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This Mag is a celebration of the outstanding condition of UK skydiving. It is packed with Nationals at which records, first and personal bests were set. Plus the World Championships in all disciplines – at each we gained extraordinary success. In canopy piloting Paul Rossouw won a bronze in accuracy and Mikey Holmes came fourth in speed. In classic accuracy, Esther Reynolds put up a great performance, scoring just 0.01 over seven of the eight rounds. In CF, our 8-way speed team took the bronze. And of course, this issue's huge success story: *Perris Airkix* – World Champions in female 4-way FS!

To take a new team to a 19 average in a year and a half is incredible. It shows just how hard and how effectively Sparky, Foxy, Emma, Amanda and Andy have applied themselves. They gave a hell of a lot to look so happy on the cover! They each have huge talent of course but the real deal is dedication, hard work and commitment. *Perris Airkix* have done 800 jumps, 7 training camps, 40 hours tunnel time, 2 Nationals, a World Cup and the World Meet. The training plan in the April Mag belongs to their coach, Dan BC, and they followed it to the letter, including visualising for 20 minutes **every single day**, to keep the technical side current. Can you imagine being so disciplined? Dan said that no team has ever carried out his plan so meticulously. "I couldn't be more proud of them. They did a fantastic job from the start 16 months ago to the finish in Germany. I'm proud to be a part of it". Funnily enough Dan we're incredibly proud too!

Airkix also made history by winning the UK senior FS Nationals (by 21 points!). This is a first for an all-female team, in fact in the last 12 years no woman has won a Nationals gold medal in 4-way. *Perris Airkix* – you rock!

One final note about British skydiving: Target Skysports – what an operation! Hibaldstow you are professional, efficient, polished, friendly, helpful, genuine and smart. Thank you for another impressively hosted FS Nationals. With drop zones like these, the support of our tunnels, the heights reached by UK athletes, their generosity in passing knowledge on, and the BPA's commitment to competitions and coaching, there is no limit to what British skydiving can achieve.

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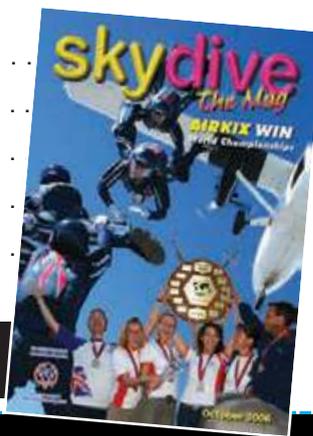
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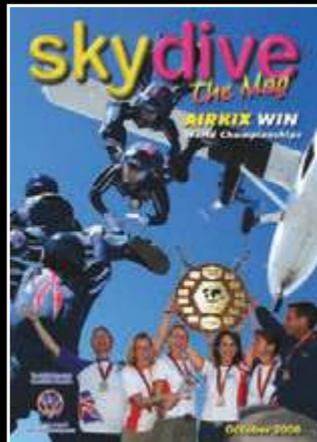
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UK 8-way team Connexion sheltering from the rain at the World Championships in Gera, Germany, photo by Willy Boeykens



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Team Airkix pictured in freefall by Andy Wright and winning the World Championships by Tumbleweed



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World Championships

FS & Artistics

Gera, Germany

Artistic events

"Bing bong! All calls are cancelled!" These were the buzz words for all those at Gera for the World Meet

Our lingering memories will be of five o'clock starts, snuggling up in blankets all day in the team tent, occasional breaks in the weather allowing the odd skydive, then back to the blankets, read another book, and be ready to get up again at five the next morning, just in case.

Grimness

Grim weather faced us from day one. Freely teams had been released for the day, with all other disciplines on standby, stood down for blocks of two hours between downpours (ie, just not quite long enough to go anywhere or do much). So we spent the day cloud-watching, puddle-dodging, and studying the draw.

First Round Nerves

From day two onwards we faced wheels-off at 7am (weather permitting!). The second day dawned fairly bright, so we were up at five, ready and raring to go by first load. *Tumbleweed* (Deb Clarke & Jim Weir) had been manifested for load 4, so we warmed up, stretched, geared up and headed out to the emplaning point. There were a few patches of cloud in an otherwise clear sky so we were fired up for a good day of competition. After take-off we noticed the cloud had got a bit thicker then, after climbing to about 7,000 feet, the aircraft started descending. The cloud had thickened up completely at low level and we landed with the plane. Not to worry, the forecast was fairly promising and, sure enough, the cloud moved off and jumping started again. On the second attempt at round 1, we got to 7,000 feet again, then again the aircraft levelled out and started descending. Wind this time! Never mind, the



wind had blown the clouds away. Better luck next time? Not likely! Attempt three at round 1, we geared up, had another massive send-off from the Brit supporters and just got as far as the emplaning point when the heavens opened. This was doing our first round nerves the world of good!!

We did actually manage to jump on the fourth attempt – at about 6pm after a 5am start – and this was the pattern of things to come. We managed, on average, one round of competition per day, not including the first day.

Day three, after an early start, our skysurfers Rohan Beal and Richard 'Wiggy' Wiggins got to do their first round. Day four was another early start, ready for load 3 – and Jim's Cypres refused to start up. Fortunately the weather stayed bad sufficiently long for replacement batteries to be installed before he had to jump. Big thanks to Cypres for providing free batteries and to Anne Maxwell, working for PD, for installing them.



Avalore



Insanely Board



Frustrations

Any and all ideas of German efficiency and organisation were shattered by the end of the week. Frustrations were shared by all competitors about the shortage of aircraft during the 'training' week, further to which many artistic competitors felt that the organisation was biased in favour of FS teams. This wasn't helped by the powers-that-be making announcements and then contradicting themselves by taking alternative action. Unfortunately some of these decisions had a direct impact on medal positions.

airfield, assuming that they had no reason to stay as they had not made the final cut. Then manifest put out a call for female freestyle, who were to carry on with round 4. Much surprised, we geared up and had a great jump. This round could have completed, had the Australian cameraflyer not left the DZ, and if manifest had filled the aircraft with freestylers. Instead the management elected to put one 4-way team on the load and leave two freestyle teams for the next aircraft. The next load didn't go! The weather deteriorated again and was no longer acceptable for artistic teams. 4-way and 8-way continued, however!

We arrived at the final day of the competition with most artistic events having completed three rounds. At a competitors' meeting we were told that 1300 hrs was the cut-off time, after which the semi-final rounds would start. So when 1300 came and went without much of an improvement in weather, some of the lower placed teams went off the



Main photo: Competition begins by Andy Wright



Tumbleweed



Outbreak

Freestyle

This mess-up must have been the most frustrating for Axis 21 (Yoko Okazaki and Axel Zohmann), Japan's female freestyle team defending their world championship title. On their first round a camera malfunction left them with a two point penalty deducted from their rejump score. They went on to perform well for rounds 2 and 3. Had round 4 or a semi-final round completed they would have most likely crept into gold medal position. Competition can seem very cruel. As it was, *Hekla* (Heini Elo and Klas Ramsay) went home with Finland's first ever gold in world competition and, in a great show of sportsmanship, insisted on sharing the podium with Yoko and Axel. Third place went to the second French team *Ozone* (Valerie Duchatelle and Thomas Malahel) – in their first international competition!

Male freestyle, like female skysurf, showed a reduction in the number of entries. The standard of flying was high although, like all artistic teams, the competitors felt that three rounds were not sufficient to show the judges the best of their flying. France took first and second places, with USA in third.

Skysurf

There was a noticeable reduction in the number of female skysurf teams with only three entering. This did not mean that the result was easily predictable! The battle between the top two places was tight, with Russia's Maria Riabikova and Victoria Demidova reversing the placings from the previous World Meet in Brazil and finally taking the gold.

There were a greater number of entries in male skysurfing. Tim Mace represented South Africa, and has now competed at world level in every event: quite an achievement! The battle for medals mainly involved the top four teams – Russia, Portugal, France and Switzerland – who were all posting scores of 8 and above. Spectators were impressed by the high calibre of the entries in skysurfing. The quality of flying, particularly the camerawork, seemed to be of a far greater standard than at the last World Meet, two years ago. The ten year partnership between Oliver Furrer and Lukas Koller was rewarded by first place to team *Pulse*: a proud moment for a very dedicated team, who were justifiably emotional as they received their medals.



Freely

1	Babylon	France	27.5
2	Jok'air	France	26.7
3	Team Italia	Italy	25.1
6	Outbreak	GB	21.0
15	Avalore	GB	13.2

Skysurf Male

1	Pulse	Switzer'd	26.4
2	Russia Skysurf	Russia	26.0
3	VFE	France	23.7
7	Insanely Board	GB	9.3

Skysurf Female

1	Russia Skysurf	Russia	23.7
2	Pau Passion	France	20.5
3	Crazy Sunday	Germany	12.8

Freestyle Female

1	Hekla	Finland	24.4
2	Axis 21	Japan	24.2
3	Ozone	France	20.9
9	Tumbleweed	GB	13.2

Freestyle Male

1	Red Coq	France	26.1
2	Cap a l'Ouest	France	24.2
3	Almost Nearly	USA	21.6



Axis 21



Ozone





Our skydivers, *Insanely Board*, doubled their points average since last year's nationals and were extremely pleased with their performance. Rohan & Wiggy had achieved all their personal and team goals, and showed a great improvement in their flying skills.

Freelyfly

In the freelyfly event the teams that scored highly showed clean, dynamic routines which had a good flowing rhythm and were visually inspirational. There was some surprise that the highly technical flying demonstrated by the Americans scored lower than expected on a very strong round. The feelings expressed were that the judges score more for moves that are currently in vogue, rather than appreciating technical merit.

Outbreak placed higher than any previous (unfunded) British freelyfly team and are definitely ones to watch for the future. They aim to emulate the dynamic, flowing and highly stylised free routines presented by the cutting edge teams such as *Babylon* (Stephane Fardel, Fred Fugen and Vince Reffet) and *Jok'air* (JC Cambrelang, JP Rigordeau and Guillaume Fehr) who placed first and second, encompassing multi angle and orientation changes whilst performing blind-side and synchronised tricks. They described these routines as "fast flowing and highly technical works of art designed to involve the spectator in their unique flow."

Avalore achieved their goal of not coming last and, considering their late entry, did extremely well. Having gained valuable competition experience they are keen to train harder and come back in 2008.

And Finally

Another big artistic achievement was made by Sue Skull, who qualified as an FAI international judge during the week. Fantastic news, well done Sue!

All our British artistic teams did us proud. They felt confident and happy with progress made and feel inspired to train even harder for future competitions.

Deb Clarke and Jim Weir

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Insanely Board thank siteconfidence.com, Headcorn, Perris & Empuria
Outbreak thank Tortuga, Hib & Seville
Avalore thank Lillo, Cookie Composites, L&B, Jeff Illidge, Weed, Skully & Robin Harwood
Tumbleweed thank Spa, Eloy & Hib, Symbiosis & Bev Suits

Gemma's Magic Fingers

Special thanks from all of us to Gemma Fesemeyer for soothing away our aches and pains to ensure that we were all fully fit and flexible each day

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Russia Skysurf



Jok'air & Babylon



Main photo: Tumbleweed send-off by Gary Wainwright

Formation Skydiving

We had high hopes and our hearts in our mouths as the formation skydiving World Championships began. Airkix, our British female 4-way team had given their all to be there and were going for gold...

Host site to the 2006 Artistic and FS World Championships was Gera located a few hours drive southwest of Berlin. The event organisers had exclusive access to the local Flugplatz (airport) which offered some hardened hangars for stretching/creeping and viewing the dives on the now standard giant screens. The efficiency of the organisation ensured a row of team marquees were provided for delegations to occupy – this time we were nominated to be team 'GB' and found ourselves neighbours to the German and Italian delegations. A number of café and beer/food tent options completed the ground layout with extra video screens dotted around.

At the start of the event, only two Twin Otters were provided and, with an unfavourable weather forecast, a third Otter was needed. The scheduled draw time was changed from 2100 and bought forward to a more favourable 1615 which allowed teams to prepare in daylight. The opening ceremony speeches were full of welcome and encouragement to all the assembled athletes. The parade was followed by a flag jump with the Union Jack being the largest on display and getting the loudest cheer – courtesy of the cheerfully vocal Brits!

Day one of the meet saw little action in any discipline due to cloud and rain, which provided a routine familiar to all UK competitors – stand down for two hours at a time. Delegation members



returned to the nearby hotel and received text updates to keep them informed – a system that followed pretty much the same for the entire week.

The first calls came on day two, with the support crew of Brits singing loudly and waving the teams off – working hard to build a World Meet feel vibe that had been dampened by the met.

As usual, when our teams landed we were there to cheer them in and find out "How did it go?" followed by a mad sprint to the viewing area to check. All the delegation were under orders not to divulge scores and positions on the leader board to UK 4-way female team *Airkix* who were focused only on whether the round felt good or not. Even texts were being screened and no-one was to mention the war – sorry, score! It's actually surprising they couldn't get any idea from the HABS (Husbands And Boyfriends) as to how they were getting on!

The rest of the delegation were able to take part in the usual cheers and cries as they saw themselves on the big screen. The meet director advised that NV scores due to weather would lead to an automatic rejump. This proved to be the case when numerous nations were

jumped through rain clouds and sent back up again to repeat the same round as the video was not judgeable. This policy led to slow progress with the skysurf teams not getting a jump at all for the first three days!

After some lobbying, a third Otter was provided by Norway in the hope of rescuing what was now looking likely to be a shortened meet. The extra aircraft and a slightly improved met allowed the events to get as far as round 5 by the day of the final. On that last day a meeting was held to announce the plans for semi-finals and finals with a stop time issued. Clarification was given that round 9 and 10 were the final rounds and other incomplete rounds were to be discarded.

As the appointed stop time arrived, the French and British female 4-way teams were recalled quite literally from the ramp and told round 6 was cancelled and they were to now prep round 9 – this seemed a somewhat odd decision as they were the last two teams from a field of twelve to jump and the sky looked bleak on the near horizon – we could have had six completed rounds? The weather did close in again and the semi-final (round 9) subsequently abandoned in favour of the final so all teams now prepared round 10...



Main photo: Airkix leave Dan BC on tenterhooks, by Rob Stevenson



Connexion



Pooky & Foxy



Sparky and hubby Andy Scott



They Think It's All Over

8-way team *Connexion* were 6th, they made the cut for round 10 and quickly dirtdived and went up – despite the thunder and lightning (very very frightening!). The 8-way exited as instructed with a shrug of the shoulders and were promptly awarded a rejump due to the non judgeability of part of the rain-obsured video. After a frantic repack the meet was abandoned as the announcement came, "All calls are cancelled. All rounds are ended and final positions confirmed".

It Is NOW!

At this point, beers were cracked open and celebrations began... nearly everywhere... *Airkix* still did not know they were in the lead!! Out of the back of the delegation marquee, Dan BC assembled the

Airkix team and told them for the first time what they had done – they were 22 points clear of bronze, had won by 6 points with a 19 average and were the new World Champions!! Tears and beers followed, all very emotional... with team *Airkix* very happy too!

Female 4-way Results

Airkix took victory from France, who were initially considered by many as hot favourites. Third place saw a tie between Russia and the USA, level on 73 points after five rounds. The bronze medal went to the Russian *Ladybirds* on a countback.

Open 4-way

Open 4-way saw the historic event of a female on the open 4-way podium. *Natasha Montgomery* and teammates from *Deland Fire*, *Ian Bobo*, *Shannon*



Main photo: *Airkix* send-off by Gary Beyer



Airspeed cheer the French 4-way



Pilcher and Gary Smith with Jonathan Tagle on video triumphed six points clear of the French, with a clinching final round five score of 28 points – respect! The ‘anciens’ in silver were long time French competitors who this year had barely trained. In bronze were the Italian team *Sinapsi*, featuring our own Pete Allum, winning a World Meet medal after over a decade of competing, nice one Pete!

In fourth were the Russian *Sky Panthers* followed by *Arcteryx* of Norway and Belgium team *Hayabusa* in sixth. However all those there knew the

real fifth place, the best of the non-professional teams, belonged to the Belgians. The girlfriend of Sven of *Hayabusa* had been rushed to a nearby hospital, five months pregnant, and he got a phone call to say her situation was critical. Of course Sven left immediately, meanwhile the weather cleared and the team missed their round. The rules said that the team could rejump but lose a penalty of 20% of their score. In a travesty of justice, this rule was upheld and *Hayabusa* lost 4 points despite a protest signed by every 4-way team, asking for *Hayabusa’s* full score for this round to be counted.

Open 4-Way

			Total	Average
1	Deland Fire	USA	117	23.4
2	VR-4	France	111	22.2
3	Sinapsi	Italy	110	22.0
4	Sky Panthers	Russia	109	21.8
5	Arcteryx	Norway	105	21.0
6	Hayabusa	Belgium	102	20.4
11	Army 4	GB	81	16.2



Natasha Montgomery

Hayabusa



8-way Results

In 8-way, the young, fluid and talented French team won the World Championships, taking the 8-way sword for France. When the close of the meet was announced, the top two teams, USA & France, were sheltering in the same marquee from the driving rain – fully kitted up! It had become the norm to get dressed for a world meet round in weather you wouldn't walk to the shops in! The deadpan nature of the announcement could have made victory a little flat for the French but, in a display of the sportsmanship which the Americans are renowned for, Airspeed's captain Craig Girard fired off champagne and congratulated their rivals with a few well chosen words. Anyone can win in style, to be generous in defeat takes real character.

And Finally

The closing and awards ceremony were boosted by a very last-night-of-the-proms-style National Anthem by the British delegation – and not a pub singer in sight! On to the party and the hotel organised a cracker, with a great meal featuring all sorts of hog roast, veggie and German cuisine, washed down with plenty of the obvious and a disco packed with all manner of Euro cheese hits to get the party in full swing.

As ever a massive well done to the delegation; we were undoubtedly the loudest and best supported nation, thanks to all the accompanying persons who gave it large all week. A big thanks to Gemma who gave free massage support to the teams (and tense supporters) – and lastly a well deserved thanks to the competitors who represented the BPA and themselves to the highest standards. Nice one guys – see you at the next world meet! – hopefully with less rain!

Andy Scott



US & French celebrate



Amanda Kemp
branishes the trophy

Small photos & cutouts:
Willy Boeykens, Sian Dallaway,
Amanda Kemp, Tumbleweed,
Gary Wainwright, Andy Wright

Airkix – World Champions!



Main photo: French celebrations by Willy Boeykens

Podium shots by Gary Wainwright

Julia Foxwell takes world gold



Female 4-Way

			Total	Average
1	Airkix	GB	95	19.0
2	VR-4	France	89	17.8
3	LadyBirds	Russia	73	14.6
4	Elsinore Select	USA	73	14.6
5	Remscheid	Germany	66	13.2
6	Infinity	Netherlands	64	12.8

8-WAY

			Total	Average
1	VR-8	France	123	20.5
2	Arizona Airspeed	USA	119	19.8
3	Evolution Pro	Russia	104	17.3
4	Ex3mo	Italy	89	14.8
5	Remscheid	Germany	85	14.2
6	Connexion	GB	68	11.3



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www.skydivespain.com



Skydive Spain Christmas Boogie, by Sarah Hall

JM's Newsround

Tunnel Endurance World Record

Richie Parr is organising a group to set a new Guinness record and raise money for charity by flying in 4-way relays for 24 hours in Bodyflight wind tunnel. He has assembled an international group of 24 champion skydivers and tunnel flyers who will fly continuously in groups of four that rotate over the period. All of the money raised will go directly to the Keech Cottage Children's Hospice as Bodyflight are arranging sponsorship to cover the tunnel costs. The flight runs from 7pm on Sunday 5 Nov till 7pm on Monday 6 Nov, with a presentation and party afterwards.

bev@bodyflight.co.uk

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www.thecyprusboogie.net

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boogie@skydivecuautla.com

World Meet DVDs

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A Rush of Blood to the Head

Reviewer Lucie Fenton
Cost 40 Euros
Content 7/10
VFM 7/10

Marc Sluszny has compiled a coffee-table book of his life's adventures. These include skysurfing, bungee, base, gliding, climbing, tennis, fencing, barefoot waterskiing, swimming, sailing, racing cars and martial arts. The hardback book includes some stunning photos accompanied by brief text outlining his thoughts and achievements. It is nicely set out in separate sections for Air, Earth, Water and Fire.

www.tectum.be

Stolen Gear



Ben Cornick has had all of his kit stolen from his home in Barnsley. Teardrop Superfly, black and silver alien skin, with Silhouette 170 main, Tempo 150 reserve; white Tony jumpsuit; blue and red Matter freefly pants; FT50 silver alti; FF1 purple helmet; logbook; FAI licence, all in a blue rig bag.

crimewatch@skydivemag.com

Badges

Chris Jinks, parachute insignia collector and self-confessed train spotter, is trying to find out more information about the British Parachute Co Ltd, Cardiff after coming across one of their badges. Does anyone have information on who would have worn the badge, the criteria for having one, or the significance of the serial number on the reverse?

jinks@cwgsy.net



New World Records

Jay Moledzki has claimed a new speed world record of 2.72 seconds (for the 70 metre course) at the Canopy Piloting World Meet in Vienna.

From the Canopy Formation World Meet in Stupino three new world record claims have been lodged:

- USA 4-way sequential team for the longest sequence of 12 formations
- Russian 4-way rotation team for 21 stacks/planes
- Russian 2-way sequential team for the longest sequence of 14 formations.

At the Malevsky Cup, Russian 4-way FS teams *Extreme RU* and *Black Cat* scored 44 points and claim a new world record. A first for FS is that they should share the record as they scored at the same event in the same round.



Jay Moledzki by Francisco Neri



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World Championships

Canopy Piloting

Vienna, Austria

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The park provided our swoopers a place to show all their talent, hard work and dedication to this sport. Unfortunately, it didn't naturally provide a pond. An oddly shaped 'lake' resembling a swimming pool was constructed, providing an amazing sight all on its own.

The park has a very distracting 450 foot tower which overlooked the course and was on everyone's minds for either set-up reasons, or base jumping ones! Danube Tower gave superb views of Vienna and was a fantastic vantage point to watch the competition.

Thursday 24 August – Practice

Practice rounds were held on Thursday 24 August and saw everyone working hard to master their approaches. Swoopers were provided with a helicopter, allowed as many jumps as they could manifest for, and allotted all day to do so. The speed and distance courses were set up first but the accuracy was put on hold due to weather.

Friday 25 August – Speed Competition

On Friday morning more practice rounds were allowed before the competition started; all jumpers were able to do at least one jump on the accuracy course before midday. The afternoon saw the start of the competition and also the start of what was to be a very windy few days. There were twelve loads of four people each round, and two helicopters were being used for faster turnaround times. Thousands of people came to view not only the pond but also the amazing display these canopy pilots were putting on.

Speed Results

All three speed rounds were completed the first afternoon; the Canadians finished 1, 2 & 3 with John Zuliani first, Jay Moledzki second and Chris Hayes close behind. Of the Brits, our own Mike Holmes was in a comfortable 4th and Paul Rossouw 7th, with Brian Vacher, Alastair Macartney, Smudge Smith, Mark Bayada and Alex Wilson 24th, 26th, 37th, 39th, and 44th respectively.

Saturday 26 August – Accuracy & Distance

Day two of the competition was a windy one and led to many jumpers putting in protests but being denied the rejumps they were hoping for. The wind was being closely monitored: anyone who was at the start of the turn when the wind was over the competition limit of 7 metres per second was granted a rejump. Despite the undesirable conditions, two rounds of accuracy and the first round of distance were completed. Again spectators were able to enjoy some very impressive pilots – and also some very fine swimmers!



