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*I'm delighted, nervous, excited and proud to be offering up my first Mag to you all. When I first started reading it ten years ago, I never dreamt I'd be sat here writing it today!*

*The way it's all put together is now a little different. Lesley was mostly a one-woman wonder and produced the whole of Skydive Mag with a great deal of involvement in every part of the process. In contrast, I'll be working in partnership with Archant Dialogue. They know magazine publishing and I know skydiving, but neither of us could make a magazine without the other. This also means that being Editor is not a full-time job for me, and in fact I'm doing this alongside my main job as a teacher!*

*With so many British successes this summer, this has been a great Mag to start on. There's been four World Championship medals, some incredible scores at Nationals, and new British records in almost all of the disciplines.*

*I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed putting it together!*

Liz Ashley

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Skydiving training and systems vary in different countries. If you are considering taking a skydiving course or qualification abroad, we recommend you first establish its relevance in the UK, through your CCI.

## SUPPORTED BY



**Cover photo** Alastair Macartney lands his canopy in a poppy field to support the Royal British Legion. By Graham Harrison



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*Picnic v Lapalisse Boogie in France, 8-15 August 2010, by Rob Franklin*

# WINNERS FLY AERODYNE

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Female 4W FS: bodyflight Bedford (United Kingdom)

CF rotation (France)

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Freefly: Aerodyne XP (USA)

Freestyle (USA)

CF sequential (France)



For the latest news, visit the News Zone at [skydivethemag.com](http://skydivethemag.com)



Team Gr4vity took gold in Single A

## ESL Finals 2010

British 4-way teams had great success at this year's European Skydiving League Finals, held in Texel, Netherlands on 10-12 September.

The later rounds went well for the British and the competition ended with *Gr4vity* taking gold in Single A, *High Altitude Heroes* taking silver in Rookie, and *Old Skool* taking bronze in AA. *Nimeton* also came a very respectable fifth place in Single A.

As well their individual categories, teams from a range of European countries battled for the infamous 'Spirit' sword, awarded to the country with the most points. The UK had clocked up 28

points and came second to hosts, The Netherlands, on 36; third-place Belgium trailed behind on 13. Although the Dutch won the Spirit sword, Britain had the last laugh as Mike, the Dutch organiser, collected the sword wearing a Team GB t-shirt!

Aidan of *Gr4vity* said: "Texel were fantastic hosts. It's a superb DZ – the views from altitude were stunning. We'll hopefully be back next year to try and get the Spirit back for the UK!"

A video of the event is now viewable on Youtube. Search for 'ESL dag'.

[euro-skyleague.com](http://euro-skyleague.com)



Freefall through the stunning Annemasse scenery

## French Alps jumps

Annemasse skydiving centre, situated between Lake Geneva and the Alps, is offering the last chance this year to make the jump of a lifetime at discount.

From April until November, Parachutisme 74 works from its DZ in Annemasse, jumping between Mont Blanc and Lemman Lake. Jumps from a helicopter, with landings on French Alps' snow are now available at discount before the DZ closes in November.

There is also discount on lodging (for a weekend or a full week) and other activities such as speed-riding, skiing, downhill sledging etc. Email [info@para74.com](mailto:info@para74.com) for more details.

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## Five new British records!

Five new British Records were set in August at the World Meet in Russia.

FS 4-way open: *Satori*, 47 points  
FS 4-way female: *Bodyflight*, 44 points  
CF 2-way sequential: *CFUK*, 12 points  
Freefly: *Volare*, 24 points  
VFS open: *Bad Lieutenants*, 20 points

Turn to page 28 for all the details from the World Meet 2010.

## Royal Aero Club bursaries

Application forms for the 2011 Royal Aero Club Trust's range of bursaries for young people are now available.

The Trust's scheme consists of bursaries ranging from £500 to £1,000. The grants are designed for young people wishing to advance from one recognised level of air sport to the next who want to upgrade their existing qualifications.

Any UK citizen aged between 16-21 years can apply and BPA members have been successful in the past. The closing date is 31 March, 2011.

[royalaeroclubtrust.org/bursaries](http://royalaeroclubtrust.org/bursaries)

## Thruxton reunion

Thruxton, a much-loved DZ that closed down nearly 20 years ago, is holding a reunion on Saturday 20 November 2010 at the Wykeham Club, Weyhill Road, Andover in Hampshire. There will be the chance to catch up with old friends and share memories. A bar, buffet and music will be provided.

[thruxton.nolon.co.uk](http://thruxton.nolon.co.uk)

## Need funding?



The Mars Refuel Drink Fund, which offers sports fanatics the chance to get their hands on funding, has opened again.

Applications for the £500 awards can be made online at [marsrefuel.com](http://marsrefuel.com). The fund offers support with anything from equipment costs, to improving training grounds and club houses.

Applications can be made until October 31, 2010.

[marsrefuel.com](http://marsrefuel.com)

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# BPA ZONE



## AGM 2011

### Hilton Coventry, 22 January 2011

#### Your invitation to take part

Rules & entry forms for the  
BPA FilmFest 2011 sponsored by Airkix  
Contestant application forms for  
BPA's Got Talent and Miss BPA 2011

[bpa.org.uk/member/agm](http://bpa.org.uk/member/agm)  
Closing date for all: Monday 8 November 2010

### AGM, presentations and seminars

The statutory AGM of BPA Ltd will be held at 10.30, with confirmation of the result of your election of Council 2011 (this will already have been posted on the BPA website the previous Tuesday). The presentation of medals and awards will follow. For the afternoon, we're working hard to put together a varied programme of seminars and meetings to offer something for everyone. If you would like to offer a 50-minute educational presentation (no sales talks, please), kindly contact the BPA office.

### BPA FilmFest 2011, sponsored by Airkix

The BPA FilmFest 2011, sponsored by Airkix, will be held in the early evening. Martin Soulsby, BPA Communications Chair and your FilmFest compère says: "It has been a great summer and I hope your films are coming along well. The BPA FilmFest 2011 is going to be one of the major events of AGM day, so not only will you be impressing your friends, we also have a great set of prizes from our sponsor Airkix." For the overall winner the prize is one hour of tunnel time and a trophy, while the four runners-up will each receive 15 minutes of tunnel time. There will also be a special prize - the Airkix GoPro Award, which is a GoPro HD Hero for best use of humour in a film. Download rules and an entry form from the BPA website.



BPA  
FilmFest 2011

### The stage, the spotlight, and you?

Next, it's over to you as we proudly present our talent contest: BPA's Got Talent.

Your host for the evening is Regan Tetlow. After this event, it will be time for our contestants to strut their stuff in the Miss BPA 2011 contest. They will be guys dressed up as gals, with a real-women judging panel, chaired by none other than BPA Judges' Co-ordinator, Kate Charters. As well as winning a



Do you have  
Talent?

McDonald's Happy Meal of his choice, Miss BPA will have the unparalleled honour of cutting the ribbon to open the disco's dance floor!



Miss BPA 2011

### Exhibition and sponsorship

There will be an exhibition of services, equipment and clothing etc. Up to 17 exhibition spaces in the groundfloor public areas are available for hire for a reasonable fee. These are being offered to regular exhibitors on a first-come, first-served basis. Any unsold spaces will be offered via the AGM page of the BPA website. AGM Day offers lots of sponsorship opportunities, from seminars to casino tables and prizes for the winners of our talent competition. Offers of business gifts and fun promotional items for the goody bag are also invited. Contact the BPA office. Promotional literature that isn't a 'goody' will be charged for. Size and weight limits apply.

### Attendance is free!

Attendance at everything on AGM Day will be free of charge to members and their guests. You will only pay for your food and drink, and overnight accommodation if required. A voucher will be available for cut-prices on a limited range of pints and house wine by the glass. The hotel will run a cash buffet at lunchtime. In the evening, there will be a party-food buffet, details to be announced. Book bed and breakfast at the Coventry Hilton online via the dedicated link on the BPA website, or call the hotel's reservations line on 02476 603000 quoting code ABRIT. For other options see [visitcoventry.co.uk](http://visitcoventry.co.uk).

For the latest on everything about AGM Day, visit [bpa.org.uk/member/agm](http://bpa.org.uk/member/agm)

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### GM

Notice is hereby given that a **General Meeting** of the Association will be held at

BPA Office,  
5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva,  
Leicester LE2 9TF  
on Tuesday 7 December 2010 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 2009 to 30 June 2010.
- 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 2011.

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### AGM

Notice is hereby given that the **Annual General Meeting** of the Association will be held at

The Hilton Coventry  
Paradise Way, Walsgrave Triangle,  
Coventry CV2 2ST  
on Saturday 22 January 2011 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\*, including proposed updated BPA Articles of Association (to be circulated in the December 2010 issue of *Skydive the Mag*).
- 3 To set subscriptions payable by non-provisional Members for the 12 months beginning 1 April 2011.
- 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 2011 Council of the BPA.
- b To present various annual awards.

*\*Note: Members are reminded that under Article 31 of the Articles of Association, only such business as is notified to the BPA in writing, at least 40 days prior to the date of the meeting (by midnight on Monday 13 December 2010) can be included under agenda item 2, Special Business.*

*A member entitled to attend and vote at the above meetings is entitled to appoint a proxy (who does not need to be a member) to attend and vote in their place. A form of proxy is available on request from the BPA Office.*

*Issued for and on behalf of the Council of the British Parachute Association Ltd, 1 October 2010*



Minutes of BPA meetings once ratified may be downloaded from the BPA website

## NEWS IN BRIEF



Lesley was presented with some of her greatest covers (pictured with John Horne, Vice Chair of Council)

### Lesley becomes Life Member

Former Editor of *The Mag*, Lesley Gale, was heartily thanked by the Council at its August meeting for all her sterling work. She was presented with a commemorative frame and the Council honoured Lesley by voting for her to become a Life Member of the BPA.

### Safety shortlist for Stuart

The Council was delighted to learn that the BPA reached the shortlisted six for 'Best Health & Safety Achievement in Retail & Leisure' in the 2010 Safety & Health Practitioner Awards. It is for the development by Stuart Morris (a chartered health & safety practitioner as well as co-owner and operator of Skydive North West at Cark) of the BPA Dropzone Operations Safety Management System. The winner will be revealed at a ceremony in London on 22 October. Good luck, Stuart!

### Skydiver of the Year 2010

Nominations from the membership are invited for the BPA Taz Casuar Skydiver of the Year Award 2010. This is for an experienced UK-based skydiver whose achievements during the calendar year are worthy of special recognition. Please email your nominations along with reasons (no more than 250 words) to [skydive@bpa.org.uk](mailto:skydive@bpa.org.uk) by **Thursday 25 November**. The Council will consider all nominations and decide on the winner at its December meeting. The trophy will be presented at the AGM.

### New ratings

#### Tandem BI

Kris Sheppard  
Alistair Allison  
Louis Saunders  
Martin H-Wakeman  
Gary Wainwright  
George Clack

#### CSBI

Sebastian Muntz  
Sean Johnson  
Tom Owen  
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#### AFF BI

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Gavin Rixon

#### CSI

Tony Strugnell  
Nick Chaperon  
Kim Mason  
Richard Molloy  
Russell Scott

#### Advanced packer

Robert Bellamy (S)  
Stephen Cooper (S)

## Stand up and be counted...

Skydivers are many things but shy is not usually one of them, so why are they so reticent when it comes to standing for Council or, indeed, voting for who should be on Council?

The election of Council is an important part of the BPA's transparent democratic process and, as Council is responsible for company policy and the disbursement of our assets, it is vital that we as members have a say in selecting who sits on that Council. Each full member of the Association (between five and six thousand people each year) is entitled to one vote. It is a unique, secret, non-transferrable ballot and it is your opportunity to shape the Association for the coming year.

The main reason given for not voting (apart from apathy) is that members don't know the people standing for Council. Each candidate has a short CV, which gives some background knowledge to the voter, but what many members fail to grasp is that it is quite acceptable to vote for only one or two candidates. It is therefore possible to select a person who jumps at your dropzone, someone you know or have the opportunity to talk to, persuade them to stand for Council if they haven't already, ensure they will represent your views, and then vote for them.

Sometimes Council is perceived as a group of remote, faceless mandarins, however each Council member discusses, votes on and approves important matters that affect each and every one of us in the jumping community. Meetings are usually lively affairs and open to all BPA members.

It is an opportunity missed when we do not have enough volunteers to fill the 15 seats on Council, it is even worse when the people who put themselves forward are not given a mandate by the full membership. So now is the time to start a campaign for those people that you wish to run your association in 2011 and 'Remember to vote!'

John Horne, Vice Chair of Council



All voting must be done on the ground... sorry

### How to stand for Council 2011

Could your knowledge and skills help our sport? Are you a new and innovative thinker? Could you aid the BPA in seizing new opportunities and help to resolve often complex issues? Then stand for election to next year's Council! Get your hands on a nomination form and start lobbying.

Details of the nomination procedure for BPA Council Members 2011 are available on the BPA website, from dropzones and on request from the BPA office. Completed nominations, each supported by a proposer and seconder, must reach the BPA office by noon on **Thursday 21 October 2010**.

## Competitions Committee

### Thanks for a great summer!

A huge congratulations from every BPA member to all the teams who competed in Russia at WPC. See the news page for all the new British records set. A hearty thanks to Hibaldstow for hosting this year's Nationals; it's getting better year on year. Big thanks to Strathallan for hosting a CF Roadshow during their open week special. A fantastic turnout and a superb outcome.

### Free coaching sessions

The Competitions Committee is now finalising some dates in order to bring a coaching programme online. It will allow any medal-winning teams (currently non-senior) to benefit from coaching sessions set up in conjunction with Loughborough Uni and top senior-team coaching members. This will be at no cost to those that take part so get ready to put your names forward whatever your discipline!

Congratulations to Stephanie Heron who won the BCPA raffle prize, which is a day's coaching by one of our top team coaches.

Steve Saunders, competitions chair

# FREE JAVELIN ODYSSEY!

2011 will be the 10th anniversary of the Javelin Odyssey and we need a logo to commemorate the year.

Sun Path Products Inc. is now accepting submissions to our 10th anniversary logo contest.

The designer of the winning logo will receive a free Javelin Odyssey harness container system including options.

For complete rules and logo requirements go to [www.sunpath.com](http://www.sunpath.com) or e-mail [contest@sunpath.com](mailto:contest@sunpath.com) for all the details.



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Baldrick signals the close of the 4-way Nationals with his 2,000sq ft Union Flag. by Holly Heathfield



The fabulous Hibaldstow staff kept this year's event running as smooth as always. 2010 Nationals rocked... cheers to everyone involved! Photo by John Williamson



# Nationals 2010

## The very best of British talent descended for a record-breaking National Championships

AAA team, Escondido, by Holly Heathfield



Valore, by Olly Burgin



Team Cougars showed off their style in the Freestyle B competition. Photo by Olly Burgin



Photo by Holly Heathfield



Shell Meakins, by Holly Heathfield



Rookie gold medalists, Ch4os, by Gary Wainwright



AA winners Unagi did not disappoint in a closely fought competition, by Adam Pencharz

# 4-way

As is now the tradition, most teams arrived at Hibaldstow DZ on Friday for some warm-up jumps, although with relentless wind and rain, warming up indoors was the only option for most teams. The biggest excitement on Friday was the live draw. Despite the driving winds and muddy creeper area, the majority of teams were dirt-diving in force after sunset.

With a record 57 teams competing, the Hib staff had a huge challenge on their hands to live up to the usual flawless running of the Nationals. With all teams on a standby by 7am, we all thought it would be a very long meet. But, a Hib-sized hole in the clouds appeared and the Nationals were in full swing by 9am on Saturday.

## AAA

In AAA, eyes were on *Satori* and *Bodyflight*, freshly returned from the World Championships. There, although competing in different categories, they had done the same draw and were just a point apart after round 9. However, *Satori* had suffered hard with busts so the rematch was always going to be interesting. High expectations were also on *SonicNutz* who had trained hard, and *Vision* who hadn't been seen in competition yet. *Satori* started out strong, building a six-point lead after just four rounds. *Vision* had a blistering start too, scoring 18 on round 1 behind *Satori's* 20. In the middle of the leaderboard, *Kaizen*, *Phobia* and *Escondido* had their own little tussle for supremacy, while high scores even at the bottom of the

pack showed that the standard of UK 4-way is consistently high. An all-random round 6, P-O-N-D-E, helped keep averages up.

Meanwhile back at the top, *Satori* edged further and further ahead. Going into round 10, the outcome was to be no great surprise, and they became British National Champions with an incredible 20.7 average. *Bodyflight* achieved a tremendous 18.8 despite only six months together as a team, and *SonicNutz* were delighted with their 16.5 average and bronze medal. The podium looked suspiciously similar to 2009! *Vision* followed close behind and *Kaizen* won the unofficial 'best of the rest' title.

## AA

This year was always going to be an exciting meet for the AA category, with the winning team eligible to attend next year's World Cup. The block-heavy AA draw meant the competition would be tight and test technique rather than random pace. *Unagi* had looked strong all year and didn't disappoint. *Sirius*, *Slot machines* and *Old Skool* had a very closely fought battle at the previous UKSL event and met once more for a repeat. *RAFSPA Firefly* and *Kinetic4* completed the small but perfectly formed AA class.

After three rounds, and with the AA competitors relaxing into the meet, it was clear that there were several tight battles emerging. *RAFSPA Firefly*, who hadn't

competed at any previous UKSL meets this year, were giving *Unagi* a run for their money. *Slot machines* and *Sirius* were level on points, competing for third and fourth place, while *Kinetic4* and *Old Skool* were within a point competing for fourth place.

The close trend continued throughout the meet and by the time it came to judging round 8 on Saturday, the AA competitors were all sat in a nervous line in the bar, waiting to find out if there would be jump-offs: *RAFSPA* vs. *Unagi* and *Slot Machines* vs. *Sirius*. In the end, *Unagi* held firm to claim a well-deserved victory, *RAFSPA Firefly* won the silver medal and *Sirius* pipped *Slot Machines* to bronze, taking the position with a one-point advantage. *Kinetic4* managed to claim fifth place from injury-stricken *Old Skool*, but again, by a single point.

## Single A

In Single A, Milko made his annual pilgrimage from Langar to the Nationals podium, with his team *Full Stop* taking a convincing first place, 19 points ahead of the rest of the field. The battle for the next three places was tight however, with *Eclipse*, *Tetris* and *Gr4vity* taking silver, bronze and fourth respectively, just a few points apart. These three have been fighting it out all year at the UKSL. A good turnout of 11 teams in Single A scoring highly even further down the scoreboard, proves that the future of British 4-way is looking healthy.



