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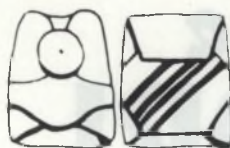
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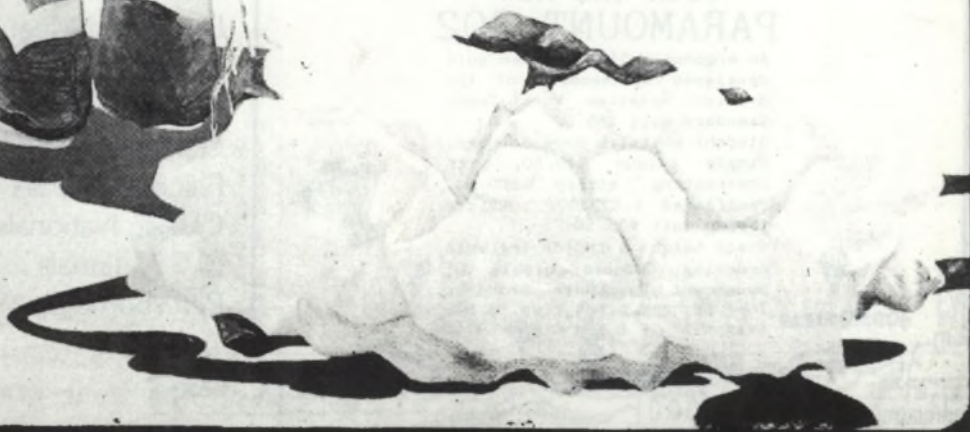


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JULY 13-15 - Duck End Meet, Rectory Farm.
JULY 14-22 - RW Seminar, Sibson.
JULY 17-20 - RW Week, Swansea.
JULY 21-29 - Swansea Boogie, Swansea.
AUGUST 6-10 - PI Course 3-84, Cark.
AUGUST 11-12 - POPS Meet.
AUGUST 11-19 - RW Seminar, Sibson.
AUGUST 13-17 - Exam Course 3-84, Cark.
AUGUST 18-30 - Army Championships, Netheravon.
AUGUST 25-27 - Invitational Trac Meet, Sibson.
SEPTEMBER 1-3 - 12 Way RW Competition, Weston on the Green.
SEPTEMBER 8-9 - LAC Meet, Headcom.
SEPTEMBER 17-21 - CRW Nationals, Netheravon.
SEPTEMBER 22-23 - Free Style Event, Netheravon.
NOVEMBER 5-9 - PI Course 4-84, Hereford.
NOVEMBER 12-16 - Exam Course 4-84, Hereford.
FEBRUARY '85 4-8 - PI Course 1-85, Netheravon.
FEBRUARY '85 11-15 - Exam Course 1-85, Netheravon.
MAY '85 4-6 - Scottish Nationals, Strathallan.

INTERNATIONAL

JUNE 16-17 - Day & Night Accuracy Competition, Spa, Belgium.
JULY 7-19 - CASA Boogie, Castellet, France.
JULY 18-28 - RAPA Championships, Bad Lippspringe, Germany.
JULY 31 - AUGUST 9 - CASA Boogie, Le Luc, France.
AUGUST 17-19 - International 16 Way Meet, La Ferte Gaucher, France.
AUGUST 21 - SEPT 2 - CASA Boogie, Castellet, France.
AUGUST 29 - SEPT 9 - World Championships (Classics), Vichy, France.
SEPTEMBER 6-9 - 16 Way Competition, Teuge, Holland.
SEPTEMBER 16-28 - Cyprus Championships, Cyprus.
SEPTEMBER 20-23 - Euro 16 Way Comp (National Teams) La Ferte Gaucher, France.
SEPT 30 - 7 OCT - World Cup in RW, La Palisse, France.
OCTOBER 13-14 - Inter. 10 + 20 Way Speed Star Meet, La Ferte Gaucher, France.
OCTOBER 13-21 - World Cup of CRW, Australia.
OCTOBER 26-28 - Day & Night Accuracy Comp. Locarne, Switzerland.

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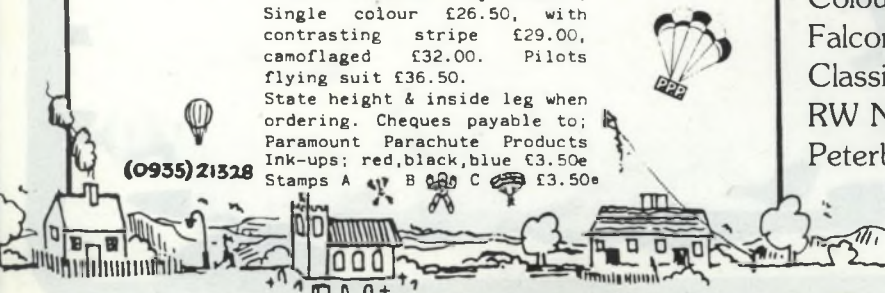
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EDITORIAL

Thirty years ago this month a 17 year old recruit into the Parachute Regiment was half-way through his pre first jump training at the RAF Parachute Training School at Abingdon.

His P.J.I. a **Cpl. Bevan** took him to one side and enquired into his age, suggesting he didn't look old enough to be in the regular army.

The recruit reluctantly admitted that he had put his age up six months in order to enlist but pleaded not to be reported as he had proved himself fit to take the parachute course by successfully completing the tough two weeks pre-para training at the Airborne Forces Depot at Aldershot.

A day or two later I made my first jump at Weston on the Green from a tethered object from 800 ft. with **one** parachute, and so started a relationship with the sky that has lasted thirty years. It has been my privilege to see the sport I love grow from small beginnings, with the "blind leading the blind", budding freefallers cutting holes in ex-military canopies to get some degree of steerability, tying their own static lines onto the airframe and self despatching because instructors were very few and far between. Those that were around had relatively few jumps, (the instructor who put me out on my first sport jump had only 50 descents).

Now skydiving is internationally received as a disciplined, well governed, exciting, exhilarating and demanding sport, second to none. Over 32,000 people tried it for the first time last year alone.

But to get to the meat of this editorial. Well, it's just to say thanks to all the sport parachutists who have contributed to making the sport what it is today and a special thanks to **Cpl. Bevan** for not reporting me thirty years ago.

Thanks Taff wherever you are.

DAVE WATERMAN



FRONT COVER PICTURE
Exit from aircraft mounted camera
at Headcorn Speed Eight Meet.

THE DROP MAN THE DR



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"YES, MY NEW CANOPY DOES BRING ME DOWN A BIT QUICK. WHEN I WAS CHOOSING IT, I LIED ABOUT MY WEIGHT!"

LOVE MATCH I

IT'S LOVE AND KISSES AT 15,000 FEET OVER BAD LIPPSPRINGE

Sergeant Bill Sharp Para wed his sweetheart on Friday 8th June 1984 in the Town Hall, Paderborn. Nothing particularly exciting about that you may say but after the ceremony Sgt. Sharp a veteran free fall parachutist with over 2,500 jumps to his credit proceeded to take his wife Gabby to 15,000 feet on board the Lippspringe Islander and free fell with her for approximately one and a half minutes. Joining them in free fall were 8 members of the Lippspringe Staff who, after linking up with Bill and Gabby, released grips, flew in to kiss the bride and flew round to shake hands with the groom. Sgt. Sharp informs me that the dive went extremely well and he even had one member with a video attached to his helmet, record the whole dive. He met his wife Gabby on a free fall para course and he tells me that on their wedding day she completed her 100th descent. Bill, an ex member of the Red Devils free fall team is one of the senior instructors at the Joint Services Parachute Centre at Bad Lippspringe.

WORLD MEET POPULAR

Thirty countries are expected to compete at the Classic World Meet in Vichy, France. They include USA, Russia and China.

CRW WORLD RECORDS

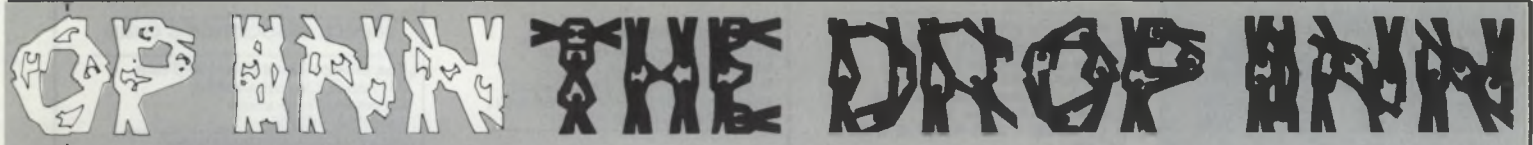
An American CRW team have filed a new CRW record of 51-67 for an eight stack. Australia have set a new largest CRW stack with a 21 plane.

LOVE MATCH II

Steve and Cherle Treble not long married were seen at the Nationals doing some dirt diving together.



Irish sky diver pictured seconds before his snorkel malfunctioned.



LOVE MATCH III

The proprietors of Lincoln Parachute Centre, Dave Tylcoat and Jenny Lee, at their recent wedding at St. Clement Danes, Strand. The reception was held at the Royal Air Force Club, Piccadilly - and nobody jumped in!



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THAMES RESERVE LANDING

Jim Blane pictured in freefall over London with the Battersea Park in the background. Jim didn't make it however as seconds later he had a mal and landed in the Thames to be rescued in short time. The first unintentional landing in the Thames?

Picture: Bob Suttle



LOVE MATCH IV

Alan and Julie Brooks, Sibson jumpers who 'finally made it to the altar' according to our informant.



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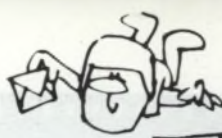
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CORRESPONDENCE

WHERE IS YORKY?

Reference Sport Parachutist August 83, I have just been reading the magazine, and on page 25 there is a picture of 'Yorky' Nesbit operating a video unit at the 83 Nationals.

The reason I am writing is that I was serving in the army out in Germany at 7 FLD workshops in Fallingbostal, and Yorky and I were both in the Ordnance Corps.

I completed a free-fall course at Bad Lippspringe in September of 1976 but when I eventually returned to the UK I lost contact with him. Since that time I have now become a civilian and would like to get in touch with him once more.

I haven't parachuted for quite a while, but since seeing a programme on TV last month about Zephyrhills on Channel 4?? By accident my wife, Alison noticed an article in our local paper about a club starting up in my area, so I made a few phone calls and was invited to a meeting.

The Newport Parachute Group, as we are known, hasn't been going for very long, but with the interest and enthusiasm so far the sky is the limit, so to speak.

We have Swansea just up the road and Hereford (Shobdon) only 40 or so miles away, in fact some of the guys in our group jump there quite regularly.

However, if you could please help me out by finding out where Yorky Nesbit is these days I would be very grateful for his address or phone number. Many thanks. Best regards.

STEVE ROBBINS

P.S. If you look up his BPA number you could possibly find his address or telephone number.

Z HILLS RIGS LEGAL

In my letter in the June issue (Z Hills Easter Boogie) I cautioned UK skydivers with copies of US patented rigs if they intend to visit the US. Since then I have spoken to Roland Hilfiker who runs the 'School of Human Flight' at Z-Hills. He told me that they have a waiver at Z-Hills which allows anyone whose rig is legal in the country of manufacture, to jump there. Perhaps other DZ's in America (except Deland) do. I was distressed to learn that as a result of my letter at least one manufacturer (Richard Peakin) has had people say to him, "Of course your rigs are illegal in the States". I can only apologise to Richard (and any others who have had a similar reaction) for it was not my intention to cause him any problems as I have a very high regard for his equipment.

LETTERS on any parachuting topic are welcome and should be sent to:

The Editor, *Sport Parachutist*, c/o BPA, Kimberley House, Vaughan Way, Leicester, LE1 4SG.

One final point. I received a gentle reminder from Kenny Noble and Peter Bedigan that I had not mentioned my local DZ in my letter i.e. The Border Parachute Centre, Brunton, Northumberland. Sorry guys!
G.V. ROBERTS, C5007

GLOVE TO BLAME

After 9 years in the sport, I am at last writing to the letters page. I am one of those intermittent jumpers who loves the sport but due to business pressures and a young family, I have never been able to progress far. I would like to refer back to an article by Doug Peacock the then NCSO in Feb 82 edition of S/P concerning late starters and intermittent jumpers. I was on a lift recently doing another 5 sec. Before we emplaned I noticed the gloves of one of the other jumpers and remarked that they looked a bit big and cumbersome. He was a Cat. 8 and hadn't jumped for 9 months. He was also not young. He told me he used the gloves on his motorbike but they looked like wicket keepers gloves to me!!! I went out on the first pass at 2,800, he went out on the 2nd pass at 3,500 to do a 10 sec. He eventually opened at about 800ft. and was promptly grounded. He told me later he pulled the handle from his pocket and then dropped it. He spend a bit of time looking for it, found it and pulled. Many people on the ground thought he was going in.

In my opinion, the unsuitable gloves must have played a part in the incident but how can I, a Cat 3, tell that to a Cat 8? The moral of the story is, I think, that we must all be fully aware of our limitations and jump within them. If you have had a lay off, ease yourself back into it slowly and carefully. This is not a sport for the foolhardy. If you are a low category jumper and you are unhappy about something, speak up and ask an instructor. That is what he is for.

The first year I started jumping (1975) looked like being fatality-free until late in the year. Since then I don't think we have come near to it. Can we not all strive for a fatality-free year in the future. It is not the Safety & Training Committee's responsibility, it is yours. Go Safely,

PETER WHEELER (POPS 272)

THANKS JOCK

I would like to express in the pages of the magazine the team's appreciation and thanks to everybody involved in the Scottish National Championships, which were held over the Bank Holiday weekend of 5th-7th May at the Scottish Parachute Centre at Strathallan.

It was a long way to go, but those who went enjoyed themselves. It was a fun weekend with a friendly atmosphere and everyone was made to feel at home. For once the weather was agreeable and although the Style event was not completed, the 4-way RW and Accuracy events were each run over the planned four rounds.

Many thanks to those who worked extremely hard to organise and run the meet. The whole thing went off very smoothly, with no visible hiccups. Special mention must go to Rob Noble-Nesbit, CCI at Strathallan; Dinger Bell, the Meet Director, and especially to Martin Rennie, the Chief Judge.

Personal thanks also to Summer-time Blues and Andy Law for looking after us so well.

CHARLIE HOARE
Team Apogee

SSPA AGM

The SSPA Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 30th November 1984 in the George Hotel, Edinburgh. It will be followed by a dinner dance, which will be the first for many years, and we would like to invite all our friends to join us on this occasion.

Special rates have been arranged with the hotel for those wishing to stay overnight and full details will be available on request.

MARTIN H RENNIE
Chairman

JUMPMASER BRIEF

I've worked full time instructing our sport for the last three years, and for 15 months before that as an instructor at a weekend centre. As such, I have had plenty of experience implement-

ing the BPA category system through its changes, most of which I believe are for the better. I see students at all stages of the system, and share in their elation as they progress through the various 'hurdles' involved. It's interesting to see how people react when they discover they have moved from one category to the next. Cat. 3 means FREEFALL! YEHA! Cat. 7 means... 'getting there', and generally Cat. 8 means being allowed to hold hands with people in the sky, and (now) to jump one of those square things.

It is with this vital stage of progression that my letter is concerned. I believe that some people, students and instructors alike, are forgetting what Category 8 actually means. That is - the official line between 'student' and (on paper) 'experienced' parachutist. The rules state that once a person is given Cat. 8, he can legally act as jumpmaster to parachutists of Cat. 6 and above, and yet NO provision is made in the Category system for any formal briefing on the responsibility of a jumpmaster. Even though the system insists that jumpers must be able to spot competently at this stage, I've been in an aircraft with a visiting Cat. 10 jumper who went pale at the prospect of having to spot! The thing that immediately occurred to me was what the reaction of this guy would have been if he had been in charge of an aircraft load of Cat. 7-8 jumpers, when all of a sudden the engine decides to call it a day at 1,700ft... what would this man have done? He had never been told his responsibilities, let alone thrown a WDI!

My point is this. To avoid breeding a nation of babies, shouldn't we introduce a formal brief for Cat. 7-8 transitions that covers everything from emergency exit procedure from a jumpmasters point of view, through communication with the pilot to taking the bloody Sellotape off a WDI!

Please don't think that I'm trying to make everyone a PI, some people may never want to act as a jumpmaster. I wouldn't like the American system of instructor and/or jumpmaster. But I do think people should be ready to take a certain amount of responsibility as experienced parachutists.

Thanks for your time. What do you think?

CHRIS DONALDSON

COLLEGIATES 1985

As no collegiate championships took place this year, the members of Newcastle University Parachute Club assumed that nobody got round to organising them. After the moderate

success of the 1983 Collegiate Championships it seemed unfortunate that nothing happened this year.

If nobody is already doing so, then we at Newcastle University are quite prepared to try organising the championships for 1985. We would, of course, only try organising the championships if, and only if, we get some kind of good response to this letter.

If you would be interested in taking part and know others who would be then could you let us know by writing to the address given below letting us know how many would be interested. We could then either go ahead with the idea or forget it. Cheers.

STEVE SHAW, C4882
14 Walmersley Road, New Moston,
Manchester.

THANKS FROM NORWAY

I write you a letter for two reasons. First I would like to inform you about my moving back to Norway so as to readdress my Sport Parachutist Mag. I moved back as early as 6th June and I'm aware of the fact that one mag might already have been sent to my address at Surrey University, Guildford but I have some friends there who will be happy to send it to me so that's ok, I will give you both my previous and current address to make it easier for you to look up. In case there is an additional charge for sending my mag to Norway, could you please just put a paying-in-slip in the envelope together with the first mag you send to the new address. Thank you!

My second reason for writing to you is that I would really like you to publish a letter to all the people I met during my stay in England. I hope there is space for this in your letter column. By the way thanks for a really nice mag!

KJARTAN REITHAUG, D5383
Blue skies, open minds!

WHERE'S CHARLESTON?

I would like to say thank you to all the people I met skydiving in Britain. It was a pity I had to leave just when the actual 'good season' started. Never mind, I had a good time, enjoyed your company (especially you people at Headcorn) and I even had some good parties!

Thanks Frank, for seeing that I had a nice time both at Headcorn and in Scotland! Thanks to the lot of you down in Kent for giving me some nice dives and parties!

Finally, special thanks to you Ian for making a skydiving soul start to grow, maybe it's more important than complex descriptions of free-fall manoeuvres after all hey!? See you all, sooner or later, higher or lower, more skinned or less skinned, but all happy keeping our knees in the breeze! Blue skies, open minds.

KJARTAN, CARLTON,
CHARLESTON, CHARLIE

NO GOODBYE SUNDERLAND

Please correct me if I'm wrong but if we had no DZ's in this country,

presumably we would have no parachutists, no BPA and no magazine either. I am, therefore, astonished to see that no mention has been made in the magazine of the closure of one of the country's oldest clubs.

Sunderland Parachute Centre closed on 31st May due to the imminent arrival of Nissan's UK car plant. I am further surprised to see that Sunderland is included on the club page of the June issue, which I received this morning, this information will effectively still be current three months after its closure.

I was trained and did my first jump at the Border Parachute Centre at Brunton last year and still jump there at weekends. To date I have completed fifty-one jumps and am nearly Cat. 8. I present a late night phone in programme in this area and am consequently free during day-light hours and have spent many happy days jumping at Sunderland. I miss it. The loss of a parachuting facility in this country is very regrettable and surely worthy of inclusion in Sport Parachutist, a magazine that I look forward to receiving and enjoy.

Finally can I thank Kerry Noble and his excellent team at Brunton for their hard work, friendliness, understanding, and patience, they certainly need that with me around. Best wishes,
DAVE PORTER, B5362

JUMP CAMERA WORKS

Not having any previous experience of photography, other than instamatic standard, I decided a little while ago to buy a camera, learn how to drive it and then stick it on my helmet. This just happened to coincide with your article 'Jump Camera' in the December 1983 issue of the magazine.

