



CLUB BULLETIN 123: 02/2003

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: Course Dates

Club Coach Courses:

the following dates in 2003 have been allocated, and can be booked by clubs.

8th - 9th March - North Devon HPC

Contact: Chris Blanchard Tel 07971 816 708 or e-mail chris@ndhpc.f9.co.uk

4th - 5th October, available for booking.

25th - 26th October, available for booking.

22nd - 23rd November, available for booking

Clubs should contact Tony Mitchell.

Instructor Course:

23rd - 25th April 2003 - Lilleshall National Sports Centre. Nr Newport, Shropshire.

Cost £185.

This course is rapidly becoming booked up. Send in your deposit to secure your place.

7th - 9th October 2003 - Bisham Abbey, Bucks

Senior Instructors Course

2nd - 3rd April 2003 - Lilleshall National Sports Centre.

This course will only be held if numbers are sufficient. Cost £115

Please apply as soon as possible to the BHPA office. Contact Tony Mitchell

6th - 7th November 2003 - Bisham Abbey, Bucks.

2: Memorial Service

Ann Welch's Memorial service will be held on Friday March 7th 2003 at noon at Lasham Gliding Club, Hampshire. Weather permitting, the service will be followed by a fly-past.

A buffet and drinks will be available.

Guests travelling by road are requested to go to the main entrance on the north side of the airfield and not to enter by any other route. Anyone wishing to fly in must obtain permission.

Details to be found at www.lasham.org.uk

Ann's family need to know roughly how many people are likely to attend, so if you intend to go, please let them know as soon as possible.

Precise details of a memorial fund are still undecided, but will almost certainly be of benefit to all aviation and with the emphasis on training. The decision will be announced at the service and the BHPA will publish the details accordingly. All donations gratefully received.

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3: Promotion and Events

Do you have a show in your area that you would like to have a presence at but have never had the kit, time or expertise to organise and attend? Well, now you can. Don't delay, if you require our services please contact us immediately as our diary is rapidly becoming booked up.

The new Promotion and Events Panel has as part of its remit the task of helping BHPA schools and clubs promote and market their business and activities. We have devised a simple way of doing this. Part of the allocated budget has been set aside to kit out a promotion stand, part of which visitors to the Telford show will have seen in the foyer. As this kit is kept together and transported in the new BHPA van, we as a panel are able to attend any show in your area that would benefit both you as a school/club and the BHPA. Basically the idea is to attract new members.

This service is free to you, all you need to do is supply a couple of local members to help man the stand which, if indoors, will have the Virtual Hang Glider on it. We need local knowledge on the stand to answer questions about costs and sites etc in your area. This is a unique opportunity, which is available to both schools and clubs. It will help raise awareness, gain new members, and improve your organisations standing in the local community. It is your stand so take advantage of it.

Remember that we cannot be in two places at once, so it will be on a 'first come, first served' basis, and we will try to fit in as many as the constraints of time and budget allow. Each request will be considered on its merit and potential benefit to the BHPA.

For further details contact Merv Turner, the BHPA Promotions and Events Director:

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4: National Outdoor Week (NOW)

During the week of 3rd - 11th May 2003 the Outdoor Industries Association is promoting outdoor activities through an event called National Outdoor Week (NOW).

The BHPA promotions and events panel recommend that you get involved in some way or another. For further details please look at www.outdoorweek.org.uk where you can have details of any offers or events displayed on the site.

If you require assistance or advice as to how you could benefit from this event please contact the organiser Andrew Maxted the Marketing Director for the Outdoor Industries Association e-mail info@outdoorweek.org.uk

If you require any help during the event please contact me and I will see if we are available in any way to help promote your organisation.

Merv Turner BHPA Promotions and Events Director.

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5: Senior Instructor Wanted

Cloud Nine Paragliding School (Berkshire) requires a Senior Instructor (Hill) Full or Part-time. Possible CFI status later.

Please contact Mike Hibbit, email: Cloud9airsports@btope.world.com

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6: Student Training Books

Can all schools please ensure that the Student Training Record Books are retained by the school and not given to the student.

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7: National Trust

Would all clubs who pay for sites that are owned by the National Trust please contact the BHPA Sites Officer, Clive Robinson: cliverobinson1@aol.com Tel 01933 314283

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8: Important Request

Please would all Schools and Clubs update or confirm their official BHPA contact for this year, together with email/telephone numbers.

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9: Environmental Issues

What would be the response of your club should an environmental group lobby the landowner of one of your sites claiming that your activities were harming wildlife? would you have any facts to substantiate your claim to leave the environment unaffected.

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Environmentalists tend to accuse an easy target rather than find the real reasons behind any (claimed) wildlife disruption but Len Hull of the DSC has shown that careful observation by genuine experts can reveal the truth behind any decline. I urge all clubs to carry out a wildlife survey of their sites. If there are no naturalists among your membership, I am sure that there will be local groups who carry it out for you. This has an additional benefit in that you have fostered good relations with an environmental group as well as giving you data with which future surveys can be compared. The national bird sighting register is growing, please add to it.

10. CCPR Sports Club of the Year Awards 2003

What could your club spend £10,000 on? This is the first prize for above award. If you wish to enter the CCPR awards please contact the BHPA office for an application form, nominations must be received by 5.00pm on Friday 11th April 2003 at CCPR office.

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11. The Outdoor Show - NEC

The Outdoor Show is to be held from 14th - 16th March 2003 at the NEC. The BHPA have been allocated a number of complimentary tickets, anyone wishing to attend and thus receive a ticket please contact Merv Turner.

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