



# Newsletter

*British Gliding Association*

## **BGA Newsletter** **June 2003**

**CCPR Sports Club of the Year.** Borders GC were awarded the second prize in the Sports Club of the Year awards. The prize of £4000 was presented at the Central Council for Physical Recreation's national conference on 20<sup>th</sup> May.

**Laws & Rules.** The new edition of Laws & Rules is now available for purchase from the BGA Shop, price £2.00 + 50p p&p.

**Women's World Championships.** The British team have recently returned from the Women's World Gliding Championships, held at Jihalva in the Czech Republic. Despite some iffy weather, 9 competition days were flown. The final placings were:

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| 15m Class:      | 1. Alena Netusilova (CZE, Ventus 2a) – 6866 points       |
|                 | 6. Gill Spreckley (GBR, LS8) – 5925                      |
|                 | 8. Lucy Withall (GBR, ASW28) – 5502                      |
| Standard Class: | 1. Cornelia Schaich (GER – LS8b) – 5954 points           |
|                 | 6. Jan McCoshim (GBR, LS8) – 5217                        |
|                 | 10. Anna Wells (GBR, LS8) – 4559                         |
| Club Class:     | 1. Christine Grote (GER, Standard Libelle) – 6271 points |
|                 | 6. Liz Sparrow (GBR, Pegasus) – 5489                     |
|                 | 8. Kay Draper (GBR, Standard Cirrus) – 5259              |

**BGA AMP Manual.** The old Technical Procedure Manual has now been replaced by the Aircraft Maintenance Procedures (AMP) Manual. This is after many hours work by inspectors, members of the technical committee and, in particular Bill Taylor ex RAF GSA. The AMP is available for download from the BGA web site [www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/technical/ampmanual.htm](http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/technical/ampmanual.htm) and can be purchased from the BGA shop.

**Medical Records System.** The latest version of the software package to help clubs administer the new BGA medical standards is available to clubs from the BGA office. This version caters for the changes to the validity of GP certifications and corrects a number of minor faults. There is no charge to clubs for the upgrade.

**High TV Profile.** High TV, an internet TV channel specializing in adventure sports recently filmed a profile of Pete Masson at Lasham. You can see this short programme online at [www.high.tv](http://www.high.tv) – look under highlights. (NB you will have to sit through an advert before you get to the gliding bit).



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**World Microlight Championships.** The FAI 9<sup>th</sup> World Microlight Championships will be held at Long Marston between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> August with practice starting on 18<sup>th</sup> August. Tasks will be set in an area approx 60miles in radius around Long Marston. The Red Arrows will be visiting Long Marston on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The organisers have asked if clubs would let them know of any gliding activities planned for the period so that they can do their best to keep out of our way. If you want to discuss any aspect of the championship, please contact Keith Negal at [keith@negal.com](mailto:keith@negal.com) or on 01327 361305.

**2004 Conference.** If you are organized enough to have a 2004 diary already, here's a date for it. The 2004 BGA AGM and Conference will be held on Saturday 6th March 2004, again at Easterton Hall near Nottingham. We shall be hosting the EGU Congress alongside, with some 30 international delegates attending at the same venue

**Bidford Ruby Anniversary Celebrations.** Bidford Gliding Centre are celebrating 40 years of gliding on their site on July 5<sup>th</sup>. However because of changes over the years they have not been able to contact as many past members as they would have wished. They would like to see as many 'old' faces as possible at Bickmarsh airfield on that date and have asked us to publicise the reunion. More information can be obtained from Roy Jones - [roy@randjjones.evesham.net](mailto:roy@randjjones.evesham.net)

**Pioneers of Flight Information.** The Royal Aeronautical Society are staging an exhibition at their premises in London between 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> August. The exhibition will concentrate on key aeronautical pioneers pre Wright Brothers and take a look at the explosion of aviation interest immediately after the Wrights' first flight. Admission is £5 and more information can be obtained from the RAeS on 020 7670 4300 or at [www.aerosociety.com](http://www.aerosociety.com)

**[www.ukga.com](http://www.ukga.com).** This is a new web site for general aviation pilots and enthusiasts in the UK. Registering is free and, in return, you can elect to receive NOTAMs and weather for chosen airfields (on line or by email). There are flight planning tools, including a NOTAM service, promised.