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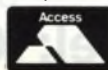
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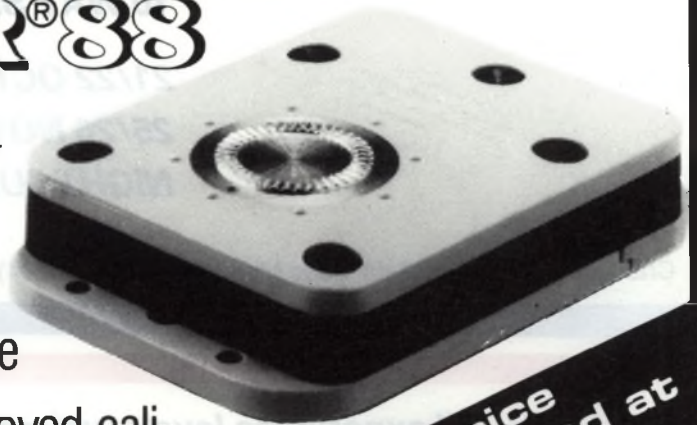


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## EDITORIAL

*The sun has been shining, jumpers have been jumping, boogies and competitions have come and gone - and critics of 'SP' are as vociferous and volatile as ever (don't they ever take a holiday...perhaps I should!)*

*Anyway, at the risk of being accused of further 'irresponsibility' (thank you Garry Knapp) as Editor of the magazine, the subject for this issue's comment is the AGM.*

*Page 15 carries the official notification of the Annual General Meeting of the BPA - one of the major events in any true skydiver's calendar. And, whether you consider it an opportunity to meet up with old friends over a beer or thirty, your chance to put the parachuting world to rights, vote your best friend/CCJ/ worst enemy into the council hotseat, or just a chance to pin down the Ed. with a complaint or two you should at least CONSIDER it.*

*There's nothing really wrong with celebrating another year of our illustrious sport in a party atmosphere that more often revolves around the bar than the boardroom. But we should try to remember what the weekend is all about.*

*It is your one - or at least main - chance to put forward a point of view about how things should be progressing, to get things done, exchange ideas and nominate the people who will represent you and your centre during the coming year. It is the time to get action on all the things you so readily and indignantly write to the correspondence pages about; it is the place where you can meet counterparts from other centres to discover, and perhaps even learn from, the way things are run elsewhere.*

*The AGM is, and will, no doubt for some time to come, be a bone of contention. For few will defend it as being all it should be. OK, so get up there and make a difference. If you've got something to say, an idea that should be discussed, a topic that might be debated, get it down on paper and included on the Special Business Agenda. Defy the urge to throw away your voting slip when it arrives with the next issue and instead take some time out to read about the people who are offering to dedicate their time and experience voluntarily for the thankless task of trying to improve Sport Parachuting in Britain on your behalf. And if you can't be bothered with even that - don't spend the rest of the year complaining about what you got!*

*Better still, why not get up to Leicester and show your hand. Who knows, you might surprise yourself and even enjoy it....*

*After all, anything that brings parachutists together from all over the country, even Europe, to cement friendships and talk about the sport can't be all bad.*

*Be there or be..well, somewhere else - but you won't have as much fun.*

*Carol*

Put these dates in your diary now.  
EGM 27th October 1988 at the County Arms Beefeater, Leicester at 6.30 pm.  
AGM 14th January 1989 at the Penguin Hotel, Leicester at 3.00 pm.



CRW Formation at Netheravon:  
Mandy Dickenson captures an unusual funnel.

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# THE DROP



It seems it's the season for getting hitched - and celebrating in the air. (Above left) Charlie Jakeman took Jackie Collins to be his lawful wedded etc. etc. at a wacky wedding in West Parley, attended by all their equally-wacky skydiving friends. Pictured during their wedding day dive are (l-r) Usher Radar Marks, Jackie, Charlie and Best Man Simon 'Jakey' Jakeman. *Photograph by Adrian Thornton.*

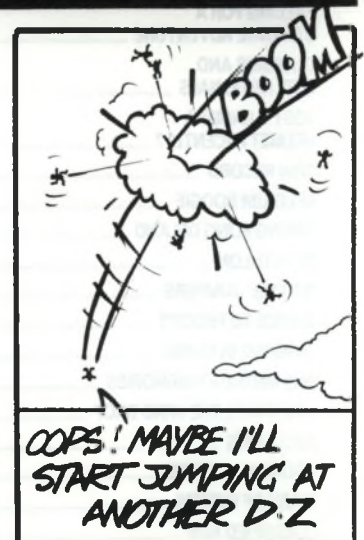
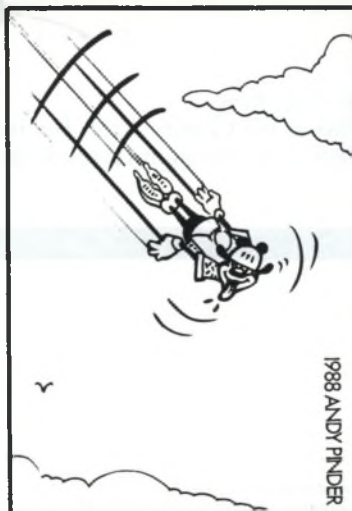
(Above right) Kay Shatford and Steve Francis took the plunge at Caerleon, Nr. Newport, South Wales, where Steve was joined (RW style) by Best Man Doug Galloway, Swansea CCI Dave Howerski, Cathy Davey, Ian Robinson and Alex Dixon for a pre-wedding jump into the church fields. A champagne celebration awaited them - as well as the eager bride!

The 8-way LAC Meet at Sibson in June, abandoned because of bad weather, will be re-run at the Centre in Peterborough over the weekend of October 1/2 1988.

Pressure for space has meant some letters, classified ads and articles have been held over for the next issue — catch up with them then. Display ad enquiries — telephone (0980) 70934 or Tony Lewis on (0264) 88687 (Angel Graphics)

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Roger, only 46, was an extremely adventurous character, having been on the British Canoe Team before he started parachuting, owning his own microlight, which he enjoyed scaring himself on. Regularly going on skiing holidays with his wife, daughters and friends, and loved ballooning, especially jumping from them. My personal memories of Roger are many, my very first R.W. jump which I will never forget. The time we took off in a Cessna 185, and the pilot had to make an emergency landing because Rogers pipe had re-ignited and set his coat pocket on fire, and the two Tandem rides he took my wife on.

His funeral was attended by 400 plus of his friends from all over the country, most of whom managed to cram into the village church at Billsborrow for the service. After the service, an aircraft towing a banner flew over the churchyard. The banner read 'Good Luck Roger' 'We'll Miss You'. The last part of that message is so true.

I, and all his friends, hope his wife, Fanny and two daughters Jackie and Katie, inherit the same courage, strength and character that Roger had.