Being somewhat uneducated in the art of free fall photography, I followed your article avidly, particularly on the method of mounting the camera to the helmet.

The results I have achieved, on even the first few jumps, I can only say I am very please with and wish that I had done it years ago.

The December article was the first of two, the second should have been in February's issue. I hope that you can find some room for it in a future magazine, the first was so helpful. P.S. What are your thoughts on quick release systems for jetisoning the helmet and camera in the event of an equipment entanglement? Clunk-Click every trip.

E. HARTLEY, D1146

Enclosed is my photo of a 6-way over Cark, if you want it for the mag let me know. It was my third camera jump.

Thanks for the Cark photo, you will find it published inside together with a story about the centre. I'm glad you found the camera article of some use. I am sorry that part two of Jump Camera hasn't been published - it has been written but the last couple of magazines have been full of contributed stories and photos, so I am saving the photo feature for later in the year when there are not so many reports on

nationals and other competitions (boogies) etc. Unfortunately we have to keep the magazine size down to try and keep within our budget.

ED

GET IT RIGHT!

Some people never listen! Kevin McIlwee, your old age is beginning to tell!! Can I recommend a reputable firm of ear-trumpet manufacturers! I didn't spend 15 minutes of my life protesting the injustice of the prize giving at Nethers at Easter with the intention of seeing my team on record as third in the Intermediate 4 way! I could hardly talk for three days after that! (Blessed relief say some). Oh yes - you can cop some of the blame for it as well Dave Chadwick!! As it happens the Magnificent Seven - me, Anne Wright, Andy Woodmousey and Guy Viney came 10th overall at Easter, The Gobi Desert Scuba Team 11th and Apoplexy 13th - us with a terrific score of 6 points in 5 rounds (well it was as good as Nuke the Arabs score!). But when Chadwick was sent to suss out the prizes he read positions as points and everything wound up arse about face - hence my histrionics and the nomination for a slot as Mr Angry look-alike No. 1. (never mind the compliments from Gerry O'Hara on the high standard of RW - Apoplexy scoring 13 points!! I could have done with a pint of whatever they had been drinking!)

Apart from that it was the best weekend's sport I've had in ages and a hoot from start to finish. In the meantime McIlwee, check your colour piccies, that's us, the Magnificent Seven (including the Flying Bimbolini Brothers) clutching the shiny yellow medals and the cup! Alternatively, remember never to let the facts get in the way of a good story. (You make me so angry....)

PHIL STUSTIVANT D3782

HALFPENNY VOLUNTEER

I've been volunteered to write in an account of Halfpenny Green's first Islander lift, because they reckon being a student I can write!! We would love it if you could put this in the mag as way of a 'thank you' to club members.

Long Marston in their little booklet on other DZ's said Halfpenny Green was a nice club but having problems deciding whether or not to invest in a new colour TV or a new plane! Well folks, we went nuts and had a colour TV (albeit one colour only!) and a new plane, an Islander.

The 27th April was the hallowed day of the Islander's arrival, and we all lazed in the sun waiting (yes the sun - honest!) Suddenly there it was coming out of the sun beating up the clubhouse our very own G-HGPC, and there were we stampeding the manifest board! I bet a plane has never been stripped and made ready for parachuting so fast before!

The first lift was manifested and we went up for a fun skydive hopefully to build an 8-way round. There were a few folks on board who had never

been in anything larger than a 4-way before (I had never even been in a plane which took more than 4 jumpers anyway!)

We launched a 4-way base which did dreadful things for a while (the Turkey's amongst us trying their best to funnel it) but then it settled and we watched the rest arrive one by one, number eight going low but getting back up and docking beautifully - he reckoned he was drawn in by 7 pairs of eyes. It was a wonderful dive and the hoots and yells in free fall could be heard on the ground. There was a lot to celebrate that night.

- 1) Our first Island lift.
- 2) 1st 8-way at 1/2 pg for 12 years.
- 3) 5 SCR's and 1 SCS, AND
- 4) It was the first time I've never thrown up in a twin.

The lift was 'Super' (their adjective) pilots, Joe and Gavin. Dave Turner (DT), Simon Lavenbury (SCR), Lynne Waite (SCR), Tony Oakes (SCR), Paul Handley (SCR), Phil Brown, Pat Walters, Barry Joss (SCR/SCS).

There are also a lot of 'thank you's' and it would be impossible to name everyone. So thank you to the whole club because it was everyone pulling together that got our new Islander to the green.

LYNNE WAITE, C5178

HELP NEEDED DOWN UNDER

Alan Bennett, 2 Franklin Street, Bundaberg 4670, Queensland, Australia.

Just sending in my subscriptions for the next 12 months. I enjoy your mag, you have some good stories and photos. Anyway one of the main reasons for writing and not just sending the subs is a request.

As you may or not know Australia, unlike most parachuting nations, does not use Automatic Activation Devices on student equipment. The instructors at the club I am a member of (Commando Skydivers, Pakenham, Victoria) believe that there is a definite need for AAD's on our equipment. As we have a good sum in our student account, the Board has approved in principal the purchase of AAD's for all our reserves. But before we rush out and buy we would like to find out what problems, etc. have been encountered. Here is a list of questions that I hope you can help us with.

(USE?)

1. Which type of AAD is used in the UK? And what is the reason/s for its use?
2. Is the AAD on the Main, Reserve or both and what is the reason for this?
3. Has any particular problem/s been experienced due to rain, mud etc?
4. What are the students told about AAD's? Are they told how they work, how to use them or just that they are a back-up?
5. What help was given to small clubs who could not initially afford them?
6. Have any thesis' been done on them? Could a copy be sent if one is available?
7. Have any problems been found when they are serviced? Do any parts wear unnecessarily? Have any types got parts that are unprocureable or need more than the defective part

replaced because they don't make the individual part?

These questions and any other things relevant to setting up AAD's on student equipment, the everyday use of them and their maintenance would be very much appreciated.

Could you supply statistics on them in relation to correct working, failures, firing off on the way up in the plane, firing off too low, firing off too high etc. What do you normally find as the opening tolerance in relation to the setting?

I realise that different clubs will use different types of AAD's, so if they have a good reason for using a particular one could you let me know that reason. Some people here believe that fitting AAD's is a backward step, but the instructors at our club believe it is a step in the right direction and that Australia should take steps to make the fitting of AAD's compulsory to all student equipment. If our club goes ahead with AAD's, and I believe we will, it could be a test case for the rest of the country. So making the right decision is very important and a detailed investigation of the pros and cons of their uses must be undertaken before we can implement them here.

I am looking to do my Senior Instructor thesis out of this material and any other material that I can dig up or get from other sources like the USA, Canada and New Zealand and the manufacturers. If you know of any places that I could get more info' that would also be appreciated.

Send me a bill for postage etc. with the material or take it out of the subs and bill for that again. You can send me the material airmail to get it to me quicker as the sooner we get it the sooner we can act.

Your reply is much awaited and I will let you know the eventual outcome. Yours in the air, blue skies,

ALAN BENNETT, E444

THANKS ROB

Thanks for a great feature. I refer to **Rob Colpus'** TV and Film Preview in the April issue of SP. There is not a terrific amount of TV air-time devoted to our sport (unless it's the more sensational aspects as shown in 'Just Amazing' - very interesting to watch, but it only reinforces the risky sport image that most people have of sky-diving. What must people have though when viewing the recent programme where the stuntman had to escape from the safe in free-fall, I wonder?)

How about all BPA members writing to the BBC and ITV companies for greater coverage of the sensible side of parachuting? The British Nationals get zero coverage, but two idiots jumping off the Eiffel Tower make news broadcasts. Lets pressure them into repeats of: 'Blue Peter - The Long Fall', 'China Free-fall', 'Jump Run' and the 1971 film 'The Flying Falcons'. If enough people write we may yet see more canopies crossing our TV screens.

With reference to the AFF article by **Brian Dyas** in the same issue - why shouldn't we have an AFF programme in Britain? Why can't we jump squares on our first lob? Why can't we use a cut-away system? These ideas work extremely well in other countries, so why not here?

I am in the unfortunate position of being a shift-worker on the local steel-works. This means that I get one weekoff in four. What with this handicap, and the abysmal British weather progression, for me, is going to be a long and very tedious journey.

On an AFF programme I am convinced that I would progress faster (although I could hardly do it any

slower than at present) and be a lot more confident. I would only have to learn to use one type of equipment instead of LL's, TTU's, PC's and then to squares. It must be safer for a student jumper to pull a cut-away handle, then pull the reserve handle, hold the pack while sliding one hand behind the canopy, and then throw the canopy well clear of the body. Much less to try to remember in a high-stress situation.

Being in free-fall with two instructors must increase student confidence as opposed to the long lonely step from 2000ft. on a dope rope. I am sure that AFF would be advantageous in Britain, and would lead to a higher retention rate.

I did as requested at the end of Brian's article. I asked 50 people I know: "If you were making your first parachute jump would you prefer to jump with two instructors holding onto you, ready to sort out any difficulties, at 12,000ft for one minute of free-fall, or would you prefer to jump out by yourself at 2000ft on a static-line?"

10 out of the 50 said, "Me do a parachute jump? Not F-----g likely!" 36 out of the remaining forty said they would prefer the AFF system.

The other 4 thought that the present category system was best.

Finally, another plea, get your pens out sky-gods and low-cat strap-jumpers, let's get more parachutes on the box. Blue skies and light winds.

JOHN ORR, BPA 123797

KIND WORDS

Please find enclosed copy and photographs forming a submission for you next issues club page.

The photographs are captioned and in case of reproduction problems the colour shot has been reprinted in black and white so something should suit if you decide to publish.

You seem to get mainly brickbats concerning the mag. All I can say is that all my friends in photography and printing simply do not believe that the editorial team are part-time volunteers with a budget of £200 per issue! Keep up the good work!

ROBIN LLOYD

Thanks for the kind words. Your photo I hope to use somewhere in this issue.

ED.

NO DUNKESWELL

As a student at a friendly and keen club it disturbs me that your magazine carries no details of this haven of West Country sky-gods.

I refer of course to Dunkeswell International Skydiving Centre, where **Ian Louttit** and his staff have created a great atmosphere with their "Go fot it" attitude.

Please re-include details of DISC in your magazine at once. If you don't have the details why not try phoning Ian?

IAN GRIFFITHS, BPA160523

The Club Page is a free ad. for our clubs and centres and I can only publish the details which they themselves send in.

With respect it is not my responsibility to publicise Ian Louttit's centre which in common with all our full time centres is run as a business, so why doesn't Ian Louttit try phoning me with his details - it's in his interest.

ED.

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION SAFETY NOTICE

1. A fatal accident occurred at Duck End last Sunday (10th June) where an experienced parachutist failed to activate his reserve.
2. Subsequent examination of the equipment revealed that a contributory factor may have been that the large ring (see diagram on the 3 RING canopy release system, had, after jettisoning the main canopy, overlapped the reserve ripcord handle making it possible for the jumper to put fingers or thumb through the large ring as well as the reserve ripcord handle, thereby preventing the ripcord from activating the reserve.
3. Parachutists should check their equipment and if the above can happen, they should seek advice from their CCIs as to whether the reserve handle can be better positioned.
4. Any queries, phone either National Coach at the BPA Office.

TONY BUTLER, JNCSO

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by Rob Colpus

Just to add to the confusing choice, now offered by US ram air manufacturers, GQ Security, have released two more.

The 'Mariah' and 'Sirocco' are both 7 cells with 216 and 180 sq.ft. respectively. Both canopies come equipped with CRW Kit in a choice of five stock colour patterns, custom colours are extra.

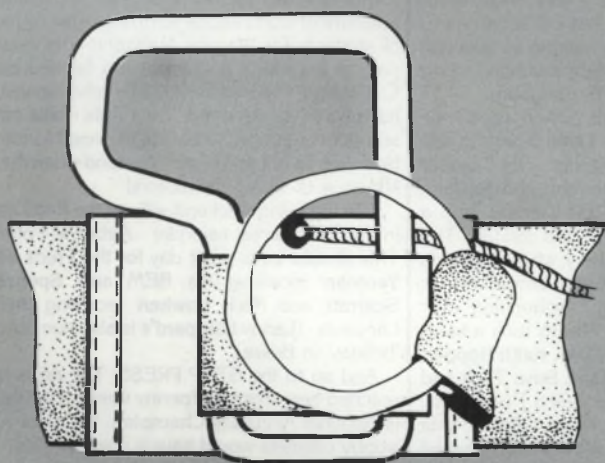
SERVICE BULLETIN - STONG TANDEM

Some 'Strong' Combination Tandem Rigs manufactured between March 19th and May 11th, 1984 and Combination Tandems that had the AAD installation upgraded during the same time period, were fitted with the wrong ripcord housing clamps. This means that the reserve ripcord housing is not adequately secured to the end flap of the reserve container, and therefore if the housing snags on something it will pull the reserve.

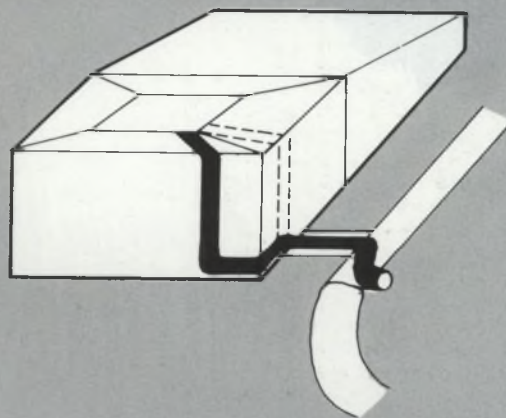
There are only 43 new and 16 upgraded rigs that this applies to - Serial numbers 403009 to 405052. Major 'Strong Enterprises' dealers should be contacted.

LEATHER CAPS

BPA member **Tim Kirkstead Moore** has just completed a leather craft course in London. He is now building beautifully crafted, custom leather Pop



Top caps for Racer and Chaser rigs. He can be contacted most weekends at Pampisford or Headcorn DZ's.



THROW-AWAY ROUTING

One or two jumpers have recently experienced pilot chutes in tow during sub terminal hop and pops.

The rigs in question used leg strap mounted throw-away pilot chutes, where the bridle was routed, via velcro across the bottom flap of the container.

Used in a certain body position, i.e. sitting up during a hop and pop, the bridle somehow managed to pull against the corner of the container, and therefore not extracting the pin. A safer configuration is to route the velcro across the side flap.

PIONEERS 9 CELL

With the uninspiring name of TC9 this huge 9 cell ram air from Pioneer hints at its military pedigree. Developed originally with high weight carrying capacity in mind, the TC9's, 340 sq.ft. of surface area allows for very soft landings, even for the chunkiest of skydivers. Pioneer claim that despite its docile and gentle landing capability, its high aspect wing and flat trim, enable it to fly faster than its rivals in the 'Mega' market. The big TC9 weighs in at 10.5 lbs and is also TSO'd as a reserve.

NIMBUS 9 CELL

Para-Flite Inc. have released a new 9 cell ram air. Called 'Nimbus', this 225 sq.ft. high aspect ratio canopy is built with Para-Flite's patented Span-wise construction technique and is suitable for suspended weights up to 200 lbs.

Complete with Lines and Links the Nimbus weighs in at 8.2lbs and packs into the same volume as the company's 7 Cell Cruislite.

IT'S HARD WORK AT THE FREDSTHEN DIXIE BRINGS HOME THE GOLD



It's been a hectic few weeks in Fredland! As the last article went to Press, the Exam Course at Headcorn was just beginning. Two weeks later The Red Devils proudly boasted four new Pl's in the shapes of **Steve Greenhalgh**, **Dave Moore**, **Adam Wickers** (so you don't have to speak English to be a Pl), and **Terry Guildford**; and three Instructors - **Jon Turner**, **Jim Scarratt** and **Mark Flint**. It certainly makes the student operation a lot more versatile and less arduous for everyone.

Eddie Stokes joined the Team from 2 Para and has quickly fitted in and has even become involved in the Triathlon Training - more of which later. During this period **Keith Saunders** gained his 'D' Licence, and **Steve Greenhalgh** and **Dave Moore** did their 500th jumps.

Training for the Nationals continued whenever display duties permitted and the four way team of **Graham Copestake**, **Jim Scarratt**, **Jon Turner** and **Eddie Carroll** actually managed to be free for a weekend to enter the Metropolitan Police Meet at Sibson, where they came a very creditable 4th out of 27 in the Team Accuracy. After only about fifteen training jumps on their 252's they were well pleased with this result and are hoping for even better things in the four way Relative work at the Nationals.

Aided by Coloroll and the APA, **Julian Spencer** and **Neil Dixon** have been in Raeford, the Mecca for Style and Accuracy contenders, training with the Maestro himself - **Jean Paul Thacker**. They each amassed some 100 training jumps and have come back full of confidence. Spence also logged his 1000th jump out there - from a Cessna all to himself! He is now full of enthusiasm and is determined to get to the World Meet. Both of them feel that their Accuracy has improved enormously, and they have been training on a 3cm disc.

One of the displays early in June involved a team jumping into Colchester to start the Colchester Fun Run (a half Marathon). There were some 4000 entrants and despite being actually late in starting after bagging their kit - the Fred's team of **Steve Greenhalgh**, **Dave Moore**, **Mark Flint**, **Terry Guildford**, **Jim Scarratt** and **Eddie Stokes** did very well. **Steve** was really outstanding and finished 4th in 1hr 10min. **Mark Flint** and **Dave Moore** turned in very

good times of 1hr 20min, and 1hr 23min respectively. A couple of weeks later **Mark Flint**, **Dave Moore** and **Eddie Stokes** participated in the British Championship Triathlon at Wellington Country Park. Mark and Dave had been training as much as their hectic lifestyle of displays up and down the country had permitted, and Eddie was a last minute substitution for **Steve Greenhalgh** who had unfortunately had to do his duty in Berlin. For a first Triathlon, and one of such quality, they all acquitted themselves exceptionally well - **Mark Flint** coming in the top thirty. It was a very hot, humid day and the organisation and provision of feed stations left a lot to be desired, but a torrential thunderstorm during the run helped cool them off! They are now training for another Triathlon in Cumbria which involves running up Scafell. **Micky Munn** had never had a fitter Team - Triathlon mania is rocking the whole Team - and local bike shops are doing a roaring trade whilst takings at the Queen's have dropped!

The Team have acquired some very useful throat microphones (courtesy of Pye Radios) for an air to ground commentary. Pye were making an advertising video and the Freds did a demonstration using this equipment, at the NEC in Birmingham.

Of course the highlight of this period was the D-Day commemoration jump at Utah Beach in the presence of Her Majesty The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh, and Presidents Mitterand and Reagan. Ten Freds jumped from a C-160 Transall, and a quadriplane was quickly built - and landed. The second jump was at Merville Battery, where 20 Freds jumped from a C-130. A twelve-way formation was quickly built with eight trackers 'bomburting' over the top of the formation. **Alec Munro** took a team comprised of **Chris Allen**, **Sean Day**, **Keith Hopper**, **Steve Greenhalgh**, **Terry Guildford**, **Dave Trick** and **Adan Wickers** to Berlin for the Allied Forces Day Parade. Unfortunately the actual demo was cancelled due to low cloud, but the lads managed three training jumps from a Huey. They also had great fun sightseeing and the social life sounded rather more hair raising than the parachuting; and the photographs have been censored! However a good time was had by all - and Lucifer got a super T-

QQ held a reception for their 50th Anniversary, on the lawns of the Royal Aldershot Officer's Club. For this **Micky Munn** staged a really superb display - with a quadriplane and a biplane transitioning to a bihand, which was landed. It certainly showed QQ what expertise was at work with their canopies.

Following the trials undertaken last year, a Shorts 330 was again used for more advanced work. This proved to be yet another busy day, but the result is that this aircraft has now been supplied to Thailand.