Danube Tower



The pond was built especially for the competition



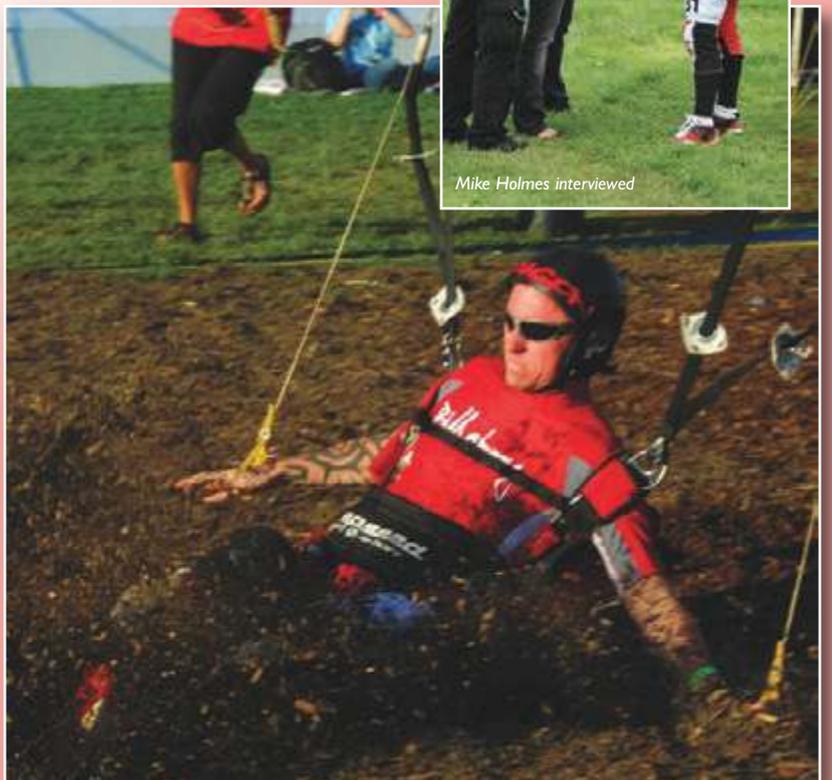
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Mike Holmes interviewed



Mark Bayada



Mike Holmes

Sunday 27 August – Accuracy & Distance

Sunday started much the same as Saturday; clouds were overhead and the competition was delayed a few hours due to strong winds. The decision was made to continue with the last two distance rounds and end with the last of accuracy. Joyrides were being given from the helicopter and cheerleaders were brought in to help raise the spirits of our competitors! With three rounds to be completed by 4pm after a bit of a late start, tensions were high and concentration was at its max.

Distance Results

The last two rounds of distance went well for many jumpers, including Jonathan Tagle from the USA. He finished with a total of 294.38 points and took the gold in this category, with Jay Moledzki from Canada, and Dusty Smith from the US taking silver and bronze.

Accuracy Results

Going into the last round of accuracy Brian Vacher and Mikey Holmes were in the 10th and 11th spots. We were all keeping our fingers crossed for the final jump as three from the British team looked liked finishing in the top ten. Mike and Paul scored well but Brian fell just short of the first zone picking up a zero for the round and bumping him to 19th. The results of the final accuracy round showed Andy Farrington from the US in first, Australia's Michael Vaughan in second – and third went to our own Paul Rossouw – hurrah!

Crowd-pleasers

After completing all rounds of the competition the jumpers were allotted a few fun jumps while the total scores were being tallied. The spectators enjoyed a fantastic demo by the PD Factory Team, and many of the jumpers used this time to buzz the tower. Michael Vaughan from Australia gave the people in the restaurant atop the tower quite a show by nearly tapping the window with his foot! Dedric Hourde from France made some crowd-pleasing swoops that ended in a few dips in the pond to help celebrate his birthday.

And Finally

Congratulations go out to all the competitors in the first ever FAI World Championships in Canopy Piloting. Despite weather conditions you all showed your incredible skill in this discipline, and should be proud to be recognised as the top canopy pilots in the world. As always, blue skies and soft landings, and we will see you next year when we take flight over Australia.

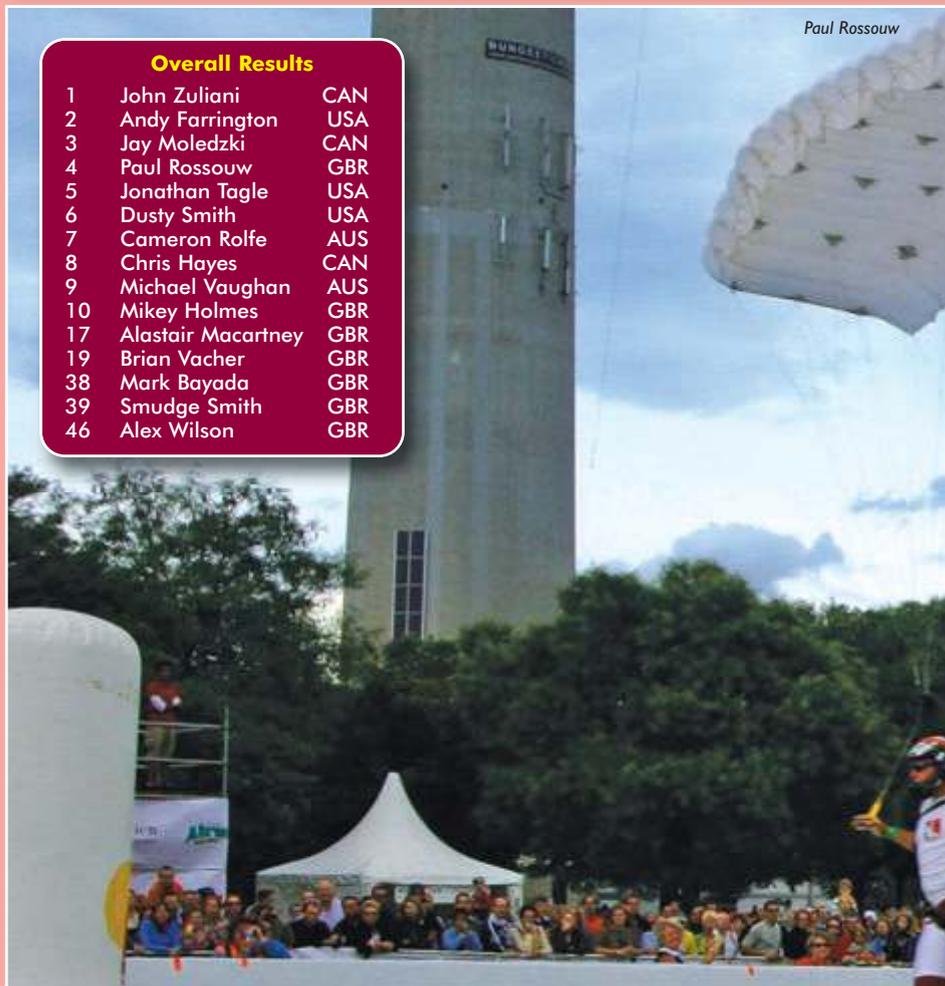
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Paul Rossouw

Overall Results

1	John Zuliani	CAN
2	Andy Farrington	USA
3	Jay Moledzki	CAN
4	Paul Rossouw	GBR
5	Jonathan Tagle	USA
6	Dusty Smith	USA
7	Cameron Rolfe	AUS
8	Chris Hayes	CAN
9	Michael Vaughan	AUS
10	Mikey Holmes	GBR
17	Alastair Macartney	GBR
19	Brian Vacher	GBR
38	Mark Bayada	GBR
39	Smudge Smith	GBR
46	Alex Wilson	GBR

Accuracy podium: silver to Michael Vaughan, gold to Andy Farrington and bronze to UK's Paul Rossouw



Overall podium: silver to Andy Farrington, gold to John Zuliani and bronze to Jay Moledzki



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World Championships

Classics

Stupino, Russia

Style & Accuracy



Stuart Morris



The British Delegation



British Accuracy Team



Pete Sizer

The day before I was due to fly out to my first World Championships I had an emergency appointment to fix a broken tooth, a good start I thought but that was nothing...

Then came the trip to Heathrow, on THAT Thursday morning, the day of the major security alert. I arrived to the news that all flights were cancelled, nice! Steve Saunders of the CF team was there and managed to get me a flight two days later. So much for team training but at least I had got a flight, or so I thought, but on Saturday Pat Hammond and I were prevented from entering the terminal and so my first World Championships started without me!

Eventually I and most of the CF team managed to board a flight on the Sunday morning – but this was further delayed when even the BA Captain had problems clearing security! We eventually arrived at Stupino to discover that, unfortunately for me, the British accuracy team had already made their first round jumps, with team manager Geordie Page stepping up in the absence of two of

the original team. Unfortunately Geordie then had to withdraw on medical advice.

Alone in a Turbolet

Somehow John Hitchen managed, after over an hour of diplomacy, to get agreement to let me jump my first round, albeit with an added penalty that would have put me out of the medals anyway. Hence I found myself, after three days of travelling, alone in a Let 410 about to make my first jump at a World Championship! I scored 3cm but was given 6cm with the penalty.

Esther in the Lead

Day two began with breakfast at 5am. No wonder style and accuracy is dominated by the military, I don't do five o'clock in the morning! A couple more rounds completed for the 24 men's and 12 women's teams. All our boys scored at least one dead centre, Jeff Chandler starting his meet with a disc. In the female event our own Esther Reynolds was sharing the lead after three rounds with three dead centres – way to go girl!

Female Style

		Total/secs
1	Irena Avbelj	Slovenia 33.80
2	Cao Yan	China 34.78
3	Elisa Feldt	USA 35.09

Male Style

		Total/secs
1	Marco Pfluger	Germany 30.74
2	Philippe Valois	France 31.60
3	Libor Jirouzek	Czech Rep 32.77
70	Stuart Morris	GB –
85	Jeff Chandler	GB –
93	Glenn Stephenson	GB –
93	Peter Sizer	GB –

Female Accuracy

		Total/m
1	Chen Li	China 0.03
2	Svetlana Klenina	Russia 0.04
3	Oxana Mikhachuk	Russia 0.05
25	Esther Reynolds	0.16

Male Accuracy

		Total/m
1	Denis Dobryakov	Russia 0.00
2	Henrik Linder	Germany 0.01
3	Toth Georges	Switzerland 0.02
31	Glenn Stephenson	GB 0.06
75	Stuart Morris	GB 0.17
83	Jeff Chandler	GB 0.20
107	Peter Sizer	GB 0.47

Female Team Accuracy

		Total/m
1	Russia	0.09
2	China	0.17
3	Ukraine	0.39
15	GB	–

Male Team Accuracy

		Total/m
1	Russia	0.07
2	Hungary	0.08
3	Czech Republic	0.08
20	GB	0.90

Testing Conditions

Day three was another 5am start and so began the day of the big scores. Esther dropped 13cm and I missed the pad altogether but I was not alone as some very famous names found the conditions difficult. The judges were working hard with re-jumps, protests and complaints about the accuracy of the wind machine. Meanwhile some of the competitors carried on hitting the disc and, at the end of the day, nine men were still sharing the lead on 0.00!

We were back at the airfield bright 'n' early on day four, and greeted by thunder and lightning all morning, sunshine and strong winds all afternoon. We finally got in the plane only to lose the airfield in low cloud and burst a tyre on landing! Evening came and round 6 brought two more discs and a team score of 4cm, I wish we could always do that!

Accuracy Results - Perfect Score of Zero after 10 Rounds

On the fifth day, Esther was back in the groove, with only that one score over 1cm in the eight rounds. Glenn missed the cut for the semi-final by 1cm – a good effort to total just 0.06 over eight rounds. I managed to follow

consecutive discs with a miss – must do better next time. I probably wasn't as gutted as Patrick Ventaja of France, who had shared the lead for nine rounds only to score 0.02 in the final round and finish 8th! This left Dennis Dobryakov of Russia to take the gold medal with a perfect score of 0.00 after ten rounds. Chen Li of China won the women's title with a total score of 0.03.

Jump-offs

Whilst most of us were treated to a party that night and a trip to Moscow the next day some were still involved in jump-offs for the team medals and the silver and bronze individuals. With six men tied on 0.01 after ten rounds, it took three more rounds to decide the medals. In the future we may well find that the dead centre is made smaller than its present 3cm diameter.

Prizegiving

Prizegiving on the Saturday was a Russian-dominated affair, they sure know how to throw a party! Whilst we may not have the same team thing as the Americans, we were proud to see the Union flag raised when the CF boys got their bronze medals in the 8-way. (See overleaf.)

Thank Yous

The organisers had worked really hard to make a first class competition. The judging team had a British presence with Bob King Chief Judge in Classics. Our thanks to Bob for his sterling efforts and to all the UK team supporters. The whole delegation thanks those who assisted us, especially Martin in the BPA office for keeping us all informed about flights, Karen Saunders for permanently holding on the telephone to British Airways, and John Hitchen our Head of Delegation accompanied by Annette who, apart from anything else, is a walking IPC rule book!

This may have been my first World Championships but I hope it won't be my last; a big thank you to my team and see you next time.

Try it Out

Finally, if you are interested in giving accuracy a go, then track down members of the team as we plan on having access to accuracy canopies for people to try out, and most of us are on drop zones with big soft cushions to land on.

Peter Sizer



Canopy Formation

Stupino, Russia



Stupino DZ



British 8-way Speed team win bronze medal

4-way Rotations

	Total/pts	Average
1 Russia	141	20.14
2 Sweden	134	19.14
3 France	115	16.43
8 GB	53	7.57

4-way Sequential

	Total/pts	Average
1 USA	79	11.29
2 France	68	9.71
3 Canada	66	9.43
5 GB	9	1.29

2-way Sequential

	Total/pts	Average
1 Russia	86	12.29
2 France	77	11.00
3 USA	76	10.86
11 GB	37	5.29

8-way Speed

	Total/secs
1 Russia	245.42
2 USA	381.53
3 GB	747.87



British team build an 8-way kite by Pat Hammond

Let's be honest, realistically our hopes as the British CF team at world level were to attain or push forward our personal best scores. The standard was known to be off our scale although, as it turned out, medals were in the offing...

Thursday's outgoing journey turned into a competition of its own – as we arrived at Heathrow the security alert had stopped all outbound flights, so we rebooked flights by phone from the car park. Steve and Karen Saunders had to fly to another airport and then had a taxi journey that cost almost as much as the flight! Pat Hammond got out of the country only after his third trip to Heathrow from Newmarket! Finally we all assembled on Monday at Stupino to commence jumping. Phew!

Stupino DZ

The DZ had quite good facilities; a large hall with a double-sided projector screen, a café with Wi-Fi and free internet access terminals, a shop and a packing marquee, with other covered areas. Unfortunately, toilet amenities let down the otherwise fairly modern set-up, but the cheap beer and vodka in the evening maybe maintained a balance. Alongside the World Championships there was a prize money competition in memory of a Russian skydiver, Anton Malevsky. Considering there were events in FS, Style, Accuracy and CF at the same venue, it all ran smoothly.

8-way Speed

This was to be the last 8-way speed event for the foreseeable future, it being retired at world level this year. Therefore only three countries entered, Russia having the only specialist team in this discipline – and boy, did it show! The exit order from the Mi-8 helicopter was Russia, USA and then GB (as was the final placing). On round 1, GB found themselves by a fraction of a second in second place, USA having a wrap on the build. This trend did not continue, and America built consecutive quick formations to consolidate their 2nd place. Both the UK & US teams would watch in awe as the Russians exited all eight within five seconds to the prompt of the Mi-8 truck horn and, as the helicopter banked on its circuit, we'd rush to the other side, to see the last few docking!

4-way Sequential

All other disciplines used the Let 410. The Brit sequential team's overall performance was disappointing by their own standards. They were dogged by a variety of problems; slow builds, poor camera view or busts when judged. Their 3 point score on round 4 showed some potential (albeit inconsistent), whereas the USA's 11.29 average had them standing out above France and Canada for the gold.

2-way Sequential

2-way sequential has been promoted recently in favour of the declining discipline of 8-way. The speed and amount of flying from one point to another in this event is seen as a dynamic move forward. However this brought

Main photo shows 4-way Rotations, courtesy of the Anton Malevsky Cup



to the fore the discrepancy between some judges' interpretation of a legal grip compared to some competitors. Russia, France, then USA was the final order at the top, though the scores were tight, only four points separated the bottom three. GB scored 8 on the last round and showed what they could be capable of but both they and the Belgians suffered losses due to camera work.

4-way Rotations

The surprise here was a relatively youthful Swedish team (I know they all look young to me!) that pursued the unassailable Russians for silver ahead of the French. The British team could see 10 points a round as a target, as the current team's max was 8. However their usually consistent quick build often failed and it wasn't until the last round that they approached their goal, scoring a personal best of 9.

Competitors Meeting

After the meet an informal meeting was held to address various concerns, including inconsistent judging. It became clear that some uniformity has to be improved upon relating to perceptions of legal grips and camera views by judges and competitors.

Cameraman Pat Hammond, now approaching seventy, drew a lot of surprised enquiries as to his age. One Russian explained his respect through an interpreter as "Most people I know that old are kaput!". His camera work however did not lose us any points as some others did. Each year he threatens to retire but, either way, well done Pat!

Equipment Developments

The contestants also get to observe and exchange the latest trends in techniques and equipment. Long gone are the days of formations built with a medley of different canopies. From rotations to large formations,

you need kit specific for each discipline in order to be competitive. For instance, those of us that have had our canopies relined for the 85-way world record specification, find that they are now ill suited for rotations whose requirements are at the other end of the spectrum.

USA utilised a prototype built by PD that was under 100 sqft, as did most other teams in pursuit of a more rigid and responsive canopy. The Americans requested more altitude due to the increased descent rate, though this was declined by the judges. A variant of this PD canopy is reported to be available within a few months. This may be capable of being bag deployed for freefall capability, thus bridging over to the recreational market, we wait with interest!

Closing Out

With a flying display by a helicopter and a Mig, the closing ceremony ensued, with a military band and a variety of top Russian artists. This was open to the public who attended in thousands, with the segregated VIPs and competitors enjoying the hospitality, food and drink until the early hours of the morning.

Considering the problems just getting to this World Meet, the determination of the British team was outstanding, as was the support of non jumping partners Karen and Sharon (though I believe not from Essex!). Next World Meet, in a different year at another country, with a new culture and a better prepared team, will hopefully improve on this performance – although if not there's a lot to be said for striving your utmost and taking part, otherwise only the top teams would attend.

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FS Nationals

4-way

Using the now familiar weekend format, the 4-way FS Nationals at Target Skysports, Hibaldstow ran slightly later than usual due to the World Meet at Gera in Germany.

The UK had teams in all FS events at Gera; Army 4 in open 4-way, Connexion in 8-way and most notably Airkix, who were returning to the UK as World Champions in the 4-way female FS event, accompanied by their coach Dan BC.

This was to be the first Nationals since the two British wind tunnels opened so it was going to be interesting to see the standards of teams who had been using these training aids. Also for the first time, the 4-way event was now split into four categories; AAA (senior), AA, A (both previously intermediate) and Rookie (junior). This brought the UK, European Skydiving League (ESL) and [American] National Skydiving League (NSL) competition systems into line with each other.

Friday

On Friday night, as expected, the car park and campground were packed, although the DZ had wisely marked out paths through the deluge of tents. Nice idea. By 8pm, 47 teams had registered, slightly down on last year's record attendance of 53, although still a big turnout by any standards. The split was 9 AAA, 10 AA, 14A and 14 rookie. The draw was distributed and the meet director advised a wheels-off time of 7am.

Saturday

Saturday morning was wet and misty and left competitors split between the creeper pad and the queue for breakfast. After last year's weather delayed meet, we hoped for a break in the clouds. By mid-morning our wish had come true; the weather had started to break and the well practiced Hibble machine kicked into action. With James Swallow on manifest and three G92s hauling jumpers to 10.5K, Saturday saw the meet progress to the start of round 7. Flying continued until cloud and rain finally put an end to the day. We had done an amazing 96 lifts in 9.5 hours!

Sunday

Sunday morning was clear and all aircraft were soon flying. By early afternoon, most teams had completed their meet and we waited for the judging to catch up and see if any rejumps were required.

Dane Kenny kept the nine AAA class teams amused with his 'hairy scary' 36-way briefing, before it was cancelled (to the relief of the more experienced competitors!) due to intermittent weather and the need to complete a jump-off in the A class. Competitors congregated in the bar to watch the judging of the final round. The meet closed after 13.5 hours flying, 1,999 jumps and only 1 malfunction.

AAA

The 4-way senior event was expected to be a battle between Airkix, Army 4 and Bodyflight Rage. The event started as expected with Airkix taking an early lead which they steadily increased throughout the meet, although they were not aware of this as Dan had banned them from checking the scores – honest! Their skydiving was fast, clean and it was obvious that no-one was going to touch them as they won eight of the ten rounds to finish on 171 points. Army 4 were clear in second place on 150 points ahead of Rage on 139, who were unable to perform at their optimum as injury forced them to use their alternate.

As evening drew in the party kicked off with lots of medals on show and, after some persuasion, a few World Championship gold medals were also seen to be worn!

Stumpy, Carry On Spanking

AAA		Total	Ave
1	Perris Airkix	171	17.1
2	Army 4	150	15.0
3	Bodyflight Rage	139	13.9
4	Carry On Spanking	135	13.5
5	Boogie Pimps	129	12.9
6	Bodyflight Havoc	127	12.7
7	Connect 4	126	12.6
8	Fusion	115	11.5
9	Airkix	93	9.3



AAA gold - Airkix



AAA silver - Army 4



AAA bronze - Rage



Airkix by Andy Wright

AA

This was the first skydiving comp our team Mojo had entered, we had been in the tunnel most of the year and we were excited! We donned our Mojo pants and dished out sweets to competitors, some even said they wouldn't do a round without their Mojo chews! Teams had been training all year, the majority in the readily available UK wind tunnels. Their efforts had certainly paid off, the competition was excellent and the standard high. A wise word to any teams planning on moving up to AA next year, train hard if you want a medal, because the competition will be even tougher! Everyone certainly had their mojo!

AA		Total	Ave
1	Bodyflight Storm	106	13.3
2	Damn Zebra	91	11.4
3	Vertically Challenged	84	10.5
4	Damp Patch	82	10.3
5	Cuidado	80	10.0
5	Fly Navy	80	10.0
7	Polaris	79	9.9
8	2 Dead Sluts...	74	9.3
9	S-sense	63	7.9
10	Mojo	55	6.9

The atmosphere in the bar was, let's just say, a little close when the rounds were being judged on Omniskore. A bit of friendly competition ensued when Netheravon team *Cuidado* and the *Fly Navy* boys both finished on 80 (average 10). Round 8 was a nail-biter for them both – my ears are still ringing! *Bodyflight Storm* stormed off with gold and an average of 13.3 followed by Weston's *Damn Zebra* taking silver and Hib's *Vertically Challenged* who took bronze.

Again Target Skysports were superb hosts. Seeing the forecast we thought we would be stood around watching DVDs and drinking tea all weekend but were pleasantly surprised to complete the meet by Sunday lunchtime. This allowed everyone to party and not worry about getting up at the crack of dawn for a jump-off! Good job really cos most of us were still in the bar at 6am! Another excellent Nationals and, from what I hear, people are already training for the next one!

Michelle Meakins,
Team Mojo



AA gold - Storm



AA silver - Damn Zebra



AA bronze - Vertically Challenged





A

14 teams signed up for the new category of single A. Run alongside ESL against six other countries, the quality of UK skydiving especially in the A class shone through with eight of the top ten being British.

