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BHPA

1: Liability Insurance

The settlement of a high profile case against a BHPA Recreational club has apparently given rise to concerns amongst Club Committee members in a number of other Recreational Clubs in respect of their personal liability for such claims, such that a number of people have resigned as Club Committee members or Officials.

The first point to make is that because most Recreational Clubs are not registered companies, any claim is brought against all the Club members at the time of the accident. It makes no difference whether you are a Committee Member or an Official. Usually, the Chairman and Secretary will be named in the litigation, but they are only named in a representative capacity on behalf of every Club member. The legal reality is that everyone who was a club member at the time of the accident is a Defendant in the action.

Secondly, this is exactly the reason we have liability insurance. In the high profile case all aspects of the claim were dealt with by insurers and solicitors appointed to act on the Recreational Club's behalf. The settlement has not cost any BHPA member a single penny of their personal money. This total cover is the very reason why BHPA Exec regularly remind Recreational Clubs that all Club members must be BHPA members. Our insurance is there to protect, not just members who fly hang gliders or paragliders, but also others, be they marshals, tug pilots, competition organisers or any other role undertaken under the auspices of the BHPA and that includes being on Club committees and yes, even being on Exec! We can always potentially get something wrong that needs insurance. Such widely-based insurance is deliberately pitched thus because it is important to the functioning of the BHPA and the sport in general in the UK that people are not scared off from offering their services as Club Officials or other non-flying volunteers because of unfounded concerns about losing their house in the event of a claim.

The terms of the settlement of the high profile claim are confidential and the court order only permits them being described as "confidential and mutually satisfactory". Anyone who engages in discussion of the terms of the settlement risks being in breach of the court order and subject to the laws of contempt.

Recently, it has become more widely realised that a jokey threat to bomb Robin Hood Airport can suddenly result in your emails and social networking messages becoming open to scrutiny by the police, the court or anyone who wants to bring a claim. Speculation about any incident on email or social networking sites may well cause difficulties if the incident becomes subject to an action and your messages are later examined as part of the case. In essence, the old rule that after an accident you must not admit fault, in the new electronic era now extends to all discussions on social networking sites by those who are witnesses or potential witnesses. If there is anything to learn from this case, it is not that your insurance cover has in any way changed or that your house is at risk, but instead that opinions and speculations should not lead to a case being subjected to a "trial by internet" until that

case has been concluded in the more time-honoured and proper manner by a Judge.

If any member has any questions they should feel free to contact:

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or

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2: Courses

Club Coach Course

Individuals wanting to take a course should contact the host club direct to book a place.

January 12/13
07748 703515
cliff.d.smith@sky.com

Scottish Mountain Paragliding
Cliff Smith

February 02/03
07780 763775
ardlea@talk21.com

Malvern Aerotow
Donald McKenzie

February 09/10
07990 520664
riperkes@gmail.com

Isle of Wight HG & PG Club
Richard Perkes

March 09/10
07712 875621
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South Devon HG & PG Club
Colin Blagdon

Instructor / Senior Coach Course

April 23/25

Lilleshall National Sports Centre
Shropshire

For more information contact:
Stephanie Blankley, 0116 289 4316,
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3: It Could Be You!

If you are a good looking, confident male, aged 25 - 35 with an interesting sports project, you could get involved in the launch of new sport themed men's fragrance from Paco Rabanne. Full details attached.

EXCITING Project for PACO RABANNE

**CASTING FOR A GOOD LOOKING, CONFIDENT MALE
AGED 25 - 35 WITH AN INTERESTING SPORTS PROJECT.**

Rates of Pay:

Main Guy: €5000 for 5 days of filming

For the SPORTS PROJECT: €50,000

In 2013, Paco Rabanne will launch a sport---themed men's fragrance
The launch will be accompanied by an event to be broadcast on special website:
– A huge casting in 5 countries: France, Great Britain, Italy, Germany, Spain.
– The casting involves men aged 25---35, who practice sports (as semi---professionals or amateurs) and have a project related to sports.
– At the end of this casting, 7 athletes will be selected to participate to a coaching class to Prepare the presentation of their project, which will then be opened to the votes of the internet users via a special website.
– The elected project will get a donation for its production.

The grant – The Project

- It is important that the winning sportsmen have a project related to sports.
- It could be humanitarian, creative, artistic, or even personal (the creation of a Sports center for young people, the making of a video, a short movie, a report, sport trips for underprivileged youth, a sport school, etc...)
- Cash money will be granted to the project which will have most votes of the internet users. Paco Rabanne naturally follows the development of that project.

If this sounds like something you would like to be involved with and you are linked with a Sporty Project then please email us with a head shot, body shot of yourself (no holidays shots) and tell us about your project and how you are involved.

Casting week commencing 7th January 2013 in Central London

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