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## FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the first edition of 2011. I'd like to start by wishing everyone a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year, and hope that you all enjoyed the festive break which seems a distant memory now...or is that just a sign that I am getting older !Thankfully the last of the snow has finally disappeared from my local area, although it stubbornly persists on the hills above Stirling. My work ( as an Openreach service engineer) was severely affected by the snow, and for a number of

weeks I spent more time shoveling snow than fixing faults. And trying to keep my van on the road, which I managed most of the time..

I even managed to shoot outdoors between Christmas and New Year, taking part in Archery Interchanges Ironman tournament. A very cold day with penetrating dampness, but its always good to shoot, isn't it?

Congratulations to one of our own ,Mark Renouf who won the overall recurve title, but he was shooting in the balmy South West!



## A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

First let me wish you all a belated happy New Year. There is no doubt that 2011 is going to be an extremely challenging year especially for anyone working in the public sector. My own post was made structurally redundant last year so I decided to hang up my camera and enjoy my fantastic 'gold plated' pension – if only!

Times are also

economically testing within CSSC with all areas having to justify their budgets and we are not exempt from this. We have already seen our Representative matches reduced from three separate dates to two and to aid CSSC we have been stringent with our own costs. We have been successful in our bid to hold a Regional Reps seminar this year which we will discuss at

our next committee meeting. One way that the CSAA will continue to exist within the CSSC is to grow our membership and I am hopeful of a suggestion that I made some years ago to the CSSC about opening up the organisation to a wider audience will be adopted. It is in all of our interests to help with recruitment so try and do your bit.

## 2010 NATIONAL CHAMPS REP MATCHES 2010

I hope that all of you who were shooting at the Nationals last year enjoyed the occasion and we look forward to seeing you at Beckenham in September. I do have one apology to make namely missing Preston and Chorley as Area Champions; sorry you dropped off the bottom of my computer screen! Medals have now been sent to P&C.

In mitigation it was my son's wedding the next day in Shaftesbury so if I was giving the impression of rushing through the presentation ceremony it was because I was!

MIKE H-R

In the photograph you can see our newest Vice President, Graham Plumb. I was very pleased to present to both Graham and Wendy Hodkinson our VP of many years standing, with new medallions that the CSAA have had made. Graham has kindly offered to take on the role of organising the Rep matches so please contact him with details of your scores if you would wish to be considered for the rep teams.

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MIKE H-R



*Cherie, Graham's wife admiring his medallion.*

## NATIONAL INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 5 DECEMBER 2010

On the 5th December we made the short trip to Telford for the UK Indoors, me to watch and Kathryn to compete in the Ladies Longbow.

Familiar faces from the Civil Service Championships were on show in shooting and non shooting capacities. Also retailers were present which enabled us to browse and purchase on the day.

This was Kathryn's first attempt to try and win a UK title, as this time last year her first longbow was still under construction. Booked onto session B we had arrived early enough to watch the competition and chat to fellow competitors and club members.

Congratulations were offered to one of our club juniors who had won the U/16 boys recurve title, the day before and who had just missed out on taking the overall junior boys title.

Session A finished and we got ready for the qualifying competition. The ladies longbow was down from 4 archers to 3 as the previous competition runner up had withdrawn so this left Kathryn just having to beat the UK no 1 and 4.

Nerves got the better of her and she shot well below her PB and qualified for the Head to Head as third seed. As there would only be a semi and final, there was a long wait as the recurve, compounders and male longbowers began their Head to Heads. Finally after what seemed an eternity Kathryn took to the line for her first ever head to

head, although she had sort the advice of more experienced club members and coaches in the weeks before.

She lost the first set, and then was on the brink of going 4-0 down. Needing a seven or greater she banged in a seven to level the tie. After this she was never headed and took the semi 6-2 to set up a final with the UK No 1 Amanda Slack.

After 4 ends Kathryn was 3-5 down with Amanda shooting to take the title. Tension grew and Amanda scored Zero giving Kathryn the chance to level the tie which she duly did. This left it tied 5-5 meaning a one arrow shoot off for the title. Amanda shot first and put one in the 4. This left Kathryn having to score 5 or better to win, but in a very tense atmosphere she also scored 4. Out came the tape measure, but on closer inspection Amanda's arrow was a linecutter five so the title slipped out of Kathryn's hands.

However it was a fitting end to a very friendly longbow competition with all 3 ladies looking forward to competing for the top UK ranking spot in 2011.

After a couple of coffees to restore my nerves, we met up with fellow club members to chat about their day. The two compounder boys had done well, one beating Chris White and the other losing narrowly to the eventual winner Liam Grimwood. Our male recurvers had just missed out on qualification to the H2H and our lady recurver had come first, so with Kathryn's runner up spot it had been a very good day, made even better by Kathryn's FITA 18 score being a new Worcestershire County record in open competition, despite her nerves.

As we made our way home in the freezing fog it was time to reflect on a great day and to look forward to RAF Cranwell in March 2011.

See you there

Steve and Kathryn Lester Midlands

## CSAA/ PAAS INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011

This years CSAA Indoor championships are taking place at RAF Cranwell on Saturday March 5. Entry forms are available via the associations website, and the closing date of February 1st is fast approaching. Anita Baily is our organiser again so if you are thinking about entering, you'd better get your skates on. (Editors note this date has obviously now passed, so if you haven't entered, its too late.)

As in previous years, on the following day, PAAS (RAF association) will be holding their championships at the same venue, and members of CSAA are welcome to compete as individuals as well as part of a CSAA team , the makeup of which will be determined nearer the time, dependant on entries from both groups. We should remember and acknowledge that our own championships are held at RAF Cranwell thanks to the generosity of PAAS, who host the shoot on our behalf. So if you are travelling for one days shooting, why not make a week-end of it, and shoot both? Again entry forms are available via our website, and you should note that these entries do NOT go to Anita but to Steve Wildman. The closing date for this event is February 10th.

## EDITORS FOOTNOTE

Some of you may remember our previous editor, and that he was never short of a photograph to fill in odd bits of the newsletter, in place of copy.

One of my interests away from Archery is my digital camera, and trying to take a decent photo. So I make no apology for including this effort, taken in Crieff, Perthshire back in October. One of those rare occasions when the sunlight was perfect, the view was unobstructed, and most importantly , I had my camera!



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