Bodyflight, by Alan Thompson



Single A gold medalists, Full Stop, by Gary Wainwright



Photo by Holly Heathfield

The great thing with the British Nationals is that once it gets started it just keeps on going, like a well-oiled machine

Katie Woods,  
National Champion, Satori

#### Rookie

The Rookie category was gigantic, with 25 teams and a wide range of expectations. The top teams were scoring more in one round than the bottom teams scored in total, yet spirits were high and attitudes were about making the very most of the atmosphere and experience that is unique to Nationals. Senior competitors spent hours on the creeper pad helping more junior teams. There aren't many sports where you can compete alongside international superstars then join them in the bar at the end of the day.

#### Prizegiving

Despite the best efforts of the worst of British weather, the competition still finished by Sunday afternoon, allowing for the bar to open and the prizegiving to take place in the sun with a cold drink in hand. This was the biggest British 4-way Nationals ever, and once again the second biggest in the world, second only to the USA who have just completed their 2010 Nationals with 59 FS teams to our 54. Bring on 2011!

Rich Rust and Liz Ashley

#### Overall results 4-way

AAA	Average
1. Satori	20.7
2. Bodyflight	18.8
3. SonicNutz	16.5

#### AA

1. Unagi	11.25
2. RAFSPA Firefly	10.75
3. Sirius	9.13

#### A

1. Full Stop	15.38
2. Eclipse	13
3. Tetris	12.5

#### Rookie

1. Ch4os	13.88
2. Raykipo	12.5
3. High Altitude Heroes	12.13

#### Nationals – the Rookie perspective

Round 7 put team Raykipo into second place, just two points ahead of High Altitude Heroes (HAH). As we gathered to watch the live judging, HAH appeared on the screen. They had an awesome round – 16 points! We needed 14 points just to draw and, with our blip, we feared they'd beaten us. We were up next. We held our breath while the score counted up and the time ticked away, until finally we leapt up screaming like raving lunatics! At the end of the 35 seconds we'd got 17 points – our best ever score!

Standing on the podium with our silver medals felt unbelievable. We'd come a long way since our first jump as a team in May. We are so grateful for all the help we have been given by some amazing skydivers – Milko, Sparky, the Bradley sisters, *Escondido*, everyone at our home DZ, Sibson.

Rookies at the Nationals is brilliant! As long as you have FS1, anyone can enter. You don't have to have any training or experience, just come along for a laugh. You could form a last-minute scratch team like *Vortex*, or you could have done all the earlier UKSL competitions throughout the season. Whatever you choose, it's definitely an amazing event – when else do you get some of the UK's top skydivers in one place, offering free help, advice and encouragement, and then get to party all night after an unbelievable weekend?

Team Raykipo



Every team on the Rookie podium had a lot to be proud of... there were great performances all round. By Holly Heathfield

The turnout was a British record with 57 teams competing (54 FS and three VFS). Once again Target Skysports demonstrated that it can consistently, and on a sustained basis, organise the best National Championships in Europe

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AAA gold medallists, Satori, by Rob Stevenson



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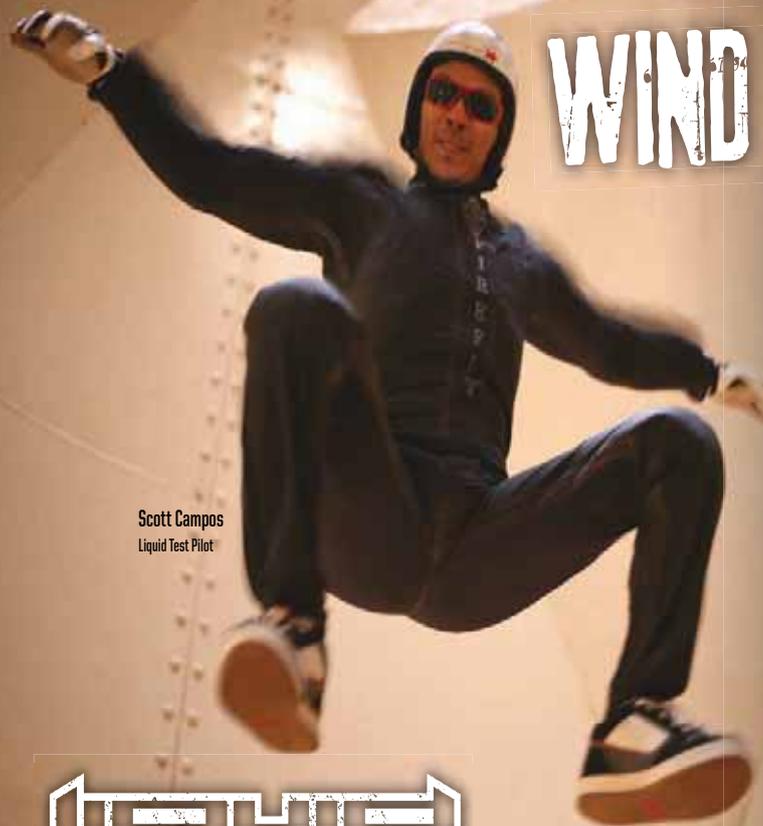
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Senior gold medallists, *Microclim8*, by Simon Nath



Senior bronze medallists, *Magnificent 7*. Photo by Jim Stevenson

## 8-way

The first time I experienced the 8-way Nationals was in 2006 when the participation consisted mainly of 4-way teams putting together scratch 8-ways for a laugh at the end of the 4-way Nationals. So I was happy to see seven teams in the Open category this year and three in the Intermediate.

*XStormin8* arrived at Hibaldstow for the competition raring to go and were delighted to complete in two days. We had a fantastic time during the event, displaying some moments of brilliance (and a few moments of darkness...!) battling our way up and down the scoreboard with *Last in the Bar* and *Magnificent 7*, eventually coming in fourth place in the Open. We think we did our coach, Marco Arrigo proud – and had a lot of fun.

*Blizzard* moved up into the Open category this year, and showed us all how to do the exit! The scratch team made up from ex-*Connexion* and ex-*Spank* team members, named *Microclim8* for this year's meet, streaked ahead in the Open category. Pooky won a gold in this event for the 12<sup>th</sup> year in a row, and a few of the other guys have definitely worn a dent in the podium over the years. The whole team gave some invaluable advice to the less experienced teams over the weekend (thank you guys!) and did some really impressive skydives, finishing with a 12.2 average.

*Brit Chicks* take Senior silver, by Jim Stevenson

The world-renowned *Brit Chicks* 8-way team, sporting their bright red jumpsuits, showed an amazing finish to take the silver medal.

All of the *Magnificent Seven* did an amazing job to pull in the bronze medal with very little training but a great performance. (I still don't know who was the non-magnificent member of the team!)

There was also a fight in the Intermediate category, with some moments of brilliance interspersing the sometimes slightly dodgy exits! *Discombobul8* won the gold, *Micro Prim8* the silver and *Reprob8* the bronze.

Thank you Skydive Hibaldstow, see you next year!

### Overall results 8-way

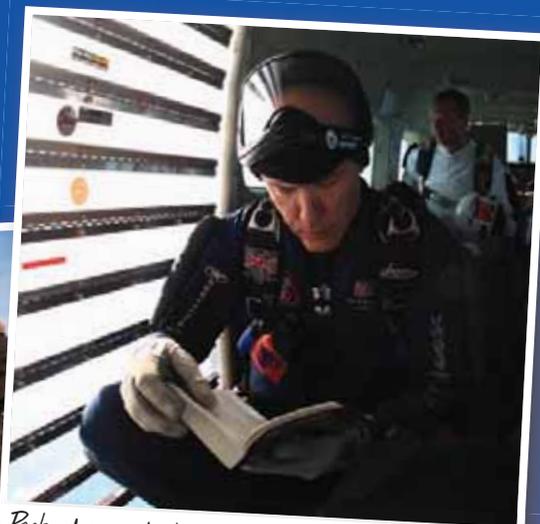
Senior	Total (10 rounds)
1. Microclim8	122
2. Brit Chicks	89
3. Magnificent 7	71
4. Xstormin8	65
5. Last In The Bar	63
6. Last Minute Dot Hib	53
7. Blizzard	34

Intermediate	Total (8 rounds)
1. Discombobul8	36
2. Micro Prim8	25
3. Reprob8	23

Sarah Cannon  
*XStormin8*

The *Brit Chicks* (and *Stikkos!*) celebrate silver



Pooky demonstrates the key to winning 12 consecutive gold medals at Nationals is relaxing with a good book. Photo by Gary Wainwright



Intermediate gold medallists, *Discombobul8*. Photo by John Williamson





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# VFS

The 2010 4-way VFS nationals saw three teams enter; the *Bad Lieutenants*, *Kix VFS* and the *Bad Council Tenants*. The three teams represented an established VFS team, a team of wind-tunnel rats and a scratch team made up of local freeflyers.

For the last few years, much has been expected from the new discipline of VFS. The high skill-level barrier to entry has made the event difficult to enter, which is reflected by the number of teams competing worldwide, so it was great to see a scratch group get together and give it a shot. Nice one guys!

The eight-round competition draw saw no especially fast rounds and a few technical ones. The opening rounds resulted in some excellent jumps from the tunnel team, *Kix VFS*, who only had limited training in the discipline, and some indifferent jumps from the scratch team.

Until round 5 the top two teams had been neck-and-neck, reflecting the complexity and difficulty of filming the jumps. On completion of the eight rounds, the *Bad Lieutenants* finished as champions, the tunnel rats, *Kix VFS*, second and the *Bad Council Tenants* a sterling third.

Despite still being a relatively new discipline, the talent pool for freeflyers able to

participate has definitely increased, as witnessed at tunnel events and at dropzones throughout the UK. Plans are underway to have a 2-way VFS event recognised internationally in order to promote the sport, as opposed to an intermediate dive pool, which is still prohibitively difficult. VFS is fun, fast and challenging. If you've seen some of the footage and want to get involved, watch out for tunnel or sky camps that can help you get started.

See you at the 2011 Nationals!

## The Bad Lieutenants

## Kix VFS

Due to the British summer, up until the night before the competition *Kix VFS* were not even sure we would enter as we didn't feel we could give the *BLTs* the competition that we wanted to.

However, we decided we wanted to show our support for VFS as a viable event and decided to go for it.

We were pleased to be neck-and-neck with the *BLTs* half-way through the competition but we knew the harder draws were coming, that Andy Newell would find his feet, and they would soon take the lead!

For anyone wanting to get into VFS, the tunnel is invaluable.

## Catriona Adam Kix VFS

**Overall results VFS**  
1. Bad Lieutenants  
2. Kix VFS  
3. Bad Council Tenants

**Total (8 rounds)**  
68  
62  
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The 4-way VFS podium. Want to try and get yourself on here next year? Then get training hard and give these guys a challenge! Photo by Blair Stent



Kix VFS, by Olly Burgin

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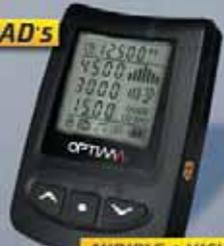
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# Freefly

**A**  
So where have all the freeflyers gone? This year's Freefly Nationals consisted of just three A teams: *Volare*, *Army Euphoria* and *Kinetic*. Despite the low turn-out, the flying was of the highest standard.

Current National champs, *Volare*, led the pack straight away. The sound of jaws hitting the floor could be heard as people watched Adam Mattacola and Fabian Raidel fly a rotational head-to-head exit with Adam nonchalantly spinning in place during the top portion of the eagle! After a mind-bending start it was full-speed flying all the way, with cameraman Mikey Carpenter displaying what can only be described as synchronised perfection. After round 1 it was obvious to everyone it was going to prove difficult to keep up with the 'pink helmeters'!

Undeterred, both *Army Euphoria* and team *Kinetic*, the wild card in the pack, threw down their best moves to see who would take the silver. Despite a year of setbacks, such as losing their cameraman to injury and getting attacked by rabid dogs, team *Euphoria*, comprising of Andy Myers and Dave Pacey, took things to the next level and showed a fast-flowing and intricate free round comprising of linked carving and some pretty intense fly-bys!

Team *Kinetic* looked from the start to be the outsiders; but, far from being a typical scratch team, these guys put together an impressive free round. Despite their lack of training, their natural skill and relaxed attitude meant they stayed hot on the heels of *Euphoria*.



Spectacular Volare, by Olly Burgin

*Kinetic* put together a fast-paced free round consisting of outfaced carves and complex eagles that would have taken some teams all year to pull off. *Volare* took home the gold, *Army Euphoria* proudly won silver and *Kinetic* took bronze.

If you're a freeflyer and want to get good, then get down to the Nationals and put a team in.

**Andy Newell**  
Team coach, *Army Euphoria* and *Kinetic*

claim bronze. Final places were decided when *Pimp My Fly* leapfrogged *TSA Hippo* with their 6.1 final round, leaving *TSA Hippo* at the bottom of the table (sorry boys, maybe you needed a girl on your team?).

Next year a lot of this year's teams will be moving on into the 'A's so the competition will truly be open to those willing to enter.

**Jane Henderson**  
Cougar (in training!)

## Freefly overall results

A	Total (8 rounds)
1. Volare	62.20
2. Army Euphoria	53.60
3. Kinetic	49.00

B	Total (8 rounds)
1. RAFSPA Lightning	27.90
2. Cougars	27.10
3. Danza Slap	24.40
4. Pimp My Fly	21.10
5. There's Something About Hippo	19.90

**B**  
The turn-out for this year's Freefly Bs was marginally better than that of the A teams, with five teams entering: *Danza Slap*, *RAFSPA Lightning* and three relative scratch teams from Hibaldstow: *Cougars*, *Pimp My Fly* and *There's Something About Hippo* (that will teach you to still be discussing your team name when you go in to register it!).

All five teams displayed free routines packed with high technical content, with no clear separation between them. By round 4 only 1.2 points separated the top three teams, with *Cougars* narrowly holding the lead. The final round was won with a blistering performance from *RAFSPA Lightning*, earning them the well-deserved gold against *Cougars*' 6.1. *Danza Slap* followed close behind to



Volare take gold, by John Williamson



Army Euphoria scored the same as Volare in round 6 - so it's not impossible!  
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Cougars - no longer in training after taking silver in B class?

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# Freestyle

Claudio and Tiziana of *The Italian Job* team were *Airkix Freestyle's* competition for the Nationals, and we knew we would have a fight on our hands with the second and fourth place World Meet competitors battling it out for the British Championship. This made it a close and exciting two days at Hibaldstow, with both teams scoring high in both the free and compulsory rounds. Pixie and I got our highest score in any competition in round 6, with an 8.8; previously, our highest score had been an 8.6 in compulsory round 2 at the World Meet. *The Italian Job* also scored very high in this round with an 8.5. For us, I can say that we performed better than we did in Russia; our free rounds were faster and



Freestyle B gold medallists, Volcanicity, by John Williamson

smoother; we flew better together than ever before. We managed to secure every round, retain our gold medals and become British champions, now for the third time running.

Thanks to all the competitors – you are the people that make the events what they are and you all deserve recognition for it.

**Al Hodgson**  
**Airkix Freestyle**

### Freestyle overall results

A	Total
1. Airkix Freestyle	58.80
2. Italian Job	57.00

B	Total
1. Volcanicity	31.50



Gold medallists, Al and Pixie. Photo by Olly Burgin



Mike Lovemore takes gold, by John Williamson

# Speed

There was a lower turnout than usual for the Speed event this year, but there wasn't a lack of calibre, with all competitors posting impressive speeds.

Simon Brentford and Peter Warren, both previous winners of this event, returned to attempt to reclaim the title of fastest man in the UK. Last year's winner Peter was off his usual form (earlier this year he set his personal best at 280mph), and Simon's tight leggings didn't help him to beat his personal best of 258mph.

Leigh produced the fastest round with a ballistic 273mph, but he struggled with consistency so his average was brought down; however he's definitely one to watch in future.

As usual, there was constant discussion about appropriate outfits for the fastest speed. A little bit of drag on the legs can help stability, so I chose jeans and a rash vest. I was pleased to set my new PB of 268mph and go faster than Peter and Simon, who've both beaten me before. I managed to keep relaxed and focused, and three good rounds over 260mph gave me a winning average.

The UK Speed Skydiving Championships are an ISSA (International Speed Skydiving Association)-sanctioned event. See their website for speed events and all ISSA competition results – [speedskydiving.eu](http://speedskydiving.eu).

**Mike Lovemore**



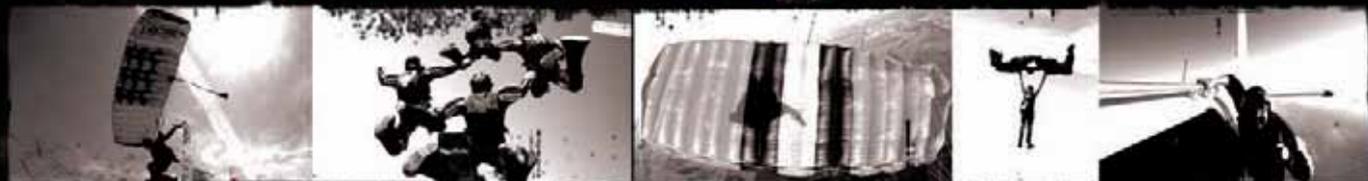
The Speed medallists: Mike (gold), Simon (silver) and Leigh (bronze). Photo by John Williamson

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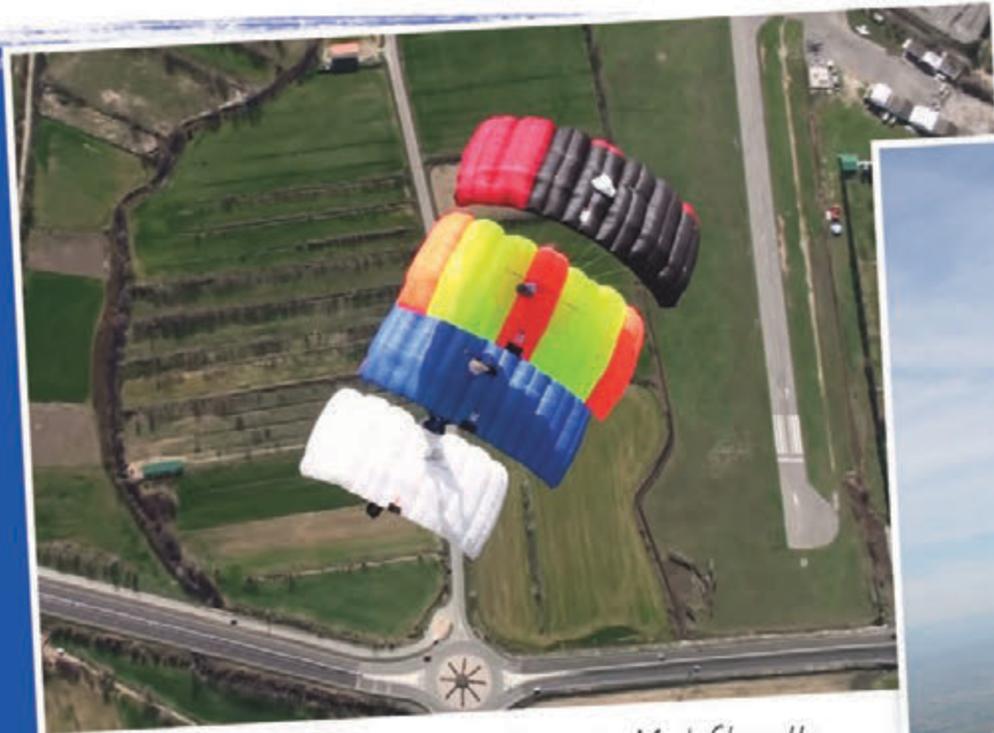


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CF team training over Empuriabrava, Spain, by Mark Skarratts

## CF Nationals at BKPC

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PH36 and NOPE were the only teams to attend Nationals. In the spirit of good sportsmanship, and to make the Nationals a competition, PH36 split into two separate 2-way sequential teams, with one Senior and one Intermediate jumper in each team. This allowed three teams to compete in the Intermediate category. PH36 was still able to enter a 2-way sequential team into the Senior category and, with Brian Vacher also entering a separate team, the competition went ahead. It turned out to be a good competition and, all in all, a great weekend – even if we did get rained out on the Monday! We hope to see more teams there next year.

