

# Club Bulletin 177

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**BHPA**

### 1: Staff Changes

We regret that as a result of the economic downturn we have had to make savings. The position of Technical Administrator has been determined to be redundant and thus Tony Mitchell left our employment recently. We are sorry to lose Tony, who has been working at the office for ten years, and wish him well for the future.

The administration of examinations and licences will now be absorbed into Ruth's job and, as Elaine will be retiring in September, Stef has taken over responsibility for PRS exams and arranging Instructor / Coach courses etc.

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### 2: 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

#### EPPS Course

A BHPA EPPS training course will take place at the Derby Pride Park Travelodge on Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November 2009. The EPPS Course is the main training event to progress towards the BHPA qualification to pack and maintain emergency parachute systems. The Course is followed by a period of practice by those who attend, followed by a later, external examination for the qualification.

Cost is £250 for the two day course.

This course fills up very quickly so please register your interest as soon as possible.

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### 3: 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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### 4: Club Officials

Would clubs please remember to inform the BHPA office when there has been a change to club officials at any time during the year. If the information has changed since your club renewal we need to know.

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### 5: New Environments

Following recent changes to the Pilot Rating Scheme, please note that the form for registering additional environments is now available on the BHPA website.

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### 6: Channel 4 TV Seeking Volunteers

Channel 4 is looking for volunteers from across the UK from all walks of life to take part in "Power Struggle", a unique educational experience designed to understand human behaviour

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