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British Gliding Association

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BGA Extraordinary General Meeting - Subscriptions: Following the decision to reduce junior subscriptions to 50% of the full rate, there will be an EGM on September 5th to ratify the move. All clubs have received a formal notification and proxy form. The new rates for next year will be £11.00 for junior flying members and £22.00 for all other flying members.

British World Champions: Did you know that Britain currently has five world gliding champions? To refresh your memory – Pete Masson, Club Class; Steve Jones, 18m Class; Sarah Steinberg, Women's Standard Class; Gillian Spreckley, Women's 15m Class; Jay Rebbeck; Junior Standard Class. The first of these world champions, will be defending his title this month in the.....

World Club Class Championships: These take place in the Black Forest region between 10th and 24th August. The British Team of World Champion Pete Masson, Richard Hood, Afandi Darlington and Paul Fritche will be hoping to go one better than last year's excellent performance where they gained 1st, 2nd and 4th places. The team have been training together regularly and confidence is high. Good luck to them. Details of the event are at www.musbach2002.de and updates will be available on www.glidingteam.co.uk.

Silver at European Championships: The European Gliding Championships, held at Beckescsaba in SE Hungary, finished on 27th July with an excellent silver medal in the 15m class for Dave Watt and some strong performances from the rest of the team. Other UK positions: 15m class: 9. Steve Jones; 11. Al Kay. 18m class: 11. Jay Rebbeck. Standard Class: 16. Mike Young; 26. David Allison. Open Class: 6. Peter Harvey; 9. Russell Cheetham. Full results can be found at www.egc2002.hu and informal day reports (interesting) at www.glidingteam.co.uk.

Future Regulatory Framework: You may have read of the creation of the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) and the establishment of Eurocontrol for the design and management of airspace across the European Union. These developments have highlighted the need for sporting and recreational aviation interests in the UK to present their views in a comprehensive form to the legislators in this new environment. (see article, p4 S&G August). The Royal Aero Club, has instigated a project to produce a 'position document' on behalf of its member organisations (including the BGA) which will form the basis of the UK's input into Europe Air Sports' negotiations with EASA later this year. The project is being led by David Roberts, the BGA Chairman.



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2003 AGM and Conference: This will be held on Saturday 22nd February, probably at Whittlebury Hall in Northamptonshire, although the venue has still to be confirmed. (The date is definite, so make a note in your diaries now). Once again, there will be no delegate charge for the meetings. In order to ensure that everybody gets the most from the day, next year will see the introduction of multiple seminar streams.

Class D Airspace: There is a Class D airspace crossing form now available on the website. This can be downloaded from www.gliding.co.uk/forms/classdcrossing.pdf. If you use Class D airspace, or are refused entry, please use this form, so that we can prove that the airspace is being used.

2005 World Junior Championships: The BGA, in conjunction with The Soaring Centre at Husbands Bosworth, has decided to bid to hold the 2005 WJC in the UK. If successful, this will provide an excellent opportunity to promote the image of gliding as a competitive sport and to gain much needed media coverage. A small group has been set up to develop and present the bid to the IGC.

Juniors on Sky: Agreement has been reached with an independent production company, Tilling, that a short television programme will be shot during the Junior Nationals (Husbands Bosworth, 31st Aug – 8th Sept). This will be transmitted on Sky Sports at a date to be announced. Watch this space for more details.

Still For Sale: BGA SCHEIBE SF25C FALKE. 1991, 2 litre Limbach engine & variable pitch propeller in good condition. Approx 2500 flying hours, CofA until June 2003. Offers. Contact Dave Bullock for further information on 01869 357079

New Summer Stock from the BGA Shop:

Beanie Hat, pale blue with navy glider motif - £6.50.

Key ring, glider in mountain design - £1.25.

I ♥ GLIDING Mug, navy only - £5.50.

New T Shirts, navy blue with "PULLING POSITIVE" design, L & XL - £8.00.

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