



# Newsletter

*British Gliding Association*

## **BGA Newsletter April 2005**

**BGA Gold Medal.** At the recent BGA AGM and Conference the Association awarded its Gold Medal to Keith Mansell. Keith has served the BGA both as an elected Executive Committee member and as Treasurer for the last 23 years. Keith has also served his club – Midland GC at the Long Mynd – for some 45 years, as CFI, treasurer, chairman, and president. This is only the second time that the BGA Gold Medal has been awarded – the other recipient being Barry Rolfe.

**Bill Scull Safety Award.** The Bill Scull Safety Award for 2005 has been awarded to Hugh Browning. In addition to his work as Regional Safety Officer for the south east, Hugh has initiated a comprehensive review of the BGA Accident Database which has resulted in a fundamental re-appraisal of the major causal factors involved in accidents within UK gliding. In recent months Hugh has continued his analysis of the accident data relating to winch launching and has developed a detailed mathematical model of the dynamics involved in a winch launch failure.

**BGA Diplomas.** The BGA has also honoured those who have made a significant contribution to the sport at club level. BGA Diplomas were presented at the BGA AGM to Ian Dandie of the Scottish Gliding Union, Anthony Edwards of Cambridge GC, Peter Holland of Trent Valley GC, and Mike Randle of Cotswold GC.

**IGC Award for Gillian Bryce-Smith.** By a unanimous vote, the annual meeting of the International Gliding Commission has awarded Gillian the Pirat Gehriger Diploma. The Diploma, created by the FAI in memory of the first President of the IGC, may be awarded annually for eminent services to international gliding. Gillian was nominated by the BGA for her immense contribution to the world of soaring, spanning more than 30 years of interesting, educative and expert gliding journalism, including a quarter-century as editor of *Sailplane & Gliding*.

**London Air Show Ticket Offer.** Congratulations to the newsletter readers who won the free tickets that we offered in the last edition. If you were unsuccessful in the draw but still want to attend, there is a special 2 for 1 offer that has been negotiated by GAAC and which is available to glider pilots. Full details on the GAAC web site at <http://www.gaac.co.uk/members/FlyShow2005.htm>

**BGA Waypoint List.** The 2005 BGA way point list is now available at <http://www.spsys.demon.co.uk/turningpoints.htm>. Please note that, since finalising the list, we have been notified that the Control Tower at Upavon (UPA) has been demolished so that Waypoint should read "Site of Control Tower, now demolished!"

**Young Persons Soaring Course.** The BGA Young Person's Soaring Course will be held from 31st July - 7th August at Bicester Airfield. The BGA National Coach will be running the course with assistance from several experienced cross country pilots and instructors. The course is aimed at any Junior Pilots (25 and under) who wish to enhance their flying, soaring and cross country skills. As well as offering reduced flying fees for the BGA Duo Discus and Puchacz, the BGA intends to make a contribution towards candidates' flying and launching fees during the week. The course fee for the week will be £90.00. For more information or to book a place on the course, please contact Colin at the BGA Office - [colin@gliding.co.uk](mailto:colin@gliding.co.uk)

**Junior Nationals 2 Seat Training.** The Junior Nationals will be held at Tibenham (Norfolk GC) between 21st and 29th August. The BGA coaching organisation's major input into this competition will continue in 2005. Simon Adlard will be organising 2 seater training at the Championships. Several high performance two seat gliders will be flown by some of the country's top competition pilots to teach the basic concepts of competition flying to young pilots. There is no fee for this course, as it is subsidised by the BGA. All that is required is to be keen and enthusiastic! As there are a limited number of places available for this course, candidates must apply for a place in writing to Simon Adlard, National Coach at the BGA Office. Closing date for entries is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Lucky candidates who have won a place will be notified during May and June. More information is available from Colin at the BGA office - [colin@gliding.co.uk](mailto:colin@gliding.co.uk)

**Red Arrows.** Every year the Temporary Restricted Airspace established around certain air shows in the UK suffers infringements. At a minimum, displays are disrupted - including those by the Red Arrows - and some even cancelled. All such incursions have serious flight safety implications and could lead to accidents and loss of life. As the air show season approaches, the CAA has published a reminder for all pilots of the briefing options available to ensure that they do not cause an infringement this season. You can find this at <http://www.caa.co.uk/application.aspx?categoryid=14&pagetype=65&applicationid=7&mode=detail&nid=1037>

**Competition Enterprise.** Entries are now being accepted for the 2005 Competition Enterprise being held for the first time at the Midland GC, Long Mynd. The organisers say that this will be no ordinary competition! Check the web site <http://www.longmynd.com> for details. Entries are limited to 40 gliders.

**GASIL.** The latest edition of GASIL is now available and can be downloaded from [http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/SRG\\_GAD\\_GASIL1OF2005PDF.PDF](http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/SRG_GAD_GASIL1OF2005PDF.PDF)

**MCASD 2005.** As in previous years, the MoD Defence Aviation Safety Centre is hosting a Military Civil Air Safety Day. This year, the event will be held at RAF Shawbury on 4<sup>th</sup> May. More details are in the latest version of GASIL and can also be found at [http://www.mod.uk/linked\\_files/dasc/news/dasc\\_mcasd05.pdf](http://www.mod.uk/linked_files/dasc/news/dasc_mcasd05.pdf)

**FAI Centenary 2005.** The Northern hemisphere period for submission of flights for the IGC contribution to the FAI Centenary now occurs at the same time as a major military exercise – “Clean Hunter 2005” - in central Europe. This exercise is likely to interfere with VFR flights over a wide area. As a result, the IGC has decided to alter the dates for the Northern hemisphere period to July 9th to July 24th.