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Notice is served that the Annual General Meeting of the Civil Service Archery Association will be held at 13:00 hrs on Friday 12th September 2008 at the Birmingham Civil Service Sports Council club, Elmdon, Old Damson Lane, Solihull, B92 9ED.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- approve the minutes of the 2007 AGM;
- receive the Accounts for 2007-08;
- approve the appointment of auditors for the period 2008-09;
- elect the Officers and members of the Committee;

agree the date and venue of 2009 Championships and AGM.

All full and Associate members are invited to attend.

Any Members wishing to raise additional items for discussion are to notify the Secretary of the Association at least 3 weeks prior to the meeting. **Andrew Beecher** *CSAA Secretary*

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2008 Rep Matches

So far two of these have taken place, with the third only two days away as I write this; perhaps the Editor will be able to include a "Stop Press" for the bald result of that! Unusually, the first match was with the Royal Tax; it was on Saturday 5th July on the Gody Bowmen's ground at Pyestock, Farnborough. With this particular date, both teams had had difficulties in fielding the well-established team make-up and on the day, RTS were down to nine archers only. Before shooting commenced, Earl Pennell and I were able to agree those archers that would be in each team. The whole CSSC contingent was: - Sue Cooles and Jeni Morgan (recurve), Gerri Gilmour (L/B), Alan Banks, Tim Croot and Peter Durnall (recurve), Robin Jarvis and Mike Hesketh-Roberts (compound) and Alex Gilmour, Dave Greenslade and David Seymour (L/B). The agreed team comprised Sue, Jeni, Gerri, Alan, Tim, Peter, Robin, Mike and David. For the match result, CSSC won the longbow section, 622 to 468 and the compound section 2170 to 2037 whilst the Royal Tax won the recurve section, 4335 to 4090; thus the Strong Tankard went to the "home" side and the visitors received the Hodkinson Tankard as runners-up. Both teams have vowed to do better next year! On the individual front, honours

were pretty well even with RTS having four 1st places and CSSC only two, but with four 2nd places to RTS' s none. Because of the disparities in the teams, use was made of the comparison tables that have been generated by Pauline Swift of of Royal Tax to "convert" one of the RTS recurve scores to its compound equivalent.

The Association was very pleased that Mr Bill Terry was able to attend and shoot at the match in his longbow; we owe the very existence of this annual match to Bill as it was he who obtained the Strong Tankard itself and generously allowed it to be used. Although I have written this before, this pewter tankard records a return match in April 1856 between RTS and Civil Service archers and bears the Arms of the Strong family and



Assembly at Pyestock with Sir Anthony Battishill, Bernard Moore, Robert Caldeira-Hankey and John Kember-Smith.

Opinions expressed by me **Ed**, are my own and do not necessarily coincide with those of the CSAA or CSSC

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a representation of the RTS badge! The CSAA is also very grateful to John Kember-Smith for officiating with his whistle and of course to Robert Caldeira-Hankey and Cody Bowmen for hosting the match. The second match took place at RAF Cranwell on Friday 25th July and it was with the British Police with many PAAS archers also shooting as it was their Summer Championships the next day. As is quite often the case, the hoped-for full team from BPA was curtailed by work commitments and problems of injury and health. The CSSC contingent was: - Jeni Morgan (rec), Alan Banks, Peter Durnall, John Lane and Ed Moss (rec), Tony Fletcher and Martin Knowles (compound) and David Seymour (L/B). With the reduced BPA team, the final team tallies were made-up of the highest lady recurve and gent compound scores and the two best gent recurve scores; this resulted in a win for CSSC with 3954 to 3392. Individually, Civil Service archers took nearly all the trophies with 1st Lady recurve, 1st and 2nd Gents in recurve and compound and 1st Gent longbow; with these trophies being the very special "policemen" produced by Maurice Clarke, everyone was well happy. To crown the day, the CS team was also victorious in the competition for the Tri-Service Trophy that is part of the bi-ennial tournament when BPA is hosting the match with CSSC; between the above two team scores, PAAS scored 3627.

