 and Ludmilla Arzhannikova (URS) with a 312. The top score at 60 meters was shot by Denise who shot 331 for a half way score of 644 and first place in the women's division. Debra was only 3 points behind in second place with a 641. Ludmilla remained in third place with a score of 628. At the middle of the FITA on the women's line there were seven women with scores over 600.

A barbecue was held for the contestants on the field Saturday night with the annual softball game (a tradition of the ASAA outdoor

championships). Some of the foreigners who had learned some about the game during the 1988 tournament had improved and were able to show the newcomers how to play! Coach Dick Tone made some outrageous plays to show that he is still not older...just better! ASAA President Terry LaBeau intercepted the runner on a play, did a tumble and was to sit out the rest of the shooting as a tournament official with a separated shoulder.

Sunday brought another beautiful Arizona day. Fifty meters on the women's line saw the scores drop across the board with the exception of Denise and Terry Quinn who both scored 322 points! Ludmilla also scored well with a 316 followed by Kris Maskrey with a 314. Denise was beginning to draw attention as her groups remained tight and she looked relaxed and happy as usual. The story remained the same at 30 meters for Denise as she shot a smooth 348. When all was totaled she broke her 1988 record by 13 points with a 1314. She held first place going into the Grand FITA followed by Ludmilla with a 1287, Debra with a 1281, and in fourth place was Kris with 1274.

The men's line was very exciting with the competition between Tomi and Vladimir ending the FITA with a tie at 1306. Vladimir took first with a count of tens. Olympic Medalist Jay Barrs placed third (1295) followed by Chad Connor (1292) and Rick McKinney (1285).

Those competitors who would go on to the Grand FITA are listed at the end of this article.

#### GRAND FITA ROUND

The first pass of the Grand FITA showed a strong score on the women's line from Denise of 324 followed by Debra with 322 and Ludmilla in third with 321. After the elimination, Denise dropped to second with 329 when Debra came on strong with a 333 pass. Ludmilla held on to third with 320. Julie Nelson improved 16 points

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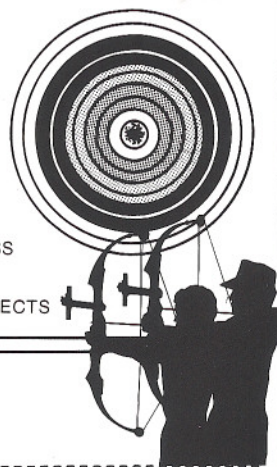
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over her 1/8th final pass for a 316.

In the semi final, the scores dropped on the women's line as a slight breeze came up. Denise took first with 319, Debra second with 310, Sweden's Jenny Sjowall placed third with 308, while Julie Nelson dropped to the last place on the semi final cut with 290.

The final on the women's line was exciting. With an even stronger breeze and the pass proceeding from 30 to 70 meters, the scores showed the strongest, most determined people of the day.

Debra, as always, shot strong and confident to finish with a fine second place score of 319. Jenny scored her highest pass score of the tournament, 318, to capture third place.

The person who came through the strongest and most composed was none other than California's own Julie Nelson. Her superb final pass scoring 321 was her best of the tournament and she won the first annual Arizona Cup. Everyone who has watched Julie knows that she has remained on the USAT for years and has qualified for numerous teams. Congratulations Julie-you are the champion and we all wish you well next year defending your title!

Probably the most excited Grand FITA final shooter was Cheryl Sutton of Great Britain who was extremely pleased with her success, as was her entire team. She placed fifth with a final pass of 312. The Great Britain team was always supportive and enjoyable to have as guests.

The men's line provided some very exciting moments as well as results. On the 1/8th final pass everyone's friend, Ed Eliason, scored a superb score of 332 which was the highest score shot on the men's line for a single pass throughout the Grand FITA round. In second place was Gold Medalist Jay Barrs with a 327. Third place was tied at 326 between Allen Rasor and Mike Bergenheier. The last place was decided by a shoot off between Chad Schone and Keith Muspratt (GBR). Muspratt edged Schone out by 2 points after the second shoot off end.

The semi final pass on the men's line had scorekeepers hustling as positions changed constantly. Chad Connor (USAT) led the pass with 327. Tied for second place were Jay, Tomi, and Allen with 323. Allen led the men on several ends and shot very well.

The pass ended with an exciting shoot off as Lonny King was tied with Vladimir. The shoot off saw Lonny edge out Vladimir with a perfect 30 at 30 meters! Vladimir, as always, was extremely polite and congratulated Lonny.

