



The Ascham

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Membership Labels GNAS Team Championships 2008 Clout & Indoor Champs

Attached with this copy of the Ascham is your membership label. As has been stated numerous times before you can only be a full member if you are still paying subs to CSSC. If you believe that your associate category is erroneous it is **your** responsibility to check with the Sports Council.

Ed

On 27th January next year the first of these will be staged; as previously announced, alternate years will be used for archers shooting in recurve and compound bows; 2008 will be for teams of four recurve archers. Full details are in the current "Archery UK" and at its meeting in Belfast, your Committee decided that CSAA would enter a team, as an associated organisation. If you

like shooting indoors.(or not!), and are really good at it, would like to be in the CSAA Team, then please get in touch with me as soon as possible. Of course, I already have a pretty good idea as to likely people, but I also recognise that several other bodies might have a call on you and I think it best if I await your call. At this stage, I think that it is probable that some financial assistance will be available from Association funds towards travel and necessary accommodation.

Bernard Moore

ise Steve Wildman of PAAS kind offer to hold these at RAF Cranwell. A provisional date of 8th March has been suggested and it is hoped that this can be confirmed quite soon; entry forms will be available on the Association's website when your Committee has approved the details. The problems of safety at Cranwell on a Saturday in February/March have been addressed, hopefully permanently and I urge you all to enter both tournaments and thus make it all worthwhile for the Organiser(s).

2008 CSSC Clout/Indoor Championships

Despite the problems with last year's Clout event, your Committee has decided that we will util-

If there are any members who had entered the aborted Clout in March this year and would like their entry refunded, please let Robin know as soon as possible.

Bernard Moore

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Archery World Cup – Dover 2007

Back in the Spring I was looking through my copy of the Archery UK magazine, when I read an article on the Archery World Cup coming to Dover. I then looked at the web-site and was drawn to the volunteer page. After some thought and discussion with my husband, I duly completed the application form and sent it off. I was under no illusion that if successful, it would be hard work, but such an opportunity to be involved in a great event was one I did not wish to miss.

I was accepted as a volunteer and arrived at the Duke of York Military School in Dover on the Monday morning. The ground was still quite soggy, and although some target stands were in position there were plenty more to be carried across the field as well as the targets, fixing target faces, and other heavy boxes for the tournament. There was quite a bit to do in preparation and everyone just knuckled down and did whatever was required.

When the archers arrived I felt like a small child in a large sweet shop, as I was surrounded by so many top archers from various countries, never having thought I would ever be in such close company. One of my main jobs was to carry the score sheets and PDA's when the archers walked up to the targets, this meant that I was not only close to the archers but I also had a very close up view of their arrows in the target. **Cont P2**

I was also lucky to have been scoring when some of the GBR archers were shooting, but had to remain unbiased. On one of the days the Chinese coach needed to go across the field to another building on the site, so I offered to take him there. On the way we chatted about places in China. A day or so later he requested my help again, after which he gave me a lovely pin badge of a target face with three arrows and the Chinese flag. He asked me to wear the badge and thanked me for my help. Throughout the week I did quite a bit of walking passing by security, so much so, that they nicknamed me 5 foot 4 at the start of the week, and 4 foot 11 by the end. On the day of the finals the coach from the Ukraine approached me, and although I speak a couple of languages I found Ukrainian does not come close! Before I could do or go anywhere he took hold of my wrist and led me off to see one of the Ukrainian lady archers who could speak some English. It took about 20 minutes or so, but eventually all was sorted. I must make a mention about "Macbeth ACT IV Scene 1", the 3 ladies who kept us volunteers watered with soft drinks, coffee and tea throughout the tournament, plus a special treat of jam or apple doughnuts kindly donated by Hampshire Archery, to keep our energy levels up, but the competitors did receive a warning from George the announcer not to take the volunteers doughnuts whilst having a doughnut in his hand!

Following the tournament I was again back at the field, although I had been told I could travel home. The Gym had to be cleared and cleaned so with "all hands on deck" the equipment was soon loaded into the van, and by mid-day all was done as we said our farewells and went on our separate ways. I had the time of my life spending the week at the world cup, being involved in the preparation, scoring, meeting the judges, organisers, other volunteers, visitors and of course the archers, plus the weather was kind.