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### Overall results CF

4-way speed rotations	Total (5 rounds)	2-way sequential Intermediate	Total (2 rounds)
1. PH36	1	1. PH36 Blue	10
		2. NOPE	6
		3. PH36	2
2-way sequential Senior	Total (2 rounds)		
1. BKPC	7		
2. PH36	3		



CF training over Empuriabrava, Spain, by Mark Skarratts

### Team PH36



2-way sequential, by Nigel Holland

## Style and Accuracy

The Style and Accuracy Nationals were held at Peterlee DZ on 2-4 July, 2010.

### Overall standings

#### Senior competition

Overall	Accuracy	Style	Total
1 Janos Leszko (UK)	1*	2	3
2 Jeff Chandler (UK)	2	1	3
3 Richard Bissett (UK)	3	4	7
4 Peter Sizer (UK)	4	3	7

\* Accuracy event takes precedence.

#### Intermediate Accuracy competition

Overall	Total (m)
1 Nigel Peacock (UK)	21.63

Chief Judge: Ann Fowler  
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Style Event Judge: Bob King



Overall medallists Al Macartney, Sean Sutcliffe and Stu Meacock, by Dougie Macpherson



Spence Hogg, by Dougie Macpherson



Sean Sutcliffe, overall silver medallist. Photo by Julia Severin

# CP Nationals at RAPA

## Warm weather, blue skies and favourable wind greeted all the competitors who arrived at RAPA for the 2010 Canopy Piloting Championships

In the midst of a blistering German summer, swoopers delighted onlookers as they commenced training on RAPA's pond. With several different nationalities in attendance, including Britain, Germany, Belgium and Holland, it was apparent from the outset that it would be a heavily-fought competition.

Training began on 7 July alongside two busy static-line courses running concurrently during the competition. Students had to be reassured that what they were seeing was not going to happen to them! The added numbers boosted the spectator crowd, anxious to see some new records broken (but hopefully no bones broken). Throughout the two training days, students were enthralled at the skill displayed by the experts, inspiring many to progress onto freefall.

Three rounds of Speed started the competition, with the first right-handed carve course in the National Championships

(provided to assist those going to the World Championships in Russia). Competitors made it look easy however, as they powered through the gates.

After lunch on the first day the judges decided that conditions were right to start the zone accuracy element of the competition. All three rounds were completed by early evening with no incidents or injuries.

The second day of the Championships started with the Distance competition; there were five-to-six-knot winds blowing in the right direction to aid competitors going further down the course. At one stage the winds did go over, with two re-jumps being awarded. Despite this, all three rounds were completed by midday, meaning the prizegiving could be brought forward to 3pm (one day earlier than planned).

In overall third position was Stu Meacock, second was Sean Sutcliffe and winning for the second year in a row was Al Macartney. RAPA, with its roots embedded in the military, was delighted to see *Team HEAT* (the Army CP team) winning all competitions and filling five of the top-eight places.

Overall, the competition was a complete success from start to finish. Spectators were rewarded with an impressive display and competitors with an excellent pond and conditions. Although the competition is over, RAPA still welcomes any swoopers to come and train on our pond throughout the year. A swoop ticket costs just €15 for non-military jumpers. We hope to see all the competitors again next year (and more) regardless of whether RAPA hosts the event or not. Until then, swoop safe and blue skies to all!

**Dougie Macpherson**

Wez Westley



Bronze medallist Stu Meacock



“ Training began on 7 July alongside two busy static-line courses running concurrently during the competition. Students had to be reassured that what they were seeing was not going to happen to them! ”



The Army CP team members, HEAT, filled five of the top-eight places in the competition. Well done boys! Photo by Dougie Macpherson

**CP Results**

<b>Distance</b>	<b>Total (3 rounds)</b>	<b>Speed</b>	<b>Total (3 rounds)</b>
1. Wez Westley	257.592	1. Wez Westley	251.714
2. Sean Sutcliffe	250.150	2. Alastair Macartney	245.876
3. Spencer Hogg	248.807	3. Stuart Meacock	209.582
<b>Accuracy</b>	<b>Total (3 rounds)</b>	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. Alastair Macartney	276.190	1. Alastair Macartney	697.384
2. Stuart Meacock	246.624	2. Sean Sutcliffe	690.555
3. Sean Sutcliffe	243.831	3. Stuart Meacock	670.565

Competitors, by Dougie Macpherson

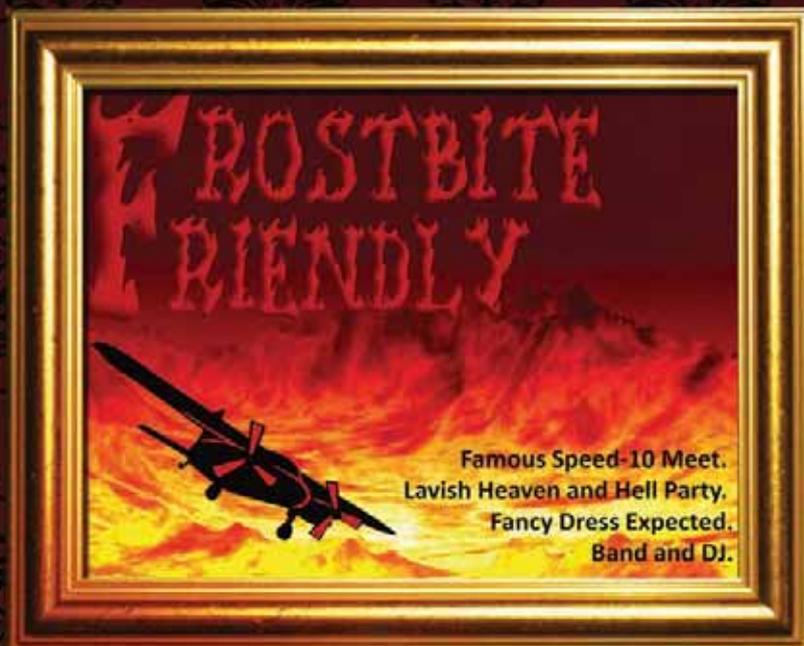
Overall and Accuracy gold medallist, Alastair Macartney, by Julia Severin



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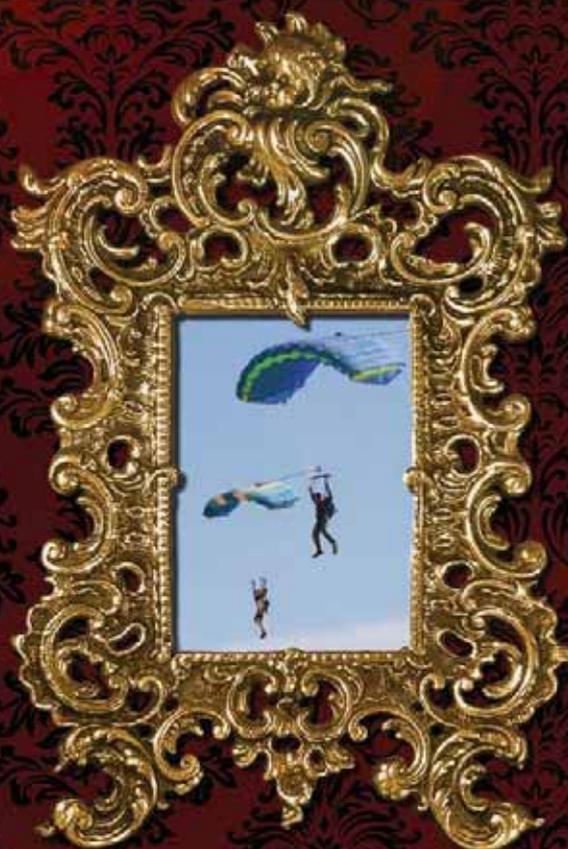
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# World Meet 2010



The Bad Lieutenants fly the flag!  
By Weed Stoodley

The 2010 World Parachuting Championships in Formation Skydiving, VFS, Artistic events and Canopy Formation were held at Menzelinsk, in the Republic of Tatarstan, Russia. Travelling to a part of Russia that you would never normally visit was always going to be an adventure and we were not to be disappointed.

In the months leading up to the meet, the teams had been alarmed at the lack of response from the organisers and the delays in obtaining invitation letters and visas to travel to Russia. Most visas were only obtained a few days before travelling, by which time the UK 8-way team had made the decision to withdraw from the event.

#### Arrival

On arrival at our hotel, we discovered it was in fact some sort of hospital and known locally as the 'sanatorium'. No food, no bar, but a plentiful supply of Russian nurses pushing patients around in wheelchairs!



'Sanatorium', by Rob Stevenson

The hot and humid weather necessitated sleeping with the windows wide open in an attempt to get some air into the rooms. A good idea, we thought, until around 3am when the large

Rezzy and Sarah, by Alan Thompson

mosque adjacent to the sanatorium started broadcasting its morning prayers! This was not going to be ideal for the meet, so we were fortunate when our Head of Delegation (Ash Kemp) managed to find us alternative accommodation a few days later, at the rather plush Tatarstan Business Hotel. Nice one mate!

#### DZ and meet

DZ Menzelinsk itself was a beautiful dropzone, with great facilities and a huge open landing area. The DZ had made a lot of effort for the meet, with many extra facilities added. They also made a big effort in welcoming spectators from the local town and had set up a large public viewing area next to the landing area. Visitors could watch the landings up close and talk to, or get photos with, the competitors after landing. A nice feature indeed.

The opening ceremony was held in a stadium in Menzelinsk, the local town, and it seemed everyone turned out to welcome us. It involved lots of people in traditional costume, parades,

dancing and the mandatory speeches; the organisers and locals had made a huge effort and it was very much appreciated.

The meet itself ran smoothly for the most part, blessed with generally perfect weather for the entire event. There were a few issues with manifest calls, meaning some competitors were called early and left sitting for extended periods in the blazing sun. The heat and humidity were relentless; the Russian heatwave was in full swing and the smoke from the forest fires around Moscow could even be smelt in the air at altitude. The haze produced by a layer of smoke meant some of the Artistic events were difficult to judge, as the ground was often not visible from the camera's point of view.

Ash Kemp did a fantastic job as Head of Delegation, busying himself with organising or sorting anything the UK delegation might need. He also saved us a chunk of money by heading up a group of delegations refusing to hand over the large sums of extra cash the Russians were demanding from us, before negotiating a big discount. His reputation soon spread and it wasn't



Opening ceremony celebrations, by Weed Stoodley



**In the name of 'international relations' we jumped at the chance to take on the local girls' beach volleyball team. I think they beat us by even more than the French had in the VFS!**

The Bad Lieutenants

long before other nations' competitors were asking him to sort their problems out too. Weed also did a great job as UK Team Manager, dealing with the meet organisers, handling protests and generally keeping the competitors free to focus on their events. In the few free moments Ash and Weed had, they were both seen Union Jack in hand, waving the UK teams off to the aircraft. Nice one guys, and a big thank you from all the delegation!

**Judging**

The judging system (Omniskore) used at the meet was not capable of correctly judging all of the events. This was particularly apparent in the 4-way FS event on round 3. This is simply not acceptable at this level of competition; the FAI must ensure that the judging system selected is worthy of the efforts

of the competitors. Everyone competing deserves nothing less.

The French FS teams were superb and completed a clean sweep of the FS events. Notable among this was Mathieu Bernier who, as a member of both the 4-way and 8-way French teams, became the first person to win gold in both events at a World Championship. The best French team at this World Meet was most definitely France!

The meet finished early and gave us the opportunity for a late night and an even later start the next morning; Russian vodka had taken its toll on a few! The medals ceremony was held mid-afternoon, with the UK teams proudly taking four podiums – an excellent result.

**Ian Matthews (Stumpy)**



'International relations', by Rob Stevenson



Superstar Head of Delegation, Ash Kemp, by Weed Stoodley



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# 4-way

The 4-way FS event was the biggest event of the meet, with 19 nations represented. Gold was always going to be a battle between France and the USA; the competition for third place was more open with around six teams having the potential to take bronze.

Round 3 had all the teams excited. A sequence of five randoms, not the fastest possible by any means, but certainly likely to produce some high scores. Six teams scored more than 50 points, with the Russians and French sharing a new world record score of 56 points in-time. Unfortunately, the Omniskore judging system could not register over 50 points and we had to wait for the round to be judged manually.

France and the USA dominated the event and were level at the end of rounds 8 and 9. It was going to take something special to separate these teams and, in round 10, France produced a dive that was described by Craig Girard as 'superhuman', winning the round with 26 points to USA's 23 and taking a worthy gold with a 27.7 average! The standard in this event continues to rise, with teams posting averages that could only be dreamed of a few years ago.

UK team *Satori* finished in eighth place with a 22.0 average, having incurred the wrath of the judges and the 'bust' button on too many occasions. They did, however, set a new British record score of 47 points in-time in round 3. Well done!



Bodyflight exit, by Alan Thompson

Satori, by Rob Stevenson

# 4-way female

France, with four years' training behind them, dominated the event and looked superb throughout, eventually winning with a 23.6 average. UK team *Bodyflight*, formed only six months ago, had crammed in around 400 jumps and a bunch of tunnel time in preparation for the event. The girls had a great meet, winning silver with a 21.6 average and another new British female record to go with their score of 44 in round 3. USA claimed bronze with an 18.8 average. The standard in this event also keeps rising, in line with the open event.

# 8-way

This event was hurt by the lack of teams present. Initially limited to only three (France, USA, Russia), this was not enough to declare a World Championship. Norway and Kazakhstan came to the rescue, entering teams while on-site before the meet.

A Golden Knights line-up featuring a lot of new faces among the old guard were up against a strong French team and a new Russian line-up. The French looked the most consistent throughout and took gold with an impressive 203 points, to USA's 196 and Russia's 185.

Ian Matthews



Silver medallists, team Bodyflight. Photo by Pete Allum

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# Freestyle

Congratulations to all the teams in every discipline for actually making it to the event! I know it was definitely not made easy by any degree, but well done to you all for persevering and getting yourself there!

The Freestyle event was once again hotly contested, with teams from seven nations competing for the championship. Everyone deserves a medal for maintaining their focus and professionalism throughout the event under what can be described as rather uncomfortable conditions; 40 degrees and 90 per cent humidity is far from ideal, along with some of the longest calls on record. That said, the organisers were very apologetic for the problems we encountered and were pleasant and friendly in all other respects. Ultimate respect to Yo and Seb (*France Freestyle*) for setting the highest standard of flying seen since the days of *The Funkflyz* (Martin Kristensen and Nils Predstrup of Denmark). True natural ability was demonstrated by both performer and cameraman flying together with flow, speed, grace and an obvious connection that proved beyond doubt these guys are the world's premier freestylers. A massive congratulations to them both on winning gold – they truly reigned supreme!

The battle for silver was to be contested by UK1 *Airix Freestyle* (Pixie and me) and the USA. After round 2, we were only 0.1 points in front of our American friends Travis and Tiffany, but our free rounds and second compulsory helped us to gain a more comfortable lead, with which we were able to secure second place and a silver medal for the UK. I must also mention Team UK2, Claudio and Tiziana, who put in an outstanding performance in their first world competition with an amazing fourth place; well done guys – we will be watching you!

**Al Hodgson**  
**Airix Freestyle**

*Airix Freestyle take silver. Photo by Weed Stoodley*

## The newcomers

The World Meet was certainly going to be interesting, with eight great teams from all over the world entering. All the teams looked very strong and experienced; some of them had been competing together for many years. The competition became intense right after the first jump, when we saw that we were competing for third position, together with USA and Russia. All three teams continued to have very close scores and the fight for the last step on the podium seemed open.

Unfortunately, we had a very poor second round. However, our free routine proved itself very strong and we managed to gain back some of the distance between the American team. At the end of the competition we were in fourth, happy for our first official performance and full of hope for the World Cup next year.

**Tiziana**  
**The Italian Job (UK2)**



*Airix Freestyle, by Matthew L Byrne*



*The Italian Job, by Andy Lovemore*



*Silver medallists, Pixie and Al*



I don't think we'd ever disembarked a commercial airliner via a tail gate before, mind you we'd never flown in a Yakovlev Yak 42 either, but this was how we arrived in Naberevnye Chelny two days before the start of the first-ever World Championships in 4-way Vertical Formation Skydiving. This trip was definitely going to be an interesting experience.

After a short coach ride, we arrived at our hospital. You may have been expecting 'hotel' but this was definitely a hospital, complete with patients and nurses. It was pushing 40 degrees, and humid too, but no area of this hospital had air conditioning. Our small twin room had no curtains and, initially, no water. This was fixed surprisingly quickly, but then a leak from under the bath created a minor flooding issue. Rumour had it that we were actually the lucky ones; everyone on the other side of the hospital was woken up at 3am every morning as a mosque across the road called the devout to prayer, quickly earning it the title of 'mosque side'. The general feel of the place left us a little concerned that one of us might wake up in the morning minus a kidney.