Bernard Moore

2008 National Championships

These will be held at the CSSC ground at Elmdon, Birmingham on Friday September 12th. Entry forms still available on the CSAA website.

Just to remind all those shooting at the Nationals in September who wish to enter for the CSSC trophies and medals, that the new CSSC countdown membership card MUST be produced on the day. Only the details recorded on the card can be accepted. Should you feel that the information is incorrect you must contact the CSSC for this to be altered and a new card will be issued.



Any CSAA archer wishing to

enter for CSAA awards MUST be a fully paid member when completing the entry form.

Car Parking

Unfortunately I have not been able to pre-pay or have billing facilities for the car parking at the hotel in Birmingham. Each car driver will have to pay £7 per night for parking.

For those who have already sent me the cost of parking at the hotel, this will be refunded after the tournament once the cheques have been cashed.

Anita Baily

Tournament Organiser

Association's vice-Presidents

As most of you will know, the CSAA has three vice-Presidents; currently these are Wendy Hodgkinson, Denis Beresford and Dr. Alf Webb. For some years these three have been working vice-Presidents, particularly at the Nationals and have been an invaluable element on those occasions. Each of the three serve for a period of three years and are appointed/elected at the Annual General Meeting on a rolling programme of one each year. In September, it will be the turn of Denis to complete his current term; unfortunately, he has made it quite certain that he is not able to accept re-appointment and wishes to hand over to someone else. Over the years Denis has acquired an impressive history of service to Civil Service archery, both locally and nationally as well as archery in general in and around Nottingham.

Thus, at the AGM in September the Association will have a vacancy for one vice-President. I should be grateful if Members could make proposal(s) for filling that Office; ideally, the Committee needs these nomination(s) before its meeting on the Thursday prior to the Championships.

Bernard Moore

Association/CSSC Clothing

At present the Association holds stocks of white polo shirts and green sweatshirts; all have the Crown CSSC logo embroidered on the RH upper arm and the CSAA badge embroidered on the left or right breast as suits the individual's shooting style. At its last meeting, the Committee came to the conclusion that this clothing served no purpose sitting in the various boxes in which I look after them here in Bicester. Therefore, the CSAA is going to have

A SALE!!! ALL ITEMS REDUCED!!!!!!

Whilst the sale price(s) have not yet been decided, discounts will be huge and there might even be a buy one, get one free, you know: BOGOF!

Hopefully, all will have been decided well before the Nationals, so, come along with your cash and get yourself kitted-out for the winter and be ready for next season! [Oh yes, before you ask, the CSAA is not about to change its badge or image; we could not afford the consultant's fees!]

Bernard Moore

Life Membership

It has come to our attention that some retired members of the Association have not been offered Life Membership in the year that they retired. They have remained as ordinary members. If you have retired and would like to change category then for the price of three years subscriptions you can be awarded life membership. This means that you can still benefit from all Association supported activities. If you would like to change then please write to the Membership Secretary, Anita Baily or the Treasurer, Robin Jarvis, who will make the necessary arrangements. Thank you for your continued support.

Robin Jarvis

NB Could all trophy holders ensure that all trophies are returned (suitably engraved), for this years Championships at Elmdon.

Email

If any member would prefer to receive the Ascham in pdf format by email please let me know. Email addresses would also be useful for the membership organiser. These would be kept confidential and any mass mailing would utilise the blind copy facility.

Ed

Regional Qualifier Results

London Regional Results 2008

CSSC members

Recurve Gents York Round

1. Kevin Blakley

2..Keith Adams

Recurve Lady Hereford Round

1. Anita Baily

2. Sue Cooles

Compound Lady Hereford Round

1. Pat Spragg

Longbow Gent National Round

1. John Benfield

CSAA Associates

Compound Gent York Round

Steve Spragg

Recurve Gent York Round

Mike Mahoney

Richard Cater Entered but did not shoot

The CSSC regional recurve team to represent London at the National finals will consist of:-

Kevin Blakley, Anita Baily, Sue Cooles and Keith Adams.

Pat Spragg will be representing London as the winning compound lady.

