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This Mag is full of reports of national and international meets – and what a time our competitors have been having! Our freestyle team *Outbreak* won silver at the World Cup and were just a breath away from gold. Mikey Carpenter commented “I never thought I’d be disappointed with a world silver”. The six UK teams that went to ESL all came back with a medal and we won each category with British teams in.

It’s classy to see how well we perform on a world stage. Our future looks bright in freefly (with a medal already), and in freestyle where our new national teams, both male and female, met the criteria for potential funding. This is set at the points for fourth place at the last World Championships, so this gives an idea of how well our UK athletes – and Parker! – are doing.

In FS, we have two outstanding 4-way teams for the next World Meet. *Storm*, winners with an 18.1 average, demonstrated their mettle, gaining a senior gold with two of their chicks entering this event for the first time. *Storm* now has the choice of entering the female or open event at the world meet. *Elan* (the team formerly known as *Airkix*) will be invited to take whichever *Storm* leaves on the table. Senior nationals gold and silver to female teams – a sign of the strength of women’s British skydiving!

That brings me nicely to the cover, the second Brit Chicks record attempt – it completed! But not before the other side tracked off, so we did it again on the next jump – as coolly calmly and casually as that. 68-way all-female record complete on the second and third attempt. Nuff said!

If competitions aren’t your thing there’s a great article on jumprmastering, something we will all do at some time or other. Or you might try reading about the events – you never know, it might just give you the bug!



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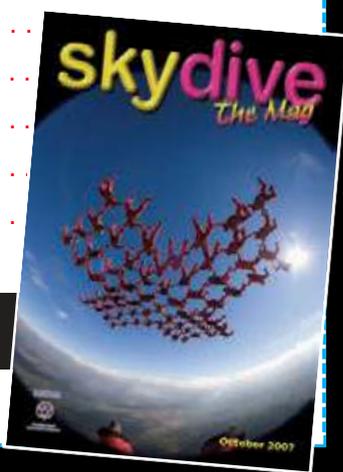
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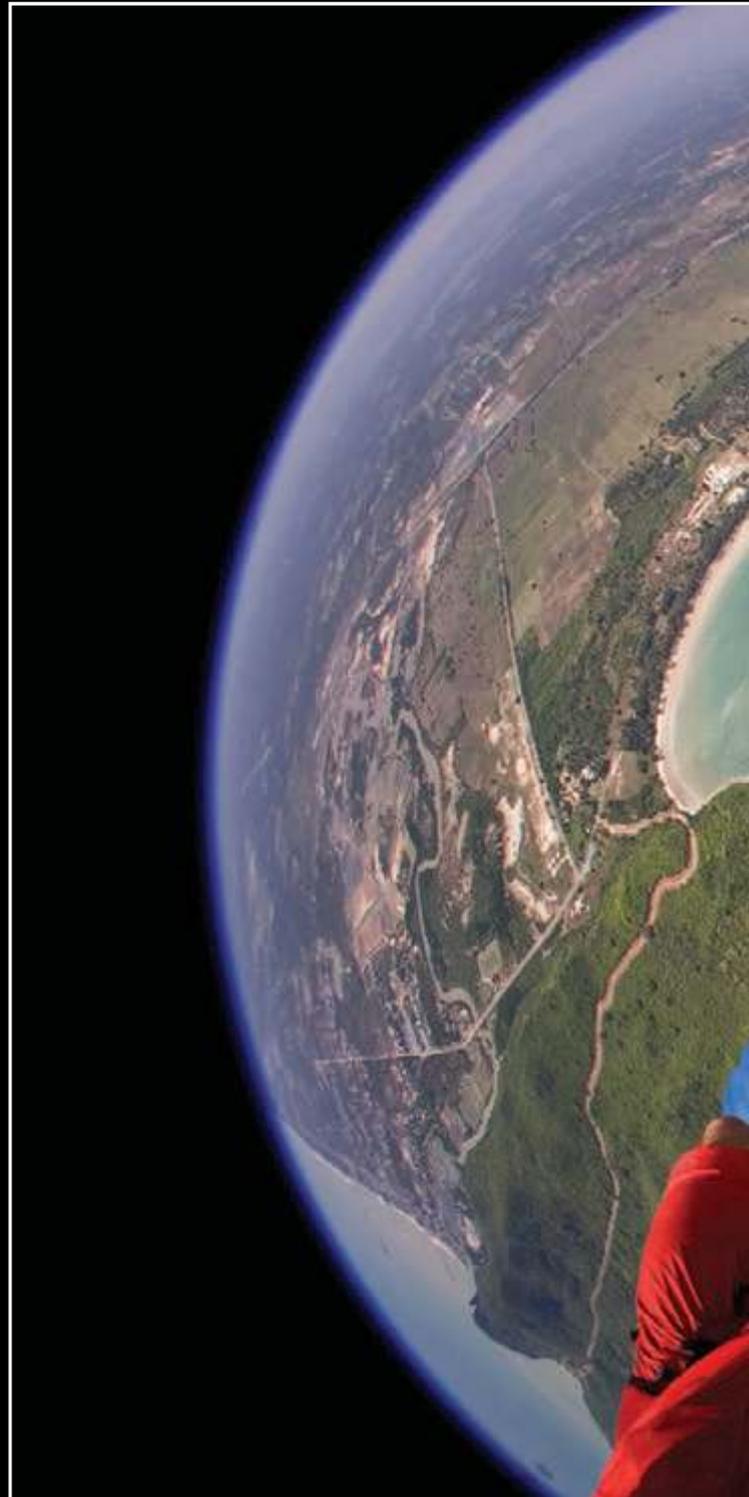
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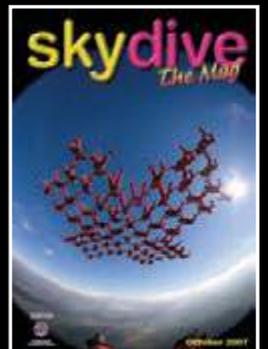
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Cover: *The Brit Chicks, one grip away from a 68-way Red Cross. Full women's British Record story next time. Photo: Willy Boeykens*



4-way FS Gold, Hayabusa
Defence by Danny Jacobs



WORLD CUP

Stupino, Russia
4 -12 August 2007

The Brit contingent with three 4-way FS teams, one 8-way, three freefly and one freestyle was the second largest (France being the biggest). John Smyth was there as part of the IPC delegation and Karla Cole as the FS Event Judge. Mike Rust, Head of the UK Delegation, was a few days late, as reading and joined-up writing were required to fill in the visa forms!

The opening ceremony was smaller but similar to what you see on the TV at the start of the Olympics. This was finished off by a fantastic air display with fast jet formation flying.

Formation Skydiving

This year's competition was wide open with the surprising absence of any US teams such as *Airspeed* and *Fastrax*, who instead attended the

Malevsky Cup and the Paraclete money meet in Carolina in preparation for their Nationals.

It was the usual plan with 4-way jumping before lunch and 8-way after. This was good for the atmosphere as the 8-wayers were cheering and clapping the 4-way teams as they went to board the aircraft. The spirit was returned by the 4-wayers when they were not jumping. Team GB was the biggest and loudest supporting delegation, with loud cheering and clapping for all competitors as they passed our tent, conveniently located on the way to the plane.

4-way Competition

The 4-way scores soon showed that it was going to be a three way fight between French *Maubeuge* (one of the many teams with 'Maubeuge' in the name), Russian *Sky Panthers* and Belgian *Hayabusa Defence* who seemed to have the popular vote. British teams *Inferno* and *Damn*

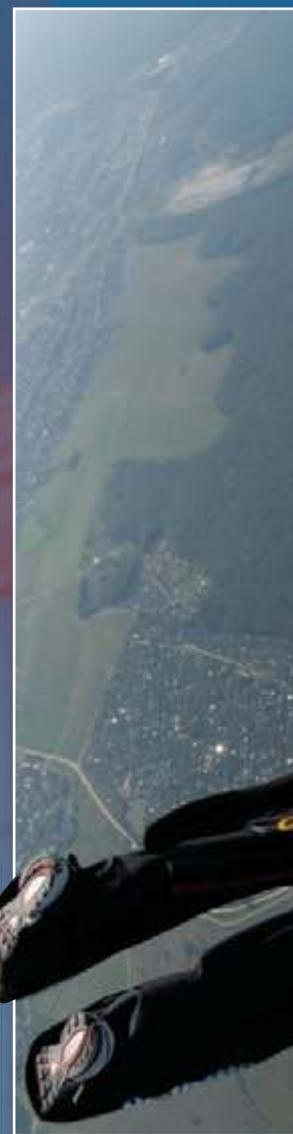
Zebra started consistently with the form they had shown at the Grand Prix but *Fusion* were having trouble with exits and found themselves chasing the other British teams.

8-way Competition

The 8-way saw the French (another *Maubeuge*) in the lead with the Russians not quite on their heels. The real fight would be for bronze between another popular team, Italian *Ex3mo*, and the Germans. Our very own *Sounds Grrr8* put up some consistent scores and were on their way to their goal average.

4-way Drama

On day three the weather changed dramatically and, with glorious sunshine and high temperatures, the competition kicked into high gear. All ten rounds of the 4-way were completed. The British teams finished with strength. *Fusion*, finding their feet ended in front of *Damn Zebra*, followed by *Inferno*. All teams were content but felt that they could have scored higher. As the last of the day's 8-way loads waited to go, the rest of the competitors sat in front of Omniskore to witness the final two rounds being judged and a dramatic battle for 4-way gold. France, Belgium and Russia could all win it. After round nine *Hayabusa* were one point ahead of the French with the Russians three points behind them. Who would keep their head at crunch time? Like the season finale of a popular TV show, there could only be one end to the day. The Russians put up a great score of 22. The French next had a hiccup in the middle of the dive, giving them a 20, putting them ahead of the Russians and at least scoring the silver. *Hayabusa* needed only to match the 20 to win. There was a unanimous "Oooooowwww" as we saw a busted key and some confusion in the middle of the Belgians' last round. They scored 19 to tie at the top with the French! With no more time that day there would be a jump-off first thing in the morning.



Sounds Grrr8, by Dave Butterell



Damn Zebra, by Dave Butterell



Fusion, by Woody



Inferno, by Lucy Herrett



4-way Jump-off

The next day dawned glorious. The 4-way jump-off would be first, then 8-way. With most of the 4-way teams fighting their hangovers and showing great support by getting up really early when they didn't need to, the hangar was again buzzing when they started to judge the 4-way jump-off. Belgian *Hayabusa* were first up and scored a solid 22 with a lovely freeze-frame of a perfect last point. Then the French: as if there hadn't been enough tension the previous day, *France Maubeuge* got to almost exactly the same point in the skydive with the freeze-frame showing all the grips on the last point! However the distorted shape of the formation and body positions suggested that this point was not 'stationary and in control', as required by the rules. This was obviously what the judges were looking at as the crowd had to sit through the maximum two more viewings before the score was confirmed: 21 – *Hayabusa* had won! The place erupted in cheers. The popular team had triumphed. The French were perfect sports, shook hands and then got ready to do 8-way.

8-way Results

The 8-way competition finished but failed to deliver the drama of the 4-way. The French won with the Russians second. The expected battle for third lasted up until round 6 but then the Italian *Ex3mo* edged away from Germany on each of the closing rounds.

The expected party that night saw massive amounts of vodka consumed. Just a warm-up as the celebrations after the closing ceremony lead to two of the three bars in our hotel running out of vodka. What a night! This made for a subdued exit for everyone on the Sunday.

Summary

Congratulations to all of Team GB for being the loudest cheering, biggest partying and most supportive delegation. Every team, regardless of nation, received a great send-off from us and we did our country proud. The biggest cheer goes to our freefly team *Outbreak* for their fantastic performance (see over). Awesome dudes!

Doug McLelland
Fusion

Sounds Grrr8, by Woody



4-way FS

			Total	Ave
1	Belgium	Hayabusa Defence	252	22.9
2	France	Maubeuge	251	22.8
3	Russia	Sky Panthers	229	22.9
17	UK	Fusion (8 rounds)	99	12.4
18	UK	Damn Zebra (8 rds)	94	11.8
19	UK	Inferno (8 rds)	91	11.4

Women's 4-way

1	France	Maubeuge	171	17.1
2	Russia	JetBats	150	15.0
3	Germany	Chicas	138	13.8

8-way FS

			Total	Ave
1	France	Maubeuge	204	20.4
2	Russia	Evolution Pro	184	18.4
3	Italy	Ex3mo	158	15.8
6	UK	Sounds Grrr8	89	8.9

Freely Silver – Outbreak, by Tumbleweed



Artistic Events

Female Freestyle

In the female event Finland's *Hekla*, (Heini Elo and Klas Ramsay) established a commanding lead from Round 1, which they held to win in convincing style. There was more of a battle for the next two places, with little to choose between the next six teams. A tense final round saw Italy and Switzerland tied on points for second. The judges overlooked the rule requiring a tie-break jump in these circumstances, and awarded the silver to Italy, based on the highest free round score. The next few teams were tightly packed behind this with only 1.3 points separating second and sixth. UK team *Tumbleweed* had a disappointing meet overall, partly due to recovery from injury and a lack of training opportunities but were pleased to post some personal bests for many of the compulsories.

Male Freestyle

This was closely matched throughout, with beautiful performances from both of the French teams and the USA, all scoring highly. Once again, the real decider proved to be the compulsories. This competition was the first without a draw, so teams had known the order of the compulsories to train for rounds 2 and 5. Even so, it was rare to see teams score more for a compulsory round than they had for a free round, so teams that had trained the compulsories reaped the rewards.

Skysurf

Skysurf saw an end to gender segregation for the first time and saw six teams competing, from France, Russia and Portugal. The winning team, *Vo3DyX*, (once described by a judge as 'an



Skysurf Bronze – Oneshot (France), by Danny Jacobs

explosion in a typewriter factory' – it's the Russian for 'Air') were thoroughly impressive with the highest overall score of all artistic teams, reflecting a technically brilliant free routine.

The European Cup ran alongside the World Cup – a fact that was overlooked by many competitors, judges and organisers. The cut-off for the final rounds should have included the Czech Republic and UK teams. However the finals came and went before anyone realised!

*Deb Clarke & Jim Weir
Tumbleweed*

Freely

Twelve teams registered with notable exceptions of the top four from previous world competitions. We had three UK teams; *Outbreak*, 2006 national champions were aiming to improve on their excellent sixth in the 2006 World Championships whilst *The Bad Lieutenants* and *Hysteria* were entering their first world event.

Considerable anticipation was evident as the first round approached. The French (*Amnesia*), Norway 1 (*Skywalkers*) and *Outbreak* looked to build on previous competition experience, whilst unknown entrants from Holland (*Tora Tora*), Venezuela, Russia and the UK wanted to make an impact in their first international competition.

By the end of Monday, rounds 1 & 2 had been completed and round 1 results posted. Newcomers *Tora Tora* were surprise leaders, heading the field on an 8.2, followed by *Amnesia* (8.1), *Outbreak* (7.9) and *Skywalkers* (7.8). The top four were closely grouped, with *The Bad Lieutenants* (7.1) on their own in fifth followed by Venezuela (6.6) in sixth. *Hysteria* positioned eleventh with a score of 4.7.

Tuesday saw three more rounds completed but only further results for round 2. *Outbreak* scored highly (7.7 – a new personal best for the team in a compulsory round) only to be beaten by the French (8.2). *The Bad Lieutenants* posted a poor round (5.2) allowing the Venezuelans to marginally overtake. The free routines presented were a mix of tunnel, tracking and vertical skills, which impressed the spectators. *Outbreak* were starting to heat up and continued to improve the execution of their free routine. A rotating vertical compressed exit, a built head-down to head-up formation, strong carving and tracking with excellent camera interaction were reaping great rewards. *The Bad Lieutenants* showcased an ungripped head-to-head exit with a variety of orientations and speed changes, consistently scoring higher than their main competitors, the Venezuelans. *Hysteria* presented some super

transitions, the highlight being an excellent rodeo sequence with good camera interaction throughout.

The third day started with results up to round 5 being posted. *Outbreak* were near the top, second by 0.2, having beaten the French in rounds 3 & 4. *Tora Tora* of the Netherlands were marginally behind with an excellent free routine encapsulating powerful tunnel moves and great presentation of carving sequences. Norway 1, *Skywalkers*, were hot on their heels after a strong round 5 and a disappointing round for the Dutch. Venezuela once again outscored *The Bad Lieutenants* on the compulsory round 5 to edge back in front for fifth place, whilst *Hysteria* in eleventh continued to string consistently scoring free routines together.

Round 5 saw significant scores for the top two teams. The French posted an excellent speed round of 8.2 to *Outbreak's* 7.4, despite the *Outbreak* round being filmed with much greater proximity and illustrating the points in a clearer manner. Round 5 effectively placed the teams in their final standings. Only *Tora Tora* and the *Skywalkers* were too close to call.

Rounds 6 & 7 saw *Outbreak* post another 8.3 for their free routine, the highest score of the meet.



Female Freestyle Gold – Hekla (Finland), by Tumbleweed





Outbreak, by Andy Lovemore

The French posted a 7.7 for the final round 7, just enough to take the title. *Outbreak*, only 0.3 behind, were left a little disappointed at getting so close. So too were the Dutch, edged out of bronze by the Norwegians who changed their free round for rounds 6 & 7, throwing in a more technical sequence to bridge the gap. The gamble paid off resulting in bronze for the Norwegians by the smallest of margins, 0.1!

Freestyle			Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
1	France	Amnesia	8.1	8.2	8.0	7.9	8.2	8.1	7.7	56.2
2	UK	Outbreak	7.9	7.7	8.3	8.1	7.4	8.2	8.3	55.9
3	Norway	Skywalkers	7.8	6.8	7.5	7.5	7.1	7.6	7.6	51.9
6	UK	Bad Lieutenants	7.1	5.2	7.1	6.9	6.1	6.9	7.2	46.5
11	UK	Hysteria	4.7	3.1	4.7	4.8	4.6	-	-	21.9

Female Freestyle			Total	Male Freestyle			Total	Skysurf		Total	
1	Finland	Hekla	58.2	1	France	Red Coq	60.0	1	Russia	Vo3DyX	62.5
2	Italy	Odyssey	51.0	2	Japan, USA	Robot Lords	57.9	2	France	Renaissance	57.8
3	Switzerland	Albatross	51.0	3	France	Cap a l'Ouest	55.0	3	France	Oneshot	53.1
11	UK	Tumbleweed (5 rds)	18.8								

Comment

Outbreak's silver is the first medal won by a British freestyle team in a world event and represents a quantum leap for the *Outbreak* boys and the UK freestyle scene. This was the only Brit medal in the whole competition. For the first time the UK has a strong platform in which to seriously compete for medals in freestyle, with more teams lined up for the World Championships next year in France.

The World Cup was an excellent event. The friendship and camaraderie between all competitors, notably the UK, Norwegian, Dutch and Venezuelan teams was fantastic. After the meet a number of jumps were made. An excellent 25-way tracking jump from the back of an Mi-8 helicopter summed up the competitor interaction – fantastic! To finish off, the final word has to go to *Outbreak* and their silver medal. The UK freestyle scene salutes you!

The Bad Lieutenants

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Irish Record by Dave Clarke

A new Irish FS record 30-way, in the shape of a shamrock, was set at the Irish Parachute Club in August. With the luck of the Irish, Gordon Hodgkinson, Andy Gove, Brian Farnan and friends built the new record on the last lift of the last day, using a Skyvan and a Porter. They took off in rain and got out into clear sky! The plan is to go bigger next year. Anyone with Irish roots or connections who wants to join in, let Gordon know.

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CF Skills Camp



Pat Hammond is running a skills camp at Skydive Spain, Seville, 24 December to 3 January. New dogs need a B licence, all levels of CF experience are welcome. Call Pat if interested.

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Over Sixty?

Following a successful German SOS 14-way, in July, at Eisenach DZ, the SOS veterans want to set a European record next July. Get in touch if you're interested and old enough!

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FAI Awards

Taz Causer and Chris Gay have been selected as winners of awards at the FAI General Conference in Rhodes. Taz (posthumously) won the Sabiha Gökçen Medal (best performance by a woman) for her extraordinary series of four skydiving world records obtained within 6 months of each other. Chris Gay will receive an Outstanding Airmanship Diploma for saving a BPA Member's life in May last year.

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African Freefall Convention



Johan Mulder

The third African Freefall Convention is 29 December to 6 January at Mafikeng Airport in South Africa. Dave Morris will be there organising the FS, Freefly, wingsuit and CF are also on offer. The aircraft line-up is a Hercules C130, a Porter and PAC 750XL. This year they aim to break the South African (SA) FS record of a 60-way and the SA POPS 16-way, set at last year's event.

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UK Skydiver of the Year

Nominations are invited for the Skydiver of the Year Award 2007, in memory of Taz Causer. This award began last year and is voted on by the Membership. The first winner was Taz herself (posthumously) as the only person to have been a participant on four current world records. Everyone who knew the bubbly popular Taz was captivated by her infectious enthusiasm. This spirit lives on in Taz's Skydiver of the Year award for a British jumper who has achieved something special in the sport during the last twelve months. Email your nomination, with reasons, to the BPA office no later than **Friday 30 November**. The Council will select a winner from your collective nominations, on Tuesday 4 December. The presentation will be at the AGM, Saturday 12 January.

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Taz the Stowaway

DVD REVIEW



Babylon's Trace 102 DVD

Reviewer Rob Silver
Cost 30 Euros
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One line review

50 mins of stunning footage for the price of a jump ticket

Here is another awesome DVD from the boys and girls at Babylon. It starts with a short but effective intro and a four part menu to run you through their escapades. It explodes with team *Trace 102* showcasing their world level freestyle skills. Then a quick burst of the big-way attempts in Al Ain, projecting dramatic images of high end freeflying over the desert. Then into speed riding which is so cool you feel like you're actually there. The music is, er... all mixed up but it fits. Some swooping and young Vince trying to juggle (bit more practice mate!) finishes it off nicely. Am I allowed to mention the awesome base and tunnel flying? Even the short Babylon demo is punchy and professional.

