

Annual report of the Competition Committee.

During the year since the last AGM, the members of Competition Committee has been:

Chairman:	Ken Karlsson	Sweden.
Senior Members:	Cecile Thibaud	France.
	David Millar	Canada.
	Eugene Swanepoel	South Africa.
	Ulla Kalander-Karlsson	Sweden.
	Esko Orava	Finland.
	Ana Santiago	Spain.
Temporary Members	Geraldine McCrossan	Italy. Organiser of WC 2009.
	Jiri Dunovsky	Czech Republic. Organiser of WC 2010.
	Konrad Mardyla	Poland. Organiser of WC 2011.

One's again looking back, what has happened since the last AGM? We where talking about the "elimination system" and the "classic pan category", and it seems like this will be a never ending story. The Nation reps, was one's again asked to submit proposals to CC, but very few (2) has been sent to me. About the "elimination system" there is no proposal from the CC, it's difficult to decide, how to do this. As long as the organisers follows the rule saying "A minimum of 1 in 2 competitors must qualify for the next round" it's up to them to choose their way of elimination system. It seems like the number of competitors and the number of categories, fun and official, decides which kind of system will be used. When it comes to the classic pan category, there is a proposal coming up on this AGM.

During the last AGM, we where also talking about the "problem" with wild gold in the competition material. Since then, Standard Competition Gold has been tested more, even at the last Finnish Championships. There is also a proposal at this meeting, where the AGM is asked to look at the possibility of making SCG a recommendation for organisers, with the problem of wild gold. At least in the official categories.

The "WGA competition rules and guidance" has been revised, polished and shortened, and published on the WGA website since early June. And from the organisers of WC this year, we have had the reaction that the "new" version was very easy to work after and understand. So please, translate the new version as soon as possible.

At last, some of my thoughts about the work in CC. I have realised, that some organisers expect the members of CC to come and do a lot of the "work" that should be done by the organisers. This fact has started to be a problem, there is members in CC, that has said to me, I'll quit, because of this. During the Board spring meeting we talked about this, and also the "problem", how to find new members to CC. So my appeal to you all is, please let me know, if you know someone that might be interested in being a member of CC.

Finally, I would like to say. Thank you all members of CC, for all the hard work you put in. And also thank you to the members of WGA board, for all your support.

Kopparberg 2009-08-13 Ken Karlsson, Chairman of Competition Committee