



Newsletter

British Gliding Association

BGA Newsletter Late April/May 2002. (where did April go?!)

News from the Committees:

Comps: Richard Browne would like to remind club committees that the forms for bids for Competitions for 2003 are now available. There will be an added incentive next year, in that one lucky competition may be televised! This may be an ideal opportunity to put your clubs activities and not just the competition in the public eye. Richard would like to remind bidders that forms must be correctly completed and sent to the BGA office, in order that the relevant authorities, such as NATS, are informed in good time, and the competition can be officially sanctioned.

Comms & Marketing: The BGA display stand is currently in Norwich at the 'History of Aviation in Norfolk' event. Just to remind you that clubs may hire the display if they have an event where it would be a useful 'marketing tool' to introduce the public to gliding. For more details see the website, or contact the Office. We have also produced a new brochure to introduce newcomers to gliding and a sample copy is enclosed for each club with this Newsletter. If your club would like copies then please contact the BGA office as they are available in lots of 100 for £5.00 plus postage.

Instructor: The thorny question of requirements for instructor renewals has been revisited by this committee and the updated requirements have just been approved by the Executive. A Newsletter to all CFIs will be issued later this month containing the updated requirements which will operate for the year commencing 1st October 2002 for the renewals which will then be due 30th September 2003.

Airspace: The British Grand Prix will be held this year at Silverstone on 7th July and we have been asked to alert clubs to the heavy volume of helicopter traffic in the local area particularly during the peak times of between 9.00 and 11.00 a.m. and again between 4.30 and 7.00 p.m. We would ask you to alert members of your club to the risks in the Silverstone area during those times and to suggest that they should stay clear if possible and certainly keep an extremely good look out if they are in that area.

Ordnance Survey Maps: The Burn Club have recently contacted Ordnance Survey to ask that their site should be marked on the local maps as an active gliding site. Their feeling is that this might prevent the safety problems when

visitors stray onto the airfield believing it to be "spare" land. Their suggestion is that sites for pleasure flying, including gliding should be marked on Ordnance Survey and motoring map books in future as a useful reference. Do other clubs feel that this is a good idea and one that should be followed up by the BGA on behalf of all members?

Junior Subscriptions: At their meeting this month the Executive gave the go ahead to a future reduction in subscription rates for junior (under 21) flying members of member clubs. The BGA Treasurer will be writing to all club chairmen in the near future for statistical information on the number of juniors in each club and as soon as this information is received the Executive will then be able to make certain proposals for reduced subscriptions in the future. If new rates are to apply for next year then it may be necessary to call an Extraordinary General Meeting as the rates were set at the AGM earlier this year.

CAA Information: We have just been advised of an extremely useful new publication entitled "Lasors 2002 which is published by the CAA. This is a new advisory document for pilots of all light and sporting aviation giving details of the licences admin, standards and operating requirements together with the answers to frequently asked questions on all aspects of flight crew licensing. We feel that this most useful book should be present at each member club and we shall be contacting the CAA about stocking copies to sell through the BGA shop at a price we expect to be around £10.00 each.

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