In a separate section there is an interesting documentary of the Babylonions School by a Spanish film-maker Maiol Virgilli, with National Geographic style narrating. It shows their mission and their excellence, this includes some in-depth televised 2005 European big-way stuff, which is great viewing.

All in all some nice video footage that is well pleasing to the eye and makes ya wanna go jump – so do it! Get a copy.

Russian Women's Record



Ruski Chicks

Women in Russia set a new national FS all-female record of a 53-way at Stupino DZ in August. Irina Sinitsina organised the event, Alexander Beloglazov helped with the design and attempts were sponsored by public funds of military veterans.

Everest Exclusive

Nigel Gifford of High and Wild is planning to take groups of people to skydive in front of Mount Everest; solo, 4-way and tandem. They will be provided with high altitude gear and oxygen to jump at the highest DZ in the world. The usual suspects involved in this once in a lifetime experience are Leo Dickinson, Andy Montriou (tandem), Dave Wood (DZ control) and Ben Wood (camera). The trip will include a trek to Everest base camp and transfers in a Mi-7 helicopter.

www.highandwild.co.uk/everestskydive

Skydive over Everest



Army Swoop Team at the CP & Classics Nationals

Sir Rowland Whitehead

Sir Rowland Whitehead died on Saturday 28 July after an illness lasting several months. He will be sadly missed by our Association. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Isa, Lady Whitehead.

A charming, modest and thoroughly decent man Sir Rowland was famous for his involvement with charitable organisations and his tireless work for good causes. He often pointed out that his baronetcy had been 'inherited and not earned', nevertheless it was his hard work that was instrumental in securing the patronage of HRH the Prince of Wales for the BPA. He was Chairman or trustee of numerous committees such as the Royal Aero Club Trust, the Institute of Translation & Interpreting and the Rising Stars Foundation of Romania to name but a few.

There will be a memorial service for Sir Rowland, probable time, 11am on Friday 19 October. The venue will be a City of London church. Details are still to be announced, enquire via the BPA office for news.

Army Swoopers

The Army have put together a canopy piloting team including Al Macartney, Deane 'Smudge' Smith, Spencer Hogg and Stu Storey. They competed at the recent national championships taking medals across all three events including a gold, two silvers and four bronzes. The team fly Performance Designs Velocities in various sizes and will be jumping state-of-the-art Carbon Phoenix helmets, Rainbow swoop pants and Neptune altimeters.



Met Police by Pat Newman

Met Police Club

Chris Kendall and Paul Dorwood of the Met Police force are setting up a skydiving club to promote all disciplines to colleagues at the Met Police. They plan to set up a social network, raise charity money through tandems and provide advice for lesser experienced jumpers.

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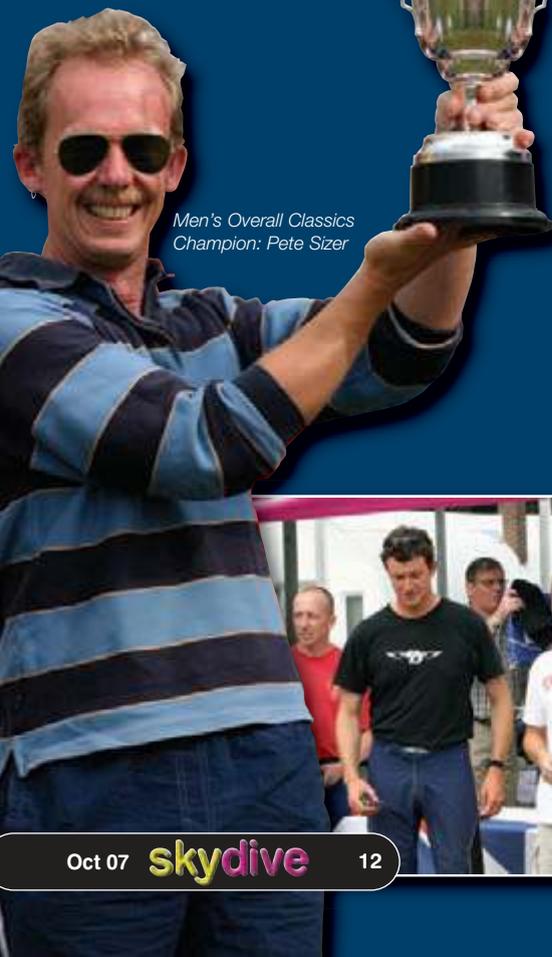
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Canopy Piloting & Classics Nationals

The Rhine Army Parachute Association (RAPA) based at Bad Lippspringe, Germany, was an excellent venue for the first BPA National Canopy Piloting Championships. The action took place (very) early in the morning and late evenings with near perfect conditions during the combined Classic Nationals and RAPA Championships. Paul Moore and all the RAPA team made the first ever BPA canopy piloting competition safe, successful and world class.



Glenn Stephenson going for gold



Men's Overall Classics Champion: Pete Sizer

The aircraft used were a Brit Norman Turbine Islander and a Dornier. The competitions were run under national rules adapted from the FAI. There were 12 competitors in the canopy piloting events and 17 in the accuracy along with 8 competitors in style.

The Events

We awoke on Saturday morning to clear blue skies and very warm temperatures. After all briefings the competition got under way with the start of the 4-way FS event in the RAPA Championships and the novice and intermediate accuracy for both the Nationals and the RAPA Champs. By close of play we had nearly completed three rounds of accuracy and four teams had almost completed their six rounds of FS. Sunday proved to be pretty much the same, everyone was happy and the only complaint was that some said it was too hot!

Monday morning was an early call for the CP competitors as the winds are at the best early morning or late evening on this DZ. It was decided, after discussion with the competitors, that we would start with the speed event and all three rounds were completed by 10am. We continued on through the day with the RAPA FS and accuracy events and early evening saw the start of the style event with two rounds completed by close of play.

Tuesday saw another early start for the CP. This time it was the distance event in which only two rounds were completed before the winds got up. All CP competitors were stood down until 6pm which worked out well as some had entered the classics, so this gave them time to catch up.

The weather continued to be very much in our favour, however, the Dornier pilot had been called



Team Accuracy Gold: Jail Break



Style Podium

Classics Results

Senior Accuracy (10 rounds)

	Total
1 Glenn Stephenson	0.26
2 Esther Reynolds (F)	0.64
3 Peter Sizer	0.79
4 Deane Smith	1.06
5 Jeff Chandler	1.18
6 John Bishop	1.32
7 Steve Cox	1.32
8 John Page	1.40
9 Stuart Storey	1.49
10 Spence Hogg	1.54
11 Alastair Macartney	1.54

Note: (F) = female

Intermediate Accuracy (8 rounds)

	Total
1 Jamie Gouldstone	25.39

Novice Accuracy (8 rounds)

	Total
1 Alex Mining	70.54
2 Paul Wright	141.04
3 Gery Marshall	147.00
4 Louwrens Debeer	170.23
5 Tobias Pradel	174.70
6 Sean Fazackerley	181.41
7 Steve Ripley	186.05

Team Accuracy (8 rounds)

	Total
1 Team GB (Glenn, Pete, Esther, Geordie & Jeff)	2.29
2 Jail Break (Alastair, Spence, Deane, Bish & Stu)	4.25

Senior Style (5 rounds)

	Total
1 Alastair Macartney	52.10
2 Spence Hogg	61.50
3 Deane Smith	66.44
4 Peter Sizer	67.75
5 Jeff Chandler	73.09

Intermediate Style (5 rounds)

	Total
1 Gareth Toner	34.82
2 Jamie Gouldstone	35.53
3 Steve Cox	43.02



Photo: Lee Durant

into work (Air Berlin) so this meant we were now down to one aircraft. We explained the situation to the competitors, who were very understanding. We reassured them that we would do everything we could to make sure that all got the same chance to jump. Early Wednesday saw the start of the CP zone accuracy event which was almost completed before the wind went over the limit. A stand-down ensued for them again till 6pm when the whole CP competition was completed bar a couple of rejumps

The classics and the RAPA competitions continued in very much the same way for the next two days and by Friday morning nearly all events had been done and judged. Saturday morning only one jump was left to do, Alastair Macartney had a rejump in the style event so the aircraft was launched, the meet completed, our champions defined, and selection for the classics & canopy piloting World Meet confirmed.

Kate Charters



Men's Senior Accuracy Champion:
Glenn Stephenson



Photo: Lee Durant



Men's Intermediate
Overall Champion:
Jamie Gouldstone

CP Competitors' Commentary

The set-up was incredible. From the first training day all three courses were built and ready for the competitors to start practicing whatever discipline they chose. All credit to the hard work and preparation by Major Paul Moore and his RAPA team – the swoop pond and the speed, distance and zone accuracy courses were comparable to any world class international canopy piloting event. The pond stretches 80m long by 14m wide with good run-offs at both ends to allow flexibility with course structure. The size of the landing area meant that during flight plans and set-up there was no conflict with either of the two active runways.

Organisation

With this being the first ever BPA canopy piloting competition it was a learning experience for all, from the course technical director to the judges, meet director, manifestor and competitors. To this end, there was lots of communication and collaboration between all involved, drawing on those with previous CP competition experience to provide an efficient and effective event.

Clearly weather conditions should be as similar as possible for all competitors. This was achieved by a random draw that then loaded all competitors onto only two lifts, exiting in passes of three people at 5,000 feet. However the same conditions can never be guaranteed; this will always be the nature of competition and definitely keeps things exciting. Sometimes the wind shifted and what was, for the start of one round, near perfect conditions, finished with the last jumper being offered a rejump due to the winds going over limits.

Overall Results

Brian Vacher dominated the event having invested heavily in personal training and coaching, flying a consistent approach, guaranteeing the gates and unwielding an aggressive use of the powerband with his slow, progressive 450 degree turn. For up and coming competitors the one to learn from was Deane 'Smudge' Smith – he placed third, fifth and first in the three events, flew a consistently safe pattern on a relatively lightly loaded Velocity, made a 270 degree turn and made the gates on all but one round. Consistency is key with CP.

Next Year

Up and coming canopy pilots, you need to be training now. Set up some gates on your dropzone and sign up for some coaching. Next year's competitor duration should be shorter. As soon as the dates come out, put them in your diary. See you at the second UK canopy piloting nationals!

Brian Vacher &
Al Macartney

Bish by Lee Durant



Al Macartney by Lee Durant



Brian Vacher by Lee Durant



Nina Engel by Lee Durant

Canopy Piloting Results

Speed

	Total
1 Brian Vacher	291.80
2 Alastair Macartney	237.05
3 Deane Smith	233.00
4 Mike Gorman	135.71
5 Oliver Junger (open)	126.73
6 Achim Bledau (open)	108.70
7 Stuart Storey	108.24
8 David Danskin	88.22
9 John Bishop	60.60
10 Spencer Hogg	58.71
11 Nina Engel (open)	0.00
11 Kieron Hayes	0.00



Speed Podium

Distance

	Total
1 Brian Vacher	294.42
2 Mike Gorman	238.58
3 Spencer Hogg	238.46
4 Stuart Storey	216.09
5 Deane Smith	178.55
6 Alastair Macartney	155.41
7 Oliver Junger (open)	131.85
8 Achim Bledau (open)	102.73
9 John Bishop	87.44
10 David Danskin	45.34
11 Nina Engel (open)	37.66
12 Kieron Hayes	33.33



Distance Podium

Zone Accuracy

	Total
1 Deane Smith	213.83
2 Brian Vacher	176.81
3 Stuart Storey	164.30
4 Spencer Hogg	142.62
5 Alastair Macartney	114.03
6 John Bishop	113.64
7 Achim Bledau (open)	100.00
8 David Danskin	100.00
9 Nina Engel (open)	8.70
10 Mike Gorman	0.00
10 Oliver Junger (open)	0.00
10 Kieron Hayes	0.00



Zone Accuracy Podium

Overall CP

	Points
1 Brian Vacher	763.04
2 Deane Smith	625.39
3 Alastair Macartney	506.50
4 Stuart Storey	488.62
5 Spencer Hogg	439.79
6 Mike Gorman	374.29
7 Achim Bledau (open)	311.43
8 Oliver Junger (open)	258.58
9 John Bishop	261.67
10 David Danskin	233.56
11 Nina Engel (open)	46.35
12 Kieron Hayes	33.33



Overall Canopy Piloting Podium

Chief Judge's Conclusions

Running two national events alongside the RAPA Championships proved to be very challenging but, with over 1,300 descents made, no injuries, or protests and only one malfunction, I think the right decision was made to allow the nationals to go to Germany. Commandant Paul Moore and the RAPA team put in very long hours to make sure that all events could be covered. The swoop pond was outstanding. Comments were made from some international competitors that this pond was by far the best they had come across.

Paul and Dave [Openshaw] had put their heads together, read the FAI rules and requirements and had set about making sure the ditch was faultless. I am sure that there will be many pro swoop jumpers contacting them to ask to come along and use the pond for swoop tours. If RAPA is lucky enough to win the bid to host next year's nationals my recommendations would be that the competition is held from the Friday till the Monday as a week is too long for the amount of competitors who attended and because this event is best done early morning or late evening. Tips from the pros on little things which should be changed in the setting up of the pond came in very useful and were lessons learnt.

My thanks and the thanks of all the competitors must go to 'Hutch', the course technical director, and his assistant Ian who spent their whole time making sure the equipment was always in place and in good working order. Also thanks must go to Henny Wiggers for allowing RAPA to rent his electronics. It would seem the best way to continue to make this event safer would be for the BPA to invest in having their own system.

It was good to see more people enter the style event (eight) and showed again that RAPA was the right venue. I know from previous years that, if it was held on the UK mainland, we would probably only have had three competitors in the senior and none in the intermediate.

The accuracy has the same conclusion, the amount of jumpers who entered both RAPA and the nationals made the whole competition very worthwhile and saw a lot of the more junior jumpers trying very hard to become a national champion.

Congratulations to all medal winners, especially Glenn Stephenson who made a new British record on the 2cm pad by scoring two dead centres (0.00). If we were still using the old (3cm) pad Glenn's score would have been six dead centres and two 0.01s plus two higher scores of 0.05 and 0.11. Not a bad result! Special congratulations also to Alastair on setting a national speed record of 3.171 seconds and to Brian Vacher for setting the distance record in canopy piloting (111.90m).

My thanks go to the judging team, who switched from one event to the other without complaint and who were also in training as CP judges. Good luck to the up and coming classics jumper, Steve Cox, who with only 150 jumps entered the senior event and secured himself a place on the British team. This was a great challenge; had he entered the intermediate class he would have won. Steve has a natural talent for accuracy and should be encouraged. He also has the ability to turn good style, although he doesn't want to admit it! It has been a long time since there has been new blood in the classics and, with proper training, Steve could do very well at world level.

To Paul, Dave and all the staff at RAPA, a big 'thank you' from the Comps Committee, nothing was ever too much trouble and they made everyone feel really welcome. To Leslie and the canteen staff, often overlooked, thank you for keeping everyone fed and watered and for having a constant supply of ice cream. Your efforts were much appreciated by everyone. I sincerely hope RAPA bids for the nationals again next year, the venue is excellent, the pond speaks for itself and the hospitality endless.

Kate Charters

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Overall CP Champion
Brian Vacher



Dave Danskin by Lee Durant



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The FS National Championships made its annual return to Target Skysports, Hibaldstow. With the DZ having played host every year since 2000, the packed campground has become a familiar sight for teams returning to the popular long weekend event.

This year was also an 'on' year for FS, meaning teams would not only be fighting to be this year's National Champions, but also for the right to be selected to represent the UK at next year's World Championships, to be held in Mauberge, France.

In the first event, 4-way FS, gold and silver were expected to be decided between the two sponsored all-girl teams; *Storm* and *Elan*, with the other teams fighting it out for bronze. With minimum averages for 2008 BPA funding set at 21.8 for the open event, and 14.6 for the female event, the result could have a significant effect on training resources for next year. [Funding criteria are currently set at the points scored to achieve fourth place at the last World Championships]. The 4-way event was also a European Skydiving League (ESL) fixture, with the same draw to be used at other DZs in Europe.

As usual, Hib was buzzing on Friday, with teams completing their final training jumps in preparation for the meet. By close of registration, 47 teams had entered; 11 in the AAA category, 7 in AA, 17 A and 12 Rookie. *Team Flight School*,

with a world-class line up of Steve Hamilton & John McIver, along with Thomas Hughes and Niklas Hemlin from *Fastrax*, had registered as a guest team and were expected to set the standard to which we could all aspire. Pete Allum also made a welcome return, as player/coach on German guest team *Stratos4*. Coaches Dan BC, Gary Beyer and photographer Willy Boeykens completed the international jet-set. You never know, between Steve, John, Thomas and Pete, we could have the makings of a great UK team!

CCI 'H' gave his competitors' briefing while propped against the manifest fence – it was good to see him on his feet again, even if he did look a bit uncomfortable. Good effort mate! He even managed to inject a bit of humour into his brief; "There are 3 buses – numbered 1, 2 and yellow". Little did we know, but we were going to need a sense of humour to get through this nationals!

First Weekend – 4-way

As predicted, Saturday morning brought fairytale weather... grim! Grey skies and rain greeted the teams at 6am and the '7am wheels-off' turned into a 'standby'. Late morning brought a slight clearing and the DZ showed its potential by completing a full round of all categories in just two hours before the cloud and rain closed in again for the afternoon.

During the day rumours started circulating around the DZ that at least one team had had prior knowledge of the draw and had practised the rounds during the week at the wind tunnel. As with all the best rumours, we had no idea if it was true, or who was allegedly involved but at least it made the afternoon interesting! At 6.30pm the Meet Director called a team captains' meeting and explained that the draw, as part of the integration with the ESL, had been issued at another ESL meet in Sweden a few

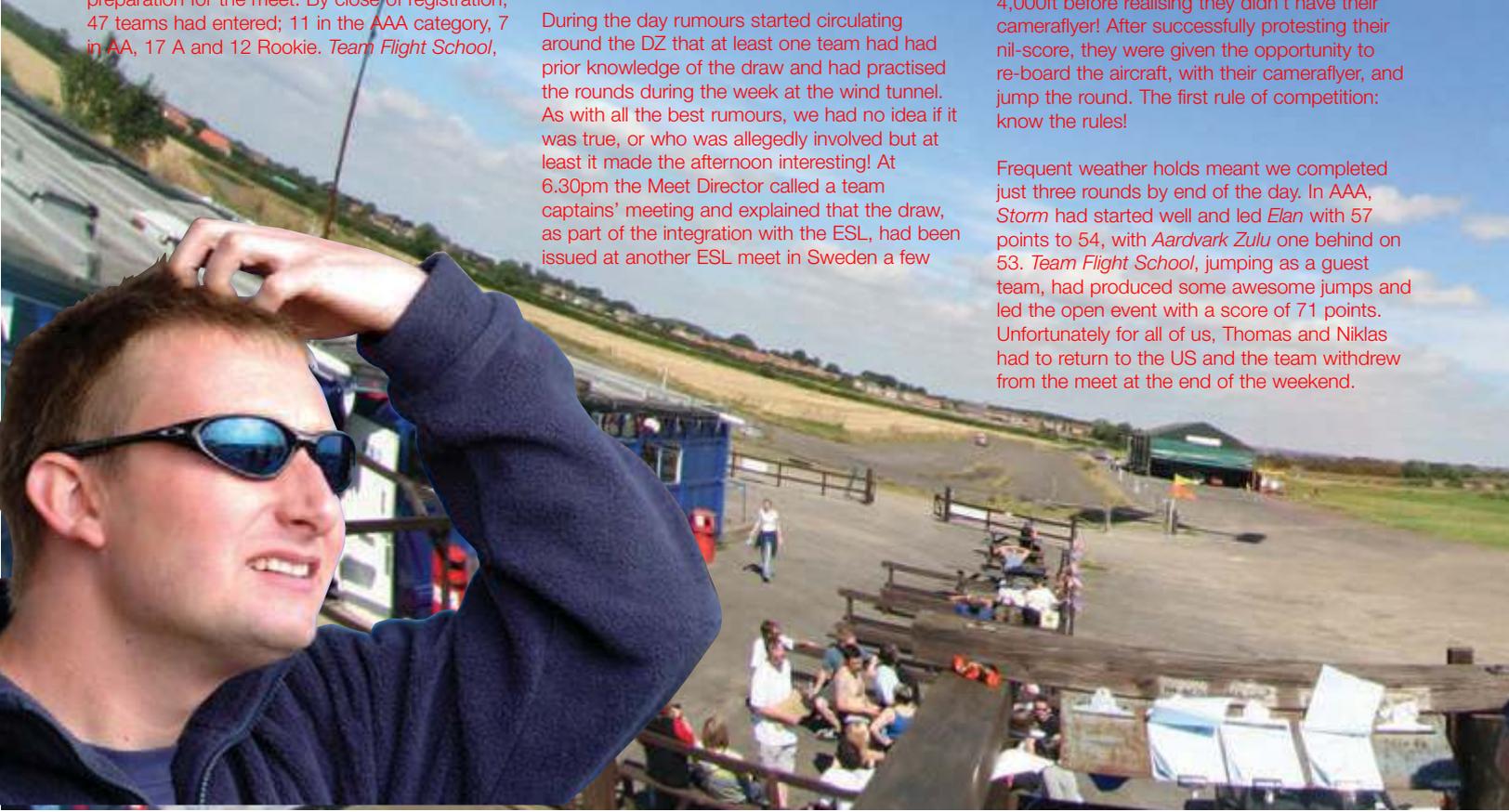
days earlier and it was therefore possible that a team could have had advance knowledge of it. Although no accusations were made, or French Medals of Honour awarded, the team captains voted to re-draw the whole meet and start again. So with the rain still falling, the teams gathered on the creeper pad for another evening's full meet preparation. Others however, retired with their creepers to the warm, dry hotel conference room they had just hired for an hour.

