

Club Bulletin 189

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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

October 29/30 Derbyshire Soaring Club
07762 847 722 Alan Horsfield
chiefcoach@derbyshiresoaringclub.org.uk

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

March 17/18 Thames Valley HGC
07778 966 887 Richard Bungay
richard@cloudbase.me.uk

For more information contact:

*Stephanie Blankley, 0116 289 4316,
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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.

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2: Paragliding Competitions

An Urgent Notice concerning Competition Class paragliders has been issued by the BHPA Executive Council and the BHPA Paragliding Competitions Panel. A copy is attached to this Bulletin.

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3: Admin Issues

1. Please note that when returning Assessment Forms to the office, **ALL** sheets must be returned, not just the front sheet.

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. This week it came to light that someone had been training at a school for almost a year without BHPA membership, it was only picked up when he called the office to find out why he didn't get Skywings.

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*)

3. Would everyone please ensure when sending mail to the office that the correct amount of postage is affixed to the envelope. We are getting an increasing number of items posted to us with insufficient stamps which causes delays in receiving mail and incurs extra charges to the BHPA.

If you are not sure, please don't just guess, check the Royal Mail website.

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.

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Urgent Notice – Paragliding Competitions

Following the recent events at the Paragliding world championship in Piedrahita, the following statement was issued by CIVL:-

“Due to recent incidents at the 12th FAI Paragliding World Championship in Piedrahita, Spain the CIVL Bureau has temporarily suspended the certification of Competition Class Paragliders with immediate effect.

This suspension means that paragliders classified as Competition Class under Rule 12.1.1.2 of Section 7B of the FAI Sporting Code are not permitted to fly in FAI Category 1 championships for the period of the suspension.

Organisers of FAI Category 2 events are also strongly advised to consider whether Competition Class paragliders should be permitted to compete in events with racing tasks for the period of the suspension.”

Members of the Paragliding Competitions Panel met with The BHPA Executive Council at an emergency meeting in Leicester yesterday to decide on the steps that should be taken in response.

The BHPA’s position, with immediate effect, is that participation in all BHPA Paragliding Competitions involving racing tasks is limited to the use of EN or LTF certified gliders only. This position will remain in force until CIVL’s decision is reversed or varied.

A significant effect will be that BHPA competitions currently in progress or planned, must proceed using certified gliders only. This will seriously impact upon the British Paragliding Championships, the next stage of which is to be held in St Jean. The Paragliding Competitions Panel is currently liaising with competitors involved.

Important – Insurance Situation:

This will affect the applicable BHPA liability cover. Your BHPA 3rd party liability insurance will be invalid if you participate in the organisation (eg: task-setting or marshalling) of any paragliding competition involving racing tasks where pilots are flying uncertified gliders. If any member is uncertain as to whether this affects them, they must contact the BHPA to discuss their particular situation.

For Clarification:

- ⤴ Free flying is not affected
- ⤴ Paragliding XC League and Accuracy competitions are not considered to involve “racing tasks” and are therefore not affected.
- ⤴ The BHPA 3rd Party Liability insurance continues to cover individual pilots who fly uncertified gliders at all times, provided they are registered with the BHPA in the usual way.
- ⤴ Paramotoring is governed by CIMA and is therefore unaffected by the advice from CIVL

BHPA Executive Council
BHPA Paragliding Competitions Panel

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