### SEPTEMBER 2025





WELCOME TO OUR

# SA Scoop Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to September 2025 edition of the SA Scoop – Scottish Archery Member Newsletter.

Where do we start? Its been another busy month with the outdoor season coming to an end and lots of indoor events coming up.

In this newsletter you will find:

Latest projects, updates, resources and recaps. Keep Reading!



## 1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

#### REMINDER OF ADVANCED NOTICE OF AGM

Just a reminder that the Scottish Archery Board wish to advise members that this year's Annual General Meeting will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025 at 10.30am remotely by Zoom.

The agenda for the meeting will be issued nearer to the date of the AGM along with all other necessary documentation.

Notice is also given that the following Board Positions will be available for election at this AGM:

A: Director of People (Vacant)

B: Director Equality (Rebecca Leigh)

C: Director of Finance (Kenneth Ramsay)

Nominations to fill these vacancies are now open. The application closing date for the above vacancies is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 5.00pm. Director role descriptors and how to submit an application can be found on the <u>Events</u> pages of the website under 22 November.

Resolutions can now be received from members. In accordance with point 25.7 of the Articles of Association, resolutions should meet the 3 criteria below.

25.7.1 the resolutions are submitted in writing to the Board not less than 6 weeks prior to the General Meeting and

25.7.2 they are signed and countersigned by at least one (1) % or more of the Voting Members of the Company and

25.7.3 the Board consider them to be appropriate and capable of being included within the timescale of the meeting.

Resolutions following the above criteria should be emailed to the Chair of the Board for consideration, <u>chair@scottisharchery.org.uk</u> by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 5.00pm.

Please note, the voting membership will likely be around 1300 at the time of the AGM, therefore a minimum of 13 signatures will be required on resolutions.

If any member would like to submit a question ahead of the AGM please complete the undernoted form:

#### Scottish Archery AGM questions 2025

Please let us know if you require any further information.





### 2. LEAD THE WAY

## AN INTERVIEW WITH CURTIS HIRST

Check out our interview with Curtis Hirst, Links Archers and who is AGB Judge and Tournament Organiser, at the 2025 Scottish National Indoor Championship Weekend.

He gave us insight into the friendly archery community, inclusivity of the sport, health benefits, how he got involved and being part of a dedicated team of volunteers.

Thanks Curtis, great interview!

Watch here



### 3. ROADSHOWS

## ONLINE ROADSHOW STILL RUNNING

Unfortunately due to low uptake we have cancelled our Face-to-face Member Roadshows which includes East (25th September), West (30th September) and North (27th October)

We have really enjoyed these particular events as it has allowed us to further connect with our members within the archery community in Scotland and still keen to engage with members at our Online Roadshow. So join us online on 29th October

**Book Here** 



### 4. AWARDS

# NOMINATE AND GET YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR 2026 ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Do you know someone in the Archery community who deserves to have their contribution recognised?

We are delighted to open up nominations for our Awards Evening, taking place on 28th March 2026

Closing date for nominations is 31st of October

Help us to celebrate the wonderful people who make archery happen across Scotland

The full information including how to nominate or book tickets, click below

More Info





### 5. VOLUNTEERING

## ED PIKE VOLUNTEER LEAD FOR SCOTTISH ARCHERY RANKINGS

A huge thank you to Ed Pike who does the Scottish Archery Rankings for all he has done and continues to do for the rankings.

The quick turnaround after the Scottish Tour stage 4 enabled us to promote the finals event with special social media coverage - thank you!



## JOE MOAN WINS ELSPETH WATSON TROPHY

Congratulations to Joe Moan, who has received the Elspeth Watson Trophy award for his commitment to volunteering across the Falkirk region at the 2025 Scottish Disability Sport (SDS) Awards.

Joe has been working hard to create an increased number of inclusive opportunities for young people throughout Falkirk. This includes volunteering at a weekly boccia club, and supporting the creation of a disability archery club.

Congratulations Joe!



## FAREWELL TO GARY - DIRECTOR VACANCIES

We will bid a fond farewell to Gary Grieve, our current Director of People, at this years AGM. Gary has dedicated his knowledge and expertise to the board for almost three years, and has helped us to continually improve and develop what we do.

