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BHPA

1: Courses 2009/10

Club Coach Courses

The following weekends are available for Club bookings (individuals wanting to take a course should contact the host club when a weekend has been booked).

October 17/18
November 14/15

January 16/17
February 6/7
March 13/14

Powered Paraglider Instructor Course:

The BHPA has managed to secure the services and facilities of the team at Airways Airsports to run this course, under the guidance of three of the most experienced BHPA Senior Paramotor Instructors: Chris Dawes, Andrew Rastall and Andy Snell.

This course will take place at the Airways Airsports flight park at Darley Moor, Near Ashbourne, Derbyshire, commencing on Saturday 25th April and ending nine days later on Sunday 3rd May

Please contact Airways Airsports on 01335 344 308 for further details and availability.

The course is intended to equip candidates to the level where they are ready to be examined as a special category of BHPA Senior Instructor. (Individual Instructor examinations will need to be organised after the course, as required.) Please also note that, as previously advised, prerequisites are to attend a BHPA Coach Course, hold a BHPA Paraglider (Power) Pilot rating (previously known as SPHG 'full'), have 100 hours powered paraglider time logged and hold a valid First Aid certificate.

For more information contact:
Tony Mitchell, 0116 261 1322, tony-mitchell@bhpa.co.uk

2: 2010 Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowships

We have received notice that applications are now open for 2010. The trust awards 100 fellowships a year to UK citizens traveling abroad to undertake study projects related to their trade, profession or particular interest.

For more information contact: office@wcmf.org.uk

3: Technical Manual Amendment 12

The BHPA Technical Manual (TM) has now been updated to include Amendment 12. The new version of the TM (with amendment 12 incorporated) is available on the BHPA website.

In a break with tradition, and in order to keep down costs, TM amendments are no longer being sent out as paper copies to Instructors, Coaches etc.. Licence holders who need to maintain a TM should download the pdf version and use this as their primary copy.

For more information contact:
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4: Club Websites

Many Clubs now have their own web sites, which are a great aid to communication. However, where BHPA forms are referred to, **please do not hold copies on your site** but simply make a link to the BHPA website. As forms are subject to evolution and change, we do not want lots of outdated forms in places we are not aware of. It has been pointed out, for example, that some Club websites contain outdated incident report forms.

For more information contact:
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5: Coach Revalidation

As of March 2008, a new coach revalidation system was introduced, requiring all Club Coaches and Senior Coaches to have a Declaration of Support signed by their Chief Coach.

We have received a large number of renewals back without the declaration being completed, and, clever though we are, we are not psychic! Would coaches please either sign the form to request the removal of your coach license, or have your Chief Coach sign the form to support your renewal.

For more information contact:
Ruth Holyoak, 0116 261 1322, office@bhpa.co.uk

6: Exams and Foreign Ratings

Please note that at least five working days should be allowed when requesting PRS exams to be issued and ten working days for exams to be marked and ratings registered.

Also, please do not return exam papers to the office for marking without the completed task sheet and the appropriate fee.

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