Most teams had competed at regional Grand Prix FS events earlier in the year, which promised a great meet. The competitiveness, rivalry and humour that had developed throughout the year added to the spice and the fantastic atmosphere that is the Nationals. From the first two rounds you could see the known suspects *Wingnutz*, *Escondido*, *4-Fit* and *Qi*, along with the new teams *Funtrix*, *eXiLe*, *Valkyrie* and *Fractal*, were the medal contenders.

Wingnutz had a very consistent competition, scoring 10+ in all rounds. This Langar-based team has trained hard, utilising the Bedford wind tunnel and a training camp abroad with Mark Kirkby plus coaching from Milko to good effect.

After the first five rounds it was clear that the other teams were fighting over silver and bronze. *Escondido* clawed their way back into contention after a disastrous second round. They tied with *4-Fit* after the full eight rounds! The resulting jump-off was a hive of activity seeing the teams off to the plane and a tense viewing of the live Omniskore judging in the bar. It looked like another jump-off would be required but *4-Fit* clinched the silver by one point with less than a second left! It was a fantastic climax and fitting that both teams claimed a medal.

Jason Kierman,
Wingnutz

A		Total	Ave
1	Wingnutz	97	12.1
2	4-Fit	94	11.8
3	Escondido	93	11.6
4	Funtrix	79	9.9
5	eXiLe	68	8.5
6	Qi	65	8.1
7	Fractal	60	7.5
7	Valkyrie	60	7.5
9	Badger	56	7.0
10	Maelstrom	55	6.9
11	Fend 4 Urself	49	6.1
12	30 Something	45	5.6
13	The Ultimate Mediocrity	39	4.9
14	Mission Improbable	29	3.6



A gold - *Wingnutz*



A silver - *4-Fit*



A bronze - *Escondido*



Just 4 Fun

The 2 dead sluts, damsells and distressed and the boogie pimps, who were all over 30 something, were already in a frenzy as they were running late for the party. Hijacking a JCB with their Swiss Army Sigma 5, they all set off for some airkix. There was a storm brewing and as the rain started they skidded to avoid a badger in the road. As they slid into a ditch, with fractal pieces of wingnutz flying everywhere, they realised it wasn't a small stripy animal, it was a damn zebra!

Queues of traffic now behind them, they were causing havoc and road rage. While awaiting Murphy's Law, some sat quietly playing Connect 4, some drank a nice cup of qi (with s-sense of beer), while others carried on spanking with their funtrix. It was time to contact army-4 and fly navy for 100% support – getting to the party was now becoming mission improbable!

Meanwhile, high in the sky as a polaris flew by, Noddy Flight was being vertically challenged by a maelstrom. Quickly throwing out airbrix to lighten the load they made an emergency landing, and in the process ended up scratching monkeys causing them to all have a shaven haven. One monkey was so scared it ran off with a phobia of planes leaving a damp patch behind.

There was so much con-fusion. "O-4 heavens sake" they said, "you guys need to fend 4 yourself to make it to the party, so Y not hitchhike there?". Looking at the road signs they thought they were in Skydive Spain. What did it say? 4 miles to Escondido, 2 miles to Cuidado.

The ultimate mediocrity, however, was now to 4-fit the party and go in search of their mojo. They knew their friend the Valkyrie had already flown off in exile into the aether, so they joined her there and lived happily ever after.

Karen Baggaley



Boogie Pimps by Michael McGowan

Rookie

If you had tried to tell people last year what effect wind tunnels and a new system would have on the level of skydiving, very few would have believed you. The bar had been set high at the first Grand Prix of the competitive year by JCB and 100% with an average of 10.8, this would have been enough for gold at the 2005 Nationals. The stakes kept being raised by forerunners 100%, with Bodyflight Frenzy and Phobia close on their heels, reaching what some might have considered a pinnacle at the proving grounds of the Hibaldstow Grand Prix.

With records to be broken, tensions and nerves were high amongst the rookie teams on the night of the eagerly awaited draw. Everyone was secretly hoping for a draw which would give them the best opportunity to demonstrate their commitment and dedication. The first rounds showed the race was on with the previous junior record of 19 points being broken on the second round by both Bodyflight Frenzy and 100% with a score of 23 points on M-B-C. The top three teams stayed close all the way through Saturday, so it was going to take the last rounds to decide a winner.

On Sunday, the final scores showed a new record rookie average and demonstrate the significant increase in ability throughout skydiving – and hopefully provide a taster of things to come! Watch out France and America!

Marc Fletcher,
Bodyflight Frenzy

Rookie

		Total	Ave
1	Bodyflight Frenzy	159	19.9
2	100%	144	18.0
3	JCB	130	16.3
4	Phobia	110	13.8
5	Murphy's Law	93	11.6
6	O4	89	11.1
7	Aether	79	9.9
8	Sigma 5	75	9.4
9	Shaven Haven	65	8.1
10	Y Not	64	8.0
11	Contact	47	5.9
12	Noddy Flight	46	5.8
13	Damsells & Distressed	44	5.5
14	Scratch Monkeys	28	3.5



Rookie gold - Bodyflight Frenzy



Rookie silver - 100%



Rookie bronze - JCB



8-way

After six consecutive plaques 2000–2005 VNE returned the 8-way shield. Now it was time for our new National 8-way team Connexion to lead the way, fresh from the World Meet in Gera.

The weekend again saw some dodgy weather with only three rounds being completed on Saturday. Due to various factors, not all DVDs viewed over the weekend were judgable with Omniskore. Sunday managed to get everyone through to the penultimate round, with one jump to do on Monday. So a quiet night for the competitors in the bar then... we think not!

Senior

Just five years ago there was only one senior 8-way team at the Nationals – this year there were eight. As well as the attendance rocketing the standard has soared to new heights. *Short Fuse*, a combination of 4-ways *Vertically Challenged* and *Fusion*, ended up at the bottom of the table, with an average which would have taken bronze last year! Not bad for a 'training camp' of two minutes' tunnel time!

Ahead of them, *Box of Frogs* returned with an amended line-up and 40 jumps together, raising their standard to a 6 from 4.9 average at their last Nationals (2004). In sixth were *Raging Havoc*, a blend of two well known *Bodyflight* sponsored 4-ways. They put a 7 average up, super respectable for 4-way jumpers having a go, and exceeding their expectations as both exits on their two training jumps funnelled!

In fifth were last year's intermediate winners *Sounds Grrr8*, stepping up to seniors. The team have done around 100 team jumps this year and some tunnel training, but only with four at a time. *Grrr8* did consistently grrreat skydives with a controlled but confident team pace and were delighted with their well-earned 7.9 average. They also rivalled intermediates *Correxion* for the best T-shirts.

In fourth were seasoned competitors *NRA*, with two training camps and some *Airspeed* coaching under their weight belts this year. This was reflected in their elegant skydiving, exceeding their goal and goal average with an 8.2, much improved on 4.4 last year, nice one guys!

Competing with a new line-up *Om* stumbled out of the starting blocks and ambled shabbily through midfield but put in a late dash for the finish line to take bronze with 84 points, just 2 ahead of *NRA*. *Om* had done a jump-free 'training camp' of 90 minutes tunnel the week before and happily



report that the UK has the only tunnel in the world you can do most of the 8-way blocks in!

Justly taking silver were the delectably named *VOM-8*, a super-talented scratch team with a star-studded cast of *VNE*, *Om* and random World and National Champions. *VOM-8* put up a satisfying 9 average, some fine high scoring rounds and met their dream goal – of being last in the bar!

As expected, *Connexion* pulled out into the lead to win by 112 points, a big up on 2005's average of 8.3, and having two team changes plus a serious injury to cope with. Team members average 6,400 skydives and age 39 – hence the award, at prizegiving, of a zimmer frame! After 280 training jumps and an hour of tunnel, they met their goals to do some good 8-way jumps, perform well at the World Meet and win the Nationals. Marcus Beck commented "I've never known a team that got on with each other so well". With such a great end to their first full year, let's hope *Connexion* continue to push British 8-way FS to new levels. "We're not doin' badly for a bunch o' old men" was Dave Ruffell's classic understatement.

Lesley Gale, *Om*



Senior 8-way gold - Connexion



Senior 8-way silver - VOM-8



Senior 8-way bronze - Om

Senior

	Total	Ave
1 Connexion	112	11.2
2 VOM-8	90	9.0
3 Om	84	8.4
4 NRA	82	8.2
5 Sounds Grrr8	79	7.9
6 Raging Havoc	70	7.0
7 Box of Frogs	60	6.0
8 Short Fuse	44	4.4



Connexion by Gary Wainwright

Connexion by Gary Wainwright

Cutout and prizegiving photos by Andy Wright, Brian Knight, Darren Bull, Gary Wainwright, John Williamson, Lee Durant, Rob Silver & Rob Stevenson



Om by Andy Wright





Intermediate

Four teams competed in the intermediate category, well done to the aptly named *Last Minute*, for getting registered moments before the comp kicked off! Saturday morning and round one gave many of the teams a chance to practice their first ever 8-way exit. The result was some spectacular funnel displays, always a crowd-pleaser! At the end of the day, with three jumps under the teams' belts, *Correxion* had the lead; *Fun Unlimited* and *Last Minute* were in second and third respectively, battling it out with one point between them, followed by *Didolaris*.

Sunday morning came around all too quickly for many team members who were nursing delicate heads! By close of play all teams had completed seven rounds, with *Correxion* storming ahead in first position and still a nail-biting one point separating *Fun Unlimited* and *Last Minute*. Monday morning (and several more delicate heads) saw the final round 8 completed by all of the teams, resulting in *Correxion* taking a very convincing gold, *Last Minute* the silver. One point behind in bronze was *Fun Unlimited* with *Didolaris* taking fourth. Hats off to *Fun Unlimited* who, on one of their final rounds, got caught out in some cloud which caused a large chunk of their dive to be unjudgeable and lost out on some precious points. They sportingly gave up their offered rejump to avoid delaying the prizegiving knowing that it might have given them the silver medal!

The atmosphere was, as always, extremely fun and friendly between all of the intermediate teams. A big thanks to all of those senior 8-way jumpers who were always close at hand to help out; in particular Milko, Pooky and Andy Scott. Coming from an avid 4-way jumper, I can't recommend enough getting together with a bunch of mates to form an 8-way team at next year's

Nationals. As well as learning some new skills, I guarantee you'll have an absolute giggle!

Hannah Betts,
Correxion

8-Way Intermediate

	Total	Ave
1 <i>Correxion</i>	51	6.4
2 <i>Last Minute</i>	37	4.6
3 <i>Fun Unlimited</i>	36	4.5
4 <i>Didolaris</i>	26	3.3



Intermediate 8-way gold - *Correxion*



Intermediate 8-way silver - *Last Minute*



Intermediate 8-way bronze - *Fun Unlimited*

Most clubs and training centers have a selection of chutes which would be appropriate for you.

Girls who wish to make a jump should bear a few facts in mind. Statistics show that girls have a greater chance of sustaining a fracture than men. Those ankles of yours are pretty, but they are also delicate, and many clubs would rather have you around as a nonparticipant than have you jump and perhaps break a leg. Also, there is the matter of overcoming butterflies, which is difficult for anyone, but especially for girls. The fear reactions, or butterflies, are usually not too severe on the first few jumps, but they get much worse before they get better. Around the sixth jump the butterfly attacks may become so severe that the student must have a serious talk with himself before he can muster the courage to board the plane. Girls usually lose their courage altogether during this period of training, and decide not to jump again. I have trained and helped train many girls who were extremely enthusiastic after their first jump. They could hardly wait until the next day to make another. Each time I would think that finally our club was going to have an active girl skydiver. On her third and fourth jumps the prejump anxieties would become more acute and the girl's courage would weaken. In spite of encouragement and pep talks from instructors and friends there would always come a next jump which she couldn't make.

Correxion by Brian Knight



Comment

8-way Interest

Why the huge leap in interest and standards in 8-way? We have to say full respect to VNE. They trained hard for five years, took the highest British 8-way average from 10.6 to 13.7, scoring an all-time high of 18 – twice! They became the best amateur team in the world, coming fifth behind only professional and semi-pro teams in 2003. Their fine example has motivated people to try 8-way, and their unstintingly generous commitment to coaching others has passed on their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm for this charmingly different aspect of formation skydiving. Thank you VNE for changing the face of British 8-way. It's certainly wearing a smile! :)

Lesley, Om

4-way Rookie Records

We saw a rookie/junior class record score of 23 points by *Bodyflight Frenzy*, and by 100% on the same round. *Frenzy* went on to post 23 twice more on their way to the rookie gold and a record average of 19.9!

Women in Skydiving

All female teams won the two most senior 4-way categories – AAA (*Airkix*) and AA (*Bodyflight Storm*) and the intermediate 8-way (*Correction*). This was the first time an all female team had won a senior British Nationals gold medal. Compare these female successes in 2006 with the extract on the left from *The Complete Book of Sky Sports*, published 1970.

Wind Tunnels

British wind tunnel sponsored teams won all categories they entered (plus a world gold!). Can anyone now doubt their value in pushing British FS skydiving to the top of the international stage? It was also great to see Paul from *Bodyflight* actively supporting the Nationals and all the teams present.

Huge Success

The FS Nationals was again a huge success. Its resurgence as an event since 2000 has seen the UK reach the very top level of the sport – culminating with our female teams taking World Championship golds in 2003 and 2006, as well as a few World Cup golds too. The UK wind tunnels have latterly also played their part in this success and we now have the some of the tools available to maintain the UK's position at the top.

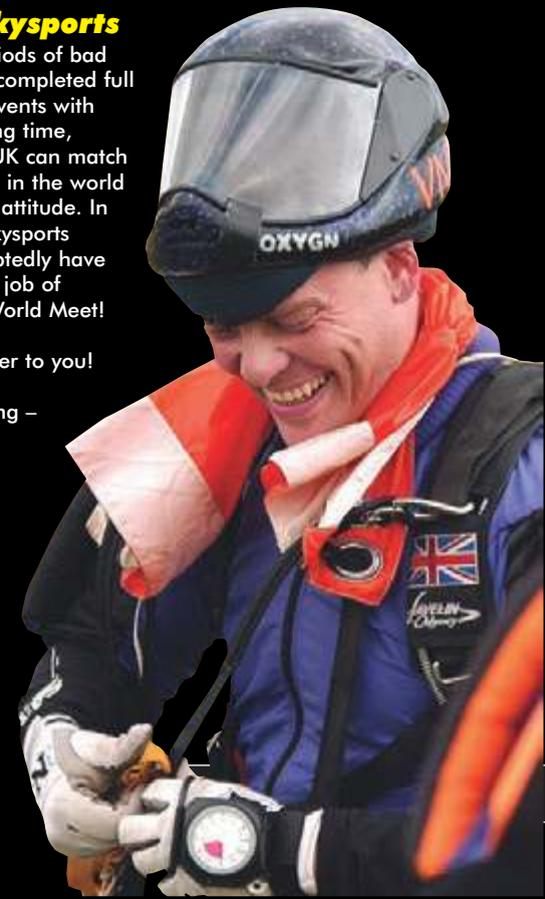
Target Skysports

Even with periods of bad weather, Hib completed full meets in all events with minimum flying time, showing the UK can match any Nationals in the world with the right attitude. In fact, Target Skysports would undoubtedly have done a better job of running the World Meet!

UK Sport – over to you!

UK FS skydiving – we rock!

Stumpy,
Vertically
Challenged



NRA by Andy Wright

EXTRACTS FROM THE COMPLETE BOOK OF SKY SPORTS

(Published 1970)

If you are a girl who wants to jump you would be wise to analyze your motives beforehand. If you are doing it to please your husband or boyfriend who is a jumper, or to attract attention to yourself, stop! The odds are against you ever becoming a skydiver. Instead try one of the other sky sports such as soaring where girls can easily excel. If you are a girl who is motivated by a genuine desire to participate in the sport for its own sake, then you should press onward. Spend several hours or days on the drop zone watching landings. Take a ride in the jump plane and watch some exits. This may dampen your spirit. If you're still enthusiastic, sign up for a first jump. Take your training seriously and pay especially close attention to the exit and landing techniques. Practice PLF's and exits at home. A description of how to do these comes later in this book. When you jump, do not make another jump the same day. Wait at least one day because you are more tired than you realize after that first jump. Follow all the other rules outlined for male students.

COSTS

Parachuting is the most attractive sky sport from the cost standpoint. The initial training and associated fees vary greatly throughout the United States, but in most areas it will cost about \$30 to \$40 for the first jump, with all training, clothing, and equipment furnished, or a total of less than \$200 for the first dozen jumps at a commercial training center. At a club facility the instructors are usually nonprofessionals and the student pays only for club membership and aircraft lift. Many clubs offer excellent training and supervision, and the first dozen jumps will set you back less than \$100. Don't expect red-carpet service at club facilities, however, and you may have to buy your own chute. Jumpers who volunteer their services as instructors are entitled to satisfy their own jump desires first, and

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dilemma as he puts on his equipment and rides aloft. One part of his mind is speaking thoughts such as, "Come on, Charlie, this is the greatest thrill going and it's absolutely safe." At the same time another part of the mind is shouting, "I'm not convinced. Falling through the air is dangerous. Don't do it." The conflicting thoughts grapple about while the adrenalin builds up in your blood and your pulse accelerates and your legs get weak and your mouth dry, etc.

It is a real test of your courage to push on past these butterfly attacks. Many jumpers reach a point where they simply cannot make that next jump. Girls usually succumb to the anxiety and quit trying; men may utilize their masculine powers to rally in the face of fear and press onward. An awareness of some of the following facts and suggestions about jump fear may help give you the determination to make the "tough ones," or "butterfly jumps."

The condition is temporary. You are merely re-overcoming an instinctive fear. Talk freely about your butterflies. It helps



Artistic Nationals

No more excuses! As the summer of 2006 loomed we realised that, despite our best efforts, we had finally run out of excuses not to take part in the British Nationals!

As we erected our tent in the pouring rain in a muddy field somewhere between Scunthorpe and Grimsby, we wondered whether we shouldn't have waited maybe just one more year...?

We awoke to a hive of activity from the tents and motor homes which surrounded us; what appeared to be a ghost campsite the night before had turned into a mini Glastonbury! The well-oiled machine that is Target Skysports was now in full swing preparing for the coming weekend with both artistic and 8-way competitors.

Rocket Ships

Rumours of Hib's G92 speedy aircraft are well known but, as we've said a million bazillion times, skydivers always exaggerate! Are they really as fast as people say? In the vernacular of such parts, by 'eck they are! We've jumped some fast planes in our time but none quite like this. The exact position required for take-off took us several loads to master; it consists of holding the ceiling with one hand and the bottom of your seat with the other. Then it's flex your abs and brace yourself till altitude, 10 mins later! Quite a technical position, perhaps one to be considered in next year's freefly compulsory moves?

Great aircraft, top manifest system and well-organised staff – most impressive! Having not been to Hib before we actually felt very proud that there is a DZ in the UK that can run an operation on the scale of the Nationals.



Outbreak by Jay Southall

Freefly Frenzy

Freefly was by far the best subscribed with five teams entering the A category and six in B. It was noticeable from the outset that the standard of flying was very high. Gone are the days of woolly dive plans for freefly, it's all about precise routines, good body position, dynamic camera work and attention to detail. In fact a few 8-way sausage-grabbers remarked on how suit grips and team stretching have crept into artistic. It's true, these disciplines are being taken to new levels. Having said that, it is still possible at 10,000 feet, to overhear the odd conversation along the lines of "No, seriously guys, stop working on the funky handshakes and tell me what we're doing again." It's okay Freefly School, your secret is safe with us!

Outbreak Breaking Out!

Though it was hard to be sure of the exact name, the team commonly referred to as *The Freefly School for Freefly Flyers that Don't Fly so Good* put together a smooth free round with a really nice head-to-head exit assisted only by small amounts of velcro on their helmets. Langar's Bullet Freefly School teamed up with Rob Silver to make *Silver Bullet*, who put in a solid performance to take bronze. Not far behind were the less experienced FFF who were brave enough to take on the A category and put in a highly respectable score.

So *The Freefly Flyers that Turned Out to Fly Really Very Well* put in an extremely decent 50.1 total score but it was not enough to beat *Outbreak's* all time National record of 55.6. "Get in!", as one Outbreaker so eloquently put it. Fresh from an excellent 6th place in the World Championships, *Outbreak* have now marked their position at the top of British freefly.



Freefly A gold - Outbreak



Freefly A silver - Freefly School



Freefly A bronze - Silver Bullet

Freefly A

1	Outbreak	55.6
2	Freefly School For...	50.1
3	Silver Bullet	31.7
4	FFF	22.8





Outbreak by Jim Harris



The Freestyle School For... by Gary Wainwright



Freefly B gold - Outtake



Freefly B silver - Flytrix



Freefly B bronze - Synthesis

Freefly B - a Good Tunnel Simulator!

It was particularly noticeable within the Freefly B category what an impact tunnel time is having on the standard of head-up flying. Tunnel advocates *Outtake* put together a precise and controlled free round which the judges liked. In fact they set a new record for the highest scoring free round in the B category! This combined with completing ten moves in time during a compulsory round (another record) was enough to make them the clear winners. *Flytrix* and *Synthesis* were closely matched, taking silver and bronze respectively.

Freefly B

1	Outtake	35.9
2	Flytrix	22.6
3	Synthesis	21.2
4	Beearch	14.2
5	Avalaf	7.6
6	3TRY	7.0



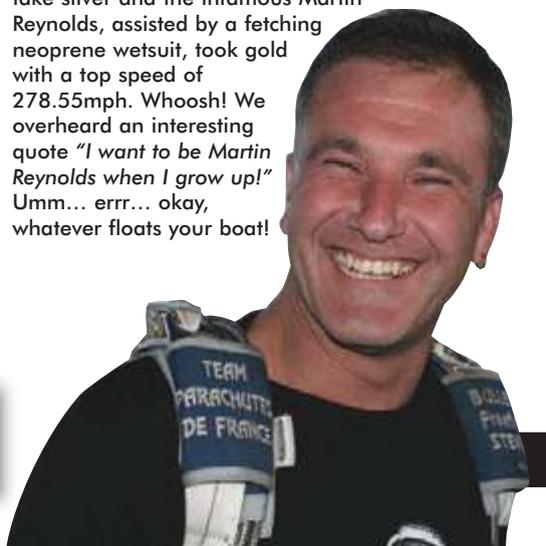
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High Speed Gimps

The sight of a man being led around by a chain in a full body PVC suit attracted some attention and a cheeky offer or two! We could only conclude that the weekend must include a speed event. Steve Thomas clocked up a top speed of 250.47mph to take silver and the infamous Martin Reynolds, assisted by a fetching neoprene wetsuit, took gold with a top speed of 278.55mph. Whoosh! We overheard an interesting quote "I want to be Martin Reynolds when I grow up!" Umm... err... okay, whatever floats your boat!

Speed

1	Martin Reynolds	267.15mph
2	Steve Thomas	245.99mph



Trouble with Freestyle

Freestyle saw a good turnout with four teams in both A and B categories. However, we were down two very significant members, Jim and Debs of *Tumbleweed*. Very sadly Debs suffered a tib/fib fracture during a quirky landing just before the competition. It is still unknown what exactly lies in the fields just beyond the landing area (theories range from beetroot to strange cabbage) but Jim's last words to the competitors were "Look out for the sugar beet monsters". And we all did – because there were no injuries or incidents during the Nationals and no cutaways either. Result! We wish Debs a speedy recovery and hope they are back competing soon.