We will miss you Gary, thank you!



### 6. TRANSPLANT GAMES

## ELAINE & JOHN PART OF GB SUCCESS AT WORLD TRANSPLANT GAMES

A team of British archers took to the field to compete in the World Transplant Games in Dresden, Germany this summer.

Huge well done to the British Team who competed and lots of success which includes Elaine Zanjani & John Ritchie of Monklands Archery Club. Both archers took gold in their respective categories and bronze in the team event – congratulations.

Athletes and teams from 51 countries were here for a week of competition and camaraderie.

From 17 – 24 August, athletes competed in 17 different sports – and all events and competitions were completely free to attend! Read the full round up below from Archery GB

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### 7. WOMEN & GIRLS

SCOTTISH WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORT WEEK 2025 - 6<sup>TH</sup> TO 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Six days time until Scottish Women & Girls in Sport Week kicks off.

Communications messages should be positive and aim to:

- Empower and inspire women and girls to get active.
- Be inclusive of women and girls of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.
- Highlight the positive benefits of being active – it's fun, it makes me feel good, it allows me to connect with others.
- Celebrate real stories and achievements.
- Encourage participation, not perfection

Feel free to share any content on social media and remember to tag us and use #SheCanSheWill



### 8. OFFICIATING

## JUDGE AND FIELD CAPTAIN TRAINING WEEKEND 11TH & 12TH OCTOBER WITH AGB

Scottish Archery is excited to host a Judge and Field Captain Training Weekend - a unique and valuable opportunity for members across Scotland

- Date: 11th & 12th October
- Venue: Bailliefields Community HUB, Sunnyside Road, Brightons, Falkirk, FK2 ORN
- Time: 9:30AM start

#### **FIELD CAPTAINS**

Whether you're already volunteering or simply curious, this weekend offers the chance to learn more about the role of a Field Captain and to ask Archery GB representatives your questions about competitions and club events. It's the perfect setting to explore what's involved.

#### FOR ASPIRING JUDGES

Thinking about becoming a judge? Come along and see what it's all about. For those ready to take the next step, the County Judge exam will be available on the Saturday - saving a trip to Lilleshall!

#### FOR EXISTING JUDGES

This is the first time ever Archery GB has brought a judging weekend north of the border - a fantastic chance to engage, learn, and develop without the need for long-distance travel. County and Regional exams will be available following the weekend's training.

FREE for all Scottish Archery members

**Book Here** 

### 9. STUDENTS

#### SCOTTISH STUDENT ARCHERY EVENTS CONFIRMED

Scottish Archery Development Group have been working hard behind the scenes and now have finalised their fixture list for the Scottish Student Archery League matches.

Check below the list of events for the 2025/26 season:

- 8<sup>th</sup> November: Archery League Event 1 Heriot Watt
- 15<sup>th</sup> November: Archery League Event 2 Aberdeen
- 15<sup>th</sup> November: Archery League Event 2 St Andrews
- 29<sup>th</sup> November: Archery League Event 3 Dundee
- 29<sup>th</sup> November: Archery League Event 3 Strathclyde
- 24<sup>th</sup> January: Archery League Event 4 Heriot Watt
- 7<sup>th</sup> February: Archery League Event 5 Heriot Watt
- 14<sup>th</sup> February: Archery League Event 5 St Andrews

If you have any queries for the group, please contact scotstuarchery@outlook.com





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### 10. CLUBS

## CLUB SPOTLIGHT: LARGS ARCHERY CLUB AND INVERCLYDE ARCHERS

In partnership, Largs Archery Club (LAC) and Inverclyde Archers (IC) together have been demonstrating the inclusive nature of archery.

Their efforts to collaborate with groups like <u>Leap Sports</u> <u>Scotland</u> and <u>Help for Heroes</u> is a fantastic way to make archery accessible to a wider range of people.





## CLUB AFFILIATION REMINDER & GUIDANCE

Thanks to clubs that have already affiliated for the 2025/26 season. Just a reminder that members of your club will not be able to purchase an Associate (Club) Membership until their club have completed the Club Affiliation process.