The final was much easier on the scorekeepers as everyone seemed to find a place and hold it. Tomi started out well and as the distance to the target increased so did his score. He finished with a 328 for the Arizona Cup Championship. Allen handled the pressure after one weak end to finish in second place with 327. Ed Eliason placed third with a big smile and a 323.

A brief award ceremony was held on the field following the competition. Arizona Governor Rose Mofford presented the champions with their medals and a hearty congratulations. The ASAA would like to extend their appreciation to Governor Mccford for taking the time to add just one more fine touch to the Arizona Cup Tournament.

#### TEAM ROUND

On Wednesday the Team Round began with eight men's teams (two unofficial) and eight women's teams (one unofficial).

At the end of the first pass the top three men's teams were California with 972 (Rosas, Jones and Rasor) followed by USAT #2 "Bad To The Bone" (King, Meyers and Yeoman) with 960 and Finland (Poikolainen, Falck and Alahuhta) in third place with 952.

On the last end it looked like the title was settled with USAT #1 (Eliason, Connor and Pylypchuk) in the lead. When shooting was completed and scores tallied, there was a shoot off for first place between USAT #1 and the hometown favorites-The ASAA Team of

Jay Barrs, Rick McKinney and Mike Bergenheier with a tied score of 947.

The teams stepped to the line and shot their nine arrows at the 90 meter target. USAT #1's target looked good as they continued to shoot well. For ASAA, Jay and Rick shot their usually quick shots leaving Mike with the last shot. Mike shot a 28!

The scores were tallied and compared. The ASAA Team had won by a slim margin of 2 points. Mike's 28 had saved the day for the ASAA! Third place went to USAT #2 with a fine 945. Fourth was California with 943 followed by Finland in fifth with 939. Sixth went to Great Britain (Priestman, Muspratt and Hughes) with 912. The unofficial teams "The Flintstones" (Viney, Pugh, and Nordlander) 915 and "Up and Coming" (Hamby, Broz and Bartholomew 796, had a great time.

On the women's line USAT #1 (Parker, Ochs and Skillman) led throughout the team event. At the end of the first pass USAT #1 led with a 954 over USAT #2 (Becker, Nelson and Quinn) with 925. The ASU Team (Maskrey, Granville, and Shaffer) held on to third place at 898.

USAT #1 shot a strong pass with a final score of 962 for first place. USAT #2 shot consistently with a repeat score of 925 and second place. In third place was the ASAA's Team (Adams, Schwartzkopf and Wallace) with 853. Fourth place went to ASU, 851. In fifth was Sweden's Team (Sjowall, Sjowall and Backman) with 843. Great Britain (Terry, Sutton and Taylor) took sixth with 839 and seventh place was taken by the USOC Resident Athletes (Swanson, Robberson and Terrin) with 814. The unofficial team (Arzhannikova, Hirsch-Ascani and Frazier) scored a final pass of 894. Had they been registered that would have been a comfortable third place.

Among the sponsors from the inception of the Arizona Cup were American Express and Kidder, Peabody, Inc. Although no archery companies were solicited for support this year, Easton Aluminum became a gold medal sponsor. Cavalier Equipment Company, International Visions and Accra 300 were bronze sponsors. Werner Beiter was also a donor. A big thanks must go out to The Sheraton Mission Palms for their reduced room rates and conference rooms.

As always, the officials were appreciated (in most cases) for keeping the tournament running smoothly. Olympic Coach Sheri Rhodes did another wonderful job as Tournament Director. Diane Tone was excellent as Director of Shooting (and disc jockey for the team event). Officials Wendy Erlandson, Karl Radde, NAA's Chris McCartney, Dr. Jack Pate, ASAA President Terry LaBeau, USOC's Nancy Myrick, Joslyn Brown and Kathleen Stevenson were all professional in their work. Much appreciation goes out also to those who volunteered to run scores and keep the score board up to date. Kitty Rasor, Kitty Frazier, Kristin Schwartzkopf, Ian Pugh (GBR), Sheri Rhodes, and myself found that keeping score for the Grand FITA kept us from suffering as spectators when some of us would have preferred shooting. Without all the work done by Steve Lewis, Coordinator, the tournament would not have been the same. He really did a good job of getting out and finding workers and support for this tournament.

Next year's Arizona cup will be held again in April. The invitations will go out earlier than this year in order for the foreign teams to make arrangements ahead of time. The opportunity to compete on an Olympic level during non-Olympic years is here. Commitments have been made by most if not all of the countries participating in the first Arizona Cup to attend next year.

The Second Annual Arizona Cup will be bigger and better, so make sure to plan on participating in one of the largest international events in the United States!

For information contact Terry LaBeau, President ASAA.