Sunday brought little change in the Met and gave all the teams ample opportunity to prepare round 1: the new round 1. By late afternoon the strain of being on an almost permanent 'standby' was beginning to show and it was apparent that the meet would not complete this weekend.

At least we knew that if the weather gave us any opportunities, we were at the right place to take them. Hib has the capacity to put a fifty team, ten round meet through in a day and a half. Complete.

Monday again was marginal but at least it was better than being at work. Just! The sight of cleared tents on the campground was an indication that some teams had already withdrawn from the meet and gone home. Jumping did finally get under way, but the long weather holds had taken their toll on people's focus – *Frenzy* boarded the G92 and got to 4,000ft before realising they didn't have their cameraflyer! After successfully protesting their nil-score, they were given the opportunity to re-board the aircraft, with their cameraflyer, and jump the round. The first rule of competition: know the rules!

Frequent weather holds meant we completed just three rounds by end of the day. In AAA, *Storm* had started well and led *Elan* with 57 points to 54, with *Aardvark Zulu* one behind on 53. *Team Flight School*, jumping as a guest team, had produced some awesome jumps and led the open event with a score of 71 points. Unfortunately for all of us, Thomas and Niklas had to return to the US and the team withdrew from the meet at the end of the weekend.





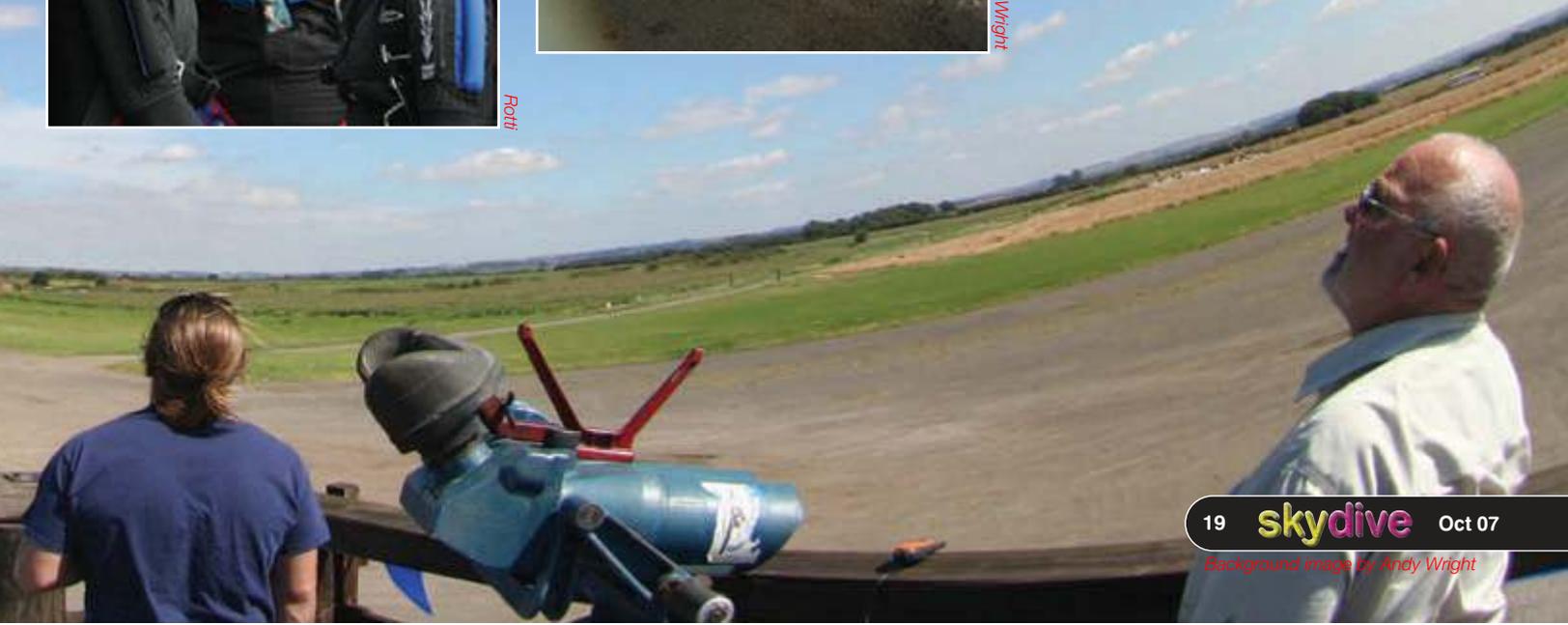
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**Storm – AAA 4-way
National Champions**



Sarah & Kate with their '4-MAN' trophy, by Tom Hartland



Storm dirtdiving, by Rotti

Storm by Gary Wainwright

Second Weekend 4-way Rollover and 8-way

Friday night saw the arrival of all the FS 8-way, artistic and speed competitors in addition to the returning FS 4-way (and vrvw!) teams. It was going to be a busy weekend but at least the forecast was good. Friday night also saw the necessary **third** draw of the 4-way meet – this is definitely a first.

Following the chaos of 2005 (the only other time 4-way went to its back up weekend), the rules of the rollover had been clarified and all the teams knew completion of the 4-way would take priority. The draws for the other events took place but, with seven rounds of 4-way to complete, the 8-way teams were stood down until lunchtime the following day, giving them the luxury of leisurely breakfast and plenty of time to prep their rounds.

Saturday saw wheels-off again at 7am for the 4-way teams, and the meet kicked into full swing. With three G92s hauling the jumpers, Saturday saw a DZ record of 105 lifts! By the end of the day, the remaining seven rounds of 4-way had been completed, along with two of 8-way.

A temporary problem with the judging system meant we had to wait until Sunday morning for the official 4-way results, resulting in a quiet night in the bar for the 4-way competitors and coaches. Not! Certain 'people in the sport' had to be assisted to bed, or never found theirs at all! Names withheld to protect the guilty!

4-way Results

In 4-way AAA, *Storm* dominated the meet and took gold with a score of 181 points. Considering this was the first year in AAA class for Sarah Smith and Hannah Betts, this was a fantastic achievement. *Elan* never quite seemed to kick fully into gear and finished second on 165. *Aardvark Zulu* (obviously boosted by having a chick on the team) took bronze with 159 points, 20 points clear of the rest of the field.

In 4-way AA, *Wingnutz* won gold with 110 points and a clear margin over *Cuidado*, second with 91. *Bonobo* took bronze with 85 points.

In 4-way A class, *Sonic-V* took gold with 116 points, ahead of *Seraphim* on 107. *Monkey Magic* narrowly edged out *Phobia* for bronze by a single point in the last round, scoring 99.

4-way rookie, having seen four teams withdraw after the first weekend, was won by *Hazardz* on 108 points, with *Strangers in the Night* second on 90. Bronze went to *4-Play* with 69 points.

4-way Medals



Gold: Storm



Silver: Elan



Bronze: Aardvark Zulu



Gold: Wingnutz



Silver: Cuidado



Bronze: Bonobo



Gold: Sonic-V



Silver: Seraphim



Bronze: Monkey Magic



Gold: Hazardz



Silver: Strangers in the Night



Bronze: 4-Play

AAA 4-way

		Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Rd 9	Rd 10	Total
1	Storm	20	*16	21	18	21	13	19	16	18	19	181
2	Elan	*18	17	19	17	**15	14	16	16	17	16	165
3	Aardvark Zulu	19	16	18	13	19	13	15	13	17	16	159
4	Fusion	16	14	16	13	16	*11	*12	13	14	14	139
5	Boogie Pimps	13	14	17	14	*15	11	12	13	16	**13	138
6	Havoc	15	14	17	13	**12	12	14	11	13	15	136
7	Damn Zebra	14	13	13	**10	**14	*8	13	**9	13		107
7	Inferno	14	11	14	*10	*10	11	12	12	13		107
9	Raw	12	10	12	11	11	*9	*10	*9	11		95
WD	Team Flight School	23	22	26								WD
WD	Guest Stratos4	*13	12									WD

AA

		Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Total	Ave
1	Wingnutz	13	11	14	11	17	15	**17	12	110	13.8
2	Cuidado	10	11	12	9	11	*12	15	*11	91	11.4
3	Bonobo	12	*9	10	10	11	*12	**12	*9	85	10.6
4	Royal Navy Lightning	*9	*8	**8	9	*12	12	*13	*10	81	10.1
5	Fend 4 Yourself	7	9	10	8	*10	*8	*13	**6	71	8.9
6	Escondido	8	9	9	8	*9	*3	13	10	69	8.6
7	Block Party	8	7	9	8	*7	*7	13	9	68	8.5

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		Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Total	Ave
1	Sonic-V	**14	10	17	13	22	18	*11	11	116	14.5
2	Seraphim	14	7*	14*	13	22	*15	11	11	107	13.4
3	Monkey Magic	*14	9	13	*9	18	16	*9	11	99	12.4
4	Phobia	16	9	*10	12	16	16	10	*9	98	12.3
5	Bacchanalia	15	9	13	9	**14	14	9	8	91	11.4
6	Slightly Odd	*13	10	13	11	**14	14	**7	**6	88	11.0
7	Synergy	13	8	12	11	13	12	*6	10	85	10.6
8	Oi	11	9	9	9	14	13	8	*7	80	10.0
9	Doodlebug	10	9	10	11	13	*11	*9	**4	77	9.6
10	Frenzy	*11	7	12	*8	**11	**12	*7	*8	76	9.5
11	Valkyrie	14	7	7	9	15	13	7	**2	74	9.3
11	RAFSPA	0	9	14	8	15	*15	**4	9	74	9.3
13	Enigma	*9	7	11	8	*9	13	8	6	71	8.9
13	Sigma 5	12	6	11	8	11	*9	*6	8	71	8.9
15	Crazy Like Me	10	6	*9	*7	9	12	*7	**5	65	8.1
16	Murphy's Law	10	4	7	7	12	12	5	7	64	8.0
17	Rush	1	1	5	6	9	*6	*4	4	36	4.5

Rookie

		Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Total	Ave
1	Hazardz	**14	13	*7	13	14	21	13	13	108	13.5
2	Strangers in the Night	14	12	7	13	13	**13	11	**7	90	11.3
3	4-Play	11	12	5	9	**5	12	8	**7	69	8.6
4	Burbie	0	0	0	**7	*4	*12	**6	9	38	4.8
5	Innuendo	*4	0	2	*2	3	9	*3	5	28	3.5
6	Burbie Diarrhoea	*4	4	4	1	0	5	*1	5	24	3.0
7	West Coast Misfits	*4	*3	*2	2	1	2	*4	0	18	2.3
8	Pandemonium	0	*0	1	2	*1	2	1	0	7	0.9
WD	Paradigm	*10	**7	2							
WD	Binary	*1	1	2							

8-way Results

In 8-way, there was never any danger of anyone catching *Connexion*, who finished the meet on 121 points, to take gold. This was Andy Pook's ninth consecutive senior 8-way gold, having won it previously with *Junction 9* (1999), *VNE* (2000 – 2005) and *Connexion* last year. Good effort! *Stormy Aardvark* took silver with 86 points and *Om* bronze with 77. *Sounds Grrr8*, competing as an open team due to non-eligibility of one team member, finished with the same score as *Stormy Aardvark*. As medals are not awarded in the open event for any position other than gold, *Stormy Aardvark* donated their silver medals to *Sounds Grrr8* as a mark of respect for a job well done. Nice one guys.

In intermediate 8-way *Blizzard* started strongly and worked through a hiccup in the middle, finishing well to take bronze. *Escondido* were wonderfully consistent, scoring 5s and 6s all the way through, finishing with a flourish on a 7 to earn silver with a 5.6 average. The winning combination of 4-way teams *Raw* and *Wingnutz*, competing under the imaginative title of *Rawnutz*, took gold by a clear margin with a super-respectable 6.25 average.

The best team name prize goes to *Confused Haddock* named from 4-way teams *Fusion* and *Havoc*. Following with honours was the Weston-based *Pussycat Trolls*, a grrreat team name, especially apt looking at their kitten-like beauties surrounded by a veritable bunch of trolls!

Aftermath

The end-of-nationals party on Sunday night got messy as it always does; this was unfortunate for some of the artistic competitors who had rounds to complete on the Monday morning!

Once again, Target Skysports showed why the nationals returns to Hibaldstow year on year. With the first weekend almost totally weathered out, we had the 4-way and 8-way FS events complete by the Sunday night of the second weekend. Just two and a half days flying, and only five days into a nine day window. Fabulous!

The Future

Having won gold in 4-way AAA class, *Storm* now have to choose to represent the UK at next year's World Championships in either the open or female class. Being two-time world champion in 4-way female already (2006 with *Airkix* and 2003 with *VMMax*), will *Sparky* be tempted to switch to open? Enter female class at the World Meet or open? It's a luxury problem!

As silver medallists, *Elan* (who have three current female World Champions from team *Airkix*), will be invited to take the remaining slot. *Connexion* will be invited to represent the UK in the 8-way FS event and have the pleasure of the Pilatus Porter, probably without a step again, to look forward to. Oh joy!

VRW

This year's nationals saw the introduction of two new items. A new discipline, VRW, or vertical relative work (also known by its more PC name VFS), was included in the nationals this year as a demonstration event, with one team 'competing' and being judged. The event uses a block and random pool system similar to conventional FS, with the 2006 pool (the one being used here),

consisting of six randoms and six blocks, four or five points per round over six rounds. At its first ever meet, at the USPA nationals in October 2006, the event drew around 150 competitors. Bob Charters was an event judge for VFS at the USPA nationals last year and will be in Chicago in September for the 2007 event, this time judging the new 2007 pool. The event has been accepted by IPC and must now be run at two World Cups before it gains full World Championship status; this is tentatively planned for 2009. For more information on this new event, go to www.vrw4way.com

New Judging System

Cametrix is a computer based judging programme aimed as a rival to the ageing Omniskore system. Developed in the UK by Andy Mansfield, it was used earlier this year at the World Challenge event at the Bedford wind tunnel, and had been tweaked further for our nationals. The feedback from judges and cameraflyers was very positive and, from a competitor's point of view, the presentation of the dive and its scoring was excellent. I particularly liked the moving 'time bar' along the bottom which showed a vertical line for each point scored – this was a good indication of the pace

of the scoring throughout the dive. The system performed well, apart from a temporary meltdown on Saturday night which delayed the judging of rounds 9 and 10 of the 4-way until Sunday morning. I think we will be seeing a lot more of this system in the future. See www.cametrix.com

Weekend Nationals

The weekend format, a series of three consecutive 3-day weekends, has now become the norm for our FS and artistic nationals, since its introduction in 2001. In fact some competitors I spoke to were surprised to hear that we used to run FS nationals as a week-long event! There are downsides to it; 7am starts, late finishes and, in bad weather, almost permanent 'standby' calls. This is tough on the competitors and their energy levels (and the judges and DZ staff as well of course) but is a price we must pay for this luxury. The upside is, we have the second biggest nationals in the world (after the USA), a competitive atmosphere which is breeding real world class skydivers and teams and a DZ with the attitude and facilities to make it all happen. Not bad for a small island!

Stumpy
Aardvark Zulu & Stormy Aardvark

8-way Medals



Gold: *Connexion*



Gold: *Rawnutz*



Silver: *Stormy Aardvark*



Silver: *Escondido*



Bronze: *Om*



Bronze: *Blizzard*

Senior 8-way

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Rd 9	Rd 10	Total
1 <i>Connexion</i>	*12	11	*12	11	14	15	12	11	*10	13	121
2 <i>Stormy Aardvark</i>	9	*8	8	9	10	9	9	9	8	*7	86
3 <i>Om</i>	*8	**6	***5	8	9	9	*7	*8	*8	9	77
4 <i>Confused Haddock</i>	*8	7	7	*6	8	9	4	8	7	7	71
5 <i>Pussycat Trolls</i>	4	6	*4	5	5	*3	6	***1	7	5	46
Guest <i>Sounds Grrr8</i>	10	*6	*6	9	11	10	9	8	*9	8	86

Intermediate

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Total	Ave
1 <i>Rawnutz</i>	*6	7	8	7	5	6	5	6	50	6.3
2 <i>Escondido</i>	6	5	5	6	*5	5	*6	7	45	5.6
3 <i>Blizzard</i>	6	*5	6	6	3	2	6	5	39	4.9
4 <i>Fend off Phobic Monkeys</i>	4	**3	4	6	*2	2	5	*5	31	3.9
5 <i>Alien 8</i>	3	4	3	2	3	3	2	4	24	3.0

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Connexion – Senior 8-way National Champions



Sounds Grrr8

Grrr8 Sportsmanship

Om and *Stormy Aardvark* made an amazing sporting gesture by giving their medals to me and my fellow teammates on *Sounds Grrr8*, our 8-way team. *Sounds Grrr8* entered the 'open' competition due to my French nationality and therefore we did not expect to receive any medals. This gesture deeply touched every single member of the team, especially me.

I have been jumping in the UK for the last six years and I have had the chance to meet incredible people dedicated to this sport. *Om* and *Stormy Aardvark's* gesture is, in itself, not a complete surprise because it characterises the approach UK skydivers have toward this sport. Hard work, fairness, passion and commitment are valued and developed by most UK competitors.

Even if the UK does not have as many skydivers as the US or even France, they make up the number through their heart and passion for the sport. I will always be French as it defines me in many ways but I'm definitely proud to be part of the UK skydiving community and share their values.

François Cathelain
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PS By the way Andy, the French do not cheat, they just interpret the rules differently!

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Artistics

Nationals

Freely A

In the A category, one of the most competitively fought British national freestyle contests took place. Following on from their excellent second place at the recent World Cup in Russia, *Outbreak* were clear pre-competition favourites. In addition to *The Bad Lieutenants* and *Hysteria*, who also competed in Russia, *Avalore Lillo* returned to the competitive environment along with the new team of *Airtrix*, completing the five team line-up.

All five teams had done training camps and invested time in wind tunnels, developing their routines and speed round skills. No scratch teams entered, promising an interesting and competitive meet.

Round 1 saw all teams reveal their free routines. Three teams showcased head-to-head pieces. Both *Airtrix* and *Outbreak* built head-up to head-down formations freely whilst *The Bad Lieutenants* exited and transitioned theirs. Some innovative moves were mixed with traditional freestyle moves. Clearly all teams had prepared well thought-out packages to present to the judges. *Avalore Lillo* mixed up some reverse head-up carving and eagles, finishing with an excellent looping and tracking sequence. *Hysteria* showcased their rodeo and eagling sequences with good camera interaction. *Airtrix*, the new team of 2007, presented some clean moves, notably an exciting finish involving one performer surfing the other.

Round 1 results showed *Outbreak* (8.6) with a comfortable lead, *The Bad Lieutenants* (7.6) marginally in second, *Avalore Lillo* (7.4) third, with *Airtrix* (5.8) fourth, just ahead of *Hysteria*. (5.4).

Round 2, the first speed round, saw *Outbreak* extend their lead and *Avalore Lillo* move ahead of *The Bad Lieutenants*. Rounds 3 & 4 saw slight increases in scoring for most teams which followed the same rankings as round 1. As *Outbreak* consolidated their lead, it looked like the races were for silver and fourth. *The Bad Lieutenants* moved ahead of *Avalore Lillo* with their free round scores whilst *Hysteria* and *Airtrix* traded points, both teams within touch for fourth.

Round 5, the second speed round saw *Avalore Lillo* and *Outbreak* tie on the round with 11 points in time, moving *Avalore Lillo* into second place by 0.5. With the trend of *The Bad Lieutenants* outscoring them in the free rounds, would 0.5 be enough to take silver? Meanwhile, *Hysteria* and *Airtrix* also scored the same, 4.1, so it looked as though the last two rounds would provide an exciting finale.

Outbreak were clear leaders at the end of the competition. They finished with two consistent rounds to take gold with 57.9.



Avalore Lillo

The Bad Lieutenants posted 8.0 & 8.3 to finish with a total of 52.1. *Avalore Lillo* posted 7.5 & 7.4 leaving them with a final score of 51.2 resulting in the bronze medal, silver going to *The Bad Lieutenants*. *Airtrix* and *Hysteria* posted similar scores in the final rounds, only round 6 scores separating them for fourth and fifth.

This year's nationals witnessed some excellent freestyle, the standard being raised once again. The close nature of the competition and excitement of the final scores added to an excellent event. The top three teams all scored over the 50 point mark, an excellent achievement, with *Outbreak* beating the funding requirement for next year's World Championships.

Congratulations to all of the teams who entered and thanks to the judges and BPA artistic representative for making the 2007 competition an excellent event. Can 2008 be even better? Let's hope so.

The Bad Lieutenants

Freely B

It was the first nationals for the majority in freestyle B class. Hib, you rock! A lie-in and a few hours of stunning sunshine, then we got the call to manifest. Respect to Steve & Tom for doing a day's work before competing! Inventive free rounds & controlled head-up skills abounded. Laughs at the compulsories were huge with valiant attempts at a trio of totems and the infamous horizontal compressed accordion challenging camera flyers to keep it in frame!

Congratulations to Brendan, Claire and Al of *Biggy Cheese* on a well deserved gold. *Airchix* with 'Chiquita' Steve Hogan on camera claimed silver, and crazy boys *The Disciples of Filth* a fab bronze! For the future there are some great head-up flyers out there. Polish up your skills, register for 2008. It's the best fun you'll have!