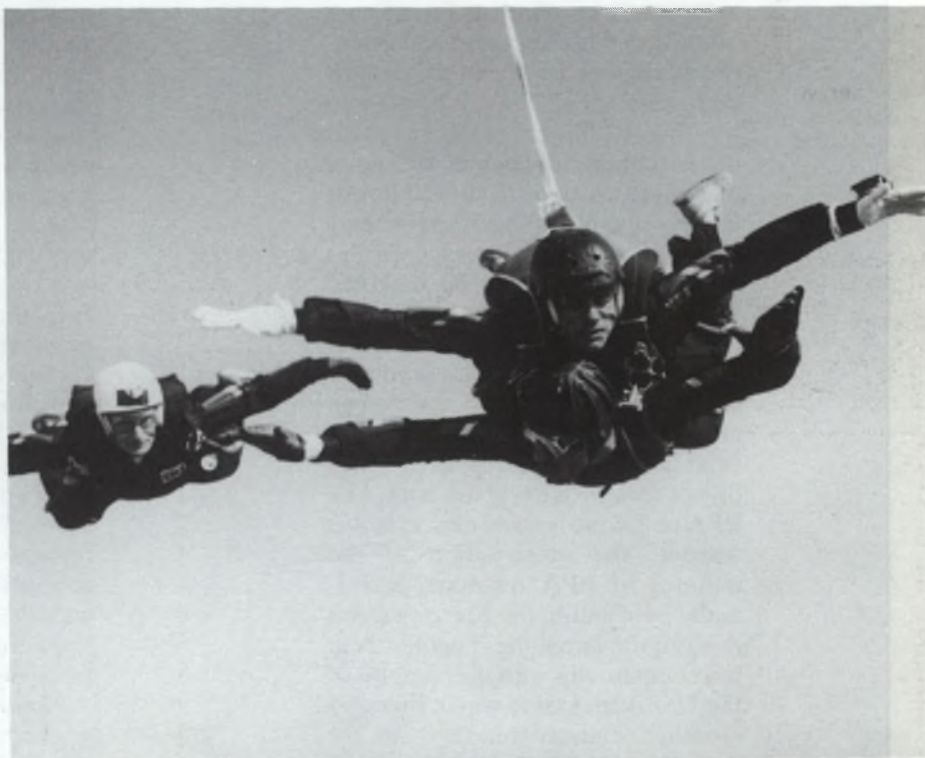
*Paul Dixon*

A new skydiving centre has opened up on the Spanish coast at Castellon de la Plana.

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### TRAIL BLAZERS BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT

HRH Prince Faisal bin Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia gets his knees in the breeze with the Light Division Parachute Display Team, attached to Keith Skelley, accompanied by Nigel Jackson and photographed by Geordie Best. He is believed to be the first member of a Royal Family to take to the air on a tandem jump.

# Time for a change

Nigel Jackson's recent article on radio-spotting (or 'electronic positioning') was timely judging by recent discussion with fellow skydivers. Timely not so much for its content (with which we all agreed) but rather as an amazed reaction to the fact that it needed to be written at all in 1988. Everyone in the discussion had considerable experience of radio spots in Spain and UK and not once had we failed to make it back to the DZ under canopy (visual spots have been an entirely different matter!).

In effect this means that while I jump regularly at a DZ in the Midlands (which does not allow radio-spotting), on cloudy days I am not prepared to sit on the ground when I know I can drive to another DZ and soon be doing safe RW through anything up to 10/10 cloud cover.

I don't think that by leaving my 'own' DZ for another on such days I am being disloyal in any sense - far from it; I just want to jump. Where my loyalty, and that of my friends, is being increasingly tested nowadays is to the BPA.

It would be churlish for anyone not to recognise the good and essential work done by the BPA, but is it doing enough in 1988? Why is radio spotting still 'illegal' when, provided certain conditions are met, it enables maximum use to be made of the poor British climate? Who - and when - decided it should not be legal? Has the membership ever been consulted for its views?

I pose these questions as a jumper with an admittedly limited skydiving background (380 jumps) and also on an equally limited knowledge of what the BPA is getting up to - but I do not feel the latter is my fault. The BPA magazine is quite useless in this respect; the presentation of the minutes of BPA meetings is normally poor but in the March edition it was quite appalling. I cannot help but compare this with the contents of the USPA magazine which I receive monthly (and on time!). I am not saying the USPA magazine is better overall than the BPA one but where it scores hands down is in the provision of really useful information for its readers.

This is really so with regard to incident reports, the lack of which I can only condemn the BPA for failing to provide to its members. I learn a great deal from these in the USPA mag. particularly as I am in the jump experience range when it is too easy to think 'you know it all' and to become over-confident; I avidly read the reports in the hope of not repeating other's mistakes. After all, anyone who reads general aviation journals will find them full of such reports, all produced with the same aim in mind.

I am, incidentally, writing this article the week after jumping into the Coventry airport bank Holiday airshow; 30 minutes after the demo we sadly witnessed the fatal crash of a Meteor into a nearby field. Whilst driving home afterwards I had the sobering thought that sometime, somewhere in the future a report will be published for the flying community to read and learn from. If one of our team had gone it at the demo would the skydiving community ever be the wiser for it? I doubt it.

I guess the bottom line is that I am now finding the mandatory membership of the BPA a frustrating business, and judging from the tone of the various letters in the March BPA magazine I don't think I am alone. Good work is done by the BPA and I genuinely (and gratefully) recognise it. But in 1988 it is not nearly enough to justify my renewal fee, and I would like to use this article to help gauge the reaction of the BPA membership to a couple of points: I would ask anyone who is either for or against radio-spotting (under conditions like those defined by Nigel Jackson) to let me know. I would also like to hear from anyone who is, again, for or against proper incident reports of fatal or serious accidents to be published in the BPA magazine with the aim of helping the membership avoid repeats of accidents through knowledge.

Please don't snooze on this - send your comments to me now at:

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*Bob McGilvray*





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# Scottish National Championships 1988

Blue skies and white fluffy clouds greeted teams as they arrived at Strathallan on Friday the practise day for the Scottish Nationals. Also greeting them was an Islander and two Cessna 206's giving the biggest lift capacity seen at the Scottish Championships for many years. After registration of 12 R.W. teams and 10 accuracy teams, everyone adjourned to the Star Hotel to meet old friends and renew the grudge match between 'auld enemies'.

Saturday dawned bright and clear and the first round of accuracy was completed. This resulted in 5 discs and a few surprises. Les (I'm going to win) Carroll missed the pad as did Harry Morgan. As far as team scores went Aussie and the Derros were in first place with a total of 8cms, with three of the team, Billy Somerville, Chris Clements and Sandy Spence scoring discs. The Red Devils were second and R.A.P.T. not far behind in third.

The R.W. then started, but after almost completing one round the competition was stood down until Sunday morning. Saturday evening saw Les Carroll being fairly accurate at pool (pity about the parachuting). Harry Morgan's pool was also on form at first until numerous pints took over. Fortunately Harry stayed fully clothed and was not seen on the pool table with his y-fronts being spun round one finger as has happened in the past!

Sunday morning dawned (or should I say loomed out of the gloom) which was in some cases quite fortunate judging by the hangovers. Finally the first round of R.W. was finished. This saw Aussie and the Derros and GOLA on 7 points and I.C.E. and R.A.P.T. on 6 points. Unfortunately the competitors were again stood down till Monday.

Sunday evening saw a further visit to the Star Hotel where the pool competition continued in earnest: Les and Harry being desperate to win something. In addition numerous persons were showing their suppleness and ingenuity with the usual games.



Amanda Kenny won the prize for the most accurate buttocks: Julie Allen for the most interesting contortion (not from the Kama Sutra) and Kevin Veitch for the most ludicrous game.

Monday dawned.. yes good weather and the accuracy recommenced. Round 2 saw Billy Somerville go into the lead with another disc (luck or dog sh.. had something to do with it). Tim Andrewes scored 0.02 to go into second and Keith Duncan was 3rd after scoring 0.03. 4th at this stage was a surprised Sandy Spence. The competition continued with

round three of the accuracy. By this time the winds were picking up and to keep the competitors on their toes they kept changing direction. R.A.P.T. were given a rejump after all but one missed the pad. Another first... Martin Rennie giving a rejump!.. although to be fair he was subjected to a high calibre (not beer) of whining and moaning. After round three Tim Andrewes was in the lead with 0.05. Billy Somerville was second with 0.16 (guess who missed the pad) and Farrell MacKay moved into 3rd. The team scores after round three

## Event: 4 Way R.W.

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Team Total	Team Place
Aussie & The Derros	7	3		10	5
Ica	6	6	6	12	1
Strachan & Co.	0	0		0	11
Gola	7	5		12	3
R.A.P.T.	6	6	3	12	2
Three Men & A Baby	2	1		3	9
Boys and a Redhead	2	1		3	8
Red Devils	5	6		11	4
Sudden Impact	3	3		6	7
Zilch	5	4		9	6
Les Girls	2	2		4	8

were close with Aussie & Co, the Red Devils and R.A.P.T. all on a team total of 0.90 cms. Round 4 saw Aussie & Co take the team event with a score of 0.40 R.A.P.T. had a bad round with only Harry Morgan hitting the pad. The Red Devils fared even worse with all 4 off the pad. Zilch made a strong comeback with the best team score of the round, but alas too late. In the individual competition Billy Somerville scored 0.03 which was enough to win. Tim Andrewes missed the pad and Farrell MacKay held on to third place. (Not bad for an ex-aussie R.W. jumper).