All this sounds bad, but there was something more sinister to come. Having rested for a few hours after our long journey, we went down to the lobby to find a drink. It was only at this point that we discovered that this hospital had **no bar!** Things were getting serious – we had to get out of there.

With some quick and slick manoeuvring from Ash Kemp, all the Brits managed to move down the road to a good hotel. Not only did this place have a bar, it was open 24 hours! The *Lieutenants* could finally relax.

On the Monday the VFS competition finally got under way. Attended by six teams, two more than the 2009 World Cup, the countries represented were the USA, France, Belgium, Germany, Russia and, of course, the UK. It was always clear that this event would be dominated by the French and Americans. After training hard over the past few years in hot pursuit of the experienced US team *Arizona Arsenal*, the French *Team4speed* took gold by seven points, with an average of 25.5 – an incredible achievement considering the relative infancy of the discipline. The *Bad Lieutenants* took a convincing bronze with a 12.88 average ahead of an impressive debut performance from a new German team that took fourth. Belgium and Russia took the fifth and sixth spot respectively.

### The Bad Lieutenants



The Lieutenants salute! By Mike Carpenter



The Bad Lieutenants, by Weed Stoodley



# Freefly

The FF competition saw some of the world's best teams turn out; *Socal Converge*, *Volare* and *Osmose* to name but a few. As someone who was competing at this level for the first time, it was pretty daunting. Having Andy Newell on the team as cameraman helped to alleviate some of those fears – he had competed at this level before and was on hand with lots of useful advice.

USA's number-one team *Socal Converge* didn't disappoint with a fusion between a European-style flowing routine and a classic American-style 'tricks'-filled routine. They clearly had the judges' attention from the start and this, coupled with an incredible 24 points on their compulsory rounds (and a new world record), saw them rightfully take first place. Hot on their heels was UK team, *Volare*. Their exit from the aircraft on their free routine was



Silver medallists, *Volare* with Team Manager, Weed Stoodley

nothing short of mind-blowing and a display of skill unparalleled by any other team in the competition, in my opinion. This, followed with a beautifully executed and synchronised routine, earned them a very respectable silver medal. Not to be beaten the boys even matched the 24 points that *Socal* pulled off on their compulsory round.

Coming up in third was USA number-two team, *Paraclete XP*. These guys are actually a tunnel team and their routine displayed a vast array of tricks (the like of which I wouldn't

even know where to start with), but was lacking somewhat in camera interaction.

For *Euphoria* the competition was also tense. Our free routine scored in the middle of league table – there were 13 teams in total. We finished in seventh place after being beaten by the German team by 0.1 of a point. Disappointing, but not a bad effort – we work full-time for the Army and were the top unprofessional team in the competition.

**Dave Pacey**  
**Euphoria**



New British 2-way sequential record holders, Doug Preston and Gavin McLeod. Photo by Gary Wainwright



UK Rotations team



## Canopy formation

In common with the other competitors, in the run-up to the event we were thinking that the biggest test would be just getting there – the jumping would be the easy bit! In the end all the CF team made it, albeit with some visas arriving two days before flying, and a little excess baggage...

Unfortunately the overall attendance of CF teams was down from previous years, but it was great catching up with old friends from the teams that made it. Due to the generally smaller pool of participants in CF, it is common for the same jumpers to enter more than one event, and all the UK competitors were involved in either two or three events, which was definitely challenging in the heat!

### 2-way sequential

2-way is a relatively new discipline, designed to invigorate the CF competition and make it easier for smaller nations to enter a team. This has become the most hotly-contested CF event, with more countries entering than any of the other disciplines (even allowing for the current rules that include two teams per country). Far from being considered purely an entry-level event, it is now where some of the most intense battles are being fought and records broken.

It was expected that this year would see a close contest between the reigning champions

Russia, and the USA, but the intensive training of the US team pulled them ahead of the field, setting a new world record of 25 in the process. Surprise silver medallists Australia also showed they had been working hard to raise their game.

UK1 (Doug Preston and Gavin McLeod with Martin Robiette on camera) have been concentrating their training on this event, switching to CF Storm canopies loaded at 2:1 in the process. This resulted in some strong consistent scores throughout the competition, including a new UK record of 12 points scored in round 3 (smashing the previous record of 8). Just to prove it wasn't a coincidence, we repeated it on round 5 – although of course now disappointed it wasn't a 13! After a tight contest with the Dutch team we eventually pulled ahead to finish a respectable seventh place, as the best of the rest behind the big hitters (USA, Russia and France).

UK2 (Colin Dickson and Paul Speller with Maria Russell on camera) were unfortunately having some problems getting the new Storm canopies to work for them, and battled with Finland and a brave Brazil to finish 10<sup>th</sup>.

### 4-way sequential

The US team again showed themselves to be head-and-shoulders above the rest of the field, as they pulled ahead to an early lead that they

maintained throughout the competition. This was despite having a wrap and double cutaway on round 7 (amazingly the only ones of the whole competition!), which meant they had to bring in their alternate for the final round. Behind them, the usual suspects of France and Russia were fighting hard, with Russia just holding out for silver.

Further down there was another contest between the Brits and the Dutch, but this time a below-par performance from the UK team (Colin Dickson, Paul Speller, Martin Robiette and Gavin McLeod with Doug Preston on camera) allowed the Netherlands to claim fourth and leave the Brits in fifth – not helped by a 3-way wrap in round 7, which fortunately we managed to fight our way out of and avoid any cutaways!

### Menzelinsk

One amazing aspect of the meet was the welcome from the local town. They aren't really on a tourist route, so having an influx of sportsmen and women from around the world was a big deal for them. The opening and closing ceremonies were reminiscent of a mini Olympics, but best of all was swooping the crowd on landing – being mobbed for photographs with family members and autographs is not something we usually experience in our sport!

**Martin Robiette**



Farewell dinner



Demo landing, by Weed Stoodley



4-way sequential team, by Doug Preston

# Canopy piloting

The Canopy Piloting World Championships were held at Kolomna, Russia a week after the rest of the World Championships and at a separate location. While some competitors had struggled with visas as well as various admin issues, there was another problem that was really burning...

Parts of Russia the size of the UK were on fire and smoke was billowing everywhere after the hottest summer in 150 years. Fires were below the surface and burning through the peat-lined ground; international efforts were under way to put the fires out and the smoke reduced visibility to less than 50 metres.

An airbase in the local town had been over-run by the fires with 200 aircraft destroyed. There were scorch marks just a few hundred metres from our hotel, showing how close we had to come to this devastation. The Russian Surgeon General advised that those that could leave should do so; some competitors did while others held meetings to decide what to do. But we had a World Championships to compete in and, inspired by the amazing performances from all the British teams the previous week, we weren't going to let such trivial details get in our way.

The UK has consistently sent one of the largest delegations to the CP World Meets but this year, alas, there was only one competitor. I was confirmed as the Head of Delegation, competitor, interpreter and masseur. Fortunately, Welsh dragon Ceri Lewis was also there and jumped at the chance to act as the Team

Manager. Ian Bobo, the US team manager, also provided some fantastic coaching.

The level of smoke often depended on wind direction and most days had periods where we couldn't jump.

The distance event was up first. Wuzi Wagner shone through from the start. While others were just content to get a solid score on round 1, Wuzi, Jay Moledzki, Nick Batsch and Jonathan Tagle threw down some impressive performances. I had a great round 2 but threw it all away on the third round. Wuzi Wagner was the well-deserved winner, well ahead of Nick Batsch and Jay Moledzki in third.

In Speed, there weren't going to be any world-record-setting times but there were some solid performances. I came in fast and hard on the gate in the first round, flying a really tight line. But I made the turn late and caught some roll-over, having to throw the canopy over hard. With the canopy below me as I made the turn, my body swung high and just out of the top of the course before pounding in just past the exit gates. The results were tight, with Jay Moledzki just pipping his team mate Shannon Pilcher into the gold position.

Golden Knight Greg Windmiller was in third.



Silver medallist, Nick Batsch. All images by Jeannie Anderson

Accuracy was interesting and there was a lot to lose. Despite a few impressive scores in the first round, some of the top competitors were throwing the lead away with a lack of consistency. After round 2, I was in sixth position and feeling excited. The third round was solid but dropped me down to ninth. The only competitor to score 100 points was Alexander Golovkin from Russia, giving him the silver medal behind Jay Moledzki. Australian Robbie McMillan, after many awesome years battling away in this event, took the bronze.

The overall event saw some awesome flying considering the conditions and lack of on-site training. Jay Moledzki stole the show for his seventh World Overall CP gold. Nick Batsch took the silver and sliding in just a few points behind was Shannon Pilcher. Before honouring the champions at the prizegiving, a two-round Freestyle competition was run with impressive performances; the prize went to Nick Batsch for an awesome boomerang blindman.

All in all, some difficult conditions, great performances and fun times. So come on UK competitors, let's go in force to next year's World Cup!

**Alastair Macartney**



Gold medallist, Jay Moledzki



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Established in 2007, Jump4Heroes is a group of serving British Army soldiers that wanted to help support military charities. Rather than just raising money for the charities, they decided to raise as much awareness as possible, using their skydiving and BASE-jumping skills to promote these important causes.

“The group was featured in *The Sun* when the German police mistook them for UFOs!”



TV interviews in South Africa, by Ryan Wilkins

Jump4Heroes team member Deane 'Smudge' Smith lands in a poppy field, on a promotional jump for the forthcoming Poppy Appeal.  
Photo by Graham Harrison



*Spencer Hogg sets up his landing in Zone Accuracy at the CP Nationals, by Julia Severin*



*Poppy wingsuits over RAPA shortly before being apprehended by the German Police! Photo by Stu Storey*

The concept of Jump4Heroes was put together by Alastair Macartney and Ruth Powell and developed as Deane 'Smudge' Smith and Spencer Hogg came on board as athletes and Zoe Edwards assisted with photography and PR. The athletes are current members of the National CP Team.

Some of the Jump4Heroes' projects include:

- BASE-jumping from the Eiger;
- Setting a world record in Kuala Lumpur for the most number of BASE jumps in 24 hours using just one self-packed rig;
- Speed-riding in the Alps;
- Wingsuit proximity flying;
- Being honoured to skydive with Ben Parkinson, the worst-injured soldier to survive Afghanistan.
- Crowned Army Sports Team of the Year
- Extreme curry eating!

Last year The Royal British Legion adopted the team and christened them as its *Extreme*

*Human Flight Team*. The team also supports other charities and has done work for ABF, The Soldier's Charity, Help For Heroes and Project 65 – the Veteran's charity. The Royal British Legion supports anyone that has served at least seven days in the Armed Forces; it spends more than £60 million a year supporting military veterans in times of need; so when you get the chance, please support this great cause, not just during the annual poppy appeal, but all year round.

The team has received various coverage in the national media including being on *The One Show*, in the *Daily Star*, *Metro*, *Independent*, *Telegraph* and on *Sky News*. Most notably they were featured in *The Sun* when the German police mistook them for UFOs while flying their Vampire 3 wingsuits over RAPA!

On 11 September, the team jumped with injured soldier, Ben Parkinson. Despite suffering terrible injuries just less than four years ago in Afghanistan, Ben has exceeded

his doctors' expectations. Strapped to a tandem instructor, Ben created a formation with the rest of the team 13,000ft above Netheravon DZ; he now hopes to complete a solo skydive.

Future projects include teaching more injured soldiers how to skydive and some high-profile demo jumps for Remembrance Day. To find out more just search for jump4heroes on youtube.com or check out their website.

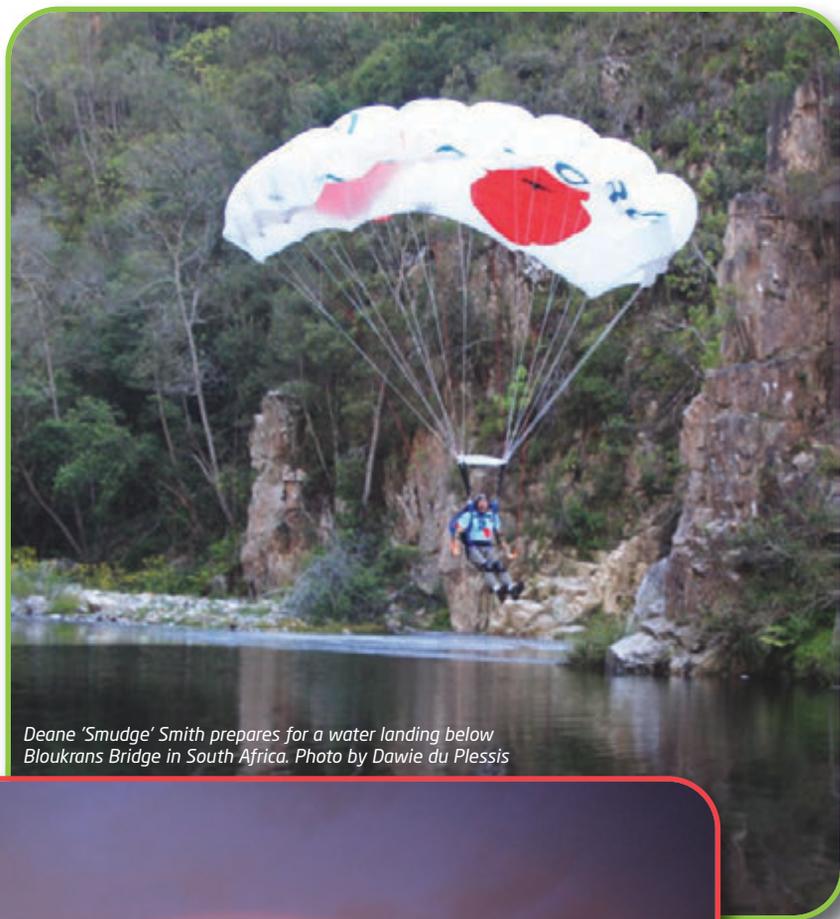
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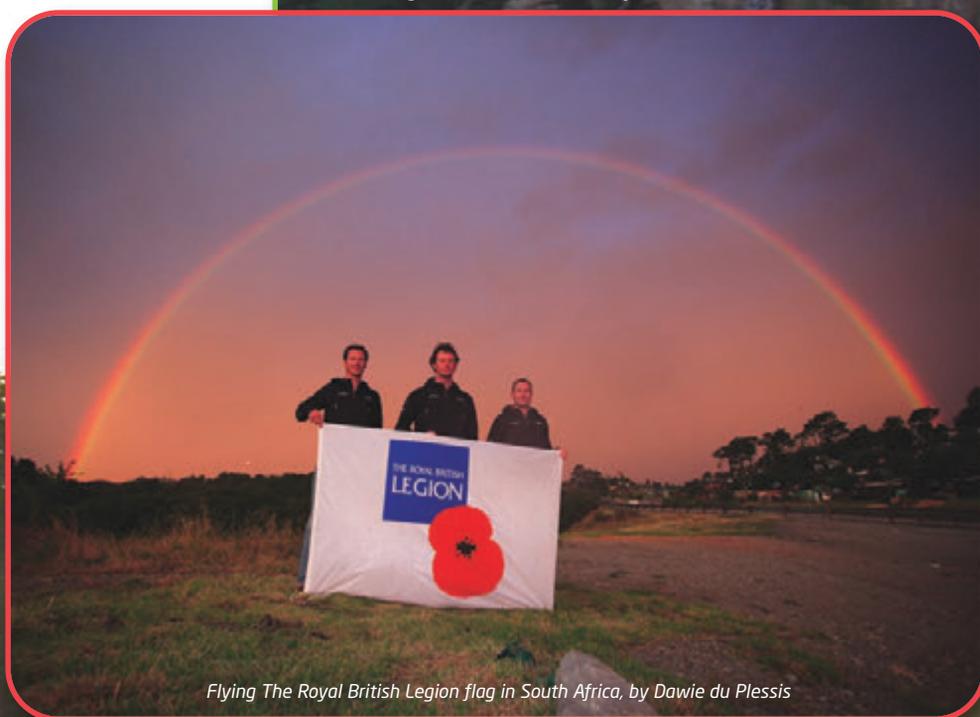
Alastair and 'Smudge' after their poppy field promotional jump, by Graham Harrison



Ben Parkinson's tandem. Project 65



Deane 'Smudge' Smith prepares for a water landing below Bloukrans Bridge in South Africa. Photo by Dawie du Plessis



Flying The Royal British Legion flag in South Africa, by Dawie du Plessis



Self portrait, by Deane 'Smudge' Smith



Alastair Macartney exits the water at the CP Nationals, by Julia Severin



# British head-down record 22-way

Olly Burgin

**A British freefly national record attempt usually comes about when a bunch of semi-hungover dudes, who've just attended something else, realise there's enough of them about to do something half cool**

With the planets in alignment and a half-baked plan scratched out on the back of a fag packet, Britain's most capable freeflyers bust out an exit, converge on a spinning base, get a bit lost, take the intended grips and finally start looking for a camera in the formation to geek at. (You know who I'm talking about MCI)

Although highly entertaining, this particular type of organised buffoonery has been dealt a devastating scythe stroke by the UK's number one VFS team, the infamous *Bad Lieutenants*. Deep in the darkest corner of the Bad Lieutenant bat cave, a plan so controversial, so radical, so goddamn

dangerous was hatched and put into action. The concept was simple – to organise a proper British head-down record attempt... with a plan and everything!

Rather than just getting the same old faces together for some cliquy head-down big-timing, two preparation camps were organised for flyers of a certain level who wanted to learn more about big-way discipline and to give people the opportunity to demonstrate the right skills to be included in the record attempts. With people's flying skills honed to perfection after a season's worth of hard jumping, the August bank

holiday weekend was suitably chosen to be the date of the UK's first properly planned head-down record.

Due to the success of the prep camps and the deep pool of freefly talent in the UK, come the day of the race, the turnout was awesome. Gathered together in the Hibaldstow packing hall were some of Britain's best and brightest freeflyers, with representatives from top teams, new and old, such as *Volare*, *Euphoria*, *Kinetic* and *Freejive* and of course the nucleus of the event – the *Bad Lieutenants* – as well as many other high-level individual freeflyers.

“With five seconds to go the dock was made and a new National record was set!”