Susie Craske
Airchix



Outbreak by Andy Lovemore



Prizegiving shots: Darren Birkin

Freefly A



Gold: Outbreak



Silver: Bad Lieutenants



Bronze: Avalore Lillo

Freefly B



Gold: Biggy Cheese



Silver: Airchix



Bronze: The Disciples of Filth

Freefly A

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
1 Outbreak	8.6	7.4	8.9	8.9	7.1	8.6	8.4	57.9
2 Bad Lieutenants	7.6	6.1	7.8	8.2	6.1	8.0	8.3	52.1
3 Avalore Lillo	7.4	6.8	7.3	7.7	7.1	7.5	7.4	51.2
4 Airtrix	5.8	3.1	7.4	6.8	4.6	6.6	6.8	41.1
5 Hysteria	5.4	4.6	6.6	6.7	4.6	6.2	6.7	40.8

Freefly B

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1 Biggy Cheese	6.7	3.9	6.8	4.5	0.0	21.9
2 Airchix	5.3	2.0	5.0	4.8	2.0	19.1
3 The Disciples of Filth	4.0	2.0	4.2	4.9	2.0	17.1
4 Totally Hanus	NJ	2.0	4.6	5.2	2.0	13.8
5 Vertigo	2.0	0.0	3.3	2.6	0.6	8.5
6 The Hand of God (open)	2.8	0.0	2.9	2.3	---	8.0

Skysurf A

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Total
1 Just Surf (open)	4.6	2.7	4.9	5.1	4.5	5.0	26.8

Skysurf B

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1 Dunkeswell Crash Test Dummies	6.3	5.2	5.0	6.5	6.5	23.0

Skysurf A



Just Surf

Freestyle

There was a great buzz in the air about the nationals this year, after the surprise arrival of a couple of very worthy contenders in 2006 in both A and B categories.

By the time registration closed 11 teams had signed up 8 in A and 3 in B; a little disappointing for the junior category as more had been expected but a brilliant show for the seniors in selection year. This proved to be an exciting nationals!

Competition jumping started around 5pm on Saturday and, despite the pressure of hanging around all day, the vibe was good and expectations were high. *Bullet Freestyle* and *Leannie Freestyle* in the A category scored very close to each other, round for round. Senior team *Killa 'n' Parker* were also competing in freefly A so permission was given for them to finish this discipline before starting freestyle.

Freestyle A

Some of the teams had been on training camps making use of top coaches and generally taking the training quite seriously. I hope this is a sign of things to come as it proved to ensure a close-fought competition across the board.

The senior category began with a very close race between seasoned freestylers *Tumbleweed*, *Leannie FS* and *Bullet FS*. When *Killa 'n' Parker* started their rounds it became even more exciting, especially when their first two rounds were posted on the board – an amazing start.

In the end, the top three places in freestyle A were separated by only 4.3 points. *Tumbleweed* showed their greater experience with consistency and scoring the highest compulsory round of the comp with 7.5. The total score for Deb and Jim was 37.7, placing *Tumbleweed* in third for bronze. After poor compulsories Al and Pixie's *Bullet Freestyle* showed their strength with their free routine, scoring a competition best of 7.2 in round six, securing the silver medal with 38.8 points.

Dan Parker's view of *Killa* in their free routine was a joy to watch with moves thrown in that only *Killa* could pull off. These boys are definitely ones to watch, a scratch team that could seriously compete at world level. The final scores were posted and, much to their delight and amazement, *Killa 'n' Parker* were clear winners and on top of that, crashed the funding criteria, not bad for virtually a scratch team! They scored 42 points in total for gold and we believe that may qualify them for funding also, good on ya lads!

Freestyle this year enjoyed a resurgence that I hope will grow and grow. Many of the teams this year entered for the first time in freestyle and for some their first competition. I'd like to thank all the teams, Hibaldstow, the judges and reps for putting on a well managed, competitive and safe artistic nationals and, of course thanks, for the best fun ever.

Al Hodgson
Bullet Freestyle

Freestyle B

In Freestyle B the pressure was on returning champions from 2006, *Bubble 'n' Squeak*, to be worthy contenders. They didn't disappoint, taking an early lead, closely followed by *Spandex Ballet* (great team name) and *Volcanicity* bringing up the rear.



Tumbleweed by Ash White

Sunday dawned blue and warm with just a few fluffy sheep, perfect! Due to the excellent turnout in the freefly event and, as there was a crossover with competitors in disciplines, the judges advised us that the FF judging would take priority to finish the event, which no-one had any problems with. It allowed us all to chill out and not worry about scores, just focus on our skydives.

Most teams had finished all their rounds by Sunday evening and the freestyle B was complete with *Bubble 'n' Squeak* taking the gold for the second year and dramatically improving their score. *Spandex Ballet* was a close second, followed by *Volcanicity*.

And so the party commenced, and of course the few senior teams still to complete their rounds were all in bed before the witching hour with a nice cup of Ovaltine. Ahem!

Freestyle is becoming more and more popular as in reality it's just an extension of freefly – bodyflight in fact and certainly not exclusive to freeflyers! It's very challenging, both physically and mentally, and the role of cameraflyer is

equally if not more important as that of the performer.

Challenge yourself, come and have a go – you never know, you might enjoy it!

Ruth Covell
Bubble 'n' Squeak

Speed

This year's speed skydiving nationals was run by Clare Murphy and Andy Fryer. With eleven competitors it was to be the largest speed skydiving nationals ever to take place and made for a great meet. In order to best fit in with other disciplines the speed competitors were invited to manifest when they wished to jump, which seemed to work well for everyone, even if it meant you had to find a bit of motivation to jump!

Thank you to every one who took part, to Larsen and Brusgaard for sponsoring the prizes which I know were gratefully received, to Frankie Mallabone for judging, Andy Fryer for his work on downloading and all the staff at Hibaldstow.

Clare Murphy

Bullet Freestyle by Nils Predstrup



Prizegiving shots: Darren Birkin

Freestyle A



Gold: Killa 'n' Parker



Silver: Bullet Freestyle



Bronze: Tumbleweed Blue

Freestyle B



Gold: Bubble 'n' Squeak



Silver: Spandex Ballet



Gold: Martin Reynolds



Silver: Clare Murphy

Speed

Freestyle A

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
1 Killa 'n' Parker	6.9	3.2	7.0	6.7	4.4	7.0	6.8	42.0
2 Bullet Freestyle (female)	5.8	1.6	6.8	6.8	3.8	7.2	6.8	38.8
3 Tumbleweed Blue (female)	4.5	5.4	4.9	4.9	7.5	4.8	5.1	37.1
4 Leannie Freestyle (female)	6.4	2.7	5.7	5.4	2.5	5.5	5.6	33.8
5 Breakout & Salad Fingers	4.2	4.1	4.1	4.3	5.9	4.5	5.3	32.4
6 Airtrix Freestyle	4.3	1.8	4.8	2.8	3.0	4.0	2.8	23.5
7 Tumbleweed Red	3.8	0.2	3.1	3.3	3.9	3.3	3.4	21.0
8 The Jew & the Ginger	3.4	2.9	-	-	-	-	-	6.3

Freestyle B

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1 Bubble 'n' Squeak	3.8	4.6	4.2	4.1	2.1	18.8
2 Spandex Ballet	4.1	2.6	3.9	3.6	1.8	16.0
3 Volcanicity (open)	2.5	5.1	3.3	3.0	0.9	14.8

Speed Skydiving

	mph
1 Martin Reynolds	276.61
2 Clare Murphy	260.07
3 Mark Joyner	237.71
4 Michael Lovemore	237.34
5 Gary Crisp	235.08
6 Lee Pugh	232.82
7 Dumi Ndlovu	208.89
8 Fat Leigh	202.27
9 Blair Stent	200.21
10 Jo Croft	175.41
11 Mike Hayes	-

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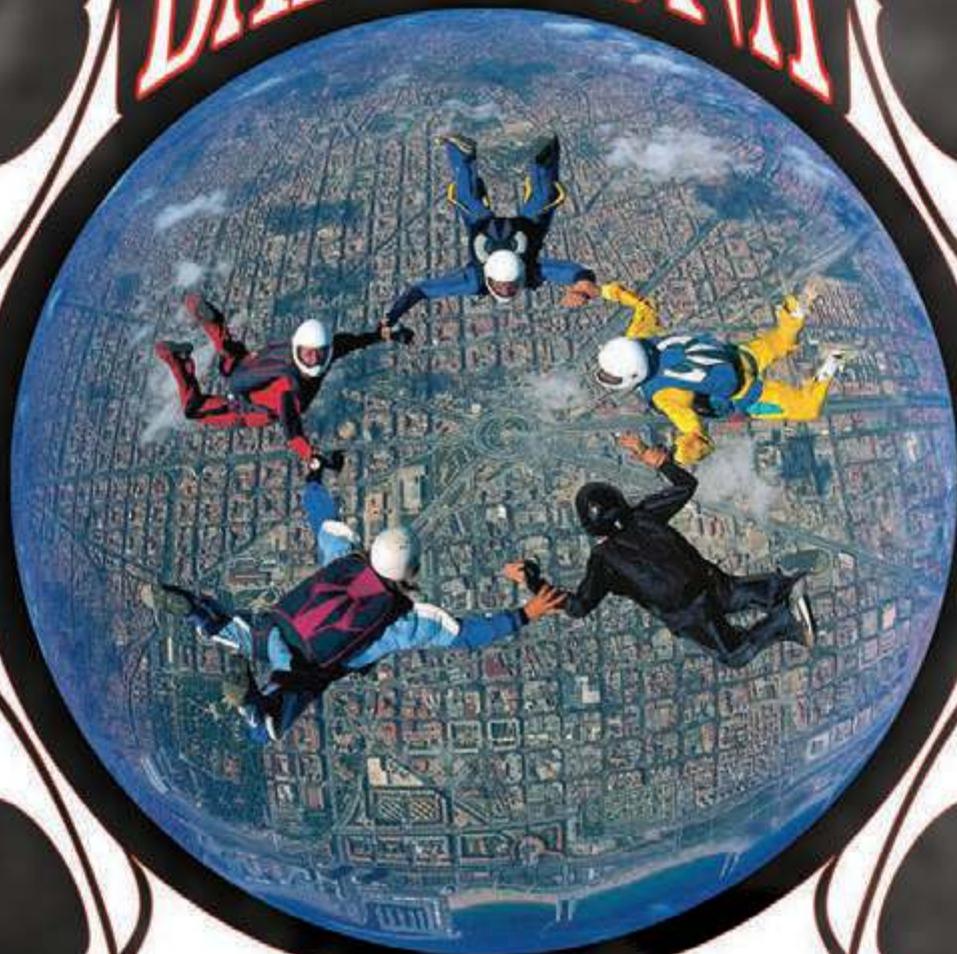
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ESL Finals

The European Skydiving League (ESL) coordinates the European 4-way FS meets so that any given weekend that two or more countries compete, they use the same draw (in a similar fashion to NSL). This gives teams the ability to see how they would fare against their international rivals.

Once a year ESL nations gather together to compete at the same DZ rather than virtually. Once again this year's event was held in Spa, Belgium. The UK sent six 4-way teams to battle, both for individual success and collectively as Team GB, to try and win the overall trophy for best nation, a rather large sword called the ESL Spirit.

Spa drop zone itself is very picturesque, set on a hilltop among rolling wooded countryside. The proximity of the forest can be a little disconcerting but, once under canopy with reliable spotting all weekend, you realise the landing area is actually quite big. Facilities are excellent with everything except the café located in the main hangar, including live scoring on a big screen on the wall which spectacularly added to the atmosphere. Maybe something Camscore could bring on board?

Despite the event being hit by some bad weather that shortened the number of rounds and led to a lot of hanging about/coffee drinking/ games of cards, etc, the team spirit was fantastic. Every time a Brit team boarded a lift the others waved flags, cheered and formed a tunnel of Union Jacks! Similarly when the dives were scored on the screen, there was a big cheer and lots of applause for a good Brit team jump – just brilliant.

Bad weather kept us on the ground for most of the weekend. We managed to entertain ourselves inbetween some short calls with some not-so-perfect weather to deal with for all the teams. The meet was called Saturday night (after a team captains' vote) as the forecast for Sunday was not great and the majority of teams wanted to travel home – and drink beer and party!

AAA

We watched the AAA rounds supporting the popular, friendly Belgians, *Hayabusa Defence*. As usual, they showed the rest of us how it's done with some phenomenal skydives and a 21.3 average.



Wingnutz by Tom Hartland



AA Gold – Wingnutz



AA Silver – Fend 4 Yourself



A Gold – Sonic-V

Ian Rideath

Ian Rideath

Tom Hartland



AA

In AA *Wingnutz* continued their dominance of the class with some great skydives pulling clear of fellow Brits *Fend 4 Yourself* and an 18.5 average. *Fend 4* had a great meet and were really happy with their performance when they got silver through the countback system, having drawn with *Turbulence*, a Dutch team. *Turbulence* had actually competed in AAA earlier and stepped down to AA specifically for this meet. I'm not sure if I was totally happy about that so was really chuffed for *Fend 4 Yourself* to beat them!

A

A class British national champions, *Sonic-V* became ESL champions. *Sonic* had arguably their best ever jump, scoring a brilliant 20 on a random and block skydive: no small feat. *Phobia* were also keen to medal and were pulling out some good jumps securing a bronze whilst keeping the other chasing Dutch teams at bay.

Rookies

Like AA, the rookie class was a GB one: two, with *Strangers in the Night* just being pipped by *4-Play* to the gold.

Team GB – 100% Success

Overall we had six UK teams that made up Team GB. We all medalled!

It's a shame we lacked any AAA teams otherwise the overall trophy for the best nation would have been ours! The scoring is based on a cumulative total of points scored in the actual skydives by the top two teams of each nation, not number of podium finishers! That's a shame. We would've been clear winners! [On the RHAS system.]

Prizegiving & Party

Prizegiving was one of the best experiences of my skydiving career. Every Brit, including judge Penny Wiggins (who did a fantastic job with a new scoring system to deal with) was wearing their Team GB shirt and the effect was excellent (good job Dave in getting the shirts out to us). I still have a sore throat from cheering and singing as we all went up to get our medals. The party continued until late into the night with Team GB keen to celebrate their collective and individual successes, showing our European friends that we also know how to have a good time.

Thoughts for the Day

All in all an excellent performance by everyone who attended. Remember – these are not super-experienced serious 4-way teams we are talking about. These are rank and file BPA members and weekend jumpers like most of you. 4-way jumpers coming up through the system that are super keen, obviously talented, and extremely proud to represent their country. Some of them, notably *Wingnutz* and *Sonic-V*, have invested a lot of time and money in coaching and the results speak for themselves being yards ahead of their nearest rivals in their respective categories. If you want to know how to improve your FS skills talk to these guys. They'll tell you what works, what doesn't and what you have to sacrifice to get to the podium!

All the ESL teams went out of their way and under their own expense to go and fly the flag. No quibbles about expense claims or travel allowances from this meet – just a huge plus for British skydiving. It puts the senior teams out there to shame that none should want to attend!

There was a meeting about ESL 2008 where it was discussed about changing the venue from Belgium. I am keen to host the event in the UK, I just need some way of persuading enough foreign teams to make the journey for what is arguably the best way of introducing our 4-way teams to international competition. ESL is a great concept, let's keep it alive. I want that sword!



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A Bronze – Phobia



Rookie Gold – 4-Play



Rookie Silver – Strangers in the Night



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EGM

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 4 December 2007 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 2006 to 30 June 2007.
- 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 2008.

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1 September 2007

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AGM

Notice is hereby given that the forty-first Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at The Hinckley Island Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire on Saturday 12 January 2008 at 10.30.

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 2008.
- 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 **Sunday 2 December 2007**) can be included under agenda item 2, Special Business.

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Council – Why Not Stand?

The BPA is run by Council, a group of elected volunteers. Any BPA Member is eligible to stand for election to Council. There are six meetings to attend per year, at the BPA office, Leicester. If the idea appeals, why not email a Council member (addresses on page 1) to see what it's all about? Details of the nomination procedure are available on the BPA website, from your DZ or the BPA office. Nominations must be submitted **in their entirety** including a proposer and seconder, to reach the BPA Office by **noon on Thursday 25 October 2007**.

DZOs Insurance Meeting

The BPA hosted a meeting on insurance for Drop Zone Operators (DZOs) at the BPA office on Thursday 6 September. 24 DZOs attended from some 19 dropzones. The forum, chaired by David Hickling, DZO & Chairman of the Insurance Subcommittee, was open to all Members. The resulting report, available on the BPA website, has gone to the Insurance Subcommittee for recommendations. The ideas that came forward will help the BPA in the ongoing quest for the best value insurance.

Grants for Safety

The Development Committee is keen to promote more safety events after the first grants were made use of by clubs. The potential amount has been increased, to assist any safety-themed parachuting event at a BPA Affiliated club or centre. Applications will be considered by the Development Committee, email the office outlining the event and stating the amount desired.

Writing on the Wall

A3 size blank posters for dropzones to promote BPA safety events (green), skills coaching roadshows (red) and an information poster (blue) are now available from the BPA office – free if collected!

New Ratings

Tandem BI

David Taylor
Oliver Main

CSBI

Lucy Boella
Jeremy Denning
Mick McPhee
David Pratt
Niel De Wit
Steve Thain
Paul Dorward
Lee Saunders
Andrew Harris
Charles McNeil
Andrew Hutchison

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Alastair Milne
Luke Ingram
Sandie Keith
James Brittain
Ben Cannon
Thea Follett
Genevieve Huntley
Jason Pocock
John Dunn
Duncan McGregor

Advanced Packer

Eliot Martin (T)
Tim Denson (T)
Sara Orton (S)
Chris Cook (S)
Joe Willoughby (S)
Alastair Milne (S)

AGM and Dinner Dance Sat 12 Jan 2008

The AGM and associated presentations, talks, meetings and dance will be held at the Hinckley Island Hotel. There will be an exhibition of skydiving stuff. You must book your exhibition space in advance – but it is free! Contact the BPA office, details above. Email us with anything you'd like to enjoy at the AGM seminars.

Dinner Dance

In 2007, as many members ate at the curry night in the brasserie as opted for the BPA formal dinner. This year, we're planning to tempt you back with a delicious buffet dinner in the Paris Suite. We're thinking about Indian, Chinese and Italian inspired dishes, including some vegetarian choices. We need 150 eaters, so please join in! See the front page of the BPA website for the price, order your ticket from the BPA office. Curry night in the brasserie will be off the menu.

Party Piece?

Between the dinner and the disco, there may be time to fit in a party-piece if any Member has a special (free) talent. Contact the BPA office with any suggestions.

Accommodation

Overnight accommodation costs including breakfast and parking are £73.50 double/twin, £50.50 single on Friday 11 January and £88.50 double/twin, £70.50 single on Saturday 12 January. Book now directly with the hotel booking line (9am-6pm Mon to Fri), call **01455 898 560**, quoting 'Hinckley – BPA' to get these special rates.



Blair Stent



AA Silver at Hib Grand Prix – Escondido

COMPETITIONS

Freefly

The second round of the Freefly GP was at Hibaldstow in July. A class team *Airtrix* tested the judges' feedback for various original moves – not which all were quite mastered! Freefly B team *Last Minute* members gained valuable input for their potential separate nationals teams. The final Grand Prix qualifier was the artistics nationals, a meet that provided the very best in competition, teamwork and flying at all levels. *Outbreak* took the July GP win and the nationals, but it was *Lillo Avalore* who just pipped *Airtrix* to the final overall gold. In the B category *Biggy Cheese* managed to pull it off taking overall gold from *Safe* and *Last Minute*.

Wood
BPA Artistic Rep

FS

The Nationals (page 18) saw the final points for the BPA Grand Prix (GP). Next year the GP will be relaunched as the UK Skydiving League. Despite hiccups at the Nationals, I think the NSL concept of teams doing identical skydives across different countries is still a viable option for a series of meets. As long as all nations start at the same time and respect the rules things should work out fine. More details on UKSL will be available at the launch seminar at the BPA AGM 2008, when GP League medals will be awarded. Congratulations to class winners *Team Elan* (AAA); *Wingnutz* (AA); *Sonic-V* (A) and *4-Play* (rookie). The Nationals also saw new record averages for AA, A and AAA female achieved! Nice one guys!

British FS Records Highest Average

	Date	Location	Team	Rounds	Ave
Rookie	Aug 06	UK Nats, Hib	Bodyflight Frenzy	8	19.83
A	Aug 07	UK Nats, Hib	Sonic V	8	14.50
AA	Aug 07	UK Nats, Hib	Wingnutz	8	13.75
AAA Open	Jul 03	UK Nats, Hib	Sebastian XL	10	20.60
AAA Female	Aug 07	UK Nats, Hib	Storm	10	18.10

Note: full meets only are included

Highest Score

	Date	Location	Team	Draw	Score
Rookie	Jul 06	Hibaldstow GP	100%	HEF	24
A	Sep 05	ESL Finals, Spa	Helix / Evolution	BOH	23
AA	Jun 07	Langar GP	Wingnutz	FCQM	23
AAA Open	Jul 03	UK Nats, Hib	Sebastian XL	F9NE	34
AAA Female	Jul 05	UK Nats, Hib	Airkix	KBHAM	30

BPA Roadshows

Thank you to all coaches and students who attended coaching roadshows. They are a way of teaching basic and advanced skills to any BPA member willing to learn – for free! If you'd like to know more about improving your skills at a BPA roadshow, ask your CCI to get in touch with your discipline rep or the BPA office. They will try and arrange some coaching to get you in the air.

World Cup

Congratulations to Team GB at the FAI World Cup in Stupino, Russia. *Fusion*, *Inferno* and *Damn Zebra* and *Sounds Grrr8* (FS) together with *Outbreak*, *Bad Lieutenants* and *Hysteria* were cheerful respected ambassadors for British jumping. They made impressive skydives, eagerly waved on all nations and supported the Russian vodka industry!