The 2nd round of R.W. was then

completed. This saw Aussie & Co score a disasterous 3 points. I.C.E. kept on form with 6 as did R.A.P.T. GOLA had a bad round with 5. At the end of two rounds three teams were on 12 points. The jump off saw I.C.E. score 6 points to win the R.W. R.A.P.T. only managed 3 points the alcohol was obviously having an effect on Harry (Monopod) Morgan's brain.

GOLA had to leave early and missed the jump off.

Only one round of style was completed due to insufficient time. Les Carroll came first with an impressive 7.54 secs. Chris Clements was second and Tim Andrewes was third.

The prize giving was as usual a noisy affair. Thanks go to Shona Boag of Strathearn Chrystal for supplying the trophies and putting up with presenting them! Thanks also go to all the people who helped before and after the competition. This includes all of the judges, manifestors and pilots. A special thanks also to the Scottish Parachute Club committee and Rob Noble-Nesbit for all the organising before and during the competition. Last of all thanks to all the competitors who saw a lot of the Scottish scenery thanks to the spotting and to RNN for finding them all again. See you next year.

## SSPA/BPA TEAM & INDIVIDUAL ACCURACY

TEAM NAME	HELMET No.	INDIVIDUAL NAME	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Indiv. Total	Indiv. Place	Team Place
ZILCH	19	Felicity Martin	0.11	0.09	0.11	0.00		0.31	4
	18	James Gordon	0.16	0.08	0.16	0.16		0.56	19
	17	Kenny Sinclair	0.16	0.02	0.16	0.16		0.50	17
	16	Rocky Stewart	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.00		0.48	13
	15	Richard Buchan	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16		0.64	22
			0.59	0.35	0.59	0.32	Total	1.85	4
R.A.P.T.	21	Tim Andrewes	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.16		0.21	2
	20	Keith Duncan	0.04	0.03	0.14	0.16		0.37	6
	22	Les Carroll	0.16	0.02	0.08	0.16		0.42	11
	23	Harry Morgan	0.16	0.06	0.16	0.03		0.41	9
			0.36	0.11	0.41	0.51	Total	1.41	2
NO SLEEP	27	Pete Fisher	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.00		0.48	13
	24	Kevin Vietch	0.16	0.06	0.16	0.05		0.43	12
	25	Amanda Kenny	0.16	0.16	0.09	0.16		0.57	20
	28	Margit Freisacher	0.16	0.16	0.11	0.16		0.59	21
	26	Kathy Andrews	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16		0.64	22
			0.64	0.54	0.52	0.37	Total	2.07	5
AUSSIE & THE DERROES	1	Sandy Spence	0.00	0.08	0.16	0.16		0.40	8
	2	Farrell Mackay	0.08	0.08	0.02	0.05		0.23	3
	4	Chris Clements	0.00	0.16	0.16	0.16		0.48	13
	5	Billy Somerville	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.03		0.19	1
	3	Mike Strachen	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16		0.64	22
			0.08	0.32	0.50	0.40	Total	1.30	1
REDDEVILS	8	Chris Allen	0.00	0.16	0.06	0.16		0.38	7
	9	Jim Scarrett	0.02	0.16	0.07	0.16		0.41	9
	7	Denis Heyes	0.10	0.14	0.11	0.16		0.51	18
	6	Bill Scarrett	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.16		0.48	13
	10	Ian Barraclough	0.16	0.00	0.03	0.16		0.35	5
			0.28	0.46	0.16	0.64	Total	1.54	3
COMEFORTH	11	Andy Gibson	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00		8.00	4
	12	George Mothersole	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00		8.00	4
	13	Graeme Logan	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16		0.64	22
	14	Stan Perry	0.16	0.16				0.64	22
		Ian Giles	0.16	0.16				0.64	22
							Total	2.56	6
GOLA	34	Tony Butler	0.16						
	33	Tim Homer	0.04						
	35	Mark Wilson	0.16						
	36	Andy Stewart	0.16						
							Total	0.52	8
INDIVIDUAL	29	David Lowden	0.10	2.00	2.00	2.00		6.10	2
	30	Keith Lallyett	0.65	2.00	0.88	0.15		3.68	1
	31	Kevin Knox	2.00	1.65	2.00	2.00		7.75	3
	37	Albert McGilvery	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00		8.00	4
							Total	25.53	7

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# Competition in a class of its own

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*Julia Full*  
B8291  
President, Aber Paras.

Having survived recent exams, 22 college student skydivers from the South-West arrived on a sunny but windy June morning at Swansea Parachute Club, for the 1988 South-West Collegiate Meet. The turn-out was one of the best ever, with participants representing the Welsh University Colleges of Cardiff (U.C.C.), Aberystwyth ("Aber Paras"), Swansea and U.W.I.S.T.; and also Bristol University. A wide range of experience levels was represented, from first-time jumper Steve to Jeremy, Cat 8 but jumping in the Static-Line competition (and Steve scored far better!). The windy conditions at the start of the meet gave the opportunity for a mass re-train of all competitors, successfully accomplished by Tom.

The competition was based on three rounds of "Hit and Run" accuracy, with each participant's scores counting towards individual and team competitions, either Static-Line or Freefall. However, at one point it looked doubtful if there would be a competition at all - only one freefall round was jumped on the first day, and the only jumpable time on the second day was the last half-hour of daylight, by which time everyone had already started tucking into a well-earned barbeque and plentiful supplies of lager and wine. Cabaret was provided by students and club staff, and the lack of jumping didn't dampen the party spirit!

Since the next day was due to see the end of the competition, C.C.I. Dave decided to brave the noise complaints and announced a 6 a.m. start to make the most of the morning calm. In the event we succeeded in getting the first lift in the air by 7 a.m. The wind held off and we jumped non-stop, finishing the whole competition soon after 11 a.m. Some very good scores were achieved, with the static-liners generally putting the freefallers to shame; Rob Gravely scored the only D.C. - on the radio! Overall there was a good spread of winners; the competition results were as follows:

## Static-Line Individual Event

1st Simon Jones (Aber Paras)	35.1 secs.
2nd Darren Tostevin (Bristol)	51.4 secs.
3rd Steve Thomas (U.W.I.S.T.)	73 secs.

## Freefall Individual Event

1st Mike Edmondson (Aber Paras)	126.3 secs.
2nd Al Yool (U.C.C.)	143.5 secs.
3rd Mark Dabbs (Swansea)	144.3 secs.

## Static-Line Team Event

1st The Woolly Jumpers (Aber Paras)	363.1 secs.
2nd The Hang-ups (U.C.C.)	536 secs.
3rd The First Timers (Swansea)	885.5 secs.
4th Bristol University	890 secs.

## Freefall Team Event

1st Don't Blame Us, It Was Jeremy (U.C.C.)	595.8 secs.
2nd What a Mess (Aber Paras/Swansea)	700.6 secs.
Best Overall College	Aber Paras



\* Julia Full collects "Best Overall College" Cup for Aber Paras.



\* Winning College - Aber Paras.



\* Mike Edmondson - Individual Freefall Winner.

The Meet ended with a presentation of medals and cups, and a photo session by the aircraft! Several competitors stayed on an extra day to do some more progressive skydiving; the overall level of progression during the meet was very high, with individuals moving onto DRCPs, freefall, 10 sec. and 15 sec. delays for the first time. Thanks are due to many for their work in ensuring the smooth running of the event - to Gordon our judge; to Norman and Clive the pilots; to Dave and Tom for inexhaustive jumpmastering; to Glyn the manifestor; to Alex for packing much-needed rigs; to Susie for the BBQ; and to the Skydiner staff for feeding us. Finally, on behalf of the College student members of S.P.C., I would like to thank C.C.I. Dave Howerski for organising and hosting the Meet, and for an excellent Collegiate Parachuting year. Here's to the next one!