If you need any further support or guidance, feel free to check out any of following:

·<u>JustGo Individual User Guide</u> ·<u>JustGo Help Video</u>

#### **JUST FOR CLUBS - CLUB DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR NO.1**

Thanks for those who attended the Club Leaders Network - Online Calls recently. I hope you enjoyed the sessions and found them useful.

From discussions, there was interest to explore online club management systems so JustGo our membership platform provider are running a webinar on their JustGo for Clubs system. More details below:

Date: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November

• Time: 18:00-19:00

• Format: Zoom



This webinar will be delivered by Max Pring who is the Club Engagement Lead at JustGo.

Explore how JustGo's club management solution can transform your membership management, reduce your administration, and get you back to doing what you love!

JustGo for Clubs is built with clubs like yours in mind and offers several features.



### 11. COMPETITION

#### **COMPETITION REVIEW - SEPTEMBER 2025**

Another busy month signalling the end of the outdoor season with competitions taking place across Scotland including our 2025 Scottish Outdoor Championships and 2025 Scottish Tour Finals as well as archers travelling south of the border.

Firstly, a well done to all the competitors who took part in the Scottish National Outdoor Championships at the end of the last month. A fantastic weekend and thanks to the volunteer team at Aberdeen City Archers, Aberdeen University Archery Club and Northern Area.

Full results available here - <u>Day 1</u> and <u>Day 2</u>.

Check out reports and results for events that took place in September:

- 7th September 2025 Scottish Tour Stage Final
- 13th & 14th September Archery GB Disability Championships 2025
- 20th September Prestwick St Cuthbert Archery Club WA18 (UKRS)
- 20th & 21st September Falkirk Company of Archers Open Shoot (UKRS)
- 27th & 28th September National County Team Championships 2025 -<u>Day 1</u> & <u>Day 2</u>

So let's check out what is coming up in October, November & December:

- 18th & 19th October 2025 UK National Clout Championships & Tassel Award National Championships
- 9<sup>th</sup> November Ayr Open Double Portsmouth
- 15th November Bannockburn Bowmen Worcester and WA18M
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December 2025 AGB National Indoor Championships

#### **EVENTS SUBGROUP UPDATE**

Events Subgroup's latest meeting was held on the 9th September. Currently we are discussing the following:

- Thank you to the Judging team for their time and efforts this summer
- New events for 2026 including the New Inter Area challenge which is a team, mixed team and individual competition between the three areas.
- Future venues we are always on the lookout for venues
- Field captains and SRE events how its growing and any issues that arise
- Trophies how we can reintroduce trophies into our competitions and a new disclaimer for trophy winners
- Upcoming judging weekend on the 11th/12th October
- A debrief on how successful the Scottish Tour was





### 12. COMMUNITY FOCUS

#### SPORTING MEMORIES: VOLUNTEER CELEBRATION EVENT

At the recent Volunteer Celebration Event held at Broxburn United Sports Club, Robert presented to Sporting Memories with enthusiasm and passion. He spoke to attendees about the opportunity to try soft archery – a fun and accessible sport that's available through local Sporting Memories groups.

Sporting Memories are a charity and social enterprise that helps older people to reminisce, replay and reconnect through the power of sport and physical activity.

Robert who had met up with Brian Sloan, Sporting Memories Development Director, led to Robert assisted by Euan to setup a small have a go and competition at this event.

Volunteers were offered to chance to try the sport out for themselves in the form of a competition. The eventual winner was Allister McKillop from the Juniper Green Club.

A big thank you to John Rowbotham for hosting the event, and to our special guest, former Heart of Midlothian FC star Christophe Berra, for sharing his insights and helping us celebrate our amazing volunteers.

#### SPORT LEADERS IN LANARKSHIRE LEADING THE WAY!

By Carina Sheldon, SLLC Active Schools Coordinator

'Sports Leaders at Trinity High in Rutherglen recently participated in a successful leadership input from Robert at Scottish Archery. They were taught how to play and also some fun activities that can be used to engage younger pupils in the game.