We were pleased to have *Outbreak Freestyle*, *The Freestyle School for Freestylers that Don't Look So Good* and *Airtrix* join us in the A category to make an interesting competition. Both the *Freestyle School For...* and *Outbreak* had fast-paced routines compared to the more classical approaches of *Airtrix* and *Trouble*. Andy Newell of *Outbreak* made an awesome Olav-esque carving sequence which helped secure the team's second gold medal. After that, there was *Trouble* (that's us!) and we were pleased to take silver. Hot on our tails were *Freestyle School For...* who took bronze. *Airtrix* showed some strong, elegant flying and with creative camera work from Andy Lovemore they scored second overall to take the open silver (they could not win a National medal as freestyle Ganna Sloan is not British).

Freestyle A

1	Outbreak Freestyle	40.6
2	Airtrix	34.1
3	Trouble	31.5
4	Freestyle School For...	31.2

Babble On

Category B freestylers also showed some good talent which we hope will continue next year. *Bubble & Squeak* took gold, followed by *Babble-On* (clever!) and then *Style(ish)* who came third.

Freestyle B

1	Bubble & Squeak	12.9
2	Babble-On	12.7
3	Style(ish)	8.2



Freestyle A gold - Outbreak Freestyle



Freestyle A silver (open) - Airtrix



Freestyle A bronze - Trouble



Freestyle B gold - Bubble & Squeak



Freestyle B silver - Babble-On



Freestyle B bronze - Style(ish)

Emily Horwich by Chris Hines (Trouble)



Rohan Beal by Wiggy (Insanely Board)

Rohan Beal by Karen Lewis





Skysurf A gold - Insanely Board



Skysurf A silver (open) - Just Surf



Skysurf B gold - Mat



Skysurf B silver - Plank



Skysurf B bronze - Tray



Wonder Board

Just back from the World Championships in Germany, Boy Wonder (Rohan Beal) and Wiggy of *Insanely Board* put in some high scores to take the skysurf A gold. Everybody loved watching their invisible man sequence in the bar at night! It's really cool and is inevitably followed by awe, oooohs, aaahs and general bewilderment at the sheer speed of the move. How come his eyeballs don't pop out?! *Just Surf* earned their open silver with some nice technical flying and a really hot move. So hot in fact, that the surfer snapped his board! Like any committed flyer, the routine carried on right till the end.

Skysurf A

1	Insanely Board	40.8
2	Just Surf	23.2

Skysurf H Category

Also known as the skysurf B category, Hib's CCI 'H' again made his annual boarding adventure. Combining with Jersey CCI Andy Montriou and Skydive Spain instructor Jonno Horne, they made three teams with equally catchy names: *Mat*, *Tray* and *Plank*. Not many people would strap a board to their feet just to get some free booze but H was game! He certainly deserved it after the success of a very well run event.

Skysurf B

1	Mat	2.9
2	Plank	1.7
3	Tray	0.1

Passing Judgement

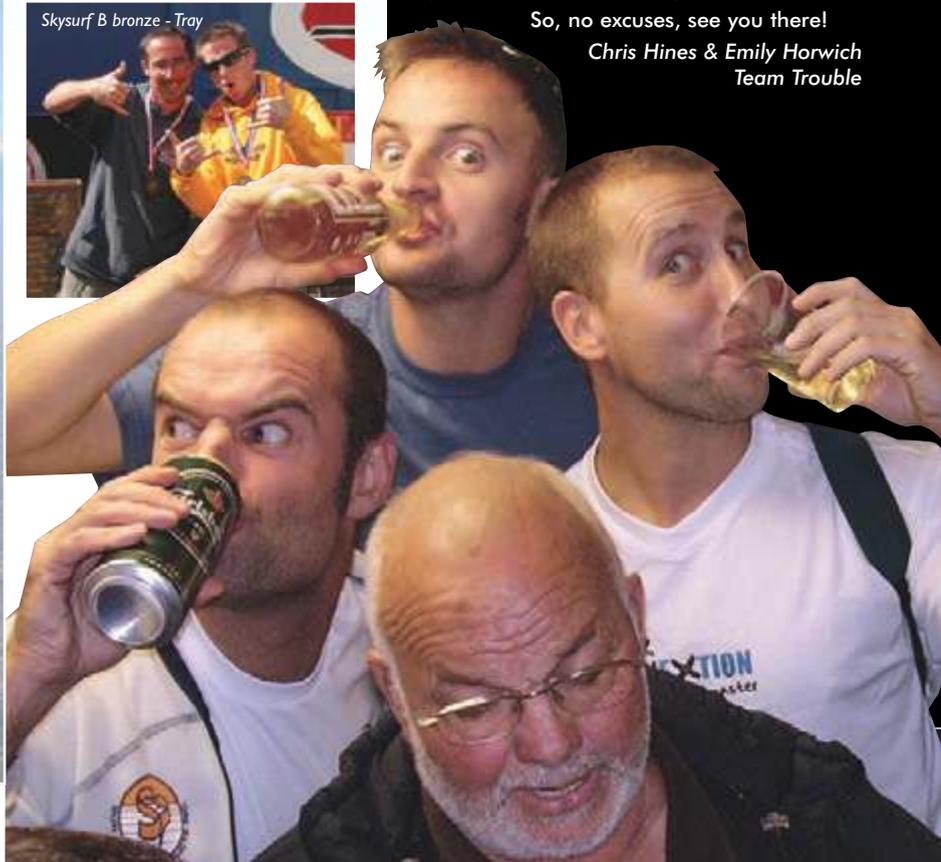
The judges were great – hats off for a splendid job and we commend their ability to resist the temptation of various teams offering bribes of booze and sweets. Sneaky!

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So, no excuses, see you there!

Chris Hines & Emily Horwich
Team Trouble



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Anna Endicott

I remember meeting Anna last summer. She appeared to have been on the drop zone for weeks. Anna did three tandems before taking the decision to do AFF. When I sat and chatted to her over the next few months, becoming friends, I realised how much she was juggling: her own laundry business, four children from the ages of four to fourteen, helping with charity work, battling – successfully – cancer and moving house. I think it can safely be said that Anna was not afraid of a challenge. I mentioned to her one day that I was leaving the DZ earlier than normal because I had a mountain of ironing to do. "Oh bring it in, I'll do it." Tempting though the offer was, I declined. That was the thing about Anna, she had time for everybody. She was lucky in that so many people had time for her too.

Someone who had reached out and touched so many hearts in such a short time had to be a really special person. Vince dubbed her Twinkle – there isn't a diamond bright enough to sparkle as much as that little lady did! That she has been taken from this world in such a tragic way is awful; a great loss to her friends, our club, the world but, most importantly, her family. Our thoughts and love go out to them.

We will, in Anna's memory, keep the party spirit alive! Blue skies forever Anna.

Phill Elston

I first met Anna just after she had qualified as Cat 8. I had an old suit so I said she could have it and when she was finished with the suit she should pass it on to someone else. The next day Anna walked on the DZ with a mother-of-all-sized bottle of beer as a thank you. And there started a friendship.

Most weekends Anna would be on the drop zone, always with a smile on her face. There was I, totally unaware at first of the personal difficulties she was going through. Even after talking about these problems I asked her why she was always smiling, always happy. Her answer was a simple, "I haven't got the time to be sad and I don't want to be!" I had no reply to that, it sounded so easy, I thought, why can't I think like that?

Anna's drive seemed to be endless; she ran her own business whilst bringing up four kids and still had time for her friends. She never seemed tired; presumably she only slept for an hour a week to get the most out of life. I think everyone has those one or two people on the DZ that make you feel happier when you know they are going to be there, well she was one of mine.

I returned from a trip abroad the day Anna was going to Spain her text said a simple "Am back at Nethers on 11th and 12th, hopefully see you soon". I received a phone call a few days later telling me about the accident, which obviously the brain tells you can't be true. There was a definite strange air on the DZ that weekend which everyone felt. No-one seemed to be themselves, everyone trying to deal with this tragedy in their own way. My heart goes out to Anna's family for their loss but for me, she hasn't gone, she just hasn't replied to my last text.

Chas Lawson



I was with Anna in Lillo on the day she died and although I tried everything I could to save her I only regret that it wasn't enough. Anna loved life, she loved skydiving, her family and all her friends (even me!). It is fair to say I am devastated by the accident but I continue to jump and am looking forward to continuing to help with her charity work.

My thoughts are with Anna's and Taz Causer's families. The sport has lost two very special people and the hole left by them can never be filled.

Christian Woodhouse

Tragically, Anna died in a skydiving accident in Spain, see dropzone.com

Bubbly, bouncy, mischievous Anna always had a smile and time for everyone. Some of her many friends remember 'Twinkle' and how brightly she shone.



When I first met Anna I found an instant rapport with her, as did most people. She was a tiny bundle of mischievous laughter and fun. I gave her the nickname Twinkle as she was a little star.

I soon met her wonderful four children and many people at Nethers became their second family. It was, in her own words, her 'second home', she loved every minute there.

Through raising money for CLIC, we all had a fantastic day with a girl with leukaemia, her family and her friends doing tandem skydives. Anna even got Robin Durie to give plane rides to the family.

This is the hardest thing I have ever written. I feel so sad especially for her children, her family, Steve, Matt and Christian – he was with her on that dreadful day. Twinkle, I only knew you for a short time but Nethers and I will never forget you. May you shine forever.

Vince Blandford

Anna loved to laugh and many of us had travelled down to her home in Bristol for a night out in Jongleurs Comedy Club. She always had time to listen to her friends and make them smile and giggle. Anna was bubbly, mischievous, passionate, fun and always full of smiles. There was never a dull day with Anna around and she will be missed dearly by so many, most of all her family, whom our thoughts and hearts go out to.

Anna's kids, Aimee, Drew, Kyle and Leon, are a credit to her. They had great fun competing in the Young Eagles competition last Easter, all of them taking away medals and Kyle winning some airtime at Airkix.

Though Anna was small in stature, she was huge in heart. She brought joy and laughter into so many people's lives. Her presence has made the world a brighter place, And all the people she touched richer for knowing her. The memories she gave us can never be taken away. She will always be warmly remembered with love.

Pauline 'Polly' Chandler

Those of us fortunate to be called friends by Anna knew her energy and positive outlook for life were immense. Although she was relatively new to skydiving, what she lacked in jumps she made up for with enthusiasm and promotion of our sport. It's impossible to put a figure on the amount of money she raised for charities through tandem skydives, estimates are tens of thousands of pounds. In particular her efforts for CLIC Sargent (Cancer & Leukaemia In Children) were fantastic and very much appreciated.

Although latterly Anna had been spending her time equally between Hinton and Netheravon, she freely admitted that Nethers was her skydiving home, where her skydiving family lived and, more importantly, played. Anna was a regular little helper at all levels, including working the bar and screaming down it to get rid of everyone after last orders. How did all that noise come out of such a petite blonde? Four kids would be the training for that I think!

Following a decision for a career change Anna worked tirelessly to start her own skydiving business, Sky High. Anna was set to leave Bristol and move closer to Oxford to be better located. Sadly, this was never to be.

Anna's passion for skydiving meant she pursued more and more aspects of the sport. Right up until the accident, she was very successful during her freely coached skydives. Anna will be sorely missed, as she touched the hearts of all who knew her.

Mike Lewis

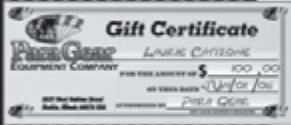
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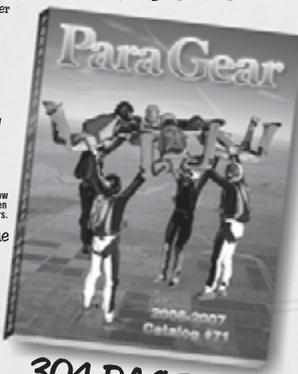


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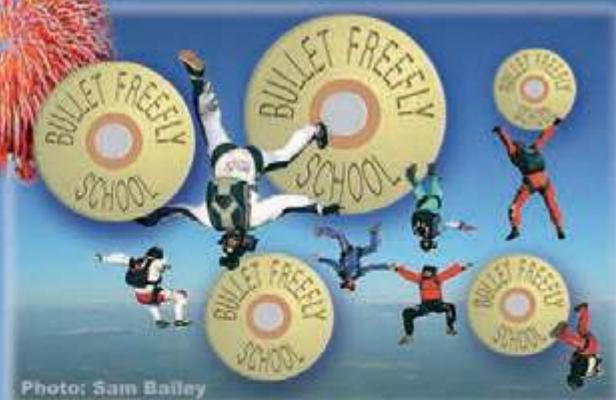


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CF Nationals

This year's competition returned to a weekend format at the request of competitors, which was vindicated by an increase in the number of entrants. The lack of the Classics Nationals at the same venue made sense for a smooth running event. The CF Nationals and drop zone operations ran seamlessly together, thanks to the organisation of Grant and Tommo at Old Buckenham in Norfolk, hosting their first national competition. Nice going guys!

The usual culprits of CFUK (Cellmates) and Outcasts were in the starting line-up being joined by 'the Langar lot,' made up of Lost Boys and Cenobites. The weather could not have been better and the temperature was higher than expected at between 26 and 30 degrees over the weekend.

4-Way Rotations

First up was 4-way rotations with CFUK, Lost Boys and Outcasts competing. Lost Boys put up a fair fight having been coerced into training by PD (cameraflyer not manufacturer!) and soon established themselves in second place, where they finished. CFUK retained their title to make a hat trick of three years running as national champions!

4-Way Sequential

4-way sequential produced a few laughs with Outcasts mistakenly trying to complete the dive pool instead of the drawn rounds, a mistake which they only noticed after round two! Gordon Mission of Cellmates had the only cutaway of the competition after hanging by his centre cell – which had my head inside it at the time!

Despite having remarkably scored points from their wrongly jumped rounds and Cellmates having scored 0 in round two, Outcasts just couldn't catch up, and ended in second place to Cellmates' gold.

2-Way Sequential

This competition was no walkover with all placings being closely fought over. CFUK in the form of Adam Johnson, Doug Preston and Pat 'I'm definitely retiring soon' Hammond on camera proved unbeatable, taking gold with Cast Out in second. Third place was fought out in a jump-off between Cellmates and Polar XL, the bronze going to Cellmates in the end.

Only one intermediate team entered the CF Nationals, Team Generations. They performed well but it would have been nice to see some competition for them. So come on all you budding CF stars of the future, get along to the forthcoming roadshows and learn 2-way. It's the way ahead in competition and it's usually easier to find a team of two rather than four.

4-Way Speed

Speed was jumped at the same time as rotations, over four rounds, and was won convincingly by CFUK (total time 128.74 seconds) with Lost boys second (150.68) and Outcasts third (188.01).

8-Way Speed

This was always going to be a needle match between Outcasts and Cenobites, with gauntlets having been thrown down right, left and centre over the previous 18 months. It was no surprise that, with only two training jumps, Outcasts did not perform at their best, coming second to Cenobites who, having lost two members of their regular team in the run-up to the Nationals, are to be commended.

4-way Rotations

- 1 CFUK
- 2 Lost Boys
- 3 Outcasts

4-way Sequential

- 1 Cellmates
- 2 Outcasts

2-way Sequential

Senior

- 1 CFUK
- 2 Cast Out
- 3 Cellmates

Intermediate

- 1 Team Generations

4-way Speed

- 1 CFUK
- 2 Lost Boys
- 3 Outcasts

8-way Speed

- 1 Cenobites
- 2 Outcasts



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Outcasts, silver medallists in 8-way speed



Lost Boys, silver medallists in 4-way rotations



Cenobites, winners of 8-way speed



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George Galloway of Precision was inspired by the technology used to track birds of prey in falconry and decided to develop a similar system for parachutes. George's ParaTelemetry system consists of two main components: a small transmitter that's encased in the rig's RSL, and a portable receiver unit which homes in on the transmitter's signal. If the rig does not have an RSL, it will be installed with a short length of tape that contains the transmitter which is fitted by one end to a riser but not attached to a ripcord.

The transmitter, which is very small and weighs only 5 grams with batteries, is difficult or impossible to see when looking at the rig, and remains dormant as long as it stays within a few inches of a small magnet that's installed on the harness. For hundreds of jumps it will remain dormant, nestled snugly in its little magnetic pouch, waiting patiently for its anticipated wake-up call that comes the instant you pull the cutaway handle. At the point of cutaway, the embedded transmitter realises that it's been evacuated from its

magnetic nest, wakes up and begins to transmit as it's pulled away with the main canopy. Its consistent chirp-chirp-chirp signal is detectable for miles indicating to the receiver its direction and range. The transmission continues for 10-14 days.

Adding the system to a rig involves fitting the RSL or non-RSL that contains the transmitter and adding the coin-sized magnet. The receiver consists of a lightweight antenna and a control box about the size of a small brick. A needle on the receiver will indicate when the antenna is pointing towards the lost transmitter. Galloway claims his ParaTelemetry system has a range of about 20 miles in ideal conditions, with a direct line of sight (no hills in the way) and fresh batteries.

Galloway has so far signed up most of the US manufacturers to offer the system as an option on their rigs. Airtec has confirmed that ParaTelemetry does not adversely affect either version of its Cypres AAD. Galloway sees a future where DZs or gear shops will own the relatively expensive receiver while individuals will equip their own rigs with the small transmitters. He is also convinced that busy DZs and military freefall units will be interested in equipping all their systems. Tandem canopies are expensive to replace and are usually cut away at high altitudes so are easily lost. Military operations are usually at night, making retrieval doubly difficult.

www.paratelemetry.com
001 423 240 8585

Up & Running!

Following months of intensive preparations, Aerodyne tell us that production has started in their new South African factory, located in a brand new air-conditioned building in Durban. Aerodyne are over the moon with their SA team for their hard work and late hours making sure that they have a state of the art facility and equipment to produce their popular products.

At the same time Aerodyne have teamed up with a small company called Aero Tech in Florida for the production of their Icon harness-container system. Aero Tech is headed by Terry Pike who has more than 30 years experience, say the company. Thiago Muradas, a co-designer of the Icon who's been involved with production and R&D from the start, will supervise production.

www.flyaerodyne.com



Aerodyne's new SA production facility



Photos: Chris Scall

Lines about Lines

A bewildering array of suspension line types for high performance main canopies are now available, such as Dacron, Spectra (microline) and, more recently, Vectran. Another new line, HMA, is appearing with greater frequency on top of the range mains such as PD's Katana and Precision's Xaos series. HMA (high modulus aramid fibre) brings certain qualities that are not available with Spectra or Vectran, the most obvious is linear stability, the ability of the line to resist either stretching or shrinkage due to load, shock or friction. If the suspension lines of a large docile ram-air shrink or stretch a bit the effect on the canopy is minimal. But if a 100sqft pocket-rocket's lines go out of trim all sorts of nasty anomalies can ensue – from bad openings to collapsing cells to bad landings or worse. HMA also has a smaller diameter for a given strength, making for a smaller pack volume and less drag.

One downside with HMA is that it can have a shorter life span than microline, hence some manufacturers have designed out any cascaded lines, as the junction point can suffer accelerated wear. Because of the smaller diameter, greater care must be taken to ensure that line stows are tight, to avoid line dump. HMA is slightly more expensive than Spectra or Vectran.

Vigil no Voodoo

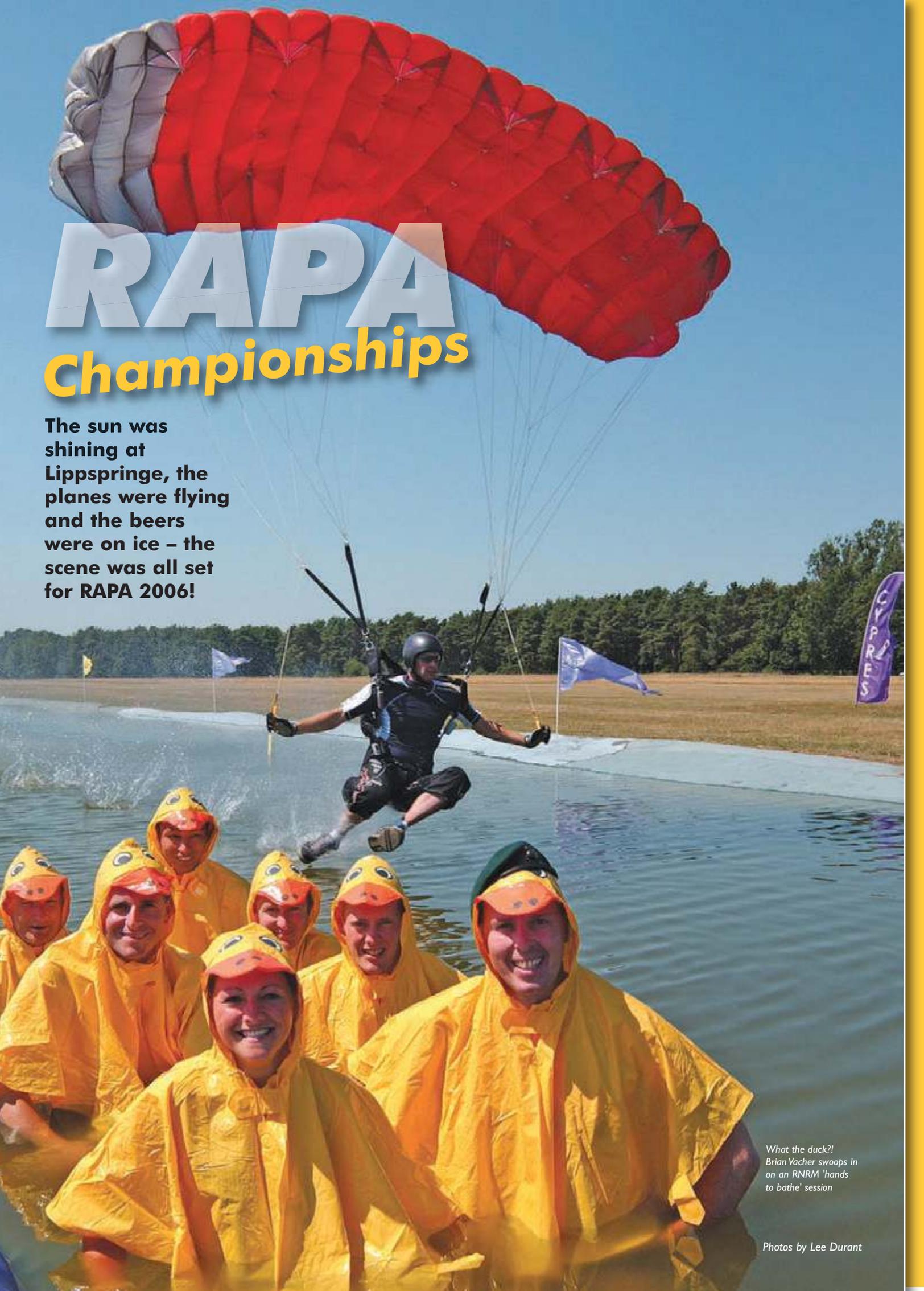
Rigging Innovations, manufacturers of the Talon, Voodoo and Telesis containers, felt the need to issue a notice declaring that they do not at this time "approve the installation and/or use of the Vigil AAD" in any of their systems. The notice stated that, although the Vigil manufacturer has taken it upon themselves to authorise the installation of the Vigil in any Cypres-ready or approved harness/container system, this is in opposition to the rig manufacturer and the FAA. It also states that, in order to be FAA approved, the installation must be approved as part of each harness/container's TSO data, and that there are technical issues that need to be resolved before Rigging Innovations feel able to authorise fitting the Vigil in their products.

www.rigginginnovations.com
001 520 466 2655

Sac de Tacky!