## Police Meet 1988

The Met. Police Open Accuracy Meet was held at Headcorn on 21st and 22nd May 1988. Seventeen teams registered for this popular competition to be held over 5 rounds. The Met. Police fielded three teams with Constables Fred Rylands and Cheryl Smyth in the 'C' team. The French sent over two teams but as they are not used to exiting aircraft below 4500, even for an accuracy competition, they didn't do too well but at least the gitanes managed to stay alight.

Dick Frater was an inspired choice as meet director as he is 6' 4" and 17 stones worth of stubborn traffic cop who has never let the word "Yes" past his lips.

The meet started with ideal weather conditions at 10.30 a.m. and all five rounds were concluded by 6 p.m. A quick turnaround was assured with the Turbine and piston Islanders going full chat.

On the first round Fred Rylands and Esther Reynolds arrived over the pit together, bumped F111 and had a team talk sitting on the gravel, feet from the pad. The spectators probably came to the conclusion after listening to the verbals that neither was to blame, it must have been the earths spin or something.

Fred and Esther tried for a rejump, Dick Frater and Chief Judge John Haddon listened with ill disguised amusement and said something along the lines of, "Sur votre bicyclette, Jean".

Another competitor, in fact, Nigel Allen tried John Haddon for a rejump and was directed to the black

rat, Dick Frater. He sat on the grass next to Dick, passed the time of day, talked about the weather, the meaning of life etc. and went back to see John without actually asking for his rejump. Probably very wise.

Harry Morgan did very well until the Police 'A' team handed him a photograph of the inside of a Bangkok strip joint at the exact moment of exit. He swears it cost him 2 cents.

Saturday evening saw an excellent barbeque and very live music, with free beer! The meet coincided with Jane Buckle's 30th birthday. Her friends hired a Police stripogram who did his level best but he was completely outclassed by a semi-legless Eddie Carroll who couldn't wait to take his clothes off. Beverley B. gave everybody a treat when she made a guest 'Appearance', she was definitely one of the first in the queue when they handed out the mammary bits.

Everyone struggled to the D.Z. at the crack of noon and lay in the sunshine until Deputy Assistant Commissioner Peter Winship of the Met. presented the prizes as follows:-

### Individual

- 1st Julian Spencer 0.03
- 2nd Jo Vaughan 0.05
- 3rd Kevin Hardwick 0.06

### Team

- 1st Disclaimers
  - F. Gannon
  - J. Vaughan
  - P. Allum
  - K. Hardwick

### 2nd R.A.P.T.

- T. Andrewes
- L. Carroll
- A. Simpson
- K. Duncan

### 3rd H.P.C. Staff

- J. Spencer
- C. Francis
- D. Spencer
- K. McCarthy

### European Visitors Prize (Nice touch this)

- 1st Margit Friesacher
- 2nd Jean-Yves Le Trust
- 3rd Françoise De Haye

### Best Police Officer

John Smyth

### Best Met. Officer

John Smyth

There was a total of 30 discs of which 7 went to the Spencer brothers. A million training jumps each is obviously the answer for the rest of us.

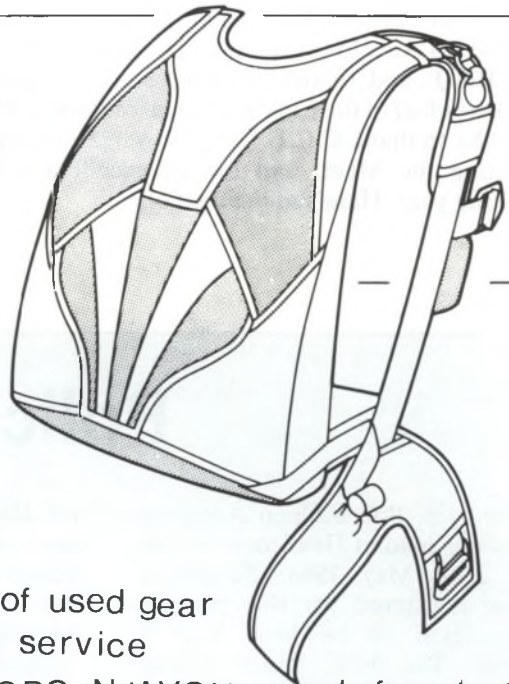
People then started drifting away after a great weekend except the English and French 'fuzz' who made a determined, but mainly unsuccessful effort to link hands from 11,000 feet, capped by Dominic Lopez (French 'Old Bill') landing on Headcorns new hanger under his brand new canopy. The crowd loved it.

*Terry Inch D5005*

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**BRITISH PARACHUTE SCHOOLS AT LANGAR** have been really busy this year. At Easter we had the Easter Bunny Boogie with 10 teams in the 4 way LAC meet

Teams	Individual
1st Life After Launch	1st Dave Hickling
2nd Bendeccos (now called Ice)	2nd John Farr
3rd Mucus' Membranes	3rd Sandy Spence

Needless to say the winning Teams got Easter Eggs as well as Medals.

At the next Bank Holiday Mayday we had an Accuracy Competition. It was 4-member Teams and Individual Accuracy, with a really close finish.

Teams	Individual
1st Half-a-sleep	1st Kevin Veith
2nd Life After Launch	2nd Dave Hickling
3rd Mucus' Membranes	3rd Peter Fisher

The Midland Parachute Club came to join us with their Islander over the May Bank Holiday long weekend. Everyone at Langar would like to thank them for visiting us. The Fun this weekend consisted of 8 way Scrambles. To help the jumpers each Team had an Organiser. The Team led by Dave Hickling won, followed by the Team led by John Hitchen, the third place team was led by John Lines.

Thanks to all the Jumpers for joining in. Also thanks to the Judges, the Pilots and the Canteen Ladies. Needless to say every Saturday night at these Meets we've had a big Party and a Great Disco from Nottingham and....  
**The Bar is open.**

## 'Telethon' Charity Air Pageant

January 5th arrived and my New Year's Resolution to stop doing marathons, bed pushes and fund raising for charities came to an end when I heard about 'Telethon'. I decided to organise a display that was a little bigger than we normally do.

After much telephoning and letter writing I was offered an aircraft (a D.C.3 - bigger than we usually have for displays) and a ready made show to jump into - Warwickshire Air Pageant.

The only problem now was to find thirty five other jumpers willing to jump from a D.C.3. The phone calls came thick and fast but unfortunately I had to disappoint many as I only had a limited number of slots.

I managed to send out maps, details and entrance tickets to everyone in time and then (Sod's Law!) the jump time was brought forward giving me two days to inform everyone. This done, we went for it on Monday!

Monday dawned, grey but promising (rain?). Nearly everyone got to Baginton Airport in time for document checks and a briefing. At the mention of a second, higher, pass the briefing disintegrated into a lemmings leap year party. All aboard we took off and headed up towards the rain. Unfortunately we only got three thousand feet due to the cloud base. Sixteen jumpers later we made our second run in and my former best

mate decided it was November 5th and set off his smoke cannister early filling the aircraft, eyes and lungs with orange gunge. When I headed for the door all that, and the phone calls and letters and the mortgage were forgotten. It was worth it!

Apart from Flt. Lt. Peter Stacey's tragic fatal crash for which I express my sincere condolences to his family and friends, the day was a great success.

All the jumpers seemed to be happy with things - even Jim Sharples was seen to smile....once. For the "BLAST" I had when I left the aircraft I would like to thank:-

All the other jumpers (30) and friends for helping me to raise £360.00 for 'Telethon'.

Air Atlantique for the aircraft, especially Mike Collet, Debbie Frigot, for all her help with the organisation, and Gavin Whiteman for flying. W.O.1 Pete Lambson - J.S.P.C. Netheravon.

Dave Loberdy - Birmingham Midlands Building Society.

British Telecom for the photocopying.

Dave Clarke, Micky Williams and Gordon Page - ground crew.

Carol Saunders, the editor for placing the advert at such short notice - best of luck to you.

