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## EDITORIAL

What follows was intended for the correspondence column but, without exercising a blue pencil of censorship, I've reproduced it as a 'guest' editorial — its message deserves prominence. It's fair to point out that four of the fatalities referred to were serving members of Her Majesty's Forces, as were all the seriously injured — perhaps there's a message in that as well.

Blue Skies,  
CHARLIE

Looking back on what could have been some of the best jumping in years, we find sorrow instead of success, injury in place of intuition, and humbug instead of humility. For the past twelve months or so have seen six members of our Association killed, five grievously injured, and many less seriously damaged. Have we learned from our mistakes, do we really remember our absent friends, and can we pride ourselves on having taken prompt and effective action to put matters right?

Alas, not at all. For many of us have not even registered this insidiously worsening situation, let alone analysed it. We take the easy way out and blame a fast-expanding membership and long, hot spells for our unacceptably high accident rates, and that way lies further disaster.

We all like parachuting, we like the people and we like the atmosphere within our clubs. But really our deepest satisfaction comes from that one jump in fifty that is planned meticulously, is completed without fault, and is later recorded with quiet pride. But we have forgotten this, and we have overlooked the hard earned and bitter experience that has enabled us to develop such a well-run sport. The cowboys are back in town.

And I don't mean them, I mean you. And me. We have lost our self-discipline and look at the results. The unexpected and hasty job, the decision to ignore that distant streamer, unchecked documents, unrehearsed or slack reserve drills, unheeded or stretched regulations, and inadequately planned and equipped demos. We have overlooked the need for constant and meticulous monitoring of any free fall activity, but worse, we have neither the wit to recognise these faults, nor the personal courage to admit them.

The faint-hearted may think only of the good clubs, of the instructor whose skill and innate ability provide the best decision every time, and the pilot who says 'No', and stays on the ground. But the rest of us recall dead and crippled friends resulting from needless risks taken in heady moments of deep, albeit short-lived satisfaction.

"When the Lord made time he made lots of it", claims an old Irish proverb. Clearly this does not apply to us.

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Sunset

— photo Chris Simpson

# THE DROP



Congratulations to Mrs. Ann Vaus, wife of the National Chairman of the Liberal Party, who in company with 35 others raised nearly £5000 for Charity. The sponsored first jump organised by the Red Devils took place at the end of June at Headcorn. *photo — Richard Baker*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

21/22 August	6th Duck End Farm Accuracy Meet
10-25 September	World Parachute Championships, Guidonia, Italy
2-10 October	BPA RW National Championships, Leicester
25th October— 6th November	World Cup in RW, South Africa
22-26 November	BPA Instructors Course 4/76
8th January 1977	BPA AGM, Grand Hotel, Leicester

## DEMMO SAGA

(or how Not to make money out of a display)

Display Team — To remain anonymous (6 jumpers)  
 Display Venue — Bristol  
 Aircraft — Cherokee Six at £30 per hour  
 Quoted price for Display — £185.

### Breakdown of Costs

Car hired for day to take ground control party to Bristol and back	£22.00
Flying time from emplaning airfield to display at Bristol (40 mins)	£20.00
Flying time on Display (25 mins)	£12.50
Aircraft landing at Lulsgate Airport (Landing fee)	£5.00
To collect jumpers after display — but as they were late turning up, takes off again and returns to emplaning airfield. (Flying time 40 mins)	£20.00
Number of furious phone calls made by team in effort to get aircraft to return again for collection	£1.00
Aircraft leaves emplaning airfield again, but after fueling facilities closed, so has to land at Birmingham airport to refuel. (Landing fee)	£7.00
Aircraft leaves Birmingham Airport for Bristol Airport (Flying time 40 mins)	£20.00
Aircraft arrives at Lulsgate after dark, landing fee — inclusive of night landing facilities (Lights etc.)	£37.00
Flying time from Bristol back to Birmingham Airport (40 mins)	£20.00
Landing fee at Birmingham Airport	£7.00
Hire of Mini bus to take team from Birmingham Airport to emplaning airport	£10.00
Ordnance Survey 6"/mile Map purchased for Display (including postage)	£2.56
<b>Total :</b>	<b>£184.56</b>

NETT PROFIT: 44p!

## SUPERFLY

... A REPORT HERE SAYS THAT THE IRISH HAVE BUILT A 40-MAN SUPER-SUNBURST DOUGHNUT FLAKE!...

... USING 10 CESSNAS IN FORMATION. IT SAYS THEY BACKLOOPED INTO A 40-MAN CATERPILLAR!!





Members of the Cumbria Parachute Club, recently affiliated to the BPA, seen with their C172 at Kirkbride, near Carlisle. CCI Tony Knight hopes to operate full time from the end of August.

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**I LEARNT ABOUT PARACHUTING FROM THAT...**

*(With no apologies to Simon North... see the April issue of Sport Parachutist)*

Perhaps I was too relaxed? I'm not sure of my motives. But, after a quick glance at my trusty altimeter, I came in straight away, with both hands, for the handle.

For a few brief seconds I lost stability, then settled back into a standard stable spread to await deployment.

At 1000ft nothing had happened. I was not particularly worried as, on an earlier jump I had experienced a pilot chute hesitation, resulting in an opening at 600ft.

Looking over my right shoulder I saw a piece of white material and casually assumed it to be my pilot chutes waving in a partial vacuum. Reassured, I settled back into a stable spread, confident that all was well.

Passing through 500ft with the ground becoming noticeably closer, I suddenly realized that something had gone wrong. I looked over my shoulder for a second time and was mesmerised by what I saw — a few inches of the lower part of my sleeved canopy waving in the breeze.

At this point I put my training into operation — Flipped on my back, left hand on reserve, right hand on handle and pulled. Gave both handles to DZ controller, grasped reserve canopy on my rebound off the ground and threw reserve to one side.

I was lucky — I bounced sufficiently high enough to allow line stretch on the reserve.

M. INGLEHEARN

In reply to that upstart C. Lloyd, Esq.

Dear Mr. Lloyd,  
It's quite absoid,  
and much too hard  
to beat the bard,  
at writing pomes and such  
else I'll kick you in the crutch.  
So forget it  
or regret it!!

COOKEY RULES O.K.

Any way we Strat pilot's think that the P.C. is a load of pap.

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"Once again 'Carkus Crumpeticus' is seen in level flight around the Cark in Cartmel area". (Press report).

He's back, he's back, the bird brained twit,  
He's bought his umpteenth set of kit.  
He's bought a rig not round, but flat.  
He's bought a pisspot for a hat.  
And soon the skies round Cark will ring  
This big black bird upon the wing,  
His plaintive cries of 'Cookey Cookey',  
Attracting females needing 'nookey'.

They've put clean straw in t'packing shed,  
To rest and breed, is what they've said,  
His staple diet is Vitamin E  
And bacon butties and cups of tea,  
So all you females, no need to lack,  
The Cartmel Crumpetcatcher's back.

COOKEY



BPA Instructors' Course 2/76 at RAF Weston on the Green — No, we didn't jump the balloon!

... AND THEN REFORMED THAT INTO TWO WEDGES WHICH TRACKED IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS ON THREE CIRCUITS OF THE AIRFIELD!!



AMAZING! WHERE'D THAT REPORT COME FROM??



IRELAND!!

JPS.



"I don't want this ghastly orange, white and green rig again, nor that tatty number eight.  
Haven't you got something in blue and white?"

### Cautionary Tales for Parachutists

The chief defect of Johnny Jeffs  
Lay in his awful P.L.F's  
When came the time for his first leap  
His P.L.F's were far too weak

Instructor said: "Don't get in plane  
Do more front rolls then more again  
Do right and left and get the knack  
Must get it right—or break your back". . .

At last Jump Master said "Let's go,  
You'll do your first jump now, and so,  
Remember all that you've been taught  
Your drills, your checks. . . Good luck old sport"

The aircraft drills he did observe,  
His arch not bad—enough to serve  
A first attempt on static line. . .  
A jerk. . . inflated chute. . . all fine. . .

He quite forgot his county; but still  
Despite his fears, his iron will  
Had conquered all. . . (and all that crap)  
He thought himself a splendid chap

He toggled, "God I'm good"—all swank  
"I'll do a stand up, what a prank  
I'll be a hero, what an egg!"  
And that was how Jeffs Broke his leg

Moral:

The moral is: O.K. be bold  
But do as you are damned well told  
Don't try to be the clever cock  
You'll only finish up in dock.

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### WHO'S ON THE NEXT LIFT?

Lift? What lift?  
Not American elevator or the humdrum escalator  
But Oh, such an individual sublimator.  
Our particular transport to the stars;  
But seldom,  
Night jumps are few.

Our stars survive the daylight,  
They're internal, such heart's delight  
Unbelievable, but mainly later:  
For some of us, Most? Who's to say?  
Feel the approaching task, sport, thrill  
Call it what one will

Is more than nerve and sinew can be equal to. Still  
We do do it and rejoice  
That we have it in us  
To conquer and unlike the warrior  
Have no aftermath of guilt.

No, our reward is past belief  
A superjoy, transcending grief  
Swirling and whirling  
Earthwards  
To be arrested in our flight  
Daintily dumped on earth  
To our joy's completion. Everything SO right.

Now, What's left?  
A week's talking, re-living and giving  
of our moments ultra-living  
To all who'll listen.  
Is that all? No, By God!  
This will never leave us,  
Did we but one or thousands.  
So, Who's on the next lift?  
What lucky devil? ?

JEFF ORCHARD



This photo of a Wilga was sent by George Phillips, who informs us it's regularly used by Paraclan at Aboyne, Deeside, Aberdeen. The other Wilga on the British register is sick at Bickmarsh minus its engine.

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N.W.S.Y.

### Overheard by Derek Thorne at RAPA:

*Instructor:* "We aim to achieve on this course: 6 static line jumps, 1 three second delay, 4 five second delays and 4 ten second delays."

*Irish Student:* "I hope I don't get past five second delays, Sor, otherwise I'll have to change hands! !"  
(What happens when he gets onto fifteens?!!)

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Fans of TV's Adams Family will have caught the episode recently when Mr. Adams is testing a theory that if one jumped repeatedly from 12,000 feet, each time one could use a smaller parachute until one wasn't needed at all. His conclusion was that the last couple of inches are still proving difficult!

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# BUZZ'S CANADIAN COLUMN

In November 1975, the Technical, Training and Safety Committee met to make a thorough review of the CSPA Basic Safety Regulations. The Committee apparently felt that the present BSR's were too unwieldy, for most part unenforceable, and not in keeping with the progress which our sport and our network of technical personnel has made. The Committee felt that a streamlining was necessary, and produced the following as being the bare minimum requirements for the safe conduct of parachute descents.

"These basic regulations define the essential aspects necessary, in the course of a parachute jump, to ensure optimum safety for the participant.

The Basic Safety Regulations (BSR's) contain primary safety procedures for which no waivers will be granted. Any deliberate infraction of these regulations will subject the violator to suspension from all CSPA privileges.

The CSPA Board of Directors, in consultation with the Technical, Training and Safety Committee, may revise the content of the Basic Safety Regulations.

CSPA Insurance Policies are based upon exact compliance with the Regulations contained herein.

1. CSPA Members and members of other FAI affiliated organizations, engaged in sport parachuting in Canada, will be familiar with, and abide by, the CSPA Basic Safety Regulations.
2. Pilots must have a minimum of 100 hours as pilot in command of an aircraft prior to being permitted to pilot an aircraft for the purpose of dropping sport parachutists.
3. No person will be accepted for parachute training unless said person has reached his/her 16th birthday.
4. All training must be conducted by or under the supervision of a CSPA rated instructor.
5. No member will make, or attempt to make, a parachute descent unless wearing two airworthy parachutes properly attached to a harness from exit to the completion of the descent, and said member must have been thoroughly instructed in the characteristics of the type(s) of parachutes being used.
6. The altitude absolute above the drop zone, at or above which the main parachute must be activated is 675 metres (2,200ft) A.G.L.
7. Members will not jump unless wearing a reserve parachute which has been aired and packed within the previous 120 days by a qualified Rigger.
8. All student parachutists must be accompanied by a rated parachute Instructor during the complete aircraft flight, until such time as the student has acquired a Self-Supervision Endorsement.
9. No member will engage in Intentional Cutaway, Water, Night, Relative Work, or Exhibition Jumps without being properly endorsed for participation.
10. No member will attempt or perform a parachute descent when the surface wind velocity exceeds 20 miles per hour (17.5 knots).
11. When the intended landing, opening or exit point is within one mile horizontally of open water, all members will wear a flotation device capable of supporting the parachutist and his/her equipment.
12. No member will make or attempt to make a parachute descent while under the influence of a drug, alcoholic beverage or other type of intoxicant.

13. All sport parachute jumps will be conducted in accordance with the Ministry of Transport Visual Flight Rules."

The Committee reduced the number of BSRs from forty eight to thirteen, reclassifying the others as "Recommended Safety Training and Equipment Standards or Administrative Guidelines", as applicable.

This proposal was presented to the Board of Directors in December, and in view of the drastic change from present policy, and the possible ramifications of such a change, it was decided not to implement this proposal until further input has been received from the membership at large.