At the time of writing the Freds have just finished a hectic few days at the Aldershot Army Display, where they jumped from two Pumas (Courtesy of 33 SQN), and thrilled a crowd of some 250,000 people. Even at this show **Steve Greenhalgh** managed to find time to dash off and run into 7th place in a local 10Km race.

Bob Harman is at present in Sweden organising a Midsummer Boogie - let's hope the nubile Swedish ladies aren't taking his mind off the job!

The next two weekends will offer no respite in the pressure of work, as one will involve training a course of students for Woman Magazine. The course is a part of a prize in a competition backed jointly by Clairol and The Red Devils. The other benefit was to have your hair dyed red. The Freds make mine curl sometimes but I've never felt the need to turn it red! However, I'll bet this is one weekend when there is no shortage of willing instructors!

The following weekend will see the Red Letter Day in the Regimental calendar - Airborne Forces Day. This should be a great day for the Freds with **Ken Yeoman** receiving his BEM and **Spence**, **Jim Scarratt** and **Mick Hawken** receiving their Gold Lanyards - (**Lenny Lampard's** is also due but he is on 'holiday' in Belize).

And so to the STOP PRESS! The news had just reached here from Halfpenny Green that **Neil Dixon** is National Accuracy Champion. We knew all those trophy cabinets would have a use! For Dixie it must be sweet success indeed after all those months following his ankle injury when he wondered if he would ever jump again - let alone compete. Congratulations - let's hope there will be more medals to follow.

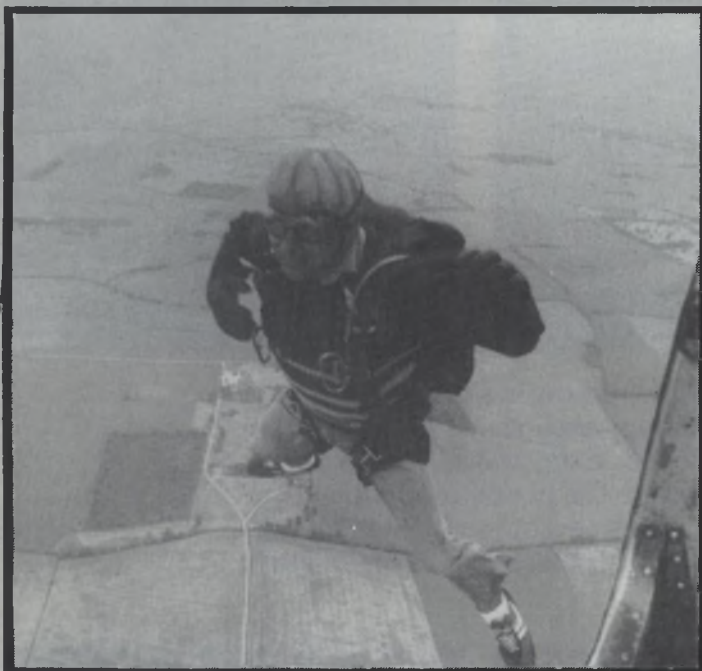
ALAN MICHAEL LAYTON 29th September 1944 - 10th June 1984

Alan came into this life on the 29th September, 1944 and left it on the 10th June, 1984 taking part in a sport which he loved and contributed to greatly.

He was a founder member of Duck End and had made over 1,750 jumps. Alan cemented many deep and lasting friendships during these years.

He left this life so much earlier than anyone of us would have dreamt of and undoubtedly had unfulfilled dreams and hopes, for he had by no means accomplished all he was capable of.

Every phase of Alan's precious life is able to be remembered - and we each have our own very special and poignant memories. His family life; his travelling, both to the other side of the world and within the UK, where his heart really was; his RAF life; his sport parachuting life and his life as a professional diver. Both his parachuting and his diving demanded special skills. He applied meticulous, thorough self-control and dedication to all he undertook in both those pursuits. Alan was one of a select group of special men..... men as at home in the sky as they are beneath the water. He was no stranger to a dilemma and under stress his calm but positive approach was to be respected and admired. Despite his association with two demanding and spectacular disciplines Alan was never one to give vent to vain display. In a storm he was strong as an oak and in the calm he was tender



and gentle. Rarely a visible leader, his qualities of quiet, effective and totally dependable support made him a vital and devoted member of any team venture he chose to involve himself with. An enthusiast in all he undertook in his life of action and variety, his consistency was inspiring and infectious. Many were the times low spirits have been revived and revitalised by Alan's dry, good natured wit. Many were the times his dislike of the false and the unjust clarified the thoughts of others and led the way to fair and rational debate. We look back on, and give thanks for, a positive life, a life without malice. He will be sorely missed as a man who bore the hallmarks of trust and loyalty; who loved and knew the deep and true meaning of the value of family and friends above all other values. He had the gift of seeing things as they were. We are deeply grateful, Alan, for many indelible memories.

Many people have expressed the wish to donate towards the Alan Layton Memorial Trophy presented at the Duck End Meet on the 15th July. Donations can be sent either to: Rick Watts, 9 Ashdown Drive, Borehamwood, Herts. WD6 4LZ. Cheques payable to: 'Alan Layton Memorial Trophy Fund' or alternatively, if donors prefer, Bank Giro Credit can be made in the above name to: Midland Bank, Alperton Branch, Sorting Code 40-08-19, A/C No. 53046184. The fund will remain open until 31st October, 1984. The balance of the account after the trophy costs have been deducted will be presented to a charity(s) nominated by Alan's family; the details of which will be duly published in these pages.

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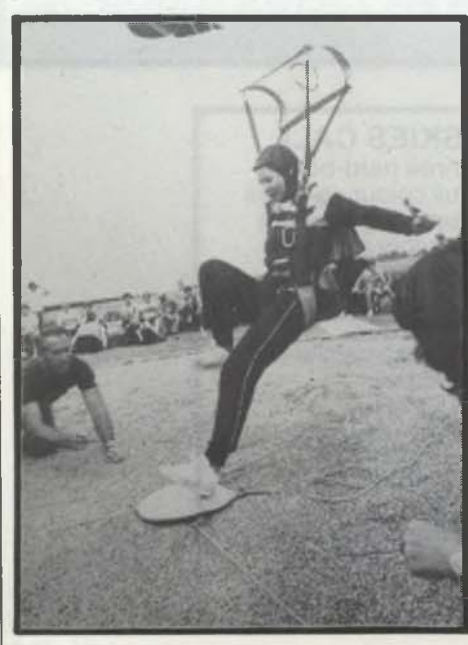
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1984 DUCK END MEET - ABBOTSLEY 13th - 15th JULY 1984

Like a light bulb attracts moths so 'Duck End' attracts all species of parachutist. From 'C' licence holder to dedicated stomper all are lured by the 'Farms' unique appeal. It is this cross section of ability which ensures its enduring success, it is therefore unfortunate to predict that the storm clouds are gathering for those of lesser ability.



Duck End's 5 metre pit adjacent to the runway is a very tight target. When surrounded by a hundred plus bale squatting spectators it can be daunting and dangerous to both parties. In many ways it is this which provides much of the appeal; being where the action is, dodging the overshoots and undershoots; Last years event saw four rounds completed without a serious injury, this year there was to be no such luck.



Thirty five teams awoke on the Saturday morning to see that there was to be no repeat of last years glorious weather. The cloud was on the deck. It was gone two o'clock before the proceedings began in earnest.

The hopes of organisers and experienced competitors that events such as this could act as a catalyst for improving standards soon proved false. Ability remains concentrated in the top half dozen teams and thinly sprinkled around the rest.

The cloudy, showery conditions could not have been a greater contrast to last year except that we were on the nil winds trail again. Spectators reflexes were being returned to bob and weave as errant toggle pulling scattered competitors around the general area of the target. Mercifully, respite came when approaches were made by individuals who realised that there were positions between full drive and stall. Perhaps the people who label themselves 'relative workers' should take a glance at the Symbiosis members, entering under the name of 'Wardrobe' (!). They showed that decent accuracy is not the sole property of the classics set.

Pitt Specials set the early pace with a 0.13 total followed by 'Wardrobe' and the 'Revenge of the Doris's', an alias of four of the British Ladies team. The majority of the rest proceeded to reduce the EEC grain mountain or flatten passing infants until the cringing stopped momentarily for 'Refraction'. Heartbeats returned to normal when 'The Hokey Cokeys' took the lead in pouring rain with 0.07, NWPC followed them in to take third place with 0.18.

Despite the inclement weather the competition went into round two with the top three teams remaining in the same places. **Bob Colpus** had the teeth



gnashing misfortune to get a single zero on the pad and be offered the standard 15 centimetres or a re-jump. Bob opted for the latter and scored 0.85. Ouch! Tough break for a closet accuracy jumper.

Throughout this and last years event there was a feeling that someone was going to hurt themselves. The third round saw that fear come true. There was an audible sharp intake of breath from spectators as an inexperienced square jumper stalled the canopy outside the pit and let it recover too late.

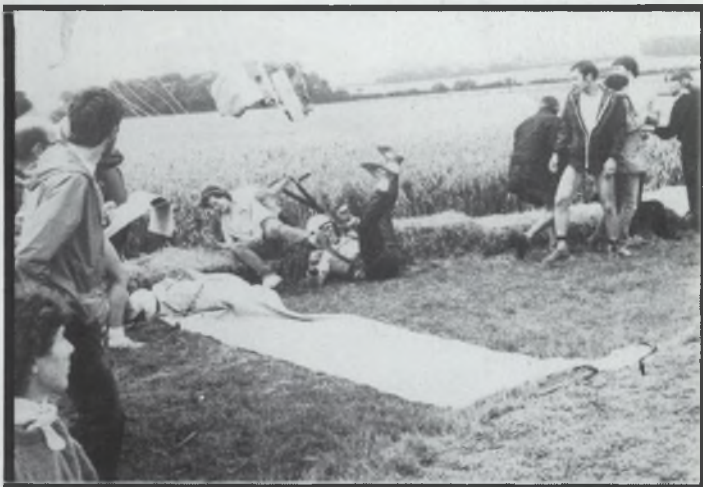
Nobody wishes to see a fellow traveller in the sport crumpled on the ground with two misshapen ankles, but the consensus among the more accomplished is that you cannot get away with crap canopy handling all the time. Squares can bite. It is in everybody's interest that they are used properly.

The third round was initiated but the onset of nightfall brought a halt to the proceedings. The days jumping was rounded off when the Pampisford Islander appeared to deliver a cargo of swoopers their standard of canopy handling appeared not be dissimilar to what had been seen for most of the day.



The proposed 05.00 start next morning failed to get off the ground, together with the rest of the competition. Sunday morning was spent airing soggy canopies and listening to depressing news from **Bob King's** anemometer watch by the pit. at 1 p.m. the inevitable happened and the meet was called off.

The team trophy went to the not unknown quartet of **Jackie Smith, Jim Coffey, Bob Higgins and Steve Eversfield** who had all managed to get their right foot in as the 'Hokey Cokeys'. Holders 'Pitt Specials' fielding **Tony Uragallo, Kevin Hardwick, Arthur Collingwood and Esther Reynolds** took second with NWPC's established team of **Dave Waddington, Brian Shaw, Pete Fox and Stuart Morris** in third.



For the first time the Duck End Meet has an individual award. Following the tragic death of **Alan Layton** his parents, who attended the prize giving, have donated a magnificent rose bowl 'The Alan Layton Memorial Trophy' to be presented to the individual winner. On its first presentation it was shared by **Tony Uragallo and Brian Shaw** both with two Discs. **Jackie Smith and Jim Coffey** on 0.02 split third place.

So that was it for another year, the 13th meet already under a metaphorical cloud when it started, got them literally and a serious injury to boot. Fortunately though most people still enjoyed themselves. The boundless hard work and energy that the 'Duck Enders' and their families put into the running of the meet ensures its success, long may it continue. **STEVE EVERSFIELD**



13th DUCK END MEET

Well, for a 13th meet commencing with a briefing on Friday 13th, we were lucky not to have had a blizzard!



Happy Landing Company perhaps?

Instead Saturday began for competitors at 05.30 a.m. in heavy rain and low cloud making full weather-proof kit and wellington boots the order of the day. The rain eased off and the cloud seemed to break up at about 8.30, so a drifter run was made, whereupon the thick low cloud reappeared and we all returned to thumb twiddling. The hours ticked by.

Hope came with the arrival of the Sibson aircraft who reported "jumping at Peterborough", only to be dashed with the arrival of Jean Slaughter who reported "rain all the way from London".

Nevertheless, a second drifter run was made at 1.30 p.m. and at last we commenced a soggy, key-holing, shower-dodging round one of the 13th Duck End Meet.

As last year, we commenced with light winds and were all treated to an interesting mixture of first class accuracy, interspersed with one or two super swooping, straw bale bundling arrivals that have now become part of the Duck End tradition.

One competitor in the bale-abatics event made such a graceful full forward somersaulting bale-vault to crops that he was awarded three 6.0s for technical merit and several 5.9s for artistic impression.

Slipped Discs were first to jump, and totalled 12.55 metres followed by Wardrobe with a creditable 0.49 and Pitt Specials with a 0.13 metre total. The round finished four hours later with Hokey-Cokeys leading



Stuart Morris overshoots.

with 0.07, Pitt Specials second with 0.13, North West Parachute Centre third with 0.18, Wardrobe fourth with 0.49 and Revenge of the Dorri (all girls team) fifth with 0.71. Hokey-Cokeys' first round was very impressive with Steve Eversfield's 0.01, Jackie Smith's 0.00, Bob Higgins' 0.04 and Jim Coffee (with the best approach of the meet) 0.02.

Individuals tying for first place with 0.00 were: John Chapman, Jackie Smith, Tony Uregelo, Arthur Collingwood and Brian Shaw.

The meet went straight into round two and was only interrupted once while a squally torrent ran across the DZ and caused a short burst of wind over the limits. However, many teams in this round experienced very 'damp' air and were seen later wringing out canopies in the packing area.

Poor Rob Colpus of Wardrobe fell victim to the electronic pad when he appeared to strike a clean dead centre. Unfortunately only one of the two zeros illuminated on the pad read-out and he had to jump again, this time scoring 0.85.

Jumping ceased at 21.30 with two rounds complete and three teams from round three also having made their descents. (Almost 300 jumps on an afternoon when most people would not have bothered to take their kit out of the car boot).



BEST COMPETITOR WITH LESS THAN 500 JUMPS

Stewart Morris · 0.08

BEST 'C' LICENCE HOLDER

Richard Cheeseman · 0.06

BEST ROUND CANOPY

L. B. Brin · 19.31

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| Brian Shaw | 2 |
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| John Chapman | 1 |
| Dave Waddington | 1 |
| Arthur Collingwood | 1 |
| Jackie Smith | 1 |
| Jim Coffee | 1 |
| George Campbell | 1 |
| Neville Howarth | 1 |

Special thanks go to **Dave Hipwell** (our host), the Duck End Club (for the organisation) and to the pilots, judges and competitors for their part in making a soggy day memorable.

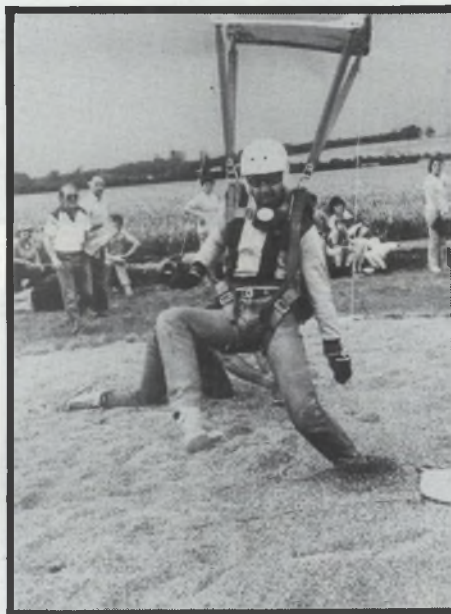
BOB KING



Saturday night's barbeque was delicious and we retired to bed happily tired damp and dirty.

A two round tie for both first and second places existed in the individual event with **Tony Uregelo** and **Brian Shaw** both on 0.00 and **Jackie Smith** and **Jim Coffee** on 0.02.

Sunday morning began with winds gusting 20 mph and finished with winds gusting 36 mph, so with no chance of a jump-off the Meet was 'called' at 1.00 p.m. and a breezy prize-giving held. The role of honours is as follows:



Some of those who made the pad and one who didn't.

TEAM ACCURACY

1. Hokey Cokeys · 0.28 metres
2. Pitt Specials · 0.30 metres
3. North West Parachute Club · 0.41 metres

INDIVIDUAL ACCURACY (Alan Layton Memorial Trophy)

1. Brian Shaw · 0.00 (equal first)
1. Tony Uregelo · 0.00 (equal first)
3. Jim Coffee · 0.02 (equal 3rd)
3. Jackie Smith · 0.02 (equal 3rd)

BEST LADY

Jackie Smith · 0.02



NORTH WEST PARA CENTRE - CARLK

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Well, that's what the mag says about us, factual but somehow it doesn't quite capture the particular atmosphere that sets Carlk apart.

Up here in the boonies, we decided that with so much happening here in the Lakeland area, we should make use of the club pages to sketch in a few more details of what's on offer to the jumper who can con family and friends into a nice trip to Cumbria. What other DZ is so cunningly slotted into such a scenic holiday centre?

Carlk is run by the **Prince** and **Morris** families. **Dave Prince** and **Alan Morris** run the show ably supported by their respective spouses - **Doreen** and **Joyce** (You'll usually find them in the office or running the excellent DZ cafe). Over the years they've built up the centre until it now boasts a centrally heated bunkhouse, lecture room, colour TV, lounge, large cafe, packing shed, extensive w.c. and washing facilities, kit store, a brand new lecture and training hall and a very good pit. All this work has recently resulted in the centre becoming one of fewer than 10 fully approved DZ's in this country.

The main jump aircraft is Hotel Echo, an Islander which many of you remember from its days at Meacock Towers. The aircraft is flown with consummate panache by the splendid and worthwhile **Captain Roger Shackleton**, a lean, blonde-haired, gimlet eyed, square-jawed, American trained master of airmanship. This laconic hero's landings are a joy to behold, drawing many a 5.9 from even the most severe judge. Unfortunately, the



Six Way over Carlk.

Photo : Ted Hartley.

same cannot be said for Roger's living history lessons when he shows us how to 'land' his original long-lined Strato Star in a series of craters he has created around the pit.

Carlk's regular jumpers come from all over the North West and we also have an Hibernian contingent for whom translations are available on request. A motley crew, but very friendly, with the sole exception of the Scousers who are kept caged during the week, wear 'Loot British' T-shirts and sign peoples' log books with a thumbprint or their Supplementary Benefit box number. They are definitely to be avoided.

Like so many DZ's, we had a superb Easter and this gave great training conditions for the annual Carlk invasion of the Scottish Nationals. Modesty forbids us mentioning where all the accuracy

honours went! Another regular treat is 'Carlk Week', over the Whitsun period.

This year the annual water jump into Lake Coniston made front-page news up here when the suave and debonair **Chris Benyon** missed the lake after an epic display of free-fall ability and cutting away a recalcitrant P.C. The resulting photographs and interview in the paper just went to show what a loss to international diplomacy this man is.

June 9th saw the inaugural Carlk Accuracy Meet when the weather was good enough for all rounds to be completed on the first day! Those who competed will have seen that the facilities on offer now easily rival those of the full-time centres so let's hope we see even more of you for next year's rave-up. (Sorry, that should have read "serious competition to full F.A.I. Rules".)

August sees the DZ open for two full weeks while P.I. and Exam courses take place. This will give a lot of jumpers who wouldn't normally travel so far, the chance to sample Carlk's superb hospitality, unrivalled views from the air and the local hostelries' draught fall-over juice for those into the après jump festivities.

Come to think of it, why wait for an instructor's course? For everyone from static line to those who can write their own log book lies, there's a great welcome waiting for you. We've got excellent instructors and a lot of coaching talent, especially in accuracy. There are regular packing seminars with **Paul Prescott** and the finer points of C.R.W. technique are often discussed by resident expert **Steve Nolan**.