As a result of this leadership input, Trinity High now have a Soft Archery club which runs during lunchtime for S1 pupils. There are young sports leaders who lead the sessions each week for this group of pupils. This could not happen without the support from Scottish Archery who have helped train the leaders and have given them the necessary equipment to use.

We look forward to building on this opportunity for pupils at Trinity high in the coming months.'



### 13. COACHING

#### COACH EDUCATION UPDATE - 2025/26

We know that coaching encourages people to start in sport and physical activity, improves enjoyment, maintains engagement, improves fitness, develops skills and builds lifelong connections to sport and activity.

We are really keen to encourage more people to become coaches and work with Archery GB to arrange courses for Scotland.

#### **Archery GB Level 1 Session Coach**

Session Coach Level 1 which is a starting point for archers who want to deliver motivating training sessions for beginners. Using the resources provided on the course you will be able to deliver a pre designed course for a group of beginners. This course trains individuals to be able to lead archery sessions independently using resources from the course and working with groups of up to 12 people.

- North Area Modules 5 (18<sup>th</sup> October 2025) and Module 6 (15<sup>th</sup> November 2025) at The Shed, Montrose
- West Area Module 1 & 2 on 31st January 2026 at Hawkhead Centre in Paisley. For more info or to book, click here.
- East Area Save the dates for Module 1 starting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 and online modules will run 8 weeks consecutively until 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026

#### **Archery GB Level 2 Development Coach**

The Level 2 course equips coaches with the skills and knowledge on how to develop new archers through designing and delivering learning. It aims to help people continue their archery journey beyond their initial beginner's experience. Lack of support following a beginner's course is one of the biggest reasons people leave a new sport.

 Scotland-wide - Course to start on 27th October, booking links and further information available soon

If you have any further questions or queries about the above courses, please just get in touch with <a href="mailto:euan.murray@scottisharchery.org.uk">euan.murray@scottisharchery.org.uk</a>



## 2025 UNIVERSITY OF STIRLING AND SPORTSCOTLAND COACHING SYMPOSIUM - 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Following on from the previous Symposia, and in partnership with sportscotland, the University of Stirling is delighted to be hosting our next Coaching Symposium this coming November.

Given the feedback received last year, this years' event will be another collective exploration of coaching practice. Join for a unique symposium specifically aimed at practising sport coaches and Sport Governing Body staff, where we aim to explore and make sense of the different aspects of sport coaching practice with leading thinkers from industry and academia.

## Conference Keynote: How Practitioners Can Harness the Power of Ecological Dynamics

For 2025, the university are delighted to have secured Prof Keith Davids to deliver their opening keynote, to say that Keith is a world renowned expert in the motor learning would be an understatement.

He is Professor of Motor Learning in Sport & Human Performance at Sheffield Hallam University, investigating skill acquisition, expertise and talent development in sport at different levels of participation from recreational to elite. He has held numerous academic positions around the world, consulted for major sports teams and governing bodies and has a significant list of publications.



**Book Here** 

In all of this, his interest is on transforming lives of participants and learners through enhancing understanding of how to design the best learning and participation experiences which will be to the fore as Keith leads the opening keynote.



## COACH CPD WEBINAR: FIRST RESPONSE READY - ESSENTIAL FIRST AID FOR COACHES - 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER

This UK Coaching Time2Learn session explores how coaches can feel more confident and capable when faced with emergency situations. Whether you're on the pitch, poolside, or in any sporting environment, knowing how to respond quickly and effectively can make all the difference.

The session will focus on practical, real-world approaches to first aid that are relevant to everyday coaching scenarios.

Leading the session is Karen Whitaker, who brings over 25 years of experience in sport and coaching, alongside a long-standing passion for first aid.

Karen has taught first aid across a wide range of settings, including aquatic environments, and is committed to helping others feel prepared to act when it matters most. Her approach is grounded in simplicity, clarity, and confidence - making first aid something everyone can understand and use.