Although it is difficult for the readers of this magazine to appreciate the extent of the change represented by these proposals, as you are not familiar with the current CSPA Regulations, it is obvious to all that the proposals are more noteworthy for what they omit, rather than for what they contain. As with the question of AoDs, there has been, and there will continue to be, a considerable amount of discussion and debate. My comment and discussion will appear in the next issue.

BUZZ.

## FLIGHT SAFETY BULLETIN



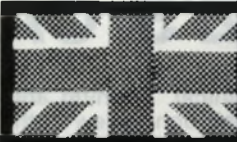
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by 10th November.*

# NATIONAL



1976 National Champion, Scotty Milne, makes sure of yet another disc.



# CHAMPIONSHIPS

In June, while the rest of the country was being conned by lavish press reports into watching the build-up to the Olympic Games, at Shobdon, Hereford, *THE* event of the British Sporting Calendar — The British Parachute Nationals — was taking place. And while the antics of athletes unlikely even to find a place in the Olympic finals made headline news in most papers, the in some cases world-class performance of Britain's parachutists went virtually unnoticed.

Altogether 11 teams and 58 competitors took part in the week-long competition, the largest ever held. Some went simply for the fun and experience of competing in a British Nationals. Others, many veterans of previous championships, had their sights firmly set on a place in the British squad for the World Championships being held in Italy in September.

For the first time a complete foreign parachute team took part in a British Nationals, and the eight jumpers from Dubai, chaperoned by Peter Sherman, showed their four weeks training in England were worthwhile by taking 1st and 3rd places in the novices accuracy (including four novices 'discs' for scores under five metres), and Said Khalifa coming 17th overall.



**Peter Sherman and the UAE Team.**

The vast majority of competitors were living in the canvas and caravan village that had sprung up around the airfield. There were basic toilet and washing facilities on site with the promise of showers at a nearby caravan site starting on the Monday. But by Sunday night the site owner had withdrawn his offer after an anonymous jumper (later identified as an extremely clean Red Fred) unknowingly went up there too early. After that it was a question of either staying dirty all week, or going to the public baths in nearby towns.

The meet opened on Saturday with a briefing by Charlie (meet director) and Woof (chief judge after the last minute non-arrival of Franz Lorber). After the usual preliminaries the rest of the day was spent on practice jumps, and winding fellow competitors up with tales of recent glories.

As it is a World Championship year everyone was expecting some impressive scores. In particular people were looking forward to a continuation of the tussle between Tony Uragallo and Dicky Bird at the Peterborough meet, and waiting to see the results of Bob Hull and Sandy Murray's months of intensive training in the States.

On Sunday the meet began, and we were given a taste of things to come with Charlie rousing everyone from their beds at 5.30 by driving up and down the airfield blasting his car horn. It paid off with people stumbling into the freezing daylight to watch the streamer run, then making a frantic dash to the manifest area as Annie Killeen — manifest extraordinaire — got the first lifts away.

Although there should have been a squadron of planes waiting on the tarmac, a series of last-minute catastrophes had whittled the number down to two — the Cherokee 6 and Shobdon's 182 — with the promise of four other planes later in the week.



**Sudbury Flight — the five jump ships.**

The plan was simple. Knowing the uncertainty of the British weather the programme was to be 4 a.m. starts and jump-till-you-drop finishes. So as the first lifts got airborne the judges (Woof, George Shone, BJ, Brian David, plus Al McMillan, Jim Peth and Biff from the Rent-a-Cripple Club) set up the telemeters to watch the style, which some people did, and some didn't.



Among those who did was John Meacock who issued a warning to would-be stealers of his style crown with an 8.2 sec. The only other jumper to break 9s in the first round was Robin Mills. By the end of the day, after the expected break for high winds and low clouds, the second round



**Relaxed Scotty . . . a need Harassed Doughie . . .**

**Cheerful Annie . . . Pensive John**

was virtually complete, with the exception of five rejump, with John holding onto his lead, and Scotty moving into second place after an 8.1 second jump.

Monday's cloudy weather parted long enough to complete three rounds of team accuracy with Duck End, Para Regt. and the two Peterborough teams fighting for the three top positions.

Tuesday, and the long-awaited individual accuracy began with nine people collecting discs in the first round. When jumping finally had to stop at 10.15p.m. because of bad light Bob Hull, Tony Uragallo and Robin Mills were leading with three discs each, with Dicky seemingly out of the running after collecting 1.58 on his first jump.

After hurriedly packing everyone crawled into the bar for a quick drink then fell into bed with the terrifying prospect of being turfed out again only a few hours later.

Scotty, Bob King and Steve Eversfield all with a total of less than 50 cents.

The competition moved immediately into the 6th round. As usual everyone stopped to watch as Tony's red strat made an approach over the pit, but instead of the usual congratulations there was stunned silence. Caught out by a drop in the wind Tony dropped short and added a devastating 10 metres to his score. Although he put in a protest the winds were checked on the recording anonometer and the zap stood. That one slip became all the more tragic when in the final round he collected his 9th disc.



**Ladies Champ Sandy Murray grabs 40 winks.**

**All round team winners for the third time — Duck End Farm 'A'. Robin and 3 Bobs.**

But Wednesday dawned cloudy and rainy with no jumping all day. Sighs of relief could be heard echoing from tents and caravans as people took the opportunity to perform forgotten delights like washing, eating, drinking, sleeping etc. . . .

The few hours of good weather on Friday were spent completing the final two rounds of style with John securing first place with an average time of 8.32 sec. As it was the third year in succession he had won the style title he became permanent owner of the cup. Scotty took second place (8.54 sec. average) with Robin Mills third (8.92). Dicky Bird not only took the first year style cup with a 9.78 sec. average, he also managed to come 7th. Throughout the five rounds six competitors broke into the eight secs, John, Scotty and Robin plus Bob Hiatt and the RAFs Paddy Byrne and Ken Mapplebeck.

By Thursday everyone was itching to go again but low cloud forced a delay until after 3p.m., then it was straight back into the individual accuracy. By the end of round 5, and halfway through the competition, Tony was setting a world standard pace with five discs hotly followed by Bob Hull (after collecting 2 cents on his fourth jump) with

In the women's style competition Jackie Smith took first prize followed by Sally Smith, Sandy Murray and Chris McGuire — last year's first year style winner.

Saturday's met was as usual bad, with rain and cloud forecast, but Charlie was determined to complete the



**Reginald Bosanquet with the medal winners.**

whole meet and before 7 a.m. the winds died enough to move on to the 8th round of accuracy.

Bob Hull made no mistake and walked off with another clean disc, along with Robin, Scotty and Bob Hiatt who had moved into 6th position. Steve's 0.12 and Bob King's 0.05 kept them near the top with no room for anyone to make a mistake.

With tension mounting it was straight on to round 9 with the positions staying the same as Bob Hull, Robin and Steve took discs while Scotty decided to live dangerously by scoring 0.37.

The last round, and to a tremendous cheer Bob Hull made a perfect approach for another clean disc and the title. Scotty took his eighth disc and second place, Robin took his ninth disc and was third with Steve and Bob King's discs leaving them 4th and 5th. In the women's competition Sandy pushed Jackie into second place (Sandy 14th, Jackie 15th overall) and Sally Smith third. Out of the 500 descents made in the individual accuracy competition, 100 were discs with 47 being scored by the top six men and two women.

With the cloud base coming lower every minute the last round of the team accuracy got under way and with ten teams gone and cloud base right down Peterborough 'A' (John Meacock, Jackie, Tony and Gerry McCauley) asked for permission to take two passes instead of the full team stack. The last-minute objection to the plan from the Peterborough 'B' team was eventually removed to mumbled "... or never darken Sibson's door again..." comments from John and the competition closed complete.

Out of more than 1050 jumps made during the week there were four mals, three provided by Fred Ryland on his Cloud, the other by Sue Lear, whose week it was not as

she had to retire from the competition after hurting her leg. Jim Coffey, Paul Slaughter and Chris McGuire joined her in the ranks of temporarily invalided after awkward landings but managed to continue.

Sunday's prizegiving was preceded by a buffet lunch where the guests could be recognised as the people with only one plate of food, and a demonstration jump by Charlie, Woof, Scotty (men's overall champ) and Sandy (ladies' overall champ) braving the tent toppling winds.

In spite of his average individual accuracy score of 0.00 Bob Hull's style score put him out of the British squad with the final team comprising Scotty, Robin, Ken Mapplebeck, Bob H. Bob K, and Dicky Bird (after John Meacock who had come second overall dropped out).

The women were left biting their nails as the comp committee tried to decide how many should go to the World meet. Finally Sandy, Jackie, Sally, Jane Waugh and Chris McGuire were on the team.

As with every competition there are a multitude of people to thank.

- The Panel of Judges for being stomped on in the pit, blinded by the sun, and mesmerised by the calculations for final placings.
- The hardworking team of the two Annie's as manifesters and Jim and Hilary as statisticians.
- Everyone from Hereford Parachute Club, particularly Paddy Mulvey who not only took the brunt of everyone's Irish jokes but worked all hours solving everyone's problems.
- The team of pilots, who once they were in their planes just kept flying.
- Reginald Bosanquet— on loan from News at Ten.
- Lerch for brightening the week up with a sky-streak.
- Bulmers for their generous sponsorship.

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# NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

## INDIVIDUAL ACCURACY

Helmet No.	Name	Club	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	Total	Av.	Pos.
1	Grierson	SSPA	4.11	2.97	10.00	10.00	10.00	1.23	2.21	6.95	0.89	10.00	58.36	5.84	44
2	Fox	NWPC	1.58	3.61	5.45	10.00	10.00	3.57	4.99	1.36	2.49	5.88	48.93	4.89	41
4	Ryland	HPC	10.00	0.72	0.35	2.40	1.24	1.52	4.20	2.47	5.10	3.80	31.80	3.18	30
5(W)	Sharples, W.	HPC	10.00	7.90	0.89	10.00	0.75	3.34	10.00	4.92	3.57	9.29	60.66	6.07	46
6	Charlton	NPC	0.00	0.60	8.87	1.64	0.72	2.81	1.32	0.00	0.00	6.00	21.96	2.20	24
7	Jackson	NPC	10.00	10.00	2.00	6.08	10.00	1.47	1.31	5.49	0.13	1.37	47.85	4.78	39
8	Peakin	NPC	0.38	7.54	1.69	10.00	2.16	1.95	1.42	0.20	1.24	1.77	28.35	2.83	26
9	Wood	NPC	10.00	2.87	10.00	0.63	2.07	4.46	5.92	1.79	10.00	2.53	50.27	5.03	43
10	Eltringham	NPC	0.91	0.00	10.00	5.64	0.00	0.77	1.38	10.00	9.15	1.54	39.39	3.94	35
11	Shaw	NWPC	2.14	1.66	3.87	10.00	7.37	8.25	0.65	8.58	3.39	2.43	48.37	4.83	40
12	Slaughter	MPPC	1.91	1.95	3.44	1.71	0.00	4.54	1.44	1.97	5.67	2.34	24.71	2.50	25
13(W)	Murray, S.	NWPC	0.09	0.35	0.40	0.39	0.00	0.00	0.57	0.16	4.43	0.74	7.13	0.71	14
14	Prince	NWPC	0.48	1.02	0.82	0.06	2.93	1.73	2.92	10.00	10.00	10.00	39.96	4.00	37
15	Waterhouse	BVPC	8.77	5.35	10.00	1.83	4.39	10.00	0.53	6.88	2.39	10.00	60.14	6.01	45
16	Peacock	RAFSPA	2.08	1.75	0.50	0.98	0.00	0.47	10.00	1.69	0.13	1.67	19.27	1.93	22
17	Bennett	RAFSPA	2.73	10.00	0.00	3.45	1.54	1.42	10.00	0.02	0.73	1.71	31.60	3.16	29
18	Byrne	RAFSPA	1.26	4.25	2.30	0.00	4.74	4.71	5.78	10.00	2.80	3.06	38.90	3.89	33
19	Mapplebeck	RAFSPA	1.46	0.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.52	0.09	0.00	0.57	3.16	0.32	10
20(W)	Smith, S.	DEFPG	1.67	1.30	1.41	1.60	0.07	0.43	0.95	2.24	0.14	1.39	11.20	1.12	18
21(W)	Leader, L.	DEFPG	1.30	3.01	10.00	1.85	2.79	0.86	2.40	3.61	3.17	10.00	38.99	3.90	34
22	Layton	DEFPG	1.23	0.32	0.00	0.47	0.27	1.49	1.57	1.30	0.62	0.00	7.27	0.73	15
23	King	DEFPG	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.40	0.00	0.63	0.03	0.05	0.13	0.00	1.26	0.13	5
24	Hiatt	DEFPG	1.30	0.00	0.00	0.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.23	2.14	0.21	6
25	Hull	DEFPG	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	1
26	Mann	HPC	6.76	4.36	1.18	3.49	2.09	1.63	2.79	1.38	1.90	2.97	28.55	2.86	27
27(W)	Smith, J.	PRFFT	4.72	0.75	0.17	0.00	0.00	1.87	0.00	0.00	2.29	0.06	9.86	0.99	16
28	Milne	PRFFT	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.37	0.00	0.52	0.05	2
29	Bird	PRFFT	1.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.00	1.23	0.00	2.87	0.29	9
30	Wright	PRFFT	0.12	1.36	0.06	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.41	0.00	0.05	2.20	0.22	7
31	Coffey	PRFFT	0.00	1.14	0.00	0.21	0.00	0.13	0.01	0.12	1.47	0.29	3.37	0.34	11
32	Eversfield	PRFFT	0.00	0.26	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.12	0.41	0.00	1.01	0.10	4
33	McGuire	PPC	0.00	0.00	2.90	3.88	0.33	0.51	1.83	0.83	1.15	10.00	21.43	2.14	23
34(W)	McGuire, C.	PPC	4.13	9.20	3.26	0.58	0.29	0.99	0.51	5.17	7.69	1.06	32.88	3.29	32
35	McCauley	PPC	0.09	0.14	0.39	1.73	0.06	0.36	0.38	0.15	1.05	0.00	4.35	0.43	12
36(W)	Rixon, T.	PPC	1.14	2.31	3.51	1.36	2.18	4.57	7.40	3.78	5.39	0.63	32.27	3.23	31
37	Meacock	PPC	0.00	0.52	0.24	0.29	0.00	0.50	0.00	0.19	0.22	0.29	2.25	0.22	7
38	Uragallo	PPC	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	1.00	17
39	McPherson	SSPA	0.57	6.43	1.64	0.70	1.66	2.29	1.39	10.00	1.62	2.43	28.73	2.87	28
40	Fisher	LBFFC	8.45	10.00	10.00	0.09	0.26	1.16	1.18	2.00	6.17	0.48	39.79	3.98	36
41	Cullum	PPC	0.56	0.00	0.93	3.22	0.00	0.00	1.03	0.12	0.96	0.12	6.94	0.69	13
42(W)	Waugh, J.	DEFPG	0.30	0.48	3.29	0.24	1.05	2.90	1.41	1.34	0.17	4.66	15.84	1.58	21
43	Khalifa	Dubai	2.56	0.83	0.00	0.54	1.39	2.27	0.77	2.35	1.26	0.98	12.95	1.29	19
48	Meshen	Dubai	5.91	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	7.50	0.63	0.71	6.46	0.00	61.21	6.12	47
49	Yuosuf	Dubai	3.07	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	93.07	9.31	52
50	Salim	Dubai	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.97	0.00	10.00	9.57	10.00	10.00	88.54	8.85	51
51	Robinson	Dubai	0.08	1.90	0.00	0.19	0.36	9.75	0.58	0.16	0.53	1.02	14.57	1.46	20
52(W)	McClellan, A.	DEFPG	3.70	0.00	6.25	6.95	7.07	9.64	8.54	2.29	2.41	2.21	49.06	4.91	42
53	Geelan	RAFSPA	6.37	8.15	10.00	0.14	1.24	1.04	0.62	10.00	2.35	0.85	40.76	4.08	38
54(W)	Lear, S.	RSA	4.70	10.00	5.65	4.55	2.95	9.00	10.00	10.00	3.27	10.00	70.12	7.01	48
55	Mills	DEFPG	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.61	0.06	3
56	Learch	SSPA	2.34	10.00	1.50	9.20	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	83.04	8.30	50
57(W)	Gentile, P.	SSPA	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.36	4.90	10.00	10.00	9.08	3.87	9.45	82.66	8.27	49

