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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: CAA Tow Site Permits

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The time has come again for the renewal requests for the annual CAA Tow Site Permits to be collated and submitted. The Association has to gather them into one submission and get it to the CAA in October for the new ones to be issued by 1st January 2002, therefore the information from the clubs is required ASAP. In order to keep things simple please complete one of the enclosed "Application for a CAA Tow Site Pemit" forms for each site that you want to use in 2002. Please remember to include the copy of a 1:50,000 scale map for each site showing the lateral limits of the towing operations and to use this form for all your Club's future applications.
It is in all our interests to follow this centralised approach so as to minimise the CAA's work load (they are under pressure to charge for all work done, a guess of £75.00 per Permit is probably about right).

IN ORDER TO MAKE BEST USE OF THE MONEY THAT YOU PAY IN SUBSCRIPTIONS, NO FORM RETURNED WILL MEAN NO CAA PERMISSION FOR 2002.

If you no longer use a site, or will only use it for a week or so and a temporary Permit will do, please let Tom Hardie (01309 673912 answerphone + fax, tom@primarysolution.co.uk e-mail) know. To have sites marked on the map that are not used can lead to pilots from the powered world (military and civil) placing a low priority on the symbol and so degrading safety for all the other sites, also it does not do the sport's credibility any good.

2: Pilot Pack: The Future

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As part of ongoing efforts to streamline and simplify administration procedures the 'Pilot Pack' system has been revised.
The new Student Training Record Booklets (Copyright 2001, small logo at bottom right of the cover, due to be delivered to HG and PG hill schools in the Autumn) will contain a cut-out CP registration form. When this is returned with the £10 registration fee to the BHPA office it will be processed and the new Club Pilot will be sent a Pilot pack with their new membership card.
The new Pilot Pack will contain a Red Ribbon, the Pilot Task Book, a new Membership Card and the BMFA/BHPA Code. The pack will no longer contain a Log Book; schools have indicated that they preferred the earlier system where they stocked and sold BHPA Log Books at the optimum moment, so this is being reintroduced.
The changeover to the new system will be simple. Remaining students training with the old Task Books should continue with the old system; the school sells them a Pilot Pack, and they use their Pink CP Application Forms to register their rating. Students training with the new Student Training Records should not be sold a Pack; they finish their CP training and send in the blue registration form from the Training Programme.
Schools should run down their stocks of Pilot Packs. When the new Student Training Records are distributed Schools will be able to return unused, complete, clean Pilot Packs for a refund.

3: Parascending Canopy Certification and Registration

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The rules for cerification and registration of parascending canopies were brought into line with those for paragliders and hang gliders in 2000. It is now the case that all parascening canopies in use or intended to be used must carry either a BHPA C of A verification placard on the wing tip, or a BHPA Registration placard.
Given that all the existing non-certified 'grandfather' list parascending canopies should now be individually registered, as from the 1st of December 2001 no new registrations of parascending

canopies will be accepted (other than genuine prototype canopies).
The purpose of this change is to further encourage the certification of new canopies, and to remove any possibility of manufacturers/purchasers using the registration scheme as a back-door method of avoiding type certification on new build canopies.
Several canopies have already gained BHPA certification, and several more applications are in the final stages of preparation. Purchasers should not pay for a new canopy until it is certified (and carries the BHPA placard to prove it.) This use of 'consumer power' will ensure that no one is caught out with an unusable canopy, and will further encourage manufacturers to gain type certification.

4: International Airsports Exhibition, Telford

The International Airsports Exhibition takes place at Telford International Centre on 1st and 2nd December 2001. The AGM takes place on Sunday 2nd December.
BHPA Members are able to book rooms at the Holiday Inn, Telford, at a discounted rate of:

£60 per room, per night (single occupancy)
£79 per room, per night (double/twin occupancy)

Rates are inclusive of accommodation, full English breakfast, use of leisure facilities, VAT and service charge.
Rooms must be booked through Charlotte at the BHPA Office to gain the special rates.

