



CLUB BULLETIN 121: 12/2002

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: Course Dates

Club Coach Courses:

BHPA Technical Staff are available to run Coach Courses at the following dates in 2003.

8/9 January Cancelled

8/9 February, Cumbria

Contact David Ashcroft 01946823841, davidandclaire@btinternet.com

The March course is still available for booking by Clubs.

Instructor Course:

23rd - 25th April 2003 Lilleshall National Sports Centre. Nr Newport, Shropshire. Cost £185, Contact Tony Mitchell at the BHPA Office. This course is rapidly becoming booked up. Send in your deposit to secure your place.

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2: Promotion and Events

Do you have a show in your area that you would like to have a presence at but have never had the kit, time or expertise to organise and attend? Well, now you can!

The new Promotion and Events panel has as part of its remit the task of helping BHPA schools and clubs promote and market their business and activities. We have devised a simple way of doing this. Part of the allocated budget has been set aside to kit out a promotion stand, part of which visitors to the Telford show will have seen in the foyer. As this kit is kept together and transported in the new BHPA van, we as a panel are able to attend any show in your area that would benefit both you as a school/club and the BHPA. Basically the idea is to attract new members.

This service is free to you, all you need to do is supply a couple of local members to help man the stand which, if indoors, will have the Virtual Hang Glider on it. We need local knowledge on the stand to answer questions about costs and sites etc in your area. This is a unique opportunity, which is available to both schools and clubs. It will help raise awareness, gain new members, and improve your organisations standing in the local community. It is your stand so take advantage of it.

Remember that we cannot be in two places at once, so it will be on a 'first come, first served' basis, and we will try to fit in as many as the constraints of time and budget allow. Each request will be considered on its merit and potential benefit to the BHPA.

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3: Events

The Daily Telegraph Adventure Travel and Sports Show is to be held at Olympia, London on 10th-12th January 2003.

Our area will consist of the VHG surrounded by your stands - the cost of each stand is normally £860, but Martin Aslow has offered a £200 discount to BHPA schools, and BHPA Marketing will also pay £200 of the cost of your stand. This means that the total cost will amount to £460 excluding VAT.

You can operate this as a fully commercial stand, selling courses, dual flights, books etc. The only return the BHPA asks for this discount is that you loan some of your staff to help run the VHG.

We need to make a final decision on this, so if you are interested in having a 2mx2m stand at the show, please could you email me and send a copy to the Show Organiser, Martin Aslow: martin@atsevents.com ASAP. We must know very soon or the space will be sold to other activities.

The BHPA is doing a similar thing for the outdoor show at the NEC in March. (Last month's school bulletin has details of this.) There is some space left, but we need to know as soon as possible if anyone would like to take up this offer.

4: Senior Instructor Wanted

Cloud Nine Paragliding School (Berkshire) requires a Senior Instructor (Hill) Full or Part-time from January 2003. Possible CFI status later.

Please contact Mike Hibbit, email: Cloud9airsports@btopenworld.com

Tel 0118 9882969 or 07990646126

5: Anne Welch

It is with great sadness that we advise members that our President Ann Welch died at home on Thursday 5th December. Her phenomenal experience and knowledge will be irreplaceable and she will be greatly missed by the aviation community as a whole. As BHPA President she has provided invaluable guidance and wisdom for many years. Our sincere condolences and sympathies to her family and friends. A memorial service will be held next year

6: The Royal Aero Club Trust

Has your club put forward any youngsters' names to THE ROYAL AERO CLUB TRUST?

As part of its 'Flying for Youth' programme, the Royal Aero Club Trust has launched a bursary scheme for youngsters interested in air sports and aviation-related activities, or wishing to upgrade existing qualifications and skills. Bursaries worth up to £500 are being awarded to youngsters for activities such as: hang-gliding, paragliding, gliding, parachuting, microlight aircraft, helicopter, fixed wing aircraft, building and flying model aeroplanes and simulated flying. During 2003 the Trust wants to award at least four bursaries to assist applicants wishing to advance from one recognised level of air sport competence and skill to the next higher level. Applicants must be permanently resident in UK and aged 16-21 years at the time of training. This will be conducted at approved Clubs, Associations or training establishments based in the UK.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Applications, which must arrive at the Trust Administrator's address (below) by 31 December 2002, and must be submitted through the Head Office of the sponsoring club's national organisation, the BHPA

Full details on the Royal Aero Club Trust web site: www.royalaeroclubtrust.org
or for more details contact the Trust Administrator: Richard Crabtree OBE, Fairways, Hesley Lane, Rathmell, Settle, BD24 0LG

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7: Accuracy Panel

If any BHPA member wishes to nominate themselves to sit on the BHPA Accuracy Panel they should write a letter of application to the The Secretary of the Accuracy Panel, c/o The BHPA Office.

Letters should be received by the BHPA office no later than 2nd January 2003. Further information is available from the Chairman, Sue Kay: Skygirlssuzy@aol.com or the Secretary, John Lawrence: johneriklawrence@btclick.com

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8: Important Request

Please would all Schools and Clubs update or confirm their official BHPA contact for this year, together with email telephone numbers

9: Telford

Would all clubs who pay for sites that are owned by the National Trust please contact the BHPA Sites Officer, Clive Robinson: cliverobinson1@aol.com Tel 01933 314283

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10: Offices Holiday Dates

The Office will be closed on the 24th December 2002 and will reopen on the 2nd January 2003. The BHPA staff wish all our members a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Enclosed:

Distribution: Club contacts/secretaries, Executive Council and sub-committee members, BHPA Officers

Copy: This Bulletin is published monthly. If you have any items you wish to be included please send them to Stephanie at the BHPA Office by 1st of the month.