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BHPA

1: Courses

Club Coach Course

Individuals wanting to take a course should contact the host club direct to book a place.

The dates for forthcoming courses are:

2011

November 19/20 Southern HG Club
07867 657 276 Tony Murrell
murrelltony@yahoo.co.uk

December 3/4 South East Wales HG & PG Club
01873 850 111 Steve Millson
steve@paraglide.co.uk

2012

February 4/5 Ulster HG & PG Club
07740 862658 David Tweedie
dave.tweedie@btinternet.com

February 18/19 Pennine Soaring Club
07590 010 177 Graham Jones
gkjones@btconnect.com

March 17/18 Thames Valley HGC
07778 966 887 Richard Bungay
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2: Flying in the Dolomites

Pilots visiting Italy and flying in the Dolomites (in particular Val di Fassa - Canazei, and Molveno Dolomites of Brenta) are advised to take note:

In the event you become aware of an accident in your vicinity, you are advised in the strongest possible terms to either land or clear the area immediately. This is because the presence of PGs still in flight in the area has seriously hampered helicopter rescue services which attend casualties on a regular basis, not just for pilots, but also other mountain-based sports such as mountain bikers and climbers.

The situation has become so serious that there is currently a threat to close these sites to flying unless the situation improves. This is a request from the FIVL that the BHPA fully support and we hope you will co-operate so that the sites can be preserved for all.

3: Admin Issues

1. Would all schools and clubs please ensure that they are using current versions of BHPA forms. Using out of date forms often leads to delays in processing as they do not have all the information now required. All current versions are available either on the BHPA website or from the BHPA office.

2. It is clear from the number of calls we receive regarding people who are flying with clubs/schools but are not actually members of the BHPA, that some clubs/schools are not checking membership cards. If you email a list of your members to the BHPA office we can check whether their BHPA membership is current. (See Club Bulletin 179 - August 2009)

For more information contact:
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3. When completing Intro Books / Applications please check that all the students' details have been completed clearly. A considerable amount of time is wasted when BHPA staff have to contact schools/clubs because the forms they have sent are illegible.

Could you also please ensure that mail is sent to our new address as some schools are still sending post to The Old Schoolroom.

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4: AGM

The BHPA AGM will take place on Saturday 3rd March 2012 at the Belfy Hotel, Nottingham.

Anyone interested in standing for the Exec should contact Chairman Martin Heywood or another Exec member to find out what is involved. Nomination forms are available from the BHPA office.

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