Parachutes de France issued a safety bulletin warning reserve packers to look out for certain of their reserve freebags which have an inside surface which may adhere to the canopy. Freebags with batch numbers from 32554 to 8003676 could be affected. The stickiness of the bag has apparently no effect on the airworthiness of the reserve system and can be used until the next repack. Affected bags will be replaced by PdeF. Bags made from a thinner fabric manufactured before 1999 and non-coated bags after 2001 are not affected.

www.parachutes-de-france.com
0033 13432 7777



RAPA

Championships

The sun was shining at Lipp Springs, the planes were flying and the beers were on ice – the scene was all set for RAPA 2006!

What the duck?!
Brian Vacher swoops in
on an RNRM 'hands
to bathe' session

Photos by Lee Durant

There may have been fewer competitors than normal but those who did make it to this year's meet did themselves proud. Jumpers came from as far afield as New Zealand as well as good old Blighty to take part and what they lacked in numbers, they made up for in humour and enthusiasm.

The competition started at the weekend with 4-way FS, mainly to accommodate our club and civilian jumpers. This part of the competition was over in no time, thanks to the fantastically quick turnaround provided by the visiting Dornier and our own turbine Islander.

As the weather held and the temperatures soared, there were none of the worries of previous years of the weather putting a kibosh on things. In fact, as the thermometers pushed on towards the hundred mark, competitors were stripping off and heading down to the swoop pond between jumps to cool off.

The main event kicked off with the contingent of military FS competitors. In between FS loads, accuracy started and provided some pretty spectacular acrobatics with some on-the-edge landings, courtesy of Coxy and Anna Lee, whilst poor old Ted Payne was taken out by the RAF's Gerry Greeves doing his very own bomber impression.

Early mornings were the order of the day for the crazy gang: yup, it was time for the swoopers to get their toes wet – and sometimes a lot more! Practice jumps were completed, then on to the main competition which provided spectators and judges with some awesome displays of canopy piloting. In particular the last day was a great crowd-pleaser. With wheels-off at seven, four out of the six half-asleep competitors opted for an early bath with the leeches and carp in the swoop pond!

In conjunction with the main event we provided opportunities to jump in larger formations, FS coaching, BirdMan coaching (Rolf Brombach) and Canopy Piloting (Brian Vacher). Our thanks to Rolf and Brian for your professionalism, knowledge and enthusiasm.

Many congratulations go to all the medal-winners, particularly the Royal Navy who were awarded the Commandants Cup for bringing the most to the meet on the ground as well as in the air.

Sadly, all good things have to come to an end, but not before the military's finest had a chance to air the dubious contents of their closets, with the end-of-meet theme night of Cowboys 'n' Indians. It is surprising how some people just seem to have suspicious items of clothing to hand! Brokeback Mountain had nothing on these guys – especially Smudge and Co with their bums hanging out of their home-made chaps! In all, a great night was had by all and 'Dakota' will never sound the same again!

RAPA 2006 was a fun and, most importantly, safe meet. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you all for coming and making it a great week. One last thank you goes out to all the judges for all their hard work sunbathing out on the pudding. Seriously, they worked damn hard and the meet couldn't be held without them.

See you all next year!

Hutch



RNRMSPA and RESPA survey their spoils



Dain Thorne does the can-can on the pud



Lindsey Ashwood celebrates her 400th

	WINNERS	SECOND	THIRD
Open Events			
Best BA(G) Student 2006	Docherty 9/12 L		
Canopy Piloting - Distance	Brian Vacher	Dean Smith RE	Alex Wilson
Canopy Piloting - Accuracy	Brian Vacher	Mark Bayada APTC	Dean Smith RE
Canopy Piloting - Overall	Brian Vacher	Dean Smith RE	Mark Bayada APTC
Novice Accuracy	Steve Cox RA	Jamie Gouldstone	Lee Durant RN
Intermediate Accuracy	Dave Lee RN	Damien Smart RSigs	Shaka Hahn RN
Senior Accuracy	Dean Smith RE	John Boardman	Bill Sharp
Novice Team Accuracy	Leeds UOTC		
Intermediate Team Accuracy	JSPC(L)	Stomp Navy	JSPC(N) Blue
Senior Team Accuracy	ANZUK	JSPC(N) Green	MSF RN
Junior (Rookie) 4-way FS	RE Red	Fly Navy	RLC(G)
Intermediate (A) 4-way FS	RBS Navy	Shak Attack	Natural Obligation
Intermediate (AA) 4-way FS	Skydive Navy	RE Red (P)	
Senior (AAA) 4-way FS	JSPC(N) Red	Outbreak	Jump Marines
Military Events			
Canopy Piloting	Dean Smith RE	Mark Bayada APTC	Alex Wilson
Novice Accuracy	Steve Cox RA	Jamie Gouldstone	Lee Durant RN
Inter Accuracy	Dave Lee RN	Damien Smart RSigs	Shaka Hahn RN
Senior Accuracy	Dean Smith RE	Dain Thorne RN	Iain Anderson
Novice Team Accuracy	Leeds UOTC		
Intermediate Team Accuracy	JSPC(L)	Stomp Navy	JSPC(N) Blue
Senior Team Accuracy	SPC(N) Green	MSF RN	RE Red
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Intermediate (AA) 4-way FS	RE Red (P)		
Senior (AAA) 4-way FS	JSPC(N) Red	Jump Marines	JSPC(N) Blue
Commandants Cup	RN / RM		



Smudge takes an early bath for the Engineers

Puzzle

by Paul Boorer

New Ratings

FAI Artistic Judge

Sue Skull

FAI Canopy Piloting Judge

Kate Charters

CSBI

Andy Pike
Anthony Kirk-Burgess
Georgina Wood
Dominic Hines
Dylan Griffith-Jones
Ben Cannon
Luke Ingram
Paul Gibbs
Alun Griffiths
Duncan McGregor

TBI

Jamie Porter
Adrian Baldry

CSI

Derek Hand
Ryan Mancey
Matt Brady
Sam Saunders
Pelham Georghiadis
Stuart Smith
Jeff Cook
Tony Rayson

AFF Instructor

Ashley Hollick
Lloyd Quenby
Ryan Mancey
Christian Ivory

Advanced Instructor

Jeff Montgomery
Jason Farrant

Instructor Examiner

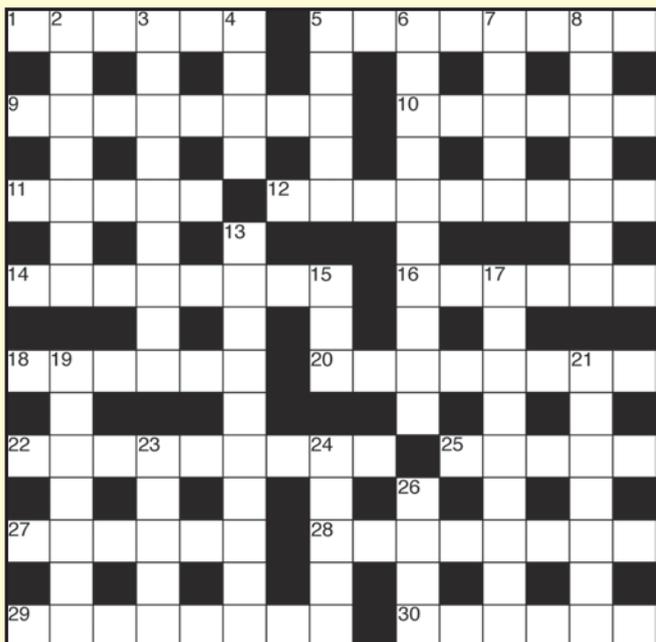
Andy Montriou
Steve Thomas

Tandem Instructor

Steve Hankey
Unai Fernandez
Steve Nalden
Peter Lehane
Sean McKenna
Francis Mullen
Jerry Greaves
Andy Duncan
Graeme Mackay
Jamie Porter

Advanced Packer

Phill Elston



Main (Cryptic)

Across

1,6,13,29,30.

- Chorus of approval for a man in a tight jumpsuit or leotard (2'1,3,7,3,3,4,3,8,2,4)
5. Aircraft is not working, eject (8)
9. Spoken about deal bagged for a second time (8)
10. There are 18 holes in these parachutes (6)
11. Flyer takes part in brave night jump (5)
12. Haphazardly introduce discount (9)
14. Affair surrounding grass is undecided (7)
16. Where God lives in the avenue (6)
18. Some Indian's greeting carelessly (6)
20. Raw when using heroin instead of cocaine, not addicted? (8)
22. Unregulated order "Eyes left; & right!" (9)
25. Dread jumping in formation (5)
27. Most sage is planted in west (8)
28. Beaten underdog is prevented from getting up (8)
29. See 1
30. See 1

Down

2. Look east on the old globe (7)
3. Her fat pal changed the landing lights (5-4)
4. Heartless Americans domesticated animals (4)
5. Obscure character possesses grand beak (5)
6. See 1
7. Northerner in university with sex appeal (5)
8. Fossil formation (3,4)
13. See 1
15. Wild animal existing in benign universe (3)
17. Sidestepping a bottomless hole, hop perhaps (9)
19. More excited, never having taken in "The king and I" (7)
21. Yet eels wriggle into holes (7)
23. Constituent of gene manipulation injection? (5)
24. Sunny land (5)
26. Rebuild Oslo single-handedly (4)

Reserve

Across

1,6,13,29,30.

- Music hall lyric about circus performer; applicable to skydiver (2'1,3,7,3,3,4,3,8,2,4)
5. Throw out; toss overboard
9. Folded up a parachute again
10. Traditional canopies
11. Precision Aerodynamics canopy: black bird
12. A decrease
14. Falling slowly
16. Sky: bliss
18. Haphazardly
20. Detached
22. Front crawl?
25. 4-way formation: snake
27. Most clever
28. Banned from flying
29. See 1
30. See 1

Down

2. Organ of sight
3. Runway lights (5-4)
4. Tibetan oxen: Russian aircraft
5. Contest adjudicator
6. See 1
7. Eskimo
8. 8-way formation: fossil (3,4)
13. See 1
15. African antelope
17. Evasion
19. More worried
21. Lace holes
23. Colonic irrigation
24. Not heavy
26. Alone

Grand Prix Results

The Grand Prix events have now all completed. The scores and the top 5 places in each category are shown in the tables. Medals for the overall winners will be presented at the AGM, on Saturday 20 January 2007.

4-way

AAA	Total	Lang	Sib	Hib	Nats	Cark
1 Bodyflight Rage	24	8	-	10	6	-
2 Perris Airkix	20	10	-	-	10	-
3 Weston Airbrix	19	5	10	4	-	-
4 Bodyflight Havoc	17	6	-	8	3	-
5 Touch Me	13	-	8	5	-	-

AA

1 Damn Zebra	34	8	10	8	8	-
2 Bodyflight Storm	30	10	-	10	10	-
2 Vertically Challenged	30	-	8	6	6	10
4 Cuidado	7	-	-	4	3	-
5 Ballistic	6	6	-	-	-	-

A

1 Escondido	40	10	8	6	6	10
2 Wingnutz	36	6	10	10	10	-
3 Qi	30	5	6	8	3	8
4 4-Fit	16	8	-	-	8	-
5 eXile	9	-	-	5	4	-

Rookie

1 Phobia	37	6	10	6	5	10
2 100%	28	10	-	10	8	-
3 Murphy's Law	24	-	8	4	4	8
4 Bodyflight Frenzy	23	5	-	8	10	-
5 JCB	14	8	-	-	6	-

8-way

Senior	Total	Hib	Lang	Nats
1 VOM-8	28	10	10	8
2 Sounds Grrr8	20	8	8	4
3 Box of Frogs	15	6	6	3
4 Connexion	10	-	-	10
5 Om	6	-	-	6

Intermediate

1 Fun Unlimited	16	10	-	6
2 Purple Dome	10	-	10	-
3 Correxion	10	-	-	10
4 Pack Yer Bags	8	8	-	-
5 Last Minute	8	-	-	8

Freely

Freely A	Total	Hib	BKPC	Nats
1 Outbreak	60	20	20	20
2 Avalore	30	15	15	-
3 The Freely School For...	15	-	-	15
4 Silver Bullet	11	-	-	11
5 FFF	9	-	-	9

Freely B

Freely B	Total	Hib	BKPC	Nats
1 Avalaf	42	20	15	7
2 3 TRY	25	-	20	5
3 Outtake	20	-	-	20
4 Flytrix	15	-	-	15
5 Synthesis	11	-	-	11

ACROSS
1. He'd fly; 5. Jetison; 9. Repacked; 10. Rounds; 11. Raven; 12. Reduction; 14. Floating; 16. Heaven; 18. Anyhow; 20. Unhooked; 22. Freestyle; 23. Adder; 27. Wisest; 28. Grounded; 29. Greatest; 30. Of ease.
DOWN
15. Gnu; 17. Avoidance; 19. Nerver; 21. Eydels; 23. Enemy; 24. Light; 26. Solo.



Stand for Council

Could your knowledge and skills help our sport? Then stand for Council. All BPA members are welcome. The nomination form may be downloaded from the BPA website and is available from clubs, centres and the BPA Office. Forms must be returned to the BPA Office by noon **Monday 23 October 2006.**

AGM - Saturday 20 January

The AGM with presentations, talks, meetings and the dinner dance will be held at the Hinckley Island Hotel, Leicestershire. Bookings are now being taken for exhibition space at the AGM. It's free but you must reserve in advance, via the BPA Office.

Dinner tickets are available from the BPA Office, price £25. The main course will be chicken, or a vegetarian option if ordered when booking. Tables can accommodate 10-12. For less formal dining, the hotel plans to repeat the successful curry night in the Brasserie. All members are welcome at the after-dinner dance in the Paris Suite.

Overnight accommodation has been frozen at last year's price (inc breakfast and parking):

Fri 19 Jan - £67.50 double/twin, £47.50 single
Sat 20 Jan - £82.50 double/twin, £67.50 single

Reserve direct with the hotel, quoting BPA to get these rates.

Hinckley Island Hotel
01455 898 560

BPA Minutes

As advised last issue, minutes of BPA meetings are no longer being included in The Mag. They are available at drop zones or can be downloaded from the BPA website.

Media Man

Julian Storey has taken over from Weed as Media Co-ordinator. Tasked with assisting members to get good news stories out to the world, Julian said, "At every drop zone, media-worthy activities are taking place, it's not just about world records, world champions or big-ways. However, our members doing such incredible things makes the task so much easier."

julian_storey@hotmail.com

BPA Safety Evening

A safety evening at Chatteris treated participants to lectures and briefs by Gary Small and Steve Wilkins. Flight line checking including a practical, information on JM1, CH1, CP1 and the BPA Ops Manual were covered. All participants found it useful, had a good evening with a meal laid on by NLPC, and learned something to make them a safer jumper.

mike@ukskydiving.com



British Parachute Association Ltd

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association will be held at the BPA Office, 5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester on Tuesday 5 December 2006 at 18.30.

Agenda

- 1 To receive and adopt, if approved, the Annual Accounts of the Association and the Report of the Auditors for the period from 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.
- 2 To confirm the re-appointment of the Auditors, and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration for the ensuing financial year.
- 3 To set the Provisional Membership Subscription for the 12 months beginning 1 April 2007.

Issued for and on behalf of the Council of the British Parachute Association Ltd
1 September 2006



British Parachute Association Ltd

Notice is hereby given that the thirty-eighth Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at the Hinckley Island Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire on Saturday 20 January 2007 at 10.30am.

Agenda

- 1 To receive and adopt, if approved, the report of the Chairman of Council.
- 2 To consider any items of Special Business*.
- 3 To set subscriptions payable by non-provisional Members for the 12 months beginning 1 April 2007.
- 4 To close the formal proceedings of the Annual General Meeting.

Other items of business

- a To announce the result of the election for the 2007 Council of the BPA.
- b To present various annual awards.

*Note: Members are reminded that under Article 31 of the Articles of Association, only such business as is notified to the BPA in writing, at least 40 days prior to the date of the meeting (by midnight on **Monday 11 December 2006**) can be included under agenda item 2, Special Business.

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DABA.3

COMPLETE RIG PD 190 main, PD 160 reserve in Vector 2 container, including Cypres. 250 jumps. Very good condition 1995. Rig bag, packing mat and Altimaster altimeter. Cost: £900 (offers). Area: Watford. Richard Wallwork 0208 9509986 rich_wallwork@hotmail.com

RIWA.2

COMPLETE RIG Atom Legend, size med, new Springo 140, yellow, 10 jumps, PD 143 0 jumps, Cypres 2, f/f/friendly. Excellent condition. Cost: £2,100 (offers). Area: Herts. Mark Hursey 07886 680054 markhursey@yahoo.co.uk

MAHU.3

COMPLETE RIG Atom Millennium classic, Electro 170 main, Techno 155 res, 120 jumps, Cypres serviced May 05, every extra, immaculate condition. Cost: £2,000 (offers). Area: N Devon/Nethers. Steve Doone steve.doone@talk21.com Tel: 07970950748. Fax: 0127 1813955.

STDO.1

COMPLETE RIG Solid red Atom with Cypres. Paratec Fandango 150 main, Tempo 120 reserve both red. Bought March '99, only 70 jumps, reserve unused. Has not been jumped since Oct 03 due to move overseas. Great rig, would suit medium build 5ft 9in. Cost: £2,000 (offers). Area: East L/Essex. Keith Duncan 0035 3876920299. k_i_duncan@yahoo.com

KEDU

COMPLETE RIG Teardrop SF. Sabre 2 135 (30 jumps), Tempo 120 reserve - unused, Cypres 2, 16 inch container in blue alien skin with silver edging. All DOMs 2003. Suit someone around 5ft 5in. excellent condition. Cost: £2,500 (offers). Area: Leeds. Angie Newman 01924 220980 angie1newman@aol.com

ANNE.1

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DAPR.2

SST RACER Large tan black 1981, 280 jumps. Good condition. Complete except canopies, suit Titan size main £100. Jumpsuit: Traceair, taupe/sand, suit 185/189cm tall, 80/90kg with black grips. New condition £40. Altimaster II Altimeter: 1980 on chest mount £30. Paralert on Protec. Audible altimeter 1982 £25. Area: Brighton. Pat Kelleher 01903 813639

MRPA.5

COMPLETE RIG Unused Vector III. Unused navy blue with black & silver & yellow piping. Stainless steel rings. PD 143 reserve & Sabre 2 150 main. RSL collapsible pilot chute with hockey sack. Will fit medium to large. Cost: £3,000 Area: Herefordshire. Robin Whitehouse 07768 862206 or 07808 400785 rob_whitehouse@hotmail.com

ROWH

COMPLETE RIG Mirage G3 container, black & red, Sabre 170 main (200 jumps), Super Raven reserve. Cypres serviced, battery replaced & reserve repacked Sept 05. Alti 2, Bonehead open-face helmet & goggles all available if required. Cost: £2,100 (offers). Area: Cheshire. Simon Scragg 07795 151535 blackcap65@hotmail.com

SISC.1

COMPLETE CUSTOM KIT Sabre 170, Swift Plus reserve, never used. Collapsible pilot chute. 1-pin Teardrop, Cypres ready. Factory Diver, wrist alti, Dytter, kit bag, packing mat. Less than 200 jumps. Cypres inc. repack. (reduced for quick sale). Cost: 31,350 ono. Area: Kent. Neil Thorne 07890194275 mandycastle@aol.com

MRMC

L&B DEALS

Solo £85, Optima £105, Pro-Track £140, Alti-Track £190, Viso £POA, Jump-Track £50
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THANK YOUS

CLASSICS WORLD MEET, STUPINO

This is to record my appreciation for the tremendous effort Geordie, John and Annette made to help our Classics team at the World Meet in Russia. They worked hard on admin, made difficult by BA cancelling our flights at the very last moment. Geordie stood in as a team member when Nick Johnson was unable to travel. Geordie had an injury which became much worse after one jump. The site doctor advised against jumping and the local hospital offered to operate but this was declined. In spite of these difficulties, he continued to be effective in managing the team (I might have caught the first flight home if I were him). This was my fourth World Championship and easily the best managed. The team were able to concentrate on skydiving and performed creditably with many DCs but, with a man down, team placing was difficult [no throwaway score]. Even so one of the team (myself) beat two of the gold medal winning Russian team on individual scores. Entry and exit from Russia is a bureaucratic nightmare but Geordie, John Hitchen and Annette Williamson helped tremendously. One competitor, Pete Sizer showed great determination finally arriving on his third attempt, late in the first competition day. John used his contacts and deep knowledge of the rules to find one that allowed Pete to 'catch up' his first round, without having to lodge a protest. For his first jump Pete had a Let 410, two pilots and a door opener to himself! It was a privilege to be a member of the team, knowing we had strong support - thanks guys!

Glenn Stephenson

BODY LANGUAGE

What a great article *Body Language* was, by Scott Miller in the June Mag! Although I have never believed myself to have a problem with openings (1,400 jumps, use a Crossfire 109 loaded at 1.6) I thought I would practice his principles progressively over my next jumps. And guess what?... I started to believe the manufacturers' blurb about their 'on heading, falling-into-pillows' openings. While canopy R&D is providing the performance and reliability we're becoming accustomed to, it is our personal skills that we must master and rely on; and maybe I needed a little reminder about the basics. Thanks to Scott and The Mag!

Nick Brownhill

WORLD MEET, GERA

The whole UK delegation at the World Meet in Gera send a big thank you to Gemma Fesemeyer, who joined the British team to assist them with massage therapy. Gemma was a great help getting up for the first loads (even with bad weather) and working on people's aches from sunrise to sunset. Her commitment to injury prevention and making sure the team could perform at their best was amazing - especially considering all her work was for free. Most of the team had some form of treatment, very effective, thanks Gemma!

Rohan Beal, *Insanely Board*

TOP FOLK

As skydivers returning to the sport after 6 years we'd like to thank a few top people. The guys at NLPCC Chatteris for the really warm welcome especially Kim, Mike & Gary. All at Hinton for a fantastic day and for honouring jump tickets purchased in May 1999! In your words "Guys, these have to be better value than savings bonds!" We agree and we're looking for more! Special folk like these make skydiving such an enjoyable sport.

Jonathan Roberts & Andy Parsons

WILD GEESE

Congratulations to all involved in the BPA tandem instructor course held at Wild Geese, Northern Ireland. Everyone was very impressed with the professional attitude and overwhelming friendliness. Nothing was too much trouble for the staff. The facilities are amongst the best; a substantial packing area, good student training facilities, a purpose built canteen and a short, but perfectly set 'roller coaster' runway! The centre is managed very professionally by the vivacious CCI, Maggie Penny, her right hand woman Judith, and her efficient staff. All demonstrated an affable and positive attitude to everyone. The evening entertainment was well structured with a DZ barbecue and visits to local amenities. A big thank you to all involved. I highly recommend Wild Geese!

Steve Nalden

STOLEN KIT RECOVERED

I am overjoyed - my stolen gear has been recovered. It appears that the thief was a foreign student who has since left the country, leaving my gear behind. The skydiving community was extremely supportive. I lost my equipment at a crucial time as I was competing at 2 separate World Championships. The skydiving industry bent over backwards and many individuals offered the loan of their own gear. PD was most supportive, 3 days later I had 2 canopies! The BPA produced new docs, AAD gave me another Argus unit, Bev Suits shipped me a new set of pants, Alti-2 sent a new Neptune. Sunpath got me a new set of risers, bag and pilot chute. The Mag printed my letter despite being way past the copy deadline. These companies and the individuals within them showed what customer service is all about. It was fantastic to see how the skydiving community almost acted as a family, rallying behind me and providing so much support. I am eternally grateful.