All photos by Axel Zohmann



**Participants:** Jason Southall, James Davies, Dumi Ndlovu, Martin Reynolds, Frazer Smith, Daniel Parker, Andy Newell, Mike Carpenter, Mark Joyner, Claudio Lettieri, Adam Mattacola, David Joyner, Chris Lynch, Glen Phillips, Alistair Milne, Kurmet Jaadla, Matt O’Riordan, David Pacey, Andy Ford, Charlotte Kemp, Catriona Adams and Jim Harris. **Cameras:** Olly Burgin and Axel Zohmann



Opening the day’s events was left to James Davies, aka Lt. Hammer, (so named for his subtle debating skills) who kicked the day off by welcoming all the participants. Three trial groups were then organised in order to assess the placement of certain individuals for specific tasks. Jumps were made, with all groups building successfully – one, a 14-way, was built inside eight seconds from the exit. After a bit of head scratching and banter, a list of names was drawn up of people to go for a multiple plane load of 24 flyers plus two cameramen. The lucky 24 were split down into two groups and boarded the two super-fast Dorniers ready to do the job. The formation itself looked similar to a previous Euro record, with two opposing pods on a base connected by two linking lines; not the strongest of formations but nice and arty...

After an extended period of compulsory hand slapping, uncontrollable flatulence and resultant hysterical laughter, both groups were ready to give it their best shot. During the exit count, a small communication issue between the base and the super floater Axel Zohmann, multiple world champion, resulted

in a the trail plane group, who were using Axel as the key to launch, being a little late. This meant that the floaters in the trail plane unexpectedly became divers. In spite of this, everyone got to slot but some failed to take the grip. A good first effort. Now for take two. Despite making some adjustments, a similar issue occurred again on exit, with a somewhat lackadaisical exit count creating too much distance between groups; this, combined with the base doing their very best to tear a hole in the fabric of space time, (nice work Dumie) resulted in some unwelcome over-flotation from the trail plane group and some zoomy zoomy stuff... oops!

With the day drawing to a close and the weather looking dodgy at best for the next day, the hard decision was made to make a few adjustments that resulted in the pod linking lines being broken into four opposing wackers and a 22-way being attempted. The fifth and final attempt of the day was walked out and dirt dived meticulously, gear was double checked and the group looked to be a little more focused than on previous loads. Looking out the window on the run-in, the

Dorniers were perfectly positioned and the vibe felt good. The key for the super floater was excitedly given by birthday-boy Dan Parker (happy 40<sup>th</sup> mate) and both groups left in perfect unison. The base and first stingers built fast with the pods accelerating in the right place just ahead of the base. This time there was no over-flotation from the trail plane – everybody was on perfect level. A slight wobble on one of the wackers meant that last stinger, Charlotte Kemp, had to let things settle before her grip completed the formation. With five seconds to go the dock was made and a new National record was set! In the centre of the formation, Lt. Hammer did his little dance confirming to everyone that it was all good!

Special thanks to all the participants for making it happen; to Olly and Axel for their wicked camera work; to Skydive Hibaldstow for its continued support of British skydiving; and the BLTs for all your hard work and banter. You guys rock!

**Andy Newell**  
British head-down record participant



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## Collision decisions

Wrap during a CF world-record attempt, by Keith Macbeth

**“But I don’t do CF, so this isn’t my problem” – wrong! Any time you share airspace with other jumpers, you need to be prepared to act in the event of a collision. Whether you’ve broken off from a 2-way or a 200-way, the skydive isn’t over until you’ve safely landed. CF coach Gav McLeod has written a guide to help you use CF knowledge to make your freefall jumps safer...**

In CF, we are expecting canopies to dock on us. Docking is, after all, just a controlled collision. We usually know when and where the docking canopy is coming from, and we are prepared to pick it up. A collision post-deployment after freefall will take you by surprise, and any conscious thought about how

to act will have you fighting against your primitive instincts trying to protect you from sudden unexpected danger. What can you do?

### Prevention

The article in the June 2010 *Skydive Mag* carried great advice for avoiding a collision. Turning right to avoid a head-on will work, so long as you have the space to do so. However, if a collision is imminent, any action you can take to reduce impact speed will be beneficial. The greatest closing speed occurs when two canopies fly straight towards each other. Any manoeuvre that will reduce the collision speed is worth trying, whether that is by turning or even a deep toggle flare. You may still collide, but if the impact speed is reduced, you may get lucky and just glance off without becoming wrapped or entangled. Try not to panic and don’t just curl into a protective ball (easier said than done!), as this makes it more likely that a collision will result in a wrap or an entanglement. To try and prevent this, you can go

big (as in spread-eagle) – drop your toggles if you have them in hand, and spread yourself as wide as you can; grab the colliding canopy and lines as contact is made to try and stop the canopy in its tracks. Going big spreads the impact over a larger area, and can stop you passing through lines, and can stop, or at least reduce, the canopy coming around you – it’s been tried and tested many times in the CF world and does work! When the momentum has died down, make sure nothing is snagging you, your cutaway pad or reserve handle, and drop the canopy off you.

### Wrapped up

If the colliding canopy hits you, it may collapse and wrap around you, or part of your body. Don’t panic! You have an inflated canopy above your head. Do not blindly cutaway as you will drop into freefall with a canopy wrapped round you – not a good position to be in! Try to get the canopy off you, making sure your cutaway/reserve handles are



Gavin (right) and Ian Marshall work their canopies hard to avert a wrap, by Tony Danbury

intact and not snagged. If you succeed in getting free, check the airspace below is clear, and drop it. If you find you can’t extract yourself, signal to the lower jumper that they need to cutaway. Once they are gone, the tension is released, and should be easier to get the canopy off.

If you are the pilot of the canopy that is wrapping, try to stop it as the wrap is happening – pull hard on the toggles to try and reverse your canopy away. If it wraps, look at what the wrapped jumper is doing. Look for any communication or signal that may indicate they can’t free your canopy – in which case you will need to cutaway. Make sure the airspace below you is clear before you do so. If the person you wrapped does not appear to be responding in any way, say, 10 seconds after collision, then cutaway – your canopy may have collapsed round their head and could be choking them.

Keep track of your altitude. Do whatever it takes to separate with as much height as possible. Don’t waste time trying to unwrap yourself from a canopy with its pilot still hanging under it – if it isn’t coming off in a matter of seconds, then the lower jumper needs to cutaway.



Photo by Niklas Daniel



Cutaway landing, by Tony Danbury

## Entangled

If you pass through the lines of the other canopy during a collision, both canopies can become entangled, and both of you will become suspended under partially or completely collapsed canopies. It is quite likely both of you will need to cutaway. Usually, one person will be suspended higher than the other, typically the person who went through the lines. The higher person should cutaway first. If the lower person goes first, their lines and risers may recoil up and into the higher person. It is possible, when the higher person cuts away, their

canopy may pull free of the lower person's – if this happens then bonus, otherwise prepare to cutaway yourself. Sometimes the entanglement could start to spin, and one person will be hanging down while the other 'orbits' the entanglement. In this case, the orbiter should cutaway first, for much the same reasons as above. Again, check your airspace is clear before cutting away if possible.

## Everyone else?

Keep out the way. If you see a collision, give them space. Don't fly underneath, people may need to cutaway quickly. Don't fly too close on the level or above – they will not be in control of their heading, and when someone does cutaway, a released canopy is unpredictable.

## Knives

You have to carry a hook knife past A Certificate. Many of you have those plastic orange ones. I

strongly suggest if you just want to carry one knife, get something better. Those hook knives are not capable of standing up to much heavy use. The polycarbonate knives are about the same size, so will fit into the same knife pouch, but they are near unbreakable. Don't use your knife for cutting bungees, kit tags etc. If you do need to use it, you will want it sharp!

Don't be afraid to use your knife if it gets you out of a situation. Canopy lines and fabric are replaceable, you aren't.

## Know your reserve

Do you know what colour your reserve is? If not, ask your rigger next time you have a repack. Two scenarios spring to mind – you may have a collision in which your reserve deploys and gets wrapped, but your main is clear; you could have a premature deployment on exit, and find yourself suspended from the tail of the aircraft by your reserve. In both situations, if you cutaway, you have just lost your good canopy. Know what your reserve looks like; get your rigger to take a picture of it hanging up at next repack if it will help. If you find yourself in a situation similar to the two above, you will be thankful of that decent knife you bought...

## Finally...

Keep altitude-aware. Bear in mind that a canopy collision after freefall could very likely see you at low altitude. When we do CF, we usually have stopped working and are separated by 2000ft for a reason!

Do not panic! Try to keep calm so you can deal with the situation clearly and quickly. Panic will cause you to exacerbate the situation.

Find a way to communicate – a full-face helmet will make it more difficult but not impossible; use hand signals, but keep communication simple and to the point.

I wouldn't bother disconnecting RSLs – you don't have time to worry about them, and there will be enough for you to deal with as it is!

Take what I have written here to stimulate your mind into thinking about what you would do in a collision and, more importantly, what you might do in future to prevent getting into one. These aren't absolute rules to be followed, they just give guidance on best practice to get out of each situation – we still have to think and assess each situation when it occurs.

Go and do a CF intro, even if just one jump. The experience of being in contact with another canopy in a controlled manner, to feel what a canopy is like to hold and climb in the lines, will help you to visualise and understand the concepts presented here; that canopies aren't to be feared, and that they can fly safely in close proximity. And face it – the bigger freefall formations you take part in, the more you will find yourself having to fly close.

If you have questions arising from this article, or want to try a CF intro, look us up on our Facebook group – CFUK.

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Bent connector link

## Safety focus

### Links

#### Hard links vs soft links

Whether you use hard links or soft links (often referred to as 'slinks') to attach your lines to your risers will be a matter of personal choice, or more often down to whatever the rig was supplied with! Typically older rigs have metal links and newer ones have slinks, although this isn't always the case. Many modern canopies are supplied with slinks these days.

Both are over-engineered to be stronger than needed, as long as they're used correctly. Metal links can damage the metal on your slider grommets if not protected by vinyl/silicon or fabric buffers, which should be tacked, as otherwise they can ascend the lines and prevent the slider descending on opening. If a metal link fails, it will often still hold the lines until landing (see incident box but don't rely on this!) whereas if a slink fails it will almost always release the lines. Slinks are easier for the average jumper to inspect whereas cracks and flaws in the metal body of hard links can be impossible to spot, even by riggers.

#### Assembly

Anecdotally at least, it seems to be the case that most issues with links are to do with the way in which they're assembled. With metal links, it's important to do them up fingertight and then a quarter-turn with a spanner – not too loose as they can vibrate undone, but not too tight as this can damage them too. With soft links, it's important to make sure they're assembled according to the manufacturer's instructions, as different models have slight variations. Most soft links have a loop at one end and then either a tab or a metal ring at the other. They then usually go twice round through the lines and riser before the loop goes under the tab or ring and then over the top of it. However, there are slight variations on this theme, so do check. One type are even meant to go three times around!

Either way, the tab or ring needs to finish by being tucked away inside the riser, and ideally tacked in place so it can't rotate out. After a dozen or so jumps the soft link will have taken a set and the tab would stay in place even without the tack. If the tab is sticking out then it becomes a snag hazard and could catch on your helmet on deployment, or your brakeline could entangle with it.

#### Hard link failure

*"I'd done about 30 jumps on my brand new rig, when I noticed something seriously wrong while packing. As I reached down to run my fingers through the lines, two lines fell off their link! The link was undone and bent completely open. I checked the other three links; two were done up tight but another one could be loosened with my fingers."*

This jumper had metal connector links, which are supposed to be done up finger-tight, and then a quarter-turn with a spanner. We'll probably never know why these ones came undone, but the most likely explanation is that, when the rig was assembled in America, the person assembling did up all four links with his fingers but then only used the spanner on two of them. Over the course of the next 30 jumps, stresses such as opening shock vibrated the links and caused the loose ones to become even looser. On the jump in question, it was probably opening shock again that caused the link to fail and stretch all the way open.



Undone and bent connector link

However, since the lines were under tension at that point, they did at least stay on until the jumper reached the ground. Once the jumper had landed and his body weight was no longer loading the link, the lines were able to come loose, which he noticed while packing.

This incident could have played out differently. If the jumper had noticed the open link while under canopy, he would have had to make a decision whether to cut away or land it, which could also be influenced by the height at which he noticed. Another scenario is that the link could have snapped completely on opening, or bent but released some of the lines. This would have led to an unlandable streamer-type malfunction. Finally, if it had been a front riser link that had failed, and the jumper had attempted a high-performance landing by pulling down on that front riser, there's a chance that the lines could have come off the link during this final turn, obviously fairly catastrophic at a lower altitude. You can unload your lines during normal canopy flight, eg, when surging forward from brakes.

It was probably a relatively simple mistake that caused this incident. However, even after the mistake had been made, perhaps the incident could have been prevented by the jumper making a better visual inspection during packing in the 30 jumps prior. I'm sure he will from now on!

#### Soft link damage

Unlike a metal link, if a soft link fails, it's almost certain that the lines will be released. So it's really important to make sure that they're in good condition, including the bits you can't see that are tucked inside the riser. Before you start packing, you can gently squash the end of the riser with your fingers to allow you to see the link inside. Soft links are made from the same kind of line as the lines of canopies, so will wear out over time. The kind of damage you can expect to see is therefore the same – starting with fuzziness and eventually ending up with broken strands before the line snaps all the way through. Needless to say, they need replacing long before this stage! In this photo, the slinks were the same age as the canopy, which had already been relined once and was soon to be relined again! A better guideline for this jumper to use would have been to consider changing the slinks at the first reline or whenever they look worn.



Worn soft link

## WHAT IF?

We ask the questions... you provide the answers.

There often isn't a 'right' answer, and the situations are deliberately vague to allow for maximum discussion around the DZ.

Do not change any of your drills without first consulting a BPA instructor and/or your CCI.

- 1 ...one of your toggles on your main is jammed on?
- 2 ...while riding to altitude, you notice that the tag on the kit of the jumper in front of you is out of date. They are much more experienced than you.
- 3 ...a solo jumper you don't recognise asks in the plane if he can make your 3-way up to a 4-way.

#### REPORT IN CONFIDENCE

These kind of safety articles rely on people sending me their stories – so please do!

Liz Ashley

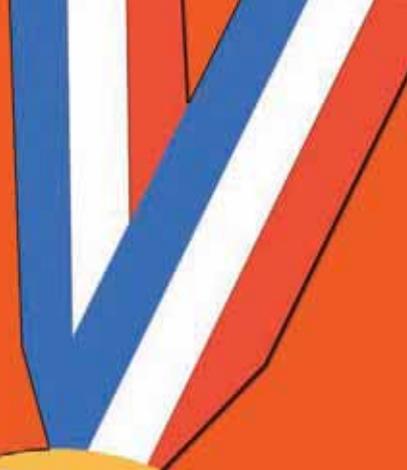
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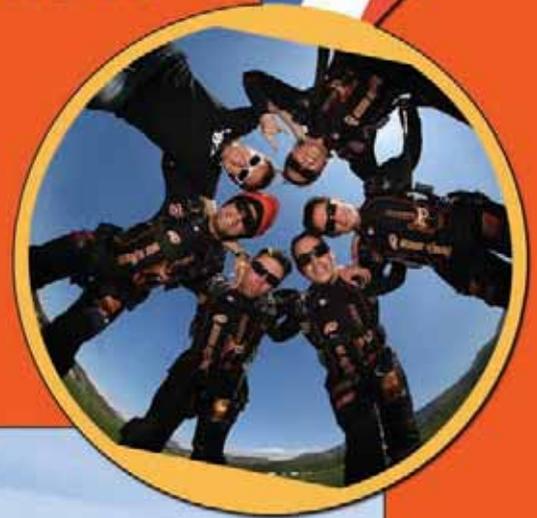


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## In its Element



**Never ones to rest on their laurels, those über-technicians of the modern European parachute, Paratec of Germany, have released a new student canopy onto the market which they claim surpasses even their successful and popular *Balance* student model, which has served for many years now.**

Stefan Ertler of Paratec reported that their new product, the *Element*, which is the second solo canopy they've designed with their new 3D software after the NRG, is their "interpretation of what a modern student canopy needs to be to meet the demands of today's advanced student training programmes and instructors alike".

The *Element* comes in sizes 220, 240 and 260 sq ft to succeed the *Balance*, which has earned a good reputation for its reliability since its introduction in 1996.

According to the company, the new *Element* has inherited all the positive DNA of the *Balance*, such as being virtually stall-free with no tendency to surge when going from deep brakes to full flight, important performance elements for the student jumper.

The planform is mildly tapered, resembling a double trapezoid. The leading edge is mostly straight to ensure on-heading, dependable openings. (There it is again!)

The new canopy resembles a hybrid construction using Zero-P PN4 fabric on the top and O-3 cfm PN1 fabric for ribs and bottom panels.

[paratec.de](http://paratec.de)

## Lazy Bones Lazy Bag

**Solly Williams said, "our packers love it"; Pete Allum said, "we love it". What were these boys so happy with, you ask? They were raving about a new design of main canopy deployment bag designed and manufactured by Belgian skydiver Ludo Havelaerts.**

Called the *Lazy Bag* this new d-bag breaks away from decades of standard practice by using no rubber bands at all – nil, zilch, nada!

In place of mouth lock stows, the *Lazy Bag* uses stiffened webbing straps, which are passed through the grommets and back on themselves to be tucked under a flap. The remaining suspension lines are free stowed under a large flap on the bag's side (like on a reserve freebag), which is closed using stiffened tabs as used on a container's riser covers. The end result looks very neat and tidy with hardly any visible lines sticking out anywhere.

Ludo claims that his new baby has made more than 9,000 jumps now without a single malfunction. He promises it makes pack jobs easier and faster, there are never any broken rubber bands to replace and openings are, in fact, better with less line twists.

Search 'Lazybag packing demo' on youtube.com



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## Packing DIY

For packing virgins and those looking to brush up on their packing skills, the guys at Performance Designs (PD) have added a new video to the video section of their website.

The new video is broken down into three parts so it loads a bit quicker. It shows PD's Nick Grillet pro-packing a Sabre2 135 main canopy, taking it from line check to stuffing the deployment bag. His instruction is clear and concise and is peppered with useful tips.

[thepdblog.com](http://thepdblog.com)

## Vector Tandem admin

United Parachute Technologies (UPT), US manufacturer of the popular *Vector* series of harness/container systems, has issued a demand that "All United Parachute Technologies Tandem container owners (*Vector Tandem* or *Sigma Tandem*) must have an 'End User Agreement' on file with UPT." This is mandatory, they say.

They go on to say that because this is one of UPT's requirements for all tandem owners, they will not be able to buy replacement parts, tandem canopies, line sets or any tandem rigging work until an End User Agreement, associated with your account, is lodged at UPT.