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CARK ACCURACY MEET - JUNE 1984

Saturday 9th June arrived at last with a perfect weather forecast and the promise of a marvellous day. By 8.30 a.m. ten teams has booked in and were briefed ready for a 9.00 a.m. start.

'Two Squared' started the jumping with **Barry Wright**, the first to test the centre of the disc for a 0.00. The second team out of the Islander was 'Odds 'n Sods' with **Peter Mclean** needing the only rejump of the day after having a little trouble with his canopy. It didn't work.

The 'Tiger Moths' declared their intentions by taking an early lead thanks to discs scored in the first round. The local Cark team, 'NWPC' were in hot pursuit - they were on the next lift. 'Golden Oldies' threw down their crutches for a respectable first round score and the army team, 'Silver Stars', showed they couldn't be dismissed.

By the end of the second round, most of the jumpers had discovered where the thermals were and we saw some varied scores and unusual landings. (No reference to the determined soul who landed pulling like crazy on his front risers!)

Jumping stopped for lunch after the second round and uzz pilot **Roger** took a well earned break. At this stage, **Harry Morgan** was in the lead for Best Individual, closely followed by **Dave Waddington**. The gap between the leading teams had been narrowed, with 'Golden Oldies' and 'Silver Stars' still not out of the running.

For the next hour, all attention centred around our marvellous cooks **Joyce** and **Doreen**, who kept the food and tea going all day with some help from **Karen**. As soon as everyone was fed and Roger had been, the Islander was up in the air again. The competition hotted up and the thermals caught one or two people unawares again. The gap between the



Andrew Morris almost over the top.

Equipment check for Coach Hitchen. For the others 4 jumps in one day seems just too much.



Ramsey on the pad.

leaders **Stuart Morris** and **Peter Fox** clinched the winning team title for 'NWPC', beating the 'Tiger Moths' into second place, and the 'Golden Oldies' came in third (life in the old dogs yet!)

Dave Waddington won the Best Individual title, beating **Peter Fox** by just 4 cms. **A. Chandler** of the 'Silver Stars' was a popular third prize winner. **Annette Williamson** won the Ladies prize, despite technical assistance from the ground!

The competition came to a close with the presentation of the prizes, followed by loud applause for the judges: **Biff Burns** (chief), **Doc Flynn**, **Amanda Kenny**, **Paul Evans** (trainee) and **Ann Chandler** (trainee). The recorders: **Sue Waddington**, **Julie Burns** and **Lynn Davison**. The pilot **Roger Shackleton**. Efficient manifesting by **Alan Morris**, and for the kitchen girls **Joyce Morris**, **Doreen Prince** and **Karen Nevison**. The barbecue afterwards put the

finishing touch to a completely hassle-free day.

To all who entered - well done, to all who didn't get here, you missed the happiest, most enjoyable competition day yet. Don't miss the next Cark Accuracy Meet, 'cos it'll be another cracker! See you next time,

JAN

P.S. Photos by Peter Fox.



SPEED 8 MEET HEADCORN 16th/17th JUNE

For those of you who were at the Speed 8 Meet at Headcorn on the 16th and 17th June, I don't need to tell you that we had some excellent skydiving and a very good time. For the unfortunate few who were not here, let me reveal all. It all started on Saturday with Pink Deaf and Spit on high form, turning times in the low 16's and progressively improving during the day. The battle for placings all the way down the line was fierce but slightly slowed down by a few rejumps due to haze and a few uninvited fluffies. Pink Deaf (who are now into clean living and meditation) stayed in the lead throughout the day, closely followed by Spit with Dog Breath, Captain Reflector and The Cool and Groovy and No Pooftahs fighting hard for 3rd place. The evening saw a superb party with good music, excellent food (thanks to Diane and Linda), and lots of beer, which carried on until the early hours and was in the best possible taste.

Sunday morning arrived slowly with a similar weather pattern and the two leading teams entered the fourth and last round with a time difference of

2.11 seconds. Both were unseen due to poor visibility which increased the general suspense and put the jumper's nerves to the test. Pink Deaf finally scored an excellent time of 13.11 seconds putting Spit in the position where they needed 10.6 seconds or less to equalise or win. As it is often the case in skydiving, the pressure increased the quality of jumping and Spit scored 10.54 seconds to take the gold in superb fashion. Dog Breath won the Bronze and Captain Reflector and The Cool and Groovy receiving the prize for the most interesting second formation (interesting short tracks too!). All in all everything went very well for the 12 teams, (1 cutaway only), thanks to the very hard work put in by all the staff at Headcorn, the Judges and David Parker who made the whole thing happen. By the way, we are just about to get a second Island and a Ground to Air Video, so get down here and boogie on down to the boys with us.

PIERRE, D4962



First and Second Teams Spit and Sport Deaf. Only .06 of a second separated them.



Fast Fallin Women Lynda Webb, Pam Duncan, Mandy Wilson, Anthea Lee, Lottie Dale, Christine Betts, Annie and token male Frank Davies.



Sport Deaf in action.



The team from Weston with alternate S/L Student (not quite sure what he has (left) got himself into).



Pink Deaf.

More exits.

No pooftas.
No pooftas again followed by
cameraman Dave Waterman.





Pink Deaf.

Hello John, got a new porter then.



Slow motion.

Fast falling women in action.



Bob Studd photographs Sue Studd and Roger Tamblin over the river Orwell.



Phil Ledwards gets a nice shot with a lot of depth. Anybody recognize the DZ?



Moon Shot!
Nigel Watson Clarke catches three team mates from the Royal Marine Free Fall Team doing some tricky CRW. Nice moon in background. Not the usual type normally associated with parachutists.

You may remember in an SP edition of about a year ago, the emergence of a 'rival association' as you called it - namely the British Turkey Association at Halfpenny Green. Although not heard of much outside of HG I'm pleased to report that the BTA is alive and well. To prove it here is our latest offering.

A TURKEY'S DECK OF CARDS

One bright and breezy day aboard the Islander as it ascended through the Halfpenny Green skies, the instructor (Uncle Pat) noticed one of the BTA students with a deck of cards. With a hint of irritation and displeasure in his voice, he enquired as to why the individual was playing cards when he ought to be concentrating on parachuting and, in particular, his forthcoming jump. The student replied that in fact he was thinking of parachuting and explained as follows:-

"When I turn over the ace it reminds me that there is but one God - the CCI.

The deuce reminds me that there are two chances in this life - your main and your reserve.

The three represents the three roads in my life 04, 16 and 28.

The four tells me that on 'four thousand check' my canopy should be open.

The five is the five seconds after the 'check' when I think that maybe I ought to pull my reserve.

When I think of the six I start to pump my brakes as I have an end cell closure.

The spots of the seven are each a face of a potential SCR, just before I wiped them out.

In the eight I see HG's latest eight-way attempt - eight one-ways.

The nine reminds me of the nine miles I walked back after another bum spot.

The ten is the ten pence phone money I wished I had.

The Jack represents the 'I'm alright jack' jumpmaster who dumped high because he knew where we were.

The Queen is our glorious jumpship which I see as I fall away - on my back again!

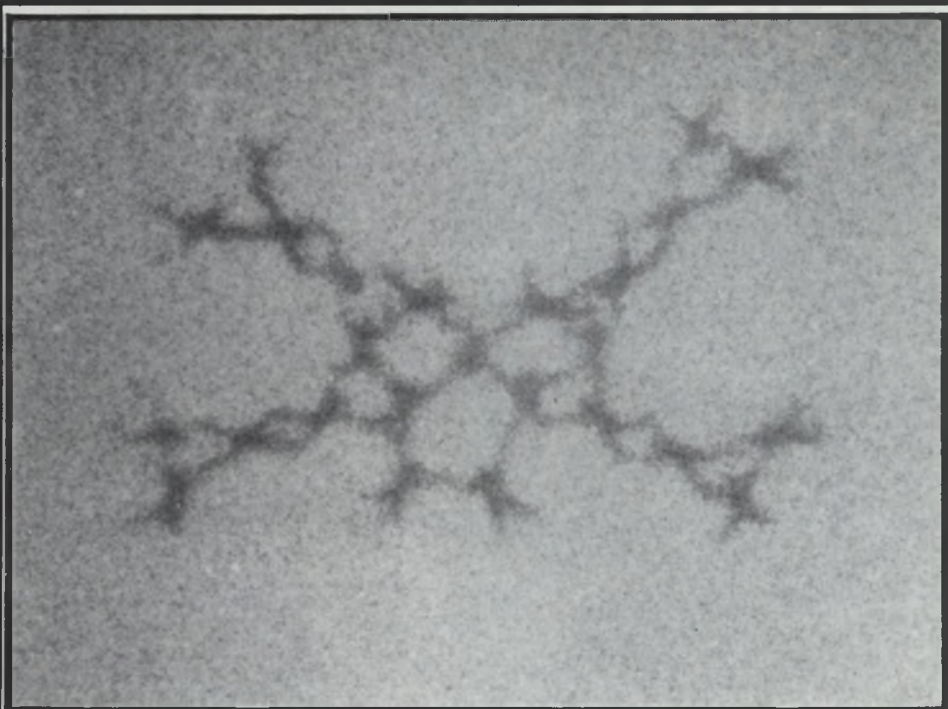
The King is our pilot without whom we'd have to find someone else.

On hearing this explanation the instructor (still Uncle Pat) was heard to despairingly utter "I wish I'd stuck to truck driving!" as he abandoned the aircraft. I know this story to be true because I was that student.

"MAD" MICKY WIGG BTA5 BPA97615

DAVE 'DIBBLE' WILLIAMS BTA7 BPA97701

RICHARD 'TENKO' BOARDMAN BTA2 BPA93240



THE JOLLY ROGER

The Skull Dive as seen from the ground at the Papisford Boogie earlier this year.



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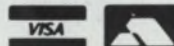
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SUPER CHARGERS

Sunday 27th November 1983 dawned bright and clear with no wind and an excited atmosphere in the RAF Falcons weekend accommodation. The team was scheduled to put on a parachuting display that afternoon into the Jack Murphy Stadium in San Diego, Southern California, only minutes before the start of an NFL American Football game, and with the weather forecast to be perfect it was all systems go. The Jack Murphy Stadium is the home ground of the famous San Diego Chargers and the opposition on the 27th November was the Denver Broncos so a full house of around 50,000 spectators was expected.

The team had visited the empty stadium the previous evening and it looked a very daunting place to have to parachute into with 300 foot high terraces on three sides. At about 1130 hours the parachutists headed for the Naval Air Station at Miramar on the outskirts of the city and had a final briefing and dirt dive before boarding the RAF C130 from which the display would take place. Due to air traffic problems the maximum height that could be obtained was 3,500 feet which would mean a stack full show with only about 8 seconds of free fall time. Never the less, such was the excitement at being allowed to do such a display that the team would gladly have settled for a much lower jump altitude.

The C130 was airborne by 1230 hours, with the jump scheduled for 1256 hours, so it was all action inside as kit was fitted, smokes checked and two cameras, one stills and one video, were sighted up. The DZ party radioed up the drop instructions which gave 5 knots surface wind and nil winds at 3000 feet. Perfect conditions in which to put on a good display. The aircraft captain gave the two minute warning as the C130 ran in on drop heading towards the massive stadium. Each time that **Derek Warby** on the DZ radioed up a message the parachutists in the aircraft could hear the noise of the crowd through his radio hand-set. This added to the tension and excitement of all on board.

Red on, green on, smokes firing and out into the slipstream 3,500 feet above San Diego. Eight seconds later with canopies inflated it was time for total concentration as the team formed up into the canopy stack and headed for the arena. Team coach **Al MacDonald** was able to lead the stack around the stadium in great sweeping circles due to the complete lack of drift and therefore give everyone in the crowd the best possible view of the parachutists. At 1000 feet the first faint sounds of the spectators could be heard and with **Nigel Rogoff** on stills camera and **Rex Pritchard** on video the team made its way to the set-up point and down into the vast bowl of the stadium. The noise from the crowd was unbelievable as the jumpers headed for the two small target crosses in the centre and the landings were made the place erupted with 50,000 Americans shouting and whistling. Kit was shrugged off, the team lined up and the salute was taken as the C130 roared in above the crowd. All too soon the display was over and it was time for the other performers to come onto the field of play, all 50 of them and each weighing around 260lbs. The Falcons then settled down to watch the game which the Chargers duly won and at the end of the day, over a few beers, the team were able to relive the jump of a lifetime through the viewer of Rex's video recorder. Indeed a parachute jump to remember.

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Northern Collegiate Accuracy Meet

16/17th June 1984

Lincoln Parachute Centre

To keep inter-collegiate rivalry at Lincoln Parachute Centre to pursuits that one could write about, a round canopy accuracy meet was held recently. The briefing was due at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning, but with the usual punctuality of various of the competitors, we decided to start anyway. Scoring was on the 'hit-and-run' basis, with penalties for down-wind landings, dragging kit, wingeing, untidyness on flight line etc. Weather was as ordered, with plenty of packer's sunburn occuring, and many 'turbulence' excuses, some more convincing than others!

Round 2 was finished by early afternoon, with most people then arranging shopping trips to purchase light (alcoholic) refreshments for the barbeque that evening. Someone had kindly arranged a thunderstorm to cool us down, resulting in a damp barbeque, although some people may not have noticed. Sunday started at 7.30 a.m. in the packing shed, and the 3rd round was completed by lunchtime with final scores as follows (4 jumpers per team):-

| | (mins. secs.) |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Bradford University | 4.08 |
| Leeds University I | 6.42 |
| York University | 7.12 |
| Leeds University II | 10.49 |
| Leeds Polytechnic II | 10.57 |
| Sheffield/Hull Universities | 11.04 |
| Leeds Polytechnic I | 11.35 |



Medel winners at Lincoln.

The Individual Winner was **Alan (Hero) Gibson** of Sheffield University, with a total of 8 seconds; 1st round 3 seconds (CCI proud), 2nd round 1 second (CCI worried), 3rd round 4 seconds (CCI looking to laurels). Alan received a tankard, the winning team got possession of a plaque for the year (Jenny says 'honest it's a coincidence I'm their mascot') and the winning three teams received personal, very large

and very expensive medals hung on FREE pull-up cords! Other highlights of the weekend included **Chris Donaldson's** 700th jump into the barbeque, but his limp failed to get sympathy or keep him dry. A big thank-you to all the staff and helpers for a great weekend, especially **Dave and Jenny Tylcoat, Chris and Robert** the pilot. Originally submitted by Leeds University Parachute Club but then edited.

SOUTH WEST COLLEGIATE ACCURACY MEET

Dawn 19th June, blue skies, six full college teams at Swansea airport. Perfect weather - no plane. The aged G-PARA being indisposed and students being bummed off to the beach, CCI **Dave 'too-risky' Howerski** cracked under the pressure and produced, as if from nowhere, an Islander.

This gave added excitement for most of the contestants who were hastily practising their first left hand exit fifteen minutes prior to the arrival of **John Ball** and his Islander.

The competition was straight accuracy over three rounds and is the first such meet, jointly organised by the Universities Athletic Unions and Swansea Parachute Club.

We succeed in completion of the meet in only 24 hours during which time we flew 18 lifts in the Islander, thanks to the efforts of **Dave** and the rest of the SPC staff, in particular Chief Judge **Steve Saunders**. The 'resident' packers/lurkers were also hard at work.

The standards of jumping varied from early Static-liners to Square jumpers downgraded to aeroconicals, the only incident during a thoroughly enjoyable meet occuring when a Dummy Rip student opted for two canopies rather than one (Hello, **Olga** the Handle!).

The Results were...

TEAM ACCURACY

- 1st Who Lurks Wins - U.W.I.S.T.
- 2nd Ponty Perverts - Polytechnic of Wales
- 3rd The Team With No Name - Aberystwyth
- 4th Phils Phartz - U.C.C.
- 5th Levitation - Bristol
- 6th Bouncing Bummars - Swansea

INDIVIDUAL ACCURACY

- 1st Tim Gladwin (UWIST) - 30.87m
- 2nd Bob Gale (Poly of Wales) - 33.10m
- 3rd Glyn Jones (UWIST) - 41.10m

It can only be concluded from the winning team that arrogance pays! Many thanks again to all at Swansea who made this an exciting fun meet and to the manifestor who attempted to beat the lot of us. Blue skies, black death.

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1984 CLASSIC NATIONALS - HALFPENNY GREEN 23rd - 29th JUNE 1984

If you had to sum up the '84 Classic Nationals in one phrase it must be 'the girls are back'. Many a year has passed since we have had five women 'competing' in every sense of the word.

Together with five of the men, all five ladies in the senior competition had spent much time, money and effort in getting themselves tuned up at 'Gene Paul Thackers Style Academy' in Raeford, North Carolina. Before a set was turned we knew that, barring disasters, we were going to see some accomplished spinning.



The girls with Jean Paul Thacker in Raeford.

Following its unscheduled change of venue from Grindale, the competition got started on the first Saturday with the Style. This event proved as resistable as ever to BPA members with only 17 entries in the senior event and 4 in the intermediate. With the Islander timing its arrival to altitude to coincide with the scattered cloud, the competition stuttered on. Already the wind that was to dog the week's activities was causing problems for competitors and judges. Attempts to bring the aircraft round the cloud put jumpers out adjacent to the wind line giving them an awful amount of drift to contend with. This unfortunately was not noticeable to the judges who viewed the proceedings on video.

It was no surprise that the Raeford gang set the pace. **Julian Spence** headed the field on round 1 with an 8.3, followed by **Jane Buckle**, **Tony Uragallo**, **Kevin Hardwick**, **Jo Vaughan** and **Chrissie Clements** all turning in the 9's. 'Spence' increased the tempo in round 2 with a 7.7. Only **Jo Vaughan** out of the chasing group managing to get into the 8's.

SPENCE TURNS WRONG SET

Come the last round the formality of 'Spence' winning the Style was dashed when he turned an 8.2, the wrong way! Only **Steve Treble** recovering from a poor first two rounds managed to get into the 8's.

Spence's error left a new name to be

engraved on the Style trophy as steady sets in the low nines was enough for **Kevin Hardwick** to beat **Tony Uragallo** by .09 of a second. **Jane Buckle** headed the excellent showing by the ladies coming 3rd with **Jo Vaughan** just behind in 4th. **Chrissie Clements**, **Cheryl Treble** and **Esther Reynolds** came 6th, 7th and 10th respectively. **Beverly Roberts** put the seal on the female effort by winning the intermediate event.

With the Style event completed the Accuracy commenced. This discipline boasted a little more support as another 12 competitors joined the senior event.

GUSTY CONDITIONS

The Accuracy proved to be a very



Steve Eversfield in action.

difficult event to complete as the prevailing westerly winds continually gusted over the 7 metre limit, keeping the competitors on almost permanent stand-by all week. A brief lull on Monday allowed half a round to be completed, but at the expense of **Cheryl Treble** and **Chrissie Clements** who both misjudged the very high winds above 1000ft to register 5 metre Zaps.

It wasn't until the next day that the first round was completed with 21 of the 29 competitors hitting the pad, 7 registering discs. Round two was completed soon after leaving **Neil 'Dixie' Dixon** and **Esther Reynolds** on top of the pile with two discs apiece. Round three was started but was doomed not to be finished until nearly 48 hours later as the wind got out of hand again.