### 14. AREAS

## WEST & EAST IN ACTION AT AGB NATIONAL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### **East of Scotland (Eastern Area)**

#### 'Saturday:

Barebow Women Team ranked 5th Recurve Women Team ranked 6th Individual top 20 rankings for 2 Recurve men, 2 Recurve women, 1 Barebow man, and William Anderson ranking 3rd in the Barebow Men category

#### **Sunday:**

Our Tier 1 Barebow mixed team made it through to the quarter finals, with Sharon Pisani gaining a Scottish Record (still to be ratified) and the team ranked 6th overall

Our Tier 2 Barebow mixed team made it through to the quarter finals and narrowly missed out on getting to the semi's after a tight break round and finished ranking 5th overall

A great weekend with Scottish Records and Personal Bests. Our teams did an amazing job and we're super proud of you all'



#### **West of Scotland**

'The Barebow Team shot strong and matched their team placement from last year finishing in 9th

In the Barebow mixed doubles, Freya and Bryan got all the way to the bronze medal match and placed 4<sup>th</sup>'

It was a hard fought 9<sup>th</sup> place finish for the Recurve Women's team which included Jonah McArthur, Oksana Peterson and Emily Tilbury. After initially beating Cheshire 6-2, Lancashire managed to beat the team in the next round.

For the Men's Recurve team of Antonios Katris, Euan Oglivie and Andy Owen, it was a strong line up they faced and finished 17<sup>th</sup>. Great effort by the team who just lost out to Durham & Northumberland in opening round of H2Hs.

There were some solid performances in the Mixed Team Recurve categories. Jonah McArthur and Andy Owen teamed up and progressed all the way to the quarter finals and narrowly losing out in a shoot off 17-16.

A great effort and results from all the archers, you did your areas proud!

Day 1 Results

Day 2 Results

Photos





### SCOTTISH DISABILITY SPORT CALLS FOR URGENT ACTION TO REMOVE BARRIERS TO SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

On 20<sup>th</sup> September, Scottish Disability Sport (SDS) launched a four-point Call to Action that is calling on organisations across Scotland to take urgent action to remove the significant barriers faced by people with a disability in accessing sport and physical activity.

The four-point Call to Action follows the publication of a new <u>national survey</u> by SDS, which highlights the ongoing inequalities experienced by people with a disability and the impact this has on their quality of life.



# ACCESS ARCHERY FUND LAUNCHED AT DISABILITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Access Archery Fund was officially launched at the Disability Championships thanks to an arrow shot by Paralympic gold medallist Phoebe Paterson Pine.

The fund is a new initiative created in partnership with <u>The Fletchers' Trust</u> to make archery more accessible and inclusive.

The Fletchers' Trust supports

The Disability Championships

through funding meaning it was
the perfect event to launch the
fund at. The tournament sees
disabled people of all abilities
competing and sharing their
passion for archery at a
national event.

More Info

Read More



### 16. SAFEGUARDING

## TRAINING FOR COACHES, VOLUNTEERS AND CHILD WELLBEING & PROTECTION OFFICERS

Bookings are still live for Child Wellbeing & Protection Sport (CWPS) training on 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Unfortunately due to low uptake our Child Wellbeing & Protection Officer (CWPO) Training Workshop that we had scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> September had to be cancelled. However if you are looking for one of these courses please head to the sportscotland training course calendar

More details below:

#### 1. Child Wellbeing & Protection in Sport (CWPS) Training Workshops

• Date: 13th November

• Duration: 3 hours

• Format: Online

• Who: Coaches, Volunteers, Officials

#### 2. Child Wellbeing & Protection Officer (CWPO) Training Workshops

• Duration: 3 hours

Format: Online

• Who: Child Protection Officers for Clubs and Areas

Any further queries please get in touch with Jacqui Dunlop, Operations & Safeguarding Manager at admin@scottisharchery.org.uk

CWPS - 13<sup>th</sup> November

**CWPO Courses** 











### 17. PERFORMANCE

## MEDALS FOR SCOTS NATHAN & CAMERON AT WORLD & EURO PARA EVENTS

Its been a successful month for both Scots Nathan MacQueen MBE and Cameron Radigan. Both athletes were part of the GB Team who took ten medals home from the European Para Cup - Leg 2 & Finals. Radigan secured Silver in the Men's Recurve individual event in Leg 2 and respectable 4<sup>th</sup> place finish in the Finals.