## NOVICES ACCURACY

71	Simmonds	PPC	25.00	17.62	23.92	10.21	25.00	25.00					126.75	21.12	6
72	Wright	NWPC	10.35	25.00	5.48	16.62	4.98	18.38					80.91	13.47	2
73	Misnid	Dubai	1.70	25.00	25.00	3.42	25.00	17.81					97.93	16.32	5
74	Murad	Dubai	3.07	17.34	5.50	3.23	25.00	8.81					62.95	10.49	1
75	Rashid	Dubai	12.60	23.24	7.50	12.91	18.77	8.36					83.38	13.90	3
76	Masser	Dubai	25.00	25.00	21.26	5.00	7.53	8.38					92.17	15.36	4
77	Rennie	SSPA	25.00	25.00	12.14	25.00	25.00	25.00					137.14	22.86	7

\* HELMET NUMBERS 3, 44-47, 58-70 NOT ALLOCATED

### OVERALL MEN'S CHAMPION

S. Milne  
J. Meacock  
R. Mills

### LADIES' STYLE CHAMPION

J. Smith  
S. Smith  
S. Murray

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### MEN'S ACCURACY CHAMPION

R. Hull  
S. Milne  
R. Mills

### OVERALL TEAM WINNERS

Duck End Farm  
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B. Wright  
Obeid Rashid

### INDIVIDUAL STYLE

Helmet No.	Name	Club	1.	2.	Jumps			Total	Average	Pos.
					3.	4.	5.			
2	Fox	NWPC	12.6	11.8	11.4	11.9	11.9	59.6	11.92	21
5(W)	Sharples, W.	HPC	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	80.0	16.0	34
11	Shaw	NWPC	14.6	14.6	14.1	14.2	14.5	72.0	14.4	29
12	Slaughter	MPPC	12.1	13.8	11.4	10.9	12.1	60.3	12.06	22
13(W)	Murray, S.	NWPC	10.8	11.2	11.0	10.4	11.5	54.9	10.98	18
14	Prince	NWPC	12.6	13.2	12.8	12.4	13.5	64.5	12.9	24
15	Waterhouse	BVPC	16.0	14.1	16.0	16.0	16.0	78.1	15.62	32
16	Peacock	RAFSPA	9.2	9.0	10.2	9.7	9.5	47.6	9.52	5
17	Bennett	RAFSPA	9.9	9.9	10.1	10.7	9.7	50.3	10.06	9
18	Byrne	RAFSPA	16.0	8.9	8.7	9.3	9.0	51.9	10.38	13
19	Mapplebeck	RAFSPA	9.5	8.6	9.8	9.6	9.3	46.8	9.36	4
20(W)	Smith, S.	DEFPG	11.8	10.4	10.2	10.8	10.4	53.6	10.72	17
22	Layton	DEFPG	9.8	11.3	9.5	10.4	10.6	51.6	10.32	12
23	King	DEFPG	10.1	9.2	9.6	10.0	10.3	49.2	9.84	8
24	Hiatt	DEFPG	10.1	10.0	8.9	9.3	9.9	48.2	9.64	6
25	Hull	DEFPG	11.3	10.6	10.1	10.0	10.2	52.2	10.44	14
27(W)	Smith, J.	PRFFT	10.6	10.0	10.9	10.2	11.3	53.0	10.6	15
28	Milne	PRFFT	9.1	8.1	8.4	8.7	8.4	42.7	8.54	2
29	Bird	PRFFT	9.7	9.9	9.3	10.6	9.4	48.9	9.78	7
30	Wright	PRFFT	9.5	9.3	10.8	9.6	11.7	50.9	10.18	10
31	Coffey	PRFFT	12.1	11.2	12.0	10.5	9.9	55.7	11.14	19
32	Eversfield	PRFFT	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	13.6	77.6	15.52	31
33	McGuire	PPC	13.2	11.7	14.9	12.0	16.0	67.8	13.56	26
34(W)	McGuire, G.	PPC	12.2	13.2	10.2	11.5	10.2	57.3	11.46	20
35	McCauley	PPC	10.7	10.2	10.1	11.2	11.2	53.4	10.68	16
36(W)	Rixon, T.	PPC	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	80.0	16.0	34
37	Meacock	PPC	8.2	8.3	8.9	8.0	8.2	41.6	8.32	1
38	Uragallo	PPC	10.3	10.6	10.0	10.3	9.9	51.1	10.22	11
39	McPherson	SSPA	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	80.0	16.00	34
40	Fisher	LBFFC	14.2	16.0	14.7	16.0	16.0	76.9	15.38	29
41	Cullum	PPC	14.8	16.0	14.2	16.0	16.0	77.0	15.40	30
42(W)	Wauagh, J.	DEFPG	10.3	12.8	16.0	10.4	11.4	60.9	12.18	23
43	Khalifa	Dubai	16.0	14.7	16.0	16.0	16.0	78.7	15.74	33
50	Salim	Dubai	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	80.0	16.00	34
51	Robinson	Dubai	12.6	16.0	12.8	11.9	11.3	64.6	12.92	25
52(W)	McClellan, A.	DEFPG	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	80.0	16.0	34
53	Geelan	RAFSPA	16.0	16.0	13.4	13.6	11.9	70.9	14.18	28
55	Mills	DEFPG	8.8	8.5	9.0	8.8	9.5	44.6	8.92	3
57(W)	Gentile, P.	SSPA	13.1	12.7	12.5	16.0	16.0	70.3	14.06	27

### TEAM ACCURACY

Team	Name	Average Score	Team A Average	Position
	King	0.00		
	Hiatt	0.21		
Duck End 'A'	Hull	0.02	0.08	1
	Mills	0.11		
	Milne	0.41		
Parachute Regiment	Bird	0.02	0.24	2
	Wright	0.26		
	Coffey	0.27		
	Meacock	0.40		
Peterborough 'A'	McCauley	1.66	0.59	3
	Uragallo	0.01		
	Smith	0.31		
	McGuire, C.	0.83		
Peterborough 'B'	McGuire, R.	0.58	0.87	4
	Cullum	0.53		
	Slaughter	1.56		
	Peacock	0.81		
R.A.F.S.P.A.	Mapplebeck	2.64	1.82	5
	Bennett	1.82		
	Geelan	2.04		
	Charlton	4.00		
Northumbria	Peakin	1.18	2.50	6
	Eitringham	1.47		
	Wood/Jackson	3.38		
	Smith	0.78		
Pernod Girls	Leader	2.06	3.02	7
	Waugh	3.28		
	McClellan	5.98		
	Fox	3.34		
N.W.P.C.	Murray	0.34	4.03	8
	Shaw/Fisher/Prince	3.91		
		8.55		
	Grierson	3.94		
Scotland	Waterhouse	8.39	5.50	9
	McPherson	4.60		
	Gentile	5.10		
	Khalifa	2.88		
U.A.E.	Meshen	5.94	6.28	10
	Yousuf	6.33		
	Salim	10.00		
	Lear	8.66		
Not Sure Yet	Mann	6.15	6.52	11
	Ryland	5.28		
	Sharples	6.00		

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## 6th ANNUAL CHARLES WELLS ACCURACY MEET DUCK END FARM



(3 MAN TEAMS & INDIVIDUAL)

SATURDAY/SUNDAY  
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## TIM MORGAN a tribute

It came as an awful shock to learn of the death of Tim Morgan as a result of a parachuting accident in California. The loss of such a young and vital personality will be keenly felt by all who knew him in the sport. Tim was an excellent relative worker, a member of the 1975 British 10 Man Team, and an absolutely natural accuracy jumper, (the above photograph showing him achieving success at the 1975 Duck End Meet). But apart from this, he was an alive and energetic member of the BPA Council, and his original and imaginative flair in this field will be remembered for a long time to come. Tim's quiet thoughtful manner, his sincere belief in BPA and his efforts on our behalf, and, above all, his deep love for the sport will all be sorely missed. All our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his Mother and Father, brother Brian and Beth in this most difficult time.

Tim, all our thanks for everything you have done for us.

CHARLIE

## THE 2nd ANNUAL SHOBDON MEET

The second annual Shobdon accuracy meet, sponsored by the Oakleigh Group of Companies, saw a doubling of the number of competitors over the first meet in 1975. This was in spite of a feeling that the number of rounds, three, was not enough to be worthwhile.

This feeling was partly borne out by the fact that, as at the Sibson meet a fortnight before, a jump off had to be held to decide the winner. And as at Sibson Tony Uragallo was among those taking part in the jump-off — but this time, with four DCs in a row, he won. Second was Robin Mills, only two centis behind and third was Gerry McCauley, with an uncharacteristic 46 centis on the jump off.

Local jumper Dave Howerski was out to repeat his success at the Dunkeswell meet and near success at the Army meet, but with a Strat still not balanced after being shortlined he could manage only 1.50 over the three jumps.

The meet had started with an air of crisis, as seems to have become the tradition, this time with a hassle about aircraft. The Cherokee 6, due to fly in on the Saturday morning, had had to be cancelled because of an unrealistic demand for guaranteed income from the meet. This was replaced at the last minute by the RAPA Islander and for this the thanks of all must go to Tom Oxley.

With the Islander and the Shobdon-based 182, the meet got under way on the Saturday morning. A stand down had to be called fairly soon after the kick off, however, but in spite of this delay, because of high winds, by the evening all the teams had jumped two rounds and some had completed their third and final round.



George Jackson presents Jackie, Tony and Dane with the silver.

High point of the meet for at least one person was Joe Kunicki's mal on his Russian PC after yet another of his home mods. He went on to land in the pit on his Tri-Con. Incidentally these two chutes have since been stolen from his car in Birmingham — so keep an eye out for them just in case they turn up on your DZ.

The meet was completed on the Sunday morning using the 182 and a Piper Seneca that turned up for the Sunday's jumping. But the Sunday morning jumps had little effect on the final top three placings.

The two aircraft went on to be used for a nine man attempt but due to forming problems this had to be aborted.

The meet was directed and organised, as last year, by Les Melhuish with Paddy Mulvey, who organised the sponsorship, providing valuable assistance. Charlie, as usual, was in attendance to give advice and assistance wherever needed and Mac MacCarthy, who recently took over as CCI of the new fulltime centre at Shobdon, was chief judge.