By late Thursday morning round 3 was eventually completed. Both the leaders dropped 0.03, leaving them in a three way



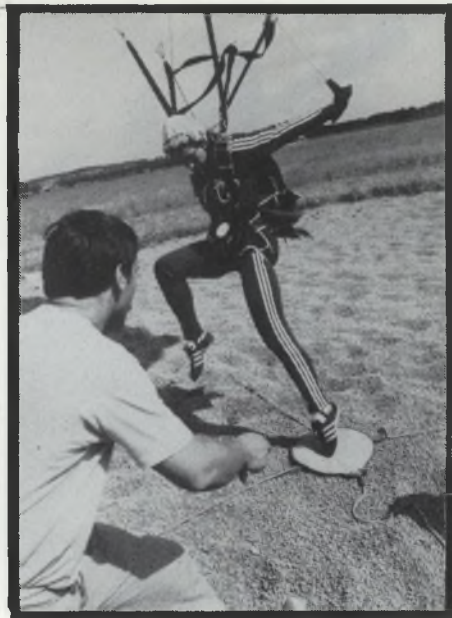
Chris Clements over the pad.

tie for first place with **Steve Eversfield**. **Steve Treble** with a disc in this round had clawed his way back to fourth after dropping 0.04 and 0.02 in the previous rounds. The NWPC duo of 18 year old **Stuart Morris** and **Dave Waddington** were another centimetre back on a total of 0.07.

COLLINGWOOD DROPS 4.50

Round 4 saw the wind drop amazingly to nothing. The anemometer was still and the windsock ambled round in misleading circles. Dixie dropped another 0.02 but it was enough to leave him on his own in the lead as Esther and Steve dropped 0.05 and 0.07. **Stuart Morris** scored his second impressive disc to move into second with **Steve Treble** joining **Esther** on 0.08 in joint third. At this point spare a thought for **Arthur Collingwood** who by the end of round 4 had got three discs, more than anyone else. Unfortunately for Arthur his 2nd round was a disastrous 4.50!

Into round 5 and Dixie drops 0.02, but it



Cheryl Treble gets a nice D.C.



Jane Buckle gets her heel down.



Pete Renolds gets some help from chief judge Doc Flynn in spotting the aircraft.



A back foot landing? Well a D.C. was given!



Stuart Morris third in accuracy.



Jane Buckle with ladies style cup.



Ken Hardcastle winner men's style.



Esther and Dixie with ladies' and gents' accuracy cups.



Joint Senior Overall Steve (Gorilla) Treble and Tony Uragallo.



NWPC Team with team accuracy trophy.

is still enough to keep him one centimetre ahead of **Steve Treble**. **Les Carroll** had by now joined **Stuart Morris** in third on 0.09 after Stuart dropped 0.02. With **Tony Uragallo** on 0.10 and **Steve Eversfield** on 0.11 just four centimetres covered the top six.

The tension of the last round was increased as the proceedings were again halted by the wind gusting over limits.

Just as the combatants were resigned to the contest going into Friday, the wind dropped again. At 8 p.m. the last round began. Any thoughts of competitors just outside the medals of overhauling the leaders, were dashed as the top four all disced.

Neil Dixon was the new Accuracy champion with a total of 0.07, followed by **Steve Treble** on 0.08 and **Stuart Morris** and **Les Carroll** tied on 0.09.

We had to wait until the next morning for the third place jump off which saw **Stuart Morris** clinch it with his fourth disc of the competition **Les Carroll** scored 0.02 after a pad malfunction on his first rejump.



Esther Renolds Ladies Champ.

TEAM ACCURACY

Both the individual events were now complete leaving just the Team Accuracy to do. This event appears to no longer fulfill its original concept of being an inter-club competition, as only the 'Red Devils' and NWPC could be described as representative out of the seven teams entered. Indeed the 'North West Parachute Club' should be praised for the support they give the Nationals by entering competitors in all categories. It was herefore only right that they won the 'Team' event, despite the fact that the competition descended into farce as teams took over limits winds in an effort to complete it. The total lack of seriousness regarded this event was graphically illustrated by the ladies, who sporting lips caked with lipstick assaulted every male who arrived in the pit after the last round.

Short of SP's at the Nationals as three judges Pete Halfacre, Garry Douglas and Tracy Rixon share one copy hot off the press.



The girls Jo Vaughan, Esther Renolds, Cherle Treble, Jane Buckle and Chris Clements.



The only man to escape such attentions was **Steve Treble**. Considering one of the 'kissers' was his wife, one can only hope he's keener in private.

With all events now complete it was time to present the prizes. BPA Chairman **Jim Crocker** did the honours awarding the Overall Champions Trophy 'jointly' for the second year running. This time **Steve Treble** had to share it with **Tony Uragallo**, **Kevin Hardwick** taking third place. **Jane Buckle** took the ladies Overall with **Jo Vaughan** in second and **Esther Reynolds** in third.

So that was it for another year. The Classics were over and the place was being over-run by flip-flops and necklaces as the Relative Workers arrived for their events.

Thanks must be afforded to: **Doc Flynn**, **Tracey Rixon**, **Pete Halfacre**, **Annie Kileen**, **Ken Mapplebeck**, **Dougy Douglas**, **Bob King**, **Sue Dixon** and **Anne Chandler** for giving a week of their time to judge. **John Hitchen** and **Tony Butler** for doing the twenty seven WDI lifts and the manifesting. Lastly thanks to CCI **Pat Walters** and Halfpenny Green Parachute Club for their hospitality during the week.

POSTSCRIPT

It is worth reviewing the Nationals each year to see if there are things that could be done to improve them. The competition should evolve and shape itself to the demands of cost and competitor demands.

Without doubt the first thing that should be noticed is the attendance. Why only thirty-six competitors in all events? The cost of entry is a significant deterrent.

Eighteen pounds entry fee, five pounds per Accuracy jump. If no other events are entered that works out at eight pounds per lift to 2500ft!

Only seventeen entries in the Style must be regarded as an indictment to the event itself. The impression given by competitors is of being resigned to do it rather than that of competitive zeal. Full marks for effort to those who trained hard but the times indicate how far off of the world pace they are.

The conduct of the events needs reviewing. The World Championships are abandoning the individual pass for individual accuracy because of the cost. We could do the same. The accuracy competition retained its traditional high standard with over 70% of scores being registered on the pad but now we are down to six rounds when the competitors would prefer ten.

It seems about time that the Nationals regained its role as the focal point of the years competitive jumping. It appears to have drifted into the doldrums of 'just going through the motions'. The competitors are there; over 160 of them turned up at last year's Duck End Meet, they need to be reminded that the Nationals can be fun not just a chore.

It would be nice to think that we could encourage the other forty or fifty good accuracy jumpers and two or three 'Stylies' out of the woodwork for next year's competition.

STEVE EVERSFIELD

**BRITISH NATIONAL OPEN CLASSIC PARACHUTE CHAMPIONSHIPS
HALFPENNY GREEN 1984**

| P O NAME | S Senior Accuracy | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| | E ROUND No:- | | | | | | | |
| | X | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Total |
| 1 DIXON | M | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.07 |
| 2 TREBLE, S. | M | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.08 |
| 3 MORRIS, S. | M | 0.00 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.09 |
| 4 CARROLL, L. | M | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.09 |
| 5 URAGALLO, T. | M | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.12 |
| 6 SPENCER, J. | M | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.00 | 0.14 |
| 7 HARDWICK, K. | M | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.09 | 0.25 |
| 8 SHAW, B. | M | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.12 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.26 |
| 9 REYNOLDS, E. | F | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.12 | 0.27 |
| 10 MORGAN | M | 0.04 | 0.13 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.31 |
| 11 CHANDLER, J. | M | 0.00 | 0.14 | 0.19 | 0.00 | 0.12 | 0.02 | 0.47 |
| 12 TURNER, J. | M | 0.15 | 0.28 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.14 | 0.61 |
| 12 BUCKLE, J. | F | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.00 | 0.35 | 0.08 | 0.61 |
| 14 VAUGHAN, J. | F | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.43 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 0.14 | 0.65 |
| 15 EVERSFIELD, S. | M | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.07 | 0.01 | 0.55 | 0.66 |
| 16 REYNOLDS, P. | M | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.47 | 0.06 | 0.27 | 0.88 |
| 17 SCARRATT | M | 0.14 | 0.02 | 0.12 | 0.04 | 0.73 | 0.14 | 1.19 |
| 18 WADDINGTON, D. | M | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 1.38 | 0.13 | 0.03 | 1.61 |
| 19 COPESTAKE | M | 0.03 | 3.17 | 0.30 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.12 | 3.66 |
| 20 COLLINGWOOD | M | 0.00 | 4.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.13 | 0.07 | 4.70 |
| 21 GREGORY | M | 1.45 | 0.15 | 2.87 | 0.14 | 0.45 | 0.51 | 5.57 |
| 22 CLEMENTS, C. | F | 5.00 | 0.12 | 0.29 | 0.44 | 0.11 | 0.05 | 6.01 |
| 23 TREBLE, C. | F | 5.00 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 1.79 | 0.00 | 0.10 | 6.91 |
| 24 PERRY | M | 1.30 | 0.60 | 5.00 | 0.28 | 0.09 | 0.91 | 8.18 |
| 25 BARTHOLOMEW | M | 5.00 | 5.00 | 0.37 | 0.13 | 0.08 | 1.17 | 11.75 |
| 26 SMITH, F. | M | 5.00 | 5.00 | 1.68 | 0.08 | 0.26 | 0.00 | 12.02 |
| 27 CARROLL | M | 1.80 | 1.10 | 5.00 | 0.32 | 5.00 | 0.08 | 13.30 |
| 28 DUMBELL | M | 0.08 | 1.59 | 4.28 | 4.21 | 1.60 | 4.17 | 15.93 |
| 29 KINSELLA | M | 5.00 | 0.50 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 25.50 |

| P O NAME | S | Senior Overall | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| | | E | Acc'y | Style | Acc'y | Style | Overall |
| | | X | Place | Place | Point | Point | Points |
| 1 TREBLE, S. | M | 2 | 5 | 4 | 25 | 29 | |
| 1 URAGALLO, T. | M | 5 | 2 | 25 | 4 | 29 | |
| 3 HARDWICK, K. | M | 7 | 1 | 49 | 1 | 50 | |
| 4 SPENCER, J. | M | 6 | 9 | 36 | 81 | 117 | |
| 5 BUCKLE, J. | F | 12 | 3 | 144 | 9 | 153 | |
| 6 CARROLL, L. | M | 4 | 12 | 16 | 144 | 160 | |
| 7 MORRIS, S. | M | 3 | 13 | 9 | 169 | 178 | |
| 8 REYNOLDS, E. | F | 9 | 10 | 81 | 100 | 181 | |
| 9 SHAW, B. | M | 8 | 11 | 64 | 121 | 185 | |
| 9 VAUGHAN, J. | F | 13 | 4 | 169 | 16 | 185 | |
| 9 CHANDLER, J. | M | 11 | 8 | 121 | 64 | 185 | |
| 12 DIXON | M | 1 | 14 | 1 | 196 | 197 | |
| 13 CLEMENTS, C. | F | 15 | 6 | 225 | 36 | 261 | |
| 14 TREBLE, C. | F | 16 | 7 | 256 | 49 | 305 | |
| 15 MORGAN | M | 10 | 16 | 100 | 256 | 356 | |
| 16 WADDINGTON, D. | M | 14 | 15 | 196 | 225 | 421 | |
| 17 DUMBELL | M | 17 | 17 | 289 | 289 | 578 | |

| P O NAME | S | Intermediate Overall | | | | | |
|----------------|---|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| | | E | Acc'y | Style | Acc'y | Style | Overall |
| | | X | Place | Place | Point | Point | Points |
| 1 SMITH | M | 3 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 13 | |
| 1 PRESCOTT, P. | M | 2 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 13 | |
| 3 ROBERTS, B. | F | 4 | 1 | 16 | 1 | 17 | |
| 3 RAMSEY | M | 1 | 4 | 1 | 16 | 17 | |

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| P O NAME | S Intermediate Accuracy | | | | | | | |
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| | E ROUND No:- | | | | | | | |
| | X | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Total |
| 1 RAMSEY | M | 0.30 | 1.94 | 0.05 | 3.51 | 0.53 | 0.29 | 6.62 |
| 2 PRESCOTT, P. | M | 1.00 | 0.87 | 0.53 | 0.08 | 0.04 | 5.00 | 7.52 |
| 3 SMITH | M | 5.00 | 0.47 | 0.22 | 5.00 | 0.14 | 2.89 | 13.72 |
| 4 ROBERTS, B. | F | 5.00 | 3.08 | 0.43 | 3.97 | 1.07 | 1.50 | 15.05 |
| 5 CHALK | M | 5.00 | 0.08 | 5.00 | 4.17 | 2.42 | 5.00 | 21.67 |

| P O NAME | S Novice Accuracy | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| | E ROUND No:- | | | | | | | |
| | X | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Total |
| 1 MULLIGAN | M | 25.00 | 17.70 | 10.81 | 8.94 | 25.00 | 5.94 | 93.39 |
| 2 HOLLOWAY, A. | M | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 150.00 |

| P O NAME | S | Senior Style | | | | | | |
|-------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|
| | | E ROUND No:- (Last Style Jump) | | | | | | |
| | | X | 1 | 2 | 3 | Total | Base (Pen) | Total |
| 1 HARKWICK, K. | M | 9.43 | 9.00 | 9.47 | 27.90 | 8.07 | 1.40 | 9.47 |
| 2 URAGALLO, T. | M | 9.23 | 9.83 | 8.93 | 27.99 | 8.13 | 0.80 | 8.93 |
| 3 BUCKLE, J. | F | 9.03 | 9.70 | 9.83 | 28.56 | 9.03 | 0.80 | 9.83 |
| 4 VAUGHAN, J. | F | 9.57 | 8.77 | 10.27 | 28.61 | 8.77 | 1.50 | 10.27 |
| 5 TREBLE, S. | M | 10.23 | 9.97 | 8.60 | 28.80 | 8.60 | 0.00 | 8.60 |
| 6 CLEMENTS, C. | F | 9.97 | 10.17 | 9.60 | 29.74 | 9.60 | 0.00 | 9.60 |
| 7 TREBLE, C. | F | 10.73 | 9.57 | 10.00 | 30.30 | 9.40 | 0.60 | 10.00 |
| 8 CHANDLER, J. | M | 10.70 | 10.13 | 10.73 | 31.56 | 9.33 | 1.40 | 10.73 |
| 9 SPENCER, J. | M | 8.33 | 7.73 | 16.00 | 32.06 | 8.20 | 16.00 | 16.00 |
| 10 REYNOLDS, E. | F | 12.40 | 11.20 | 10.40 | 34.00 | 9.20 | 1.20 | 10.40 |
| 11 SHAW, B. | M | 11.33 | 11.20 | 11.67 | 34.20 | 10.87 | 0.80 | 11.67 |
| 12 CARROLL, L. | M | 12.23 | 11.33 | 11.00 | 34.56 | 9.40 | 1.60 | 11.00 |
| 13 MORRIS, S. | M | 11.60 | 11.47 | 12.03 | 35.10 | 10.23 | 1.80 | 12.03 |
| 14 DIXON | M | 11.53 | 16.00 | 9.93 | 37.46 | 9.33 | 0.60 | 9.93 |
| 15 WADDINGTON, D. | M | 16.00 | 12.00 | 11.47 | 39.47 | 10.27 | 1.20 | 11.47 |
| 16 MORGAN | M | 15.97 | 15.47 | 15.03 | 46.47 | 13.43 | 1.60 | 15.03 |
| 17 DUMBELL | M | 16.00 | 16.00 | 16.00 | 48.00 | 16.00 | 1.80 | 16.00 |

| P O NAME | S | Intermediate Style | | | | | | |
|----------------|---|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------|
| | | E ROUND No:- (4th Style Jump) | | | | | | |
| | | X | 1 | 2 | 3 | Total | Base (Pen) | Total |
| 1 ROBERTS, B. | F | 6.93 | 9.10 | 6.20 | 28.23 | 6.00 | 0.00 | 6.00 |
| 2 SMITH | M | 6.00 | 7.03 | 8.07 | 28.73 | 7.43 | 0.20 | 7.63 |
| 3 PRESCOTT, P. | M | 7.97 | 6.70 | 9.03 | 32.30 | 6.50 | 2.10 | 8.60 |
| 4 RAMSEY | M | 8.90 | 10.00 | 10.00 | 38.90 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 10.00 |

WHAT VALUE THE B.P.A.

Dear Jim,

I am happy to inform you that the threat of closure on the Thrupton Parachute Club has been lifted and we are now back to operating normally with no restrictions.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you and all the staff at the BPA for the great deal of help and advice given over the last few months. I have written under separate cover to Charlie who has also been greatly involved in this particular problem.

I think that the problems that have faced Thrupton and the BPA over the last few months have been dealt with swiftly and professionally and I am sure must impress those who criticise the strength of the association.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your help and look forward to seeing you again in the near future. Yours sincerely,

DENNIS L. WOODS

Dear Dennis,

Many thanks indeed for your letter of 1st June.

I am only too glad that the Association was of assistance to you. It only goes to show the value of having the Association available as a collective body of parachutists in order to represent us all.

With very best wishes for your club in the future. Yours sincerely,

JAMES CROCKER
Chairman

RW CHAMPIONSHIPS

Despite the eleventh hour change of venue for the 1984 Nationals, the RW events were very successfully hosted thanks to the last minute offer from Halfpenny Green Parachute Club.

It was a competition of new beginnings, a new system for selecting the dives and new champions. The new block system adopted by CIP in January this year was used for the first time.

In general the block system presented no problems but as always there were different viewpoints in the interpretation of some of the dives. Such as whether grips should be held on the stationery pair as the other pair rotate and the number of degrees of rotation required when it isn't physically possible to do what is written in the instructions.

TEAMS

Symbiosis (the RW team which has dominated the competition in this country almost since the event was started) was conspicuous by their absence and in consequence the 4 and 8 way trophy was up for grabs and competition for the gold was more keenly fought.

All the top five teams in the four man event, Zaphod, Mondays Child, RAFSPA and Beeblebrox had done some serious training this year.

Zaphod, **Brian Mason, John Parker, Steve Newton, Neville Howarth** have been together for about four years but had only done 15 serious training jumps this year.



Mathew Mortlock and Team.



Mondays Child, **Sarah Brearley, Brian Dyas, Kevin Harbrook** a new team had done about 30 training jumps at Peterborough just prior to the nationals.

RAFSPA **Bob Souter, Barry Henderson, Graham Corkish, Steve Thomas** all instructors from Weston did approximately 250 training jumps.

Beeblebrox a four-way section from an eight-way team had only done 3 four-way jumps had 30 eight-way jumps this year which stood them in good stead.

Apogee originally Thrupton based have been together for about three years, this year they have been spreading their wings and jumping at different DZ's gathering more experience as their score at the meet was to show.

The competition was very keen at the top, being the first year in British RW history where two teams were chasing each other right up until the final rounds. After eight rounds there were still only two

points in it - very exciting. The greater competition experience of Zaphod had the edge over Mondays Child who tried too hard on round nine and made a few mistakes.

THE FOUR-WAY EVENT

The first two rounds drew two of the largest sub-groups flying in the block system. Flying compressed accordions through 310° - very slow!

From round one the placing of the teams took the pattern that was to continue throughout the meet - Zaphod 6, Mondays Child 6, RAFSPA 5, Beeblebrox 5, Apogee 3, Rollen 5.

Round 2 - Zaphod 8, Mondays Child 7, RAFSPA a bad 2, Beeblebrox 4, Apogee 5, Red Devils 1. The Red Devils took a round or two to come back on form.

Round 3 - Flying stairsteps through 360°, a time consuming transition. Zaphod 7, Mondays Child 6, RAFSPA 6, Beeblebrox 5.

Round 4 - Should have been an easy six pointer. Zaphod scored a low 5 having dropped a grip in the inter. Mondays Child 7, Beeblebrox 5, RAFSPA 6. Making Zaphod and Mondays Child equal in first place and RAFSPA and Beeblebrox equal third.

Round 5 - A complicated round with the dreaded compressed accordion flying sub group again. Zaphod 7, Mondays Child 6, RAFSPA 6, Beeblebrox 5.

Round 6 - A fairly straight forward five point dive. Zaphod 8, Mondays Child 8, RAFSPA 5, Beeblebrox

Four Way Winners. Neville Howarth, Steve Newton, John Parker and Brian Mason.