*Mike Coleman D3963*  
Commando Parachute Display Team

### THE BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LTD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the  
**TWENTY-SECOND  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
of the Association will be held at  
The Penguin Hotel  
Humberstone Gate, Leicester  
On Saturday 14th January 1989 at 3.00 p.m.

#### AGENDA

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

Dated the 27th Day of June,  
One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Eight.  
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 Penguin 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 Monday 3rd October 1988, 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:** 13th January 1989. Details in October issue of the Journal.

### THE BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LTD NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an  
**EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**  
of the British Parachute Association  
will be held at  
The County Arms Beefeater  
Leicester Road, Glen Parva, Leicester  
on Thursday 27th October, 1988 at 6.30 p.m.

#### AGENDA

- To receive and adopt if approved the Annual Accounts and Report of the Auditors for the financial year ended 31st March 1988.
- To confirm the re-appointment of Auditors and authorise the Council to fix the remuneration for the ensuing financial year.
- To set P6 Membership Subscription for the ensuing year.

Dated the 27th Day of June,  
One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Eight.

For and on behalf of the council of the BPA.

C.W. PORT  
Secretary General

# CORRESPONDENCE



Dear Editor,

I enjoyed Nigel Jackson's article on Radio Spotting, (*Sport Parachutist*, April/May 1988), and not least for the literary content! I hope, though, that his very pertinent article will promote something more than mere academic reaction.

As a pilot and jumper, I have too frequently been frustrated on the ground, with a host of other jumpers and pilots, by having a jumpable situation which is a no-go because various CCI's/Chief Pilots have, (quite correctly under present rules), forbidden the use of radio spotting. The weather situation which could preclude continuous operation would be the ubiquitous warm sector found 80% of the time, (my estimate!), over the UK, with acceptable surface winds, but an approximate 2000 foot-thick layer of stratocumulus giving total cover, with a base of 4000', or so. Certainly, basic students and accuracy jumpers can fill their boots, but even they have limited funds, which often leaves aircraft on the ground with teams of RW, Style and CRW unable to get urgent practice in, while their counterparts in Spain and the USA practice to their hearts' content.

Most pilots who have any reasonable experience behind them will have learned that flying ambitions are very limited without dedicating no small amount of money, effort and time, to further training. What Nigel says is true: a pilot capable of radio spotting is more than averagely competent - at least in this particular field. The direction which sport parachuting has been taking in the last few years indicates an ever increasing level of skill and dedication from parachutists; is it therefore unreasonable if they expect a similar level of dedication from their pilots?

In my opinion there are very few pilots who would be incapable of reaching a standard of instrument flying commensurate with sufficiently accurate radio spotting; it may take some longer than others to get there, but that applies to any discipline. A pilot with a full instrument rating is perfectly capable of lining an aircraft up with a runway accurately, down to 300 feet or so, by reference to VOR's and DME's, the very same equipment described by Nigel; this puts an aircraft over an area on the ground which is certainly smaller than that required by a jumper for his opening point, especially if he is under a square parachute.

Pilots, even more than jumpers, are subject to a variety of tests and checks throughout their active flying life, and for the unambitious, these need amount to no more than a periodic medical check, and a perusal of their log-book to ensure a minimum number of hours a year. For those who wish to give a meaningful service to sport parachuting, however, let them learn, (and be checked by a competent body, be it BPA or CAA), how to radio spot, and let us unblock an unnecessary encumbrance to the progression of the sport in the UK. History has taught us that authorities can be persuaded by safe demonstration.

If the UK is to have a chance of hosting any Parachuting Olympics, then now must be the time to consider regulating radio spotting, to convince any committee of the safety of the practice which would enable us to jump almost all the year round.

Yours sincerely,

Robin Russell  
D1506

Dear Carol,

You will probably be relieved to know that I'm not going to whine about anything this time. I woke up in a good mood this morning and I decided to write a letter that would be less vitriolic than the previous one.

I was very surprised to see, in the latest edition of the mag, a reply to my last letter, written by Leo Dickenson himself. Does this mean that the BPA also subsidises his pen? Seriously though, I can admit it when I'm beaten, Mr. Dickenson, and I'll retreat back to my kennel.

Recently, somebody at my local DZ complained about the fact that I did not give the club a mention in my previous letter. I am sorry about this, and I will rectify the situation immediately: "DONCASTER PARACHUTE CLUB".

By the way I would like to mention some people whom you may meet if you happened to visit there. There's a potential instructor called Jan Bosstock (Jan is not short for Janet and is pronounced "Yan", and I don't know how potential he is); our CCI is Dave - the lights are on and mine's a lager - Ruffel; then there's Kim Newton, the DZ packing machine that runs off weak tea supplied at regular ½ hour

intervals; Pete Hodgeson, an instructor who is going to do an assisted unstable exit at 500ft AGL, if he doesn't stop singing the theme tune to *Blackadder II* at the top of his voice; and last but by all means the best - a skydiver by the name of David BPA317584 who recently changed his name to David C8391 when he got his CAT8 on 14th May 1988 at the above named DZ. Two other people also achieved their CAT8 on the same day at the same DZ: Kim Newton and Norrie McAllister. This is a first for Doncaster, I wonder if it's happened at any other DZ.

Before I go, a quick note about the mag. The last one had a great photo on the back cover of a student stuck in the trees. This photo should have been put on the front cover because in my opinion, a picture like that has more character and expression than a run of the mill photo of "skygods" diving out of a plane.

N.B. This does not mean that I prefer Simon Ward's photos over Mr. Dickenson's photos, so relax, Leo.

Best wishes,

David Blackmore  
C8391

Dear Carol,

I am writing in connection with the Hercules Boogie that was held in Moorsele (Belgium) last July. This was well run again this year and despite poor weather at the start, the Herc didn't stop all week. Despite what was, on the whole, smooth organisation, the problems of accounting for skydivers coming back from lifts reared its ugly head. It was brought to my attention (I'm afraid) by rumour control, which claimed that a parachutist was thought to be missing when his tent was found to be empty one evening and a search of the bar and restaurants failed to find him. The truth of this (and other rumours circulating) was of course difficult to determine as the staff were understandably reluctant to comment, especially as one version had him being found injured some considerable time later.

Whatever the truth, it highlights the fact that a lone jumper or one jumping in an organised load that was not properly debriefed, might not be misused until the evening or worse still the end of the boogie. The long run-in and difficulty of ground observation compound this problem. Obviously the importance of this is that there are many serious but very treatable landing injuries that will prove fatal if appropriate first aid and hospital care is not given promptly.

Whilst I understand the reluctance of the jumping community to accept more controls and that everyone wants to pack, manifest and do it again, might there be a system next year whereby each group organiser has to sign his group back in following a load, thus identifying missing jumpers early?

Lastly, my apologies that my first offering to the mag was so morbid and thanks to everyone for making the boogie such fun, especially the Langar and (ex) Stapleford crowds with whom I had many memorable dives.

Dr. Geoff Tothill  
D7144

Dear Carol,

After two years of procrastination, brace yourself, for it's not often I put pen to paper, (shouldn't that be golfball to paper?) this is my one and only, (so far) contribution to the mag. (You may get this letter framed if you wish, my autograph will be worth more than Pete Reynolds in a few years! Pete Reynolds' autograph that is!)

You have my admiration for taking over a very demanding job for which you will receive little of the credit due to you. Well done and good luck!

Congratulations on raising the magazine to new heights of excellence. I enjoyed the April/May edition more than any I have read in years. I appreciate the difficulties involved in producing this mag must be huge, but even so, isn't it about time we all started receiving it on time? I never received mine until the 10th June, could be better, don't you think? In two and a half years of receiving S.P. I can only remember receiving one issue on time, and that was about ten days early. (The shock nearly killed me.)

I feel sure you must receive a great deal of feedback as to how articles go down with us, but here's a little more...

Long live 'The Drop Inn'. This always proves to be an interesting and informative couple of pages, and as long as 'Oswald S.G.' and 'Mal' stay around, amusing too!

Kit News - all that is required and a necessary part of any sporting magazine.