On a personal note I learnt a great deal from watching the archers in action and also about myself. I returned home extremely exhausted but felt that "I got out what I put in" to this experience. If you have never volunteered for such an event I can thoroughly recommend the experience. The full World Cup results can be found on the archery world cup web-site.

Anita Bailey

National Champs Belfast

I received the following letter and picture from Jeff McKenzie - On behalf of my wife and I, would you pass on our congratulations to Raymond Martin for a brilliantly run shoot. The Stormont setting was great even the weather, except the wind! We look forward to next year.



No sooner said than done Jeff and thanks for your letter, Ray did an excellent job especially with the scoring and the buffet lunch although I did fail to get a sandwich! I'm afraid he did let us down a bit with the wind but perhaps 20 Miles an hour winds are the equivalent of a calm day in Belfast. Seriously Ray, well done to you and your colleagues for doing an excellent job. **Ed**

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Assembly at Belfast, above

2008 CSSC ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

These are now set for 12th September and will be staged on the CSSC Ground at Elmdon, Birmingham. Ciaran Murphy has agreed to be the Tournament Organiser, with John Lane being responsible for putting-on the shoot itself. As with the Clout/Indoor above, entry forms will be available when all the details have been agreed by your Committee. Some of you might like to know that Elmdon was chosen some years ago in the then knowledge that the nearby Birmingham International Airport was scheduled for major extension; this would probably have rendered the CSSC Ground unusable, at least for archery. I understand now that many of the various BAA schemes have been shelved, including B'ham; should this be the case and next year proves that our tournament fits in well, it might be that later years can also be there. Certainly the present need to adopt a ROKD solution to some of the grounds that have been used in the past, is placing a great strain on future planning. **Bernard Moore.**

Management of CSAA

At the AGM, we learnt that Jim Alford had had to resign from the CSAA Committee; at this stage, on behalf of the Association I

should like to thank Jim for his time on your Committee and for being the Clout/Indoor Organiser during much of it. The vacancy left was filled by Dave Seymour of Nottinghamshire, currently CSSC Champion in the longbow. Also at the AGM, we learnt that two of our vice-Presidents, Alf Webb and Denis Beresford were not enjoying good health; this year it was Alf's three year term that was up, but I am pleased that he had previously agreed to continue for a further term and this was approved. Next year it will be Denis's turn; but you ought to be aware that he has already indicated that he wishes to resign; members might like to consider suitable nomination(s) for the vacancy over the next months.

Finally of course, it was the end of the current three-year term for our President; I am pleased that Sir Anthony was able to accept my nomination that he be re-elected. To my mind, there is absolutely no doubt at all that he has brought many benefits to the CSAA during his period as President, with of course the presence of Lady Battishill, always on hand as our gracious Lady Paramount, with the added benefits of raffle tickets seller and who could possibly refuse! **Bernard Moore.**

2007 Rep Matches

The third of this year's contests was with the Royal Tax on Saturday 25th August on their ground in Burnham, Bucks. As it turned out, that particular date was a poor choice from those offered to us some ten months ago since it clashed with one particular "local" tournament and what is more, it was part of the Bank Holiday weekend! These two reasons resulted in the CSSC team missing some of its best shots, not that I'm surmising that another date might have produced a different result! Whilst RTS was not able to reverse our 3-0 win in 2006, CSSC lost 1-2; most of you will already know that our match with RTS is decided on the three individual bow types, with each team matching in numbers and genders. In the CSSC team were:- Anita Baily(l/b), Jane Burnham(rec), Gerry Gilmour(l/b), Jennifer Morgan(rec) and Patricia Spragg(comp) and Alan Banks (rec), Robert Caldeira-Hankey(rec), Tony Fletcher(comp), Alex Gilmour(l/b), Martin Knowles(comp), John Lane(rec) and Dave Seymour(l/b). Also shooting was Shelagh Fletcher in her compound; I had hoped that she would be in the team, but her CSSC membership had not been maintained. Some CSAA Members will have been contacted by Anita during the summer for just that reason, this in response to CSSC Head Office's drive to ensure that "CSSC Members" are in fact paid-up. Back to the match; once again it was the compound section that CSSC won, I think it the case that they have lost only the once, in 2005 when we lost 3-0! Next year who knows, perhaps we can repeat the result of 2006; certainly it will be my intention to agree a date that does not restrict my choices. There is no doubt that the CSAA has within its membership sufficient really good archers in all disciplines to compete with the best.

