



CLUB BULLETIN 146: 01/2006

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: Schools Operations Manual

All schools are required to submit a copy of their School Operations Manual with their 2006 school renewal. This can either be a hard copy or on a CD.

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2: EP Exams

A new Elementary Pilot Exam for hang gliding and paragliding has now been introduced. The original, for photocopying, together with a marking overlay and a few exam papers for immediate use are enclosed.

Please destroy all EP paperwork previously issued.

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3: Instructor Competence Report

All Instructors and TIs should note that they MUST return a completed Instructor Competence Report with their renewal form. Forms are available from the BHPA website; Members/Schools Admin/Forms:

1.Inst_competence_Rep.pdf - Instructor Competence Form

The guidance sheet to complete this form is also available on the BHPA website as above

2.Inst_Skill_levels.pdf

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4: Safety Advisory

Please ensure that any of your members who are involved in aerotowing are aware of the enclosed Safety Advisory.

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5: CP Registrations

Would schools please bear in mind that we sometimes have several members on the BHPA database with the same name. When sending CP registrations please quote the member's name, BHPA No. or Intro Certificate No., address or postcode

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6: Debit / Credit Card Payments

As from 25th January 2006 the following details need to be obtained when taking a Debit / Credit card payment for the BHPA on behalf of a student.

1. Type of card, e.g. Mastercard, Visa Delta, Solo, Switch
2. Card expiry date, (valid from with Switch)
3. Issue number - Switch cards
4. Last 3 security numbers on the magnetic strip
5. House number and postcode where the card statement is sent to.
6. A current telephone number of the card owner

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This information is now required by the bank to process a payment via a PDQ machine.

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7: CCPR Sports Club of the Year Awards 2006

The CCPR is inviting entries for their sports club of the year award for 2006. They are looking for clubs which encourage wide participation, standard setting, proven track records in working with schools, local authorities and other community organisations, and have high standards of good practice, safety and governance. Six prizes totalling £15,000 will be available. Entries must be in by Friday 31st March. Would any interested club contact the office for further information.

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8: Schools' Workshop

Calling all Trainee and qualified Instructors.

The next BHPA Schools' Workshop is being held at Airways Airpark on Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th March 2006. The workshop has been run for the last two years and Instructors and TIs have attended and shared their experiences and knowledge both inside and outside the classroom. With such a central location we are particularly keen to get more schools from the Midlands and the North to attend.

Topics for discussion at the workshop will include: Winch training, First Aid, New products, Insurance from France and flying abroad.

Traders are also invited and will have the opportunity to show off their 2006 products to their potential trade customers.

If you would like to help host a specific subject or want to attend, please contact Andrew Rastall at Airways 01335 344308 or the BHPA Schools Liaison Officer Andy Shaw 01883 652 666 - (andy-shaw@bhpa.co.uk) as soon as possible to secure your place.

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9: Course Dates

Instructor and Senior Instructor Courses.

Instructor / Senior Coach Course: In 2006 there will only be one Instructor course. This will be on 1st, 2nd and 3rd of April. CFI's should ensure that their Trainee Instructors book early to secure a place. Prospective Senior Coaches should do likewise.

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Instructor Course

1st to 3rd April. Lilleshall (near Telford). Contact Tony.

Coach Courses.

To attend please contact the Club. Clubs wanting to organise a course should contact Tony at the BHPA office as below.

February 11th & 12th - South Devon. Mark Nicol, 01752 896597,
mark.nicol@southhams.gov.uk

March 4th & 5th - Available for Club booking.

October 14th & 15th - Available.
November 11th & 12th - Available.

Senior Instructor Course

1st & 2nd November Lilleshall.

EPPS licence (Parachute repackers)

A course will be arranged when we have sufficient numbers. Please contact Tony if interested.

Enclosed: GASCo Vol 41 No 4 - Winter 2005 :
Amended EP (HG & PG) Examinations
Safety Advisory FSC.SC9

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