Correspondence - Great! Better than any 'soap'!

Centre-fold - If there's going to be a regular centre-fold photo' section, how about a few more details on the dives being printed on one of the adjacent pages, instead of the usual tiny credit on the editorial page. Never-the-less it is still the first feature I turn to when I receive the mag.

Minutes - necessary but as others have said before, could we have some background information on the subjects discussed and decisions made. Also, due to the delay in delivery of the mag, future dates for council meetings have often passed by the time the dates are published.

Features(April/May) - A few people have spent a great deal of time writing these articles which I'm sure everyone enjoyed. They were relevant, interesting, informative, well written and stimulating. Well done!

How about a few regular features for students? I've just got my Cat VIII so it doesn't matter to me too much any more, but the mag is very 'skygod' orientated, when a few articles would provide something of interest to newcomers in these days when student retention is the name of the game.

Clubs page - although this provides enough basic information on UK DZs what about having a regular feature of one or two pages, donating half a page in turn to any club prepared to send in a full description of all their facilities including an aerial DZ photo', what aircraft are available, altitude restrictions, progression potential, accommodation, canteen facilities, types of kit, JUMP PRICES, and directions to the club by road, rail and air?

Another topic altogether is the controversial one of student retention in the sport. Retention can only be achieved by making the first jump and course enjoyable. In my opinion, this is not, and should not be regarded as the task of sole the instructors. We all have contact with students at some point in their progression, TALK TO THEM, they will more than likely be interested to hear about your experiences. If we all make a conscious effort to make these potential recruits feel welcome, in an environment of which they initially have little understanding, they are certainly more likely to return and jump again, and that can only be good for your club and the sport. The clubs can do much to help themselves retain students. From my own experience, I had no contact with my club after my first jump (okay, so it was Biggin Hill) until, a couple of months later, I decided to make another jump. However, if the clubs were to produce a small news-sheet, say bi-monthly and send a couple of issues to recent first jumpers, maybe a few more students would retain their interest and jump again. After all, everyone that even enquires

about a course has shown as interest in our sport that is worth kindling.

This then brings me on to the subject of publicity. Again this is very much up to the individual jumper as to how they portray our 'image' to the non-jumping public. It is as much our task as it is the councils' to counter bad publicity and promote good publicity. Bad publicity is only too easy to get, and in the case of parachuting, bad publicity is definitely not better than no publicity at all! This means that we should all be aware of how the non-jumping public regard us, especially those of us who jump on displays. I think we should keep people believing that we're a merry bunch of responsible, fun-loving, semi-loonies who indulge in a safe sport. (Well it's better than being square, isn't it?)

I read about and listen to people 'slagging off' Leo Dickenson, and I must admit it annoys me. I've never met the man (I'd like to just to see what he thinks about my letter writing abilities!) but from what I can see, in conjunction with the Royal Marines, he's probably done more to get this sport positive publicity than the rest of us put together.

Now a question, would one of the JNCSOs or the chairman STC, explain to us the STC decision to ban pull-out deployment systems for non D licence holders, who don't already jump that particular deployment system? I understand that there is more potential for a malfunction with a throwaway than with a pull-out. Maybe someone would throw some light on the subject for me?

Anyway, I'm sure most of you are about ready to start showing your appreciation of my letter, (you snooze, you lose!) so I'll draw to a close with the inevitable thanks.

These go in copious quantities (as in beer) to all at Headcorn parachute club. Special mention to Toby Drew for being a good egg, along with Chris 'anyone want to buy an Ex-RAF Falcons jumpsuit?' Francis, Kevin, Droid, Pete A., Pete 'Mad-dog' Carroll, Eddie, Julian, Dave, The pilots Paddy, Pee-Wee and Dave (the best in the world and no that wasn't me arguing; Sir) and last but not least, Alex and Ian. And... anyone else who wishes they didn't know me. It took me forty jumps to get my Cat VIII; without their patience and putting up with my persistent wingeing (or my patience and their persistent wingeing!) I'd never have made it. By the way, my bank manager wants to speak to you all...

I hope there will be a few responses to my contribution, if not I'll set mad-dog on you. Please don't sit back and be complacent, get up and write..

Blue Skies and Fried Pies,

Phil Duckworth  
B8288

continued on page 18.....

Dear Carol,

Like most soldiers, I have a healthy interest in most types of sport. Over the past 12 years I have taken part in many sports including rugby, golf, and cricket. Naturally enough, this has taken me to a large number of clubs and centres throughout the UK and Germany. Unfortunately I found that as a "new face" it has been difficult to become an accepted member of the establishment.

In August 1987, I decided to try my hand at sport parachuting at "RAPA". Expecting the usual initial hostility, I joined no problem! From the moment I arrived, I was met with a warm friendly and helpful response, from students and experts alike.

As my first year of parachuting draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to "Ted and Marie Payne", the Senior and Junior staff and riggers for all their help, advice and encouragement without which I could not have hoped to enjoy the past year as much!

The resident experience, enthusiasm, professionalism and overall spirit of the centre, have never failed to impress me and I'm sure all other members both civilian and military have likewise been impressed by all aspects of the operation.

I would like to wish the best of luck to the RAOC free fall team the "CANNON BALLS" whose humour, wit and "parties" will be missed by all at RAPA when they leave Germany for sunny England in September.

I would also like to reply to Joe DAVIES-BASSETT BPA D-7135, who in a section of his letter in June/July edition, stated I quote "This is not your standard student to all the DZ thankyou epistle". I would like to inform him that if he bothered to read the correspondence section in the mag carefully, he would find that not only students, write letters of "praise" about their DZ, but experienced jumpers too! What better way to attract more people to our sport, or a particular DZ, than written or verbal praise.

Thank you.

Martin (Bingo) Sowerby

Dear Carol,

May I take up a small portion of S.P. (an oblong bit somewhere near the front would do nicely), in order to warn your readers about the imminent arrival of a new skydiving publication? Thanks.

Another mag? Wot?!?! More glossy, colourful, witty, erudite, eclectic selections of freefalling fact and fantasy? Well...no. It is in fact a small black and white (with grey bits) collection of 'A4' sheets typed with two fingers (both thumbs), on the editors mums portable, proof-read by his landlord and printed by the local W.I.

In fact it is not a magazine at all. More accurately, it is a newsletter. Myself and a couple of mates decided that the skydiving grapevine is not passing on rumours fast enough. After a particularly productive evening in the pub, ie producing large numbers of empty glasses for the barman to refill, an idea emerged which I may yet live to regret.

The hiatus between issues of S.P. needs to be filled. There is also a need for an efficient means of passing round up to date info and news about the parachuting scene at home and abroad. So why not produce a cheap and cheerful newsletter? Pad it out with a few articles, competitions cartoons, the occasional rude word and hopefully lots of correspondence and controversy.

Why not indeed! So here goes; it's called 'GRAVITY MATTERS'. It will hopefully be distributed via clubs, cost 50p and come out about every three weeks. G.M. will be launched after the nationals, (well its bound to have some news in it then!)

The continued survival of this project will rely very much on input from clubs, jumpers, advertisers, and of course you guys out there have to buy it! If you don't, its production will become economically impractical, no further issues will appear, issue 1 will become a collectors item and then you'll wish you'd bought one! Like I said, I may live to regret this, but it's worth a try.

Jump high, dump low (and don't forget - GRAVITY MATTERS).

Ola D7631

P.S. Nearly forgot, for those who want to send some encouraging words, articles or cash gifts the address is:

GRAVITY MATTERS,

P.O. BOX 667,

MILTON KEYNES MK2 2XF

P.P.S. Ah yes (the creepy bit). The last S.P. was definitely an excellent read. Keep it up.

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Dear Editor,

Where as I do not agree entirely with all of Steve Eversfield's criticisms I think he was well justified in criticizing the December issue of the S.P. Barely a news sheet it could hardly be called value for money. I wonder how many copies would have sold in a newsagents and if the magazine were to be subscribed to separately from the B.P.A. membership how many members would still be subscribing?

