



The Ascham

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New beginnings

Well, here we are. A New Year and a new editor for the Ascham. And what a hard act to follow. Mike has produced, over the last 8 years, 30 plus editions, introducing colour and lots of photographs (no surprise there!), and most recently started distribution by email, reducing costs for the Association into the bargain. I have to start by thanking him for all his hard work, his skill at filling each edition with the copy he's been sent, and making the rest up himself! The one area of his prowess that frightens me however, is his ability to always find something for the last article, normally a photo of somewhere exotic that he has visited....I'm afraid that my work as a BT engineer doesn't lead me to many picturesque places!

One thing that I won't change is Mike's eternal cry for copy. This is YOUR newsletter, and should reflect the members and their views as much, if not more than the Committee. Certainly, "official" news has its place, but you don't want endless reports of committee meetings. Tournament reports have to be submitted by someone, if you take part in one, why not present your point of view? Does your club hold events? Do you shoot in an unusual venue? Been somewhere out of the ordinary to shoot/compete? Please consider sending in a report, of anything you do related to archery, however tenuous. I doubt that I'll be inundated with so much stuff that I won't be able to include your contributions.

Indoor Championships RAF Cranwell March 20 2010.

Just a reminder about the Indoor Championships, due to be held on March 20 at RAF Cranwell, Lincolnshire. The entry form is available online at the Association's website, or by post from me, (details at the back). The RAF/PAAS championships will be held on March 21, also at RAF Cranwell. A team will be selected from our own championships to compete against PAAS at theirs. CSAA are prepared to offer up to £30 towards the costs of your attendance, with claim forms available on the day.

Outdoor Championships/Regional qualifiers

Yes I know most of us are still concerned with snow and indoor shooting, but planning is well underway for the summer's Regional qualifiers for our Outdoor Championships in September. Now seems as good a time as any to remind everyone that expenses can be claimed by winners and runners up who go on and represent their regions at the nationals. Outlined below are the criteria. Each Regional team can claim expenses for the following

- 4 Recurve (1st Lady, 1st Gent and next two highest scores)
- 3 Compound (1st Lady, 1st Gent and next highest score) and
- 2 Longbow (1st Lady and 1st Gent)

Claim forms are available from the treasurer at the Nationals. Expenses towards attending regional qualifiers may be claimed from the regional association, check with your local area representative.

Dates for your diary

The London and South East regional qualifiers will be held together on Saturday June 19th at 10.30 am at the Civil Service Sports Ground, Recreation Close, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 5AZ. for entries, and more information, see below.

London Regional entries to Anita Baily at membership.secretary@scarchery.org.uk,
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Back page photo

Having said above that Mikes ability to always produce a photo for the back page could be my downfall, I'm going to include the picture below, taken last summer during a holiday in New York. The statue is in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Central Park, located in the Conservatory Restaurant. I couldn't help but think that archery is difficult enough without balancing on one foot, and that someone should speak to the subject about her draw length!

