

Club Bulletin 206

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BHPA

1: Courses

Club Coach Courses

5th - 6th December 2015

Southern HG Club
Course full

16th - 17th January 2016

Devon & Somerset Condors Contact: Viv Fouracre
Tel 07966 230 206 E-mail: viv4acre@gmail.com

6th - 7th February 2016

Flylight Hang Gliding Club Contact:

5th - 6th March 2016

Lanarkshire & Lothian SC Contact: Nicky Atkinson
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Trainers Conference

23rd - 24th February 2016

Open to all BHPA Instructors

Instructor / Senior Coach Course

12th - 14th April 2016

This will run only if we have sufficient numbers.

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2: Sites Database

For Sites Officer/CFI.

The rationale behind the BHPA Sites Database is described in the BHPA Tech Manual para 1.3.15 and Appendix A. In simple terms we seek to have a single Resident Club/School for every site. This single point of contact will co-ordinate site information on behalf of all authorised users, and act as a focal point for enquiries whether they be from members, clubs, landowners, other users, or on matters of airspace.

We are making progress on updating the database. To that end every Club/School has recently (Nov 15) been sent a validation report detailing of all sites for which they are listed as Resident. The idea is that we can check and amend the details held.

If you haven't received a validation report it could be for a number of reasons:

- No sites registered (non-area based clubs like the military).
- Shared sites. Reports have only been sent to Resident Clubs/Schools. If you are a user and you think you know who is Resident please check the arrangement with them in the first instance.
- Any other reason.

If you don't know who is Resident (or think that it should be you) then please let us know.

In a new initiative we maintain a record of closed sites. By maintaining a brief history of why a site is no longer used (safety, landowner, etc) we can answer enquiries from enthusiastic new pilots, avoid repeating the mistakes of the past, and minimise further aggravation for landowners.

If you have any questions or concerns Stef, in the BHPA office, is your first point of contact. My email address is in Skywings, although I suspect that I will be up to my neck in site disputes by the time you read this!

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3: BHPA Club Night Presentation

Puzzled by the workings of the BHPA, poacher turned gamekeeper, Martin Baxter has put together a PowerPoint presentation about your association. It covers such fundamental questions as:

- Who is on Exec?
- Who gets paid?
- What is the FSC?
- Where is our money going?

Most of you don't come to the AGM, so the idea is to bring the presentation to you. It's designed to be given by a locally based member of the BHPA Executive at a winter club night. It's also your opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

Martin has volunteered to cover the clubs in the North of England: for those of you who don't venture beyond Watford Gap he considers the 'North' to start in Derbyshire! Successful evenings have already been enjoyed by the Dales Club (Martin) and the Pennine Club (Ian Curren and Marc Asquith) It is hoped that other members of Exec will be able to cover other areas of the country. Their contact details are in the back of Skywings, so if you know someone who lives locally get in touch.

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4: Club Contacts.

Please note we hold details on the following officials for each club.

- Chief Coach
- Chairman
- Sites Officer
- Safety Officer
- Club Contact
- Membership Secretary

Any changes to these roles need to be notified to the BHPA office asap.

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5: AGM

The 2016 BHPA AGM will take place at the Belfry Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday February 27th in tandem with the BGA's AGM and trade exhibition. To include:

- Election of Officers to BHPA Executive Committee
- Officers' reports to AGM
- Presentation of BHPA Merit Awards
- Members' discussion forum

6: Pilots Using Speed Flying Or Mini Wings

The majority of speed wings (and some mini wings) are uncertified. This means they do not have an independent verification of airworthiness, for example EN 926-2 Flight safety characteristics certification (although some speed wings have been load tested in accordance with EN 926-1).

If your wing does not have a flight safety characteristics certification, e.g. EN-A, EN-B, etc, the BHPA requires a Pilot's Declaration to be completed so that you can be registered on the system as a pilot of an uncertified wing.

Further details can be found by typing the following address into your internet browser:

http://www.bhpa.co.uk/pdf/Registration_procedures_uncertified_wings.pdf

You can find the link to the "Pilot's Declaration: Uncertified Wings" form by typing the following address into your internet browser:

http://www.bhpa.co.uk/pdf/Pilot_declaration_uncertified_wing_for_m.pdf

The form can also be found by clicking through Documents > Members > Member Forms on the BHPA website.

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7: Merry Christmas

The BHPA will be closed for the Christmas holiday from Wednesday 23rd December 2015 until Monday 4th January 2016.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all members.