



# British Junior Gliding Team

## *October 2015 update*



# The Final Countdown

This is it then, the final few weeks before the Junior World Championships begin! Months of preparation have been leading up to this event and we're all extremely excited to get on the plane to Sydney on the 18<sup>th</sup> November.

We'd like to use this month's newsletter to say a massive thank you to everyone that has supported us along our journey. Apologies we have missed anyone out below, but there are just so many people!

As we'll just be beginning the competition at the start of next month, there won't be a November newsletter. However, keep an eye on the website ([team.gliding.co.uk](http://team.gliding.co.uk)) and the Facebook page ([facebook.com/britishglidingteam](https://facebook.com/britishglidingteam)) for live updates of our progress. When we're back, we'll create a bumper newsletter with a full report from the competition as our slightly late Christmas present to you all.

In no particular order, here goes...

## Thank you to our amazing supporters!

### British Airways

One of the flagship brands of Great Britain and a welcome supporter of the British Gliding Team over the years, their generosity has allowed our team of 10 to fly out to Australia free of charge. We are extremely grateful for their support of the British Gliding movement, and are looking forward to working with them on their youth aviation projects for years to come.



## Land Rover

Thank you to Land Rover Australia, who have very kindly agreed to lend us a fully kitted out Discovery for the duration of the competition. This will allow us to easily tow our gliders around the country, and to make sure we'll never get stuck in a tricky field!



## Sydney Charles

A long-time supporter of the British Gliding Team, we were delighted to be able to team up with Sydney Charles again this year after our successful partnership at the 2013 Junior World Championships in Leszno, Poland. Their financial support allows us to train as much as possible throughout the year, and we are lucky to be able to call upon their impressive insurance expertise when looking to protect our gliders.





## Apogee Industries

Led by the talents of Will Chappel, Apogee provided the engineering nous to get our gliders safely stored away in the container for their trip to the other side of the world. Even with all their expertise at our disposal this was a challenge, so we can't imagine how difficult it would have been without them. Apogee have also generously lent us their container for the trip, further reducing the cost burden on each team pilot for the competition.



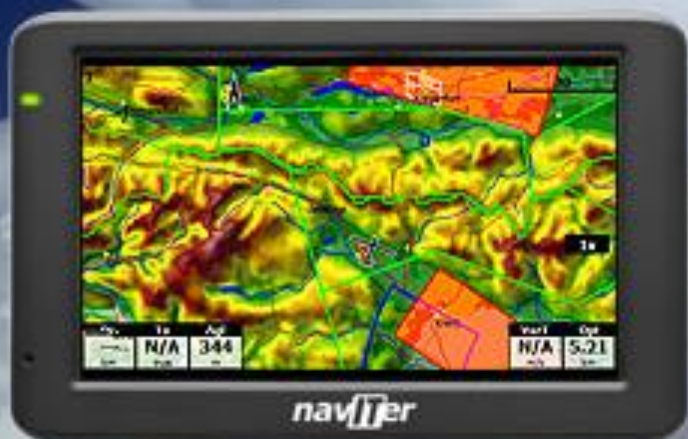
## Lasham Gliding Society

Considered to be one of the best gliding clubs in Europe, if not the world, Lasham's support has enabled the whole Team to fly from together from Lasham this year. Being surrounded by world class facilities and some of the best pilots in the world has allowed the Team to train in an intensely competitive environment. This has undoubtedly enhanced our flying skills and should be invaluable when it comes to the pressures of competition flying, so we are very grateful for this opportunity.



## Naviter

Another habitual British Team supporter, Naviter have helped us out enormously over the past few years. Their pioneering instrument technology and analysis software allows us to stay up to speed with the continuous arms race within the gliding world. Having the whole Team running the same software allows us to work together consistently and without compatibility issues. It also allows us to share our knowledge and experience to get the best out of the technology available to us.



## British Gliding Association (BGA)

Our main supporter, and the governing body of all things gliding in the UK. The BGA are always incredibly generous in supporting the British Gliding Team. For the Junior Team alone this year, they have shipped our container to Australia, entered us into the competition, and given us grants towards a week's team training in France. None of us would be here without the BGA so although they may be the last organisation on this list, our thank you to them is certainly not the least!





Family, friends, pets, avid fans

We can't have a list of thank you notes without including those close to each of us. Whether that be our employers for supporting us with a month off work, our parents for supplying us with some fancy gliders to fly, the girlfriends for letting us sneak off for whole weekends to go and play in the sky, or anyone else in between. Thank you so much to each and every one of you. Getting to Australia has meant sacrifices for everyone and we are extremely grateful to those who have supported our ambition to compete at the highest level.



Thank you for an  
amazing year

from the British Junior Gliding Team

# Who's who

We realise it's been a while since we introduced you to the Team, so here's a handy table to help you keep track of who's who.

Name	Position/Class	Glider Type	Competition Number
Andy Davis	Team Captain	N/A	N/A
Sam Roddie	Club Class	Standard Cirrus	DDA
Tom Arscott	Club Class	Standard Cirrus	GW
Mike Gatfield	Standard Class	LS8	L9
Matt Davis	Standard Class	LS8	M9

# What's coming up

Just one event left for this year, and it's the big one!

- **Junior World Championships** – 23<sup>rd</sup> November to 13<sup>th</sup> December – Narromine, Australia.
  - Where everything is leading to! A month in Australia, hopefully ending in medals...

# Getting in touch

We'd love to hear from you. Whether it's just to check on the latest from the Team or you're interested in organising a corporate hospitality day, feel free to get in touch with Matt (Team Sponsorship contact):



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