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2008 Clout & Indoor Champs

I would like to wish all of you a very happy New Year and hope you had an enjoyable break over the festive period. I have tried to get out on a few occasions to see if my bow is still working but the weather conditions have not made it very conducive. I can only hope that the persistent rain and strong winds are not a taste of things to come during the outdoor season and surely we must get a decent summer this year?

Ed

2008 CSSC Clout/Indoor Championships

Despite Bernard's hopes that the Clout Event would take place this year, unfortunately RAF Cranwell can not guaran-

tee that the ground will not be used for other events so the committee has reluctantly decided that it will not take place. In regard to the CSAA Indoor Champs this is going ahead. It will once again be held at RAF Cranwell on Saturday the 15th March 2008. I have delayed the Ascham because we were hoping to combine the event with a reps seminar based around the Cranwell location but the logistics and financial implications make this look unlikely. We are hopeful that we can organise this for later in the year. I apologise too for the lateness in announcing the date for the indoors. Jim Alford has organ-

ised this event for the past two years but stood down at the last AGM. We have also 'lost' Ciaran Murphy who was jointly organising the National Championships. We would like to thank both Ciaran and Jim for their efforts on your behalf. Ciaran was the Tournament Organiser for the National Championships that was held in Stirling a few years ago. The PAAS indoor will be taking place the following day (16th March). Entry forms for these events should be available from the CSAA website. Anita Bailey has bravely stepped in as organiser for the indoors as well as the National Championships taking place in September. *Ed*

GNAS Team Championships

These were scheduled to take place on 27th January this year but have been cancelled by GNAS due to lack of entries. We had planned to send a team of four archers so this is a disappointment for us as it must be for Ted Burnham who has put a lot of commitment into getting this off the ground. *Ed*

News From Yorkshire

Archers in Yorkshire started the new year with the indoor regional competition on 6th January. After the holidays it was clear that some had not shot since before Christmas. The turn out was good with eleven participants competing for five of the six categories available. In the ladies events Naomi Faulkner won the recurve trophy (59-26-549) and Lis O'Carroll the long-bow trophy. We were also pleased to see Lins Howard shooting in her first competition in her wheelchair.

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In the gentlemen's part of the competition there was a close competition for the compound trophy won by one point by Lynford Barnes (60-26-565) over Charles Ramsden with Howard Winwood only 4 points below. The Recurve was also close. Associate member Gordon Jinks won by 4 points over Ian Robinson (who won the CSSC trophy with 60-12-510). The gentlemen longbow trophy was retained by David O'Carroll.

The next regional event is the Outdoor Championships which will be held as part of the Yorkshire Archery Association annual championships. These will be held at Grange Park, Wetherby on 1st June 2008.

David O'Carroll

CSAA Indoor Champs 15th March

PAAS Indoor Champs 16th March

Both at RAF Cranwell Contact me if you cannot download entry forms. **Ed**

Back Page Story

I realise that Christmas has now disappeared until the end of this year where once again those who live in the vicinity of Bradford upon Avon will be able to participate in the yearly turkey shoot. If you look carefully at the picture below you will recognise Andy Beecher (centre) secretary of CSAA competing for the chance to win a turkey dinner. *Ed*



I finally turned to the dark side myself at the turkey shoot, no, not compound but longbow!!! . I borrowed a bow from Len and some arrows just to see how challenging the dark arts are. Having heard all the stories about shooting a 'real bow' and how difficult it is I was concerned about not making an idiot of myself. Modesty prevents me from saying how well I shot but if you see me around I'll whisper it to you! *Ed*



Yours truly enjoying a drink of the black stuff after my victory!

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