



# Newsletter

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## **BGA Newsletter March 2003**

**Medical Fitness Administration System.** A PC system to help clubs administer the new medical fitness to fly requirements is available, free of charge, from the BGA office. The system has been developed by Ideal Microsystems Ltd, who have also developed a complete administration system for gliding clubs. For more details of this, see [www.idealmicrosystems.co.uk](http://www.idealmicrosystems.co.uk).

**Gliding Simulator.** The new BGA Gliding Simulator, CyberGlide, made its public debut at the BGA Conference last month. Queues quickly formed to try it out, although it was just as interesting watching top pilots make a hash of things. Everybody was unanimous in their praise for the simulator which will be a great attraction and addition to our marketing efforts. The simulator will make its next appearance at the Outdoor Show at the NEC in March and is available for hire by clubs. The BGA sends thanks to everybody who assisted in the development of this fantastic piece of equipment.

**BGA Turning Point List.** The turn point list has been updated for 2003. The new list can be downloaded from [users.iclway.co.uk/tim.newport-peace/turningpoints.htm](http://users.iclway.co.uk/tim.newport-peace/turningpoints.htm)

**BGA Courses.** An updated course calendar, including venues for the 2003 soaring course programme is available on the BGA web site at [www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/bgacourses.htm](http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/bgacourses.htm).

**Safeguarding of Aerodromes.** A new planning circular has been released by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister regarding airfield safeguarding. This is in connection with the transfer of primary responsibility for the official safeguarding of civil aerodromes and technical sites from the CAA to airfield operators. The circular can be seen at [www.odpm.gov.uk/planning/circulars/01\\_03/index.htm](http://www.odpm.gov.uk/planning/circulars/01_03/index.htm). Some notes, produced by the GAAC are available on the BGA web site at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/forms/safeguardingaerodromes.pdf>

**e-Newsletter.** This newsletter will be available for electronic subscription very shortly. You will need to register via the BGA web site. Your own copy will be delivered directly to your email in-box as soon as the Newsletter is published.



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**New Gliding Team Site.** The all new UK Gliding Team web site has now been launched. This contains details of all of the 2003 world championship events, team profiles, etc and can be found at [www.glidingteam.co.uk](http://www.glidingteam.co.uk)

**BGA Awards.** The BGA presented a number of awards at its AGM last month. The BGA Diploma was awarded to Bob Sharman for his continued support of gliding for all people; to Jack Harrison for his Weather Jack service; and, posthumously, to Malcolm Gay, for his dedication, inspiration and love of the sport which he applied for the benefit of others. The Bill Scull Safety Award was made to Tony Segal for his contribution to gliding safety.

**New Executive Committee Members.** A number of EC positions fell vacant at the BGA AGM. The number of nominations received equaled the number of places to be elected and therefore no election was necessary. The following have been elected or re-elected to the BGA Executive Committee: Mike Jordy (The Soaring Centre) Vice Chairman, John Birch (Cambridge), Phil Burton (Norfolk), Doug Lingafelter (London), Keith Mansell (Midlands), Patrick Naegeli (Lasham), and Terry Slater (Norfolk).

**Sub-Committee Chairmen / Chief Accident Investigator.** The BGA Executive approved the re-appointment of the sub-committee chairmen at its March meeting. There is one change – Kevin Moloney of Cambridge GC becomes chairman of the Safety Committee. The previous chairman, John Hoskins, has been appointed as Chief Accident Investigator.

**FAI 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Publication.** To mark its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005, the FAI plan to publish a work tracing its first century of existence and the parallel history of air sports. Much of the material will come from the FAI archives, but the FAI is launching an appeal for information about the existence of rare documents, photographic archives, documentary films, or any other reference material that might be relevant for inclusion in a publication of international scope. More details are available at [www.fai.org/news\\_archives/fai/000197.asp](http://www.fai.org/news_archives/fai/000197.asp)

**University Gliding Clubs.** We are still having problems making contact with university gliding clubs. Could all clubs please let the BGA office know if they have any university clubs operating at their site and identify a point of contact?

**Royal Aero Club Awards..** The Royal Aero Club Annual Awards Ceremony is being held this year on Wednesday 30th April at the RAF Club, Piccadilly and tickets are priced at £25.00 each. We are delighted that this year the Silver Medal will be awarded to Terry Slater and also the FAI's Pirat Gehriger Diploma will be awarded to Cedric Vernon. If you would like to come along to the Awards Presentation then you can purchase the tickets from the BGA office in Leicester with cheques payable to **Royal Aero Club**.