The RASPA Team take it easy in the sun.

6. Zaphod still one point ahead of Mondays Child with RAFSPA and Beeblebrox tying for third place.

Round 7 - A dive that had one block with three randoms in it. So should have been a high scoring round. Zaphod 7, Mondays Child 7, RAFSPA 8, Beeblebrox 5.

Round 8 - 'A tricky little number' - according to **Neville Howarth**, involved quite a lot of difficult flying. Zaphod 7, Mondays Child 6, RAFSPA 6, Beeblebrox 5. Other teams scored 5 in this round particularly Apogee who were scoring 5 points quite regularly. Now only two points separated the top two teams Zaphod and Mondays Child.

Round 9 - A fairly straight forward round, Mondays Child had made a team decision to try and go faster

to make up the ground on Zaphod. In the event it caused them to make mistakes and only score three. Zaphod 7, RAFSPA 4, Beeblebrox 4, Apogee 5.

Round 10 - Another straight forward round which completed the competition as it started - Zaphod 7 - 69, Mondays Child 5 - 61, RAFSPA 6 - 54, Beeblebrox 4 - 48, Apogee 4 - 44.

Both eight-way events didn't have the same element of competition as the four-way. Only one team was in the running for the sequential - Flashtrash scoring 39, Trees and Dogs 25, Gadarine



The Army Team get it sorted.



Form a circle! Kevin Hardwick tells his eight-way team.



Three girls and one guy. Anthea Lee, Mandy Vilion, Pam Duncan and Phil Sullivan.



Midland Team work it out.

Two ends of the sport Mondays Child dirt dive whilst a basic course get their pre-jump check.

Swine 16. The eight-way speed event was similar. Trees and Dogs times were half of those in the event.

A special mention must be made of **John Parker** who won a gold medal in every event.

DAVE WATERMAN

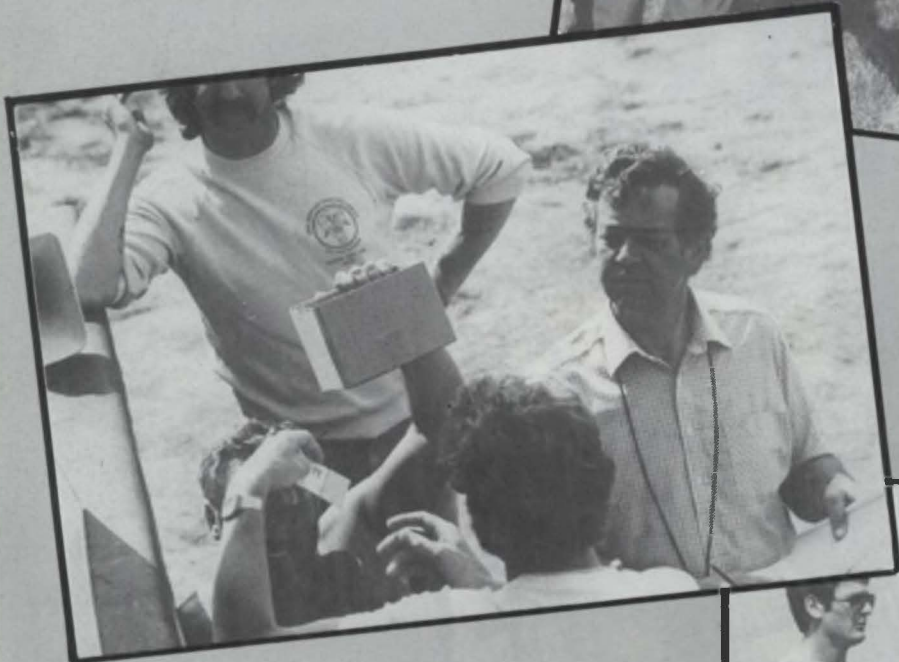
Spider come to grips.



Neville Howarth going through the dive on the climb to altitude.



Red Devils go for the cat.



Doc Flynn looks on as Coach John Hitchen gets the round organised.





Second in Eight way speed the Blue Freds.



First in Eight way Speed Trees and Dogs.

BRITISH NATIONAL PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 4 WAY RW EVENT

| TEAM | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8 | R9 | R10 | Total | Place |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-------|-------|
| ZAPHOD | 6 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 69 | 1 |
| MONDAYS CHILD | 6 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 61 | 2 |
| RAFSPA | 5 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 54 | 3 |
| BEEBLEBROX | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 48 | 4 |
| APOGEE | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 44 | 5 |
| RED DEVILS | 5 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 41 | 6 |
| ARMY | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 40 | 7 |
| TWILIGHT STATE | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 39 | 8 |
| COACH & HORSES | 4 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 38 | 9 |
| SPIDER | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 35 | 10 |
| JUGGLE | 1 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 33 | 11 |
| AGAINST ALL ODDS | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 23 | 12 |
| QUADRILLE | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 21 | 13 |
| SOMIK SILLY | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 21 | 13 |
| INDECISION | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 15 |



Eight Way winners Flashtrash.



Four of them again in Four Way winning team Zaphod.

BRITISH NATIONAL PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS 8 WAY RW EVENT

| TEAM | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | R5 | R6 | R7 | R8 | R9 | R10 | Total | Place |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-------|-------|
| FLASHTRASH | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 39 | 1 |
| TREES & DOGS | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 25 | 2 |
| GADARENE SWINE | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 16 | 3 |

8-WAY SPEED EVENT

- 1 - TREES & DOGS
- 2 - BLUE FREDs
- 3 - GADARENE SWINE
- 4 - BEWDLEY BROS.

WINTER AT PPC - THE UNEXPURGATED VERSION

As 1984 moves on and thoughts turn to summer it is perhaps worth noting some of the events at Sibson over the winter months. While it was, on the whole, a quiet time at the DZ (largely due to the absence of **Jackie Powell**) many events spring to mind.

The end of summer saw the sad demise of two of the DZs better fliers, namely **Keery** and **Tweet**. The former a kestrel was to expire due to malnutrition (a curious fate considering the bird's highly obese appearance). However this may merely have been another case of a pet coming to resemble its master. **Tweet**, however, was to earn the distinction of being the first at Sibson to actually die of drink (despite being a sparrow he was able to beat off determined competition for this honour from **Jim Leatherland**). By the way does anyone know if Jim has got all the glass splinters out of his arse yet? December was regretably to see the demise of a third noted flier on the DZ. Even with two Islanders in residence G-B1ZP is sadly missed. After all what other aircraft type can lift **Bootie** to altitude (or even off the ground).

As the new year began many Sibson regulars were to be found at an excellent new year party hosted by **Ronnie O'Brien** at his home. Much fun was had by all and I understand the rhododendron bushes are flourishing this year after receiving 'royal' approval that evening. How pleasant it was to see the skilful display of martial arts techniques on the lawn by **John Reid** and **Bootie** and to see **Max** the boxer dog gambolling playfully around the garden next morning with its new toy (**Foggy**).

Similarly the annual dinner dance at the Haycocks was to prove another success. **Dave Ward** is to be congratulated on his efforts at transport organising (aided by his mug of Pernod) and O'Brien must surely have taken the prize for satirical elegance in his frilly shirt and specially lengthened cummerbund.

While socially active the DZ has done less well for jumps due to the poor weather. However those who have persisted have managed a few jumps and some

have even progressed. Many Americans from nearby Lakenheath have begun to frequent the DZ under the leadership of **John Reid** who is seen only rarely on the airfield (this being no reflection on his dedication but a testament to the effectiveness of his camouflage. Indeed at times only his medals are visible! Soon he is expected to progress onto squares and jump his own kit (in this light his recent reserve ride was probably good practice!). Other colonial visitors include **Chris Kirkland**, **Jim Wood** and **Terry Polst** who is very popular on the DZ (especially with **Tony Martin**).

Finally the winter has left its mysteries and unanswered questions which must be asked. Where, for example, is the ubiquitous **Carl Harrison** who attained Cat. 10 from scratch in about a month over summer and has not been seen since? Where is **Bob Cacute** (more especially where is all the beer he owes me)? Where is **WPC Temple** whose disappearance is worthy of a police probe if such has not already taken place? Has **Howard Cook's** noted and readily apparent 'bags of drive' deserted him (surely PPC is near enough to Eastbourne for a man of such steely eyed determination!)? Was the time **Clare Smith** landed on the DZ a fluke or will it repeat itself in 1984? Will **Ronnie's** boat float? Will it still float when he boards it? Is **Jane's** interest in black magic an attempt to find a mystical cure for baldness, if so 90% of PPC instructors should be interested, and readily apparent 'bags of drive' deserted him (surely PPC is near enough to Eastbourne for a man of such steely eyed determination!)? Was the time **Clare Smith** landed on the DZ a fluke or will it repeat itself in 1984? Will **Ronnie's** boat float? Will it still float when he boards it? Is **Jane's** interest in black magic an attempt to find a mystical cure for baldness, if so 90% of PPC instructors should be interested, and could any demons, gods or monsters she may summon possibly prove to be more awesome than **John Meacock** or more hideous than **Dave Ward**? Has **Bootie** at last found love and if so is the way to a woman's heart through the Readers Digest? Finally will the author of this article be lynched? If not will he at least have to walk back from the Mills?!

WIMPEY

SIBSON DZ

As not a lot seems to get written in the Mag about Sibson these days, I thought I would let people know we are still here.

First of all a belated congratulations to **Alan** and **Julie Brooks**, who finally made it to the altar, after jumping together for quite a time. (An old one I know but I had to get it in).

On the competition scene, we had a good turn out for the Trac Meet at the beginning of May, which unfortunately only went one round due to bad weather. The Met Police Meet in June however was more successful, and we completed the final round

on Sunday morning between lumps of low black cloud. The winners in the team event were Refraction - (**Ronnie O'Brien**, **Chris Thomas**, **Fred Ryland** and **Adrian Adams**). The individual was won by **Harry Morgan**, closely followed by **Ray Kalnins**, who with only 250 jumps did really well, beating the likes of **Ronnie**, **Fred Ryland**, **Bob Higgins**, **Jackie Smith** etc. Nice one Ray! The Relative Work Seminar in May, run by **Dave Morris** got off to a slow start owing to bad weather, but eventually proved quite a success with some good 3 and 5 way jumps being made.

On the equipment side the start of the year saw the arrival of the Club's two Islanders, as replacements for the Porter, which as most people know crashed at the back end of last year. The last couple of months have seen the arrival of the Centre's new air to air, and ground to air video systems, which are being put to good use by both novice and experienced jumpers.

Also the Centre now has new Student Aeroconicals and rumour has it four new squares in tandem systems are on their way (I think I'll sell my rig!)

The weekend jump scene has seen a lot of 8 and 9 ways lately, with quite a few people getting their BSCR and BSCS awards. A special mention must go to **George Pilkington**, who after getting his BSCS on his 100th jump said, "Wow", 46 times before falling asleep in the early hours of the morning. **Pam Boggon** also got her BSCS on the same dive closing 9th.



Refaction Ronnie O'Brien, Chris Thomas, Fred Ryland and Adrian Adams.



Sibson celebrate Simon Calen's 200th.

On the student scene good progress is being made by most, despite the English weather, with Cat. 8 status being achieved by **Jackie Powell**, **Ian Russell**, **Terri Sparkey**, and **Pete Carr**. To name but a few. Good progress too with **Cathy West**, **Carol Merryweather** and **Janine Attrill** well into freefall.



Peterborough United 3rd Team.



North West Para Centre 2nd place Team.

(Special mention to **Yorkie** for his first freefall on his 7th jump. Nice one mate).

Two new faces on the DZ of late have been the 'Nose Brothers' **Simon 'Docker' Cairns**, and **Stephan 'Acc' Cairns**, who finally overcame severe bottle problems and returned to jumping after an eleven month lay off! Another regular face on the DZ is 'Mr Malfunction' **Steve Mitchell**, who on the first jump on his new kit decided he didn't like the colours after all and chopped it! Rumour has it that he reserve was a bit bright as well, but fed up with cutting away he has resorted to a pair of mirrored shades!

Bringing us up to date, last weekend saw most of the regulars taking advantage of that rarity in this country - superb weather. On Saturday evening a barbeque was organised by **Sue Meacock** with most people jumping in. First lift off the ground was for **Alan Bonnets** 1000th jump, a 16 way using the two Islanders. Unfortunately it didn't go quite as planned and only built to 10. Other dives included an all girl tube, (**Nikki, Jan, Kate and Julie**) and plenty of 2 way and accuracy jumps.

Looking ahead to the next couple of months, we have another Trac Meet in August and two more RW Seminars - so what with Duck End and Swansea it promises to be a pretty busy and expensive summer.

I must close by mentioning a few people otherwise I will get my head busted! Congratulations to **Nikki, Simon and Tony** for their 200th jumps, **George** for his 100th, **Alan** for his 1000th, **Dennis** for making our T-shirts for the Duck End Meet, **Dave, Bob, Heather and Barry** for their gold and silver medals at the Nationals, **Pete Allum** for being the most laid back guy on the DZ, **Debbie** for being bouncy and **Pete Birch** for being Pete Birch!

I can't go without thanking everyone who was on my 300th - **Ronnie, Pete, Steve, Simon, George, Stef, Robin and Pam** - thanks guys. Blue skies.

ANDY D4873

HALFPENNY GREEN TO THE RESCUE

Little did I realise when I sent in our last entry for your Club Page from The Green that the Nationals would be held here this year!

We were working towards, as I said, to a competition held under the auspicious of the BPA next year! But owing to some problems at Bridlington at the last moment, they could not play host. So it was to Halfpenny Green that the two NCSO's descended like a couple of whirlwinds and working close in hand with **Pat** and **Tony**, we have a National Competition on our hands! To give some idea even a shower block complete was plumbed in and a camping and caravan site organised. Don't ask me how all the work was completed in time, but it was and at the time of writing the competition is well into its stride. With the Style and Accuracy having been run and the prizes presented and the four and eight way rele almost over.

Whilst here at the Green we were not exactly caught with our pants down! We were not geared up to the sudden influx of so many keen and dedicated hard core competitors (that is a story in itself) but we have tried our hardest, but on the premise that you cannot please everybody all the time we would like to apologise in advance for any shortfalls you may have experienced on the domestic front whilst you were here.

Also **Les** the Gaffer of the Royal Oak apologises for being caught short on the grub stakes but you must all admit the beer was good.

Thanks must go first and foremost to all the girls in the kitchen where twelve hour shifts were the order of the day, **Eileen and Hilda** and at weekends **Janet, Sue and Lorraine**. Well done girls, hope you managed to get the odd jump in!!! Thanks also to **Pat Walters and Tony Oaks and Lyn** who all ran the bar

during those very social hours and allowed all those keen type to fill-in their log books in very convivial surroundings.

On the competition side medals must be struck for all the folk who graft (in the work context) for the love of the sport!!! The sheer volume of work is staggering and I know that all the members here at the Green who saw it all have learnt a lot from you all, a big thank you to **John Hitchen and Tony Butler, Doc Flynn** (I bet I've spelt it wrong), **Annie, Tracey and Marjella, Pete Reynolds and Elspeta and Dave Howerski** and all the others whose names I don't know. But they will all get a mention on the official meet report.

Also thanks to all the pilots who flew or stood by to fly. For without them, it would have been one big dirt dive, and would you believe it whilst all this was going on four or five full student courses were put through plus club jumping (fun and progression) the mind boggles.

So lots of thanks to **Pat, Tony, Eddie and John** and to **Lisa D. King** who organises the courses.

On the club front congrats to **Simon** on his 200th, **Sue** who will be Cat. VIII by now and will owe me a pint, **Janet** who after problems on the 182 has cracked the Islander!! **Norman** who is coming up through his progression in fine style! I have just been down to the Green and all is well, the weather is superb and the 4 and 8 way is almost done. It seems a close thing for two teams at the top of the 4 way and one team seems to have cracked the intermediate. **Dolly, Lou, Andy and Rick** I love yer.

Well that's all for the moment from the Green. Blue skies everyone.

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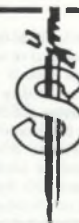
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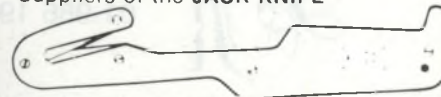
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TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

In spite of our best efforts, we have shown a small deficit for the Financial Year ended 31st March 1984 of £373. There are a number of reasons for this, the principal one being the appointment of an additional National Coach for whose salary we have yet to receive funding from the Sports Council. Hopefully, this is something that will be rectified when we finalise and receive approval for our Five Year Plan which is at present being drafted.

The Magazine has made a small loss and the Shop profits are heavily down, partly because of disappointing results from the franchise operation and partly because of loss of advertising from free distribution of Magazines to P6 members, something that has now been reinstated. General administration costs have

commendably shown a small drop. We did not, however, receive the increase in subscription income anticipated partly because of a fall in the numbers of full members and partly because we reduced the cost of P6 membership in order to persuade all Clubs to put their Students through the BPA, an effort which I am pleased to say has been successful. The significance of this is shown by the annual returns submitted by the Clubs showing 36,407 first jumps in 1983, whilst the number of P6 memberships issued by the office was about 24,000. As the BPA benefits by just under £1 per Student, the conclusions are inescapable.

PETER RITCHIE
Treasurer

THE BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the
EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of the Association will be held at:
THE LEICESTER INTERNATIONAL HOTEL,
HUMBERSTONE GATE, LEICESTER
on Saturday 12th January 1985 at 16.30 hours

AGENDA

- 1 To consider, and adopt if approved, the Report of the Council.
- 2 To fix subscriptions payable by members for the ensuing year.
- 3 To discuss any Special Business.
- 4 To Elect the Council.

Dated this 2nd Day of August, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Four.

For and on behalf of the Council of the BPA.

C.W. Port
Secretary General

NOTE. Members are reminded that under Article 30 of the Articles of Association only such business as is notified to the Secretary General in writing at least 30 days prior to the date of the Meeting can be included under item 3 - "Special Business". Accommodation at the International Hotel for Friday and/or Saturday should be booked direct with the hotel - telephone Leicester (0533) 20471. Telex 341460. Election to Council - Your nomination paper (an insert with this issue of the Journal must reach the BPA Office by not later than Friday 5th October 1984 but do please submit as soon as possible, typewritten if possible please. Ballot Papers - These will be sent out as an insert with the October issue of the Journal. Dinner/Dance - 11th January 1985 - Details in October issue of the Journal.

THE BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING
of the British Parachute Association will be held at
KIMBERLEY HOUSE, LEICESTER
on Thursday 25th October 1984 at 6.30 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1 To receive and adopt if approved, the Annual Accounts and Report of the Auditors for the financial year ended 31st March 1984.
- 2 To confirm the re-appointment of Auditors and fix their remuneration for the ensuing financial year.

Dated this 2nd Day of August, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Four.

For and on behalf of the Council of the BPA

C.W. Port
Secretary General

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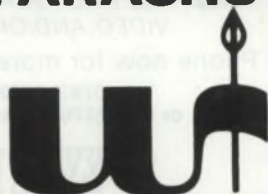
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Report and Accounts for the Year ended 31st March 1984

COUNCIL

| | | | |
|---------------|---|----------------|------------|
| Chairman | – | J. T. Crocker | |
| Vice Chairman | – | J. L. Thomas | |
| Treasurer | – | P. W. Ritchie | |
| Other Members | – | Ms S. Brealey | R. Colpus |
| | | J. Curtis | B. P. Dyas |
| | | D. F. Hennessy | R. Hiatt |
| | | S. D. Lambe | G. Lilly |
| | | J. Lines | B. Mason |
| | | L. W. Melville | G. O'Hara |
| | | J. Sharples | D. Tylcoat |
| | | Mrs J. Watts | |

The names of the present council members are stated above. J. Walmsley and M. Munn served as council members during the period but were not re-elected at the Annual General Meeting in January 1984. K. Yeoman served as a council member during the period until his resignation due to ill-health in September 1983.

