## WCSA -why belong?

Following are some of the benefits of WCSA membership and why you need to belong:

- The crossbow sport is constantly under attack and in real danger of being legislated out of existence. We need to produce positive material to counter these negative forces, which is why WCSA is producing a series of videos. These are being made in-house.
- WCSA maintains a website which is our main face to the world. We also have a Facebook presence. While these are currently done by volunteer effort, the annual cost would be about \$ AUD 1500.
- We need to promote, develop and grow the sport. This takes considerable time, effort and money. Ultimately we need to send WCSA personnel into new countries. That is why we need a healthy bank account.
- WCSA sets and maintains the rules of our sport. This gives us international credibility.
- WCSA sanctions World and Regional Championships.
- WCSA recognises World and Regional Championship records and has achievement awards.
- We have a small team producing coaching videos. This is time-consuming work being done by volunteers.
- We are not an Olympic sport and never will be because the shooting sports are under pressure from the IOC. Ultimately, we need to join a body such as the General Assembly of International Sporting Federations (GAISF). Membership is expensive and for the moment we cannot satisfy GAISF membership criteria. GAISF membership is important in some countries for obtaining government funding.
- WCSA membership is not expensive, particularly if you are a member of a national federation. We need to encourage the establishment of strong national federations and clubs. This helps to ensure the survival of the sport and adds to our credibility.
- None of the WCSA executive takes any money for the work they do in a volunteer capacity and WCSA does not subsidise executive officer travel. As we grow this will probably need to change.

## WE NEED TO GROW TO ENSURE SURVIVAL OF THE SPORT – WE NEED MEMBERS IN A NETWORK OF STRONG CLUBS AND NATIONAL FEDERATIONS ON EVERY CONTINENT. WE NEED YOU TO BE A MEMBER