



The Ascham Review



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First may I wish all of you a very happy if somewhat belated New Year and hope that you all enjoyed a good Christmas. I had hoped to publish this edition somewhat earlier but have been held up waiting for various copy to appear. I had a quiet but uneventful Christmas at home and received some very generous presents including a Ferrari experience day at a venue of my choice. I left the very large wrapped box until I had opened everything else. It was just the right size for a Hoyt compound and I tore off the paper in anticipation thinking that all my moaning about my Bowtech had paid off. Thinking back maybe I was being too optimistic, an unusual trait for me or perhaps my wife was trying to tell me something, however I'm sure my new work-mate will give me hours of enjoyment....

(Only joking Wendy, I love it!) Ed.

FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF CSAA

I wrote of this in the last Ascham, but we are no further forwards. Your Committee at its meeting last November were very concerned, engaged in serious discussion one outcome of which was an offer from the current Secretary, Robin Jarvis to take over the duties of Treasurer. However there is only so much that one person can do and the offer was conditional on someone else volunteering to be Secretary. Whilst I would not wish to denigrate any of Robin's work as our Secretary, there is no doubt that much less is involved than the responsibilities of managing our finances.

We are thus still in the impasse of having no one to take over from Liz West, but a way out is available, provided that we can "find" a new Secretary. Therefore, please, all of the Full, yes, I'm afraid that CSSC Rules for SRBs insist that he or she has to be a Member of CSSC, Members of CSAA consider whether perhaps you could volunteer for the post of Secretary of the Association. I gave dire warnings about our future in one of my earlier articles on this subject and we have known of this impending problem for some eighteen months; if you really want to see Civil Service Archery fade away having just celebrated fifty years, then do absolutely nothing! Otherwise,.....?!
Bernard Moore.

CSSC 2007 CLOUT/INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

After some delay, these are now finalised and Entry Forms have been put onto the CSAA Website for you to download as required. They are set for Saturday 10th March at RAF Cranwell and we are much indebted to Steve Wildman of PAAS for hosting them; incidentally, the PAAS Indoor is on the Sunday following and an Entry Form for that is also on our Website. Steve also intends to give maximum publicity to our two events within his Society. To encourage CSAA Members to take part, the Association is offering a subsidy towards overnight accommodation for archers who intend to take part in both indoor tournaments. There is also the added impetus of perhaps being in the CSSC Team for the Inter-Service Competition on the Sunday; the actual make-up of that team is dependant upon the available archers on the day from the various Services included. Over the years since our Indoor Championships were first created by Lance Goodall in Leeds, an impressive list of trophies has been created and they are there to be shot for! With this year's date being that little bit later, we can but hope for a glorious Spring day, so do enter and show everyone how well you can shoot! **Bernard Moore.**

Did I touch a nerve?

Some of you would have received a letter headed "lapsed membership". I make no apology for this for the following reasons, and also to answer some of the comments I received in response to my letters.

As was stated in some of your replies, you did not attend the AGM in September 2005 when the increase was voted upon and therefore did not know about the increase. Some would have liked a letter earlier in the year advising of the increase.

You have been receiving the ASCHAM throughout 2006 and the increase has appeared in more than two issues. Some letters have stated that I was a little premature in sending out my letter, as the member was dealing with this matter on receipt of the last ASCHAM. I receive copies of the bank statements by approximately the end of August. Any further payments received are not shown on the statements until a month or so later.

I must remind you that the subscription is due on 1st July each year.

Had the payments been increased at the correct time you would not have received a letter.

I thank all of you who sent in the payments or notified me that bank transfers had been completed. I trust this answers your queries about the membership and you should receive your membership card in this issue. I wish all members good shooting for the New Year

Anita Baily Membership Secretary

(phew! But Anita has a point Ed)

GNAS INDOOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

This new event was first announced early in 2006 and the Association agreed that it would enter a Team. As it transpired, some of our best archers were not available and very late in the day, I contacted GNAS to apologise at our delay, only to find that it would not take-place due to lack of entries. For those that were available and had been selected, I apologise; however, expressing a personal opinion, knowing how much work and effort that must have gone into the planning stages, it is a pity that thought was not given to a determination to hold at least two if not three of the competitions regardless of the initial support. I'm sure that many of the now well-established championships had difficult beginnings and the evidence of two or even three of these from those organisations that did take part would encourage others. After all, isn't that what GNAS should be about, encouraging wider participation? Yes, I know, probably only the top archers would be included, **Continued overleaf:**

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If any of you require Indoor/clout entry forms by hard copy, i.e. Royal Mail, let me know and I will post them to you.

Ed

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But with 2012 not that far away, we need all the encouragement and publicity that can be mustered. As I wrote earlier, this is my personal opinion and should not be taken as CSAA policy, although I suspect that I might have struck a chord with many of you! **Bernard Moore**

Grand National Archery Meeting

Back in February when I attended the CSAA indoor and clout tournament, Ted Burnham asked me if I had considered going to Lilleshall to compete in the GNAM. My reply was that Lilleshall was for the "big" girls and boys of archery, and I would be way out of my depth. Ted said I would enjoy it and it would be fun!

After some gentle persuasion, I decided that if I had never been I could not pass an opinion. So with some trepidation we set off for this three day event. We arrived at Lilleshall and were amazed at the vastness of the sports centre. Not having been before we were not sure of the procedures, but help was at hand. Another competitor realised we were new to the GNAM and showed us around and explained a little of what to expect. There were over 30 targets set out, with at least another twenty that could be used. I was fortunate to share a target with some very good experienced archers, although I thought I would be very embarrassed shooting with them. How wrong could I be! They, and others around me, were not only helping me to improve aspects of my archery and giving me encouragement, they made me laugh so much I ached! The first two days I shot a Hereford round, then the third day it was a long national. I was quite pleased with my score, although not great. Ted said we should go into the main building and see the huge array of archery trophies. They were massive and plenty of them!

At the end of the third day of shooting the trophies were brought out into the open for the presentations. There were a few CSAA members shooting and some received trophies and medals, and to my amazement I received a medal in the handicapped tournament. If you have never been to Lilleshall I thoroughly recommend it. The venue is not only vast but has a great deal of history attached. As to the shooting – I did not feel out of place and the other archers were so kind and helpful I look forward to going again next year. It would be really good to see a large number of CSAA members attend, so how about it? Next years dates are 27th to 29th June. Details will be found in Archery UK magazine and on the GNAS web-site.

Look forward to seeing you there. **Anita Baily**



Sue Cooles, Anita Baily & Jennie Morgan

The Trophy & Medal Table



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