Alastair Macartney



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DEATH NEEDS DISCUSSION

The Mag is an splendid advert for British Skydiving. It is cheerful, breezy and informative as well as being quite excellently designed. BUT... the terrific photos of Tamsin Causer in the last issue and the charming articles about her appeared in a vacuum as there was no mention that she had died. I happen to know that Tamsin died at Empuria Brava but why were the fact and the means of her death not mentioned? A normal obituary would explain that Tamsin had died, give the date and outline the causes.

You also wrote about Colin Hicklin, again without mentioning the cause of death. It is more respectful of departed friends to explain the facts of their death, and more respectful to BPA members and the many non-members who read The Mag. Your current policy helps to create an air of exclusivity in which it seems that anyone who is in the know, already knows the details and anyone who does not know has no right to full information. Is this perhaps a conscious policy not to publicise problems? If so I believe that it is seriously mistaken.

It is important to be open about accidents and these examples point to an attitude which is the opposite to the situation in aviation. All pilots are circulated at great length with details of accidents and emergencies; because experience shows that reading of others' accidents, whether fatal or not, is a powerful learning tool and helps to keep all flyers alert to problems and issues they might not have experienced themselves.

Why is there not a regular section in The Mag about accidents? We would all learn from this. The aviation world shows that it can be done and is very valuable.

Under your leadership The Mag has become a stylish advocate of a great sport. My comments are made in the belief that action on these lines would make it even better.

Christopher Bennett

Thanks for your useful feedback. I agree we should at least include a summary line about the cause of death. I also agree that a discussion of accidents in the sport is very valuable. We do not have the resources, time or expertise within the magazine to fully discuss such incidents and have therefore avoided reporting on them rather than treat this important area inadequately. We also feel that a bimonthly magazine is not the best medium when there are many excellent websites which almost immediately provide an interactive discussion forum, eg, dropzone.com

We used to have a regular section on confidential incidents until August 05, run by Rick Boardman but these seem to have dried up, despite a prompt in the June 06 Mag. Our incident report column lapsed in 2001 when its writer Allan Hewitt moved to Spain. I agree with Christopher's comments and would very much like an instructor and/or rigger to volunteer. Please, anyone who would be prepared to help sift through the reports, select and summarise those of interest, contact us. Rick would like to compile a regular summary of the types of incidents but desperately needs help – specifically, 1-2 days a month. Please offer! You would give a huge amount to the membership and could even save a life.

Lesley Gale, Editor

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BPA WEBSITE

When my 4-way team fell apart I turned to the BPA website and put an ad for a team. That was Tuesday, by Wednesday I had a response, by Thursday I had a team, on Friday we did 2 jumps and on Saturday entered the Nationals! I found the site much more user friendly than dropzone and – despite our initial scepticism – it worked very well. Highly recommended!

Alice Male

THE INSURANCE QUESTION

I read with interest the views expressed by Paul and Tony in the June Skydive, thanks to them and the Mag for the time, effort and space involved. From many areas of personal experience I found sympathy for both sides of the discussion. I will try to explain while wearing multiple hats. As an individual I have been jumping in the UK for more than a decade (yeah I'm an old fart and really should be a POPs) and have seen the costs rise for membership and insurance. I am now a CSI and co-owner of a DZ and have watched the operational costs rise there as well – often without being passed onto the jumpers until some time after the increases occur, and I was until recently a PADI Staff Instructor (means I could assist in teaching other people how to be scuba instructors) and paid dues and insurance annually there as well. As a DZ owner I have seen a rise in both insurance (kit, facilities, aircraft, etc) and operational costs. If these rise they have to be passed on or the business will fail and we have fewer places to jump – simple economics.

Okay, so you may say, I only jump 30 times a year, why should I pay the same as someone who jumps 300 times a year? Is the risk greater for the person who jumps occasionally so is not as current as the person who jumps very frequently? (Note, this comment is a reflection of currency only not of skill level.) Perhaps if we took a commercial rather than personal view of figures the answer would be a resounding 'maybe'. Having a friend who is a broker at Lloyds of London and is involved in organising insurance cover for major events, the job they perform is to estimate the potential for an incident to occur that will require the syndicate (insurance company) to pay out; this is often a best guess scenario. We, as consumers going to these events, pay for this policy in the ticket price. Similarly, requiring instructors to insure independently through the national body annually (same scenario as a PADI professional) will increase costs to the drop zone, which will be passed on to the consumer. In the same manner, requiring the DZ to insure independently (like PADI facilities) will mean increased costs passed on to the end user: us, the jumpers!

Simple cold hard facts with regard to financial buying power remain regardless of the scenario: a group has a better chance of getting a good deal than an

individual as the risk is spread across each member of that group; and a group of 5,000 gets a better deal than a group of 500 assessed for the same potential risk, that risk being a claim for injury.

Given the growth in member-to-member claims rather than the injured student claim, the membership as well as the marketplace is responsible for the growth in premium, and therefore we are all responsible. Now before I get some fairly large rocks thrown at me, I do believe in an individual's rights; however we should appreciate that we choose to take part in a sport that has inherent risk and therefore we accept that risk. The prevalence of 'no win no fee' legal claims increases costs to any insurance provider regardless of whether they settle out of court for £10,000 or are awarded £150,000 in court – this is then factored into next year's premium

I see BPA membership fees rise, insurance fees rise and, with much wailing and gnashing of teeth, I finally stomp up so that I can keep jumping and teaching. We have no alternative! We all complain about the rise in our car insurance but it is a necessary evil and we pay it. As a jumper I was more than dismayed at the large rise in the insurance section of BPA membership and, while I as an individual initially found it disagreeable, I did accept it – even through gritted teeth. As both a jumper and instructor I find it is a very good deal to be a BPA member but as a PADI instructor I did have an alternative – STOP TEACHING! With some regret I decided to stop, due to the legal scenario prevalent in the UK, the spiralling cost of professional membership of the association and the rise in indemnity insurance costs which are mandatory to all professional members. Much as I love to see the look on someone's face when they complete an exercise successfully in 10 metres of water, I can continue to dive without the costs of being an instructor.

Is this the option that we wish for those who have given their time, finances and energy to attain qualifications allowing them to bring people into the sport: stop instructing because it is too expensive? Then where will our – and it is our – sport be? Over to the members!

Martin Harris

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Club News

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It has been a complete pleasure to work on this edition of Club News, your enthusiasm and enjoyment of the sport comes over on every page.

The growth of freeflying is apparent, it's brilliant to see so many FF1s being achieved at many DZs. Freeflying has come on a great deal, you can now find dark-siders on the first load in the morning and dirtdiving jumps before they get in the plane! Tracking dives are extremely popular and a good way to integrate flat and vertical. There are lots of freefly schools and BPA coaches in case any sausage-grabbers want to give it a go.

The Freefly Nationals attendance was up by a third on last year, many thanks to BPA freefly rep Weed for all her hard work and encouragement in this area. Sue Skull (now qualified as an International Artistics Judge) has been outstanding, guiding and feeding back to the teams about what it is that the judges are looking for. Nice work chick.

Huge congratulations to all the medal winners in this edition, especially *Airkix*, our super hot champions of the world – get in!!

Lucie

Just to recap on the Grand Prix – many thanks to all of the teams, we had a great turnout. Special thanks to Stuart for the smooth manifesting and, even after the controversial stop to watch football, all of the rounds were completed.

Our usual demo into Wittering RAF base on their Families Day went well and we landed to a huge round of applause. It's a shame we couldn't take advantage of one of the Merlins or Jolly Green Giants which were there... maybe next year!

Jari was over for the wingsuit weekend as the boys warmed up for their world record in Germany. Well done on reaching a 69-way and the biggest flock to date with special congrats to our Sibson birdmen who were an integral part of the formations. Steve Such got particularly excited and let the *Flytrix* girls wax the BirdMan logo onto his chest! We got a little carried away and did his legs too so he was sporting a nice pair of hairy shorts... tasteful!

Onto another world record – congrats to Andy Green who achieved the land speed world record in a diesel-powered JCB vehicle.

Rob Silver did his usual fab job coaching during our annual Freefly Festival. *Flytrix* organised a hybrid weekend for different experience levels and lots of happy jumpers got their FF1s.

Max Venom also joined us for some amazing 16-ways, Stuart flew on his belly for a change and I filmed my first 16-way (yes I did buy beer!).

Jo Hawley squeezed a 6-way out of the SMG for her 300th organised by Kev Sargent. Caroline & Dom were very happy to do their 100th out of the Skyvan – we love that plane!

Thanks to Mike Carpenter and Matt O'Riordan who did a great job coaching during the BPA Artistics Roadshow and well done to everyone who attended the *Flytrix* progression weekend – you did some great jumps. Kal & Graham were very happy to get their FF1s.

Grant Raedel apparently made the first load on a Sunday morning (not sure I believe that) and Grant 'Window Licker' Lancaster did the fastest ever landing at Sibson – have you got the grass stains out yet?! Well done to all of our home teams who entered the Nationals (page 30) – keep up the good work!

All Sibson photos by Sarah Hall

Sarah Hall



Cornish

Achievements

CH2, JM1, 50 Jumps

100 Jumps

500 Jumps

2500 Jumps

Simon Lemon

Ross Houlston

Andy Hart

Ralph Mitchell

Cornwall's only pink limo by Mark Houlston



Sharon & Lucy by Mark Houlston



Sibson



Jon Fox's tube jump with Lee & Flytrix



Dave Geffin's 300th



Sibson Freefly Festival

Sibson Achievements

Cat 8

John Sailsbury
Liz Cass

Cat 8, CH1

Chris Everett
Chris Dodds

FF1

Leah Frost
Graham Read
Lucie Fenton
Kal Graham
Graham Wallace
Jon Fox

Lee

CF1

Jo Hawley

Jump Numbers

50

Dean Smith

100

Dom Goy
Caroline Moran
Chris Dodds
Drew Pennell
Aerian Rogers

200

James Bender
Leah Frost
Holly Kilham

300

Terry Wareham
Jo Hawley
Dave Geffin
Ed Ashby

400

Grant Raedel

900

Olly Denham
Andy Sauer

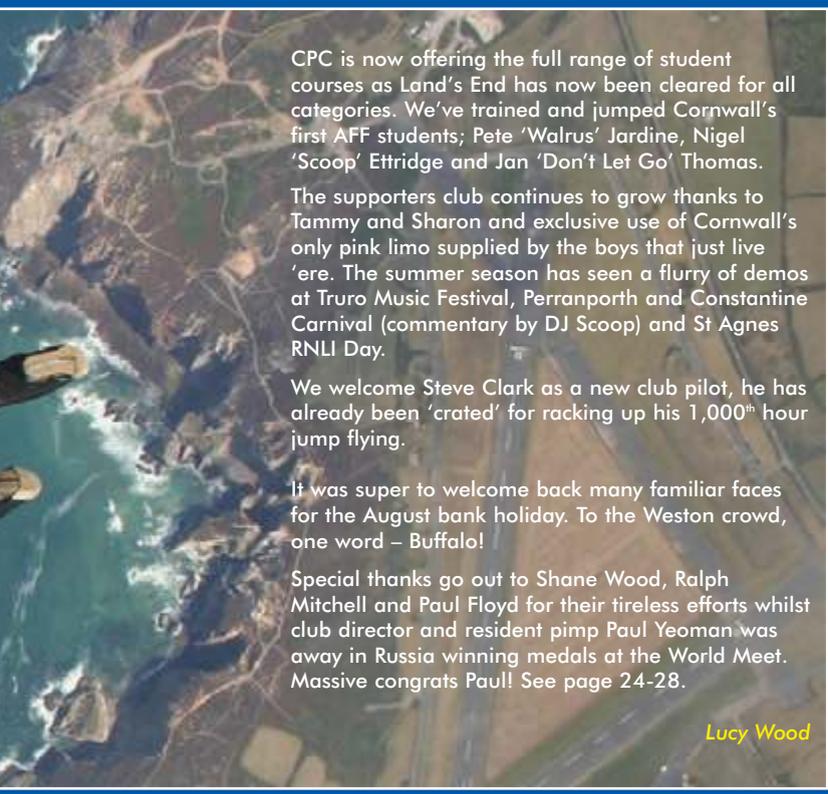
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David Haygarth

1 Hr Freefall
Chris Dodds

48 Hrs Freefall
John Carter

Vicky & Jon



CPC is now offering the full range of student courses as Land's End has now been cleared for all categories. We've trained and jumped Cornwall's first AFF students; Pete 'Walrus' Jardine, Nigel 'Scoop' Ettridge and Jan 'Don't Let Go' Thomas.

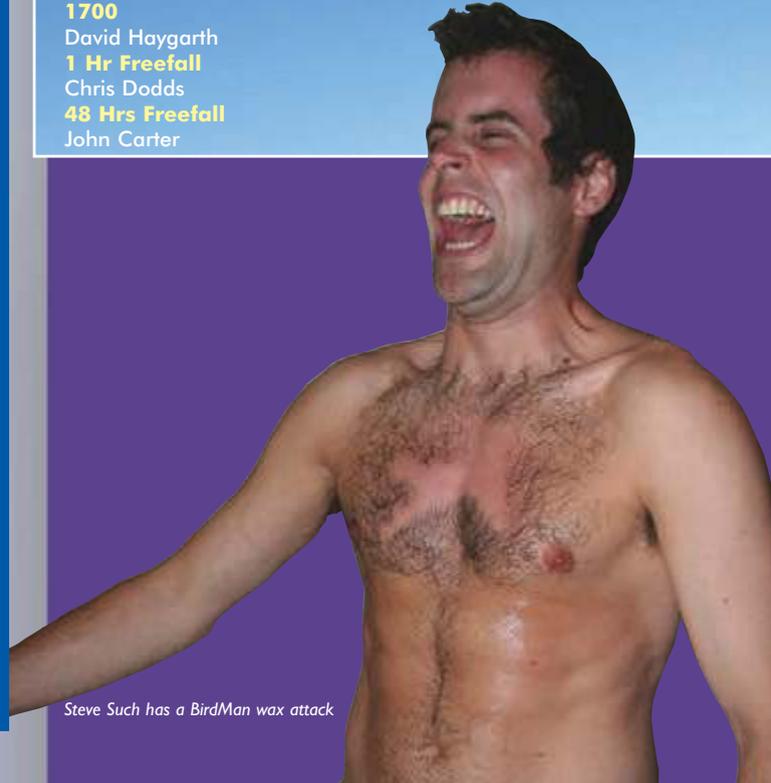
The supporters club continues to grow thanks to Tammy and Sharon and exclusive use of Cornwall's only pink limo supplied by the boys that just live 'ere. The summer season has seen a flurry of demos at Truro Music Festival, Perranporth and Constantine Carnival (commentary by DJ Scoop) and St Agnes RNLI Day.

We welcome Steve Clark as a new club pilot, he has already been 'crated' for racking up his 1,000th hour jump flying.

It was super to welcome back many familiar faces for the August bank holiday. To the Weston crowd, one word - Buffalo!

Special thanks go out to Shane Wood, Ralph Mitchell and Paul Floyd for their tireless efforts whilst club director and resident pimp Paul Yeoman was away in Russia winning medals at the World Meet. Massive congrats Paul! See page 24-28.

Lucy Wood



Steve Such has a BirdMan wax attack



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We are back! Now trading as Skydive UK Ltd, Dunkeswell DZ is still on the map. It is with sadness that we see Andy Guest hang up his CCI shoes and go to live and work in Spain, with his wife Alison and the two boys Westleigh and Daniel. Andy first came to Dunkeswell in 1977 to follow in his brothers' footsteps (Ken & Pete). Since then he has achieved nearly every qualification and done over 4,500 jumps including world and British records. He's the second longest-serving CCI in the country, overseeing 100,000 descents and 25,000 students. Andy's expressed an interest in jumping in Spain with Westleigh who just achieved his Cat 8 – if Alison will let him!

We welcome Jason Farrant, our new CCI, who's been the cameraman for 10 years. Jason has plans to obtain a bigger aircraft to encourage more fun jumpers, to run Skydive U, AFF courses and regular coaching days. Say what you would like to see in the southwest! If you'd be interested in jumping here or you are an AFF instructor, email jasonfarrant@btinternet.com

Our novice female 4-way team, *Pussy Galore*, is looking for a fourth

member, come on girls. We're planning night jumps at the end of October. Contact Jason if interested. We welcomed back our intrepid instructor Gavin Horrell after a year in New Zealand, he returned clutching medals from their FS Nationals.

The parachuting in the Bad Lads Army Extreme on ITV was filmed at Dunkeswell. Twenty lads were trained and they then competed for the ten coveted jump tickets. Great fun ensued as all our instructors were required to wear the 1950s uniform – Andy Guest could only manage the rank of Private whilst Gavin was promoted to Captain!

Down Horrell

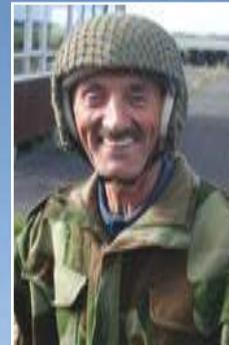
Dunkeswell

Gavin Horrell's 3,000th with Ann & Ralph Fielding, by Reagan



Achievements

Cat 8
Tim Orm
Westleigh Guest
5000 Jumps
Jason Farrant
36 Hrs Freefall
Gavin Horrell



Corporal Hoe by Gavin Horrell



Gavin with his NZ National medals

Chatteris

This year's trip to the Novi Sad Boogie was well attended and hugely enjoyed. Our Serbian friends once again exceeded our highest expectations. In the UK, a crate of free beer arrives after jumping. In Serbia, it arrives by the truck-load – literally! Everyone managed lots of excellent jumping, with Dave experiencing his first balloon jump on consol number six! Mike, Pete, Sylviane and Donna also did their first balloon jump and I'm told the scenery (excluding the jet flying beneath Pete) was exceptional. Donna managed to rewrite the brief for C182 exits by chin-butting the step on the way out. Well done for jumping the next day though! Let's hope the new nickname of Step doesn't stick!

The 70s disco in August was a roaring success. I apologise for my slightly spicy (cough) Thai curry, which was considered to be too cheeky by many of you (wimps). I think I've eaten one too many of Brad's chillies! The (hopefully now famous) Chatteris party season continues with a Halloween/Bonfire Night party on 4 November. I hope to see all the regulars (and perhaps some new faces) raiding the fancy dress box once again (I hear there is a good one in the Herricks' caravan!). There are plans for fireworks, a barbecue, lots of toffee apples and many party games (not optional).

Fiona Law

Sam & Chris by Fiona Law



Russ & Donna by Fiona Law



Achievements

First Freefall
Aiden Chaffe
Cat 8
Rowena Owen
Peter Wilby
Dave Cowley
400 Jumps
Lorraine Dixcey
Karl Chapman
3000 Jumps
Andy Crawford
FF1, 1 Hr Freefall
Si Chipp
36 Hrs Freefall
Russ Smith

Novi Sad Boogie jumpers by Donna Jenkins



London Para

Love is in the air! Martin finally proposed to Rachel, Ross & Jen became engaged and tandem passenger Tim Cazemage proposed to his girlfriend on landing. Emma's tearful acceptance should make an extra special tandem video. She summed up by saying "the whole day was like a perfect dream". Congratulations to all.

Despite the wind ruining our plans for balloon jumps, the August bank holiday was still a success. A good crowd hung around well into the evening for some beers and a barbecue, with a brave few staying overnight.

Coming up is another trip to the wind tunnel, a packing course and our end of season dinner, November 18. See you there!

Tracy Curling

Achievements
400 Jumps
 Mark Stone
1 Hr Freefall
 Tim Lawson

Photo by Mark Stone

Langar

Fat Leigh (now known as Monica) by Swoop



At the various Nationals, we had 35 individuals in 13 teams competing across 14 events to gain a grand total of 56 medals – 34 golds, 13 silver and 9 bronze! Loads of congratulations to all! Special mentions to Gary 'Swoop' Wainwright, Hannah Betts, Caroline Guest, Doug Preston and Craig Poxon, all double gold medal winners. Tom Hartland was cameraman of the meet and JCB were awarded a case of beer for being consistently fastest at loading the aircraft at the 4-way. See page 30.

Come and join these guys 'n' gals – we're open seven days, and we're busy midweek as well as weekends!

Milko

Stuart Townsend in Langar's bar wind tunnel, captured by Tom Hartland



Jersey

Biggles' 100th by Alun Griffiths



Achievements
100 Jumps
 Simon Griffiths
400 Jumps
 Alun Griffiths
1 Hr Freefall
 Stuart McDermott
 Gary Syvret

August saw the use of an Airvan for the first time (beer!) instead of the usual 206, offering the chance to try some larger formations. We are all looking forward to its return to see if this time we can actually get the jumps to work as planned! Who knows, perhaps this is the starting point for a Jersey team at the Nationals next year. Speaking of which, congratulations to CCI, Andy Montriou, for gold in the Skysurf B together with a silver for video in the same discipline. See page 38.

Wishing all the best to Chris Ivory, off to New Zealand for the winter, we're already looking forward to his return in early 2007. It was great to see Mally Richardson back on the rock to lend a hand to the video team and Lawrence Richardson (no relation) return from his world tour.

Alun Griffiths

Langar

Achievements

Cat 8

Andy Blades
 Richard Handley
 Cliffe Turner

Cat 8, CH1

Abbie James
 Kyle Price
 Ruth Jordinson

CH2

Chris Cook
CH2, JM1, FS1
 James Watson

FS1
 Peter Harries
 Ross Thompson
 Eddie Prowse

FF1

Paul Fletcher
 Alice Male
 Donna Williams

FF2

Tim Aucott

Jump Numbers

50

Peter Harries
 Sam Bemment
 Martin McShane

Lucy McLaughlin

Ross Thompson
 Eddy Prowse
 Greg Cobb

100

Emma Pilkington
 Super Ben

200
 Jonny Flowers
 Lucie Fenton

300
 Dan Williams
 Jesse Karadia
 Jason Kierman

400
 Neil Doar

500
 Ally Milne
 Fat Leigh

700

Hannah Betts
 Tim Aucott

900

Paul Rowe

1300

Pixie

1500

Darren Atter

1600

Mark Weaver

1800

Craig Poxon

3000

Mike Gorman

4000

Gary Wainwright

1 Hr Freefall

Peter Harries

Jason Masterman

Lucy McLaughlin

24 Hrs Freefall

Darren Atter

36 Hrs Freefall

Steve Newman

Headcorn

Big Tony's FFI with Wiggy, by Tilly Attewill

Without doubt July saw the best and most successful FS week Headcorn has ever held. With fantastic weather, a Let and enough customers to keep it flying all day, we had a total blast and were treated to tailored coaching from Chris Shaw and S-sense. Using the Bedford tunnel for advanced progress added to the whole event. Coaching ranged from one-on-one, WARP, hot 4-way to big-ways! By Friday we had two new FS1s and two 'nearlys', who qualified in the Scrambles. None of this could have happened if the club regulars hadn't been so willing to mix in and help out their new buddies. To round off this brilliant week, Big Tony's 500th was celebrated in style with a 16-way. Thanks to all those that gave to make this event sooo good, especially Pete Sizer, S-sense, the cameraflyers and coaches.