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5: Dinner/Dance Saturday 1st Dec. - Holiday Inn, Telford

Also new for this year we are holding a joint BHPA/BMAA Dinner on the Saturday evening with music afterwards for dancing, in the Reynolds Suite at the Holiday Inn. The cost per person is £25 and bookings can be made through Charlotte at the BHPA Office.

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6: Course Dates

Autumn:

Instructor (TI) Course - 2/3/4 October. Bisham Abbey, Buckinghamshire.
Please remember that applicants must be registered TI's and have attended a Coach Course. Book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Tony Mitchell at the BHPA Office.

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Club Coach Courses:
The BHPA provide staff to teach the course, while the Club taking up the booking administers the applications and organises the venue. Contact the BHPA Office for guidelines.

The first two of the Autumn Club Coach Courses have now been booked by Clubs. Please contact the Clubs directly as below if you wish to attend:

13/14 October - Sky Links, Lincolnshire - Anne Underwood - 0788 926 8473

10/11 November - Malvern HG - Bryan Hindle - 0168 457 2723 or 0777 349 3622

The 8/9 December Coach Course is still available to Clubs for booking - Contact Tony Mitchell at the BHPA Office.

Dates for 2002 Coach Course bookings:

Jan 12/13th February 9/10th March 9/10th

Emergency Parachute Packing Systems Licence
The next course training parachute repackers is due to run on 7/9th December this year. The venue will be Lilleshall National Sports Centre near Telford, Staffordshire. The cost is £250 non-residential. Accommodation is available in the area. Please note that a period of supervised repacking is usually required after the course, followed by an examination, to gain the licence

Repackers who have completed the required supervised work can apply for examination on the Sunday. Please contact Tony at the BHPA Office for an Examination Application Form.

7: New Memberships

Would all schools please note that new membership applications should in future be paid for by cheque or credit card; we can no longer accept new membership payment by Direct Debit. Unfortunately the delay between the new member completing the DD Form, the School sending the form to the Office and the bank processing the Direct Debits, has provied to be too lengthy. This has sometimes resulted in the Office being notified that a Direct Debit has not been

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accepted only after the student has had training and the insurance premium has been paid. This has caused a considerable amount of extra work for the office staff in chasing up outstanding membership fees.
We still wish to encourage all members to pay by Direct Debit and would ask for your co-operation in urging new members to complete the DD Form when joining, ready for their renewal the following year.

8: Beyond Extreme Paraglider Landing Accuracy Competition

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The Beyond Extreme Paraglider Landing Accuracy Competition (stand up landing) is on!!!

Dates: Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th September 2001 - Entrance Fee £15

Briefing at 0800 hrs. on Saturday at the Grove Pub, Pentre.

Arrival on site on Friday 28th is fine and if there is enough interest practice flying will be held on the Friday evening.

The flying site is quite small and height gains in nil wind are likely to be no more than about 3-400ft. for the "larger pilot" so please be patient with us.
You will need your own weak link assembly.

The flying site is based on a small farm in Pentre, near Shewsbury, Shropshire. There is a pub (The Grove) 50 yds. away from the field which does B & B and a camp site behind the pub. Unfortunately camping or caravanning carries a small fee (details below). The owners of the pub have requested as much notice as possible in order to arrange food etc. as this is usually the "wind-down" part of the season. Please tell them you are part of the Beyond Extreme Paragliding competition.

The Grove Pub, Pentre - Tel: 0174 374 1278 - Opening Hrs Fri.12-3pm & 6pm onwards - Sat/Sun. all day. Music on Friday night - food served all weekend - 2 mins. from flying site
Bed & Breakfast: Single Room £25.00 - Double Room £35.00 - Family Room £40.00
Three Shower en-suite rooms all with T.V., coffee/tea making facilities

Caravan Park - £7.50 per night hook in. £5.50 without. Tents £3.50 per night per pitch
Shower block and toilets, children's play area, calor gas on request

There will be a burger van on the flying site.

It would help me a great deal if I had a list of those who are going to attend. - Russ Hicks

Enclosed: **Application for CAA Tow Site Permit**

Distribution: Club contacts/secretaries, Executive Council and sub-committee members, BHPA Officers

Copy: This Bulletin is published monthly. If you have any items you wish to be included please send to Charlotte at the BHPA Office by 1st of the month.