If you are a *Vector* or *Sigma Tandem* system owner they ask you to fill out the End User Agreement, which can be found at [unitedparachutetechnologies.com](http://unitedparachutetechnologies.com) and fax it to 001 386 734 7537 or email it to [eua@uptvector.com](mailto:eua@uptvector.com)

## Argus uncut

The Technical & Safety Committee of the International Parachute Commission (IPC) recently issued a bulletin, which called for the return of a certain batch of *Argus AAD cutters*. According to reports a fatality occurred in Poland where a skydiving student did not activate either their main or reserve parachutes. The *Argus AAD* fitted to the reserve fired as intended at the correct altitude but the unit's cutter seems to have failed to completely cut the reserve loop. The loop then broke on impact.

The *Argus* manufacturer, AVIACOM SA of Belgium, has since issued a Product Service Bulletin stating that it formally disagrees with the above conclusions, but in order to err on the side of caution it has instructed that *Argus AADs* with cutters that have a manufacturing date of August 2007 or earlier must have the cutter replaced with a later model at the next reserve repack, but no later than 31 December 2010.

The company stated: "Five per cent of each batch of cutters are tested for reliability and, for the moment, nothing confirms any failure among them".

They added that cutters manufactured from September 2007 use a different, hardened steel blade which delivers a clean cut, even of loops which are under low tension. The cutter's manufacturing date can be identified by a tag on the unit's cable. The company went on to say that any Senior or Master Rigger can unscrew the cutter and replace the old one with the new approved unit.

Replacement cutters will be supplied free of charge by AVIACOM. Return to Aviacom SA/NV, Avenue Lavoisier 18VB-1300 Wavre, Belgium. Tel: 32 (2) 785 02 80.

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# Mike Kelly

Mike's story began on 5 March 1948, one of seven children born to Joseph and Mabel, growing up together in Chesterfield. When he was old enough Mike joined the Parachute regiment and saw active service in Aden and Bahrain, something that coloured his life for the rest of his days. It was here that he picked up a knee injury in a game of football that ended his military career, but he still had unfinished business when it came to jumping.

Mike sought out a career as an electrician, married and, in 1976, became the proud father of Georgina, his only child. Some 29 years later he was to become a proud Grandfather to Alexandra, doting on both of his girls.

I first met Mike in 2003 and was immediately struck by his easygoing outlook and almost desert-like dry sense of humour. He had a cheeky grin and a very honest way with people; he would not shy away from telling you the truth whether you liked it or not! You always knew where you stood with Mike.

He was happy in his own company and regularly made trips to the States, just him, his skydiving gear and whatever book he was reading at the time. When he arrived it never took him long to make friends and he came back with stories of what he'd been up to.

We made many skydives together over the years, particularly having a great time on a trip to Vichy, France. This was where I first experienced his questionable sense of direction, although if he were here he would not agree! With Mike attempting to navigate, we managed to get hopelessly lost on the way to Lyon airport only just making the flight.

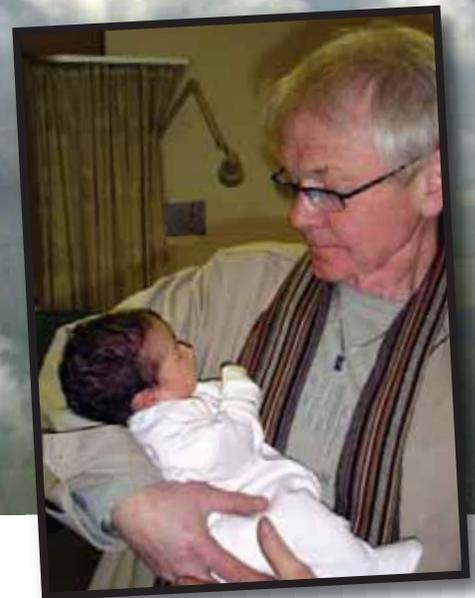
During his long battle with cancer, Mike never moaned about the obvious pain or continual trips to hospital. He wouldn't tell you when you enquired how bad it actually was, only that it was what it was. When he broke both of his legs and ankle in a swooping accident a few years ago, he didn't want help or sympathy and was fiercely independent. Nothing was going to stop him from being mobile. Despite being told not to drive, he managed to get to the car from his house by sitting on a skateboard then, once he'd hauled himself up into the drivers seat, he operated the pedals with his stick. If you told Mike he couldn't do something, he'd find a way to show you that he could.

I will remember Mike as the bravest and most modest person I have ever had the privilege of knowing. His favourite saying was "Yes, but I still look cool don't I?". Well Mike, you'll always be cool in our eyes.

**Andy Pike**

I have lots of memories of a man with the heart of a lion. Mike was a truly great person who always put others first. A true Paratrooper now and always. May his soul rest in peace, always remembered, never forgotten.

**Chris McCann**



I remember when I first met Mike – we were both hanging around the DZ at Langar on our own waiting to jump. We got chatting and were soon talking about kit; he had some he wanted to sell that was pretty much ideal for me. Three trial jumps later, Mike offered it to me at a really cheap price, which I went and checked. I told him the shop valued it at £500 more, but he said: "No, we agreed a price and that's fine". He also told me to take it home and pay him later. A friendship was born and I will never forget his trust and generosity.

We did many jumps together over the coming years and the majority were spent with Mike trying to teach me to sit-fly (I never did get the hang of it). We later went on to learn BASE jumping together and even on his first freefall base jump he showed absolutely no fear; he was made of stern stuff!

Mike was never afraid to speak his mind and could be a little short of fuse, which of course was taken the wrong way by some people, but when they got to know him they would find a witty and extremely helpful man, as I did on many occasions.

He had a tough time with his long fight against throat cancer which was made all the harder by his terrible jumping accident. I lost count of the operations he went through, but he never once complained he just took it in his stride – the definition of a tough guy.

Mike, you'll be missed by me and many others.

**Darren McGing**

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# Ryan Brown

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We think of you with a tear and a smile  
What we have lost we will gain in a while  
Always smiling, we'll think of you  
An Angel, above in the summer sky  
Looking down, above us, forever flying high

**Emma Marshall**

What can I say? Ryan was one in a million. He had so many good qualities that most people would be jealous of; he always had that infectious smile on his face, even when things got him down, and he was always happy to help others, yet not too proud to be helped. Every time he walked through the door at Bridlington, everyone was pleased to see him and disappointed to see him go again. He was always generous and kind hearted and none of this went unnoticed.

Ryan's passion for skydiving was enviable – always wanting to know more, analysing everything he did and wanting to better himself. I'm honoured to have known Ryan and been his friend. If the world had more people like Ryan in it, it would be a much better place.

Ryan, wherever you are now, I know the skies will always be blue. You will be sorely missed.

**Alec Flint**

Ryan was raised in Scotland until the age of 10, then moved with the family to rented accommodation in Thorne, near to where his Mother's family were based. He attended school at Thorne Grammar and became the very best of pals with Craig Shaw, who taught him how to play guitar.

Music became an important part of his life, but he also went on to take up other things, such as photography, for which he had a natural flair.

He found great enjoyment through motorcycling – his favourite rider was Valentino Rossi, whom he adored, and he once drove through France with his friend Daniel Moulson to Czechoslovakia to watch the Moto GPs.

Having undertaken one static-line parachute jump at about the age of 15, he later decided to go skydiving and got 'the bug'. Enthusiastically, he pursued the sport, jumping mainly at Bridlington and Hibaldstow. He was driven with a passion and would spend all his spare time improving his knowledge and experience.

He met Bethyny Henrickson on the internet; they formed a fantastic attachment for each other and had decided to marry. Ryan visited Bethyny and her son Raistlin in Seattle in April of this year and, while doing so, undertook a wingsuit jump that he was extremely proud of. Ryan will be sadly missed by his family and many, many friends.

**Ryan's father, David Brown**

*Ryan was sadly killed on a jump in August 2010 when he made a low turn under canopy that he could not complete before making contact with the ground.*



*The last photo taken of the ever-smiling Ryan, by Simon Rehill*

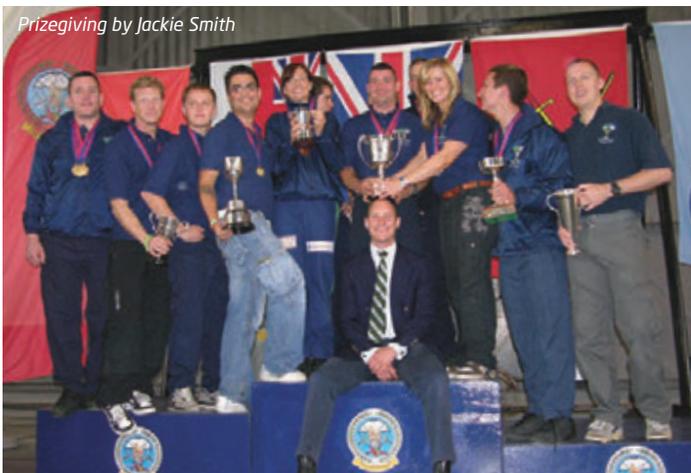
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### The Armed Forces Parachute Championships



Prizegiving by Jackie Smith

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Armed Forces Parachute Championships in early August, be it as competitors or in the organisation of the event, which was successfully completed despite the weather. There was a total of 34 4-way teams and 111 individual accuracy competitors, ranging from RAPS students and upwards. The End of Armies Party was all the more memorable as Prof celebrated 25 years of association with Netheravon by wearing a very fetching pink outfit complete with matching shoes and handbag!

Congrats to all the boys who braved rabid dogs and forest fires to take part in the World Parachute Championships in Menzelinsk, Russia. *Army Euphoria* (Dave Pacey, Andy Myers and Andy Newell) were very narrowly pipped to sixth place in the freely event, while Al Macartney put in a good show at the CP World Meet.

Keeping it in the family, three generations of Bagwells are now among the club regulars – Jake (aka mini Baggers) recently completed his AFF and took to the skies with dad John and granddad Eric. Congratulations to Rock Boardman who now has a genuine reason to be grumpy now that he's a granddad.

Deciding to finally hang up his rig, Dain Thorne wanted a memorable last jump so decided to swoop in to Salisbury Cathedral for his wedding to Sara. Accompanied by 10 other members of the Royal Navy Raiders display team, they became the first to jump into the grounds of this prestigious landmark. The happy couple have just returned from honeymoon in Hawaii and we wish them the very best.

Finally, some people will do anything to get out of CF with Al Macartney, but breaking your ankle may be a step too far – wishing Zoe Edwards a speedy recovery following her recent mishap!

**Kathryn Salisbury**

**ACHIEVEMENTS** Cat 8 Emile Giliers, Jake Bagwell, Alex Clark, Peter Toth, Costa Costa **FS1** Diana Pugh, Darren Thomas, Paul Rigby, Naomi Spencer, Wade Pasifull, Mike French **FF1** Kim Mason **WS1** Thea, Vicki Tomlinson **WS2** Vicki Tomlinson **JUMP NUMBERS** 50 Nathan Canavan, Josh Stainton 100 Elspeth Frudd, Darren Thomas, Ben Barber, Sarah Watts, Gaz Bateman, Paul Rigby, Dale Banham 200 Garrick Taylor 300 Sam Cady 400 Nicky Young, Francis Reardon 600 Muz Sutcliffe, Pony 1,000 Danny Kelly, Ross Foster, Kim Mason 1,300 Andy Myers 1,400 Thea 1,800 Will Arnold 1 hr freefall Will Arnold, Paul Rigby



Alex Dand in her first freestyle B competition, by Andy Godwin



Three generations of the Bagwell family: Eric, John and Jake, by Ed Bowyer



Dain Thorne jumps into Salisbury Cathedral, by Stuart Cooper



Dain and Sara Thorne

Becky, by Kolio Shamburov



## Beers for everyone!

The last few months have been fantastic. With the weather on side, our less-experienced jumpers have really been able to benefit. A special mention has to go to Paul Robinson who did a tandem earlier this year and, despite having MS (quite badly at times), has been intent and totally focused on becoming a skydiver. In August he achieved his aim, so a big well done to Paul, who is a true inspiration to us all. Well done also to Bob Prunty for completing his 3,000<sup>th</sup> flying hour. After trying his hardest to keep it quiet and after receiving threats to his new VW pride and joy, he bought beers for everyone!

Many thanks to Jo again for producing the mother of all BBQs on the last bank holiday weekend; we all are really looking forward to the next one! The pictures are of our beloved manifest assistant Rebecca who celebrated an amazing achievement recently and only took 20 minutes to do it... Becs will no doubt tell anyone who asks via Facebook about her adventure!

Carl Williams

## Swansea

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Manifest assistant Becky, by Kolio Shamburov

**ACHIEVEMENTS** Cat 8 Tanya Wilcox, Sophie Phillips, Nicola Lemon, Jane Mcnamara, Paul Robinson **FS1** Ricky **WS1** Doug McIvraith **JUMP NUMBERS** 100 Ben Jenkins, Ben Leonides **200** Ricky **1 hr freefall** Ben Leonides

## Hinton

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Team Neveready, by Simon Astley

## Bring on winter jumping

It has been a great summer at Hinton and the past couple of months have seen loads of progression; as you can see from the achievements, the coaches and jumpers have been working really hard.

Well done to the teams from Hinton who took part in the 4-way FS nationals – *Wedoanysshapes.com*, *Touchwood* and the *Nevereadys*. *Wedoanysshapes.com* came sixth in the Rookie competition, so massive congratulations to them. Also, a note to all club members; Tom Lumb has advised any future bets he makes in the bar are void from now on as it has cost him too much money recently!

Our CCI Stuart Meacock travelled to the CP Nationals and won silver in accuracy and bronze in speed, coming third overall. Just shows what a 'DZ Swooper' can do!

We have also welcomed Jake as our new pilot – he has fitted in perfectly and is doing a fabulous job. Hopefully, although the winter is on its way, we will continue to have blue skies and lots of jumping, albeit with thermals and gloves! We are open six days a week and will only be closed for two weeks at Christmas; see you all soon!

Tally Ann Keith

**ACHIEVEMENTS** Cat 8, **AFF grad** Joe De Hoop, Gareth 'Taff' Jones **FS1** Andre Parnell, Paula Nash, Bev Lindsell, Doug Pease **FF1** Zaneta Vojtkova **WS1&2** Chris Parsons **CH2, JM** Bob Shears **JUMP NUMBERS** 50 Ben Templar, Damian Moser **100** Bob Shears **500** Tom Lumb **600** Chris Parsons **2,300** Matt Abram **2,500** Bob Miller

## UK Para Beccles

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## Jolly Roger?

The summer came and went and so did most of our club jumpers. Was it Tomo, 'Captain Pugwash' that frightened them away or his sidekick, 'Roger the Cabinboy' Stu Murtha and his devil's claw?

The PD Tour visit in July was another resounding success. Our thanks to Dedic for his continued support.

It was ITV Anglia's turn to visit UK Parachuting Beccles this month as 86-year-old Margaret Hudson, who did her first skydive at the age of 83, took to the skies for charity. Margaret, who has three children, four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, was joined by 16 staff from her home at Grays Fair Court Community Support Centre for the jump, which raised £6,000 for Age UK Norfolk. She said: "It was absolutely fantastic, much better than last time; the instructor had us floating around the sky like birds."

Paul Newton

**ACHIEVEMENTS** **AFF Grad, Cat 8 & CH1** Nicola MacDonald, Karl Brent, Simon McKinna, Miles Tinsley, Ian Gilbert, Matthew Frost, Lisa Ryan **JUMP NUMBERS** 900 Paul Newton

86-year-old Margaret Hudson all smiles after her tandem



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**Don't miss:** 24-31 July 2011: Sibson's 40th birthday party with three Caravans, helicopter and balloon jumps. More details to follow

Brett Robinson

## The pilot jumps!

Despite the wet August weather, club jumpers have been determined to jump. Even our pilot James Graham-White swapped the driving seat with Grant for a lift to complete his AFF level one, so well done James! We hope you don't get too hooked on jumping because we can't afford to lose a pilot! We have gained one new pilot though; congratulations to Ben Seguss for obtaining his BPA jump-pilot's rating. He will also be seen at both ends of the aircraft; rumour has it he and James want a job share.

AFF students have been appearing regularly, so Sarah, Trevor and Marc, our AFF BIs, have been working hard on their ground school and briefing. All being well, we will have seven full-time AFF instructors for the start of 2011. Grant's dad Reg did his fifth tandem with Trevor to celebrate his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday. A well-deserved treat after driving the minibus all weekend!

Well done to all the Sibson teams that competed in the FS Nationals, especially Rookie team *Raykipo* who gained silver, and the *Escondido* boys who performed

## UK Para Sibson

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Sibson teams at the Nationals



well in AAA. Nice work! We are looking for more teams to train at Sibson during 2011 and from 1 April we will be opening four days per week, Thursday-Sunday. Contact Grant at [skydive@ukparachuting.co.uk](mailto:skydive@ukparachuting.co.uk) for more details.

The Christmas bash is booked for 18 December 2010 at the Paper Mills pub in Wansford, followed by a presentation evening and disco at the Phoenix Bar & Grill. Award for Club Member of the year is still up for grabs, so plenty of time left to suck up to Grant! If anyone has any ideas for some sensible (or not so sensible) awards, let Grant know! 18 December will be our last day's jumping in 2010. We open again the week after the BPA AGM. For more information check out the clubzone at [skydivesibson.co.uk](http://skydivesibson.co.uk)

Susie Richards

**ACHIEVEMENTS** FF1 Jonny Moore, Ben Terrell, Maxwell Hill FF2 Alan Jenkinson FS2 Dom Goy  
**JUMP NUMBERS** 100 Eliza Ratusniak 300 Jonny Moore, Ben Terrell 1,000 Brian Cumming 2,000 Derrick Kent 1 hr freefall Karl Richardson

## Headcorn

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## A new generation



Andy Holland jumping with son Daniel, by Lucy Smith Wildey

Polly jumping with John Vale's daughter Nicola, by Lucy Smith Wildey



The new loos and showers are finally open, and wonderful they are too! Liam Hamilton and Adam Smith both achieved Warp 4 at the Progression week in July. Ben Broad also made several jumps and now has his FS1. Judy 'weekend secretary' Walker was seen to be holding hands with a strange man on her Warp 7!

*Silverfox* came a very respectable sixth in the Rookie class at Nationals despite the fact that they had the handicap of Del and no alternative, as Alex Hopkins didn't have his FS1 sticker! Penny attended her first World Meet, judging the 4-way, 8-way and VFS in Russia, and Ruth went to the CISM competition in Switzerland (with the Irish Army delegation – a hard job but someone had to do it!) and came back with her CISM accuracy rating.