I would also like to join in David Blackmore's 'discussion' April/May edition.

1. May be David doesn't think he is getting value for money and thinks

his subs are being squandered by council members on wild parties at the Ladbroke Hotel in Leicester and would like to see a breakdown of the accounts. He also asks about a reduction for unemployed and students to the annual membership fee.

I am sure there would be no objection to David sitting in as an observer on the next finance committee meeting, or if his concern is so great he could go for election to the council next year and then get himself on the finance committee. But if only slightly interested like myself, can read the report published each year in the S.P. How about that reduction in subscriptions to unemployed and students. Am I right in thinking David that you are a member of one of these groups? Parachuting is a very expensive sport and it is easy to run up high jump bills with altitude jumps costing around £10 a time. I recall having a jump bill one Bank holiday weekend about seven years ago of over £100, (jumps were a lot cheaper then). I think anyone who can afford to jump can hardly say £25.00 a year is excessive. (How about a reduction for married men with families).

2. I totally agree with David on the subject of computerised insurance certificates, the quality of the print-out is very poor. Maybe it's the only computer the BPA could afford with all these wild parties, it may just be on trial. Perhaps a council member will write and explain the situation and whether there is a plan for change or improvement.

3. The third part of David's 'discussion' is quite an interesting one. I'm sure most jumpers are aware that Leo Dickinson has been involved in filming many adventure films. Ballooning, Hang Gliding, Cave diving etc. I am also sure his name is familiar to many viewers who have nothing to do with parachuting. Unfortunately I did not see the film on cave diving which I believe had little or nothing to do with parachuting, other than adding a little bit of variety to the adventure of the film.

I don't know David, whether or not you have seen the film Enola Gay? It's about the dropping of the first atomic bomb in the second world war. Well let me assure you David, that the makers of the film didn't go to the expense of dropping another bomb on Hiroshima, they edited in an existing piece of film of a test explosion in the Pacific.

As Leo Dickinson makes films not only to entertain, but also to make a living, is it possible he edited in an exit shot filmed at Lincoln into his film without going to the trouble of flying a 182 all the way to the Bahamas, at the BPA's expense.

I think David your subs are actually being put to very good use.

Alan Bonnett D2042

P.S. Why haven't I been invited to one of these wild parties at the Ladbroke Hotel?

Dear Carol,

Having recently returned from a family holiday in Denmark, on which I just happened to have my kit, I thought I'd recommend Sonderjysk Faldskaermsklub to anyone going over there. The DZ at Vamdrup, near Kolding, is flat and open with no obstacles. Aircraft were a 206 and Dove although I believe the latter is not permanently based there. They've got a good canteen, bar and bunkhouse but most important, they've got a great welcome for visitors.

I'd also like to comment on Bill Parker's letter in the latest mag. I agree with almost all of it including the full reporting of incidents/fatalities although the minutes are otherwise fine.

Finally, hello to all those at JSPCHK who apparently think that since I came back to the UK I've died or stopped jumping or both! I can be found at Cockerham still jumping the old orange/white unit.

Blue skies and soft landings.

Bill Miller  
D2102

Dear Editor,

I feel that I must write to express how impressed I was when visiting the London Skydiving Centre in June. Quite simply the attitude applied to first-time static line instruction was quite outstanding. Retention of such students is a well discussed topic in the parachuting fraternity and has been for some time now. It is great to see that the particular instructors I have in mind, fully practice the encouragement of retention.

I need not say more, or indeed provide any examples of what I witnessed. Anyone interested or at least curious should go and take a look for themselves.

Blue skies,

Christopher Hunt  
C7543

Dear Editor,

Please can you print this letter to let everybody concerned know that I finally got here. After 162 jumps and 4½ years in the sport I eventually reached CAT8.

I would like to thank everyone who has briefed, debriefed, helped, encouraged and advised me over the years.

I did my first static line jump at Ashford where Ali Anderson dispatched me on 19th November 1983 since when I have jumped at all the following clubs Pampisford, Headcorn, Cornwall, Netheravon, Sibson, Ipswich and finally A1 skydiving where at long last it happened.

Thanks folks,  
Blue Skies

Elaine Blaney (Formerly Hillman)  
159603

Dear Carol,

To all you potential skygods out there who want to be, and be recognised as, the hottest skydivers around, here's a few points to consider.

How much of your free-fall time is used in a swoop? Approaching your slot? Being the last to dock? or hanging on in there waiting for the formation to build? If you're regularly in these situations then the chances are your skydiving is not improving as much as it could be.

Don't think that I'm knocking large formations or low experience 6, 8 or 10 ways I'm not, if well organised they can be good fun and prove rewarding, but to repeatedly build an eight way all week-end means that you could be missing out on the hottest dives.

In relation to what you learn, it makes no difference if there is one other person or ten others but what has a direct influence on how you improve is how much you do, and how many times it is practiced. Hence the less people, the more can be achieved, so when it comes to speed 8 or 12 way sequential you are going to be jumps ahead of your competitors.

To illustrate, some of the most 'mind blowing' skydives I've had are fast four way or difficult two way where I've been literally panting on the ground through having to work from 10 grand down to 2 (an excellent two way to try, is side-ins turning the outside way round!).

Don't be put off from doing larger formations when the opportunity is there, but also spend some time improving your own skills on smaller loads, and watch the altitude!

Andy Crawford D5915  
PS I hope I still get asked on big loads.

Dear Carol,

The June/July mag was informative and thought provoking as ever. The back page photo especially set me wondering. Why are there trees on the DZ? Why is an S/L student wearing a relly suit? Why is she wearing what appears to be a Raleigh Burner? What was Simon Ward doing among the trees? Who gave the canopy handling lecture?

There are more vital questions which need answering: Why is the Sward advert upside down? Why haven't I got my Cat 8 yet? Who will sell me a decent rig for when I do? (A second hand Racer with a Pegasus and a 24' round reserve with under 300 jumps for about £650 will do nicely? Tel 0203 76412 evenings).

Why are you reading this drivel?  
Will you bother to print it?

Blue skies,

Rik Alewijnse  
B7697

Dear Carol,

Please follow up stories/events featured in the adverts.

Some months ago the static line square courses began and nothing more has been heard.

The Falcons team wrote in but what about the rest of display jumpers doing likewise.

The 'Intro to Aerodynamics' was good reading, as was 'Ben Nevis' and even 'Zoo time'.

Please show plenty of photos of the Belgium Boogie and a write up.

Last of all can we have full information about any problems with kit and incident reports on fatalities/injuries as the USPA print.

Bye all

Dave Casson  
D7093

Dear Carol,

AADs don't work. That at least seems to be the only conclusion to be drawn from the figures for AAD use in the 1987 CIP Safety Survey (June/July 1987 edition SP).

At first sight, the published table looks promising with 12 fatalities for countries where AAD use is mandatory for all as against 284 where there is no mandatory usage. When the figures are expressed more logically in terms of jumps per fatality, however, the picture changes:-

No mandatory AAD use  
53,656 jumps/fatality (all)

AAD use mandatory for all  
47,491

AAD use mandatory for all students  
31,560

In the survey report, the leading cause of fatalities is given as 'low or no pull', precisely the situation where a correctly adjusted AAD should have most effect. The statistics should reflect this by showing a significantly higher jumps per fatality figure for nations with mandatory AAD usage, yet the opposite appears to be the case.

I feel intuitively that these statistics misrepresent the true value of AADs. Can Rob Colpus or those with the figures from which the table of AAD use was compiled please explain the apparent anomaly?

