



CLUB BULLETIN 155: 02-2007

This monthly bulletin is aimed mainly at club contacts/secretaries. It usually covers administrative topics and news from the Executive Council. General interest items are repeated in Skywings magazine for the information of all members.

If you require further information on these items please contact:

1: Instructor Competence Report

All TI & Instructor renewal forms MUST be returned with a completed Instructor Competence Report.

Instructor renewals will be returned to sender if not sent with a completed assessment form. Where a form is signed by a senior Instructor this must then be countersigned by the CFI of that school.

Forms are available from the BHPA website;
Members/Schools Admin/Forms:

1.Inst_competence_Rep.pdf - Instructor Competence Form

The guidance sheet to complete this form is also available on the BHPA website as above

2.Inst_Skill_levels.pdf

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2: The TVHGC Big Fat Repack

The Thames Valley "Big Fat Repack" <<http://207.234.168.87/tvhgc/bfr/>> is to run on Sunday 11th March 2007 at the Rivermead Leisure Complex, Reading. There will be a zip slide to practice reserve deployment and the BHPA's Bill Morris and team will be giving presentations on how to deploy and repack your 'chute. There will be BHPA qualified packers on hand offering help and advice, so everyone should leave with their 'chute repacked. The cost this year is only £22, which is less than the cost of a commercial repack. TVHGC members can book at a discounted rate £17.00.

First-aid lectures (to be presented by Bob Nugent) have once again been arranged to run in addition to the repacking talks. The First Aid talk will include dealing with fractures, back and head injuries. The aim of the talk is to make you feel confident to assess and take control of the situation, and will cover topics from how to call the emergency services to administering basic first aid to a casualty.

Application forms can be obtained from:

The Thames Valley web site, <http://www.tvhgc.co.uk/bfr>.

Or send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: BFR, 13 Auckland Road, Earley, Reading, Berkshire, RG6 1NY.

Check out the website for further details!***** Further details (maps, an event programme, contact details, etc) are all available on www.tvhgc.co.uk <www.tvhgc.co.uk%20> - just click on the BFR link *****

Tickets are issued on a first come first served basis, so book early to guarantee a place. We'll look forward to seeing you on the day! All the best, the BFR team!

3: Looking for a TI?

Niall Harvey is desperately hunting high and low for a position as a T.I.

"any thoughts or advice would much be appreciated. iv spent 2 years now trying to convince myself this is a crazy dream of mine and to just be content with my lot & get on with it, iv thought eventually this feeling will pass & to keep paragliding separate from my career.....problems arise when i look at my situation. i do a job to pay for winters away in nepal playing over the lake & flying xc, meeting new exited faces.....i then come back start all over again till next year.....in-between work ...pilot exam..... tandem license.....advance pilot exam soon to be taken.....this is no way to go on...."

<http://www.youtube.com/niallharvey> <http://www.flickr.com/photos/niallharvey>

If you have a vacancy contact Niall direct at:

<niall_harvey@hotmail.com>

4: Course Dates

EPPSL

The course for the reserve packers licence is run by demand. If you wish to work towards this licence, please contact the BHPA office and register your interest. As a course has recently run, it is likely the next one will be sometime later during 2007.

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2007 Dates

Coach Courses

March 10th / 11th - Suffolk Coastal Floaters Hang Gliding Club (paras welcome to course)

Contact: Phil Chettleburgh Tel: 01603 483 895 / 07747 885 677

E-mail: admin@eacomms.co.uk

March 24th / 25th - Lanarkshire and Lothian Soaring Club.

Contact: Sean Figgitt: Tel 01294 551 403 / 07765 884 225

E-mail: sean@figgitt-services.fsbusiness.co.uk

5: British Airways baggage changes

There are new guide lines as from 13th February 2007. All customers will be able to check in their respective free checked baggage allowance PLUS one additional item of sports equipment from their list provided. This states : "Hang Gliders. Hang gliders are unlikely to be within the maximum dimensions but if they are will be counted as one bag". From:

<http://www.britishairways.com/travel/ba6.jsp/sportingequipment/public/en_gb>

6: Return of Insurance Books

As we are coming up to the start of the new financial year, and also the flying season, we would like to remind schools of the importance of correctly filling out and returning BHPA insurance membership books. If anyone has any questions at all please call the BHPA office and ask to speak to Ruth or Carolyn at the BHPA office.

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This bulletin is published monthly. If you have any items you wish to be included please send them to Stephanie Blankley at the BHPA office by the 1st of the month.