Polly took John Vale's daughter Nicola on a tandem, and Andy Holland also took his son Daniel. And an even younger generation of new skydivers has arrived! Two couples, who both met at Headcorn, are now proud parents of baby daughters: Polly and Maria Parrott, still both at Headcorn, and Gina Coulthard and Mick Forrest, now living in Australia. Congratulations to all of you!

Ruth Cooper and Jane Buckle

**ACHIEVEMENTS** First freefall Irina Timoshenko Graduated AFF Joe Harman, James Stancomb, Anatasios Tzanis Cat 8 and CH1 Darren Tilley, Kevin Cooper, Joe Harman JM1 and CH2 Rob McIlveney FS1 Peri Rocha, Sam Laming, Alex Hopkins, Ben Broad FF1 Michael Cambridge **JUMP NUMBERS** 50 Mike Penfold, Kevin McGrath 100 Peri Rocha 200 Ben Larpent, Rich Best 300 Darren Payne 1,200 Lucy Smith Wildey 1,500 Del Hopkins 6,500 Pete Sizer 1 hr freefall Doc Davis



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Piers Kittel,  
by Mal Smith

## New packing area

We have not just one but two new CBSIs at Peterlee! Well done to Paul Hardy and Tom Owen. As Paul will now be busy training students, he has vacated his position in the manifest office. To fill in the gap the two Lisas, that's Lisa (Jam) Stephenson and Lisa Wilkinson, are the new manifest apprentices. Paul Moore has been busy recently too. As well as achieving the FAI CP Judge rating, he has also re-registered the *North Wings Display Team*. It was previously run by Eric Hall in more recent times and by Jim Barnes in the olden days. Nice one Paul!

Alan Thompson deserves a special mention for those amazing camera skills of his. Team *Bodyflight* won silver medal in not only the British Championships but also in the World Championships in Russia. Alan has posted videos on Facebook and they are quite spectacular to watch. Congratulations go to Nigel Peacock who won the Intermediate National Accuracy Competition. The fact that he was the only entrant in the Intermediate group may have been a deciding factor, however regardless of this he did really well. Good on ya Nigel!

The centre is gradually changing step by step. With the new hangar complete and the old hangar haven been given a huge clearout, we now have a great new packing area with new packing mats and loads of space. Next on the list to be done is the new toilet and shower block. The electric fly swatter has been back in action again. But as usual, when the zapper comes out, it usually means someone other than the insects is going to get it! This time it was Prof, which,

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Sue Scott

**Don't miss:**  
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considering his piercings, is enough to make anyone cringe at the thought. Oh and stranger Johnny Baines has made a return too and claims he is planning to step up a gear with the fly swatter after being zapped on the nipple previously. Watch out in the next edition for an update!

Janet and the gang have been organising some up-and-coming events too, so make sure you make a note of the 'Don't miss' events in your diary! Incidentally, if anyone would like to request any social activities at the centre, especially now that the darker nights will start to descend on us, then please let the guys at the DZ know. We are always open to new suggestions. Finally, congratulations to Max Lamaq on your tandem. Your dad and I are proud of you!

Sue Scott

**ACHIEVEMENTS** First freefall Teddy Mc Manus, Piers Kittel, Jason Roberts, Luke Burnley **Cat 8 and CH1** Adam Patterson, Takgeun Lee, Will Wilkinson, Piers Kittel **JM1 and CH2** Chaz Adams **FF1** Paul Hardy, Tom Owen **JUMP NUMBERS** 50 Chaz Adams 100 Nigel Peacock, Craig Hicks 200 Colin Daley 500 Tom Owen 3,000 Alan Thompson 1 hr freefall Nigel Peacock

## BCPA

[bcpa.org.uk](http://bcpa.org.uk)

## In with the new

The BCPA Nationals set the scene for a potentially tight showdown between Warwick and Southampton for the championship title. With so few points between them it was heating up to be an extremely competitive nationals this year.

However the weather had other plans so, despite our best efforts, there was no jumping throughout. Not to worry, as there was plenty of entertainment on hand: from inflatable rides to hot tubs, there was something for everyone. The UV party went down a treat, getting inevitably messy. Unfortunately, with all the free alcohol it was extremely difficult to remember what actually happened. A big thank-you once again to Cark for hosting us.

The AGM went smoothly with copious amounts of disruption and harassment, but eventually all the trophies were distributed. A new rule change was accepted, aimed at fixing a loophole in the competition rules, which will hopefully give smaller university clubs a more balanced chance at winning. A new committee was also elected (and promptly intoxicated) allowing our old committee members to finally relax. Thank you to the old committee, your work throughout the last year has been brilliant!

Finally, congratulations to all nine BCPA teams, more than 15 per cent of all the entries, who entered the BPA Nationals this year! Three BCPA teams managed to win medals, which is a fantastic result.

**Ailwyn McGeoch**  
BCPA Chairman



League runners-up, Southampton

### Competition League results 2009-10

Warwick – 899  
Southampton – 871  
Strathclyde – 278

### Achievement League 2009-10

Southampton – 418  
Warwick – 318  
Durham – 218

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Garrick Taylor, Southampton – 195  
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Tim Gaines, Warwick – 183

UV party, by Hadleigh Murad



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## Medallists galore!

Dave Lewis' 3,000th – a tandem! By Matthew L Byrn

This year's Go-Vertical was almost Go-Horizontal, what with the wind and all, but they did some good stuff. Kris Moxnes joined the organising team this time round. Dave Lewis' FS group also took advantage of the Beech for some great dives. Richard and Laura Head and Henry Chow did some great work with our teams during the BPA FS Roadshow – thanks guys!

The skydiving bits from the Sky Sports News HD advert were filmed at Langar by Tony Danbury, with Billy Payn doing the 'stunts' and Milko setting the whole thing up. Dave Lewis recently celebrated his 3,000<sup>th</sup> jump – as a tandem 'student' with fellow organiser Billy Payn as the instructor, and in formation too! We were lucky enough to have a visit from the Supervan 900 demonstrator; it's a Grand Caravan with a big, powerful engine conversion! The lucky jumpers at Langar on the day got the chance to test jump the aircraft for free! Nice, huh?

Andrew Hilton has added three Rogallo-wing canopies to his collection of historic parachutes and we had a bit of a play with them one breezy weekend. Andrew is planning to have his vintage collection available to jump using modern rigs and reserves when he's finished the rigging work. Watch this space...

There was sad news of the deaths of Steve 'Stealth' Elvy and Mike Kelly, both after long fights with cancer. Stealth was our top FS organiser for several years before moving to the States in 2003 and helped many skydivers develop their big-way skills. Jumping was the love of Mike Kelly's life, and he always managed to muster enough energy to jump, however ill he became. Mike was still jumping just a few weeks before the end. They'll both be missed by their friends at Langar.

Well done to everyone from Langar who represented the UK at the World Meet: Doug Preston, Gavin MacLeod and cameraflyers Martin Robiette and Maria Russell in CF; Katie Woods in 4-way FS with *Satori*; husband-and-wife freestyle team AI and Pixie for silver and then gold at Nationals; Martin Reynolds in VFS with *The Bad Lieutenants*, winning bronze at the Worlds and gold at the Nationals. Congratulations to all the other Langar jumpers who won medals. Check out [skydivelangar.co.uk](http://skydivelangar.co.uk) for all the latest news and action.

Tony Danbury

## Langar

[skydivelangar.co.uk](http://skydivelangar.co.uk)



Martin Reynolds and Ally Milne, by Gary Wainwright



Andrew Hilton's Delta Wing Reserve, by Tony Danbury

**ACHIEVEMENTS** First freefall Anthony Pinnell **Graduated AFF** Natalie Maxwell, Dean Catterson, Andy James, Charlie Smart, James Pritchard **Cat 8** Dean Catterson, Charlie Smart, James Pritchard, Andrew Glykys **FF1** Laura Muller, Darren Chaney, Simon Donnelly, Chris Townsend, Phil Robinson, Jon Rivers **FF2** Aaron Sherwood **CH1** Dean Catterson, Andy James, Charlie Smart, James Pritchard **CH2&JM1** Ben White, Charlie Smart **CP1** Gary Davidson **FS1** Jonathan Davies, Sally Andrews, Gary Davidson, Joanne Woods **JUMP NUMBERS 50** Mike Watson, Craig Stock, Joanne Woods **100** Nick Robinson, Ben White, Charlie Smart, Liam Byrne **200** Darren Chaney, Tamsin Jackman **500** Gary Davidson, Mick Munks **600** Sian Stokes **700** Scott Calcraft **800** Wayne Glenn **1,000** Chris Cook, Will Cooke, Ian Taylor **1,100** Matt Sweeney **1,300** Chris Smith **1,400** Tim Aucott **1,500** Stan Hopkins **3,000** Dave Lewis **7,000** Phil Curtis **1hr freefall** Paul Clapham, Charlie Smart

## Tilstock

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**ACHIEVEMENTS CH2** Paul Wood  
**JUMP NUMBERS 700** Mike Allsopp  
**10 hrs freefall** Mike Allsopp

## The party mood

Mike Allsopp by David Lewis

Buzz has had a very successful couple of months as the new CCI and has been getting us all in the party mood. (Well, the weather's been a bit pants so we figured we may as well party!) Firstly we had to say goodbye to our manifestor Sally who has, yet again, abandoned us for central America (we aren't jealous at all). I hear it was a mad night with pole dancing around square objects and unprintable photos. Ann Furnedge is learning to manifest now so of course we had to have a BBQ to mark her first day. We celebrated 'National Talk like a Pirate day' with a Pirate Day BBQ and party on 18 September. There were prizes for the best costumes, lots of rum and a plank consisting of a paddling pool and a piece of wood!



CCI Alex Busby and DZ owner Colin Fitzmaurice say goodbye to Sally

Phil Jenks now has his FS Coaching rating, if you're interested in coaching please contact the DZ. Andy Pritchard got his first dummy pulls in (whoop whoop!). Congratulations to Mike Allsopp and his team who gained a silver medal at the Nationals in Intermediate 8-way. Most importantly, after nearly 90 jumps and a canopy course, Hannah Davies finally managed her first stand-up landing!

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Boogie 2, by Rob Franklin

## Black Beech 99

Finally, it's here! Dunkeswell's new Black Beech 99 arrived just in time for our Boogie 2 along with Jan's Beech 99! With two awesome fast planes, everyone got plenty of jumps in. Well done to the ten freeflyers who together set the new Dunkeswell head-down record during the Boogie. Dave Morris and the flatflyers worked hard and successfully built an 18-way with a guest appearance from CCI Jason Farrant – yes everyone, Jason was fun jumping! Tim Porter organised loads of tracking dives which everyone loved and, when he wasn't tracking, filmed Dave Morris' big-ways while carving head-down around and underneath the formations. Amazing camera footage; thanks Tim!

The Boogie party on Saturday night kicked off with a tasty chilli before everyone gathered in the packing building to listen to a live set by Ryan Mancey. Cheers Ryan, you rocked! And thanks to Anna Howerski for jamming with Ryan and blowing us away with your amazing voice.

Michelle and Angie celebrated their joint birthday with an underwear/bikini jump even though it was quite a chilly day! They also had a chocolate muffin-eating contest in freefall, which was messy but very entertaining!

In other fun-jumping news, we've been doing hybrids, wingsuit rodeos and all sorts! A group of Dunkeswell flatflyers (plus their cameraman) got together and arranged a trip to Lapalisse Picnic Boogie in France.

Dunkeswell has been seeing a lot of new faces (and some old ones!) eager to jump our Black Beech 99. Have you jumped it yet? Don't forget the UKS shop is now based at Dunkeswell for all your kit and equipment needs.

**Maddy Heath Kelly**

## Jersey [skydivejersey.net](http://skydivejersey.net)

### A great summer

Skydive Jersey is lapping up the sunshine, and has seen much tandem and fun jumping this summer. Welcome to new local recruit Guy Barnett, who made his first solo jump at Jersey recently. The operation was shipped up and moved to Guernsey for the annual participation in aviation week. Tandem and fun jumping is organised for the locals, who are happy to skydive over their homeland.

An exercise with Jersey Airport's Fire and Rescue service gave the firemen a different perspective on emergency procedures. They had never encountered tandem buckles, camera helmets and seat restraints before, not to mention one-legged skydivers!

Join us on Facebook for news of the end-of-season party, or to upload any photos you may have.

**Mally Richardson**

**ACHIEVEMENTS** WS1 Alun Griffiths **JUMP NUMBERS** 200 Simon Griffiths 700 Alun Griffiths 800 Pete Dolbel

## Dunkeswell

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Boogie FS fun, by Rob Franklin

Boogie-ers! By Rob Franklin



**ACHIEVEMENTS** FF1 Neil Andrew, Shane Hardwick **FS1** Josh Clark, Vikki Parsons  
**JUMP NUMBERS** 50 David Cook 100 Leon Catley 200 Maddy Heath Kelly, Gary Powell, Rob Fone, Louis Blight  
300 Sam Cady 400 Daniel Guest, Mel Dando 600 Shane Hardwick 136 hrs freefall Dave Howerski



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## Record-breaking

We've had another amazing season so far with the UKSL, the Nationals for 4-way FS, 8-way FS, freefly, freestyle, VFS and speed. Thanks to all the competitors for travelling up to see us; we had a record-breaking 57 teams at the 4-way FS Nationals. Well done to our local teams, it was good to see so many regulars taking part.

We've had other events in between, such as the Mega Skills weekend, which somehow managed to end up with custard wrestling. Our very own Simon Cathrine, who continues to give up much time and effort, was rewarded by being dragged into the pool of custard to be thrown about by Mhari, Kate and Sally which, as you can imagine, he really had to hold himself back from.

We also held a charity Masquerade Ball, organised by Stu, Mick and Sophie, for the Alzheimers Charity. This was a great success and plenty of people got into the theme, which, along with the Ceilidh, made for a fun night.

The BLTs have been busy organising and coaching too. After their bronze at the Worlds (good job lads!) they organised the setting of a new British head-down formation record of 22. Simon Cathrine's invitational 45-way meet was a huge success with some super complex formations being made – certainly something good to watch on the bar tape from the ground.

## Hibaldstow

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Fly Hard, by John Williamson

Well done to all the progressive students and fun jumpers who just can't get enough of 15,000ft goodness. Some notable jump numbers too – see the achievements box. Many thanks to Sally, Jo and the AFF Instructor team for their efforts. Darren even escaped the cafe long enough to get his A Licence!

Mike McNulty

**ACHIEVEMENTS** AFF Grad, Cat 8 & CH1 Kris Cavill, Nigel Thurston, Darren Graham, Alex Rowlett, Chris Fawcett, Gary Eckford **FF1** Scott Heathfield **FF1** Holly Kilham **JUMP NUMBERS** 50 Ashley Newbold, Charlie Pearce, Karl Peart, Nev Fox **100** Kate French **200** Mick Thornley, Baz Copeland, Claire Atley, David Grimes **400** Sam Davis **500** Charlotte Fletcher, Lynne Forman, Holly Kilham **600** Ant Hill, Gavin Bowers **700** Peter Mather **1,000** Mike McNulty, Ane Brentford **1,400** Jo Burns **1,600** Shell Meakins **2,000** Derrick Kent

## South Cerney [skydivesouthcerney.co.uk](http://skydivesouthcerney.co.uk)

### Busy AFF

Firstly, a massive well done to George for getting his TBI and Gary for achieving his pre-AI, and to Carrie Tomkins and Pete Price for achieving their A Licences.

The staff team is growing ever-stronger with Alison Gale joining the packing team and myself joining the manifest gillies. Deano was left speechless for the first time ever after abruptly being told to be quiet! Stu and the AFF school have been busy, with lots of students graduating over the last few weeks. Our lovely resident instructors and coaches are here to help those who are looking to progress forward or fine-tune their skills and talents and, as usual, Murphy is available to supply his own special variety of sex and relationship advice.



George's speed suit, by Elena Sansivieri

**ACHIEVEMENTS** JM1&CH2 Emma Bowles, Sandie Morgan **FF1** Pete McDonald **WS1** Mike Williams **JUMP NUMBERS** 100 Alun Evans **200** Ralph Weatherburn **500** Martin Rhoys **700** Tim Roberts

Happy 40<sup>th</sup> birthday to Richard O'Flynn – Gary expects you to get your medical sorted! Finally a huge thank-you to all the hard-working staff and sexy club jumpers for giving us a summer full of fun!

Emma Bowles

## Chatteris

[ukskydiving.com](http://ukskydiving.com)

### New year

For those of you who haven't seen, the Otter has a shiny new door, which is great now it's starting to get colder!

We've had a great year so far for qualifying students. We especially enjoyed Alison's celebratory cake – we're all looking forward to your next 'cake offence'.

We are starting to make plans for our Christmas party on Saturday 18 December at the DZ; mark it in your diary! There's a group of us going to Portugal for New Year's Eve, so if you'd like to join us check out the events page on the Skydive Chatteris Facebook profile.

Lorraine Dixey



Nick and Jason, by Si Chipp

**ACHIEVEMENTS** Cat 8 Shane Adcock, Colin Peck, Alison Peock, Nick Griffin **FF1** Adam Gooch, Nick Page, Gordon MacKenzie **JUMP NUMBERS** 100 Gregg Munday **1,000** Rowena Owen, Pete Herrick **3,000** Yo Lee **1hr freefall** Gregg Munday, Adam Gooch **12hrs freefall** Rowena Owen, Pete Herrick **36hrs freefall** Yo Lee **108hrs freefall** Gary Small



Team Sirius

## Safe flight success

It's been a busy summer for Black Knights so far; there's just no stopping us! Unfortunately, those who stuck out the last Progression week will know that the British weather was against us but that didn't diminish our spirits and, by the end of the week, it was smiles and sunshine all round.

A huge well done to team BKPC, aka Paul Yeoman and Brian Vacher, with Steve Saunders on camera, who won the Canopy Formation Nationals and also our very own team Sirius, aka Ruth Morrison, Ewan Cowie, Darren Rose and Andy Forsyth who managed to snatch the bronze medals at the FS Nationals.

The Brian Vacher safe flight school was a huge success with both the general and advanced courses fully booked, resulting in Brian bringing in an extra instructor from the SFS. A big thank-you to everyone involved.

We also have resident AFF instructors, led by Steve Saunders and John Horne, who have run many successful courses this year, resulting in a high retention rate of students. Jeff has been offered the chance to run an EFAW First Aid course at the centre. It is a full day's course and the qualification is valid for

## Black Knights

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Team Sirius

three years. Please contact the centre if you are interested. Finally, get in touch to reserve your place at the BKPC Christmas party before they go!