Bernard Moore

Belfast Results

I have put a somewhat abridged version of the Belfast results below due to restrictions on space. Hopefully by the time you receive this they will be available on the website. As always I am happy to post out hard copy to anyone who does not have access to the internet or a printer. *Ed*

Hereford Ladies Recurve

- 1 Jacqueline Gould Associate
- 2 Anita Baily DWP/London/
- 3 Patricia Webb DARD/NI/Belfast

Hereford Ladies Compound

- 1 Pauline Burfitt Visitor
- 2 Helen Darby-Smythe MOD/Eastern/Huntingdon
- 3 Sharon Vennard SSA/NI/Belfast

Hereford Ladies Longbow

- 1 Lis O'Carroll Health/Y&H/Leeds

CSSC Colours

If you were at the AGM in Belfast, you will know that colours were presented to Anita Baily and Peter Durtnall by Michael Hearty, a member of the CSSC Sports and Leisure sub-Committee and long-term supporter of us using the NICSSA facilities for the Championships. It is in fact the case that it was in conversation with Mike whilst I was on the Management Committee that the idea was first mooted back in 1987/8, this led to us first visiting in 1990. One of "our" Super Colours was also presented to Robert Caldeira-Hankey by Sir Anthony Battishill, GCB. These were generated some seventeen years ago to recognise that archers have longer active lives in our sport than most others and are awarded to any that shoot at least ten times over at least ten years; Robert's was the twelfth since that first year, 2000, when we were able to catch-up with history.

Returning to the CSSC Colours, several years ago I discussed with members of the Event Team at High Wycombe a possibility that some alternative recognition could be made available in addition to the then current blazer badge. Several holders expressed interest but at the time I was not able to pursue the subject. I am pleased to report that once again an additional metal enamelled badge is available: it is approximately 1.3" (34mm) diameter and is the CSSC Sports and Leisure "Starburst" design, fastening can be brooch or pin and clutch. At the moment I do not know available quantities, but hopefully they will not be restrictive. If you are a present holder of a CSSC Colours badge (and I will know!) please let me know if you would like to have one.

Bernard Moore.

York Gentlemen Recurve

- 1 Eddie Moss MOD/Midland/Telford
- 2 Graham Rose BT/London/
- 3 Kevin Blakley London NPL/London

York Gentlemen Compound

- 1 Martin Knowles HMRC/Midland/Telford
- 2 Mike Hesketh-Roberts DCMS/SW/Swindon
- 3 Alan Murphy PD/NW/Preston

York Gentlemen Longbow

- 1 David Seymour HMRC/Midland/Nottingham
- 2 Ron Simpson BT/SE/Maidstone
- 3 Andy Hagan Visitor



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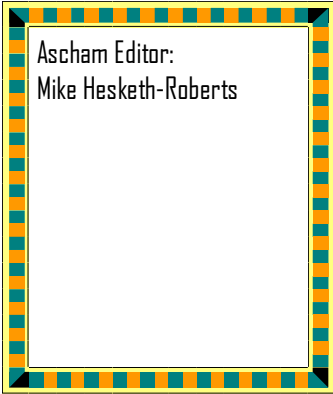
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Back Page Story

Well it has to be Belfast for this edition, below is Michael Hearty of NICCSA addressing the archers at assembly. Whilst I could not stay for the quiz at the presentation dinner I am told on good authority that Michael performed an excellent job as quizmaster after the meal; no doubts with a few jokes thrown in for free!

Mike Mahoney, collecting the Webb badge (lowest completed round)



Len Furbank, looking smart in his demob suit with Dave Jones (MOD) and Pauline Burfitt, lady visitor compound winner.

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