

# Press Release

## **ARMSTRONG ARCHERY FINISHES 2<sup>ND</sup> IN NASP WORLD COMPETITION.**

Competition at the 2010 NASP® World Tournament concluded at 12:17pm on Saturday, October 9th. More than 40,000 arrows were launched at 10 and 15 meters by 902 student archers during the event. Before the awards ceremony began Armstrong High School Archery team knew they represented their schools, community and the State of Illinois very well during their second appearance

Armstrong High School Archery team brought home second place in the high school division.. What is so unique about this special team is its members are not just high school students. The team is made up of 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students all competing at the high school level. Representing grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> were: Bonnie Mabry, Aaron Bever, Jonathan Longfellow, Nicholas Rademacher, Erica Sprague, Tyler Wilken, Harrison Grooms, Representing grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> were Hunter Abbott, Hunter Wright, Tyler Rush Brooke Markwalder, Lauren Hawker, Zach Gann, Eddie Hillman, Kevin Burton, Travis Crowe, Brenton Isom. Coaching staff are Jerry and Kim Kuchenbrod, Scott Sprague, Detina Abbott, Garry and Kristi Hawker.

While NASP® world records remained unbroken at this tournament, two team records were threatened. Armstrong High School finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the high school division with a final score of 3289 out of a possible 3600. Alma Bryant High School took first place with a score of 3343. Sophomore Brooke Markwalder brought home 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the overall female championship with a shooting score of 291 out of a possible 300 points. At the end of the tournament, she tied with student fMorgan Ray from Woodland Elementary in Georgia requiring a tiebreaker shoot off round. Each female shot five areas from 15 meters to break the tie. At the end of the shoot off there was another tie. Each young lady was given one shot at 15 meters. The archer shooting closest to the 10 ring would take home 2<sup>nd</sup> place. After a few very intense minutes, Brooke Markwalder broke the tie and claimed 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Besides receiving a certificate and trophy, Brooke received a shooting target and a new Genesis Bow for her accomplishment. Junior Lauren Hawker brought home 5<sup>th</sup> place to round out the top 5 highest scoring female archers.

Winning the Elementary Division with 3,240 of a possible 3,600 points was Chatsworth, Georgia's Woodlawn Elementary. Their score was only 47 points or 1.5% below the world record set by Kentucky's Trigg County Intermediate at the 2010 NASP® Nationals in Louisville, Kentucky. Kentucky's Anderson County Middle

school repeated as the world champion with a total score of 3,351, only 27 points - less than 1% off the world record set by Ashville, Alabama at the 2010 Nationals. The high school team award was earned by archers from Irvington, Alabama's Alma Bryant High with 3,343 points.

Crowned individual world champions at this year's event were; Female 4<sup>th</sup> Grade-Megan Aldridge, Male 4<sup>th</sup> grade-Cole Rautenberg, Female 5<sup>th</sup> grade-Natalie Owens, Male 5<sup>th</sup> grade-Grayson Phillips, Female 6<sup>th</sup> grade-Morgan Ray, Male 6<sup>th</sup> grade-Miles Wilson, Female Middle School-Kayla Dowell, Male Middle School-Lucas Roy, Female High School-Stephanie Whisenant, Male High School-Andrew Atkinson.

The overall highest score by a female at the tournament was an amazing 292 posted by Stephanie Whisenant from Ashville High School in Ashville, Alabama. The top overall male score of 294 was posted by middle schooler, Lucas Roy from Southern Middle School in Somerset, KY. NASP®'s world record for both boy and girl archers is a tie at 298 out of a possible 300 points.

Many archers, coaches, teachers and parents from Saskatchewan, Canada also competed at the tournament. For the first time the tournament was joined by archers from South Africa and the top boy and girl from New Zealand.

Of course the big story behind the story is how these archers, their teammates, and coaches were able to participate in the world tournament. First of course the archers had to qualify for the world tournament. To do this they had to qualify for their country's national tournament by participating in the state or provincial contest. Then they had to participate in their country's national tournament. Finally, they had to raise money for travel. Because the team is not sponsored by the school district, Armstrong's archery team raised \$12,000 in two months to cover their expenses to the world tournament. Without the sponsorships of area businesses, friends and family members, the team would not have been able to participate in the world tournament. The team and the coaching staff are grateful for all of the contributing members of East Central Illinois who made this trip possible for the team. A variety of ingenious ways were invented to raise the necessary funds. The common thread in nearly every case was strong community support for the archery students to enjoy an exciting and educational experience. As they grow older, very few of these world participants will ever encounter anyone who has competed at a national or world level.

During this school year more than 20,000 NASP®-certified instructors are expected to provide training for nearly 2 million young people in more than 9,000 schools!. To learn more about the archery program or how you can introduce the program to your school district, contact Jerry Kuchenbrod at 217-493-1448 or [armstrongarchery@gmail.com](mailto:armstrongarchery@gmail.com). Help us bring archery to students everywhere!