**Sharon Beeson and Megan Bee**

**ACHIEVEMENTS** First freefall John Moore, Maggie McMahon, Adam Clay Graduated AFF Patryk Zmuda, Mark Royle, Chris Foster, Szymon Ambrozewicz, Jakub Ambrozewicz, Eric Clegg Cat 8 Paul McGill, Lee O'Connell WS1 Pat Priestly FS1 Kirsty Mitchell, Rob Pappini, Keith Bee, Dave Butterworth FF1 Matt Jennings JUMP NUMBERS 300 Rob Sir'ee 600 Liz Fletcher 700 Ron Leslie

## POPS

[pops.org.uk](http://pops.org.uk)

UK POPS Meet winners,  
by Roger Flavell



## Hit 'n' Rock!

Just for a change, the day of the UK POPS Meet at Weston dawned and there was blue sky! We ran three rounds of sport accuracy exiting from the Dornier at 4,500ft with three or four jumpers exiting on each pass.

Ash did his normal magician's act of producing a BBQ for all the POPS at the clubhouse in the evening and we did our bit of magic and made the beer disappear! The next day the skies were generally blue and dry, but the wind was not the stuff for competitions. By midday it had dropped enough for us to run the Hit 'n' Rock with 10 POPS. Considering the wind, the times were amazing. If the time keepers had been accredited stopwatch users and if we had 'official' observers... an all-time British record would have been claimed!

### Sport Accuracy competition

Gold – Ron Bradley Norman  
Silver – Nick Nunn  
Bronze – Don Taylor

### Hit 'n' Rock competition

Gold – Dick Barton  
Silver – Niels Hansen  
Bronze – Ron Bradley Norman

**Dick Barton**

## Weston

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Skyvan exit, by Mark Stone

## Summer Ball

Our Summer Ball returned with a bang on the last weekend of July with a fantastic marquee, food, purpose-built bar, band, DJ and not forgetting the dodgems that kept everyone entertained all night. It was great to see so many old faces from Weston's past come and enjoy the night, which quite a few carried on into the early hours.

Well done to all the teams from Weston that went to the Nationals and came back with silverware! As always, Weston produced plenty of 4-way teams bringing home medals but this year included medals in freefly. Well done to Team *Bodyflight* on their silver medal at the World Meet. Despite some issues with the Ruski's, unbelievably hot weather and only being together six months, the girls did amazingly with an average of 20+ over the 10 rounds.

The Skyvan has been making appearances now and again along with the Dornier, keeping us busy on weekends when the weather gods play ball! FS coaching by our team is helping plenty of newbies gain valuable FS experience.

Our last day of the season will be 28 November and we will reopen again on the first weekend in February.

**Ash Kemp**

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Ben Wood and Matt Hollins on his 50<sup>th</sup>, by Phil Symons

## Cornish

[cornishparachuteclub.co.uk](http://cornishparachuteclub.co.uk)

## Two thousand tandems

The club continues to grow in size and we have just completed our 2,000<sup>th</sup> tandem in four years of operation. Some years the weather is good, but this year has been difficult for our students who normally jump at Bodmin airfield on some weekdays. But Matt Hollins has beaten the weather and achieved his B Certificate and now can jump at both DZs. Joe Baker will not be far behind in achieving his goal. This year has seen Andy Montriou and Chris Ivory return to the club and give a very welcome hand with the tandems; thanks again for your help guys!

Wayne Shorthouse from the *Red Devils* team jumped at Perranporth and achieved his 500<sup>th</sup> jump – well done Wayne. It is nice to see some visitors at the club. Visitors are always welcome but the Cessna 206 never sounds as good as a Beech 99 or a Cessna Caravan, and nor should it. The 206 is a little workhorse and does an outstanding job at Perranporth.

Once again we had a very successful Demo into Constantine Carnival for Anne and Jamie Fowler, where Phil Symons joined us for his first Demo.

Chris Wood



Shawn Ferris over Perranporth, by Ben Wood

## Wild Geese

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Donaghadee beach demo, by Rod McCrory

## Cark

[skydivenorthwest.co.uk](http://skydivenorthwest.co.uk)



Pete Connor's 3000<sup>th</sup>, by Gary Hall

**ACHIEVEMENTS** First freefall George Page, Sam Haste, Matt Enright  
**Graduated AFF** Don Sloss, Colin Sloss, Euan Sloss, Rachel Koltava, Phil Lowrie **Cat 8** Sarah Todd, Ian Moore  
**FS1** Mark Atherton, Steven Freakes  
**JUMP NUMBERS 50** Nick Markham, Cez **100** Fraser Dootson **200** Vicki Sutton **1,500** Steve Hankey **1,700** Duncan Haynes **1,900** Rob Frost **3,000** Pete Connor **3,300** Steve Nolan

## First freefly weekend

The Geese's first freefly weekend had Mike Barrett, Ian McGowran and Shane Michaels from the IPC as coaches/load organisers. The weekend kicked off with some relaxed Friday-evening jumping. We all averaged four jumps on Saturday, with the last load being a sunset 10-way tracking dive. Sunday morning looked fabulous and jumping started at 9am although the winds did pick up so most people got about three jumps. Several people got one-on-one coaching jumps. Next time we would like to see even more people taking part and dedicating the whole weekend to freefly. Thanks to Judith and Taff for keeping the operation running smoothly.

August saw the RNLI (Royal National Lifeboat Institution) celebrate their 100-year anniversary and the *Wild Geese Display Team* was invited to jump onto the beach at Donaghadee as part of the festivities. Weather conditions were almost perfect, crowds were sizable and the display was executed to the usual safe, high standard.

Finally, congratulations to Dr Eiméar McGovern and Dr Paul Brennan who, after many years of study, have graduated and joined the working world as much-needed doctors!

Rod McCrory

**ACHIEVEMENTS** First freefall Simon Finlay **FS1** Aaron Crosby, Ryan McCreanor

## Revamp!

With the BCPA nationals weathered out again, we made the most of the bucking bronco and various other toys the BCPA Committee had brought along. Thanks to the committee for a fun few days.

Al & Debs Bould celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> birthdays with a pigs and wigs evening. A huge hog roast tempted out our club members in varying degrees of head gear including punks and monks! Many happy returns!

Cark week was a success and, with only one bad-weather day, the sun took over and allowed us to play. With the daily tandems out of the way it allowed the majority of us to complete a few lobs and do some nice 10 to 14-way dives. Thanks to all who took the time to support us!

A big congratulations to Pete and Courtney on their new arrival Alfie, born Sunday 5 September and weighing in at just over 8lbs. Could you make the christening mid-week so we don't have to miss Sunday jumping?!

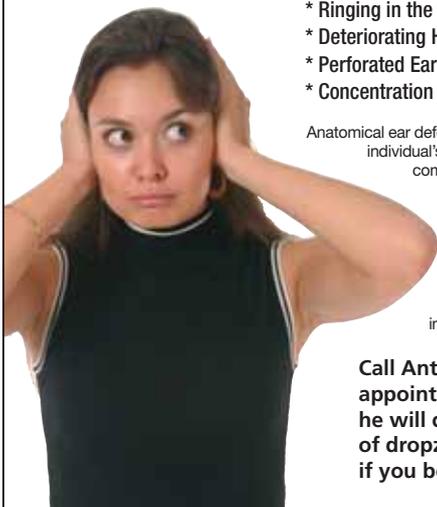
Mike and Stu are continuing their centre revamp and are now on with new lecture rooms that will include state-of-the-art communication resources, procured with the kind assistance of our resident tech-dude Noggin.

Stu Morris

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Rob Stevenson

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The camps run over five days with the aim of completing a total of 40-50 jumps. Each camp culminates with a day of competition. Skydive Empuriabrava has donated a free camera slot to each group to cut costs. It is a great way to experience high-level competition with a world-medallist on every team.

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9-10 Peterlee Bounce Back Boogie  
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9-10 Canopy Control Weekend  
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Seville, Spain • [skydivespain.com](http://skydivespain.com)

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9-10 Track Day  
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9-10 FF vs FS 8-way Speed  
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11-14 PreNox Learning Curve Camp  
Rambler, Australia • [ramblers.com.au](http://ramblers.com.au)

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15-17 5th Swoop Meet  
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15-23 Equinox Boogie  
Rambler, Australia • [ramblers.com.au](http://ramblers.com.au)

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Teuge, Holland • [paracentrumteuge.nl](http://paracentrumteuge.nl)

16-17 12/24-ways  
Langar • [strollerweb.co.uk](http://strollerweb.co.uk)

16-17 Gauntlet Tunnel Competition  
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28-29 Women's Vertical WR Skills Camp  
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29-31 Halloween Freely Extravaganza  
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**9-13 4-way FS Camp**  
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**10-14 California State FF Record**  
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Eloy, USA • [skydiveaz.com](http://skydiveaz.com)

**25-Jan 2 Christmas Boogie**  
Empuria, Spain • [skydiveempuriabrava.com](http://skydiveempuriabrava.com)

**26-Jan 2 Xmas Feelgood Boogie**  
Ramblers, Australia • [ramblers.com.au](http://ramblers.com.au)

**27-Jan 3 The Invasion**  
Florida, USA • [skydiveseb.com](http://skydiveseb.com)

## JANUARY 2011

**22 BPA AGM**  
The Hilton, Coventry • [bpa.org.uk](http://bpa.org.uk)

## Skysisters 3



Skysurf sisters: Cecilia Morton and Susie McLachlan, by Wendy Smith

Skysisters 3, on 22-30 April 2011, is about getting ladies together to have a fantastic week of jumping at Toogoolawah DZ, Australia. Some of the world's greatest skydiving coaches and load organisers are confirmed for Skysisters 3, such as Kate Cooper-Jensen, Amy Chmelecki, Melissa Nelson and Melanie Curtis. Female skydivers of all levels will be catered for.

With everything from one-on-one coaching in all disciplines, star crests and big-way preparation jumps for novices, three-dimensional jumps, key-word and picture jumps (eg. women's symbol) to lingerie loads and aerial fashion photoshoots, this is definitely a boogie worth travelling for.

There is a 60-way Skysisters record formation planned, for which slots are starting to be allocated, so register on the website. Kate will also be running four days of big-ways starting the weekend before (blokes are welcome too!). Rumour: The Skysisters 60-way record and camp may also be a selection camp for the next world record attempt! So if you want to get noticed, register your interest on the website.

[skysisters.com.au](http://skysisters.com.au)

## FEBRUARY

**4-6 Bootie Boogie**  
Florida, USA • [skydiveseb.com](http://skydiveseb.com)

**12-13 Valentine's Day Meet**  
Eloy, USA • [skydiveaz.com](http://skydiveaz.com)

**12-18 Women's CF World Record Attempt**  
Z Hills, USA • [skydivicity.com](http://skydivicity.com)

**14-18 PIA Symposium**  
Reno, USA • [pia.com](http://pia.com)

**18-20 Freely Money Meet**  
Eloy, USA • [skydiveaz.com](http://skydiveaz.com)

**24-March 5 Belize Boogie**  
San Pedro, Belize • [skydivebelize@gmail.com](mailto:skydivebelize@gmail.com)

## MARCH

**7-12 International Skydiving Championship**  
Beni-Mellal, Morocco • [pacma.ma](http://pacma.ma)

**11-20 March Madness**  
Florida, USA • [skydiveseb.com](http://skydiveseb.com)

## APRIL

**15-24 Easter Boogie**  
Z Hills, USA • [skydivicity.com](http://skydivicity.com)

**22-24 Easter Boogie**  
Eloy, USA • [skydiveaz.com](http://skydiveaz.com)

**22-30 Skysisters 3**  
Toogoolawah, Aus • [skysisters.com.au](http://skysisters.com.au)

## JULY

**24-31 Sibson's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**  
UK Para (Sibson) • [skydiveseb.com](http://skydiveseb.com)

## AUGUST

**1-7 FS & Artistics World Cup**  
Saarlouis, Germany • [fai.org/parachuting](http://fai.org/parachuting)

**13-15 FS 4-way Nationals (20-22 reserve)**  
Hibaldstow • [skydiving.co.uk](http://skydiving.co.uk)

**20-22 FS 8-way & Artistics Nationals**  
Hibaldstow • [skydiving.co.uk](http://skydiving.co.uk) (27-29 reserve)

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8.-12. Oct **Spanish Nationals FS Open**

23.-24. Oct **Hot Weekender** - Regan's Group

6.-7. Nov **National League FS**

20.-21. Nov **Hot Weekender** - Regan's Group

25.-2. Jan **X-Mas Boogie** - 2010

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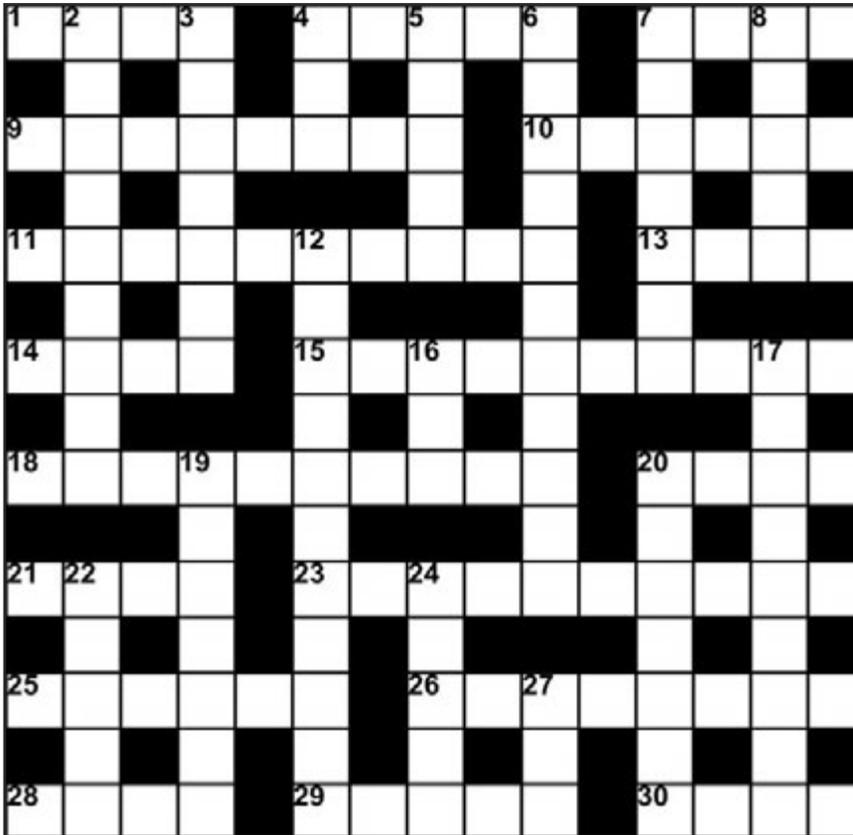


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# PUZZLE



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## MAIN Cryptic

- Across**
- Half the flowers are priceless (4)
  - Grind down leading player (5)
  - Every possible achievement conceals it (2)
  - Take care of distortion in helmet (8)
  - Authority to wield power on the inside (6)
  - Put one's foot down in treacle. Ace! Going arse over elbow (10)
  - Being over the moon could be indicated by this wagging tail (4)
  - Dropped iron billet in the middle (4)
  - Does pixie mysteriously start to take departure (6,4)
  - Do they go by tube to the dropzone? (10)
  - Southern type making cloth (4)
  - Say hello dear (4)
  - Re-jigging extreme pin trial (10)
  - Arrangement of choir without key is brave (6)
  - Rapid reactions on bends (8)
  - Places to land in rocky Alps (4, abbreviation)
  - Study is unorganised and unclean (5)
  - Guitarist left out strap over the shoulder (4)
- Down**
- Return ticket of artist not being free (9)
  - Unbend cello's part that's most liable to collapse (3,4)
  - Air traffic controllers start to control group of motorists (3, abbreviation)
  - Type of particle concealed by scalp hairs (5)
  - Ancestor's ground reprocessed (11)
  - Pale men shakily get aboard (7)
  - Vegetable's declared weight (5)
  - Expected to get nothing from France after time passed, worldly wise (11)
  - Result of low temperature being measured in 8's (3)
  - Aircraft bringing people from Crete, Cos and Corfu for example (9)
  - Trains sick hoopoe, lost in odd parts (7)
  - Start to sink glassfuls (without top). What goeth before falls (7)
  - Model thought slowly in penultimate place (5)
  - Gunners in Dads' Army unit (5)
  - Insect with notoriously dangerous teeth (3)

## RESERVE Quick

- Across**
- Unconstrained
  - Winner: Bite
  - Every single
  - Bonehead helmet
  - Specialist
  - Go faster
  - Height gauge
  - Descended
  - Beginner's launch (6,4)
  - Extreme jumpers
  - Original parachute material
  - Elevated
  - Test
  - Valiant
  - Fliteline Systems' containers
  - Drop zones (abbreviation)
  - Covered in powder
  - Band or scarf
- Down**
- Bad weather credit
  - Extreme part of canopy (3,4)
  - Flying regulatory body (abbreviation)
  - Parasport Italia Z1 helmet
  - Antecedent
  - Get on an aircraft
  - Measure of gems
  - Well versed
  - Frozen water
  - Britten Norman aircraft
  - Places of learning
  - Hot seasons
  - Perfect
  - Jumping soldiers
  - Go by air

# TIME ZONE

Historical news stories from yesteryear

## 30 years ago

### 1980 World Parachute Championships

Scotty Milne was the only British man to win an individual medal at the 1980 World Parachute Championships in Bulgaria. He took gold with a score of 0.01 for 15 rounds of accuracy! Scotty still skydives and has more than 10,000 jumps.



## 20 years ago

### Kaleidoscope of colour



A colourful 20-way formation! October 1990.

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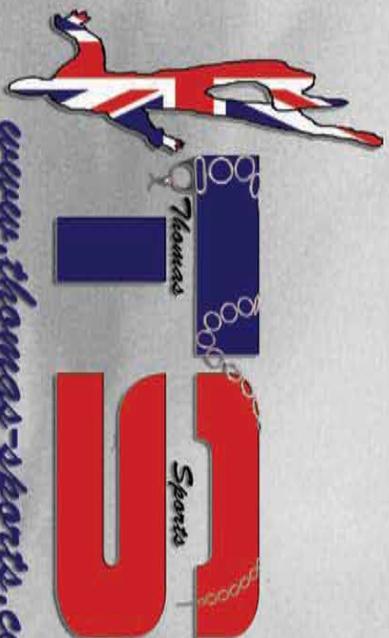
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