

## ULSAN KOREA

### REPORT FROM THE WORLD TARGET CHAMPIONSHIPS

Today the weather was just about perfect for shooting. It was overcast mild temperature and very little wind.

It was so good the Korean Oh Jin Hyek smashed the 90m World Record by 5 points even though he threw a 7 in the final end. The record is now 342.

The 70m record only just escaped a shaving and overall the men's recurve FITA record is now a stunning 1386. Of course that is a wee way from Ms Park's record of 1405 shot several years ago ☺ but 90m is a significant factor in all this.

The Korean men were all running hot because they did the men's recurve team record a great mischief too. The new World Record is 4,122 breaking their own earlier record of 4074.

In all of this Stephen Florence shot most commendably. Only 3 points below a PB at 90m and similarly at 70m, Stephen's final score of 1261 saw him finish in 81<sup>st</sup> position out of 116.

With little overseas experience, shooting at a World Championship can be a daunting task. We are sure Stephen will learn a great deal to help him improve further.

Tomorrow our compound women will shoot their individual match play through to and including the quarter finals. In the afternoon it is the men's turn. With all 6 archers through to the 1/64 round we have high hopes of real success in this tournament. Already the team has achieved more than any other in the last 15 years I've been attending these Championships.

The NZOC selectors are being kept informed of progress in our attempts to achieve selection for the Commonwealth Games in 2010.

Watch the FITA site for up to the minute results.

Regards

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