Chris Shaw

Just following FS week, the Scrambles had six and a half teams, many wishing to utilise their newly acquired skills. As always a closely fought competition emerged. After two rounds the top two teams, led by members of S-sense were separated by just one point. The two teams in last place were also led (dragged?) by the other members of S-sense! Battles at both ends! The weather held out for quick completion of three rounds after which we called the competition. Hezbeavers and Hezbollox were joint first but the gold went to the team scoring the most points in a single round, Hezbeavers, led by Mark Lawson. Congratulations to Richard Best and his dad Bill for their FS1s at the meet. Everyone jumped with the spirit of the competition – a fun way to jump with people new to you and an excellent platform for up-and-coming jumpers to show off their skills.

Michelle Garwood

Headcorn was well represented at the Nationals: S-sense in 4-way, NRA in 8-way, plus Ruth Cooper and Penny Wiggins judging. See page 30. We've had a season of really well attended competitions, lots of progression and some fun social evenings, including bike runs and bowling. We've been well represented at comps overseas too. Pete Sizer eventually went to the World Accuracy Meet in Russia (after desperation getting a flight after the bomb threats) where he scored three discs, see page 24. An eventful start to his international jumping career! Wiggy, Rohan, Penny and Ruth went to the World Championships in Germany – Wiggy & Rohan did us proud in skysurf, Penny was a WAG (that's wives and girlfriends, apparently!) and Ruth was on the FS judging panel. Chris Lynch did brilliantly at the King of Swoop in Spain, taking 5th place. Well done all.

The weather wasn't kind for this year's LAC, only allowing one round. As usual, bored skydivers find unusual ways to keep themselves entertained! Mischief was provided by Keith Stock's mini motorbike, rivalling the White Helmets display team. We had Wiggy riding it seated backwards, Del sitting on Dennis's shoulders (yup, the suspension on those little bikes is phenomenal!), a successful 3-way, unsuccessful 5-way, ramp-jumping (including people lying down in front of the ramp – ouch!) and belly-skiing behind the bike.

By midday Sunday the majority voted to call the meet on one round – Pete would have liked to carry on to redeem his first round efforts but it was not to be. Intermediate accuracy went to Peter Collins, with Geoff Cowell taking silver. In senior, Jane Buckle took gold with 0.01, Paul Finn got silver with 0.14, and Jon Ashton bronze with 0.14. The intermediate team gold went to *Silver Fox*, *Del's Boys* took silver and *To The Point* took bronze. Senior team gold went to *I Can't Believe It's Not LARD*, *2-Second Tent* took silver and *Why Us?* took bronze (the seniors were all decided on the tie-break rule). A special mention to Dennis & Angela Guy who live two hours away and came both days to help.

Ruth Cooper

Achievements

First Freefall

John Jackson
Graeme Gentry
CH1, Cat 8, 50 Jumps

Judy Walker

CH1, Cat 8

Steve Carr

Sean Booth

FF1

Geoff Cowell

Big Tony

CH2, JM1

Dan Preen

FS1

Richard Best

Bill Best

Jump Numbers

100

Jackie Whyte

300

Trevor Cowell

Daniel Sherry

500

Big Tony

Michelle Garwood

600

Terri Mellor

700

Vinny

Tilly

3000

Chris Shaw

12 Hrs Freefall

Dave Hartley

36 Hrs Freefall

Lee Andrews



Roger Shapland by Nigel Rowlan



I Can't Believe It's Not LARD by Nigel Rowlan



Keith Stock's mini motorbike by Nigel Rowlan

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In July we had the Canopy Formation Nationals held over a glorious weekend (see page 48). Even England's defeat in the World Cup couldn't spoil things! We had a superb turnout of competitors and judges, who praised the smooth running of the event.

We had a busy progression week with something for everyone, including packing courses, lectures for B licence progression, opportunities to practice flightline checks and spotting. Andy Scott was guest instructor helping with tunnel and freefall coaching. Our pilgrimage to Bodyflight Bedford was enjoyed by veterans, virgins and AFF students. Roy Duncanson staggered under two full weight belts to keep him on level, looks like cream cakes for you Roy! Most of us worked on our FS skills in preparation for the Scrambles – not that we're competitive! 'Training' continued with beers and a barbecue at local pub, The Gamekeeper. Food and service were great and the incredible disappearing act, 30 skydivers hiding from the Club Rep under a tree, was a twilight zone moment.

In the Scrambles, after three rounds for our five teams, *Grounded* and *Total Domination* (led by Baz & Grant) were in joint first. In third place *Goes Fast* (Tommo); fourth place *Babble On* (Tim) and the wooden spoon to *Stu's Gan Fast* (or was that *Gan Last?*). FS1s for Chris Higgins and me were a great end to the week! We also persuaded Tim Porter to organise a 12-way tracking dive, another first!

Tjebbe's 50th birthday party was memorable with 12 jumping into his back garden! Stu risked the brambles to mark the day, skydiving in just a pair of Superman underpants and trainers! See photo below, Aaron, Ellen and Midge celebrated their first demos.

Chris Hines and Emily Horwich (*Trouble*) took silver in Freestyle A at the Nationals, congratulations! See page 38. Our Christmas Party, 16 December, is expected to be a sell-out. Contact us soon! We are also booking up our New Year's boogie in Perris Valley, plus an Advanced Packing Course, 6-9 November.

Vikki Forest

Barrie Bremner by John Midgley

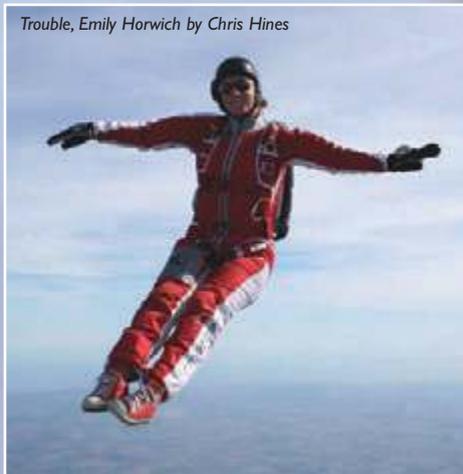


UK Para

Tjebbe's birthday demo team by Vikki Forrest



Trouble, Emily Horwich by Chris Hines



Achievements

FS1
 Vikki Forrest
 Chris Higgins
CH1, Cat 8
 Dave Wall
CH1, CH2
 Andy Fryer
FF1
 Jon Reed
50 Jumps
 Michael Dell
 Paul Bush
100 Jumps
 Ryan O'Neil
2000 Jumps
 Adi Baldry
24 Hrs Freefall
 Alf Batchelor

RAPA

We made it through the ice age, it's taken nearly three years, but Costa Del RAPA is back! Temperatures into the high 30s, blue skies and favourable winds have enabled the centre to complete all of its courses and host expeds from the Royal Marines, Newcastle and Leeds OTC. Students and assistant staff all enjoyed the BA (G) and RAPA Championships (see page 52). Some of you may remember the Six Million Dollar Man, "we can rebuild him, we have the technology". Yes! Hutch is back in the air. Well done to Bertie, two jumps in two years, the making of a skygod!

Guy Hutchins

Achievements

Cat 8
 George Mullen
 Steve Cox
 Simon Sutterby
FS1, 50 Jumps
 Dan Preen
CH1, JM1, 50 Jumps
 Kenny Guest
CH2, JM1, 100 Jumps
 Ed P-Lines
 Tony Toner
50 Jumps
 Jamie Gouldstone
 Gerrit Van Oene
100 Jumps
 Smarty
 Tiny Parkin
900 Jumps, FF1
 Stu Storey

RESPA, Royal Engineers by Lee Durant





Skyvan at the Irish Parachute Club by Mike Murphy

Wild Geese

Achievements

Cat 8

Finbar McClements

500 Jumps

Rod McCrory

Summer saw lots of jumping for those who made the effort to hang around until the weather gave us a break. Just a reminder to students that it takes effort to get through the system. You get out of the sport what you put in!

Practical Magic (Nigel M, Steven K, Evan S, Ronnie S & John McC) made the trip to the World Meet in Germany to represent Ireland. Well done to them, who positioned 24th, very creditable for their first visit.

A small group made the trip to the Irish Parachute Club to take part in their 50th celebrations and jump the Skyvan. As always our friends in Southern Ireland made us feel very welcome with great jumping, food and beer –

what more do you want?

Queens have formed a 4-way team (Connor C, Jade A, Martin McL and Alison O) and have been practising hard with some very good results so *Practical Magic* better watch out! The team are keen to compete next year – be warned.

With Johnny and Andy Lowe still on a high after visiting the World Freefall Convention and rumours that 2007 will be the last one at this location, plans are already made for a return visit. Our annual trip to the Algarve Spring Boogie is 15-24 March, so all you up and coming drinkers and skydivers get your flights booked and join the party. Remember John, the bus leaves at 7am sharp!

Mike Murphy

Queen's 4-way by Mike Murphy



Practical Magic at the World Meet by Gary Wainwright



Hinton

Parties galore, starting with Duncan's beach-themed leaving do complete with grass-skirted, bikini-wearing beauties. Despite staying up all night Duncan made every lift the following day! We wish him all the best. The

annual bash for Catherine & Caroline's birthdays had a theme of fur, feather and fetish – strangely, everyone opted for the latter – just a little something they had in their wardrobe! Top marks go to

Richard Orford as the best gay straight guy ever to grace the drop zone. His rendition of YMCA really was something!

We celebrated two great weddings; Gibbo & Helen, closely followed by Bob & Helen. Both girls looked stunning whilst the boys just looked stunned! Congratulations to all. Some of the girls got delusions of grandeur when Landrover asked them to star in their latest ad campaign. Cathy 'Babe' produced some awesome driving manoeuvres, managing to scare the Top Gear cameraman.

We're slowly being taken over by the Woods. Geoff owns the drop zone, Georgie's permanent staff and now Ben has passed his AFF. Well done Ben. All very confusing on the manifest! We finally managed to convince Chris the pilot to get his knees in the breeze on a tandem with Mike Browne. Nice one Chris, AFF next?

Well done to Georgie, Luke and Grahame on passing their BI. Finally congratulations to Mr & Mrs P on the safe arrival of their first grandchild Levi. On seeing the pictures Jake (age 4) commented "Steve why has that baby got more hair than you?"!

Sandy Keith

Achievements

AFF

Ben Wood

FS1

Wayne Bismere
Stuart Lee
Natalie Keith
Paul Norman
Justine Aldwinkle
Adam Searle
Mark Skarrats

FF1

Jon Turnbull
Steve Baldwin

Jump Numbers

50

Carlton Reeve
Michael Brodwin
Hayley Baldwin
Justine Aldwinkle

100

Adam Searle
Barry Aldwinkle
Mark Skarrats
Andy Cullins

200

Sarah Roberts
Chris Kelly
Alex Wig
Des Meyer

300

George Wood
Vicky Scargill

400

Steve Baldwin

500

Pete Egan
Matt Abram

1300

Bob Miller

1900

Dorian Harwood

2000

Maddy Moore



Fur, feather & fetish party

Hinton photos by Steve Park

Duncan's beach party - lucky boy!



Caroline & Catherine

Netheravon



Caroline's group on Skyvan weekend, by Ryan Mancey (pictured right)



Photos: Ian Wilson

The long hot sunny July days were perfect for the two Skyvan weekends and we certainly tried our best to use them! A big thank you to pilots Tony (Thunderbirds are go!) and Michel for some awesome flying. Thanks also to Caroline for some superb and challenging load organising culminating in a 31-way formation load for Lou Gower's 500th jump. We later discovered it's a Nethers record and have persuaded Robin to let us have the Skyvan again (or maybe two!), so we can thrash it! (Watch the website for details). Caroline has a thing for farmyard noises – just ask, we're sure she'll oblige! Thanks to Graham, Woody & Ryan for taking lovely pictures and making everyone's bums look good.

The Armies (Armed Forces Parachute Championships) drew over thirty 4-way teams. The weather wasn't with us for the first day, resulting in caffeine overdoses as competitors whiled away the hours in Colonel Grumpy's Coffee Bus. The sun came out on Sunday and a few of the teams completed all six rounds. Junior 4-way winners *Bodyflight Frenzy* set a record for the highest Armies junior score.

Well done the *BodyForm* girls for their junior 4-way bronze!

This year's most memorable (or not!) social occasion has to be the pink and purple party held on the August bank holiday weekend in honour of Anna Endicott (see page 44). Almost everyone made the effort (except certain pilots!), the bar took on a fantastic pink glow. Balloon artists supplied an array of speedily and skillfully made balloon hats for everyone and even Robin sported a purple wig to keep Lesley happy! The usual suspects (Lee, Phill & Chas) used the event to show off their cross-dressing skills, while KT paraded his original 1970s dodgy rock geezer gear. Thanks to Ryan and the Burdick Bros for the tunes and to Lucy & Matty for the pink and purple cocktails – you are BAD, BAD people!

Congrats to Nick & Ronnie on the latest Brownhill's family member with the birth of baby Charlotte. And belated congratulations to dark horse Steve Apps, who snook off and married Dawn in May, we wish them all the very best for the future.

Kath Salisbury



Steve & Dawn Apps

Photo: Dame Richardson

Achievements

Cat 8

Charlotte Kemp
Mathew Rondon
Emma Hale
Kayleigh McNeill
Chris 'Smudge' Smith
Garrick 'Keanu' Taylor
Chris Wyatt
Max Mcleod
Gareth Ellis
Andrew Woodward
Clare Ward

FS1

Philippa Hollingworth
Jonathan Smith

FF1

Ian Thomas

FF2

Tom Canty
Sandy Royston

CH2, FS1

Jonathan Smith

Jump Numbers

100

Julian Deverell
Dean Hollick
Paul Farthing
Paul Callaghan
Tony Vine
Phil Skelland

200

Trev Davies
Becky Austin
Lou Pocock

300

Ian Thomas
Lou Pocock
Thea
Tony French

400

Alun Morris
Wez

500

Matty Holford
Leah Parle
Lou Gower

700

Si Bristow
1600
Stephan Reynolds

1700

Rob Campbell
2000
Caroline Hughes
Ruth Green

12 Hrs Freefall

24 Hrs Freefall

36 Hrs Freefall

Rob Campbell
Cossie Smudger

Achievements

First Freefall

Colin Daley
Cheryl Tallon
Mark Tallon

Cat 8

Sam Lee
Matt Dunk
Adam Pencharz
Jade Elliott

JM1

Sam Lee
Matt Dunk
Adam Pencharz
Jade Elliott

CH1

CH2

Adam Pencharz
Jade Elliott

Jump Numbers

100

Adam Pencharz

200

Keith Greenhalgh

600

Dave Taylor

1400

Alan Thompson

1 Hr Freefall

Adam Pencharz

Peterlee



The 'Eric & Tina' party, by Nick Collins

Eric & Tina tied the knot and went on honeymoon to Thailand. When they returned we had the 'Eric and Tina' party, populated by some very strange takes on each. There was even a Harry! The party enabled the new sound system to be thoroughly tested!

The Open was won by Tina's Toy Boys. The next one will include accuracy. All jumpers are welcome, make yourself known!

A record number of 99 tandems were completed over XPO2 week, assisted by visiting TIs Dave & Rick Capanni, who took his 1000th tandem. Big thanks to pilots Rob & Roy who both worked late into Saturday night to repair the closing mechanism on the aircraft door. Rob incidentally has just completed 100 parachute drops and bought the beers. The Peterlee newsgroup has now been retired in favour of ukskydiver.co.uk.

Paul McCormick

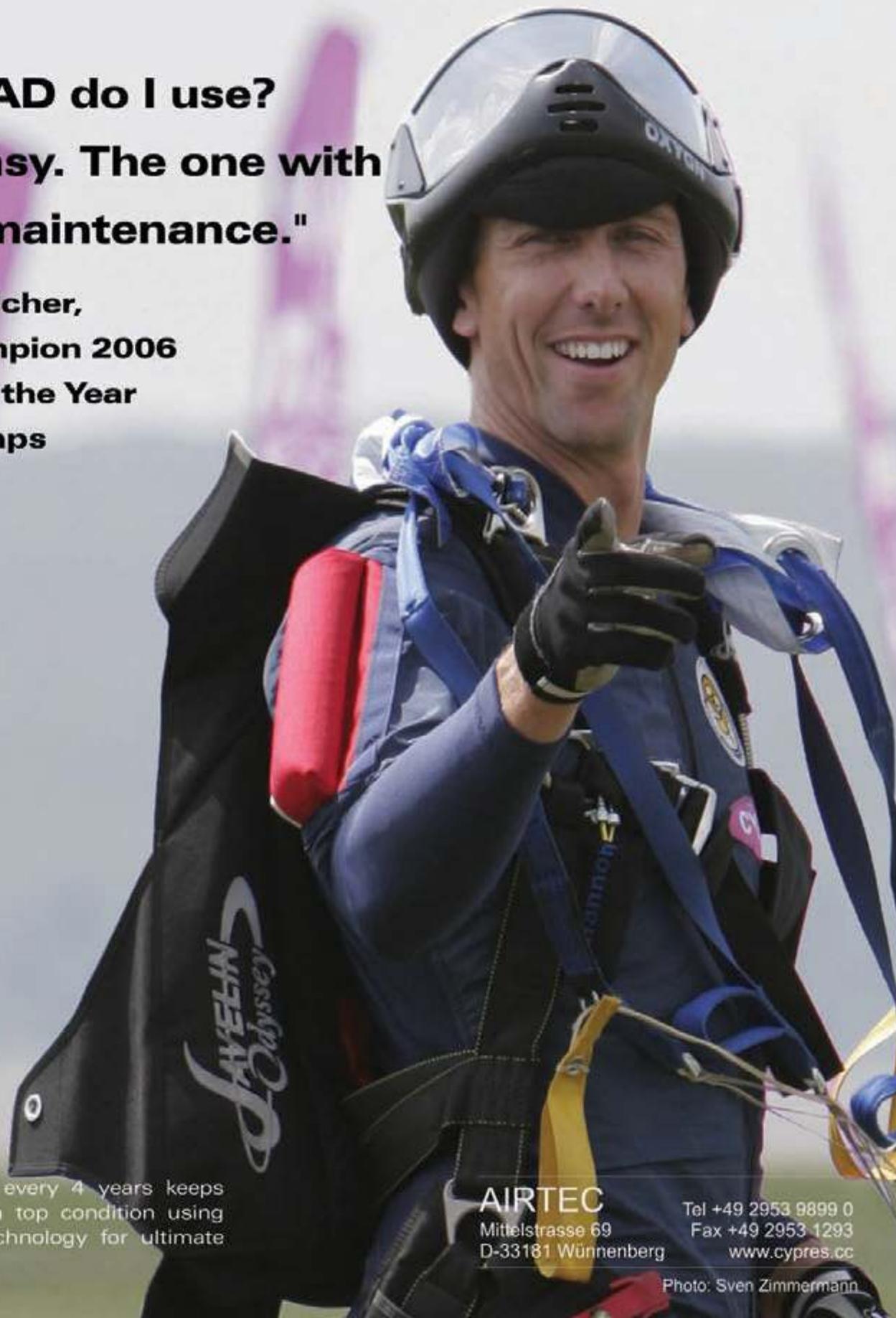
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Weston

Tracking weekend by the gorgeous Rob Silver

We kicked off July with a tracking weekend organised by Paul Johnsson with special thanks to Paul Floyd. The Skyvan and Texel's Cessna Caravan joined us for progression and awesome tracking dives, many with smoke. Dives were led by Nigel H, Laura K, Paul J, Steve H, Henry T and the atmo-lutely amazing George P (thanks mate!), with outside camera flown by Rob Silver. A huge number of Weston first timers attended, many of whom appear not to have left!

Airkix and Army 4 competed at the World Meet, Airkix made us proud again by becoming World Champions (see page 4). Weston jumpers were on 20 teams at the British Nationals, bringing home 11 medals! (4 gold, 4 silver and

3 bronze.) See page 30. Weston is now civvy operated and has seen many changes, including lifts to 13,000ft and free Wi-Fi. We'll be open until late November with a fireworks night and end of season party, keep checking skydiveweston.com

We're very sad that Alan Glaister passed away at the end of August, Alan was a Weston skydiver for many years but eventually stopped jumping. Alan and his son Dan started flying at Bodyflight where they clocked up several hours before Alan brought Dan to Weston to start his AFF. Alan will be sadly missed and our thoughts are with his family and friends.

Nigel Holland

Achievements

AFF Graduate

Dan Glaister

Cat 8

Sean Astley

FS1

Lenka Leahy

Nick Challen

Georgie Humberstone

Ange King

FF2

Laura Kenyon

CH1

Derrick Potton

Sean Astley

Mike Lovemore

CH2

Pete Soley

Nick Etchels

Mike Lovemore

JM1

Pete Soley

Nick Etchels

Mike Lovemore

Jump Numbers

50

Derrick Potton

Georgie Humberstone

100

Lenka Leahy

Ange King

400

Mark Stone

500

Mike Lovemore

600

Ali Allison

800

Chris Cox

1100

Laura Kenyon

1300

Phil Hartree

1400

Marcus Goodsell

1500

Dave Francis

2500

Ralph Mitchell

4000

Andy Scott

60 Hrs Freefall

Andy Scott

Weston jumpers take all at the Nationals by Andy Wright



Black Knights

Louis Harwood, by teammate Rob McVey



Avalore at the World Meet by Gary Wainwright



Following the cautionary tale of Phil's hedge trimming antics, Jason followed in his footsteps with a spot of ditch exploration. Swampy was born! Danny Rowlands is out of action again after attempting to plough a field with his backside, get well soon Danny, we promise to buy you a shovel instead!

Virgin flockers Moisty, Duncan and Ian Green have all popped their wingsuit cherries. Moisty and Chewbacca Matt are known as the Naked Chefs – literally! When the barbecue is spitting we can think of more suitable chef's attire than simply a cowboy hat – which Matt discovered when 'Buttock' met 'Barbie'!

Avalore Freely School will be based in Spain for the winter as well as Black Knights at the weekends, offering coaching and much more. Well done Avalore at their first World Meet in Gera, Germany, the boys didn't place last (phew!) and picked up some valuable international experience.

Summer Boogie was a blast with a great turnout, warm weather and the super fast Godzilla. We have a massive group of freeflyers here now who just get better. The new café is nearly finished. Big thumbs-up to everyone, in particular Phil and Jeff for their hard work. Well done Polaris who placed 7th in the FS Nationals, our medal-winning freefly teams (see pages 30-41) and Glenn Stephenson for gold in accuracy at the European Cup, nice one guys!

Rob McVey

Achievements

First Freefall

James Tasker
Robert Lonsdale
Aidan McQue
Dave Deane
Anna Beswick
Ross Little
Joe Hadfield
Chris White

Cat 8

Chris Saint
Kevin Day
Alastair Wheatland

IS1

Helen Lightfoot

FS1

William Robertson

Jump Numbers

50
Jason Lee
200
Alan Holmes
300
Amelia Walters
400
Lewis MacDonald
Chris Christou

Strathallan

Progression week was a great success with over 60 Porter lifts in good weather, thanks to BKPC and pilot Mark All the students were happy and grateful. It was nice to see the club turned into a campsite with many evening barbecues. Roy supplied a mini motorbike and a power kite



Gary McDonald reminisces, by Ian Croy

and buggy to keep us entertained. Mark showed us how to ride like a pro – quick, someone pass the helmet!

We have a good few names already booked up for our annual Christmas trip to Portugal, anyone else interested see Eddie. With the added bonus of flights from Glasgow rather than having to travel all the way down south, we're hoping to make it huge.

Julie's eastern style birthday party was great fun and saw everybody belly dancing into the wee hours. Congratulations to John Finnigan and Hazel on their little boy Jack, it's good to hear that mum and baby are doing well. Gary McDonald has now been jumping for 27 years, in celebration he jumped a round!

