



# Newsletter

British Gliding Association

## BGA Newsletter January 2010

### Safety

**Military & Civil Air Safety Day.** The first MCASD of 2010 will be held at RAF Lyneham on Wednesday 19th May 2010. The aim is to promote closer ties between General Aviation Pilots and MoD Aviation, focussing on the shared use of lower airspace. There will be a series of presentations covering local airspace issues and a light lunch will be provided. Places are limited, particularly the fly-in slots, so early registration is advisable. Registration forms are available at <http://www.caa.co.uk/mcasd>

**ATSOCAS.** Glider and powered pilots who may need to talk to air traffic controllers might like to refresh their knowledge of the relatively new Air Traffic Services Outside Controlled AirSpace (ATSOCAS) requirements online at [http://airspace-safety.com/ATSOCAS\\_web/](http://airspace-safety.com/ATSOCAS_web/) This includes an interactive training and testing aid.

### BGA

**Ratings for 2010.** The provisional ratings list to prioritise places for the 2010 Nationals is available at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/competitions/news.htm>, where you can check your rating, view the protest procedure, and download the full, detailed list.

**Nationals Entries.** Entry forms for the 2010 Nationals are now available. Entries must be received by 31st January 2010. You can apply online and renew your FAI licence at the same time by going to <http://www.gliding.co.uk/nationalsentry>

**Anti-Doping Regulations.** New anti-doping regulations have been introduced for air sports and are being adopted by the BGA, with changes being made to the competition entry process and applications for competition licenses. For most UK glider pilots, the only impact will be some additional paperwork at BGA rated competitions and when applying for or renewing a competition licence, but it is important that competitors comply with the paperwork and familiarise themselves with the basic requirements. Coaches, crews, team managers and competition officials also need to be aware of the changes. More information is at [http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/competitions/anti\\_doping\\_notes.pdf](http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/competitions/anti_doping_notes.pdf)

**Conference & AGM.** A reminder that the 2010 BGA Conference, AGM and annual dinner will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March at the Barcelo Daventry Hotel. Following on from the success of the 2009 event, the 2010 conference promises to be even more inspirational and aspirational. As ever, this annual event is free to attend and

offers something for everyone, from club officers to competition and aerobatic pilots to instructors and club volunteers; why not come along and see for yourself what the conference can offer. Full details and a booking form for the ever-popular annual dinner are at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/notices/conference.htm>

## Regulatory

**OFCOM Second Consultation Re Radio Frequency Charging.** OFCOM intends to generate income from the aeronautical radio spectrum. The BGA continues to be engaged with this subject alongside colleagues from the GA Alliance, a collaborative organization including the BGA, BHPA, BMAA, LAA and others. OFCOM has recently published more information in a second round of consultation that closes on the 22nd March 2010. The consultation is at [http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/spectrum\\_pricing/aip/](http://www.ofcom.org.uk/consult/condocs/spectrum_pricing/aip/)

## Club Management

**Companies Act 2006.** Most clubs will have received notification from Companies House of the reduction in the period allowed for filing your annual Accounts from 10 to 9 months. There are stiff financial penalties for failing to meet the deadline. There are also significant changes to the format and content of the new model Memorandum & Articles of Association. Advice on these points has already been circulated to club Secretaries and Treasurers. However, if you have not seen the advice or have any concerns about the new regulations, please contact the BGA office, who can send you a copy of the advice and put you in touch with the BGA Treasurer or a member of the BGA Development Committee for further assistance.

**BGA Project Planning Guide.** A review of this guide is now underway to update information about funders. Much of the 'how to...' text will remain unchanged. However, new case studies to add to and illustrate the guide are being sought. Has your club got an example the BGA can use? e.g. new glider, new club computers, new parachutes, instructors trained, new clubhouse, new winch, new airfield, new club, etc etc... Please email [alison@gliding.co.uk](mailto:alison@gliding.co.uk)

## General

**World Sailplane Grand Prix.** The 3<sup>rd</sup> FAI World Sailplane Grand Prix Final was held in the Chilean Andes between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January. eight races were watched live on the internet by over 80,000 viewers. Sebastian Kawa of Poland maintained his dominance of the GP format racing by making it three wins in three events, following his successes in St Auban (2005) and Omarama (2007). Full details and results are at <http://www.grandprixchile.org/>

**RAeS Award.** Tony Segal was awarded the Bronze Medal of the Royal Aeronautical Society at a ceremony on 10<sup>th</sup> December. The award recognises the 25 years of research into glider cockpit safety that Tony has undertaken and which has resulted in important changes to airworthiness design codes.