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BHPA

# 1: Courses

#### **Emergency Parachute Systems Course**

October 15/16

Please apply to BHPA Office if you are interested in attending this course. This 2 day course is part of a training process towards qualification for the BHPA EPPS qualification. You do NOT qualify just by attending the Course. After the course you will be expected to increase your experience through attending Club repacks and doing further practice including supervised packs. Following this you will have to take an external exam. Please make sure you understand this. In the past, despite stating this very clearly, we have had persons attend expecting to walk away from this course with the qualification, this is NOT the case.

For more information contact: Stephanie Blankley, 0116 289 4316, stephanie-blankley@bhpa.co.uk

#### **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

October 29/30 Derbyshire Soaring Club

07762 847 722 Alan Horsfield chiefcoach@derbyshiresoaringclub.org.uk

November 19/20 Southern HG Club 07884 072 536 Dave Lewis

dave@skylarkparagliding.co.uk

The following dates are still available for club bookings. Organisers should contact Dave Thompson to get further information once a date has been allocated.

#### 2011

December 3/4

#### 2012

February 18/19

March 17/18

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# 2: Airsports Insurance

Some members may have heard that sadly Yvonne Jukes at Airsports Insurance passed away last month. Yvonne will be missed by all the friends she has made in the BHPA over the years.

However Yvonne's sister Jaqui assures us that Airsports is still fully functioning and able to provide all sorts of pilot-friendly cover including single and multi-trip travel insurance, equipment cover, backpacker (long-term) cover and personal accident cover. The big strength of Airsports is that they have been in the free flight field since the very early days of the sport, and they are available more or less 24 hours a day. They usually offer a range of quotes depending on the degree of cover required, and have read the small print carefully, which is often important in the free flight arena. An outline of the policies they offer is at www.bhpa.co.uk/airsports.php.

For more information contact: Jacqui Prince, 01983 298480 airsports@bhpa.co.uk

# 3: Admin Issues

- 1. Would schools and clubs please bear in mind that it is a very busy time of year for the BHPA office and processing of some applications can take up to 28 days. Please do not phone to chase exams etc. until at least three weeks after posting the application to the office as this only causes more delay.
- 2. Please check membership cards. If a rating/licence is not on the card, then the member does not have that particular rating/licence.
- 3. Remember to keep the BHPA office informed of changes of address / phone / email for club officials.

For more information contact: Ruth Holyoak, 0116 289 4316, office@bhpa.co.uk

## 4: Red Ribbon

Schools are reminded that since October 2009 it has been their responsibility to give out the red ribbon to newly qualified Club Pilots. Some schools are still failing to do this, so please would all schools ensure that they have red ribbon available.

Further supplies of ribbon are available from the BHPA office on request.

For more information contact:

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