



Newsletter

British Gliding Association

THE NEXT CLOUD

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News from the Committees:

Comps: Ron Bridges would like to thank all Club Chairmen who wrote to offer help with presenting a bid to host a World championship in 2004. Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful this time, but we hope to mount a bid for 2006, so don't lose the enthusiasm!.....

Comms & Marketing: We would like all clubs to let us have contact details for their PR/Media reps as soon as possible, please. Several have given them to Claire, but there are some Clubs out there who have not yet sent in details. There are lots of PR and Media opportunities coming up this year, so if you want your club to be part of it, then get in touch.! Names, and either e-mail or phone contacts to Claire Emson, please, claire@eventia.co.uk

Executive: The rolling programme of executive visits to clubs is over two years, so if your club has not been contacted yet about a potential visit, please let the office know to find out when you are on the list, or to request the team and presentation to visit you!

Following the elections at the recent AGM the current members of the Executive Committee are:- David Roberts - Chairman, Mike Jordy - Vice Chairman, Claire Emson, Paul, Hepworth, Jon Hall, John Hoskins, Diana King, Doug Lingafelter, Gordon Pledger, Val Roberts, David Salmon and Richard Yerburch

Other News:

Sport Relief: If you are keen to take part in a fund-raising stunt or event for Sport Relief this summer, the organisers would be keen to hear from you, so that they can get the press coverage in place. This is a good opportunity to put your club on the map, and raise some money for disadvantaged children by encouraging them to get involved in sport. For further details contact Marilyn Hood marilynhood@tiscali.co.uk. We have donated a flight with a World Champion for their celebrity auction, and there will be a TV spectacular on 13th July, rather like Comic Relief, when all the events countrywide will be featured. Get thinking!.....

BGA Gliding Manual: The new BGA Gliding Manual has just been published and although it was originally intended for instructors it does give a general understanding of how and why gliders work. There is much to learn in this book for any glider pilot. Topics covered range from why gliders fly to cross country techniques and there are nearly 400 illustrations to complement the text. The price of the BGA Gliding Manual from the shop is



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£25 + £4 p&p but it is available to any currently rated instructors at the special offer price of £15 + £4 p&p.

Annual Conference: We would like to thank Claire Emson for organising another extremely successful conference at the end of February with sessions of interest to a broad spectrum of pilots. Perhaps our one regret after such an enjoyable weekend was receiving an extra bill for £900 from the hotel for damages caused to door and light fittings in the bar during the early hours of Sunday morning. Those responsible might care to note that this will put up the cost of next years function by approximately £3 per head for those attending!

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