Anita Baily

Midlands Regional Results

York Round

1 Martin Knowles HMRC Compound

2 Clive Freeman VDA Compound

1 John Lane BT Recurve

2 Dave Cochrane Royal Mail Recurve

3 Ed Moss MOD Recurve

1 David Seymour HMRC Longbow

Martin Knowles

North West Regional Results

York Round

1 Alan Banks PO Recurve

2 Jeff Beattie PO Compound

Ladies Hereford Round

1 Jennifer Morgan DTI Recurve

2 Lorraine Burrow DWP Recurve

Wendy Hadkinson

South West Regional Results

Gentlemen Civil Servant - Recurve

1st Keith Elsley

2 Mike Regan

3rd Michael Bradley

4th Andy Beecher

5th Nigel Wachs

6th Ray Holmes

7th John Nunn

Gentlemen Civil Servant - Compound

1st Robin Jarvis

2nd Chris Kemp

3rd Dave Jones

4th Chris Webber

5th Peter Wiltshire

Gentlemen Civil Servant - Long Bow

1st Chris Quinn Exeter .

2nd Greg McNelly

3rd Len Furbank

4th Alex Gilmour

Ladies Civil Servant - Recurve

1st Vikki Gallop

Ladies Civil Servant - Long Bow

1st Gerry Gilmour Bath Archers

Hilary Collins

Yorkshire Regional Championships

York Round

1 Philip Prentis Recurve

2 Andy Wilkinson Recurve (associate)

1 Lynford Barnes Compound

1 David O'Carroll Longbow

Hereford Round

1 Lis O'Carroll* Longbow (Yorkshire lady champion)

Helen Falkingham Recurve (Retired)

David O'Carroll

No other results have been communicated to me.

Ed

Stop Press!

I don't have the details yet but have been informed that the 3rd representative match against Per Adua Archery Society on 8th August has been a conclusive win for the CSAA. This makes a hat trick of victories for this year. Well done to all in the teams over the year. *Ed*



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GCB

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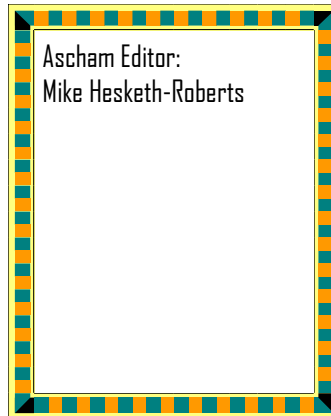
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Ordinary Committee Members
Dave Seymour

Len Furbank



Active Archer Survey

Thank you to those who have returned the form I sent out in the last edition.

The CSAA website has an on-line version of this which can still be completed. Don't let apathy get the better of you!

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A must for all longbow archers, a nice wooden stand that will hold those three branches and a big hat.

Back Page Story

I've been shooting compound for some 17 years now and recurve before that for some 5 years but the dark arts of the longbow have remained until very recently a mystery to me. I've always thought that to be a good longbow archer the first thing you need is a big tent so you can fit the brewery in not forgetting to leave enough space for the gin distillery. After that you have to find a reasonably sized wood where you select at least 3 fairly straight branches. If you find one with a lot of knots in then that is a bonus because I've been told that when the bark is stripped off, those knots look really good. I'm now coming to the crux of the matter, the arrows, these have to have enormous fletchings so they look amazingly good as they fly through the air and have no hope of hitting the target, I've overheard that the flight of the arrow is the most important thing and it's not about hitting the target!

Now I know what you are going to say, how does he know all these amazing facts, well most of you will know Len Furbank who used to shoot compound. Two years ago Len succumbed to the dark arts, as a friend of his I used to fletch his compound arrows and help with the setting up of his Bow. This has not changed since he altered bow types except I never recall sawing Easton Navigators to the correct length, giving them two coats of varnish and then using an oversized pencil sharpener at each end to enable putting the pile and nock on, then there are those oversized fletchings. Do I mind? Of course I do but as you can see I have become quite an expert on the art of the longbow!

Ed



Len and his new longbowie friends at the Bath Hereford

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