Meanwhile Paralympian Nathan MacQueen racked up 3 medals across Leg 2 and finals. This included a Silver in Leg 2 with Jessica Stretton in the Compound Mixed Team. MacQueen went a step further and clinched Gold in the Compound Mixed Team, this time with Phoebe Paterson Pine and individual Silver.

More recently, both athletes completed in the 2025 World Para Championships with taking a double Bronze in the individual and teaming up with Jamie Harris in the team event.

Well done to both Nathan and Cameron, the hard work paying off!



## SELECTION POLICY FOR HOME NATIONS CUP - INDOORS - 5TH DECEMBER 2025

We are pleased to launch this year's selection policy for our Senior Representative team that will compete in this year's Home Nations Cup - Indoors, held during the Archery GB National Indoor Championship.

This year the competition will run on the afternoon of Friday 5th December, with qualifying at 3pm followed by Team H2Hs which will be live-streamed by Archery GB. As a consequence of the expanded competition, this year's team will be larger than previous years and so we are searching for up to 24 team members to compete against England, Northern Ireland and Wales.

Eligible new applicants are very welcome. To apply, archers need to supply three WA18 scores from 2025 shot at UKRS or above competitions as detailed in the selection policy.

If selected, you will be asked to supply an archery headshot for publicity purposes.

Eligibility criteria can be found here.

The selection policy can be found here.



## ARCHERY GB NATIONAL TALENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IS BACK FOR 25/26

Registration is now open for the Archery GB Youth and Para National Talent Development Programmes (NTDP)!

The Youth NTDP provides training days for young recurve and compound archers at four regional centres.

The Para NTDP is open to recurve and compound athletes of all ages, who consider themselves to have a physical disability.

The Youth NTDP provides training days for young recurve and compound archers at four regional centres across England (bimonthly at north, south, and central locations) and Northern Ireland (monthly).

The programme provides specialist technical coaching as well as a wide range of athlete development support. It's also a great opportunity to meet other young archers with performance ambitions.

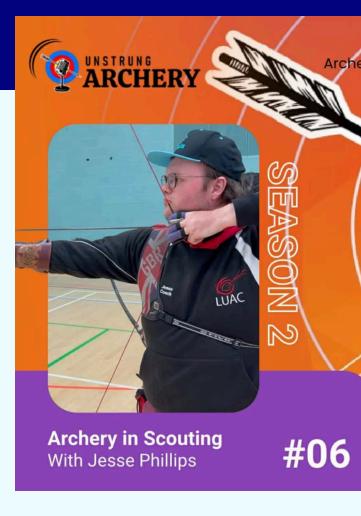
Each athlete's personal coach is encouraged to attend too to learn more about the technical model and to aligned coaching between sessions.

More Info

### 18. PODCASTS

UNSTRUNG ARCHERY: SEASON 2 - EPISODE 6 - ARCHERY IN SCOUTING WITH JESSE PHILLIPS

In this episode of Unstrung Archery, we are joined by Jesse Phillips; coach, scout leader and passionate archer, to dive into the world of archery within scouting We explore how the sport can help young people build confidence, focus, and resilience, all while fostering teamwork and camaraderie



Jesse shares stories from their experience leading scouts in archery, offering practical insights on introducing the sport safely and effectively, and highlighting the ways Scouts and Archery GB can work together to create meaningful experiences

From fun outdoor challenges to structured skill development, this conversation uncovers how archery can inspire and empower youth in a scouting environment Whether you're a scout leader, parent, or archer, you'll gain a fresh perspective on how archery can complement scouting, nurture personal growth, and create lasting memories for young people.

#### Tune in to hear:

- How archery teaches focus, patience, and resilience
- The benefits of integrating archery into scouting programs
- Practical advice for leaders introducing archery to their groups
- Inspiring stories of scouts discovering new skills and confidence

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## ANY STORIES OR NEWS LIKE TO SHARE?

Do you have any stories you would like to share or have or aware of a project that deserves to be highlighted?

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