Special thanks must of course go to George Jackson and the Oakleigh Group of Companies for sponsoring the meet, Tom Oxley and RAPA for the aircraft, Les and Paddy for organising it, Charlie for his help, all the judges, recorders and gofers and all the jumpers for coming and making it such a happy event.

SIMON ASTBURY

**RESULTS**

**Final "Top Ten" Individual Positions**

1 Tony Uragallo	0.00	6 Dane Kenny	0.44
2 Robin Mills	0.02	7 Jackie Smith	0.75
3 Gerry McCauley	0.46	8 S. Charlton	1.49
4 Bob King	0.10	9 Dave Howerski	1.50
5 Bob Hiatt	0.12	10 Eddie McBride	1.84

**Final Team Positions**

1 Duck End 'A'	0.22
2 Symbiosis	1.19
3 Peterborough	9.73
4 North East Load Show	13.53
5 Hereford Stumpers	14.33
6 Peterborough United	17.09
7 Peak Freaks	18.30
8 Wings	20.46
9 Ballycolgan Bog Trotters	28.76
10 Crackle, Pop and Crumpet	36.11
11 Hit and Miss	38.70
12 Transpennine Toggle Touchers	38.72
13 Anthing But	40.11
14 Micky Mouse Mob	41.31
15 Paraffin Lamps	41.61
16 Bad Publicity	41.89
17 Centaur	43.16
18 Easy, Meaty, Thick and Greasy	44.68
19 Duck End 'B'	47.40
20 Ball Bags	48.03
21 Two Hits and a Miss	49.16
22 Lost and Found	57.39
23 The Drop Outs	59.84
24 Bits and PCs	62.47
25 The Humphries	63.12
26 Black and White Minstrels	65.93
27 Oddz and Sodz	69.71
28 Rag, Tag and Bobtail	74.72

**Final Places — Individual Ladies**

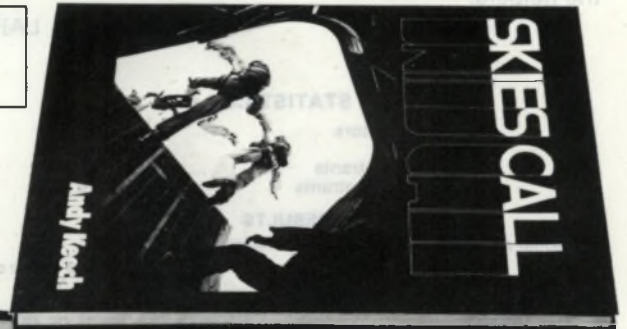
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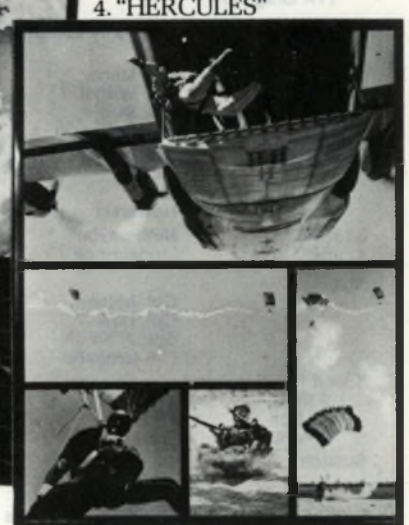
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# THE ARMY MEET '76

The '76 Army Meet was held in appalling weather conditions from 10-19 May at Netheravon.

Most of the accuracy jumps were completed in marginal wind conditions with the ram air canopies showing the way. Except for the Red Freds and one or two others most Strat. owners had very little experience on them. I should think next years results might cause a few raised eye brows.

22 SAS Regt. under the expert tuition of Geordie Charlton, had bad luck not to take a couple of trophies from the Freds and it goes to show just what expert coaching can do (round canopies too). Except for style, the events were not completed, but generally reflected the standard and true winners. The 4 man sequential did not even get off the ground but if the 4 man speed is anything to go by some teams better get working for that will be the relative event next year.

The weather of course conducts the play and mood of the meet, however the competitors dance at the end of the meet went down well and put everyone in a hung over frame of mind for the prize giving on Wednesday the 19th. The presentation was made by Maj. General Lyon who had done his home work on the sport.

Our thanks go to Air Traffic Control at Netheravon and Boscombe; to the pilots Major G. C. Stacey, Capt. Ironside, Flt/Lt. Paul Tyminski, Charles Shea-Simonds, Wing Commander Jenkins, Flt/Lt. Bob Osborne; to the judges — would you believe Capt. Mike Turner, Mr. Brian David, Sgt. Dave Jones (RAF), Charles Shea-Simonds and the helpers.

J. LAING

## STATISTICS

No of competitors	...	...	96
No. of Teams	...	...	15
No. of style entrants	...	...	35
No. of Novice entrants	...	...	16

## RESULTS

Individual accuracy only 3 rounds completed.

	Total Score cm
1. Cpl. Milne	00.02
2. Cpl. Bird	00.21
3. Sgt. Jackie Smith (TA Uragallo)	00.48 00.06)

Team accuracy — 3 rounds only completed.

		1.	2.	3.	Total
1. 2 Para	Cpl. Milne	00.00	00.00	00.00	
	Cpl. Wright	00.05	00.56	00.49	
	Cpl. Bird	00.08	04.74	00.00	6.32
	Pte. Coffee	00.10	00.30	00.00	
2. 'B' Sqn.	Rymer	01.46	00.00	00.15	
	McGill	00.27	00.47	00.76	
	Ellis	00.38	01.01	01.08	7.29
	Howerski	01.66	00.05	00.00	
3. JSPC	Netheravon				31.75
4. JSPC	Lippspringe				34.45

Style		10.5	9.5	8.9	1st
	Cpl. Milne				
	Cpl. Bird	10.3	9.1	10.8	2nd
	Sgt. J. Smith	11.4	10.7	12.4	3rd
	(TA Uragallo)	13.3	10.00	9.2)	

Speed Relative Army		Time
2 Para	1st	31.2
'B' Sqn.	2nd	35.5
3 Para	3rd	

Scratch		Total 30.7
	Cpl. Bell	
	Sgt. J. Smith	
	F/Officer Allison Jones (TA) Uragallo	

Novice	Cpl. Turner	R. Signals
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We have a really good jumpship set up — would you believe two Cessna 207's? They're both available all the time, which means we have the ability to put a ten man load in the air, although the Scottish record stands at an eight man so far!

Student training goes on throughout the year. It's a smallish D.Z. and students rapidly become adept at either canopy handling or river fording, tree climbing, hedge crossing and out-running bulls! As they progress, they are lured in two directions, with John Kemley preaching the gospel of style and accuracy, with the relly workers exerting a counter influence. We are fortunate in having John, a previous National Champion, who gives up much of his time to coaching and organising competitions. His unique approach under a white P.C. swaying and surging into the pit with uncanny accuracy is a familiar sight.

C.C.I. these days is the hard working Biff Burn, an RW veteran, now back jumping again following a crippling opening under a para plane. Unfortunately, his return to

the RW scene coincided with Al Macmillan's departure from it, due to a broken arm and dislocated shoulder after a bumpy landing. Our other regular instructors are Tony Smith and David McPherson.

We've got a lot of girl jumpers and even a four girl team practising. No one knows exactly what they're practising (possibly a four girl moon for Biff's 1,000th jump), but they (and we) certainly get a lot of laughs out of it.

Quite a few Yanks jump here, imparting their quaint customs — such as drinking root beer on the D.Z.: An apoplectic instructor had to be reassured that it's quite non-alcoholic. After one zap off the airfield a couple returned: "Hey, we just found the neatest packing area over beyond the trees in the park". . . . Sorry your Lordship, your croquet lawn will not be violated again.

Stratostars are beginning to make their appearance up here. On a recent jump the brakeline loop on a strat slipped right over the steering toggle and up the steering line, producing a most interesting mal. Kenny Davidson, on his first ram air jump, would be interested to know of any explanation for this — So would I — it was my rig!!

Despite rumours to the contrary, the weather's no worse up here than anywhere else — although we're thinking of making fifty viewings of "Masters of the Sky" a qualification for a 'D' Licence. It can get a bit chilly in the winter — We've recorded -26° C at altitude so far this year.

If you visit us there is plenty of accommodation in the village, the beer's good (although the pubs close at ten), there's a disco nearly every Saturday night and the natives aren't too hostile.

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# BIG JAKE'S SPRING IDYLL

The Vernal Equinox passes and Big Jake stirs from his winter's sleep. The days are getting longer, the spring sun is coaxing the crocuses from the soil and B.J. is bursting for his first crap in six months.

"Lowe" says he, "We gotta get moving again. Up north this time. See what them Scotch pricks is up to behind their Tartan Barrier." B.J.'s sudden whims are well known to many of you readers and there is no gainsaying them. Better to let the crazy barstid get it out of his system. So north it is.

Voice and Tits, beloved of B.J. and lusted after by many thousand of tit worshippers, is at hand to tend to B.J. after his hibernation when his appetites and demands are many, varied and occasionally downright peculiar. She agrees to the odyssey and packs her rollers.

B.J.'s plan is to hump up the emm six at one hundred em pee aitch with me driving and him and V and T keeping a look out for the fuzz from the back of the van. Leastways that is his bespoke reason for taping over the rear view mirror and I know better than to argue with B.J. but plead with him not to set up a resonance that will cause all four wheels to fly offa the van at junction six.

We set course for Achterordure, home of the Jocks Para Club at dead of night with our one candlepower headlamp guttering feebly but flaring now and again as a moth flies in to a fiery doom. By shop opening time we are at Fingals Kafe in Achterordure ready to consume a hearty breakfast. The journey up to the dee zed will take only minutes so we're told by the fun loving local hatchet men. B.J.'s request for haggis sandwiches is met initially by a stony silence which is eventually broken by a cryptic instruction from old Fingal to: "Away and cuddle yer humph ya Sassenach nyaff!" \*B.J. recognising a joke against himself takes it in good spirit and after smashing a plate glass display cabinet legs it to the van with old Eff in close pursuit.

We drive in the direction given for the dee zed along country lanes meandering through small hills; the air filled with birdsong and redolent of cowshit. As we get nearer, unmistakable signs of a dee zed become apparent: mushed up drifters lying in the fields, miscellaneous rusted ripcords, kicker plates, a pair of false teeth, assorted rings, discarded knickers and some dried bones rattling in a tattered harness high in an olde oake tree.

The dee zed is famed for its big jumpships but we are unprepared for how big. We drive in to find ourselves in the middle of the Scottish Republican Air Force (S.R.A.F.) all armed up and ready to go, all pointing south — singles, twins and big four engined jobs — with thistle decals and oily leeks as a gesture to the Plaid brethren.

The word is out that this is a relly dee zed so we expect to see vigorous young guys strutting around in baggy jumpsuits, but it is more like a convalescent centre for geriatrics. The Cee Cee I is a crazy old guy who slouches around wearing sunglasses and a truss, muttering garbled oaths under his breath with one hand and tweaking the girls' bums with the other. Another amazing case sits rocking in a chair by the snack bar door crooning quietly to himself and sometimes giggling at the flies. This guy has been jumping since the Guardian Angel days and is still at it. He is the only instructor in the country to get a dispensation from the Bee Pee Ae for a male nurse to go up in the plane with him to hold the static line since the oldster's arms got too trembly to do the job effectively (hold the static line that is).

Before we can jump we get our testimonials checked; they take down our particulars and have a look at our credentials, especially V and T's and we get a severe lecture on No Poaching. The landowner it seems takes stern objection to people knocking off his rabbits, salmon, deer and dairy cows for the campsite stewpot, but he does not give a stuff about frogs. Thus, frog poaching has been developed locally to a high art by the protein starved natives. A French bird has provided numerous recipes for the frog stompers to follow.

The first we are aware of this is when a line up of four first jump students is waiting to be checked. Their instructor wanders up casually tearing at the cooked remains of a puddock on the end of a bayonet. "Youse craws ull huv tae wait till A've finished ma brekfuss" he states calmly, crunching through a bone. The students silently observe this performance only betraying their inner tension when an earsplitting fart from the instructor causes their helmets to pop off in all directions. One hapless wretch pulls his reserve in a convulsive reflex action and gets sent home minus his twenty quid course fee but plus a demented glare to his eye that takes a fortnight to wear off.

B.J. is keen to lob out of one of the superannuated jumpships. They are checking out a Hudson that looks like it last flew at Arnhem (into the ground that is). By introducing V and T to Captain Nebulosa the pilot an accord is rapidly established which results in the three of us getting booked into the first lift. Nineteen guys crowd in, the Pratt & Whitneys roar and we are rolling west along runway two eight. At twelve hundred feet the harmonics go slightly askew due to what is laughingly termed an engine failure and the Hudson does a swift barrel roll. You ever seen nineteen guys glued to the floor of a Hudson? . . . especially when one of them is Voice and Tits. I register the horrified expressions, the droopy gee laden eyelids, V and T's knockers stretched to waist level, Capt. N. shrunk to dwarf size in the jockey seat, then suddenly it's over. We roll out at three hundred feet above a panicked herd of sheep then climb safely to jump altitude.