Chris Hollis
BPA FS Rep

Grand Prix Leagues (Final) Freefly

	BKPC GP	Hib GP	Hib Nats	Total
Freefly A				
1	Lillo Avalore	20	11	31
2	Airtrix		9	29
3	Outbreak	20	20	20
4	Bad Lieutenants		15	15
5	Hysteria		7	7

Freefly B

1	Biggy Cheese		20	20
2	Safe	20		20
3	Last Minute	20		20
4	Airchix		15	15
5	Disciples of Filth		11	11
6	Totally Hanus		9	9
7	Vertigo		7	7

Formation Skydiving

	Cark GP	Lang GP	Hib GP	Hib Nats	Total
AAA 4-way					
1	Elan		10	8	18
2	Fusion		8	5	13
3	Storm			10	10
4	Havoc		6	3	9
5	Inferno		5	2	7
6	Aardvark Zulu			6	6
7	Boogie Pimps			4	4

AA 4-way

1	Wingnutz	10	10	10	30
2	Fend 4 Yourself	6	6	4	16
3	Escondido		8	3	11
4	Dit Mon Nom Salope		8		8
5	Cuidado			8	8
6	Bonobo			6	6
7	Navy Lightning			5	5
8	Quadmire		5		5
9	Block Party			2	2

A 4-way

1	Sonic V	10		10	10	30
2	Phobia	6	10	8	5	29
3	Monkey Magic		6	4	6	16
4	Slightly Odd		8	6	1	15
5	Qi	8	5		2	15
6	Seraphim		4		8	12
7	Bacchanalia	4		2	3	9
8	Synergy			5	4	9
9	RAFSPA A	3	3			6
10	V=1	5				5
11	Enigma			3		3
12	Rush		2			2
13	Valkyrie			1		1

Rookie 4-way

1	4-Play	10	10	10	6	36
2	Strangers in the Night		6	6	8	20
3	West Coast Drifters	8		5	1	14
4	Hazardz				10	10
5	Paradigm			8	2	10
6	Recreational Hazardz		8			8
7	Burble				5	5
8	Escondido Paper		5			5
9	Innuendo				4	4
10	Escondido Scissors		4			4
11	Colostomy			4		4
12	Burble Diarrhoea				3	3
13	Phoenix		3			3
14	Cup Size			3		3

	Lang GP	Hib GP	Hib Nats	Total
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Senior 8-way

1	Sounds Grrr8	10	10	8	28
2	Connexion			10	10
3	Stormy Aardvark			8	8
4	Om			5	5
5	Confused Haddock			4	4
6	Pussycat Trolls			3	3

Intermediate 8-way

1	Blizzard	10	8	6	24
2	Escondido		10	8	18
3	Rawnutz			10	10
4	Blue Steel	8			8
5	Fend Off Phobic Monkeys			5	5
6	Alien 8			4	4



Rookie Silver overall GP – 4-Play



Rookie Bronze at Hib GP – Strangers in the Night

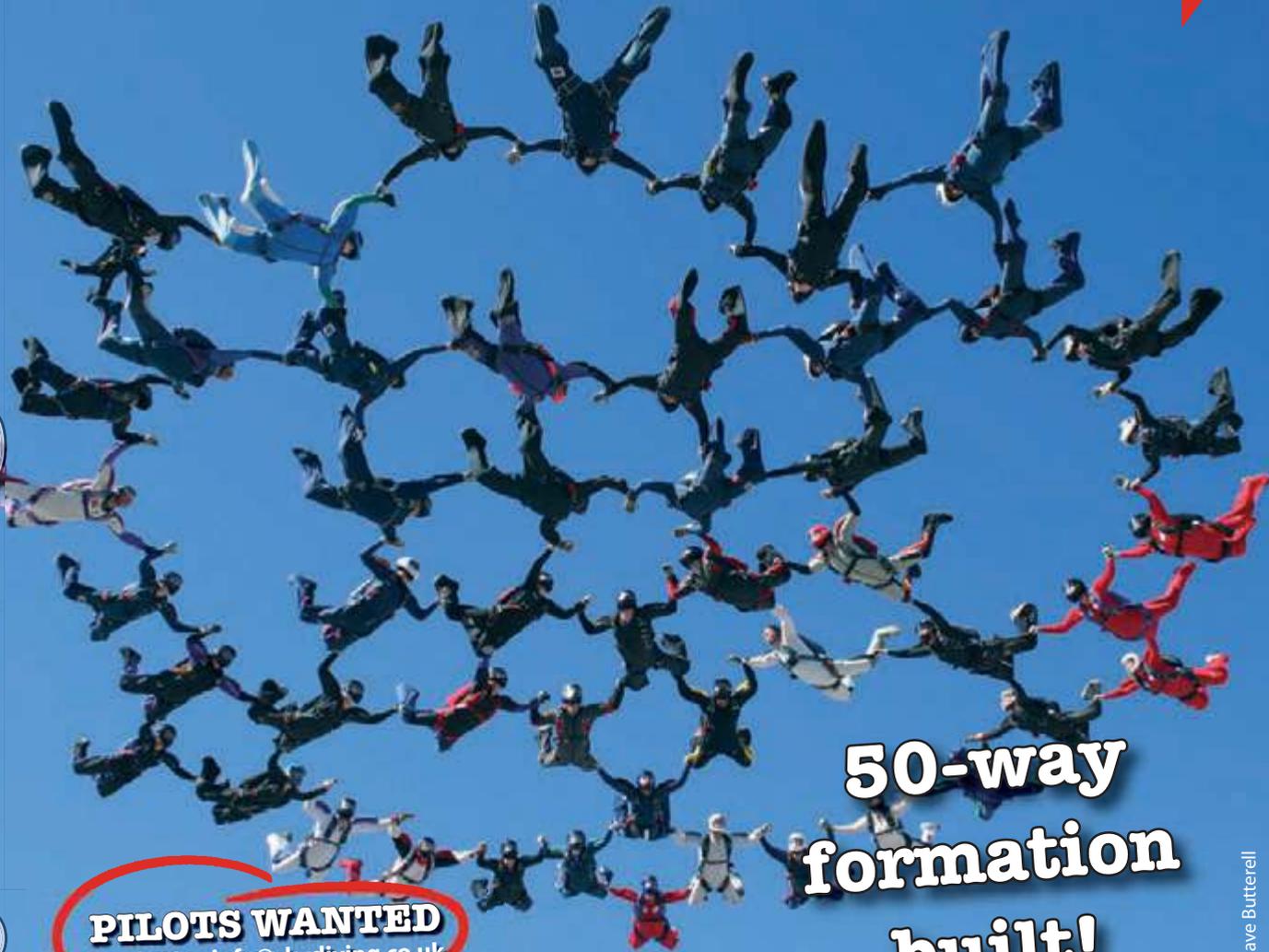
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69 **Freely World Record**

The new world record 69-way head-down formation, held for an amazing 9 seconds, demonstrates the continuing meteoric rise in freeflying skills

A 69-way freefly world record was set at Skydive Chicago during Summerfest, their annual boogie. It was a 25% increase on the previous record, a 53-way head-down formation set in Perris, California during April 2005.

Training Camps

There was a lot of preparation for the record attempts, which were organised by the former members of team *Alchemy*; 'Alaska' Jon DeVore, Rook Nelson and Mike Swanson. Three camps were arranged to recruit the type of talent needed to complete the 69-way formation. The first two camps were three days long, one in February and the other in April.

Final Camp

The final camp was held at Skydive Chicago on July 30-31, the two days before the record attempts were to begin. This was the last opportunity for those who had not yet received an invite to try for one. The camp was also an opportunity for those who were already invited to work on the skills they would need to complete the formation.



Norman Kent



Freeflying on the relative wind by Norman Kent

More than 50 freeflyers showed up. Mike, Rook and 'Alaska' Jon split everyone up into smaller groups of about 26 for most of the dives. A couple of two-plane loads also took place during the camp, which resulted in linking about 40 head-down flyers.

Planning

The original formation planned was only a 63-way head-down. However, by the night before the attempts there were 85 talented freeflyers registered and eager to be a part of the record! Mike, Rook and 'Alaska' sat down to hammer out who would be on the first of the record attempts and where to place them in the formation. After filling the 63 slots on the original formation, there were still some very talented freeflyers left out. So, why not make it bigger? Six more freeflyers were chosen for the slots that would make the formation a 69-way.

The record attempts that started first thing the next morning were scheduled to run during 1-4 August. No-one but Mike, Rook and Alaska would know who made the first cut until the morning, right before the first dirt dive. It was a quiet night as 85 talented freeflyers turned in early, hoping they would make it on the load.



Norman Kent



Day One

As the day broke, 85 hopefuls filtered into the hangar waiting to hear who would be on the first dive. Finally, they were called into the auditorium, where debriefing would take place, and the 69 names were called out. The majority of the freeflyers who didn't make the first load stayed close by hoping to replace anyone who was cut.

The aircraft formation was a Casa and Skydive Chicago's two Super Otters. The jumps were all filmed and photographed by Brian Buckland, Norman Kent, and Jason Peters. After the dirt dive everyone suited up, did one last walk through, and boarded the aircraft. And so was the routine for the next couple days: dirt dive, gear up, dirt dive, jump, debrief, repeat.

After day one, and five attempts at the formation, it still hadn't built. But by the end of the day each jump was just a few people short of completing the 69-way. Everyone was still very excited and there was plenty of energy.

Day Two

And so began day two, which consisted of six more attempts at the record. Every jump made that day built bigger than the previous 53-way world record. Of course an FAI world record must be complete so none of these jumps set an official record, they just showed the potential. Throughout the day problem areas of the formation were targeted and several cuts were made. The fifth jump of the day almost built, with only one or two people not on. The record-hungry jumpers decided to try once more, hoping to party hard that night! Unfortunately, it still did not build.

Day Three

By day three everyone was ready to complete the record, and frustration was starting to grow. Everyone knew that the talent was present to make the 69-way happen; it was just a matter of getting there!

As everyone landed from jump two of day three they thought this one had built! The yells could be heard throughout the hangar and everyone was anxious to debrief. The video was watched over and over in slow motion from several angles. Had it built? There was only one way to



Brian Buckland



know; the footage was given to the judges. As the judges (Scott Smith, Stefania Martinengo, and Sarah Thompson) reviewed the footage the 69 jumpers began, once more, to dirt dive.

Before it was time to go back up for the next jump the judges' decision came back: the formation had not completed. There was just a second where one grip had been lost and the last person was on. That meant it was only a 68-way. Although that was an unofficial record, it wasn't what everyone came out to do!

Official Record!

With the energy high from the excitement of nearly getting the record it was back to the sky for another try. This time there was without a doubt a new freefly head-down world record! The 69-way built in no time and held solid for several seconds. If there is a way to break a record, than this was it. It was a bullet-proof 69-way flying for an astounding 9.5 seconds!

Needless to say the 69 record-breakers did a lot of celebrating that night! Summerfest and Skydive Chicago were the perfect venue for the record, and also provided a great party for the celebration! The jumpers enjoyed a band on Friday night, and kicking DJ's on Saturday.

The judges did a great job and they had fabulous footage to work with! Brian Buckland's and Jason Peters' video is available for purchase, along with a still photograph of the record, through Jason Peters at aboveallphotography@hotmail.com Other great still photographs are available as well. Brian Buckland's can be found at www.BrianBuckland.com; and Norman Kent's (including the stills show during Skydive Chicago's 5th Annual Film Festival) are at www.NormanKent.com.

Congratulations to the cameraflyers, judges and 69 fantastic freeflyers!

Ern Horton



World Head-down Record 69-way
Date 3 August 2007
Place Skydive Chicago, USA
Held for 9.5 seconds

World Freely Record History

2002	18	Perris Valley, California, USA
2003	24	Sebastian, Florida, USA
2004	42	Perris Valley, California, USA
2005	53	Perris Valley, California, USA
2007	69	Skydive Chicago, Ottawa, USA

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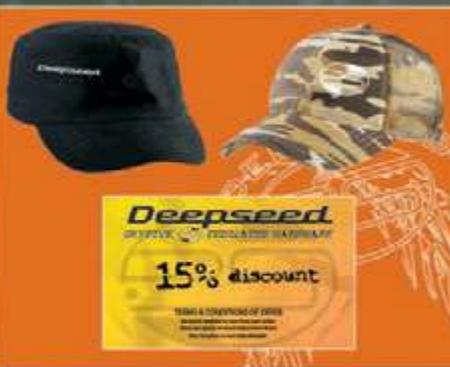
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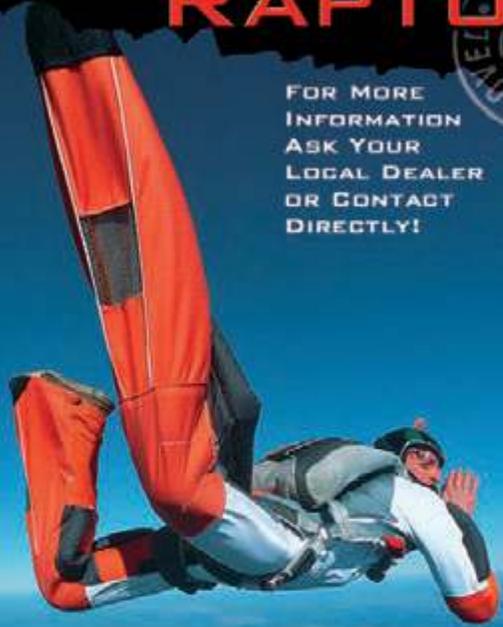
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Response to Mag Critic

Feedback of both a negative and positive nature is important to enable The Mag to grow and develop into the publication that the membership wants to read. Every time The Mag hits my doorstep I grab it and read it from cover to cover. Many of the articles are about areas of the sport that I don't participate in but I see it as a great way to keep up to date with what is going on in every area of skydiving in the UK. More importantly, I learn something from every Mag. We participate in an extreme sport and the Mag is one of the many tools that we have at our disposal to educate ourselves and keep us, and those around us safe. As the cost of The Mag has not gone up since '99, it has effectively got cheaper every year and it would be very short-sighted to take away this important educational tool.

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CRew Puppy

As a relatively new skydiver, the sport has many avenues of opportunity: freeflying, skysurfing, vrw, all the latest stuff. One I hadn't considered in the slightest was CRew but I thought I'd tag along to the CF Roadshow at Dunkeswell. A King Air, fifteen grand in seven minutes, cool!

Steve Saunders, Ian Marshall, Pat Hammond and Mrs Saunders (she's a keeper), I take my hat off to you. It was a fantastic weekend in which I learned things about the canopy that I didn't think were possible. Believe me, the first time you see Mr Saunders topshotting you (CRew dog language) and shimmying down your centre lines while giving the most encouraging instructions, all in a calm and gentle voice, gets rid of all your fears. When you find yourself piloting a 5-stack and looking down to find yourself more horizontal than vertical – all with Mr Saunders' gentle encouragement – you'll come away with some adrenaline-fuelled memories.

Well done the BPA for funding these weekends. To all involved, including the staff at Dunkeswell, thank you. To the rest of you, canopy formations are not as bad as you might think and you could learn something that could save your life. Try it once! What have you got to lose?

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Bob Hazell

19 Jan 1953 – 02 Sep 2006



Bob was taken from us suddenly and without warning just over a year ago, at the much too young age of 53. Where was he? At Cornwall Parachute Club, Perranporth Airfield, by the sea waiting for the weather to clear so he could do the thing he enjoyed most – jumping out of an aircraft to spend a few moments in freefall before coming in to land with the biggest grin. I never saw him happier. What better place could there be?

If a funeral could possibly be lovely, then it really was. There was standing room only in the chapel. Bob was carried in to the music of 'Albatross' which I was later told was significant to the parachuting family and the magic of flying. Afterwards we had drinks in the pub where we spent most evenings, the landlord being a dear friend and a big support.

Most of you who knew Bob will be unable to think of him without smiling, and some will be sorry that there will be no more home-brew for the long after-jump parties. I was lucky to have been Bob's partner for four years. In that time he taught me many things. The fondest memory I have is him rushing into the house, dragging me out and driving me down the road. Why? To show me the most beautiful moon in a clear dark sky. Friends had a star named 'Robert Christian Hazell' in his memory: a most fitting tribute to a man who was truly complete when travelling the skies.

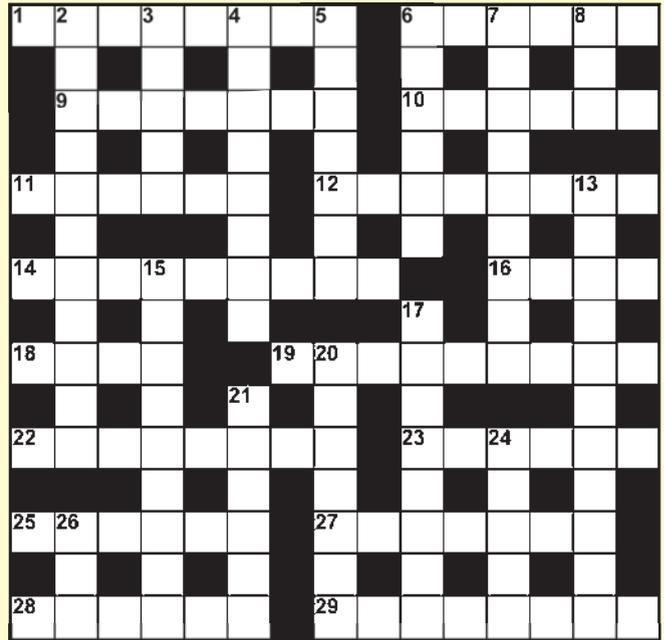
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Stolen Kit

Three PD demo canopies in grey carrying bags were stolen from the upstairs classroom at Langar Boogie II (8-16 Sep). The unique demo patterns are pretty obvious. Please contact me or Dedicric from PD with any information.

Missing: a **Velocity 103** (VE-002784, dom May 2007), and a **Velocity 90** (VE-002810, dom May 2007), mostly orange, one white cell, 1 silver cell, large PD logo. An **Optimum 113** reserve rigged as a main (OM-000019, dom April 2007) all orange.

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Main (Cryptic)

Across

- Our playground doctor has playmate's head smothered in sunblock (4,4)
- Knitted raglan 1 (6)
- Nervous of loud reprimand (7)
- Fools taking second dances (6)
- Terrible smoke returns after time (6)
- Get ahead, zigzag fully loaded in reverse (4,4)
- Movie maker Korda announced sequel to 'The River' (9)
- Find 1 in rustic Arkansas (4)
- Italian city is captured by personal assistant (4)
- Icelandic inquisitor arranged Man U songs (9)
- More awkward knight turning to row (8)
- On a winding B road (6)
- One vehicle with American canopy (6)
- Forewarned of related struggles (7)
- 1 boy bloated by irritable bowel syndrome (6)
- 1 principal call us (8)

Down

- Skydiving point-to-point, it's a religious conversion (11)
- Ran into rating. Crash! (5)
- Those in charge cancelled cake decorators (8)
- Electronic splice melts, it puts us in the dark (7)
- Allow insect to attack (3,3)
- Perturbing acne and sinus pains (9)
- Rear of craft (3)
- 'orrid Cairo right off flying route (3-8)
- Chris hosts a race, Europe's first 1 (9)
- Spill American secret (2,6)
- Bat in tangled hair streak? (3-4)
- Agrees with evil following attack (4,2)
- Spiritual gauge of trainer in Orange County (5)
- High jumper regularly clearing cacti (inits)

Reserve

Across

- Skydiving centre (4,4)
- Raglan (anag)
- Scared
- Contortions
- Dreadful
- Back off (4,4)
- Video device
- Rack (anag)
- Canopy manufacturer
- Original Mastermind presenter
- More tangled
- On aircraft or ship
- Canopy: legendary flyer
- Warned
- Bisons (anag)
- Anchored (anag)

Down

- Movement from one point to another (2-9)
- Crash
- Leading soldiers
- Tandem rig: overshadow
- Attack: send off (3,3)
- Pests
- Stern
- Restricted flight path (3-8)
- Theatrics (anag)
- Private, legally (2,6)
- Exposure of the body to atmosphere (3-4)
- Is suitable (4,2)
- Of the eye
- Skydiving instructor (inits)

SOLUTIONS ACROSS
1. Drop zone, 6. Langar, 9. Fearful, 10. Twists, 11. Tragically, 12. Pull away, 14. Camcorder, 16. Car, 18. Piss, 19. Magnusson, 22. Knitter, 23. Aboard, 25. Leans, 27. Alerted, 28. Sibson, 29. Headcom
SOLUTIONS DOWN
2. Reformation, 3. Prang, 4. Officers, 5. Eclipses, 6. Let fly, 7. Nutsances, 8. Aft, 13. Air-corrider, 15. Charters, 17. In camera, 20. Air-bath, 21. Fits in, 24. Optic, 26. CCI



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Wings of Change



Kit News

by Rob Colpus



The Rigor Mortis, photo by Nick Rugai



Just 4 zips & you're ready



The wings can still be cut away easily

Argentinian rigger Edgardo Guerrero, who has been building canopies and rigs for 30 years in his home country, has now turned his hand to building wingsuits in Florida along with partner Nick Rugai. Guerrero and Rugai have released a series of products under the name of EG Wingsuits, which are built from parapack fabric as used on some container systems, lined with a polycotton or mesh fabric. EG's suits do not have cables that must be threaded in order to hook up to the rig. Instead they use four heavy duty zips, two on each side. EG claims that it takes less than one minute to hook up a suit to a rig. The wings can still be cut away by release cables which run in a channel below the zips. The arm's leading edges are well formed by the use of two types of foam.

