



Newsletter

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Chairmen's Conference. A report of the 2005 Chairmen's Conference is available at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/clubmanagement/documents.htm>. The report contains items that will be of interest to all pilots.

BGA Conference and AGM. The full programme for the BGA Conference (11 March, Eastwood Hall, Nottingham) is now available at <https://www.gliding.co.uk/forms/agm2006schedule.pdf/>. Attendance is free. You can book lunch and your table for the gala dinner online at <https://www.gliding.co.uk/bgashop/conference.htm>

Air League Bursaries. The Air League Educational Trust offers some 100 scholarships and bursaries each year. This year, for the first time, these will include gliding scholarships. The scholarships offer cross-country gliding, aerobatic gliding or SLMG flying to assist young men and women to gain flying experience and qualifications. Applicants must be 16 but under 26 on 28 April 2006, the closing date for applications. More details at <http://www.airleague.co.uk/>

CAP393/ Air Navigation Order 2005. There has been a significant amendment to CAP 393: Air Navigation - The Order and the Regulations. The latest version (amendment, 1/2005) of CAP393 - which incorporates the Air Navigation Order 2005 (ANO2005) - is detailed and can be viewed in full on the CAA web site at <http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/CAP393.PDF>. Clearly this and other recent amendments have superseded some sections in the currently published edition of BGA Laws and Rules that relate to the ANO. However, members are advised that many elements of ANO2005 and CAP393 amendment 1/2005 relating to glider certification and registration are currently influenced by exemptions that have been previously announced by the BGA. For this reason, a revision of the BGA Laws and Rules document during the immediate regulatory negotiation and amendment process is uneconomical. You are advised to continue to monitor the website and Newsletter where any regulatory developments that affect glider pilots will continue to be notified. A précis of the changes to CAP393 is on the BGA web site at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/forms/airnavorder2005-comment.pdf>, but please note that the published CAA document is the definitive source of information.

LASORS 2006. The latest copy of LASORS (Licensing, Administration, and Standardisation; Operating Requirements and Safety) is now available. LASORS brings together in one easily understandable book all the flight crew licensing information otherwise found in JAR-FCL, the UK ANO, AICs and the old CAPs 53/54. The latest edition of LASORS can be purchased from the Stationery Office (<http://www.tso.co.uk>) price £13.50 or downloaded from the CAA web site (11.8Mb) at http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/LASORS_06_WEB.pdf

BGA Flight Safety Presentations 2006. Although February and March are fully booked, there are still opportunities for BGA clubs to book the BGA Flight Safety Presentation during April. Bookings are made on a first come, first served basis. Any club that is interested in hosting one of these excellent presentations during April should contact Debbie Carr - debbie@gliding.co.uk or call 0116 2531051.

New UK Airprox Board Web Site. The UKAB have a new web site – <http://www.airproxboard.org.uk>. The new site contains much valuable information, including lessons learned. Statistics and links to current publications are also provided.

1:250,000 S England Chart Delay. The CAA have advised that as a result of ongoing work to a proposed airspace change, the date for publication of the 1/4 million Sheet 8 England South Chart, edition 10 has been amended to 13 April 2006 (was 16 February). This tactical delay will ensure that pilots will be in possession of a new chart that reflects valid aeronautical data for the longest possible period. A full list of chart publication dates is on the CAA web site at <http://www.caa.co.uk/default.aspx?categoryid=64&pagetype=90&pageid=571>

Sports Club of the Year Awards. Does your club encourage people to take part in sport and set the standard other clubs aspire to? Does your club have a proven track record in working with schools, local authorities or other community organisations? Does your club have high standards of good practice, safety and governance? In other words, should your club win a Sports Club of the Year Award? The CCPR and the Foundation for Sport and the Arts have announced that applications for nominations for the Sports Club of the Year Awards 2006 must be received by 31st March 2006. £15,000 of prize money is on offer. Further details and an application form can be obtained at <http://www.ccpr.org.uk>. Please note that all applications must be endorsed by the BGA prior to submission.

Reading Sports Personality of the Year. Congratulations to Jon Meyer – silver medalist at the World Junior Championships – on being presented with the Reading Male Sports Personality of the Year award.

Local Development Plans. Judging from recent requests for support from clubs, many local authorities are currently updating and consulting with their communities about their Local Development Plan (LDP). If you haven't already done so, please check with your local councils (District and County) to see what they're up to and get your club put on relevant distribution lists. It is important to make yourselves known at this stage as this may affect planning policy perhaps years into the future. The BGA Development Officers can provide advice and assistance to clubs on request. In the past, the BGA has responded to such requests in conjunction with the General Aviation Awareness Council (GAAC) and we would like to know about LDP's. We will make formal representations to local authorities if requested to do so by clubs; ideally any such representation should be in addition to your club's own response.

GAAC Airfield Safeguarding Factsheets. On a similar theme, the General Aviation Awareness Council, of which the BGA is a member, has issued two updated factsheets on the subject of airfield safeguarding. The factsheets can be found at <http://www.gaac.org.uk> – follow the links to Planning/Factsheets. The BGA Development Officers are always available to offer advice and assistance about airfield safeguarding issues.

New Prohibited List Published. A new List of Prohibited Substances and Methods came into force on 1 January 2006. UK Sport's Drug Information Database - <http://www.uk sport.gov.uk/template.asp?id=2234> - has been updated to reflect the changes - all competition pilots should ensure that they are familiar with the latest information.

Sailplane Grand Prix. Pete Harvey finished overall 7th in the New Zealand Gliding Grand Prix, held at Omarama in January. Ben Flewett was first, picking up the \$10,000 first prize and securing qualification for the 2007 World Sailplane Grand Prix. A DVD is now available of the 1st FAI World Sailplane Grand Prix, held at St-Auban in September. You can see a trailer and place orders at <http://www.customflix.com/Store/ShowEStore.jsp?id=208281>. Profits from sales of the DVD will go to the race organizers and the international soaring movement.

FAI Young Artists Competition. The theme for the 2006 FAI Young Artists Competition is Air Sports & Nature in Harmony. The Royal Aero Club, along with the PFA, is organising the UK round, the winners of which go through to the international competition. Details are at <http://www.pfa.org.uk/education.asp>

Women's Development Day. 29 female pilots – believed to be the largest ever such gathering in the UK - attended the Women's Development Day at Bicester last weekend. The day, hosted by current international pilots, covered topics that included international competitions, competition preparation, objective setting and how to fly faster. Attendees ranged from vastly experienced cross country pilots through to those who not yet discovered the joys of solo cross-country. The day was very interactive, and all enjoyed sharing knowledge and experience. Anyone who wants to find out more or take part in any of the development opportunities to come, should contact Liz Sparrow (ebertoya@iee.org). More details are in the new Women's section of the BGA web site – <http://www.gliding.co.uk/women>