Some of our Jock colleagues are jumping in kilts. Doing style in a kilt is said to be highly therapeutic for jumper and televiewer alike. The rush of air in a backloop has been known to resonate up through certain jumpers to produce a C minor note which has been heard in Inverness where the superstitious locals thought is to be the Voice of God. The kilt jumpers are reputed to be addicted to this type of activity. Their sporrans contain their knicknacks which makes for trouble free jumping, but watch when you open your purse. There is also more to get hold of in relly work which makes for easier docking and keeps the tear ducts well lubricated.

The scheme is for two passes at twelve grand. The geriatric cases are to go first in case the reduced oxygen knocks them out and the hard assed younger set will go second. (B.J. has found some of the latter to be highly impressionable. He gives them a load of shit about how to fly like a bird you gotta think like a bird. So he tells them about J. L. Seagull and makes the point that even in the lightest breeze a seagull flock sits pointing into wind with nary a deviant among them. This he suggests should be emulated by the young hotshot guys who really want to learn to fly. They take it all in and in no time there are groups surreptitiously forming round the target area all pointing into wind and finding it uncommonly difficult to

communicate with each other out the sides of their mouths with eyeballs pivoted to full peripheral stretch.)

The male nurse in full jump kit helps the heretofore mentioned oldster to the door and brusquely pushes him out all a-flail like a creaky old 3-D windmill. The Cee Cee I tries to pin him but loses control at the wrong moment and fills his jumpboots with strangely hued adrenalin. This unbalances him who is already unhinged and the net result is no link, a low pull worthy of your scribe and a squelchy landing that showers bystanders with atomised droplets of aforesaid adrenalin whose odour is as peculiar as its appearance.

The hard assed youngsters fare better but only marginally so. V and T goes base for them and they all want to get down inside her cleavage invitingly displayed by her decollete amber jumpsuit. The result is a head banging collision that sends five of them careering off to all compass points and leaves the way clear for B.J. to slide easily down and in to a perfect dock. I follow kicking furiously in my usual illustrious fashion and just make it three by break off height. We open and float down serene in the surrounding turmoil of confusion and intemperate language.

B.J. opens the debrief as tactfully as he know how: "I thought youse barstids was pundits" states he. "J.L. ----pig coulda done better than that. You wanna stick to style and accuracy and with a bitta luck you'll all finish up with your heads up each others assholes yelling for more light. A day old shitehawk chick coulda flown better than the lotta you put thegither. . ." and so on in this rich vein of compassion and human understanding.

The locals take it better than you might expect at first but as B.J. develops his theme the hackles start to rise until with hysterical squeals and rebel yells out come the claymores from under the peat and it looks like the Battle of Auchentoshan all over again.

It is V and T who saves the day with haughty and matronly demeanor: "Lay offa each other you idiotic bunch of - - - ts" she enunciates through tight lips, eyeballs flashing and tits bouncing as she strides forward into the throng around B.J. who is in the act of producing his bowie knife to defend himself. "It's five minutes from closing time!" she roars above the tumult and like magic the weapons vanish, kit is hurled into cars and everybody is steaming off at near lightspeeds down to the village boozier, leaving only the disconsolate Cee Cee I to wander round picking up the litter and wondering why the - - - he ever took the job in the first place.

B.J. makes up his quarrel in the pub and gets so pissed he has to be carried to the van for the journey south. This leaves V and T to share the driving home and vent her frustration by giving the two fingers to every motorist we pass. In the dark it doesn't matter much and leaves me free to reflect for the umpteenth hundred time why I ever got mixed up with a ratbag like B.J. in the first place. . .

*\*AUTHORS NOTE: Glaisters Compendium of Abusive Terms regards this epithet as an attempt, usually successful, to confuse the recipient as to the precise nature of the instruction given but to leave him in little doubt as to the unlikelihood of its execution due to primarily anatomical reasons.*

L. PULLER



Globetrotting Sally Cresswell sent this excellent Ray Hara photo of an 18 person formation over the Gulch. The four girls on the load are at the points, Sally on the right.

**BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION  
COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY 3rd JUNE, 1976  
held at Kimberley House, Leicester**

**PRESENT**

L. N. E. St. John—*Chairman*  
J. T. Crocker  
D. Waterman  
D. Peacock  
M. J. O'Brien  
R. Swainson  
J. L. Thomas  
E. Lewington  
I. B. Wright (*co-opted*)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Sqn. Ldr. W. Paul—*Sec-Gen BPA*  
G. C. P. Shea-Simonds—*NC/SO BPA*

**OBSERVERS**

J. Norris and C. Thomas

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

T. J. Morgan	Major T. H. Ridgway
B. Morgan	Capt. A. Dixon
P. J. Prior	G. B. Shone
W. J. Meacock	J. Petherbridge

Item 29/76

**SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Competitions** (Minutes of 25th May) Mr. O'Brien, Chairman Comp. SC outlined the minutes as published. Council accepted and ratified the minutes and ruled on the following points:

- a. **Altitude for Individual — Team Accuracy.** Item 20/76 — 4.2b of Council Minutes 27th April was referred to and since the subject was already allowed for in the National Championship Rules it was unanimously agreed on a proposal by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. O'Brien that the change of the Rules called for in the previous minutes was unnecessary and that the Rules remain as previously published.
- b. **Selection of Ladies (Individual and/or Team) for World Championships.** The Comp. SC was authorised to, at its meeting immediately following the National Championships, select individuals or team for the Ladies' Events according to the standard displayed at the National Championships.
- c. **Venue for Team Training.** There had been a suggestion that the arrangements already made for Training to be done at Castelsarrasin be changed in favour of Chalon where the team would be welcome with its own aircraft. The general view was that there was little to be gained financially from taking our own aircraft and in the event of anything going wrong with it — this could prove costly. Considerable assistance had been given by the French Parachute Federation and it may not help relations with them to come up with changes at this late stage. It was agreed that the matter be left with the Comp. SC.
- d. **Novice Event — National Championships.** The Sec-Gen reported that the winner of the Novice event 1975 had submitted an entry for the Novice Event 1976. There was a view that a winner of the National Novice Event should be ineligible for any future National Novice Event but there was nothing to this effect written into the rules. It was agreed that the entry be accepted for this year but that the Comps. SC take account of this when drafting rules for future National Novice Events.  
It was unanimously agreed that the number of rounds in the Novice Event be six.

2. **Safety and Training.** Nothing to report — next meeting 13th July.

3. **Riggers.** No meeting held. Outstanding point was finalisation of Riggers Examination questions. Mr. Thomas would liaise with Mr. Shone to ensure these were passed to Mr. Wright (Irvin).

4. **Forward Planning.** Major Ridgway had advised that the first item selected for consideration under Forward Planning was 'A BPA Aircraft' and a paper would be available for consideration at the next meeting.

5. **Finance.** No meeting held and there was nothing untoward to report. Sec-Gen reported that he had recently transferred another £7,000 to the Bank Deposit Account.

Mr. Waterman raised the matter of clubs/centres which were now not requiring *ab initio* students to take BPA Membership — if this trend was to continue it could have a serious impact on BPA finances. The Sec-Gen named six clubs which were now implementing this practice and pointed out the progression of events leading to the present situation. Provisional Membership when introduced was used only in isolated cases and all clubs/centres encouraged full membership. With the advent of commercial centres there was a marked increase in Provisional Membership based on the argument of keeping the cost down for the *ab initio* students. This then progressed to the point where one centre did not require its students to join BPA until they had completed 2 or 3 jumps — now we have six centres following this practice. Mr. Crocker said we ought to be aware of the day when everybody is doing this and we don't have the income to maintain the BPA Office and its permanent staff and which in turn will take away the unified representation enjoyed by sport parachutists with such bodies as CAA, GASCO, R.Ae. Club, and Sports Council who have no doubt taken note of our, till now, ever increasing individual membership. Many of these members are Provisional members and further progression of the practice will without doubt erode the strength of the Association. Mr. Waterman felt there was a growing thought "what do we need the BPA for?" They are wrong, but think they are right and BPA is wrong. There was considerable inconclusive discussion which culminated in agreement that a Special Council Meeting be held at which all clubs could have the opportunity to present their views. The Sec-Gen would raise a single item Agenda for an Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on Thursday, 8th July.

Mr. O'Brien referring to the National Team Fund, asked what success the Sec-Gen had with his "cap in hand" appeal. In reply the Sec-Gen stated that some £750 has been contributed to date. The amount to 31st March, £555, had been credited to the 1975 World Championships — the remaining £200 and any further income to the NTF would be credited to the 1976 Championships.

Mr. Waterman announced there was £50 standing in credit to the now disbanded 'Chuting Stars' Team and he hoped this would be passed on to BPA for the National Team Fund.

**SPORTS AID FOUNDATION**

The Sec-Gen reminded the meeting of background to the setting up of the SAF, the Chairman and himself having attended one of the early meetings. There had been certain difficulties which resulted in the then Chairman designate of the SAF withdrawing and the plans seemed to be in limbo. The first intimation BPA had that the SAF was again operative was when, because of the initiative of certain members, applications for aid reached the Sec-Gen. There was some degree of urgency since the SAF's main effort was being concentrated on the Olympic Sports because of the forthcoming Olympics and any applications had to go to the Board of Governors via a Recommendation Committee. The applications were endorsed by the Sec-Gen and forwarded. Each of the applications were successful and a total sum of £1,050 was awarded. Since then a letter from Mr. Meacock (now read to the meeting) suggested that future applications should be discussed by the Competition Sub-Committee and, if time permits, by the Council. The Sec-Gen agreed this should now be the recognised procedure to be followed but sought the indulgence of Council in the case of these first applications when speed of action was essential if we were to have any chance of success. Mr. Thomas felt Council should congratulate the Sec-Gen on the initiative which resulted in £1,050 coming into the sport.

It was agreed that the Comp. SC would receive all future applications for recommendation to Council. The Sec-Gen would obtain copies of the SAF Policy for the guidance of the Comp. Sub-Committee.

The Sec-Gen advised that an application had been received in respect of Robin Mills. The meeting in passing a proposal by

WO E. Lewington, seconded by D. Waterman, that Mr. Mills application be accepted, authorised the Sec-Gen to progress.

Item 31/76

### PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Proposed: J. T. Crocker; Seconded: WO E. Lewington. Minutes of 27th April be accepted. Carried.

#### Matters Arising

a. *Video Tape* (Item 20/76— 4.5). This was still being investigated by Mr. O'Brien and Sec-Gen.

b. *Student Canopies* (Item 20/76 — 5.1). Mr. Thomas asked if there was to be anything further in the form of subsidy to those clubs who purchased the canopies. The Sec-Gen reported that this had been discussed by the Finance Sub-Committee whose recommendation was that the canopies be sold at cost (£30) was endorsed by Council.

c. *Legal Costs* (Item 23/76). There was nothing further to report at this stage.

d. *Mileage Rates* (Full time Employees) — (Item 25/76). Mr. O'Brien advised that the latest A.A. rate was now 11.4p per mile. It was agreed that the 11.5p previously agreed by Council should remain in force.

e. *Competition Caravan* (Item 28/76 — 4). This had been purchased and was available for Council members to inspect after the meeting.

f. *B.P.A. Brochure* (Item 28/76 — 5.1). This was an updating of the previous brochure with a different colour scheme. Mr. Waterman outlined the content of the brochure and council ratified the decision to purchase 15,000 copies and that clubs/teams may purchase at 50% cost i.e. 4p per copy.

g. *Press Hand Out Kit* (Item 28/76— 5.2). The Sec-Gen to provide Mr. Waterman with updated information.

h. *National Team Fund Appeal* (Item 28/76—5.3). Mr. Waterman would now use the Press Kit Hand Out with the addition of a

covering letter from the Chairman. Sec-Gen to provide cost details of British Team Training and competing in the World Championships.

j. *"Sport for All Day"* (Item 28/76 — 5.4). Sec-Gen reported that he had written to C.A.A. seeking their guidance on the matter of jumping into Hyde Park — a reply was awaited. It was agreed that so far as the various other Regions were concerned, the information should be passed to clubs in the regions for them to liaise direct and take part in the various schemes in such ways as they can.

k. *Outstanding Loans* (Item 28/76— 5.7).

*Wessex Para Club*. Mr. Donovan is still without an aircraft and the financial position is unchanged until such time as he can begin operating. He begs Council's indulgence and assures that he will do everything possible to meet his indebtedness.

*R.S.A. Para Club*. Loan now repaid.

*Sport Para Centre*. All papers in the hands of Mr. Crocker — certain recommendations would be made.

*Mr. D. Waterman* (Item 21/76). This item is now cancelled — Mr. Waterman did not in fact resign from Council and had he done so, it would not have been for the reasons stated.

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#### OTHER BUSINESS

**Membership Indemnity.** The Sec-Gen informed of a query regarding the Indemnity required to be signed by potential members. It was agreed there was no reason to change the Indemnity.

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**FOOTBALL POOL — CCPR.** The Sec-Gen outlined a plan for the introduction of a Football Pool by the CCPR, which, apart from providing prize money would be a source of income for clubs and to the CCPR, which of course would in turn be of benefit to all sports. It was agreed that the Sec-Gen apply for a supply of coupons for distribution to clubs with details of the method of operation.

## BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION EXTRA-ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING, THURSDAY, 8th JULY 1976 held at BPA Offices, Kimberley House, Leicester

#### PRESENT

L. N. E. St. John—*Chairman*  
J. L. Thomas  
D. Waterman  
WO D. Peacock  
J. Petherbridge  
G. B. Shone  
R. Swainson  
W. J. Meacock  
M. J. O'Brien  
J. T. Crocker  
Major T. H. Ridgway

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Sqn. Ldr. W. Paul—*Sec-Gen BPA*  
G. C. P. Shea-Simonds—*NC/SO BPA*  
R. S. Acraman

#### OBSERVERS

Messrs. Townsend and Edney

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

P. J. Prior  
J. Donovan  
T. J. Morgan  
B. Morgan

**This meeting was especially called to discuss and consider the current situation whereby certain clubs/centres do not require parachutists to become members of the Association till after a number of jumps have been completed.**

Item 1

1.1 The Chairman opened the meeting by referring members and others to their copies of the correspondence received from the following:

#### Copies distributed:

Captain T. E. Oxley — *Rhine Army Para Centre*  
Lt. A. J. Price, RM — *RN & RM SPA*  
Mr. J. L. Thomas — *Personal as a Council Member*  
Mr. A. Black — *Eagle Sport Para Centre*

#### Read out:

Mrs. I. Howell — *Midland Para Centre*

#### 1.2 Extracts from submissions received:

##### a. Capt. T. E. Oxley— RAPA

"1. It is the opinion of this Centre that BPA membership should be mandatory for all current parachutists.

2. As we understand, the BPA is the officially recognised controlling body of Sport Parachuting in UK and consequently receives considerable financial assistance from the Government Sports Council. The larger the membership and the greater its control over parachuting can only prove advantageous in the award of future financial grants.

3. BPA rules and regulations are — or should be, the parachutists bible. A great deal of experience and work has gone into the production of these regulations. Add to this the BPA's international affiliations whereby our voice is heard and opinions respected internationally and it is difficult for any club to justify accepting these benefits, without ensuring its members are also members of the BPA.

4. When it is considered that the BPA already caters for the trainee parachutists by way of its provisional membership scheme, we cannot understand any opposition to mandatory membership, apart from a selfish commercial outlook whereby the cost of a basic course, or initial parachute jump, can be reduced by the amount involved in taking out provisional membership.

5. We feel that any club whose members are not BPA enrolled, should not be recognised by BPA and therefore should not receive any of the BPA benefits including entry to competition and meets, minutes of council and S & T committee meetings, etc. These clubs, without addresses should be listed in the magazine, Sport Parachutist, as "Non recognised" and the CAA and Sports Council provided with details of the list."
- b. **Lt. A. J. Price—RN & RM SPA**  
 "Sport parachuting is inherently and potentially a dramatic and high risk sport. Through strong, careful and conscientious control by the national governing body (the BPA) the sport has, over the years, attained a worthwhile and respected position amongst the various professional bodies with whom it deals.  
 Very occasionally an incident occurs which projects the sport to the forefront of publicity and on these occasions, where a club found to be operating outside of the BPA, then surely the sports credibility, built over many years, must be cast in bad light. Indeed one wonders why a club should attempt to operate outside of sound administrative legal and professional help if they in fact have nothing to hide.  
 The RM/RMSPA strongly believes these clubs should be brought into line with the vast majority in order to ensure the continued popularity and success of sport parachuting in this country."
- c. **Mr. J. L. Thomas — Council Member** — this submission is embodied in the BPA's paper detailed at (1.3) below.
- d. **Mr. A. Black—Eagle Para Centre—**  
 "We hold our own insurance because — cost for unlimited members and descents £40.00 p.a. — £100,000 any one incident. Settlement of two claims within seven days as opposed to two claims, £10.00 and £4.00 being argued 3 years and 6 months later respectively.  
 ... other advantages since come to light — cost in time and money none existent. No longer cost and wait of application form to customer—to BPA—back to customer. With our own, on day or arrival and filling in form the customer is covered. The additional cost of BPA Provisional membership to a person unsure of how he/she will like jumping makes cost decisive factor i.e. Basic Course £25.00 — with BPA Prov. Membership £28.71 — a distinct marketing and Public Relation advantage in having our own insurance. We insist that after three descents the member must become a full member of the BPA."
- e. **Mrs. Iris Howell—Midland Para Centre—**  
 "We do not compel first time students to join BPA although membership form is always sent with club information. After student has continued jumping we do point out the benefits of BPA membership e.g. magazine, information on other DZ's etc. Club insurance is third party liability without exemption clauses — more comprehensive than BPA which has clause 'in accordance with BPA Regulations' — Finally, although most people really appreciate the backing of the BPA and the standardisation of DZ's ... there is a feeling that an all powerful Mafia-type organisation would be too overwhelming. We prefer that individuals can make their own choice — to join or not."
- f. **Mr. J. Donovan — Wessex Para Club (verbal quote to Sec.-Gen—non attendance regretted but unavoidable)—**  
 "We fully support BPA and all students being members of the Association — would recommend two suggestions:  
 i) a cheaper one jump membership  
 ii) a more representative Council, say by club representation.
- 1.3 Following the above submissions an outline of benefits provided by BPA Membership for the sport was presented. In brief these are:
- 1. The Recognised Governing Body.** The Association has established itself as the responsible governing body of the sport which is recognised as such by both the Civil Aviation Authority, the Sports Council and the Federation Aeronautique Internationale.
  - 2. Liaison with Civil Aviation Authority.** This falls into three main categories:
    - a. Operations Provision of Parachuting Exemptions** for both routine club parachuting and displays.
      - i. Airworthiness.* Matters connected with approval of aircraft for sport parachuting.
      - ii. Legislation.* Matters connected with proposed legislation and its effect in sport parachuting.
  - 3. Sports Council Recognition.** This must surely be one of the most tangible benefits with considerable financial grants for salaries, stationery, telephone charges, postage, printing, rent, instructors courses, national team travel and training. This amounted to some £15,000 in the last financial year. Grants could be forthcoming towards the establishment of a National Centre and the purchase of a BPA Aircraft.
  - 4. Federation Aeronautique Internationale.** An important benefit internationally, BPA has a say in organisation and rules for World Parachuting Championships and Records, as well as the establishment of international standards.
  - 5. Permanent Staff.** The BPA responsibilities require little elaboration.
    - a. Secretary-General* — Responsible for the day to day running of the BPA Office, and all this entails.
    - b. National Coach and Safety Officer* — Self explanatory.
    - c. Assistant Secretary* — Membership records and BPA Shop.
    - d. Clerks* — All necessary secretarial and clerking duties.
  - 6. Documentation.** The various facets of documentation include the following:
    - a. Issue of FAI Certificates and Competitors Licences.*
    - b. Issue of Instructors Ratings.*
    - c. Jump Pilot approval.*
    - d. Issue of Packing Certificates.*
    - e. BPA Membership.*
  - 7. Insurances**
    - a. Third Party Insurance* to £100,000 for any one incident.
    - b. Display Team Third Party Insurance.*
    - c. Instructors Negligence Insurance.*
    - d. Riggers Insurance.*
  - 8. Sport Parachutist**
    - a. Published 6 times a year with 4 colour cover.*
    - b. Free listing of Affiliated Clubs and Centres.*
    - c. Free classified advertising for BPA members.*
  - 9. Competition**
    - a. Organisation of 2 National Championships every year.*
    - b. Selection and training of National Team.*
    - c. Availability of Competitions Caravan for Club Competitions.*
  - 10. Instructors Courses.** Potential Instructors and Examination Courses are run 4 times a year at minimal cost to the candidate.
  - 11. BPA shop.** A small service set up to provide log books, sweat shirts, ties, stickers, books, badges, posters, log cards etc. A 10% discount is available to affiliated clubs on orders over £20.
  - 12. Public Relations.** A responsibility providing sensible presentation of the sport to the media.
  - 13. Safety and Training Committee.** Composed of every Club Chief Instructor with the aim of providing standards of safety and training to safeguard all BPA Members.
    - a. Updating of BPA Regulations.*
    - b. Provision of standardised training posters.*
    - c. Investigation of accidents and malfunctions.*
    - d. Evaluation of new techniques, and advice on implementation.*
    - e. Riggers Sub Committee* which sets and maintains standards of rigging.
    - f. Immediate notification of matters of safety and training.*
  - 14. Information Service.** The BPA is able to provide information on jumping at affiliated clubs — dozens of club lists are sent to prospective sport parachutists daily. Information available on parachuting overseas. Information available on aircraft, legislation, equipment, insurance.
  - 15. Assistance to Clubs.** This takes many forms:
    - a. PR Brochures.*
    - b. PR Posters.*

- c. Cheaper (duty free) student canopies.
- d. Legal Advice.
- e. Loans.
- f. Representation.

**16. Negotiation**

- a. Winston Churchill Scholarship.
- b. Sports Aid Foundation.
- c. CCPR Grant Aid.

In conclusion it's worth remembering that we are the BPA; its strengths and weaknesses, its success or failure are our responsibility fairly and squarely. We elect our Council to run the organisation, and they accept the responsibilities involved because they believe in the sport and its development.

It is felt that mandatory BPA membership is not the answer; this would undoubtedly cause resentment and problems. But there is no doubt that the future of BPA is dependent on a strong membership; this where we so desperately need the support of all Clubs and Centres in producing BPA members from *ab initio* students.

**1.4 Mr. J. T. Crocker** whose expressed concern at the growing trend of students not joining the BPA had contributed to the present meeting being called, addressed the meeting. He made it clear that in expressing his concern, he made no direct or implied criticism to any club which did not insist on its first jump students taking Provisional or Full BPA Membership. His concern is over the general problem which seems to be gaining momentum i.e. the lack of income from Provisional Membership. A substantial part of our income is derived from Provisional Membership and he believes it fair that in parachuting as in other sporting activities it is right for the sport to make money out of those passing through with the benefits passed on to those who decide to stay in the sport and support it.

It is Council's function to run the BPA as a business — the day we stop trying to do this it will collapse. It seems we can have a situation where if one club after another follows the pattern of not requiring students to be BPA members our expected finances will be eroded away to such a degree that it will affect the Association and in due course there would possibly have to be drastic cuts in services and staff. Should this prove to be the case, we could be caught up in a vicious circle where because of decreasing support in the form of membership, other factors such as Sports Council grant aid could diminish. This is speculation at this stage but perhaps we should be looking at comparative figures to see if numerically and financially we are making the gains we ought to, are standing still or losing ground. (*sec-Gen's Note: these comparative figures are available and are compiled month by month*).

It may be that hard cold economic facts dictate to clubs that unfortunately they can't compel students to join BPA. This cannot be made mandatory — the whole essence and success of BPA is, has been and must continue to be, that everything is voluntary. For Midland Para Centre to refer to Mafia type organisation is absurd. The BPA sets an excellent example to many other organisations — any member can attend any Council or STC Meeting and there are completely free elections to Council. We are probably at the stage where we have now got to look again at the financial implication to clubs and produce something which may be financially more attractive and so allow them to encourage student membership of the association.

The Sec-Gen quoted estimated comparative figures for the first three months of the current and previous financial year:

	New Provisional Member	New Full Member	Renewals	Total
June 1975	1425	485	2617	4527
June 1976	1144	492	2913	4549
	-281	+7	+296	+22

The significant points being the drop in Provisional Membership and the fact that over three months we showing only an overall increase of 22. Comparative tables would be produced for Council showing the financial implication, taking into account the new rates introduced from 1st April '76.

**1.5 Mr. O'Brien** took up Mr. Crocker's point of running the Association as a business proposition. Last year many businesses found they were losing on the sale of their products

because their accountants advised that since costs were going up, sale price must also go up — there followed a tail-off of purchases and the marketing people were brought in — selling prices were reduced and sales increased. Has not BPA done a similar thing by pricing the Provisional Membership too high and is now catching the rebound! Unless we get the Provisional Membership there will be no follow-through and subsequently the Full membership will be affected.

**1.6 Mr. Shone** recognising Mr. O'Brien's marketing argument asked if it was possible to quote a minimum acceptable BPA charge for a one jump student — the Sec-Gen, as a tentative estimate, suggested that deducting the magazine, allowing for 25p insurance cost and a £1.00 administrative subscription element carrying VAT the minimum would have to be around £1.33p.

**1.7 The NC/SO** expressed the view that, as quoted by Mr. Black, of Eagle, there is not only the cost deterrent to be considered but also the administrative task involved in ensuring that the student has in fact joined the BPA. He was aware that the Sec-Gen had for some time now successfully operated a system whereby clubs were given a block of BPA numbers and these were used as and when students arrived at the club. However, it may be that Provisional membership is not the answer to the problem.

**1.8 Mr. Waterman** felt the problem was basically a matter of finance — where it comes to people who are earning their living out of teaching *ab initio* students. His personal opinion is that if we produce with a lower cost figure this should not deter someone who is prepared to undergo a parachute course — maybe it's a marketing problem. He has the impression that Clubs/Centres are probably handling as many students as can be safely handled anyway — so it shouldn't really be a matter of them being afraid of losing business. What is the problem? BPA should be looking more closely at ways of keeping students in the sport. It was not in the interest of a Commercial Centre to do this because they earn their money out of teaching people to do parachute course. He accepted that there are a large percentage, (possibly 95%) who had no intention of going beyond the 1st, 2nd or 3rd jump but there was a percentage who if given encouragement would remain in the sport. It was his view that the Midland Para Centre's reference to Mafia-type organisation was not in isolation — this view was more widespread and was held by some who might be considered responsible elements in the sport. This view was strongly disputed but it was accepted that in all organisations such as BPA there is an element, in ignorance of facts, always ready to criticise but not prepared to be constructive.