The pair's maximum glide suit is delightfully called the *Rigor Mortis* while their all-round suit is called the *Flockus*. The Rigor Mortis features a very large inflated back deflector panel below the rig which smooths the air over the jumper's back, and Cuben fibre ribs built into all wings. Cuben fibre is a lightweight composite laminate with a very high tensile strength. The company also builds a two piece tracking suit named *Corvus* from the same materials as the wingsuits.

www.egwingsuits.com

Retro Revival



Brand new TSE leather Viper

Long-in-the tooth skydivers may recall some 20 years ago or more when rigs made from leather or even suede were the height of cool! Well for the first time in 20 years Thomas Sports of Bridlington recently received a request for a leather rig – shock, horror! The resultant new leather Viper 1-pin Pop-top container is lined with parapack to give dimensional stability to the flaps. Artwork was applied to a customised design using computer controlled embroidery. TSE has said that the leather option is still available on their website and the company will make whatever is requested. The price for a leather option is listed at an additional £250 but this could change with market variations. Retro revival anyone?

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23 year old TSE leather Viper

Part Ex Mate?

Last issue we reported on the latest developments with the *Advance* rig by the small French company by the name of Basik Air Concept. Well, the guys at Basik have now informed us that they think they've solved an age old problem inherent in the buying of new parachute equipment by inexperienced jumpers who know that they will want to downsize their main in the not too distant. Basik's new idea involves the customer ordering their new system (including container, reserve and a main of a size that best suits their limited experience) from the company or one of their dealers, and at the same time paying a small surcharge (150 Euros) to join what they call their 'Switch' programme.

After a period jumping this main the owner may then call in their Switch membership by returning their main canopy to the dealer and swapping it for a brand new main canopy of a pre-chosen smaller size. The dealer then sells the second-hand main on the used canopy market. The advantage to this is that, in order to downsize, the owner does not have to go through the time and effort required to sell their often lightly used larger main at a considerable loss before they can get back on the road with the canopy they really want. Basik will build the harness/container system so it will properly fit the two sizes of mains chosen at time of ordering. Of course the system requires that the canopies are models of Basik's own manufacture, such as the *X-Fun* or *X-Fly*.

Alternatively, it is also possible to exchange the first main for a canopy of the same size but a higher performance, ie, an *X-Fun* for an *X-Fly*. Basik's only stipulation is that the first canopy must have no more than 200 jumps and be in good condition, and the exchange must take place within 18 months of the delivery date of the rig. The customer ends up owning a brand new, smaller sized canopy after putting a bunch of jumps on the first one for a cost of only 150 Euros. Sounds like a good idea to me!

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It's all a Mirage!



Vapor Wes Pro

Vapourised

Those bone dome boffins over there at Sky Systems in the USA have added another cool helmet design to join the *Oxygn*, *Hurricane* and others in the Sky Systems stable. The *Vapor Wes Pro* is a specialist camera helmet with an unusual 7½" wide carbon platform to allow extra space for cameras and related equipment. Built to a full-face design, the *Vapor Wes Pro* has an interior area for an audible, and there is space for wiring and switches under the carbon top plate. Sky Systems claims that the new helmet is very lightweight and well balanced.

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Mirage Systems, manufacturer of the, er, *Mirage* container, has announced a few additions and improvements to its popular rig. In addition to adding spacer foam padding (the padded aerated mesh as used in quality rucksacks) to their G4 system their people have also redesigned the backpad itself to include a plush ½" foam padding under the spacer foam. They were keen to tell us that they've added the spacer foam and extra foam padding all the way up and over the shoulders down to the ring cover. This allows for greater comfort where the rig rests on your shoulders. They claim that this is a major improvement to the common practice of simply using the spacer foam padding without the additional foam underneath. They enthused that *'it's like sitting in your favourite armchair on the way to altitude'*. Once you feel the difference, they say, you'll wonder how you ever did without it!



Removable Swoop Armour pads protect the leg straps

Also added to the *Mirage* menu are removable leg pads known as 'Swoop Armour' which comprise of a set of two removable comfort pads built from ½" foam and spacer foam with either a heavy 'ballistic cloth' or cordura outer, which slip over the rig's leg straps to protect them from friction burns during those long 'on your butt' swoops.

Mirage is also now offering a *Freefly Hacky* handle as an option on request on all *Mirage* rigs. The *Freefly Hacky* is a conventional hacky-sac handle fitted with a small stiffened flap which is pushed under the main

container's corner flap for added security in the wind blast. The company claims that the *Freefly Hacky* will *'not walk its way out during freefall no matter what speeds you are flying'*. It did stress though that the *Freefly Hacky* works best if the handle is first pushed towards the pocket before extraction, otherwise increased but still workable pull forces will be experienced.

In a further development *Mirage* has added another available size to its 'containers for the vertically challenged' market. Up until now the company's *MXS* and *MOS* containers were only available for main sizes up to 135 – while the new *M2S* takes canopies up to 150 sq ft. The *Mirage Short* series is designed for the shorter jumper who does not want a rig that hangs low on the back.

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Jumpmaster!

Being the jumpmaster, or JM, is one of those things that will happen to you sooner or later in your skydiving career. It's mostly taken for granted yet the responsibilities are huge. Liz Ashley gives some advice on mastering the role of jump-leader rather than being a jump-automaton.

The BPA has a qualification, JM1, which makes up part of the B licence requirements. Once you've got your B licence, you can then jumpmaster any experienced load at your dropzone.

Responsibilities

If you've already got your B licence, you'll have been briefed by an instructor on the responsibilities involved and the importance of liaising with the pilot; had a spotting brief and put it into practice; and probably read section 3 of the BPA Operations Manual, which is a single page all about jumpmastering.

Good judgement

Great, so you're good to go then? Now officially an expert? Well not quite, because being a good JM comes with experience, which is why most DZs will nominate the most experienced person on board as the JM. You've probably got people on your DZ like that, who always take charge whenever they're on board. But they haven't always been experienced, they had to start somewhere too. There's a saying that good judgment comes from experience, and

that you get experience by learning from bad judgment. So why not start taking a keener interest in the jumpmaster's role **now**? Try to gain that good judgment before you're the one making the decisions for real.

With 240 jumps and no JM experience since my B licence brief nearly a year before, I suddenly found myself down as jumpmaster. None of the usual crowd of skygods were on the load and, for a change, I had the most jumps out of everyone on board.

Suddenly there was a lot more to that plane ride than there'd ever been before! My head was swimming, trying to remember what I'd been taught all those months previously. Has everyone had a flightline check? What should the exit order be? Where's the spot? Which direction has the plane been running in today? What should the exit separation be?

Have you got all the answers?

I can't give you all the right answers in this article as there will be slight differences in procedures at different DZs, times when local rules and knowledge complement BPA rules.

But knowing the right questions is the first step to gaining that experience and good judgment. It's down to you to find out the answers.

Before take-off

- Has everyone had a flightline check? This is a BPA requirement.
- What are the local DZ rules on accounting for



Who signs what for flightline checks?

Gary Wainwright



Andy Wright



- Are restraints fitted and, if so, are people wearing them? Is everyone wearing a helmet for take-off who should be? Are all camera helmets properly restrained?

On the climb to altitude

- If the pilot has to make a forced landing, does everyone know how to adopt the 'brace' position? The BPA updated their advice this year to say that if you're sat facing the tail of the plane, you should lean back towards the pilot instead of forwards towards the tail. It could be a nightmare if half the load is doing the old drill and the other half the new one.
- What would you do if there was an aircraft emergency **now**? Do your actions depend on what height the plane is at? An example plan would be to adopt the brace position and land with the aircraft if an emergency happens at low altitude; with more altitude, to exit the plane on the pilot's command but use your reserve; and with more altitude still to maybe use your main. Therefore, at what heights would your plan change and are you aware of these heights as you reach them on the way up – or are you daydreaming or dirtdiving?

On run-in

- What is the wind speed and direction on the ground and at altitude? Which direction would you like the pilot to run in? Where's the spot?
- How will the pilot communicate with the JM? If there's a red and green light, how are they used at this particular dropzone?
- You must still spot! Look to see that the aircraft is in the correct place, that you can see the ground from the opening point to the intended landing area, and also check for potential hazards such as other aircraft and gliders.
- How does the door open and do you have to secure it? For example, there are Caravans around the country that secure slightly differently at various drop zones. You wouldn't be the first person to mistakenly open the window instead of the door in an Islander! Skyvans are entirely different again. Get a brief if you're unsure.



Do you know the spot?

- How strong is the wind at altitude and therefore how much exit separation should there be between groups? If the JM is leaving before other jumpers, do the rest of the load know how long to wait? If there are a lot of groups, is the spot still acceptable throughout or has there come a point when a second pass is needed?
- Centre of gravity issues again – what is the maximum number of people allowed in the door? Do other groups know not to move to the door until it is their turn to jump? Do jumpers know to remain seated so as not to get in the way of any communication between the pilot and JM, who are probably at opposite ends of the plane?
- The JM is the one with the privilege of extra information over the other jumpers, as they are the one who can see the ground and any other hazards. If you're sat up by the pilot, trust the JM's judgment as they have more information than you. Screaming "Green light, green light!" helps nobody!
- Hypoxia – the higher the aircraft climbs, the thinner the air gets. Prolonged reduced oxygen intake at altitude can result in a range of symptoms from tunnel vision and headaches to hyperventilation, panic and worse! The rules are that jump aircraft can only ascend above 12,000 feet without oxygen if they can sustain 1,000ft/min climb rate, and that oxygen is always required above 15,000ft. The trouble with hypoxia is that it affects decision-making. An aircraft full of hypoxic skydivers trying to decide whether they're okay to jump is like a bar full of drunks trying to decide who should drive home!

Summary

A good jumpmaster makes their job look effortless but there is a lot going on behind the scenes. Unfortunately, that can lead to complacency on the part of other jumpers as they don't always realise what an important job that person is doing. If you're a regular JM, do you honestly have the answers to all those questions on every load? If you're just starting out, why not shadow the JM to get used to the necessary thought processes?

Ultimately the JM has a position of high responsibility. It's a thankless task – if you do it well then people take it for granted, if you do it badly then everyone criticises you. You sometimes have to be a spoilsport in the name of safety and decide if it's too cloudy to jump, which can involve bringing the plane down despite perceived peer pressure from others.

There are three levels to jumpmastering: knowledge, experience and attitude. Knowledge of all the 'answers' is the minimum JM requirement to keep the load safe. To move from being 'a JM' to being 'a good JM' takes experience, which will come with time. With the right attitude you can keep everyone smiling as you do it, which is what makes the difference between a good JM and an excellent one.

Liz Ashley



Gary Wainwright

- flightline checks? (Do you sign for yourself? For the person you checked? Does the jumpmaster sign for the load? Are there no scribbles involved?)
- What should the exit order be and is everyone aware of it?
 - Do flat flyers go before freeflyers or vice versa?
 - Loading the aircraft: how many people can you have on board? Would you know when to say 'stop' if an extra person has mistakenly been added to the manifest? Is it different after a refuel?
 - Are people sitting sensibly, ie, in reverse exit order?
 - What are the Centre of Gravity (CofG) requirements of this particular aircraft? Are there rules such as nobody allowed in the very back of the plane on take-off? How can you best help the pilot? (eg, Caravans and Islanders require the weight of the jumpers to be distributed more forward than, say, a Skyvan.)
 - Are you familiar with how to operate the door, where any emergency equipment is (such as the knife) and when you might use it?

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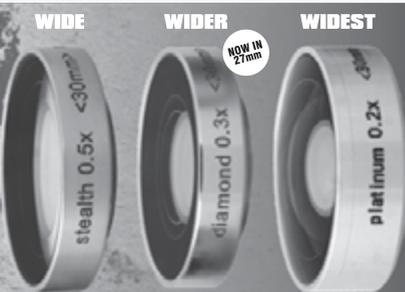


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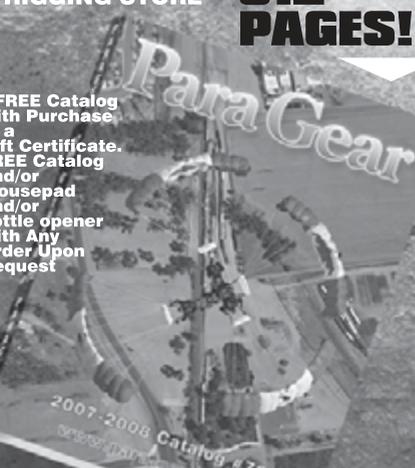


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Club News

The FS and artistic events nationals this year was outstanding! The efficiency of Hibaldstow never ceases to amaze me. Despite the slow start on the first (4-way) weekend they managed to get everyone jumped on the second without the need for the third reserve weekend. That includes 70% of the 4-way meet, all of the 8-way FS, plus freefly, freestyle, skysurf and speed skydiving. The vibe was electric with all of the competitors supporting each other and cheering on jumpers in each different disciplines.



Photo: Gary Wainwright

Comparing the scores to those at the last World Championships, all the teams on the top podium have a serious chance of medals at the next, which is very promising for the UK scene. We had a record amount of teams entering the traditionally less popular events such as the freestyle and the speed. Much of this is down to the great work that the BPA discipline reps and roadshow coaches have been doing throughout the year, hats off to them!

Talking of medals, if yours is still missing from the party then call 07791 077253!

Lucie



Langar

Sophie Cook's 200th by Gary Wainwright



Sarah & Sam Bailey's wedding

Thanks to Caroline Hughes & Billy Payn for their weekend of big-way FS in August – a great success. We look forward to bigger and better next year.

A big welcome back to Paul 'Poke-It' Henderson, who damaged himself thoroughly this time last year at one of our annual series of display jumps into Skegness Stock Car Stadium. Paul is now back jumping and is a regular on this year's Skegness displays – to the delight of the crowd on his first appearance!

Congratulations to Sam Bailey & Sarah Walker (now Bailey) and Dave 'Polish Dude' Grzeskowiak & Lisa James (now Mrs PD – not spelling that twice!). Also to Dave Lewis & Lisa Christofferson who were married in Lisa's native Denmark. Are we turning into a dating agency?

The FS and artistics nationals saw 33 Langar jumpers on the podium, winning 25 golds, 12 silver and

Chatteris

Achievements

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300

Si Chipp

3000, 36 Hrs Freefall

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Mike Rust
Gary Small

We're delighted to report that two rookie 4-way teams including Chatteris jumpers, enjoyed nationals success this year. *Strangers in the Night* (Fiona Law, Rich Rust, with the amazing Russ Smith on camera) walked away with a silver medal and ambitions of taking on A class next year.

Surprise stars were *Innuendo*; Rowena Owen and Ruth Ferris (both from Chatteris), Joel Gluth (Hinton) and Andy Forsyth (St Andrews). Ruth, Joel and Andy met at 'The Project', a 4-way coaching event at Empuriabrava. Ro joined later, after impressing the team with her truly 'unique' sense of humour (the team name should give you some clues). Despite their first jump together being round 1, and with having less than 500 jumps between them, they finished a very respectable 5th. We expect great things from *Innuendo* next year.



Team Innuendo

At Chatteris, Si Chipp managed to get his FF2 on his 300th jump, despite flying full time. One of our resident Serbian packers, Lazar, scored his FS1, CH2, JM1, B licence & C licence, all in the same week! Congratulations go to Lloyd Quenby for his 1,000th tandem.

Fiona Law



Si Chipp by Lorraine Dixey



National 4-way rookie winners Hazard, taken by Milko

6 bronze in 14 teams over 11 events. We have National Champions in 8 different events. A special mention to Sophie, Kyle & Matt from Hazardz, who won gold in rookie FS 4-way at their very first nationals, with only 500 jumps between them! Their average shot up from 6.3 at the June GP to 13.5. Not bad, eh?

Milko



Dave and Lisa Lewis' wedding



Pete and Granvil by Steve Newman

Achievements

Cat 8, CH1
 Alex Green
 Shaun Ward
 Joanne Sweeney
 Ian Kelsey

FS1
 Jenna Pickering
 Rachael Smith

CF1
 Tash Higman

FF1
 Shona Blainey

Jump Numbers

50
 Jenna Pickering
100
 Ruth Jordinson
 Kyle Price
 Steve Smith

200
 Sophie Cook
 Matt Sweeney

300
 Wayne Glenn
 Adrian Davies

400
 Chris Cook

500
 Jo Hawley

600
 Dan Williams
 Chris Smith

800
 Guy Dickson

900
 Ally Milne

1300
 Ivor Flowers
 Stan Hopkins
 Tom Hartland

1900
 Pixie
96 Hrs Freefall
 Phil Curtis

Black Knights

Despite postponing the 4-way scrambles competition, a successful Eddie Davies Cup took place a week later than scheduled. Watch the DVD to understand why we think Mark Twigg was so well looked after. Mark was accompanied in the winning team by Neil Henshall, Laura Gray and Helen Casey.

Jump numbers are up again this year, with lots of new faces and greater retention of students. We had yet another successful fancy dress party (pirate theme) with the Naked Chef once more cooking all the food. Dr Debbie is still vowing not to drink any more but we know it won't last.



Eddie Davies Cup medal winners, by Alison Illidge



Pirate party, by Alison Illidge

The 'Jumping Jocks' headed up by Andy 'That's what I'm saying' Gibson and Alex 'Le Porter Embarquement' Eastwood continue to do their best for international relations but the language barrier can cause friction – even the Jocks don't understand this pair.

Talking of friction, Jason Snailham ran out of this rare commodity whilst hanging on the strut of F-GODZ on a 9-way freefly jump. Despite leaving six seconds before the rest of us he managed to rejoin the fun just before break-off; nice work dude! The new count on exit, inspired by a certain Mr Wallace goes something like: 'Hooold, Hoooooold; Freeeeedom'.

Mag7 & Alex Eastwood (Apprentice)

Achievements

First Freefall

Mick Madeley
 Phil Allsopp
 Dan Sutherland
 Steve Williams
 Ian Squire
 Andy McArdle

Cat 8

Kristel Molly
 Jo Parkinson
 Rick Hamnett
 Hayley Syrratt
 Mark Christianson

CP1

Mike Collinson

Jump Numbers

100 Mark McCurrie
200 Juliana Bergel
500 Alex Eastwood
800 Danny Rowlands
1000 Dunc Aspinall
3000 Tony Lightfoot
4000 Billy Sharples



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Team Burble by Ian Ridpath

Weston

An unforgettable boxer short skydive weekend was organised by Nigel Holland in aid of a very worthy cause; fighting testicular cancer. Thank you everyone who took part, especially Mike Hayes and Ali Allison in their Borat outfits. A fetching sight, the tandems couldn't believe their eyes! The video is even better!

Our mini 4-way meet saw *Team Elan* take AAA gold and *Boogie Pimps* silver, with *Phobia*, *Bonobo* and *Burble* taking gold in the other categories. A hog roast on Saturday night saw 90

people take full advantage of a superbly cooked piggy. The weekend's highlight was the 3 Jaguars, including the green James Bond Jaguar used in *Die Another Day*, complete with mini-gun and rockets! Punters paid £2 to thrash around our 2.5 mile perimeter track for a good cause. Top speed reached was 140mph!

The Skyvan visited for the bank holiday weekend where visitors made over 600 jumps. Andy Scott completed his 69th hour in freefall, with Coxy and Co in a speed star.

Well done to the 14 Weston nationals teams, Andy Scott & Phil Hartree (8-way gold) and Sparky (4-way gold).

Ash Kemp



Photos by Gay Dave



Team Elan pose with the James Bond Jag, by Ian Ridpath



Chris Cox gets a soaking for his 1,000th jump

Achievements

AFF Graduate

- Duncan Whitfield
- Julia Halstead
- Michelle Jarrett
- Julian Head
- Ben Lingwood
- Alan Dunn

Cat 8

- Ben Rainbow
- Martin Harris
- Nick Heywood-Wakeman
- Rebecca Bradley
- Victoria Bradley
- Iain Sinclair
- Geir Rasmussen
- Kara McKinley
- Jameel Hussein

CH1

- Martin Harris
- Nick Heywood-Wakeman

Jump Numbers

- 300** Mark Harrington
Graham Wilkins
- 600** Mark Stone
- 800** Mike Lovemore
Ian Ridpath
- 1400** Laura Kenyon
- 1000** Chris Cox
- 1500** Phil Hartree
- 6500** Andy Ford
- 24 Hrs Freefall**
Phil Hartree
- 96 Hrs Freefall**
Andy Ford

Old Buck

Achievements

Cat 8, CH1

- Chris Durbin
- Prithpal Phull
- Nico Burger
- Ryan Fisher
- Iain Smith
- Rosie Marteau
- Tony Kerry
- Tony Raucci
- Ben White

JM1, CH2

- Steve Howes
- John Marshall
- Ian Watkins

FS1

- Jeff Baker
- Steve Howes
- Ian Watkins

Mark Russell

Andy Parson

FF1

Chris Higgins

Jump Numbers

50

- Spencer Hardy-King
- Russell Shearman
- Ian Watkins

100

- David Llewellyn
- Rob Rudland

200

Mike Wemyss

300

Steve Wickham

7000

Jason Thompson

We're very pleased to have our Nomad back complete with new engines and have been making the most of it. The late summer sun has brought jumpers out in force and we've seen lots of progression. Larger formations are now possible. Thanks to Tiggs for flying his Cessna whilst the Nomad was away, we certainly kept him busy!



Steve Wickham by Aaron Ellen

It has been good catching up with Aff and Flaky while Tommy Dellibac has treated us to demos of his swooping skills.

The sun came out just in time for our well attended bank holiday party in the pub. The barbecue was excellent and the disco saw the usual suspects strutting their stuff. Thanks to our events committee. We saw our biggest turnout ever for a progression week in July, resulting in many FS1s.

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Phil Canning, who passed away recently. He started skydiving two years ago after friends brought him a tandem for his 50th birthday. Since then he completed his AFF and, after a very good performance at our

last progression week, nearly had his FS1. Phil will be sadly missed by all who knew him. We're planning a special memorial jump. Blue skies Phil.