Annexed to these accounts is a report prepared by the Treasurer on behalf of the council commenting upon the results for the year and the financial position of the Association at 31st March 1984.

C. W. Port – Secretary General

Kimberley House,
47 Vaughan Way,
Leicester, LE1 4SG.
2nd August 1984

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

We have audited the accounts set out on pages II to V in accordance with approved Auditing Standards.

In our opinion, the accounts, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs at 31st March 1984, and of its result and source and application of funds for the year then ended and comply with the Companies Acts 1948 to 1981.

EDWARD MOORE & SONS

Chartered Accountants,
London.

2nd August 1984

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31st March 1984

| | Note | 1984 | | 1983 | |
|---------------------------------------|------|--------|------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| INCOME | | | | | |
| Members subscriptions | 1 | | 77,708 | | 75,954 |
| Sports Council grants | | | 65,465 | | 60,273 |
| Members insurance | | | 16,149 | | 10,226 |
| Shop sales | | | 11,226 | | 14,189 |
| Magazine subscriptions | | 23,093 | | 21,237 | |
| Magazine advertising | | 8,577 | | 7,184 | |
| | | | <u>31,670</u> | | <u>28,421</u> |
| Other income | 2 | | 6,723 | | 5,846 |
| TOTAL INCOME | | | <u><u>£208,941</u></u> | | <u><u>£194,909</u></u> |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | | |
| Cost of shop sales | | | 10,374 | | 6,369 |
| Headquarters costs | | | | | |
| Rent, rates, heat and light | | 6,365 | | 5,855 | |
| Depreciation of fixed assets | 1 | 2,046 | | 2,861 | |
| | | | <u>8,411</u> | | <u>8,716</u> |
| Headquarters administration | | | | | |
| Staff costs | 3 | 23,638 | | 24,271 | |
| Staff and council travel | | 11,026 | | 9,374 | |
| Postage | | 11,216 | | 11,959 | |
| Telephone | | 3,902 | | 2,921 | |
| Printing and stationery | | 8,498 | | 9,245 | |
| Publicity | | 1,582 | | 530 | |
| General expenses | | 2,234 | | 3,097 | |
| Hire of office equipment | | 719 | | 553 | |
| Audit and accountancy | | 2,400 | | 2,250 | |
| Insurance | | 452 | | 114 | |
| Legal and professional | | 348 | | 1,495 | |
| Subscriptions | | 1,246 | | 1,539 | |
| | | | <u>67,261</u> | | <u>67,348</u> |
| Finance costs | | | | | |
| Bank charges | | 449 | | 251 | |
| Bad and doubtful debts | | 480 | | 958 | |
| | | | <u>929</u> | | <u>1,209</u> |
| Membership services | | | | | |
| World championships | | 23,868 | | 18,149 | |
| European championships | | 1,419 | | 3,513 | |
| National championships | | 2,665 | | 5,501 | |
| Coaching | | 14,874 | | 11,456 | |
| Coaching salaries | 3 | 20,994 | | 12,840 | |
| B.P.A. vehicle running costs | | 938 | | 1,333 | |
| Boards of enquiry | | 1,072 | | 427 | |
| General Meetings | | 3,059 | | 2,006 | |
| Grants to clubs | | 3,825 | | 5,593 | |
| C.I.P. conference | | 1,290 | | 675 | |
| Magazine costs | | 32,734 | | 27,986 | |
| Insurances | | 15,601 | | 9,288 | |
| | | | <u>122,339</u> | | <u>98,767</u> |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | | | <u><u>£209,314</u></u> | | <u><u>£182,409</u></u> |
| (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR | | | <u><u>£(373)</u></u> | | <u><u>£12,500</u></u> |

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

BALANCE SHEET – 31st March 1984

| | Note | £ | 1984 | £ | 1983 | £ |
|--|------|--------|----------------|--------|----------------|-------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 4 | | 7,228 | | | 7,172 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Stock | | 10,346 | | 13,000 | | |
| Other debtors | | 12,674 | | 7,139 | | |
| Prepayments | | 1,905 | | 1,404 | | |
| Loans to clubs | 5 | 12,110 | | 11,186 | | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 38,035 | | 45,486 | | |
| | | | <u>£75,070</u> | | <u>£78,215</u> | |
| CREDITORS – | | | | | | |
| amounts falling due within one year | | | | | | |
| Trade creditors | | 1,426 | | 4,477 | | |
| Taxation and social security | | 3,133 | | 4,568 | | |
| Other creditors | | 15,401 | | 14,337 | | |
| Accruals | | 146 | | 1,176 | | |
| Subscriptions in advance | | 16,727 | | 14,991 | | |
| | | | <u>£36,833</u> | | <u>£39,549</u> | |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | | <u>38,237</u> | | <u>38,666</u> | |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | <u>£45,465</u> | | <u>£45,838</u> | |
| ACCUMULATED FUND | | | | | | |
| Balance at 1st April 1983 | | | 45,838 | | 33,338 | |
| (Deficit)/Surplus for the year | | | (373) | | 12,500 | |
| | | | <u>£45,465</u> | | <u>£45,838</u> | |

Approved by Council on
2nd August, 1984 and
signed on its behalf by: –

J. T. Crocker – Chairman

P. W. Ritchie – Treasurer

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Notes to the Accounts

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Depreciation has been charged on tangible fixed assets, when they have been brought into use by the Association, calculated to write down the assets over their estimated useful lives at the following annual rates:—

| | | |
|----------------------|---|---|
| Office fixtures | — | 10% on cost |
| Office equipment | — | 15% on reducing balance |
| Exhibition equipment | — | 25% on cost |
| Training equipment | — | Various rates between 10% and 50% on cost |
| Vehicles | — | 25% on cost |

(b) Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(c) Subscriptions are brought into account only when received.

(d) Corporation tax is provided for at current rates of tax on taxable investment income.

2. OTHER INCOME

Other income includes interest receivable, net of tax of £2,884 (1983 – £2,706).

3. STAFF COSTS

| | 1984 | | 1983 | |
|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| | Coaching £ | Administration £ | Coaching £ | Administration £ |
| Wages and salaries | 18,432 | 20,813 | 10,987 | 21,193 |
| Social security costs | 2,027 | 2,290 | 1,318 | 2,543 |
| Pension costs | 535 | 535 | 535 | 535 |
| | <u>£20,994</u> | <u>£23,638</u> | <u>£12,840</u> | <u>£24,271</u> |

The average number of persons employed by the Association during the year was 8 (1983 – 7).

4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

| | Office Fixtures £ | Office Equipment £ | Exhibition Equipment £ | Training Equipment £ | Vehicles £ | Total £ |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| COST | | | | | | |
| At 1st April 1983 | 1,636 | 6,759 | 842 | 11,536 | 2,660 | 23,433 |
| Additions | 218 | 825 | — | 1,059 | — | 2,102 |
| At 31st March 1984 | <u>1,854</u> | <u>7,584</u> | <u>842</u> | <u>12,595</u> | <u>2,660</u> | <u>25,535</u> |
| DEPRECIATION | | | | | | |
| At 1st April 1983 | 1,133 | 3,946 | 421 | 8,101 | 2,660 | 16,261 |
| Charge for year | 182 | 546 | 211 | 1,107 | — | 2,046 |
| At 31st March 1984 | <u>1,315</u> | <u>4,492</u> | <u>632</u> | <u>9,208</u> | <u>2,660</u> | <u>18,307</u> |
| WRITTEN DOWN VALUE | | | | | | |
| At 31st March 1984 | <u>£539</u> | <u>£3,092</u> | <u>£210</u> | <u>£3,387</u> | <u>£Nil</u> | <u>£7,228</u> |
| At 31st March 1983 | <u>£503</u> | <u>£2,813</u> | <u>£421</u> | <u>£3,435</u> | <u>£Nil</u> | <u>£7,172</u> |

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Notes to the Accounts (Continued)

5. LOAN ACCOUNTS

| | Rates of Interest | Due for repayment by: | 1984 £ | 1983 £ |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Flixton Parachute Club | 5% | September 1985 | 1,262 | - |
| Thrupton Parachute Club | 5% | February 1986 | 2,100 | 3,012 |
| Leeds & Bradford Parachute Club | 5% | October 1985 | 5,104 | - |
| Border Venture Parachute Club | 5% | October 1984 | 525 | 1,000 |
| Cornwall Parachute Club | 5% | July 1985 | 1,000 | - |
| British Parachute Schools | 5% | August 1984 | 2,119 | 2,865 |
| East Coast Parachute Club | 5% | | - | 518 |
| Shrewsbury Skydivers Club | 5% | | - | 1,500 |
| Ipswich Parachute Club | 5% | | - | 1,375 |
| Halfpenny Green Parachute Club | 5% | | - | 916 |
| | | | <u>£12,110</u> | <u>£11,186</u> |
| Due for repayment within one year | | | 8,493 | 7,212 |
| Due for repayment after one year | | | 3,617 | 3,974 |
| | | | <u>£12,110</u> | <u>£11,186</u> |

SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

for the year ended 31st March 1984

| | 1984 | | 1983 | |
|---|---------|-----------------|---------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| APPLICATION OF FUNDS | | | | |
| (Deficit)/Surplus for the year | | (373) | | 12,500 |
| Adjustment for items not involving the movement of funds: | | | | |
| Depreciation | 2,046 | | 2,861 | |
| Taxation provided | 1,236 | | 1,910 | |
| | | <u>3,282</u> | | <u>4,771</u> |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets | 2,102 | 2,909 | 782 | 17,271 |
| Tax paid | 1,910 | | 1,618 | |
| | | <u>4,012</u> | | <u>2,400</u> |
| | | <u>(£1,103)</u> | | <u>£14,871</u> |
| INCREASE/(DECREASE) IN WORKING CAPITAL | | | | |
| Stock | (2,654) | | 2,077 | |
| Debtors | 6,036 | | 1,463 | |
| Loan accounts | 924 | | 239 | |
| Creditors | 3,777 | | (1,447) | |
| Subscriptions in advance | (1,735) | | (2,161) | |
| | | <u>6,348</u> | | <u>171</u> |
| (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND DEPOSITS | | <u>(7,451)</u> | | <u>14,700</u> |
| | | <u>(£1,103)</u> | | <u>£14,871</u> |

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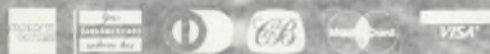
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COUNCIL MEETING
THE TAN HOUSE, LAPWORTH,
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14th JUNE 1984 - 6.30 p.m.

Present:

| | |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| J.T. Crocker | Chairman BPA |
| J.L. Thomas | Vice Chairman BPA |
| P.W. Ritchie | Chairman Finance |
| J.R.H. Sharples | Chairman STC |
| S.D. Lambe | Chairman Comp. Cttee |
| D. Hennessy | Chairman Dev. Cttee |
| R. Hiatt | |
| R. Colpus | |
| B. Dyas | |
| G. Lilly | |
| G. O'Hara | |
| J. Curtis | |
| J. Lines | |

Co-opted:

D. Waterman Editor 'Sport Para'

Observers:

8

In Attendance:

| | |
|--------------|--------------|
| A.K. Butler | JNC SO |
| J.H. Hitchen | JNC SO |
| C.W. Port | Sec. General |

Apologies:

B. Mason, L. Melville, J. Watts.

Item 37/84 - Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting of 26th April were accepted as a true record. Proposed by **D. Hennessy** seconded by **S.D. Lambe**.

Carried Unanimously

Matters arising

1. P6 Memberships

A paper had been presented giving the up to date return of P6 Memberships via each club.

P.W. Ritchie stated that last year the number of students 'jumped' at clubs taken from annual returns had not matched up to the number of P6 Memberships processed via the Association. The Treasurer agreed to write an article on this for the magazine. As he said, if the same number of students appeared in the accounts as they did on Annual Returns the income of the Association would have benefited by some £10,000.

It was noted that the only club which had not processed P6 Memberships was Sunderland. It was unanimously agreed that the affiliation of Sunderland be suspended and the matter could be reviewed if the club started operating again.

P.W. Ritchie
J.T. Crocker

2. Sponsorship

This item is dealt with under Development.

3. Magazine to P6 Students

The Secretary General reported that this was in hand.

Item 38/84 - Committee Minutes

1. Safety and Training Committee

The Chairman of STC, **J.R.H. Sharples**, asked for questions on the Minutes (distributed).

Only one main point was raised for clarification Council felt that it was the right time to inform people that no-one had the automatic right to speak at STC unless they were members of the Committee but that as a general rule the Chairman could and usually did invite interested parties to speak and put their points of view.

Proposed by **R. Colpus** and seconded by **Ms. S. Brearley** that the minutes be ratified.

Carried Unanimously

A brief initial report was given of the two fatalities which had occurred over the week-end of 9/10 June.

The Council expressed its deep sorrow and regret at the fatalities to the family and friends of **Mr. Alan Layton** and **Mr. Gordon Howard** (Banja).

2. Competitions Committee

R. Colpus presented the minutes of the meeting of 29th May 1984.

1. Competitions - Weston on the Green, this has been 'washed out' but it was hoped to stage it at a later date.

2. National Championships

The venue for the above Championships had had to be

changed at very short notice.

(a) New Venue at Halfpenny Green

(b) Aircraft now arranged

(c) Camping near airfield

(d) The JNC SO to organise caravans for officials, charges to be £2 per night per person

(e) It was agreed that the cost of using the venue would have to be accepted by Council in order to be able to have a National Championships.

(f) A vote of thanks was unanimously proposed to the centre for agreeing to host as such short notice. The Chairman would write to those concerned.

(g) The Chairman would write to His Worship the Mayor of Bridgnorth to ask if he would be kind enough to present the prizes at the end of the Classic phase.

(h) The Chairman would write to ask the Landowner if he would be kind enough to present the prizes at the end of the Relative Work Phase.

Treasurer

Sec. Gen.

J.T. Crocker

(j) Council deeply regretted the cancellation made by Bridlington quite apart from the inconvenience caused to competitors and officials.

(k) The Secretary General had written to His Worship the Mayor of Bridlington apologising for the venue change when he had graciously agreed to present prizes, but that the change had been due to circumstances beyond the control of the Association.

(l) The Secretary General had contacted Raeford to inform all the 'BRITS' training of the change of venue.

(m) The changes etc. had been notified to all registered competitors, a notice sent to all clubs for display on notice boards and an insert will be in the June issue of the magazine.

A vote of thanks was given to the office staff concerned with setting up the Nationals at the new venue at such short notice, the work done is very much appreciated.

3. Video

The video was not useable but the APA had agreed to let the BPA use their system for the National Championships. Once again Council expressed thanks to the APA, **G. O'Hara** and **D. Scarfe** for their most generous help.

The BPA video needs a new fluid head. It was agreed to ask **J. Laing** if he would be kind enough to look at the BPA System and put a system together as required. **S.D. Lambe** would contact him on this. It was agreed that the Association must have an adequate system.

4. It was agreed that grants of up to £200 be allowed for CRW Seminars.

J. Curtis said that the expenses should be held in check, it was agreed that the Finance Committee would look at this.

5. Canopy Relative Work - World Cup

A request had come in from the RNRM team to be given British Team status in order that they could go to the Championships. The Secretary General had contacted the Sports Council to request some help towards preparation training costs for the British Team. It was agreed that the team which won the CRW nationals would be the British Team. **S.D. Lambe** agreed to write to the people concerned on this subject. Proposed by **R. Colpus**, seconded by **G. O'Hara** that the minutes be ratified.

Carried Unanimously

3. Finance Committee

P.W. Ritchie, Chairman of the Finance Committee presented the minutes of the meeting of 5th June.

(1) Draft Accounts

The Treasurer gave a brief explanation of the first draft of accounts. The Secretary General had written a full line by line explanation of each account heading. The final draft with explanations would be ready for discussion at the Finance Meeting of 16th July and subsequently at the Council Meeting of 2nd August. The Accounts would, as always, be in the August edition of the magazine.

Finance Cttee

Sec-Gen

(2) Gestetner

A paper had been produced by the Secretary General on the need for a new machine. There was considerable discussion on the subject and it was finally agreed that the Treasurer be given the task of deciding whether to go ahead with the purchase, dependent upon the outcome of investigation by **Mr. Alan James** on the possibility of franchising out the printing.

(3) GASCO Subs

As the Association had increased the annual subscription to GASCO substantially last year there would be no increase this year.

(4) PT10 Canopies

A bid by **Mr. A. Knight** of £31,000 had been accepted for

these canopies. An agreement had been reached in which the Association would participate in the purchase and resale to give the Association some £3,500 profit and an outstanding deal for members purchasing the canopies.

There was considerable and in depth discussion on this subject and it was finally agreed that:-

(a) The Treasurer would confirm that the bid by **Mr. A. Knight** of £31,000 had been accepted.

(b) That the Association would pay £25,000 of the overall purchase price plus a % of the shipping, insurance etc.

(c) That **Mr. A. Knight** be asked to provide the remaining £6,000.

(d) That the agents, Charles Kendal be approached to say that the money would be available on a letter of credit to a nominated bank in the County of purchase, it to be paid FOB. (The goods aboard the ship, and consignment note signed by the Captain or first mate of the vessel).

(e) If **A. Knight** would not accept payment of only £25,000 by the Association then the Treasurer be allowed to go to the whole £31,000.

P.W. Ritchie

It was further agreed that, should the purchase go through, a safety notice be sent to all those purchasing concerning the modification needed.

Proposed by **P.W. Ritchie** and seconded by **G. Lilly** that the minutes be ratified.

Carried Unanimously

4. Development

D. Hennessy gave an update on the Development plan to date. The information on DZ facilities, Courses etc. were being collated as they came in and he hoped to have a written plan to put to Council by the Council Meeting of 20th September.

On sponsorship he had been in touch with Atkinson and Foreman, in the person of **Mr. Pemberton** who was very hopeful that sponsorship would be available. The basic idea was to be involved over a 3 - 5 year period with a sponsor, and he was carefully balancing what the Associations could and would be able to offer against the sums that might be available (25 - 30 thousand pounds per year, i.e. Competition, Display Team, Safety, Coaching, etc. etc.)

It was agreed that **D. Hennessy** be given the go ahead to proceed with the above.

In the meantime the Secretary General had, on instruction from the Vice Chairman, contacted a different firm along very similar lines to those discussed by **D. Hennessy**. It was agreed that **D. Hennessy** tie these together if at all possible. Council will be kept informed of developments.

D. Hennessy
Sec. Gen.

5. Royal Aero Club

The Minutes of the RAeC meeting had been distributed.

P.W. Ritchie asked whether the BPA entry for the year book had been submitted. The Secretary General would contact the BPA Vice President, **G.C.P. Shea-Simonds** on this subject.

Item 39/84 - Eiffel Tower Descent

As requested by Council the Secretary General had produced all the relevant paperwork on BASE.

Two letters had been received from the French Parachute Association to which the Chairman would reply.

The two people concerned were not at the time of the descent members of the Association: It had been rumoured that they had since renewed. The Secretary General stated that to his certain knowledge this was not the case. (N.B. On checking records again 15.6.84. Neither of the people concerned had renewed via the office, nor had any information been given that they had renewed via a club, as in all cases clubs must send in names of those renewed and the renewal fee. The names do not appear in the Cash Books nor on the latest computer print out).

The Council felt and agreed after much discussion that as these persons were not members of the Association, either now or at the time of the incident, and as they had carried out the descent abroad, and had not as such brought the Sport into disrepute no further action was necessary. But every future case, would, as always, be looked at, at the time and in the light of prevailing conditions and circumstances.

Item 40/84 - AFF

B. Dyas had presented a paper on this subject. There was considerable discussion on the matter and Council agreed that they felt it was a good idea but that it needed to be put to STC on the grounds of safety.

G. O'Hara said that both the APA and RAPA were introducing a pilot scheme and he would be interested to compare results with those achieved by **B. Dyas**.