Mr. Waterman referred to Sports Council grant aid and the fact all the time we expect to receive increasing grant aid we must show that we as an organisation are also playing our part in helping to meet costs and inflation — this had been made clear in recent talks with the Sports Council.

**1.9 The Sec-Gen** felt that the meeting should get back to the basic issue under consideration. The 95% of students who do not continue in the sport after 1, 2 or 3 jumps was nothing new — this has always been the case and is a fact of life we had lived with throughout the years. Surely the issue now is can we produce a scheme acceptable to all clubs and centres which will bring us back to the previous situation where all of that 95% did in fact join BPA.

It would seem there are two issues to be resolved and that the onus is with the BPA to produce solutions:

- a. The cost of Provisional Membership.
- b. The avoidance of having to check if the student membership had in fact registered with BPA.

**Cost of Provisional Membership.** A suggested possible figure of £1.33 had been quoted (subject to more detailed analysis) for one jump membership.

**Issue of Memberships.** It was emphasised that all memberships are actioned on the day of receipt. The issue of a block of BPA numbers to clubs/centres was already operating successfully with certain clubs and under this system there is no delay or follow-up checking — on arrival at the club the student completes the application form, the BPA number is allocated by the club and the completed form with remittance is sent to BPA where registration is effected.

He now saw the crux of the problem as being: If BPA Council can produce firm proposals along the lines he suggests. Will clubs/centres accept and play their part in encouraging all student parachutists to become members of the Association as either

Provisional or Full Members. Perhaps those representatives of clubs/centres present would answer.

1.10 **Mr. Thomas** agreed that finance was the main factor in creating the present situation — BPA had to make the next move. It was preferable to drop the cost of Provisional Membership and accept the reduced income rather than get nothing.

1.11 **Mr. W. J. Meacock** (Peterborough Para Centre). When the increase of Provisional Membership to £3.71 was implemented he had warned against it as a wrong step in an inflationary situation — his approach at Peterborough Centre had been to keep cost to a minimum and increase his turnover because without the *ab initio* student there would be no Peterborough Centre. It was his view that the Service organisations could well afford to wax indignant considering that everything they operate from is largely paid for by the State. The Regulations which, to quote, 'should be the parachutists bible' were in fact written by professional parachutists and other enthusiastic instructors. Most of Peterborough Centre's members are members of the BPA but he failed to see how you can classify an individual who comes along to make one or two descents then flees clutching his one jump certificate, as a parachutist and charge him £3.71. There are examples of where in his publicity booklet he quoted membership of the BPA as compulsory and when the individuals were informed the cost was (at that time) £2.56 they left claiming to have been got to the club under false pretences. Mr. Meacock read extracts from his brochure which presented the BPA in good light — the potential students received an application form with the brochure and it was their choice as to whether they joined BPA or not. After the third jump Full Membership of the BPA is required. Mr. Meacock was not prepared to insist of £3.71 having to be paid on top of the course cost — this would reduce his business turnover.

If the Association's income is declining, (and it is probably too early to make the decision) then of course it is cause for concern and something would have to be done.

He fully supports BPA and parachutists (i.e. those who have made more than three jumps) being full members and he will continue to encourage this. In reply to Mr. Waterman's remark that it was not in the interest of the commercial centres to encourage people to make more than two jumps — this may be the case at some centres/clubs and sometimes it may happen at Peterborough but not for the reason Mr. Waterman implies — e.g. a student having made one jump six months previously telephones at 4 p.m. in the middle of a busy session to say he's thinking of coming along to do a second jump — the answer has to be 'some other time'.

1.12 **Mr. Acraman — R.S.A. Para Club** stated that his response would be 'an echo' of Mr. Meacock's — to stay at Thruxton the club has to take upward of 1500 students per year, possibly 2000 — the reasons are quite clear. I have to go round 'selling' courses and often this has to result in reduced rate for block courses. Finance is obviously the important factor and when £3.71 is asked for, the student wants to see something tangible — we know they get insurance cover, magazines and that clubs have been helped with subsidies on equipment and get good value in the form of the BPA and STC but they can't see this. Maybe a lower subscription or more for your money is the answer — I don't know and am not prepared to go into that. It's just too expensive and implementing membership is too much of a 'hassle'. I have my own insurance for the first three jumps and after that they must join BPA. It has been commented that too much is spent at the top and not enough at the bottom — i.e. on the student.

1.13 **The Chairman** asked Mr. Meacock and Mr. Acraman if they could say they would support the BPA if an acceptable formula and price could be agreed. Both agreed.

In summing up, the Chairman thanked those who had submitted papers, and especially Mr. Meacock and Mr. Acraman for attending in person and making their valuable contributions to the discussion. It had to be recognised that in any sporting organisation the benefits derived from memberships would always be more tangible at the experienced levels but this must not be allowed to mask the invisible but substantial benefits of instructional and training standards, safety and the background built up by the BPA that enables the *ab initio* student to go somewhere to take a course of training.

The discussions had shown that finance and probably more tangible benefits were at the seat of the problem. It was now up to BPA to consider the facts and in the light of Mr. Meacock's and Mr. Acraman's agreement he would arrange as a matter of urgency for the Sec-Gen to liaise with the other clubs and centres to acquire such information as was necessary to enable him to produce a formula which hopefully would be acceptable to all clubs and centres.

#### Item 2

##### APPLICATION FOR LOAN—Midland Parachute Centre

2.1. The Chairman read a letter from Mr. P. A. Howell requesting that council consider as a matter of urgency his Centre's application for a loan of £1,000 over a two year period. The loan was required to finance in part a replacement aircraft for one recently written off as a result of an accident. The meeting considered the details of the request and heard detailed facts from Mr. Crocker which supported the urgency.

2.2. On a proposal by G. B. Shone seconded by J. Petherbridge the loan of £1,000 over a two year period at a rate of 5% on the whole loan was unanimously agreed pending receipt of the official loan application and acceptable security which may be a charge on the full value of the aircraft.

#### Item 3

##### SELECTION OF BRITISH TEAM FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 1976

3.1. Mr. M. O'Brien as Chairman of the Competition Sub-Committee sought a Council ruling on the matter of Team Selection. The Sub-Committee's mandate was to select the overall top six men from the results of the National Championships. This was done but as the result of Mr. Meacock being unable to accept selection the 7th placing was brought in. At the Competition Sub-Committee Meeting immediately following the National Championships there was a division of opinion on whether or not, in view of the excellent results in accuracy achieved by Mr. Hull and Mr. Uragallo (placed 8th and 13th overall respectively in National Championships), they should be included in the National Training Squad. Mr. Hull had in fact won the accuracy event. After receiving the views of members of the Competition Sub-Committee and the appointed team coach a proposal by Mr. Meacock, seconded by Mr. Waterman that Mr. Hull and Mr. Uragallo be included in the training squad was defeated by 6 votes to 4.

**Point of Information:** The Sec-Gen reported that the Sports Council had advised on his bids for grant aid for Team Pre-Training and participation in the World Championships and had already paid the Association a total of £4,780.

## BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION SAFETY & TRAINING COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY, 8th JUNE 1976 held at BPA Offices, Kimberley House, Leicester

#### PRESENT

J. Crocker	Chairman
C. Shea-Simonds	NC/SO
T. Macartney	JSPC H.Kong
D. Orton	PDPC
R. Watts	Lashenden
J. Barnes	NUPC
E. Lewington	PRFFT
G. Laing	APA
M. Togher	RCT
D. Hogg	RAOC

N. Law	MFFC
I. Howell	MPC
T. Patton	LBFFC
T. Dixon	REME
D. Hickling	PDPC
G. Jones	Halfpenny Green

#### OBSERVERS

S. Lear	R. Swainson
J. Curtis	L. Melville
E. Strawson	J. Hiley



M. Winwood  
K. Townsend  
P. Hick  
M. Farrell

R. Steele  
K. Allen  
P. Hibberd

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

J. Meacock  
E. Finney

D. Peacock

Item 1

#### STRATO STAR

The Chairman explained that this item was on the agenda as a medium of information on the Strato Star. It is definitely liable to collapse in hot turbulent conditions — two BPA Advanced Instructors are in Intensive Care as a result. There seems to be wide tolerances in manufacture and Para-Flite were reluctant to provide instructions on conversion from reefing line to slider. The NC/SO mentioned that it was the subject of the editorial in the next "Sport Parachutist". There was considerable discussion on this topic, and it was finally agreed that the NC/SO write to Snyder requesting the necessary information.

Item 2

#### B.P.A. REGULATIONS

These had now been amended and were available either on a complete book or just as amendments from the B.P.A. Office.

Item 3

#### ADVANCED AND EXAMINERS RATINGS

- An Examiners Rating was granted to R. Burn.
- Advanced Ratings were granted to G. Ellis and J. Walmsley.

Item 4

#### DUNKESWELL INCIDENT

A report had now been received from DISC which was read to the meeting. It was decided no further action was necessary.

Item 5

#### APPEAL — L. MELVILLE

L. Melville presented an appeal to have his Instructors Rating re-instated on the grounds of his employment at a full time military centre. The STC viewed this appeal sympathetically and it was agreed that Melville direct his appeal in the first instance to APA, to whom the NC/SO would write expressing the feelings of the meeting. It was further agreed that should APA recommend the re-issuing of his Instructors Rating, that the NC/SO be empowered to do this without further discussion at STC.

Item 6

#### INSTRUCTORS COURSE

The NC/SO reported that, at the recent BPA Exam Week at RAF Weston, C. Bazeley (Paraclan) and P. Byrne (RAFSPA) had both failed the written exam. STC endorsed the recommendation by the NC/SO and D. Peacock that the two be allowed to resit the written exam in August under the supervision of a BPA Examiner.

Item 7

#### CESSNA UNDERCARRIAGE

The NC/SO reported from a USPA Bulletin which reported the collapse of a Cessna 182 undercarriage during an RW exit. USPA reported that correct maintenance would reveal any weakness before such a collapse could happen.

Item 8

#### APA FATALITIES

J. Laing reported briefly on the two APA fatalities explaining that the findings of both Boards of Inquiries would be made known to BPA.

The first was Sgt. Robbins at Netheravon, a Category X parachutist, who had cutaway from a malfunctioned Pathfinder and had failed to activate the reserve. It seemed likely that confusion had arisen between the open capewell cover and the Reserve Blast Handle on the Crossbow Piggy Back Assembly he was using. BPA Clubs had already been warned.

The second was Lt. Hyde, a Category X parachutist, at South Cerney who had encountered a malfunction of the main on a practise cutaway jump. He had cut this away in turn but had failed to activate the reserve. Two warnings were relevant in this case: first the confusion that can arise by having a cutaway

assembly with both sets of Capewells mounted on the main risers on either side and secondly high mounted reserves conflicting with the successful activation of the capewells.

Item 9

#### PREVIOUS MINUTES

The previous minutes were approved and the following matters were arising:

- Water Jump Procedure.** E. Lewington presented the attached paper for discussion. It was agreed that this be circulated to clubs for a decision at the next meeting.
- Strong Points.** It was decided that common identification was not necessary.

Item 10

#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Riggers Sub-Committee.** This was initiated by discussion at a forum at the recent BPA Instructors Course. It was generally felt that the Riggers Sub-Committee as a body were stagnant in producing qualifications and means of examination. This was confirmed by D. Hogg, J. Curtis and S. Lear, who explained what had been done so far and that the last meeting had been in November. It was agreed that as the Riggers Sub-Committee is a sub-committee of STC, they be asked to be well represented at the next STC Meeting when the subject will be discussed at length.
- Protector.** The Golden Lions had encountered severe damage to a Protector Reserve on a sub-terminal opening. The canopy was inspected by STC. It was agreed that any canopy first deployment could result in damage, and that in this case the GQ recommended strengthening of the lower lateral band had probably prevented its breaking in this case.
- Civil Aviation Authority.** Requests for Special Exemptions were reaching CAA with less than 28 days notice in many cases. Because of the work load, (180 requests for June alone), CAA would be enforcing this 28 days notice. Also, following a recent incident, they had requested that teams be made aware of the dangers of setting off smoke grenades in aircraft. (See Section 8 Paragraph 11 of BPA Regulations).
- Dummy Reserves.** G. Jones reported finding a Dummy Reserve at Halfpenny Green, which looked identical to a serviceable reserve. It was agreed that all clubs ensure Dummy Reserves are clearly marked as such.
- Request from T. Keoghan.** A request by T. Keoghan to dispatch static line students before attending a PI Course (on the grounds of his experience in the RAF and Dubai), was discussed at length but rejected by 6 votes to 5.

