Letters to the Editor

Dear SFM,

The eternal question: any news at all on how I can see basho in the UK?

Web or TV of course?

Neil McGhee, UK

Dear Neil,

The Japan Sumo Association website started streaming matches live online some two years ago. I think you might need a newish version of Windows Media Player for them.

The next tournament is from January 10th to 24th. Simply go to the website: http://sumo.goo.ne.jp/eng/, go to the 'Matches and Topics' section and select Live Streaming Video.

Given the nine-hour time difference, matches will be

screened between 7 and 9am English time – a pain in the backside perhaps, but you may be able to catch some of them when you are not working.

Hope this helps. All the best.

Chris Gould, Editor Sumo Fan Magazine

Greetings,

Just today I came across your magazine home page and found it very interesting! I have watched sumo on sports channels and really enjoy the sport. I was surprised to find that sumo is a growing sport in the US. I would enjoy getting involved in the sport, but have no idea how to begin.

I live in South West Wisconsin and here in my area little seemes to be known about it. If you know of any organisations, amature clubs, or people I could contact please let me know!

Thanks! Anton Weber

Dear Anton,

Thankyou for your very kind email.

I think the best place to start would be the California Sumo Association, which has contacts throughout America. The website is http://www.usasumo.com. The association holds tournaments every year - I don't know if any people from Wisconsin have taken part.

The director is Mr Andrew Freund, and his contact details appear on the website.

Hope this helps. All the best,

Chris Gould, Editor Sumo Fan Magazine