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ERIKA ANSCHUTZ QUALIFIES FOR THE U.S. WORLD INDOOR ARCHERY TEAM

Erika Anschutz of Hamilton, Ohio successfully competed in the U.S. World Indoor Archery Team Trials that was held in Dubuque, Iowa during January 2-4, and won a prestigious spot on the U.S. Archery Team. She will represent the U.S. in both individual and team competitions against other top women archers from around the globe at the 10th World Indoor Archery Championships in Rzeszow, Poland during March 2-8, 2009.

The U.S. World Indoor Archery Team is comprised of twenty-four men and women archers from across the nation who are divided into eight, three-person teams based on their gender, age (junior division – age 18 and younger, and senior division – age 19 and older) and type of bow used (recurve or compound). Erika will be joined on the senior women's compound bow team by Holly Larson (Makinen, Minnesota) and Mary Hamm (Round Rock, Texas). The U.S. Team is sanctioned by the National Archery Association (NAA) and will be led by a veteran coaching staff, experienced in international archery competition.

Erika qualified for the U.S. World Indoor Archery Team by competing in the Trials against nine other top women archers from across the nation and finishing among the top three entrants within her division of competition. During the first day of the Trials competition, the archers were initially required to shoot a 60-arrow qualification round at 40 centimeter targets from a distance of 18 meters. The 10-ring ("bull's eye") on the target face is about the same size as a penny. Erika's qualification round score was good enough for a third place ranking within her division of competition that was reduced to the top eight qualifying archers. During the next phase of the Trials competition, the archers were required to shoot a series of 12-arrow "round robin" matches against one another in each division. Within Erika's division of competition, she shot two matches against each of the other seven remaining archers for a total of fourteen matches. By the end of the first day's competition, Erika had slipped into fourth place in the standings after winning only two of her five matches that day. With nine matches remaining to be shot on the second and final day of the Trials completion, Erika put on a stellar performance to overcome the deficit by winning all but one of the matches to move her into a third place finish for the event and an all important spot on the U.S. Team. The final outcome of the Trials competition to determine the members of the U.S. Team (i.e., the top three scoring archers within each division) was based on each archer's total aggregate score for the qualification round and all matches shot, plus two bonus points for each match won.

This will be the ninth U.S. World Archery Team that Erika has competed on in the past seven years. During August 2002, she traveled with the U.S. Team to Nymburk, Czech Republic for

the VII Junior World Outdoor Target Archery Championship and established a new world record score while winning the gold medal in the individual compound bow competition for cadet women (age 16 and under). Less than one year later, Erika was the youngest member of the U.S. Team that went to Nimes, France during March 2003 for the VII World Indoor Archery Championship. While in France, she competed in the junior division (age 18 and under) and won her second and third world titles with first and second place finishes in the team and individual competitions, respectively. During July 2004, Erika competed in the VIII Junior World Outdoor Target Archery Championship at Lilleshall, Great Britain. She won gold and bronze medals at that tournament in the junior division for the team and individual competitions, respectively. In March 2005, Erika traveled with the U.S. Team to Aalborg, Denmark for the VIII World Indoor Archery Championship where she won a silver medal while competing in the individual event for junior women. Later that same year in June, Erika was a member of the U.S. Senior World Archery Team that competed in the 43rd World Outdoor Target Archery Championship in Madrid, Spain during 2005 and won a silver medal in the senior women's compound bow team event. During October 2006, she was a member of the U.S. Junior Team that competed in the IX Junior World Outdoor Target Archery Championship in Merida, Mexico where she won a bronze medal in individual competition. In July 2007, Erika competed with the U.S. Senior World Archery Team at the 44th World Outdoor Target Archery Championship in Leipzig, Germany and won a bronze medal in the women's compound bow team event. More recently, in July 2008 she accompanied the U.S. World University Archery Team that competed in the 7th World University Archery Championships in Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) where she won two gold medals in the individual and mixed team events and a bronze medal in the collegiate women's compound bow team event.

While competing in world championship tournaments since 2002, Erika has amassed a total of twelve world archery titles, including five gold, three silver, and four bronze medals. During this same period, she has also shot a total of twenty world record scores in indoor and outdoor competition. At the national level, Erika has also been very successful in archery competition as she has won a total of 37 national championships and established 150 national records since becoming involved in the sport 13 years ago.

For detailed information about Erika's results at the recent U.S. World Indoor Archery Team Trials competition and to learn more about the U.S. Archery Team, please visit the NAA's website at <http://www.usarchery.org/userfiles/file/2009%20World%20Indoor%20Team.pdf>. Additional information about the upcoming 10th World Indoor Archery Championships may also be obtained by visiting the tournament website at <http://www.rzeszow2009.pl/>

Erika is a student at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Nebraska where she is a junior, majoring in psychology. In addition to archery, she enjoys listening to music, watching movies, playing card games, and spending time with her family and friends. Erika is the daughter of Steve and Jurita Anschutz who reside in Hamilton, Ohio. Steve is a retired Federal employee, while Jurita works for the Procter & Gamble Corporation in Cincinnati.