Vikki Forrest



Phil Canning by Warren Favish

Wild Geese

Achievements

First Freefall

Sandra McMurrin

FS1, CH2, JM1, 100 Jumps

Eddie Monteith

Nick Spiller

FF2

Sean McKenna

100 Jumps

Sean Carroll

Finbar McClements



Steph Graham, new Queens PC president, by Mike Murphy



Photo by John McCourt

A huge vote of thanks is due to the outgoing members of the Queens Parachute Club committee; Connor Campbell, Martin McLaughlin and Alison Owen, who took the club to a very strong position. We congratulate new president Stephanie Graham, treasurer Fionnuala McCloskey and secretary Paul Brennan and wish them well in the challenging year ahead.

With a Skyvan and a Porter on offer, 3 of our skydivers headed south to the Irish Parachute Club for their annual boogie. They were invited on a 30-way record. Jade Allister, Francis Mullin & Robert Madden joined with the rest of the team in building a 30-way shamrock Irish record (see page 9). The hospitality was second to none, with a spit-roasted pig, plenty of spirit and a good old Irish shindig. Gordon Hodgkinson (plane captain for the Skyvan) and Peter Breen (Porter captain) provided excellent organisation and leadership for both

loads, and kept morale high, leading skydivers with between 200 and 5,000 jumps. The luck of the Irish played true to form, gaining success on the final lift of the last day! We took off in torrential rain but jumped in beautiful clear skies. (We all thought Gordon was mad!) We're calling on any eligible skydivers with Irish roots or connections to join us in 2008 to go bigger.

Congratulations to Eddie Monteith, our upcoming superstar. Eddie started almost a year ago on static line and has notched up 100 jumps, FS1 and B licence. When you consider that Eddie is still at school, lives 70 miles away and doesn't drive, words like determination and commitment come to mind. He has a full page spread in the Belfast Telegraph to boot! Soon he'll be signing autographs. I'd better watch my place on the display team. Well done Eddie, a model of dedication!

Mike Murphy

Lewknor



Christian's Cat 8 by Tracy Curling

Skydiving is full of ups 'n' downs and highs 'n' lows. On a high note, Mark Stone (cameraman and WARP coach) received his radio licence and his canopy handling coach rating. Tim Lawson celebrated his 200th jump by taking it easy and letting tandem instructor Ralph Mitchell do all the work. On the AFF front Jan & Christian graduated, and Katrina is back and doing well with her AFF after a few months off. Congratulations to you all.



Tim & Ralph by Tracy Curling

On a 'low' note our manifestor, Rach, broke her ankle training for the *Brit Chicks* record attempt. We all wish her a speedy recovery and hope to see her back soon.

Tracy Curling

Achievements

Cat 8

Jan Klass Kolhoff
Christian Swanepoel

200 Jumps

Tim Lawson

600 Jumps

Mark Stone

Netheravon

Not content with a 31-way Nethers record, we've upped the ante to a massive 38-way under the expert tutelage of Caroline Hughes and Dave Lewis. Many thanks to the dropzone for pulling out all the stops to get us in the air despite a missing Skyvan pilot! Check out the Nethers website gallery for pirate party photos that'll shiver your timbers – the birthday boys were Ryan, Buzz and Andy G.

Foxy Lady, our new Caravan arrived just in time for the Armies. The camera dudes are delighted with the step. The jumpers are well happy too – it's so new and shiny you can even see out of the windows! Combined with glorious weather this meant that the comp was completed in record time (3,700 jumps!). *Jail Break*, aka Smudger and Al Macartney, scored 14 points in the 2-way sequential CF to beat the old record (old rules) on Velocities, and provided a stunning display of high speed canopy handling at the awards ceremony. Si Bristow celebrated his 1,000th jump, his team marking the occasion by removing most of their clothes – bet the judges were chuffed watching that three times! The end of the Armies marked Mike Smith's retirement so of course he got a dunking. Thanks to Mike for all his hard work over the years and good luck to his successor, Jerry Denning.

August bank holiday weekend saw 40+ jumpers on Caroline's excellent big-way beginners camp. Assisted by Dave Lewis they were coached through exits, stadium approaches and all the different slots. It started with five groups of 8-way to 10-way, then 20-way formation loads on day two, and ending on Monday with a three plane formation as a grand finale. Top star of the weekend (although there were many) was Jess French. With just 50 jumps post FS1, Jess nailed every slot she was given. Thanks to all who assisted in such a successful event.

The Foxy Lady party went with more than one bang, the highlight being Trev's fantastic firework display. This combined with bouncy things could have been a recipe for disaster but most of us walked away unscathed.

Everyone wishes Cossie, Justin, Jo and father & son double act Dean & Ash H (BBC founder member) speedy recoveries – not all from home grown incidents! Well done to long standing JSPC staff member and video editor extraordinaire Tommo for finally doing his first jump. Congratulations to Andy and the new Mrs Goodall, Liz, on tying the knot. And finally, Ryan & Lucy are off to New Zealand and will soon be walking down the aisle – good luck!

Kath Salisbury



Nethers 38-way record by Brian Knight



Mike Smith's send-off by the all-stars, by Jackie Smith



Pirate party by Jackie Smith

Armies Results

Accuracy

Junior gold
Intermediate gold
Senior gold

LCpl Wright RE
SSgt Gray RSig
Cpl Smith RE

Team Accuracy

Intermediate gold
Senior gold

Navy Storm
RE Red

4-way

Rookie gold
A gold
AA gold
AAA gold

Navy Storm
RAFSPA
Navy Lightning
JSPC (N) Red

2-way CF Rotations Gold

Maj Macartney RLC
& Cpl Smith RE

Overall Individual Senior

Cpl Smith RE

Highest Placed Corps Team

REME

Instructor of the Year

LCpl Brittain PARA

Achievements

First Freefall

Ben Bolton
Polly Milward

FS1

Jim Hunton
Alex Burnet
Ben Woollan
Westleigh Guest
Jenny Latham
Si Guest

Cat 8

Diana Pugh

CF1

Pokie

Jump Numbers

50 Rich Earle
Matt Watkins
Barry O'Connell
Jim Hunton
100 Karen Milton
Alex Burnet
Andy Woodward
200 Nige Munday
Paul Daley
500 Marcus Speed
Kris Young
600 Lou Gower
1000 Si Bristow
Stuart Smith

1 Hr Freefall

Alex Burnet
Ben Woollan
Woof
Matt Watkins

46 Hrs Freefall

Smudger



Caroline Hughes' big-way load by Brian Knight

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Leah Frost's 400th by Oily Denham

In July we held a CF weekend run by Ian Marshall, Steve Saunders and Pat Hammond. Despite a frustrating start (weather!), the event was a huge success with 79 CF descents. There was only one unplanned event, a bend in the flagpole, mentioning no names Mr Marshall!

The Mike Wills Speed Star Memorial attracted four teams. A comedy moment caught on camera was a door jam as Wesley and Sarah fought to get out of the plane first and got

stuck, it really is entertaining viewing! The winners were Tom Harding, Duncan Humphries, Andrew Burgess & Paul Rowland, with Andy Montriou filming, congrats guys!

Rob returned from Spain with a glowing smile, a new surfboard and his SS1. A huge well done, he really has put in the time and effort to reach his goal. Rob, maybe give the DVD a bit of a break now, we've all seen it about 40 times! In August we had our first DZ wedding, congratulations Mr and Mrs Honeybun, we wish you all the best.

I was very impressed by the effort everyone made for our Medieval Summer Ball, the costumes were fantastic! The medieval banquet of course ended with a food fight! An inflatable jousting set-up was lit up by the fire pit, along with a fantastic acoustic set that played until 2.30am. Dunkeswell's first Summer Ball rocked!

The Wolf



Carl Partington's 300th by Oily Denham



Andy Montriou & AFF graduate Lee Russell, by Oily Denham

Achievements

- First Freefall**
- Sam Sturtivant
- AFF Graduate**
- Lee Russell
- Jamie Dunbar
- Cat 8**
- Greg Kett
- CH2**
- Malcolm Cowton
- Wesley Guest
- JM1**
- Andy Flint
- Wesley Guest
- Malcolm Cowton
- FS1**
- Vince Upham
- CF1**
- Caroline Dent
- Martin Gardiner
- SS1**
- Rob Bradley
- Jump Numbers**
- 50**
- Rob Purdie
- Wesley Guest
- Rob Fone
- 100**
- Malcolm Cowton
- Dave Honeybun
- 200**
- Rob Bradley
- Andrew Duncan
- 300**
- Simon Wilson
- Carl Partington
- 400**
- Leah Frost
- 4000**
- Gavin Horrell
- 1 Hr Freefall**
- Andy Flint
- 60 Hrs Freefall**
- Andy Montriou
- Jason Farrant



Ceri, Leanne, Em & Emma

Tilstock



Sian Stokes

James Muvco is moving to Denmark – I know it's odd but that's James all over! His logbook is the funniest thing I have ever read. We'll miss you! Martyn Lloyd, also leaving, would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for the best 3 years of his life – cheers mate.



Martyn Lloyd

Congratulations to Simon & Pam on the birth of Ruby May Davenport, on 17 July, a very healthy 7lbs 10oz and the cutest thing you've ever seen. Dav seems to have parenthood down to a fine art – whenever a nappy needs changing he's under a parachute!

Loads of students made their first jumps – loving it! Many female skydivers started over the last year and girly-ways are the new big thing at Tilly – come on guys! New maniferster Sian has done really well keeping us airborne and making her first freefall – welcome to skydiving. Jules, Ron and Mike reached jump number

milestones and **didn't** get a dunking – we won't forget!

Several of us went to the last ever Karlovy Vary boogie, with super weather, great plane and top people (thanks Pete). And finally Ron... 'We're all Doomed!'

Paul Morrison



Mike Allsopp

Achievements

- First Freefall**
- Sian Stokes
- Cat 8**
- Hannah Rossall
- FS1**
- Julie Skilling
- Jump Numbers**
- 50**
- Phil Jenks
- 100**
- Tony Allen
- 200**
- Juliana Bergel
- 300**
- Mike Allsopp
- 500**
- Dave Gordon
- 1400**
- Dave Schofield
- 1 Hr Freefall**
- Julie Skilling

Headcorn



Russ Caesar captures Headcorn's fashion sense!

The summer just got better and better, everyone making the most of the Let before it leaves in October. The good news is that we have a Caravan which will be based full time at HPC. Hurrah! It's currently having some mods for parachuting and will take over when the Let has gone.

Rohan Beal lived the dream for a few months, flying the Islander and getting plenty of jumps in, but has moved on to other things. Good luck to him and to Mick and Gina, who've left Headcorn to live in Mick's native Australia. Also to Russ Caesar and his new wife who've gone to the States, and to Chris Carroll, who's moved up north to be with Rachel, he'll be conspicuous by his cheery absence. We will miss them all.

The Headchicks finally got to jump, with a Headcorn record girlie 11-way. Thanks to Tunksy for his coaching and patience, and well done everyone. Congrats to Chris Guntrip & Fiona, now married, and to James & Roz who are engaged.

Wiggy brought home gold from the skysurf nationals at Hib, and Pete overall gold from the Brit classics at RAPA. Nice one guys – we'll need a new trophy cabinet soon! 16 water babes tried to land on Willy the Whale at our annual water jump, plenty of grinning faces all round. Keep 8 December free – it's our Christmas do at the golf club.

Ruth Cooper



Chris Lynch by Nigel Rowlan

LAC Meet

Eleven teams competed over four rounds in our annual launch and accuracy meet. The tuffet was buried in the pit to be kinder to the swoopers. Peter drew the launches from second points of blocks – apart from one we think he invented – and few teams could fly!

Judge Ruth and her team made the most of the electronic scoring system, bizarrely in Russian – until Pete turned the box up the right way! Pete, Jane & Garry Willard all scored discs – good to see so many in a club competition. Jane Buckle was consistently on the pad and took gold in accuracy, helping *Why Us?* to the LAC trophy, beating the other staff team *Easy Spider* into silver on the tie-break rule. The tie-break also separated the intermediate teams, giving *Lacka Lacka* the cup.

Final thought: if Maidstone suffered an earthquake that weekend, we know Dennis was responsible!

Pete Sizer



LAC winners *Why Us?* By Nigel Rowlan

Splash down, by Clare Winter



Achievements
AFF Graduate
 Alex Hopkins
First Freefall
 Andy Jordan
Cat 8
 Fleur Jones
 Nicola Triscott
 Andrew Gill
CH2, JM1
 Nick Tapsell
 Graeme Gentry
 Mary Barrett
FS1
 Chris Townsend
FS1, 50 Jumps
 Phil Williams
 Kim Read
 Red McManus
 Lucy Smith-Wildey

FS1, 100 Jumps
 Gill Finch
 Garry Batt
 Graeme Gentry
 Mary Barrett
CP1, 700 Jumps
 Big Tony
Jump Numbers
50
 Alan Smith-Wildey
200
 Bill Best
 Dave Holliday
300
 Laura Brothers
400
 Paul Winsor
500
 Mick Walters

700
 Del Hopkins
 John Walters
1000
 Paul Digby
1 Hour Freefall
 Paul Newton
 Garry Batt
 Graeme Gentry
60 Hours
Freefall
 Clem Quinn



Porter 523 & Nick Davison, self portrait

Skydive Brid has been busy since Porter 523 took to the skies! Contrary to popular belief (Rumours in this sport? No way!), the Porter is here to stay and we're looking for a second one!

Ollie Thornton redeemed himself after a less than pathetic attempt at strut-hanging that resulted in a tumbling cartwheel making him look like he was actually falling! A few visits to the gym and hey presto, he was throwin' a hang loose with a grin! Other students that have showed great tenacity are Clare 'Dori' Atley (keep on swimming), Ryan 'Do The Dance Ricky' Brown, Steve 'The Silver Ninja' Perkins, Sara 'Flare' Fletcher, Derek Double (Take), Dave 'You've Bin' Dunn.

We've had a spell of non skydiving injuries. (Nobody mention the 30ft sea wall or you're grounded.) Alec 'Duz' Flint broke his

metatarsal riding a mini moto during a weather hold, Baz 'The Weiner' Copeland snapped an Achilles tendon jumping out of his truck cab and Janet 'Baby Giraffe' Mackintosh broke her ankle whilst a little confused wearing stilettos (Or was that Del 'The Squirrel Scarer' Hand?). Our thoughts are with Darren McGing after an incident that would have killed a lesser man! Get off your back you lazy git!

Welcome back old sweats Joey Willoughby, Cliff Beal, Brendon Ireland, Martin Jones and Luke Vickers. A party BBQ went down a storm! Huge appreciation to the Silver Ninja and his accomplices for serving up top scoff for over 100 people! Craig with his Argos harem tent caused more than one raised eyebrow (Is it still stalking if they tell you that they're stalking you?).

Ray Armstrong



Sunset CF by Asbonaut Fletch

Bridlington

Achievements

AFF Graduates

Baz Copeland
Tim Goode
Kev Hambleton
Dave Dunn

First Freefall

Derek Double
Mel Gannon
Tim Morris
Claire Atley
Daniel Tolley
Duncan Stang
Steve Fenby
Patrick Dockerty
Marc Gable
Darren Bacon
Lee Etheridge
Sarah Fletcher
Paula Dowse

JM1

Steve Perkins
George Bootland
Ollie Thornton
Ryan Brown

CH2, 1 Hr Freefall

Tim Morley

Jump Numbers

200

Kenny Guest
Janet Mackintosh

300

Paul Fowler

500

Del Hand

600

Alec Flint
Mick Dawn

2000

Dave Walker

Jersey

It's been very busy on the rock! Looks like our weather luck has finally turned with pretty much everyone getting in a few loads, including Tim who's had a layoff and even me finally christening my rig after nearly 2 years!! Liam did his first beach jump; Decky & Stu did some Jersey-style freeflying plus some new faces arrived - who will forget Amir!? We have a new Airvan pilot, Chris Winch. Pete is sadly housebound with a broken arm from his first jump in Karlovy Vary - get well soon! What was the deal with all that foam at Pete Marsden's birthday party? Just don't get any on Flipper's hair!

August saw a few trips to France; Vannes for a long weekend and Royan for the Summer Beach Boogie. Some rather wet days led to an exploration of the local wine region and the flying of toy parachutes from the back of Trudy but the weather cleared for the arrival of the CASA 300! Nine minutes to altitude and 150mph run-ins, woo hoo! We saw some very interesting exits, what were you doing down there Al? Well done Flipper for getting up in the skies again. A top fun week.

Simon Griffiths

Achievements

300 Jumps

Stuart Cruickshank

Paragon



Billy, Walter & friends over Errol

Skydiving in wellies is definitely not cool! However, with the state of the DZ recently, it's the only sensible alternative to having a boot full of dry trainers! Woe betide anyone who can't manage a stand-up landing! There have been some spectacular arrivals more akin to waterskiing than skydiving. Anyway, shouldn't complain, it'll be frozen solid in a couple of months. Excuse the cynicism: skydiving in Scotland gets you like that after a while.

Congratulations to Abe who has got his B licence and has ditched the obligatory life

jacket. Mind you, if the field gets any wetter he'll need to put it back on again!

We're all ready for our annual pilgrimage to Empuria. We'll be back by the time this is in print. Depressing eh? There were 14 at the last count so a good time is assured. Unfortunately Chik can't go cos he's got himself a flower delivery round on a Saturday night. Never mind mate, we'll bring some baccy back for you. Right, that's all, I'm off to buy sunscreen!

Bob Henderson



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Cark



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Achievements

First Freefall

Mark Atherton
David Jacobs
AFF Graduate
Adam Bellaby
Alison Bellaby
Fraser Dootson

Cat 8

Steve Freakes
Neil Carrick
Michael Austin

CH1

Vicky Sutton
Harry Hardy
Steve Freakes
Alison Bellaby
Adam Bellaby

CH2

Vicky Sutton

FS1

Gary Hall
Vicky Sutton
Nigel Pay

Jump Numbers

50

Vicky Sutton

100

Gary Hall

1800

John Howard

2000

Peter Hughes

The BCPA nationals posse descended to Cark, only for the rain and wind to prevail. Chairman Marc Fletcher had tricks up his sleeves with sumo wrestling suits and two enormous bouncy castles – just add washing up liquid – hey presto! A giant bubble bath! Late Saturday, we scraped in one full round before we ran out of light and the party was on. The disco finished around 6.30am with a few revellers partaking in naked runway sprints!

North West Skyfest was very well attended, it was great to see so many new visitors. Monday saw the coveted Funny Girls [popular drag artists] complete their fifth year of sponsored tandems. A 12-way hybrid Cark record was held for a few seconds. Keep trying guys, the big 16 is just around the corner.

Even more improvements have been made to the recreation room with the help of Neil McLaren. With speakers, smoke machine and

lasers, it's Saturday Night Fever every weekend, all we're missing is the glitter ball. (Any offers?)

On the only cloudy day we organised an accuracy competition. Exiting at cloud base, which for some was a little exciting judging by smells in the plane, the tuffet awaited the onslaught of stomping. Alas with only a scattering of touches the pad stayed unviolated. Round two saw the same scatterings of canopies with Harry Hardy beating our resident lady champ Katie. We've now set up a two monthly competition with jump tickets for the winners. See Stuart at manifest if you want to be added to the accuracy ladder.

Ending the week with a fancy dress theme of 'mythical creatures', some wanted to come as a rich sober CCI! Jan & Pete won (Wicked Witch & Dorothy), thanks to all who made the effort, including our judges.

Our Christmas party is on 1 December at Storrs Hall next to Lake Windermere. Ring Kay or drop into the office. You never know, you could be up for an award! (Alison Bellaby please ensure you go.)

Stu Morris



Mythical creatures party

Swindon



Which way up? Photo by Jez Cooper

We've been opening on Friday afternoons with great success, Brucie now has three hangovers a week rather than two! Our students are progressing quickly – Ann (without an e), Richard Crook and Nikki Reid have all got their A licences, Ann is our first RAPS student to go the distance so a special well done.

We had the best party I ever remember at a DZ when Claire Potgeiter decided to head back to South Africa to train as a pilot and Geoff 'PWT' Kent gained his 2,000th flying hour. Special thanks go to Ryan and his guitar, Caroline for the food and Brucie for jumping around naked (for a change). Geordie managed some karaoke which is now on youtube, while E2 woke the local farmer at 4am (gaining her trampolining grade 1). Mark Benson didn't turn up, he's changed since he met his new girlfriend.

Claire will be missed but, don't worry, we'll look after Pieter! A very special mention to Rob Zealley for showing

Claire how to fly in his wonderful Thruster. Shame the landing ended with them both upside down and the Thruster written off!

Brucie is now a tandem instructor after I agreed to be his dummy and packer. As you can see from the photo he still gets a little confused! Howard White has gained his packing certificate, all we need now is to get him to jump!

Congratulations to Andy and his lovely girlfriend Liz who tied the knot, sorry, attached ball and chain, in Bournemouth. We wish them well in their future together.

Dylan Griffiths-Jones

Achievements

Cat 8, CH1

Richard Crook
Ann Lewis
Nikki Reid
JM1, CH2, FS1
Elly Kirby
Kim Bishopp

FS1

Kim Bishopp
50 Jumps
Claire Potgeiter
Pieter Potgeiter
Kim Bishopp
Elly Kirby

Liz & Andy's wedding



Photo by Howard White

St. Andrews



Achievements
200 Jumps
Martin Cressey

Photo by Dave Gillan

I apologise to anyone who lives within 50 miles of St Andrews for the appalling singing at our karaoke night! The wails of 30 merry skydivers must have been quite an audible treat! Unfortunately, a great night was had by all and we'll be having more in future!

We've been very successful at dodging the bad weather and have got plenty of good jumps in, with some excellent student progression. All thanks to our great pilots getting up in the gaps in the cloud quickly, a special mention to John Brompton! (He asked for one!)

