

# Club Bulletin 173

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**BHPA**

### 1: Courses

#### Coach Courses 2008

December 13-14 Southern Club  
John Lancaster [info@shgc.org.uk](mailto:info@shgc.org.uk) 0795 150 0769

#### Coach Courses 2009

January 31-1st Feb Thames Valley HGC  
Richard Bungay [richard@cloudbase.me.uk](mailto:richard@cloudbase.me.uk) 07778 966887

Still available for Clubs to host a course: February 14-15

Clubs please note that bookings need to be made soon for the remaining date, or it will be withdrawn.

#### Instructor Course

The next instructor course is planned for 2009 from March 28 – 30. Details will be published as they become available.

#### Powered Paraglider Instructor Course

This is a new course offered by the FSC which offers experienced paramotorists a route to become instructors who can operate their own schools. It follows a course run for existing instructors in other disciplines recently.

The format will be over about nine days, non residential and the course is expected to run in Spring 2009.

Candidates will need to hold a PPG Pilot rating (unrestricted) at least 100 hrs ppg time logged and a valid First Aid certificate. Interest should be registered as soon as possible. It is expected to run in Spring 2009.

*For more information contact:*

*Tony Mitchell, 0116 261 1322, [tony-mitchell@bhpa.co.uk](mailto:tony-mitchell@bhpa.co.uk)*

### 2: Sport and Leisure Aviation Show

Only ten days to go for the biggest event of our year and we hope as many members as possible will come to the show, seminars and talks.

**Hall 5 at the NEC on November 29th / 30th 2008.**

The BHPA AGM will take place on Saturday at 11.00am in the Tote Suite. Please come along to see how the sport is being run and make your voice heard.

It costs just £5 to get into the show with a current BHPA card; £10 otherwise. Under 16's are FREE.

Opening times are: 10.00 – 5.00 Saturday, 10.00 – 4.00 Sunday.

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### 3: RAeC Newsletter

The RAeC Newsletter is now available at:  
[http://bhpa.co.uk/pdf/club\\_bulletins/RAeCNewAutumn2008.pdf](http://bhpa.co.uk/pdf/club_bulletins/RAeCNewAutumn2008.pdf)

### 4: Welsh Overseas Expedition Grants

Applications are now open to Welsh members of expeditions who want to push the boundaries of their sport to apply for the Welsh Sports Association's (WSA) overseas expedition grant.

The WSA, the umbrella body for all the national governing bodies of sport and physical recreation in Wales, acknowledges the valuable contribution expeditions make to the development of Outdoor Pursuits in Wales and is awarding up to 50% of the estimated cost of travel (U.K and abroad), and equipment to those looking for financial assistance. Over the years a wide range of outdoor pursuits have benefited from the WSA's support including caving, canoeing, climbing, paragliding, cave diving and rowing. Whilst these ground breaking expeditions have been diverse, they all share a common purpose and passion – a desire to push the boundaries of their chosen sport, and a willingness to test the determination and stamina of expedition members, as they strive to achieve their goals in often difficult circumstances.

Beneficiaries of the funding have been John Sylvester and Alan Cox, for a ten day tandem paragliding expedition across the remote Western Himalayan foothills, pushing the known limits of paraglider flight in a landscape that is as spectacular as it is hostile.

To qualify for a grant, all team members must have appropriate previous experience and expeditions must obtain written support from their respective National Governing Body prior to submission of their application to the WSA.

More information can be found at [www.welshsports.org.uk](http://www.welshsports.org.uk).  
The closing date for applications is 31st December 2008.

*For an application pack please contact Greta Guerresi-Leach, Communications Coordinator, on 0845 846 0020 or [greta.guerresi-leach@welshsport.org.uk](mailto:greta.guerresi-leach@welshsport.org.uk).*

### 3: BBC Quizz Series Seeks Contestants

Producers of the hit BBC2 series of the quiz show 'Battle of the Brains' are currently looking for people to take part. They are in the process of casting teams of 7 expert quizzers to take part in 'Battle of the Brains'. Schools or Clubs should contact them directly if they would like to put a team forward.

*For more information contact:*

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*or apply online at [www.battleofthebrains.tv](http://www.battleofthebrains.tv)*