

BGA Junior Development Training Event - 18th February 2012

Junior Training? Whats this all about?

The BGA is pulling together some Junior pilot development training during 2012 that aims to prepare pilots for their first competition. This is in addition to the coaching effort that takes place alongside the Junior Championships. The plan is to offer some practical guidance in a briefing/discussion forum event on the 18th of February, following which some of those involved in the February event could have access to funded training during the spring.

The **free** 18th February event aims to be an introduction to flying competitions. It is aimed at Junior pilots (ie under 25), but all are welcome at this purely ground based event on the 18th February hosted by Mike Fox and Dave Watt. The day will be arranged as follows:

Date – 18th February 2012

Location - Bicester airfield

- 10 am – Introductions and inspirational talk by Dave Watt.
- 1030 – Mike Fox on thermal flying and going places. Mike introduces some aspects of the art of thermal flying and speed to fly that may surprise...
- 1130 – Dave on getting the most out of local soaring.
- 1230 – 1330 Lunch
- 1330 – Mike on preparing for your first competition – kit and flying
- Short break
- 1400 – Dave and Mike tackle your first few days at a competition. They deal with everything from briefings to finishes to get the most enjoyment and success from a competition day.
- 1530 – Q & A
- 1600 - Finish

Please let Mike Fox know if you expect to be there – mike@gliding.co.uk

A bit about the guys running the day on the 18th February

- Mike Fox – experienced club class competition pilot who flies an LS4. He has coached numerous inexperienced pilots who have gone on to achieve great things in their gliders, including during competitions. Mike warms to enthusiastic pilots who are keen to learn.
- Dave Watt – former British Team member, current British Team coach, current CFI and very current racing cross country pilot. Dave flies a Ventus 2b, encourages adventurous safe flying and is very keen to help others at whatever level they want to fly.

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