Well done to Scotty Milne, who has over 3,000 AFF jumps. We're looking forward to our university students returning with the usual string of mad social events. See our calendar, kingmuirskydivers.co.uk for the Halloween party (Sat 27 October), fireworks night (Sat 3 November) and Christmas party (Sat 15 December).

Graeme Mackay

RAPA

July was always going to be busy at Lippspringe, holding the British Army Germany/RAPA Championships and also the British classic and canopy piloting nationals for the first time. The newly designed swoop pond looked awesome, all 85 metres of it. It proved to be a very successful competition, with only 1 or 2 getting wet. The meet ran smoothly with the assistance of the national judges, a big thank you, especially to Kate Charters for her direction and expertise. Over the 8 days of the competition we made over 1,700 descents. The fancy dress party was an excellent time to watch the footage while drinking plenty of

German beer. We thank Henry Wiggers for the use of the CP scoring system.

Congratulations Steve Cox, selected for the British senior accuracy team and competing at the European Championships in Croatia in September; also to Paul Moore and Dave Openshaw for qualifying as BPA judges in accuracy & canopy piloting; and finally to Wrighty for winning the novice accuracy at Netheravon.

A big welcome to Dave Newton who is taking over Big Hutch's role. All the staff at JSPC (L) would like to say a huge farewell to Guy 'Get Out of My Pond' Hutchins who has done his time here, and also served 22 years in the Royal Air Force. Good luck Hutch.

Ian Lyons

RAPA Championships Results

Accuracy	Bronze	Silver	Gold
BFG Novice	Paul Wright RE	Tom Owen	Alex Mining PWRR
BFG Intermediate	Paul Farthing RN	Gareth Toner REME	Jamie Gouldstone
BFG Senior	Nick Brownhill	Steve Cox RA	Deane Smith RE
BFG Best Novice Team	1 Log Support Regt RLC	JSPC(L) Juniors	Royal Signals
BFG Senior Team	RE Para Team	JSPC(L) Seniors	Jail Break
Open Best Novice	Paul Wright RE	Tom Owen	Alex Mining PWRR
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Senior Style	Deane Smith RE	Spence Hogg REME	Alastair Macartney RLC
Intermediate Classics Champion			Jamie Gouldstone
Senior Classics Champion	Spence Hogg REME	Deane Smith RE	Alastair Macartney RLC
Best BA(G) Student 2007			Mitra Souroush RAMC
BFG Canopy Piloting			
Speed	John Bishop	Achim Bledau	Olly Junger
Distance	John Bishop	Achim Bledau	Olly Junger
Zone Accuracy	Nina Engel	Achim Bledau	John Bishop
Overall	John Bishop	Olly Junger	Achim Bledau
RAPA / BFG Canopy Piloting	Spence Hogg REME	Dave Danskin PWRR	Stuart Storey RSigs
BFG 4-way FS			
Rookie		Royal Signals	Skydive Navy
A			RLC Germany
AA		Netheravon Blue	JSPC(W)
AAA			Netheravon Red
Open 4-way FS			
Rookie		Royal Signals	Skydive Navy
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AAA			Netheravon Red
8-way Speed			
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National Club Accuracy Champions			RLC (Germany)
			RAPA



CF exit, by Blair Stent

Hib

Brian Vacher ran one of his extremely informative canopy courses, over subscribed as usual!

Everyone felt they improved their skills. Many can now be seen performing various exercises under canopy and buying extra alts and audibles!

Our 4-way FS Grand Prix was very well attended with 25 teams, showing a very high standard of flying by all, despite many weather holds. Cametrix was trialled and was well received by judges and teams.

We hosted a BPA FS roadshow, with Caroline Hughes, Billy Payn, Chris Hollis and the Elan girls providing top quality coaching. A newer discipline to Hib was our first CF Grand Prix. We had over 10 teams for the various CF events. Speed, rotations & sequential were all a mystery but are now well explained by the senior citizens of the CF scene! The BPA FF

roadshow ran alongside this with Jim, Andy & Mike from *Outbreak* providing world class coaching. This was good practice for our FF & 8-way FS Grand Prix. We had the whole meet completed by Saturday night, to the delight of the bar hogs!

The following week was madly busy as fifteen 4-way teams started their final training before the nationals; *Elan*, *Boogie Pimps*, *Aardvark Zulu* & *Wingnutz* in particular banging the jumps out. We heard the wonderful news that one of our sponsored teams, *Outbreak*, achieved silver in the World Cup at Stupino, a magnificent achievement!

The RAF CF team, *Falling Rocks*, undertook a full training camp with Steve Saunders, Gordon Mission, Ian Marshall & Pat Hammond providing top quality coaching. Most of the team had never attempted CF before! The progression curve was steep! Well done to the new CF1s, especially Tony Antoniou who has only just passed the 100 jump mark.

RAPA Club Accuracy Champs



Best student: Mitra Souroush



Hutch, missing you already! Photo by Smudge



Hutch's farewell jump, photo by Smudge Smith

H has returned, slightly less mobile than before but still his usual smiley self! Good to see you back mate, the nurses miss you! There was something else – what was it? Oh yes, we hosted the 4-way, 8-way, artistic & speed nationals but that's another story... (see pages 18-31).

Mike Coltart



Stormy Ardvark show off Hib's thongs by Blair Stent

Achievements

CH2

Leanne James

CF1

Tony Antoniou
Hendo Henderson
Neill Tunstead

Jump Numbers

100

Charlotte Fletcher
Rowena Owen
Tony Antoniou

200

Laura Battarbee

300

Liz Purcell

500

Paul Channin
Mark Owen
Ane Brentford

600

Rob Gray
Jellybean Burns
Catherine Harrison
Geetha Narayanan
Jason Kierman
Jo Gibbs

1000

Laura McLelland

Rob Frost
Andy Wesley

1200

Blair Stent

1500

Simon Cathrine
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Derrick Kent

3000

Luci Boella
1 Hour Freefall
Charlotte Fletcher

CF roadshow, by Blair Stent



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Achievements

FS1

Michael Brodbin
Ian Gooderham

Jump Numbers

50

Emma Dickenson
100

Philip Tzourou
Ian Gooderham

200

Pip Hollingworth
300

Mark Beardsley
800

Clare Murphy
1000

12 Hours Freefall

Clive Thomas

Hinton

Is summer finally here? It feels like it after some brilliant weekends. Wall to wall blue skies over a bank holiday, the weather gods were certainly smiling on us.

Congratulations to Adam Searle & Victoria Sibson on their engagement. Vicky had wanted to do a tandem for some time; when she finally did, Adam popped the question when she landed!



Vicky says YES to Adam, photo by Mark Skarratts

We've said goodbye to our lovely lady pilot Catherine Glenister who has gone to pastures new to fly business jets. The boys all got very excited when they heard about the uniform! Good luck Catherine, thanks for all your safe flying, we will miss you! Stepping into Catherine's cockpit we welcome Michael, who's fitting in well with an early initiation into the 'secret pie club'!

Mickey 'Grandad' Matthews has hung up his camera helmet. Thanks for all your hard work Mickey, now you can enjoy your weekends off! The mantle has been taken up by Gary 'Wingnut' Aldwinkle, Paul 'Big Nose' Ledders and Steve 'Shaky' Baldwin. Their early efforts were a great source of amusement! Don't give up boys, you'll soon get the hang of it!



Mike, Clare & Geoff, photo by Andy Fryer

Congratulations to Clare Murphy, now the fastest woman in the world! Despite sponsorship from Hinton Skydiving, being given a super-duper pair of speed trousers, she achieved the world record jump wearing her favourite spangly jeans! There was not much spangle left after going at that speed! Well done Clare, we're all proud!

Well done to Rich Orf, Jules Woodrow and Clare Tuckett for their successes at the British

nationals. Caroline White organised a superb weekend in Cornwall to celebrate her and Julie Woodrow's birthdays. Thanks to the guys at CPC for a great weekend. It was good to meet up with old friends and make new ones. Next time it's your turn to make the six hour drive up here!

The lounge now has a full sized pool table and 42" flat screen TV. These, along with a new bar in progress will keep skydivers amused when those early nights start to draw in.

Sandi Keith

Sibson

Sibson held its first 'Beat the clock' weekend and welcomed many new members, eager to jump for as little as £8 to 15,000 feet. Look out for more of these special weekends!

Congratulations Jude & Macca, married in June and also to Andy & Lesley on their beautiful baby boy Drew, who equalled the record of the youngest person on the dropzone at 3 days old!

Sibson held a mini bank holiday boogie. The weather was beautiful and everyone became well and truly jumped out! Sarah escaped from filming to organise some loads including tracking, atmonauti and the first ever wingsuit rodeo smoke tracking dive! Leah Frost jumped onto Steve Such's back to weight the wingsuit down, with Sarah as rabbit underneath and everyone else followed! No smoky orange faces this time! Leah did two birdman rodeos then had a go at wingsuiting herself and did a pretty good job.

Drew Pennell did a fantastic job on his FS1 jump, turning 10 points! Biggest jump hog was Andy Pye, who did an incredible 22 jumps! Richard Luxton was enjoying his

canopy rides, flying Grant's Katana. The funniest moment was when Rhino joked that they would return to see Grant's reserve hung up in the packing shed. As it happened he was right when Grant arrived he couldn't believe his luck!

Sibson welcomes some new tandem instructors, Chris, Ricky and Buzz (congrats on your 100th tandem jump) and refueller/helper Andy Pye. Special thanks to Phil Knowles and Andy Lapsley who are doing a sterling job filming and on dropzone control, allowing Stuart to get back in the air after his wrist op. Planning for the new clubhouse has finally been granted!

Sarah Hall

Achievements

FF1 Pip Hollingworth

FF2 Dave Geffin

FS1 Drew Pennell

CH2, JM1 Chris Everett

Jump Numbers

50 Chanda Webb

300 Gavin Harris

Jonathan Phillips

400 Dave Geffin

Ed Ashby



Emily jumps on the wingsuit rodeo trend with Steve, by Chris Hines



David & Liam by Matt Everett

Tigers

It's been a fantastic season for the Tigers, getting through over 20 successful displays, including the Jersey and Eastbourne water jumps. Chris Smith and Ed Provost-Lines are having the time of their lives on their first season, loving every minute! Ed is proving himself more than worthy of his CF1, after landing a 2-stack into the Jersey water jump, so Ed said? The team were fortunate to jump into Jersey, a first for a few. As the season comes to an end the guys can't wait for the next one!

Chris Smith



Phil Brooke by Pete Brown



Steve Pope finally gets in the air



Youngest student Jack Wood

BCPA

BCPA Nationals 11-15 July

Arriving late Tuesday night I thought all would be quiet but the new 3,800 Watt BCPA sound system was making its debut! The night disappeared far too quickly and, spotting the sunrise through the windows, the final partiers hastily retreated to bed. I was shocked to wake to glorious sunshine and blue skies, in total contradiction to the Met. Competitions began but come lunchtime the pitiful rain brought a quick end to the first day of many. With over 70 people registered by the evening we were well on our way to covering the extraordinarily large costs of organising such an event. With loads of free food, beer and music supplied courtesy of the BCPA it didn't take long for the clothes to come off and the craziness to begin.

Not much happened on Thursday except that people starting drinking more, earlier. Friday morning saw the bouncy castles and human fly wall arrive, along with large amounts of rain, turning several tents into personal

swimming pools. None of this could diminish the BCPA spirit! Competitions involving copious amounts of fairly liquid, wet t-shirts and suicide trampolining led to riotous evening entertainment organised by Del and Elvis.

The league should have closed on Saturday but, with the chance of the weather breaking, adding some last minute tension and threats of mutiny we decided to extend it to Sunday. Beginning to regret that very decision as 6pm came, we started to chill the beer and get food on the BBQ. Unfortunately(!) just as the coals had settled the weather turned and out came blue skies!

All the teams who'd sat around all week finally had an opportunity to show us what they'd been training for. Later the ravenous students broke ranks and rioted for food but were kept under control with suitable road signs, thanks to a cunning treasure hunt organised by Roy and Nicky. With free beer flowing everyone adorned the best caveman fancy dress I've ever seen. Most of that night is again a hazy blur but I'm pretty sure I had a good time because someone announced a sunrise streak down the airfield runway which I am glad to say I happily participated in.



Shortest person, pilot Steve Clarke



It was a bit of a mad rush and a struggle on Sunday to get everything organised and the last minute results into the league. After prizegiving we started the infamous BCPA raffle with prizes of tunnel time, altimeters, jumpsuits, wingsuits, canopy coaching courses, tunnel coaching from world champions, rigs, helmets and much, much more. Special congratulations to Ally '****king' Milne who was for the second time running the recipient of the Duncan Longhorn Memorial Award for outstanding dedication to the BCPA, the first person in 20 years to receive this twice. The final top three league and individual positions were as follows:



Sophie gets soapy!



6.30am survivors, photo by Ed Landamore

Cornish



Club jumpers are enjoying the good weather with Ross Houlston completing his 200th jump at Land's End DZ, with an exciting CF jump with Paul Yeoman. Jan Thomas, one of the club's first AFF students has just completed her 100th jump, over her house and local beach.

We welcomed old friends and new visitors who were captivated by fantastic views, fresh sea air and good old Cornish pasties. We were however, taken a little bit by surprise with *Team Dildo* from up north and their team 'mascots'. A big thanks to Caroline for all her help over the charity tandem week.

The more experienced club members who make up the CPC display team supported the local RNLI day, with a spectacular demo on to the beach at Trevaunance Cove, St Agnes. Special mention to an adopted son who has managed to avoid his tandem skydive for over 15 years, with thousands of different excuses. Steve Pope has at long last completed his first skydive with Dave, Ben (camera) & Shane.

Cornish PC is always keen to encourage newbies but young Jack Wood is about 14 years too early! Jack may be the smallest but Steve Clarke the chief pilot is possibly the shortest!

Chris Wood



Jan Thomas skydives over her house



Paul Yeoman, photo by Ross Houlston

Cornish photos by Ben Wood

Achievements

- 100 Jumps Jan Thomas
- 200 Jumps Ross Houlston
- 7,100 Jumps Dave Wood

University	Total
1 Loughborough	1654
2 Leeds	1297
3 Warwick	1034

Individual	Total	University
1 Chris Cook	235	Loughborough
2 Stephen Smith	202	Loughborough
3 Sam Bemment	155	Loughborough

Finally we held the AGM, electing the new committee:

Treasurer & Media	Kath Rybinski
Sponsorship & League	Ed Morley
Chairman	Marc Fletcher

It was decided to break the league into two sections; competitions and achievements (see next year's rules).

I'd like to thank every single member of the BCPA that helped by making this one of the best years ever. The next can only get better! I look forward to seeing you all at BCPA Freshers in November (plus the unofficial BCPA event, BCPA Boogie Crash of course – see Facebook!).

Let BCPA 07-08 begin! Now, will you let BCPA down?

*Marc Fletcher
BCPA Chairman*

POPS

Our next POPS national meet is due at Dunkeswell, 13-14 October, the last official meet of the year. The next world POPS meet will be held at Toogoolawah, Australia, 25 April – 4 May 2008 and I am hopeful that we will have a fairly strong contingent to go out there and do battle. We'd like to arrange another sunshine fun competition in Spain, possibly March '08.

Dick Barton



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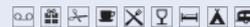


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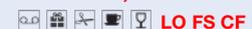
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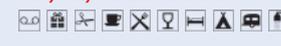
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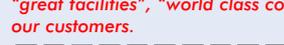
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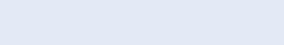
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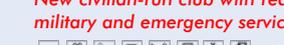
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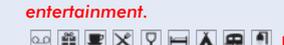
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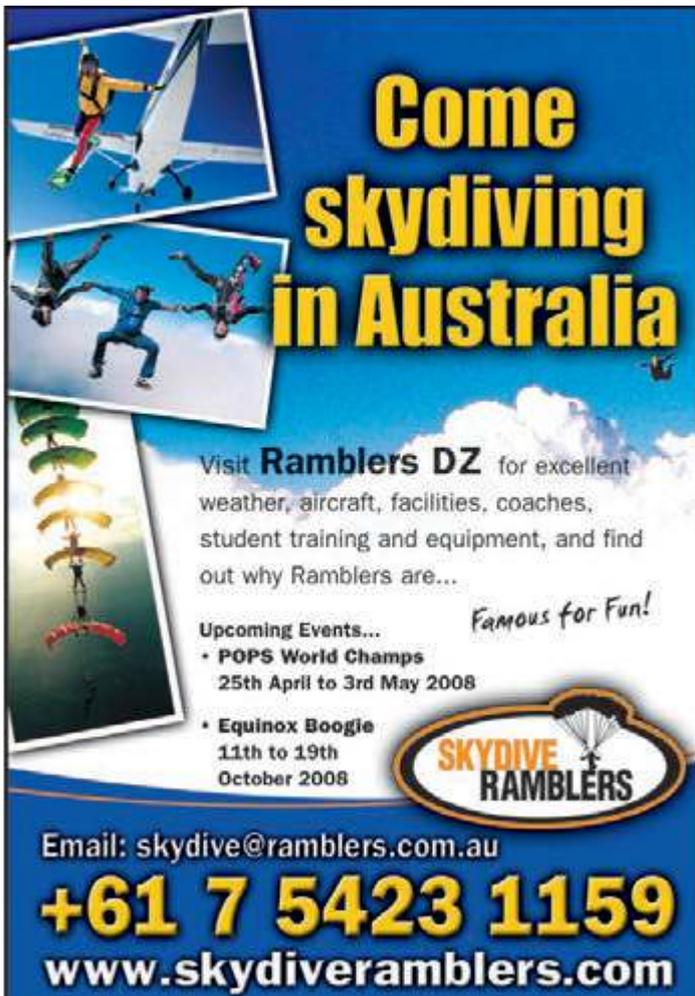
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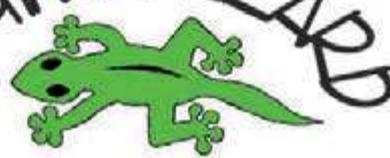
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- 2 bathrooms
- Kitchen living area
- Large roof top terrace with mountain & canal views
- TV, VCR/DVD & Stereo



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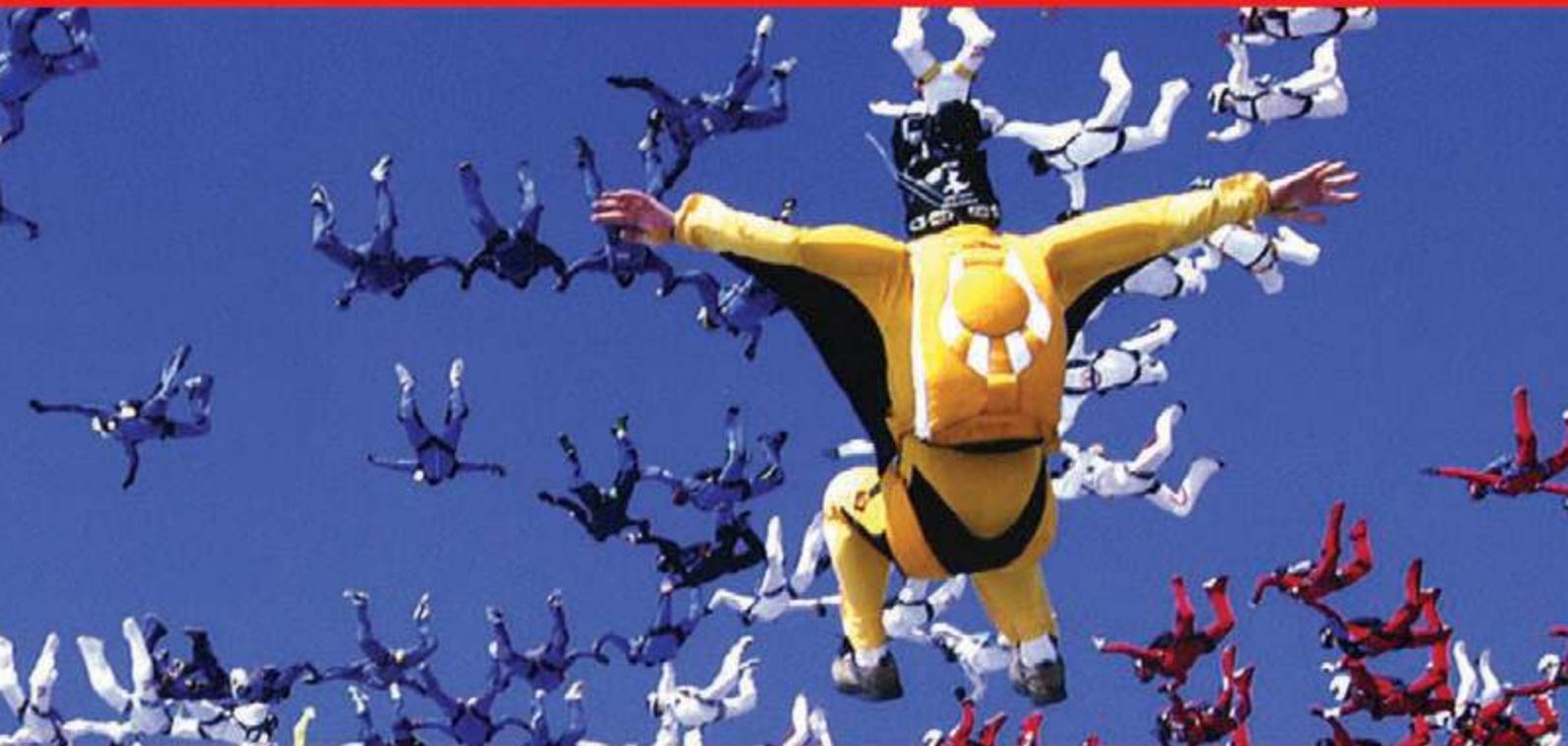
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