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Style and Accuracy Report

2004 saw three major competitions; the 28th WPC in Croatia, and two competitions in Russia with the 3RD Junior WPC and 12th World Cup of Champions in Kaluga and the 2nd IPC Anton Malevsky Memorial World Cup at Stupino.

Croatia WPC

It was an excellent site that was devastated by the elements. The 'Bora' (extremely high winds) took its toll and destroyed the team tents at the airfield on the eve prior to the start of the competition. However, the organisers did an excellent job to recover and worked through the night to move the team 'tents' into the hangar.

The Accuracy site was on the beach with easy access for the public. The site was approximately 20 kilometres from the airfield but competitors were able to board the helicopter 100 metres from the target. The entire infrastructure was in place and the facilities were good with two restaurants to relax in between jumps. I was very pleased to see that a commentator was provided to keep everyone informed about what was happening. The downside is that the only interaction between the Style and Accuracy competitors and the competitors from the other events was back at the accommodation in the evening, as the distance between sites was so great. Some team managers/heads of delegation found it difficult to support their athletes because of the distance between the style site and the accuracy site, i.e. men at the style site and ladies at the accuracy site.

The Style site was located at a sports field, and although it was only approximately two kilometres from the airfield, as the crow flies, the weather conditions were very different to those experienced at the airfield. It suffered from high winds and turbulence; this was almost certainly due to the local terrain. We managed to complete the Ladies event but only completed two rounds for Men.

Russia

The events at Kaluga were not as well attended as we would have liked but the standard of competition was high and a full programme was completed. The opening and closing ceremonies were well attended by spectators but unfortunately, during the competition, airfield rules did not allow them to be close to the target area.

This years Anton Malevsky World Cup was extremely well organised, as we have come to expect and is growing in popularity and I have only positive comments to make about it. Once again, there was a substantial amount of prize money on offer, which is something I would like to see more often at First Category Events. The closing ceremony was once again very spectacular and attracted several thousand spectators. I must also congratulate the Chief Judge for Accuracy Igor Tiorlo and FS Chief Judge Klaus Wellens for their work that helped make the Event a success.

Open Meeting

A short open meeting was held during the WPC in Croatia. The competitors supported this years' rule change of a return to 8 rounds of Team Accuracy that are used as qualification rounds for the individual semi-final and final. There was some discussion about the number

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of rounds and qualification times for style, which will be discussed by the committee and included in the agenda for the open meeting.

9 November 2004
John Hitchen
Chairman
IPC Style and Accuracy Committee

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WARSAW - 2005

1. INTRODUCTION

2. 28th World Championships – Rijeka, Croatia

3. 12th World Cup of Champions and 3rd Junior World Championships, Kaluga, Russia - 2004.

4. 2nd IPC Anton Malevsky Memorial World Cup – Stupino, Russia..

5. Competition format.

6. Team composition – mixed teams

7. Tie break jumps

8. Future World Cups and Championships

9. Any other business