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## SAFETY & TRAINING COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY, 20th JULY 1976

### held at BPA Offices, Kimberley House, Leicester

#### PRESENT

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P. Slattery	<i>Martlesham</i>
J. Laing	<i>APA</i>
J. Sharples	<i>MPC</i>
G. Shone	<i>Riggers</i>
S. Talbot	<i>Riggers</i>
J. Meacock	<i>PPC</i>
D. Orton	<i>PDPC</i>
D. Hickling	<i>PDPC</i>
G. Jones	<i>Halfpenny Green</i>

#### OBSERVERS

K. Townsend	R. Swainson
J. Gallagher	J. Hiley
S. Greasley	D. Gays
A. Sinclair	A. Keoghan
R. Harman	P. Fisher
J. Curtis	P. Hibberd
E. Vine	

#### APOLOGIES

T. McCartney	D. Peacock
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#### Item 1

##### STRATO STAR

The NC/SO read to the meeting his letter to Para-Flite Inc. of 24th, which outlined the problems which required enlightenment. These were: a. Slider conversions. b. Turbulence caused deflation and c. Quality Control at manufacture. The Chairman then read Para-Flite's reply signed by E. Puskas. The meeting agreed that this letter did little to help solve the three problems and the NC/SO was instructed to reply to this effect.

#### Item 2

##### RIGGERS

The chairman outlined the problems of the Riggers Sub-Committee in qualifying further riggers. G. Shone elaborated on this, and explained why a system had not yet been evolved. There was considerable discussion on the matter, but it was agreed that, as the RSC had not produced a system, STC should itself be responsible. It was finally agreed that BPA Chief Riggers and Basic Riggers must be examined by two current BPA Chief Riggers at one of the following permanent rigging establishments: 1. Loft's Loft, Bridlington; 2. The Chapel Loft, Idmiston and 3. Parachute Regiment Free Fall Team, Normandy Barracks, Aldershot. Further establishments may be approved on application to STC. STC will have the power to revoke a riggers qualification if necessary. The following is a current list of BPA Chief Riggers:

A. Hooker, S. Talbot, G. Shone, J. Reddick, L. Thomas, D. Hogg, H. Becker, A. Collingwood, R. Nevins and J. Walmsley.

#### Item 3

##### WATER JUMP PROCEDURE

This was discussed in the light of E. Lewington's paper produced at the last meeting. The following was agreed as the recommended procedure for both intentional and unintentional water jumps by 11 votes to 1:

##### Intentional and Unintentional Water Descent Drills:

- i. a. Goggles up.
- b. Secure Ripcord
- c. Secure gloves
- d. Undo helmet chin strap
- e. Release reserve parachute on one side
- f. Both capewell covers down (unless 1 shots)
- g. Release chest strap
- h. Inflate life jacket

- j. Both hands remain on control toggles until feet touch the water
- k. Release both capewells
- l. Move clear of parachute and rigging lines.

#### II. Emphasis should be placed on the following:

- a. When operating within 1500 yards of water lifejackets must worn by all parachutists. This must also apply when flying over open expanses of water.
- b. Regardless of drills the parachutist must have the life-jacket inflated as the feet touch the water.
- c. Once in the water all haste must be made to capewell the canopy and move clear.

#### Item 4

##### PREVIOUS MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

- a. *Item 5.* A decision is still awaited from APA on Len Melville's appeal.
- b. *Item 8.* APA Fatalities. E. Lewington informed the meeting that BPA will be informed of the findings of the two Boards of Inquiry, probably by the next meeting.
- c. *Item 10b.* Protector Reserve. E. Lewington agreed to advise the Golden Lions on the problems they are encountering with this canopy.

#### Item 5

##### EXEMPTION REQUEST

A request for an exemption from the 2 years in the sport rule to attend a PI Course was received from George Dunn and supported by Alex Black. The request was approved unanimously.

#### Item 6

##### ADVANCED RATING

An application for an Advanced Instructors Rating was received from John Norris, signed by D. Peacock and J. Crocker. This was approved unanimously.

#### Item 7

##### DUNKESWELL INCIDENT

The NC/SO reported on the incident at Dunkeswell where a 3rd jump student had got hung up by the apex of his canopy from the tailwheel of the Cessna 185 owned and flown by Mr. Richard Brooks. The NC/SO explained that he and N. Cullum (both current on Cessna 185) had investigated the incident, and the resultant report was presented to the meeting. It seemed likely that excessive airspeed lifted the bag higher than usual causing the apex to flick back around the tail wheel. The meeting approved the following recommendations of the report:

- a. It is recommended that when dropping Bag S/L students from the Cessna 185 that the airspeed is allowed to decay to 60mph **IAS FOR THE MOMENT THAT THE PARACHUTIST LEAVES THE STEP.**
- b. It is emphasised that it is the Parachute Instructor's responsibility to ensure that the airspeed has decayed sufficiently **BEFORE** dispatching the student.
- c. It is recommended that the stall warner be checked and calibrated on G-BBEX.
- d. Mr. Brooks suggestions of an aluminium deflector around the tailwheel was approved wholeheartedly.

#### Item 8

##### STC MINUTES

Discussion on this was initiated by a query as to why the minutes are not sent out immediately after the Meetings. The NC/SO explained that whilst the minutes were usually typed and run off the following day, in the interests of postal economy they had been sent at a later date together with the agenda for the next meeting. It was agreed that in the interests of safety the minutes should be dispatched as soon after the meeting as possible and that an agenda should be sent separately about 10 days before the following meeting.

## "UP WITH EXPORTS — DOWN WITH SALESMEN"

The Pietermaritzburg Parachute Club claims to be the "oldest parachute club in the British Commonwealth", or at least this is what its Chairman, 1,300 jump Peter Lees told me. The first jump occurred in 1951 and the Club took off in 1953. No doubt Bill Paul will tell me whether this rates a case of Bulmers best 1953 cider.

They certainly made me welcome in April 1976 during what was, of course, a high pressure cider sales drive in the emergent parachuting nations. I arrived in the best possible weather conditions — apart from December to February which can be tricky, the rest of the year is almost completely reliable — and within moments I was attempting 'relative' with Tony Klootwyk, their Treasurer, from one of the two Club-owned 182's. I did in fact pin him but I still had to pay; however, at £2.20 for 7,500ft it seemed a good bargain.

The man I had been told to contact was Phil Pass, the Vice-Chairman, who'd obviously been squared to act as a sort of P.R. agent for our Ed. "Give my regards to Charlie", he said, "and tell him that I have had more help concerning the use of deployment bags from him and the BPA than I have managed to get from anybody here or elsewhere."

This was overheard and within seconds I was writing down everybody's messages for the old country. Peter Lees sent regards to Mike Taylor, Dave Moody, Johnny Magic and Terry Hagen. 1,600 jump Lou Streicher remembered Warren Jones, and also reminds John Pullen that although he may be God's gift to the sport now, Lou put him out on his first jump at Pieterburg.

I gave up all this love to the old folks at home stuff when Gordon Smith wanted love sent to Mum and all at 24 Clarendon Court, Harpenden with the special word "HOWSIT" attached.

The DZ is 2,400ft above sea level, not enough to make any difference to landing impact but it does limit the 182's to 10,000ft at the very most, but the Club is regularly getting eight mans from them.

The Springbok four man sequential team of 1973, third in the world meet came entirely from the Club which has about 35 really active members, including some pretty dishy "relly" girls — Brenda Penberthy is one, and it was husband Mark, the number two instructor who lent me his "Jerry Bird" jumpsuit and made me realise what I'd been missing.

Railwayman Dave Venter is the C.C.I. and says they trained 118 students last year and that they did 4,999 jumps — how honest can you get! Ambition? — to get his hands on an Islander — which they think is quite on the cards.

They're a great lot at this Club and will welcome any B.P.A. members who are bumming around the Veldt, there's good food on field and they even have a swimming pool (Meacock Developments, please note). One strange thing, they all took me aside and said I must mention their star turn, George Cook, six years out from Scotland "the world's shortest and fattest relative worker". We must send Crocker out on a goodwill visit — they can't claim all the records.

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In an atmosphere of alcoholic euphoria, in the Red Lion last Sunday evening, I insanely agreed to leap from that solid platform I'd been flying for years at Martlesham Heath. Sobriety, and the light of Monday morning made me realise that I was really much too young to go yet, and the request by Lynda for BPA Membership money finally put the kibosh on the idea. But several days later, Lynda having parted with some housekeeping, I duly received Membership No. from the BPA.

Furtively sneaking onto the Heath to fly on Saturday, trusting all had been forgotten, I was grabbed for training by Pat Slattery (who ironically had checked me out as Jump Pilot at Stapleford back in the early '60's). Amid sadistic looks of joy from all the jumpers, Pat proceeded to inflict the torture of ground training on his only rather reluctant pupil. Several landings on my ear during PLF's must have convinced him that perhaps he'd been a little hasty in agreeing to train me but he heroically pressed on. Steve Russell had been specially co-opted to pack the old C.9. My deep-rooted distrust of anything that got airborne without a pair of wings allowed my imagination to run a little wild — "had I really seen one of the jumpers lurking about with a small hacksaw?" "Was there really a parachute in that pack set aside for me?" "Was my flying really as bad as they said it was?" . . .

I had just finished flying a lift and was trying to make up my mind as to which corner of the Heath I could most successfully hide myself when Steve and Pat lurched menacingly over to me carrying my jump gear, grabbed me and stuffed me into this aerial straightjacket, borrowed boots and helmet, satisfied themselves that I could exit the aircraft in a reasonable manner again, and before I could resist Frank was flying us off the runway. — It's the strangest feeling, after years of sitting in the left hand seat, secretly gloating over the fact that 'no way was I jumping', to be staring at fuel and oil gauges and at wires that operate controls from an absurdly low position on the cockpit floor. — Well, the time came of course and after spotting myself in, and a superb performance by Frank of straight and level flying, I was actually out there on that step and I was simply awestruck. The contrast between 'in' and 'out' was 'mind blowing' to me. I looked at Pat, "GO!", and I was off, Pat popped straight out after me; sort of wet-nursing me down. Using my superior pilots knowledge of wind calculation I held and ran so as to get a D.C. and upon reaching prescribed height of 200ft I smugly did a 180° and then promptly landed *downwind* with a crash! Shouts of derision and cries of "what a driver" concluded my epic.

I shall probably go up again provided I can do a bit of relly on a Strat; I shan't mind going base in the early stages. "Hey fellas, have I told you about my jump? . . . Hey! come back fellas!

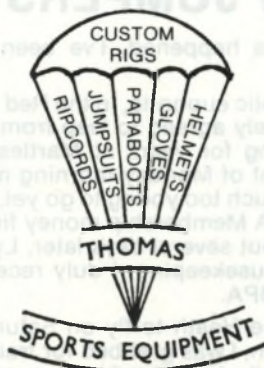
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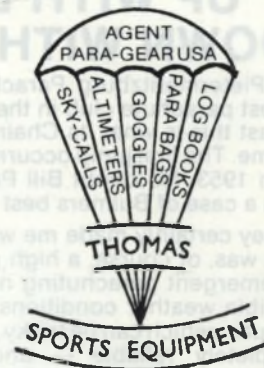
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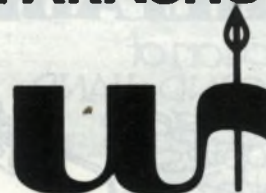
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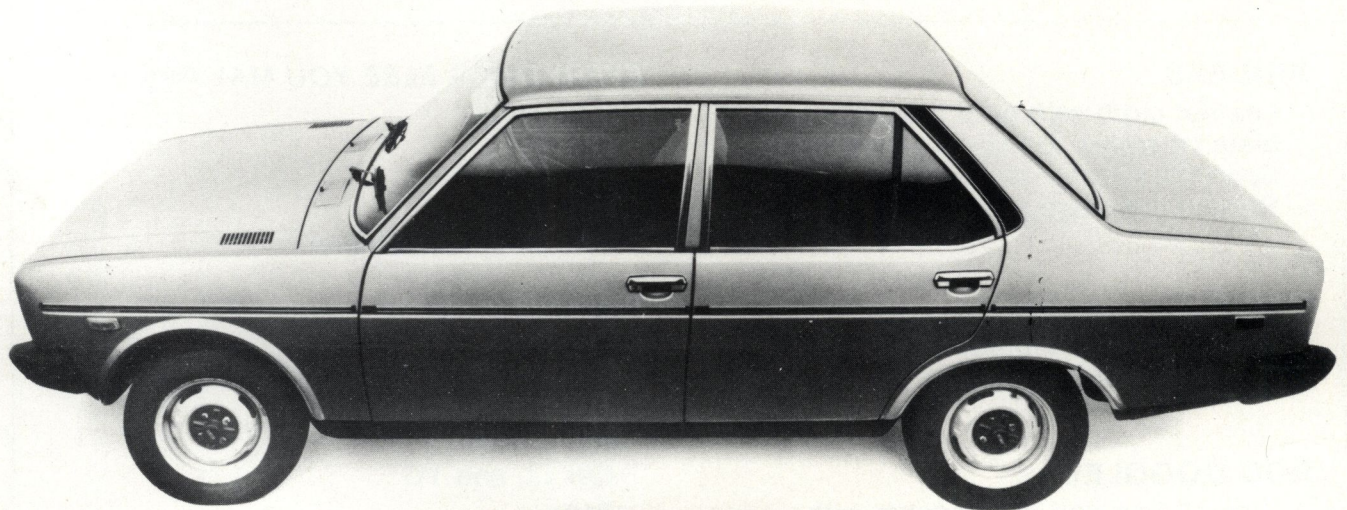
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