Item 41/84 - A.O.B.**Renewal of Rating**

A request was made for the renewal of the instructors rating from **Mr. I. Marshall**. There was much discussion on this subject and it was felt that as Council had removed the rating they would have to re-instate this rating, but it would need to be subject to STC satisfying themselves as to the suitability and currency of **Mr. I. Marshall**.

STC

It was proposed by **R. Hiatt** and seconded by **J.L. Thomas** that the rating be renewed subject to the conditions laid down by STC.

For - 9

Against -

G. O'Hara - he did not feel that the rating should be re-instated.

Abstentions -

D. Hennessy, S.D. Lambe, as they had no knowledge of original matters and had not been involved in the discussions etc. which led to removal of the rating.

Carried

Civil Aviation Authority

J.H. Hitchen and **J.L. Thomas** both reported problems with the CAA. It was agreed that they would both contact the Vice President, **G.C.P. Shea-Simonds** to ask him to use his influence to try to sort out the problems.

In addition **J.L. Thomas** would write to **J.T. Crocker** detailing his problems. The Chairman would look into each of the complaints.

Thanks were given to **Mrs Barbara Crocker** for providing the food and venue for the Meeting.

The date of the next meeting is 2nd August 1984 at Kimberley House, Leicester, 6.30 p.m.

**BRITISH PARACHUTE
ASSOCIATION
SAFETY AND TRAINING
COMMITTEE MEETING
31st MAY 1984
THE POST HOUSE, LEICESTER
19:00 HOURS**

Present:

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| J.R.H. Sharples | Chairman STC |
| J.K. Lines | MPC |
| B.A. Bias | Wild Geese |
| K. Kempton | Skybird |
| J. Diamond | MFFC |
| I. Louttit | DISC |
| L. Thomas | Riggers |
| M. Mortlock | London Skydiving |
| G. Douglas | RGJ |
| C. Evans | TPA & SSSC |
| D. Palmer | Shrewsbury |
| D. Howerski | Swansea |
| R. Harman | Red Devils |
| L. Melville | RAPT |
| G. Lawry | RNRMSPA |
| A. Collingwood | Doncaster |
| P. Cavanagh | Black Knights |
| T. Knight | Ipswich |
| D. Parker | Headcorn |
| D.T. Hickling | BPS |
| R. Souter | RAFSPA |
| J. Horne | JSPC (N) |

Apologies for absence:

M. McCarthy, R. Ellis, M. Winwood, K. Noble, J. Chandler, J. Meacock, J. Ball, M. Bolton.

In Attendance:

C. Ure (Capital Para), B. Scoular (RN & RMSPA), J. Curtis (Riggers), T. Butler (JNCISO).

Observers:

B. Parry, M. Flynn, L. Cooper, E. Dunn, K. Miles, G. Keeble, S. Thomas, M. Knox, R. Hanas, S. Caddis, N. Hamilton, E. Smith.

Item 1 - Minutes and Matters arising from STC Meeting 19th April 1984**1.1. BPA Operations Manual**

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Operations Manual was now ready for printing and would be sent out within the next couple of weeks. Also the 'final' draft of the new Medical Certificate had been sent out with amendments as suggested by STC and this certificate was approved by the Meeting.

1.5. (3) Incidents

An amendment to the last minutes had been sent out prior

to the meeting concerning No. 3 on previous incidents, deleting the last paragraph, stating that the reason for the deletion was that if a student had a problem in free fall, he/she should not wait for stability before deploying the main parachute.

1.7. (2) DZs (Killykergan)

The Chairman informed the meeting, that as requested by STC the JNCISOs had been to Northern Ireland to inspect the Killykergan DZ and had agreed that student parachuting could take place until this meeting, under certain conditions, when the club CCI would present his proposals for the STC to consider.

B. Bias (CCI Wild Geese) informed the meeting that the Drop Zone at Movenis which has been used for student parachuting was not suitable for student parachuting and was to be used for 'C' and 'D' Certificate holders only, which necessitated using the more suitable DZ at Killykergan. **Mr. Bias** presented a map and drawing of the DZ and as there were a number of power lines with 1000 yards, he proposed that the DZ be cleared for all categories of parachutists on condition that only one student exit per pass, no student is despatched if the WDI travels more than 600 yards in any direction except north, all instructors/JMs will be briefed by the CCI. DZ control will only be carried out by an Instructor or experienced parachutist, briefed by the CCI.

After some discussion this proposal was seconded by **P. Cavanagh**.

Carried Unanimously

It was proposed by **J. Home** and seconded by **R. Souter** that the minutes of the Meeting of 19th April be accepted as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

Item 2 - Approval of Riggers Minutes of 19th April 1984

J. Curtis gave the meeting a resume of the Riggers Minutes and asked for official approval of the 1/4 bag/diaper designed by **I. Robertson** as **T. Knight** wished to manufacture these 1/4 bags. It was proposed by **T. Knight** and seconded by **D. Parker** that the Robertson 1/4 bag be approved.

Carried Unanimously

J. Curtis stated that Council had awarded **Mr. Robertson** £50 towards his expenses concerning this bag.

J. Curtis also informed the meeting that the Riggers Committee felt that ripstop was acceptable for the temporary repair of a small section of damage on reserve parachutes, but this must be replaced at the earliest opportunity by a permanent repair. The minutes were unanimously approved by the meeting.

J. Curtis

Item 3 - Approval of Pilots Meeting of 19th April 1984

The Chairman informed the meeting that **J. Ball** was unable to attend the meeting and pointed out that Para 5 in the minutes stated 'two take offs and landings', when it should be 'three take offs and landings'. The Chairman stated that the CAA had approved most of the pilots the BPA submitted as 'Approved CAA Persons' and a list would be sent to all Clubs as soon as it is compiled.

All CCIs

JNCISO

Item 4 - 'Pull Out' Pilot 'chutes

J. Meacock was unable to attend the meeting but his letter had already been submitted requesting approval to run a programme using the 'Pull Out' pilot chute. The meeting felt that STC approval was not necessary as this was permitted within the Category System, and looked forward to hearing the results of his programme.

Item 5 - Drop Zones

The meeting was informed that two Drop Zones had been checked by both NCSOs for **C. Ure** of Capital City Parachuting, both near the town of Eynsford in Kent, the first to the east of the town had been cleared for 'C' and 'D' Certificate holders, subject to club affiliation, and the proposed DZ to the west of the town in the opinion of the JNCISOs was unsuitable as an unrestricted Drop Zone. **Mr. Ure** requested that STC clear this DZ to the west of the town as an unrestricted DZ, he stated that it had also been inspected by **L. Melville** and in his opinion the DZ was suitable for all categories of parachutists, after some discussion, it was proposed by **L. Melville** that the Drop Zone be cleared as an unrestricted DZ, this proposal failed to find a seconder.

Item 6 - Instructor Course 2 - 84

T. Butler informed the meeting of the recommendations made by the Examiners on the Course, which were:

- 1) That **A. Grice** be awarded Approved Instructor status.
- 2) That **R. Buckle** be permitted to return for final examination for Advanced Instructor status in 3 months.
- 3) That **D. Palmer** be permitted to return for final examination for Advanced Instructor status, in 3 months, if

STC approve of his have completed a water descent on 29th May 1984 as no records of his previous water descent could be found.

These first three proposals were unanimously accepted by the meeting.

Proposal 5, was that STC consider the exemption given to **M. Berry** (NISFFC) to act as CCI, considering that he has been unable to attend the last two courses for upgrading to Advanced Instructor. The meeting felt that as there may have been some confusion in the original granting of this exemption, **M. Berry's** permission to act as CCI should be until the next course in August.

M. Berry

JNCISO

Item 7 - Incident reports - resume

1) **G. Lawry** of Eaglescott Skydiving Centre, informed the meeting of a student on her first descent, had left the aircraft and within two seconds had cutaway from her main canopy and deployed her reserve, landing safely. On interviewing the student, she had stated that she felt a jolt and had thought she was 'hung up' and went through the hang up procedures, she had not thought about checking her canopy. Some discussion took place concerning the use of teaching 'Capewell' releasing, but it was felt that in this instance no recommendations could be made.

JNCISO

2) The second incident was of an experienced jumper, jumping a 'Light Weight' Cloud, which had been fitted with brake lines made from 'Pegasus' Line. On deployment the canopy went into a violent stall and rotation, the jumper cutaway and landed safely under his reserve, it was discovered that both brake lines had broken. This incident had been discussed at the Riggers Meeting and they were to request more information. The meeting felt that when replacing materials on canopies etc., they should only be replaced with materials of the manufacturers specification.

JNCISO

3) The Chairman informed the meeting that there had been a small number of incidents involving landing injuries and he requested that clubs continue to send these in, as all information concerning injuries was of great use to the Association. He also informed the meeting of a premature firing of an FXC AAD.

JNCISO

4) **R. Souter** of the RAFSPA informed the meeting of an incident where an experienced jumper had a pilot chute in tow from a 'Pull Out' type pilot chute and container. The jumper had the pilot chute bridle line attached to the apex of the pilot chute and not the base as recommended by manufacturers. The pull out 'pad' which was of the padded rectangular type had wrapped around the line preventing the pilot chute from fully taking air, the jumper deployed his reserve and landed safely. A good deal of discussion took place and it was decided that a Safety Notice should go out with the minutes informing jumpers that the manufacturers of equipment state that on 'Pull Out' pilot chutes the bridle line should be attached to the base of the pilot chute.

All CCIs

5) **D. Parker** informed the meeting that a T10, static line with Centre Base tied canopy had streamered for a 1,000ft before deploying, he stated that this canopy had been short lined and he believed this was the reason for the problem. A discussion took place concerning this and it was generally accepted that the line length does make a difference to the opening of canopies also the absence of a vent cap could be a contributory factor.

6) The Chairman informed the meeting of an incident at Tilstock where a pilot **Mr. K. Richardson** was flying a lift of S/L students, and as the first student released from the step the plane went into a right hand spin, the recovery was estimated at 800 - 1000 ft. the pilot did not initiate standard spin recovery. The pilot has now been barred from flying for the club.

Item 8 - Permissions

1) **G. Lawry** CCI of the RN & RMSPA has requested that **B. Scoular** be permitted to act as CCI for the Royal Marines Club until the next Instructor Course and that he be permitted to attend the course being 8 months short in the time needed for Approved Instructor requirement, he has the relevant qualifications in all other aspects. This proposal was seconded by **B. Souter**.

Carried Unanimously

2) **B. Bias** requested that a USPA Instructor, **Mr. John Rhatigan** be given Approved Instructor status. A letter containing **Mr. Rhatigan's** qualifications had been sent out with the agenda. The Chairman stated that the BPA has a reciprocal arrangement with the USPA, dating back to 1977 where a US Instructor need only be checked out by an Advanced Instructor, which had been done in this case.

3) Extensions to the PI ratings of the following persons had been requested by their CCIs.

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|------------------------|-----------------|
| Julian Spencer | Red Devils |
| Les Carroll | Royal Artillery |
| Derek Grieve | Royal Artillery |
| Jim Leatherland | Lincoln PC |

It was recommended that their rating be extended by 6 months. This was agreed by the meeting.

L. Melville
R. Harman
D. Tylcoat

4) A request by J. Chandler of the Silver Stars that M. Ramsey be permitted to attend both the next PI and Exam Course to qualify for his Instructor Rating failed to find a proposer.

5) R. Souter proposed that G. Keeble, an RAF Instructor whose Approved Instructor rating had lapsed in 1983, be reinstated as an Approved Instructor as he is full time teaching Military static-line students and assisting at Weston on the Green at week-ends. This was seconded by J. Home.

Carried Unanimously

Item 9 - A.O.B.

As no business had been notified under this item, the meeting closed.

Dates of Next Meetings:

Thursday 19th July 1984
Thursday 6th September 1984
Thursday 11th October 1984
Thursday 29th November 1984

Venues: Post House, Leicester.
Time: 7.00 p.m.

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION SAFETY AND TRAINING COMMITTEE MEETING THE POST HOUSE, LEICESTER 19TH JULY, 1984 19:00 HOURS

I Present:

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| J. Meacock | Acting Chairman STC |
| P. Walters | Halfpenny Green |
| I. Louttit | DISC |
| J. Ball | Pilots |
| B. Bias | Wild Geese |
| B. Jones | LBFFC |
| D. Palmer | Shrewsbury |
| B. Harman | Red Devils |
| R. Ellis | Traillblazers (N) |
| M. Bolton | Cornwall |
| L. Melville | RAPT |
| B. Scouler | RN & RMSPA |
| D. Parker | Headcom |
| T. Knight | Ipswich |
| D. Cox | SSSC/TPA |
| D. Hickling | BPS |
| J. Curtis | Riggers |
| R. Watts | Duck End |

Apologies for absence:

B. Souter, G. Evans, D. Howerski, G. Diamond, G. Lilly.

In Attendance:

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| J. Hitchen | JNCSO |
| T. Butler | JNCSO |

J. Meacock informed the meeting that J. Sharpies had been unable to attend and had requested that he take the Chair for the meeting.

Item 1 - Minutes and Matters arising from STC Meeting 31st May 1984

J. Meacock informed the meeting that the Operations Manual had now been printed and would be sent out within the next few days. No points were raised from the minutes of the last meeting.

It was proposed by L. Melville and seconded by D. Hickling that the minutes of the Meeting of 31st May 1984 be accepted as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

Item 2 - Approval of Riggers Minutes of 31st May 1984
J. Curtis, pointed out that Item 1, line two, should read 'recompensed' and not 'recommended'. He gave a brief resume of the minutes, there were no questions. The minutes were approved by the meeting.

Item 3 - Fatality - Duck End

J. Hitchen gave the meeting a report concerning the fatality at Duck End on 10th June. The jumper had been taking part in a four way RW jump and it appears that at sometime during the jump his 'cutaway' pad had been knocked off, also his goggles had come off, when he deployed his main canopy it was immediately jettisoned. His parachute harness had been custom made for him with his reserve handle positioned high on the harness, the large ring on his '3 Ring Circus' had overlapped his reserve ripcord. It is believed that on trying to pull his reserve he put his thumb, or fingers through the ring as well as the ripcord, preventing him from deploying his reserve.

The recommendations from the Board of Inquiry were: "If for some reasons it is necessary for the reserve ripcord to be placed high on the harness, parachutists should be aware of the possibility of the main parachute release mechanism overlapping the reserve ripcord handle.

A number of questions were asked and J. Hitchen showed the equipment to the meeting. Also a Safety Notice had been sent to all Clubs.

Item 4 - Fatality - Dunkeswell

J. Hitchen gave the meeting a report concerning this fatality. This was a student parachutist who had made 11 descents prior to the accident. He had been re-trained on the morning of the accident, as he had had a lay off. He had made one jump in the morning and had landed on the runway. He then jumped again in the evening and the descent was observed to be normal until approximately 50 feet from the ground, when he was seen to pull on the rear risers, which turned him down wind, the actual landing was not observed as long grass obscured the DZ Controller's view. His helmet was found about 15ft. from him, and it is believed his helmet came off before his head hit the ground, he was taken to hospital unconscious where he died three days later. On examining the helmet the Board found that it had been modified and that the chin strap was inadequate.

The recommendations of the Board of Inquiry were "That helmet securing straps (i.e. chin straps) should not be modified to fasten in any other way than that recommended by the manufacturers."

The helmet was shown to the meeting and a number of points were made.

D. Parker proposed that instructors pay special attention when making flight line checks to the fastening of helmets, this was seconded by R. Ellis.

Carried Unanimously

Item 5 - Fatality - Headcom

J. Hitchen informed the meeting of a fatality that had occurred at Headcom two days previous to the meeting. A Board of Inquiry had been convened but had not finished their report in time for the meeting.

J. Hitchen informed the Committee of the background to the accident. An Australian jumper with 35 jumps who had been jumping a ram air parachute in a 'Pigme' system in Australia, was making his second jump of the day using a ram air canopy in a Wonderhog system, he had been fully briefed on the differences between the two systems, his first jump had been made without incident. The free fall part of his descent had gone as planned, upon deployment of his main, he had, or believed he had a malfunction, his main parachute was seen to be cutaway, he was then seen to go into a head down position until he was lost from view. It is not known why he did not deploy his reserve. J. Hitchen showed the main canopy to the meeting, as it is believed that the reason he may have cutaway was that the deployment bag had not fully cleared the twin bridle lines on the top of the main canopy. It is hoped that a full report will be ready for the next STC Meeting.

Item 6 - AFF - Brian Dyas

Mr. B. Dyas had been unable to attend the meeting to put his proposals, but had sent out a letter with the agenda explaining them. Some discussion took place concerning his proposals. It was felt by the meeting that more information was required and that it may be better if Mr. Dyas or Mr. Howerski were at the meeting. It was also thought that, as BPA Council had stated, the AFF Manual should be sent to STC Meeting.

It was proposed by D. Parker and seconded by L. Melville that B. Dyas be given the go ahead to conduct his 'Pilot Scheme' AFF Programme. For 4, Against 7, Abstentions 1. Not Carried

It was pointed out that some of those voting against, were not against AFF, but felt that they needed more information.

Item 7 - Incident reports - resume

1) J. Forster informed the meeting of a smoke bracket that had come off a jumper in free fall and had landed in a tree causing no damage. The bracket had been fastened

to a 'training shoe' and the whole shoe had come off, some discussion took place and it was pointed out that no matter what footwear is worn, smoke brackets should be securely fastened.

2) J. Meacock informed the meeting that several landing injury reports had been received by the office. Also two malfunction reports had been received, both jumpers landed safely under their reserves.

3) The Meeting was informed of an incident where a jumper's pack opened in the doorway of the aircraft, the jumper exited leaving the bag in the plane, another jumper pushed the bag out which missed the tail of the aircraft, the parachutist had a malfunction, but landed safely under his reserve.

Item 8 - Permissions

1) A letter had been sent out with the agenda from B. Souter of RAFSPA concerning Mr. S. McBride whose Advanced Instructor rating had lapsed and requested he be given his rating back.

After some discussions it was proposed by R. Ellis and seconded by B. Harman that S. McBride be given his Advanced Instructor rating providing two examiners sign his application.

Carried Unanimously

2) BPA Council had requested that STC decide whether I. Marshall was of a current standard to be given his Instructor Rating back. Some discussion took place and it was proposed by R. Ellis and seconded by B. Bias that I. Marshall be given PI Status and be permitted to attend the next PI Course for upgrading to Approved Instructor Status. For 10, Against 1, Abstentions 1.

Carried

3) B. Jones of Leeds/Bradford FFC requested that Mr. T. Dobson be given a permission to act as CCI for the club for the maximum of a year and that he be permitted to attend the February '85 Course for upgrading to Advanced Instructor, even though he is some months short of the required time. Mr. Jones gave some background information into the reasons for this request. Some questions were asked. It was proposed by B. Jones and seconded by B. Harman that this be permitted. For 10, Against 1, Abstentions 1.

Carried

Item 9 - AOB

1) D. Palmer informed the meeting of some parachuting equipment that had been sold to a jumper and was in bad condition. Mr. Palmer had sent a letter regarding this equipment to STC, he also produced the equipment for the meeting to see. The equipment had been sold by R. Harrison, and he had sent a letter explaining his position. After some discussion it was felt there was nothing that STC could do on this matter and it was for the jumper concerned to take up the matter with Mr. Harrison.

2) B. Scouler of RN & RMSPA requested A. Thornton be given an extension to his PI rating even though it expired in February 1984, the request was that the extension be until November when he wishes to attend the Exam Courses. This was proposed by B. Scouler and seconded by I. Louttit. For 6, Against 0, Abstentions 6.

Carried

3) D. Palmer informed the meeting of an incident at Montford Bridge where a student had made an unstable exit, which had given him 'high' twists on his Aeroconical giving him a high rate of descent, at approximately 1,200ft. his AAD had fired, he landed safely under two parachutes.

4) P. Walters brought to the attention of STC that even though it had in the Operations Manual that:

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This was not on the Medical Certificates sent from the office. Some discussion took place concerning this and it was decided that it would go on all Medical Forms sent from the office from now on.

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