

HEADLINES

- Golf Day
- Qdos Taxwise Fee Protection Scheme and Helpline Telephone Number
- New Letters of Engagement

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TO ACCESS THE MEMBERS AREA OF THE SPA WEBSITE – ENTER YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER AND YOUR POSTCODE - WITH A SPACE IN THE MIDDLE OF YOUR POSTCODE

In the long run . . .

ICAEW FOUNDATION

MARATHON MEN



Chris Tune, (bottom left) Peter and Samantha Tucker (top left) and Peter Mitchell

Institute council members Peter Mitchell and Peter Tucker and institute CEO Michael Izza have more in common than just being members of the Bed Bucks and Herts District Society. On 26 April they all took part in the 2009 London Flora Marathon.

'It was a glorious day,' says Mitchell who was celebrating his 65th birthday by running his second marathon. 'The crowds were in great voice and humour. It was most enjoyable.'

The last six or seven miles were hard-going, he admits, although he didn't come to a standstill. He took 5hrs 37mins to complete the 26.2-mile course (42.195kms), raising more than £6,000 for the Iain Rennie hospice.

Tucker, BBH president and a 'marathon virgin', crossed the finishing line ahead of Mitchell (5hrs 17mins) but well behind his daughter Samantha. 'I was pleased to finish,' he says. 'It was like one huge street party from end to end. As I had my name in large letters on my charity running vest, I received great support from the crowd.' He raised £12,000 for the Prostate Cancer Charity.

Izza was going strong until cramp forced him to walk the last seven miles. He still managed a heroic 5hrs 30mins, raising nearly £7,500 for Cancer Research.

Also among the 1,118 accountants who ran was Dave Mouncey, a tax partner at Smith & Williamson in Bristol. He romped round the course in 3hrs 20 mins, although as a veteran of 10 marathons, six of them in London, he found it 'one of the toughest'. 'It's a fantastic event, extremely well organised, amazing crowd support – and it takes you through emotional highs and lows, including the feeling during mile 18 that you are not going to have enough energy to lift another foot.'

He raised money for the South West Children's Heart Circle, which supports families with children awaiting heart surgery.

Deloitte senior manager Chris Tune, running his fourth London marathon, also found the atmosphere 'amazing'. 'I was lucky enough to see family, friends and colleagues at numerous points along the course which provides a real boost, especially nearer the end.'

Tune raised nearly £4,000 for Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice.

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GOLF DAY

The SPA Golf Day 2009 will be held on Thursday 16 July at Harewood Downs Golf Club. It is a very enjoyable day on an impressive course with views over the rolling Chiltern Hills in Buckinghamshire.

We have contacted all regular players whom we hope to welcome again, but if there is anyone else who would like to play, please do come and join us – ring or email the office for an application form.





“I am very impressed with Arlington, they saved me 43% on my PII”

Chris Lawman’s comment at SPA’s April Steering Committee Meeting.

“I was astounded by the speed with which Arlington dealt with my application for PII cover ... I have saved a third of my previous premium” JES

“I have just renewed my PII, changed to SPA brokers and saved 30%, which more than pays for my SPA subscription!”

David Sandground, SPA Steering Committee Member

“Arlington’s quote was lower than Bluefin so I shall switch – I am sticking with SPA” BJ

“Can you add me to the list of VERY satisfied SPA members. Aon wanted over twice as much as Arlington. Well done and thank you.” RNS

We could go on – but we hope you get the idea – never, in the history of SPA, have we received so many compliments about one of our Schemes. Remember only SPA members can get these rates – they are FOR YOU! Support SPA’s PII Scheme to the benefit of **EVERYONE**. Call Chris or Stuart today, regardless of when your renewal is due, on **01761 463667** or email: enquiries@arlingtonprofessionalrisks.co.uk

EMAILS – ARE YOU GETTING THEM – IF NOT PLEASE LET US KNOW

You will see from the Minutes of the AGM in the Report & Accounts that a straw poll to receive Newsletters by email was 80/20 in favour. We have considered this in the past and it will be reviewed at the next Steering Committee Meeting.

We send regular short emails to our members and this is likely to increase – we do NOT want our members to miss out and we make every effort to maintain an accurate list. So, if you are not receiving emails from us, **PLEASE** let us know.

Report & Accounts and AGM

Enclosed is the 2009 Report & Accounts. It contains a full report of a very successful AGM Day. Plans are already underway for next year - please put the provisional date of **Wednesday 19 May 2010** in your diaries.

The back pages contain the Directory of Benefits and Services. This is where you can really take advantage of your membership – it contains schemes with specially negotiated rates for SPA members and contact details for the wealth of knowledge available from fellow members. Remember this is what SPA is all about – many of you work alone and this support network is compiled specifically to cover the various needs of the sole practitioner!





ACCA Engagement Letters on CD-ROM

SPA has for some years offered sample Engagement Letters free of charge for members to download from the Members' Area of the SPA website. We are aware that in some instances these no longer comply with current regulations or requirements, and SPA has limited resources to maintain these to the standards now required.

We are delighted to announce to our members that ACCA have offered to make their comprehensive list of Engagement Letters on CD ROM available to SPA members at a nominal cost of £30 + VAT.

ACCA comment:

"ACCA UK has just launched a new version of its Engagement Letters CD-ROM. Engagement letters are a very effective loss-avoidance tool. To assist you in drafting appropriate letters for a variety of engagements, ACCA has produced, in partnership with VS Consultancy, a series of template engagement letters, available as a CD-ROM.

The CD-ROM consists of 50 engagement letters for a series of different business types and services together with a number of associated letters such as a terms and conditions letter and a fees letter. The engagement letters include the long awaited engagement letters for tax practitioners produced by CIOT, ACCA, ICAS, ICAEW, CIMA, IIT and ATT."

The engagement letters CD-ROM is priced at £30 + VAT

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