

Club Bulletin 191

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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.

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February 18/19 Pennine Soaring Club
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March 17/18 Thames Valley HGC
07778 966 887 Richard Bungay
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For more information contact:
Stephanie Blankley, 0116 289 4316,
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2: CANP e-mail address

There is a new e-mail address for accessing the military Civil Aircraft Notification Procedure (CANP) system. If five or more gliders are likely to be operating from a site midweek use cas-aslfbosfbc@mod.uk. You can also access the CANP system on Freephone 0800 515544.

Full details of the CANP system and how to use it are at www.bhpa.co.uk/members/safety/canp/index.php. Many clubs will have this address posted on websites and in printed material. Please ensure that all your systems are updated.

3: Flyability seeks support

Flyability, the BHPA's disability initiative, is looking for new recruits to assist in running the charity and be actively involved in its fundraising, promotion and flying activities. The Flyability Trustees are seeking enthusiastic and motivated volunteers to become actively involved in the administration and development of the well-established charity. Vacancies for key positions include Treasurer, Secretary and Co-ordinator; interested parties may also be invited onto the Board of Trustees.

Flyability's Steve Varden writes, "We are looking for some dynamic and self-motivated people who are prepared to embrace the historical aims, objectives and philosophies of Flyability, but who also may have a vision of how our various schemes, services and activities could be developed further. Previous experience of working or interacting with people with disabilities may be helpful but is not as essential as an open mind, a positive attitude and common sense - the main qualifying criteria!" Interested parties are invited to the Open Flyability Recruitment meeting at the BHPA AGM venue on Saturday March 3rd at 2pm.

If you are unable to attend, e-mail contact@flyability.org.uk with details of your area of interest/expertise. Background information is at www.flyability.org.uk.

4: Club Renewals

As already published in Skywings, clubs will now be required to email a list of their members to the BHPA Office for checking. Several clubs have been validating memberships in this way over the last three years and it has proved very useful.

Clubs should send us an Excel spreadsheet or a tab delimited text file of their members. All we need are three columns: BHPA membership number, first name and surname.

We will process it and return it to you as a new Excel spreadsheet showing each member's current membership status, membership expiry date, membership type and HG, PG and PA ratings.

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5: FAI Licences

In response to requests from our, mainly competition, pilots based abroad but remaining members of BHPA, we have negotiated with our insurers to provide them with cover whilst flying outside the UK.

Previously, the rule was that a UK resident member enjoyed cover whilst flying abroad, excluding US and Canada, for up to 120 days but members who were resident outside the UK were only covered whilst flying in the UK. This extra cover will now be extended to all BHPA members who live outside the UK but within the rest of the European Union and hold a BHPA issued FAI Sporting Licence. They will be treated "as if" they are resident in UK for the reading of the policy, giving them the worldwide (US and Canada excluded) £2m cover, even for comps for 365 days.

This will come into effect when pilots renew their membership and FAI licence this year. As always when something new is introduced, the insurers require an additional premium to be paid for this cover and so the cost of sporting licences for these pilots will be increased by £25 in order to go some way to covering the cost of the increase in our insurance premium. It is hoped that in due course, this additional charge will disappear.

For more information contact:
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6: Return of Membership Books

As we are coming to the end of the financial year we would like to remind schools of the importance of correctly completing and returning Introductory Membership Books.

New books will be issued during March reflecting the new membership fees which are effective from 1st April 2012.

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