Kieran's new rig was designed by Chris Thomas and is probably the coolest you'll ever see. The new club rabbit has a lovely pen under the climbing wall – be careful when abseiling or it will be rabbit stew for the next big pan doo! Good luck to Arthur in his around-the-world-in-80-hours challenge to raise money for a heart foundation charity (sponsor him via the board in the hangar). Don't worry Arthur, we know you will pass with flying colours, ha ha?!

Adelle Collins

Bridlington

Humberstone Park School for the Disabled raised at least another £5,000 for the upkeep of their swimming pool and to purchase special equipment for the children. John Beaton, a familiar face and a veteran of the merchant navy returned for his third tandem this year and presented us with a brilliant wall plaque.

Brid's summer boogie with the visiting PAC was enjoyed by the masses. Plenty of awards were earned and in Brid's new tradition, the bar bought the champagne! After it finished and the PAC returned, several regulars and all the staff took a relaxing week off and followed the plane to Cark. George McGuinness brought a bright yellow BirdMan suit, reminding us all of Big Bird in Sesame Street!

Blair Stent

Achievements

First Freefall

Terry McDermot
Tina Masterman
Ben Rhodes
Ben Lambert
Stephen Pots
Robert Moles
Paul Cracknel
Benjamin Ray

Cat 8

Ade Green
Becky Hall
Amanda Van Wyk
David McGuinness
Steve Perkins

FS1

Jason Sambrook
Colin Sutcliff

Jump Numbers

400 Simon Rehill
600 Dave Taylor
800 Blair Stent
900 Ed Murdoch



Blair Stent

Achievements

First Freefall

R Fisher
Pauline Domanska
P Davis
D Mackenzie
I Martin

Cat 8

Chris Whyte
Adelle Collins

CH1

Adelle Collins
Gary Hargadon
Chris Whyte

CH1, CH2

Kenny Shaw
FS1
Kenny Shaw
Madeline Daly

FF1

Jonathan Reed
CP1
Ron Wands
CP1, CP2
Rupert Connell

Jump Numbers

50
Mark Collins
Gary Hargadon
100
Roseanne Gross
Mark Collins
Richard Coventry
Bernie Carroll
200
Alan Embleton
Chris Goatley
Jim Scott
Stephen Kynaston
400
Jo Gibbs
500
Alan Parker
Chris Reeves
1500
Rupert Connell

Target

Bodyflight Rage by Jonno Horne



All the staff worked full on to ensure the Nationals ran as smoothly as ever. A special mention to Garry & Baldrick for their long days (and nights!) working on our fleet of aircraft.

July's CF Roadshow was very well attended, organised and delivered. We were surprised at the level of interest, so are looking to organise more of the same for the future, with a view to expanding this discipline. The CF Roadshow completed over 100 canopy formation jumps in 4 days and was a huge success, ending in a spectacular 8-way stack!

Jim Harris, Andy Newell and Mike Carpenter of *Outbreak*, one of our sponsored freefly teams, were in Germany for the World Meet, where they achieved a superb 6th place with a score of 21.0. They then went on to become National Freefly Champions with 22.8. Well done guys!

A big thank you to all our teams for their efforts and dedication. From the Bodyflight/Target Skysports project we had *Havoc*, *Rage*, *Storm*, *Frenzy* and *Raging Havoc*. In all Hib had over 20 FS and 6 artistic teams in the Nationals, winning a bucket-load of medals! See page 30. Well done to all as well as those in the ESL finals. Our non-team jumpers (yes, there are



National Freefly Champions, *Outbreak*, by Jay Southall :)

some!) rock too! Some of our biggest achievers have been Sara Otter, who has flown (sorry!) through her AFF and Katherine Rybinski for speedy progression to her B Licence.

Congratulations to Lee Pugh for his AFF instructor rating. Tom Clark is going to work in Oz for the winter, we look forward to one of the best packers

we've seen returning in the new year.

October sees our 4-way Scrambles and the Frostbite Friendly (aka the 10-way Halloween Speed Meet). Skydive Spain are gearing up for the Christmas Boogie, promising to be even busier than last year.

Mike Colthart

St Andrews



Tortuga freefly trip with Olav Zipser, by Richard Frame

This year saw another few medals for our jumpers with a bronze in Freefly B for Graeme and Alan Mackay of *Synthesis* and a silver in 8-way intermediates for Viki

Bingham, who literally found a team at the last minute! See page 30.

Now that the university students are back the DZ is warming up ready for

the usual miserable Scottish winter and many large parties. The bar is fully stocked and the clubhouse lined with cling film (not really) ready for the first few rowdy university RAPS courses.

This year has seen regulars travel far and wide in search of new skills, including trips to Italy to do over 100 coach jumps with Olav Zipser. Now we can look forward to some pretty cool jumps in the next few months!

Graeme Mackay

Achievements

Cat 8 Robbie Kerr
Jump Numbers
50 Fiona Miller
100 Louise Runciman
300 Ewan Cowie
400 Darren Rose

Achievements

First Freefall

Peter Carr
 Christine Alexander
 Christine Cunningham
 Scott Esplin
 Daniel Fleming
 Christopher Grant
 Katalin Herkules
 Lauren Hollis
 Michelle Howden
 Sarah Otter
 Katie Platts
 David Porter
 Chris Prideaux
 Robert Smith
 Alan White
 Lucy Whitehouse

Cat 8

Rhian Davies

CH1

Scott Marrison

CH2

Helen Moon
 Katherine Rybinski
 Clara Melia
 Andy Price
 Jono Cole

JM1

Katherine Rybinski
 Helen Moon
 Clara Melia
 Andy Price

FS1

Tim McGivern
 Ben Cornick
 Hannah Prideaux

FF2

Andy Bullman

CF1

Darren Bull
 Dave Humphreys
 Rich Aveyard
 Hinesh Patel

Jump Numbers

50
 Kev Harrison
 Ryan Moores
100
 Katherine Rybinski
 Laura Battarbee

200

Ed Morley

Tom Clark

300

Brian Cumming

Claire Murphy

400

Jo Burns

Marc Fletcher

Guy Martin

Richard Head

John Fletcher

500

Catherine Harrison

600

Paul Robinson

700

Dave Butterell

1000

Calvin Blacker

1100

Tarn Hollis

1300

Phil Hartree

1700

Yo Lee

1 Hr Freefall

Katherine Rybinski

Cark

Our Skyfest kicked off early with the return of Steve Hankey from Ireland (Wild Geese) waving his new tandem rating. Well done Steve! With the Nationals looming a few teams took advantage of the sunshine and cracked a few training jumps in which paid dividends with NLPC coming away with silver in rookie and 4th in single A. See page 30, top show guys!

Pete Spedding and Ana supplied a free barbecue for everyone to celebrate his big 5-0. Wendy Lloyd supplied the cocktails, nice after-affects next morning! The packing hall karaoke saw many solos, trios and groups taking centre stage to rival something out of last year's Eurovision. Many happy returns Speds, thanks for a great meal including the infamous cartmel sticky toffee pudding. A huge thanks to all those who organised and assisted the birthday bash.

Whilst Stuart was out in Russia at the Classics World Meet (see page 24) Mike dismantled the old packing tables that had been in existence since the centre opened in 1972! The sacrifice was ceremoniously burnt to make way for a new recreation area to boast pool, table tennis, table football and 20+ custom made bean bags to relax and watch the day's skydives. The transformation should be complete soon.

Instructor Helen Shaw received news that a flood had virtually wiped out a nature reserve in South Africa and funds were desperately needed to help the centre's adopted cheetah. Leaping into action, Helen organised a fancy dress evening. Characters played their roles all night with prizes for their gallant efforts. We thank all for rising to the challenge at such short notice.

Au revoir to Chris Saint Genies, our AFF team's model student, who is relocating back to his homeland of France. Best wishes from us all.

Stuart Morris



Packing hall dismantling, photo by Duncan Haynes

Paul & Yvonne on their 200th by Steve Hankey



Bonnie & Clyde (Chris & Sarah) by Steve Crabtree

Achievements

First Freefall

Adrian Green
Steve Luke

Cat 8

Jack Pearson
Gary Hall
Vicky Wardle

FS1

Steve Carter
Oliver Farzin-nia
Joe Aldridge

FF1

Ian Thompson
Scott Mackenzie
Scott Shearer
Paul Rimington

CH1

Nick Ross
CH2, JM1
Joe Aldridge
Ed Morley

Jump Numbers

50
Kat Lawlor
100

Karen Pickering
Steve Carter
Gary Yerrill

200

Paul Rimington
Yvonne Rimington

300

Marcus Barrington

1500

John Howard

2000

Pete Connor

Len Doran

Tilstock

David and Tiggs did a great job flying two Cessnas in formation for the first 9-way of the year. The end of a perfect summer's day, with anticipation in the air, the constant banter between the pilots kept us highly amused on the ground. It couldn't have gone better as the base launched and the divers took their slots one by one (no guided missiles to be seen) six, seven, eight – we held our collective breaths as the last man took the slot to complete the formation – thanks to Gwyn for the great camera work.

The Czech Boogie was great fun, even with bad weather – it gave us plenty of opportunity to sample the local vodka! It's always nice to meet up with old friends and make new ones. The Iceman was as cool as ever, Blondie was always late, the Anvil ate too many pies and kept sinking out. Wendy sprained her ankle on rough ground, then proceeded to trip over her crutches and break the other foot! Keep smiling Wendy :-)

Tony got Cat 8 and some shiny new kit – which he obviously thought was too clean and went rolling around in the grass! Well done to Louise for loads of points on her FS1. Much respect goes to Chris G – 4,000 jumps and another new baby on the way! Ian R has been busy getting lots of jumps and some shiny stickers for his licence. Don't forget the Christmas bash at Hawkstone Park on 16 December.

Paul Morrison

Tilstock's first 9-way of the season



Photos: Gwyn Ackery

Come on number nine!

Tilstock Achievements

Cat 8 Tony Allen
CH1, CH2, JM1 Ian Rayner
FS1 Louise Whitby

Jump Numbers

50 Tony Allen
100 Louise Whitby
James Doyle
200 Ian Rayner
300 Richard Bell
4000 Chris Gilmore

Silver Stars



Aron's last landing, by Big Al

Silver Stars has been experiencing aircraft issues but the Lets will be operational in the very near future (hopefully, already in the air as you read this). Congratulations to Sam Saunders, Matt Brady and Geoff Cooke for their CSIs and to Paul Gibbs for his BI rating. Gary Stevens received the usual egg and flouring treatment for his 1,000th jump. I would love to report that he took it like a man but – no! Not saying he screamed like a girl but he put up a good fight.

We have said farewell to Aron and Adele. Aron has left the army to pursue a career as a commercial pilot and Adele has taken up a position with the Royal Signals team. Cowboy is no longer on the permanent staff but continues to be a regular face and will retain his position on the display team. A big welcome to Vicky, who takes over from Cowboy as the Officer in Charge.

Rachel Organ

Skydive London

The Airvan is proving to be the perfect aircraft for our little DZ. Andy Goodall has been busy, he has passed his examiner rating, finished 11th in the World Meet FS 4-way and is now flying the Airvan!

Joel, Nate, Diana and Mark Benson (I won't mention your TVR) are becoming part of the furniture and making the place more exciting, normally at around midnight when the local pub shuts. We still haven't worked out how the mirror was broken, sorry Mr Albon!

The airfield continues to be updated and we now have REDLANDS written in big bold yellow letters on the hangar, mainly so John 'No' Friels knows where to land, and a new beer line that's more of a curve. Wintersun Skydiving are keeping us topped up with AFF students and Skydive London is still a relaxed and happy place to be.

Dylan Griffith-Jones

Jump Numbers

50	Diana Peters
	Joel Groeller
	Nate Cheeseman
	Dylan Griffith-Jones
400	Jez Cooper
900	Brucie Johnson
1800	

The BCPA Nationals were again hosted at the beautiful North West Parachute Centre, Cark, where over 50 collegiates were blessed with good weather. BCPA brought a record amount of booze, many thanks to Karen Foster for distributing it through her vast array of drinking games. 'The Funnel' also returned to the scene!

The improvement in BCPA skydiving was apparent in the 3-way competition when defending champions, Sex, Drugs and Sausage Rolls, took gold with a 2.5 point increase in their average.

We had Mikey Carpenter, Jim Harris and Dan Parker freely coaching and load organising, big thank you. Loads of people made their first freely jumps and got some pointers in the right direction. After a DJ cancellation, Aidan saved the day at late notice, nipping up from London with his 'party in a car' to make sure we all had a good time, thanks a lot dude.

BCPA Student of the Year 2006 is Kath Rybinski (Leeds), the person who scored the most points for their club in the league.

3-way

- 1 Sex, Drugs and Sausage Rolls (Edinburgh)
29 points (35 without handicap)
- 2 LU:ST (Loughborough)
25 points (49 without handicap)
- 3 Ninja Pirate Monkeys (Warwick)
23 points (47 without handicap)

Pre-FF1

- 1 Matt H
- 2 Pete (Leeds)
- 3 Kath Rybinski (Leeds)

Post-FF1

- 1 Lizzie Compton (Leeds)
- 2 Marc Fletcher (Warwick)
- 3 Tony Lock (Warwick)

Pre-100 Accuracy

- 1 Kath Rybinski (Leeds)
- 2 Jos Cooper (Warwick)
- 3 Fiona Miller (Edinburgh)

Post-100 Accuracy

- 1 Ian Thomas (Portsmouth)
- 2 Andy Hingston (Warwick)
- 3 Dave Humphreys (York)

Post-500 Accuracy

- 1 Tim Cooke (UWE)
- 2 Ally Milne (Loughborough)
- 3 Iain Firkins (UWE)

As outgoing chairman, I'd like to thank Target Skysports, Cark, Strathallan, Hinton, Perris and Airkix, plus all the individuals who made my life organising all these damn students easier. Taking over from me is Marc Fletcher – good luck!

Henners

Pumpkin

James Watson of JCB won rookie bronze at the FS Nationals, really good work as the team had only done 10 jumps together – 6 at the Langar Grand Prix! After the longest absence since he started jumping in 1985, Martin Williams got back in the air with a solo at Hinton, landing in the centre of the pit. He's very happy to be back from Afghanistan and has some serious catching up to do!

KJ is also back and is now on an attack helicopter training course at RAF Cranwell but he managed to slope off to Empuria for a weekend. Steve & Charlie Judson have great things to say about Empuria, a mucho-relaxo approach, 4-5 jumps per day AND a 3-hour siesta. Bravo Empuria!

Check out the thrills and spills of the Carnage Boys on www.team-carnage.com If that doesn't get you all enthused you might as well sell your rig!

Ros Jinks

BCPA

All BCPA photos by Iain Firkins



Dave Humphreys



LU:ST



Sex, Drugs & Sausage Rolls



Warwick University: Jos, Charlotte, Andy, Marc, Tony, Ed



JCB

Achievements

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RN&RMSPA celebrate at the Armies, by Mike Drinkwater

The RN&RMSPA is suffering a collective hangover after celebrating our most successful season ever! We headed off to RAPA with an assortment of teams. Despite many people not having jumped together before, we rocked! In all, we brought home 63 medals and a variety of trophies including the Commandants Cup, awarded to the team which brought the most to the meet. A highlight was Brian Vacher's hoofing 'duck swoop'! See page 52.

Our winning streak continued at the Armies at Nethers where we won junior FS silver, intermediate gold and senior silver, as well as individual and team medals for accuracy. Bad luck Pony who'd thrown himself into 120 team training jumps in preparation for the Armies, only to break his toe. Weak man, weak! We celebrated our successes with a mega Hawaiian night, thanks to everyone who joined us in grass skirts and strategically-placed-seashells.

Rohan Beal was out in Germany, skysurfing at the World Championships, congrats to him for a great performance. Sharky, Ross, Dain and Al put also put in a top effort at the Nationals, coming 5th in the AA category, with a very respectable 10 point average. Well done and thanks to all who competed for the RN&RMSPA for such a high level of commitment.

Lindsey Ashwood



The Royal Navy's finest! Photo Shaka Hahn

Achievements

FS1

Lee Durant

100 Jumps

Lee Durant

400 Jumps

Lindsey Ashwood

Dave Lee

1000 Jumps

Al Veal

Dain Thorne

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Royal Marine Kenny Craig by Lee Durant

Pops have been busy getting an 8-way speed team together and training with Billy Payn & Pete Knight towards a new Pops British record (see next issue). Training, including lectures, air time and tunnel time, helped tremendously in honing people's skill levels.

13 Pops and a couple of Pups stowaways squeezed between the weather clouds to drop into Caroline O'Hagen's birthday party where the celebrations were lengthy.

The Pops meet at Brid unfortunately had to be cancelled for reasons beyond our control. We're hoping to organise another regional meet (one day only), at short notice, at a southeast England DZ later this year.

The World Pops Meet at Eloy, 7-15 October coincides with the 40th anniversary of Pops. Register online at www.skydiveaz.com Contact me on www.pops.org.uk for info and to let me know you're going.

Next year we have the European Pops Meet at Bad Lippspringe, Germany, 29 April-1 May, the all-comers Cyprus Meet, 14-28 May and the Pops Nationals at Hibaldstow, 23-24 June.

Membership is going well, as it should at £15 for life! If you've sailed past the landmark maturity qualification, come and join us, bring your skills, so we can evolve as we always have. Soon the prestigious Pops 1,000 number will become available. An early bid might be acceptable if sufficiently attractive!

Sadly I must report the deaths through illness of two of our most stalwart supporters. Barbara Fowler, wife of Graham, was taken from us having bravely endured cancer for the last 18 months. Her personality and willingness to assist will be greatly missed. Long term active member Alan Glaister also unexpectedly passed away. Our sympathies go out to their families.

Dick Barton

POPS

Pops practice for their record attempt, by Tony Danbury



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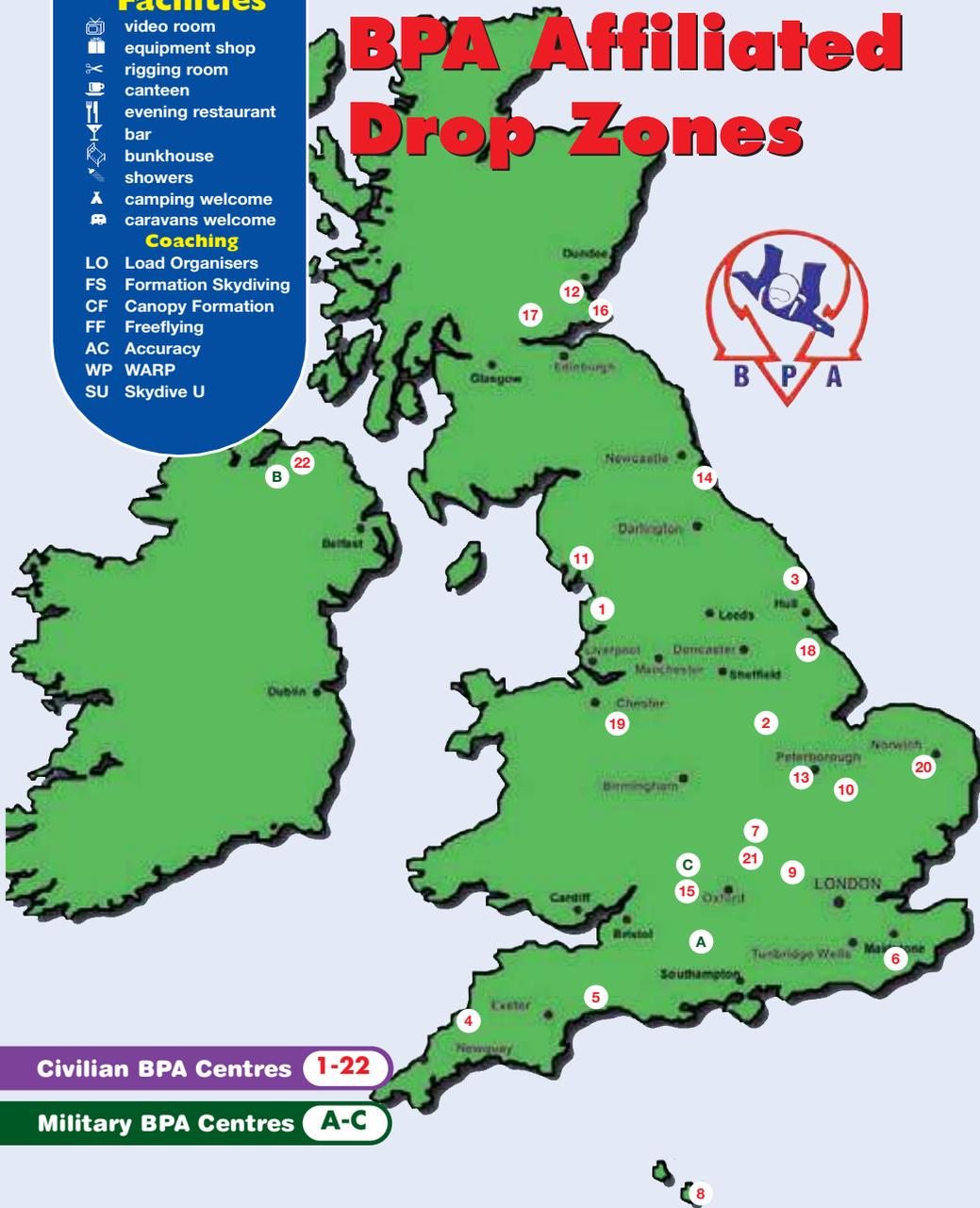
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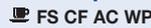
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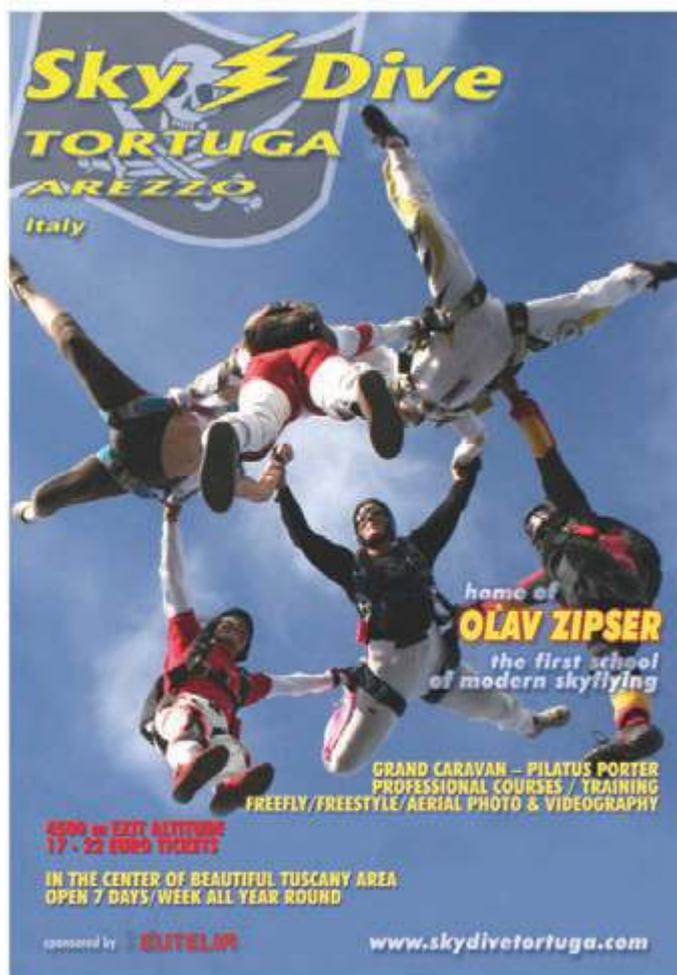
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