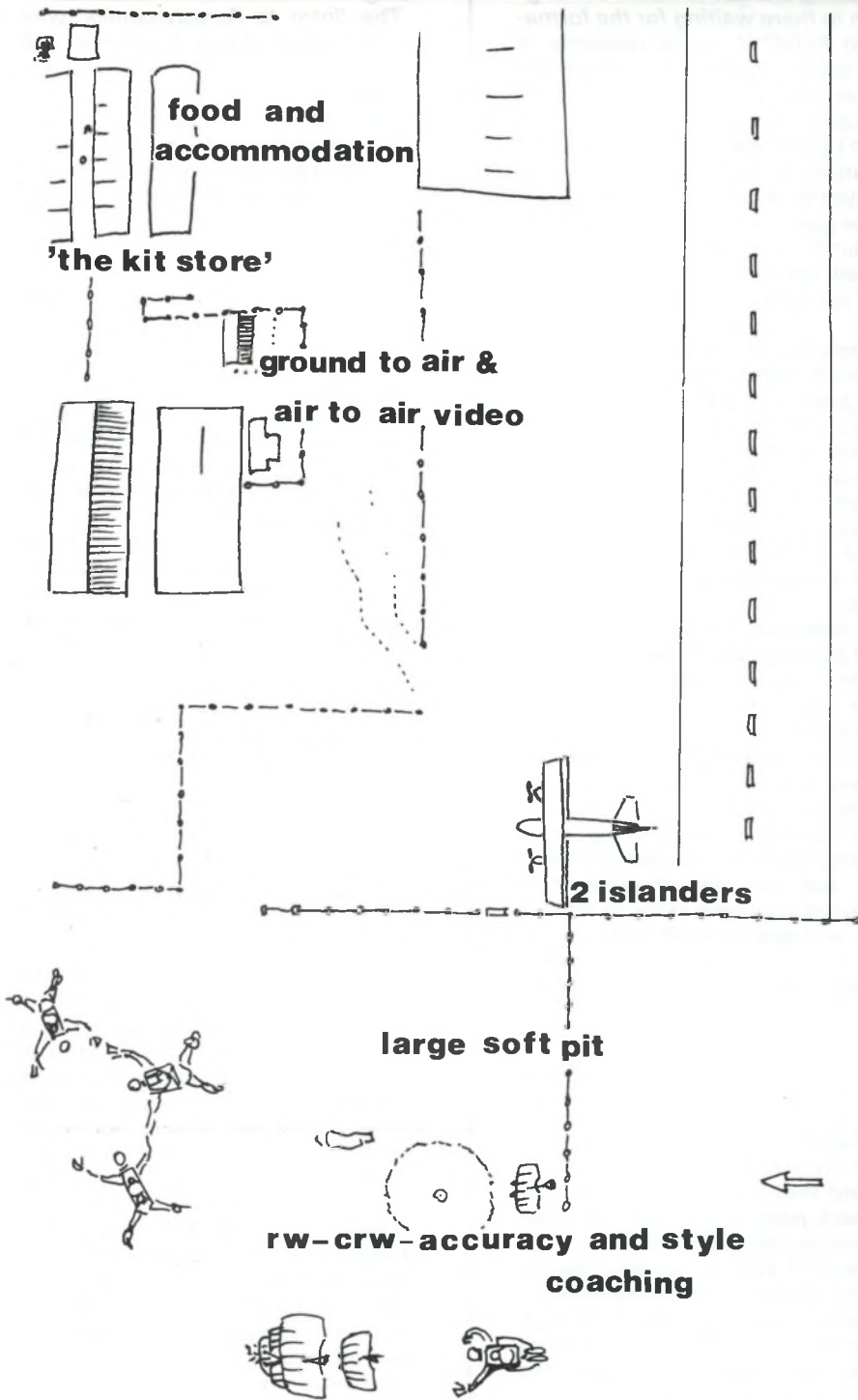
Yours sincerely

Roger Bird

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# FALLING FOR A STRANGE ADVENTURE

By Al Davidson

“By the way Davidson, you and Barsdell, have got the parachuting course at Netheravon for your adventure training, you were quite lucky as a lot of blokes put in for it, but your names came out of the hat.”

“Cheers Sir, thanks a lot, have you ever seen Marine Barsdell anywhere?” (HE’S DONE IT AGAIN).

“Excuse me John, but the 2IC has just told me that we’ve got the parachuting course we put in for, the only problem is that I can’t remember putting in for it”

“Didn’t I tell you? I put our names down for it last week, it’s a three week course at a place called Netheravon, it should be a right laugh, if you do alright you can progress on to free fall.”

“Free fall! Oh my God what have you got me into this time? John, just one question, have you ever willingly thrown yourself out of a plane before?” “No”.

That was exactly the word I didn’t want to hear, the only thing I could do now was to get myself off the course - which proved to be impossible. Everybody seemed only too pleased to let me go and risk life and limb. If I’d put in for the course you could bet your last penny that they would have found a million and one things for me to do.

We now had one week to go before the dreaded course and we still hadn’t received our joining instructions, John was panicking a bit but I was over the moon. Off John went to find out where they’d got to, only to return in a deep state of depression, the Officer at our end hadn’t heard anything either but would try and find out what was going on and find out he did. Within two days I had the joining instruction in my hand and the people I had thought were my friends were saying their farewells and wishing me luck, always adding little comments like ‘you wouldn’t get me doing that’ or ‘remember to count’ and lots of other similar little quotes, which they found hilarious but did nothing for my confidence. I also noticed that John wasn’t looking quite as keen as he had been.

Then came the big day. It turned out that there was to be another five Marines from our unit on the same course. This sent all sorts of things running through my head, what if I didn’t like it, what if I refused, would I ever live it down. The answer was easy, yes I would, I’d just put in for a quick draft to Scotland where nobody knows me. Then came the opening address which shattered any illusions I had. “Welcome to Netheravon I’m the CCI Pete Lambson, WO2 in the Royal Marines.”



That was it there was no way out, and to rub salt into the wound, along came Bertie Cross “Now mate, how’s it going, John’s just told me that you know my brother from 42.” That was it, as far as I was concerned the world was against me and there was no way out, so best pay attention during the ground training.

Everything went okay during the training, but I admit to feeling a bit of an idiot lying on a gym mat and screaming my head off in front of total strangers. The last two lectures had everybody sat on the edge of their seats; Malfunctions and Reserve Drills. I could have sworn that Bertie had said that nothing could go wrong! The malfunctions lecture was very good - I didn’t realise that so many things could go wrong with a parachute, and after listening to that, I was more than pleased to go and learn my reserve drills! These seemed quite easy, but would I be able to do this while I was trying to fly. They told us that if our main didn’t open we’d have the rest of our lives to open the reserve, which I was reliably informed is about 7 seconds. I’m still convinced, even though a lot of people have said that it is impossible, that I could unpick the stitching on the container and feed the reserve out by hand in approximately 5 seconds if it came to that!! Thankfully I haven’t had to prove that I can. After the final lecture we had a lot of time to dwell on the prospects of a malfunction, ‘Right then, now you’re all happy with that, go and get a rig we start parachuting now.’”

It was decided by one of the lads that we’d all go up together - it meant I’d definitely have to jump. I was given the task of getting everyone’s name down, I toyed with the idea of getting on a different lift but decided against it. I got three names down and asked what number lift we would be, imagine my deep joy when I was told that we’d be number 13, I couldn’t believe it. But, there was still one more surprise waiting for me. After we’d had our final check out came our instructor who was to show us the door, so to speak. Yes, it was none other than Pete (Gunny Highway) Lambson. He made us all look like tramps in our orange suits and lime green helmets, while he was there in his red designer suit. The aircraft landed and off we went towards it, Gunny like a Gazelle in full flight, and us seven, hunched up and hobbling like a group of one legged hunched back beggars. The blood had stopped running through my veins and this stage and had been replaced by liquid fear, I didn’t realise it was possible for one person to be so scared until I saw John go out as number 1. I felt quite smug at that stage, after all it was him who got me into this. The feeling of happiness soon left me when I saw the CCI waving at me and shouting “in the door” I could have sworn there was someone else before me, I realised there was, and it had been John.

So, now was the moment of truth. I was in that much of a rush to get to the door I got my arm tangled up in my static line, the few seconds it took to sort our convinced me that I didn’t want anything to do with parachuting. The only snag was the CCI, he was between me and the spot where I’d just come from. Then I was in the door and I thought, “what the hell” and went for it. I remember counting to two thousand and then I just started laughing I couldn’t believe I’d actually done it.

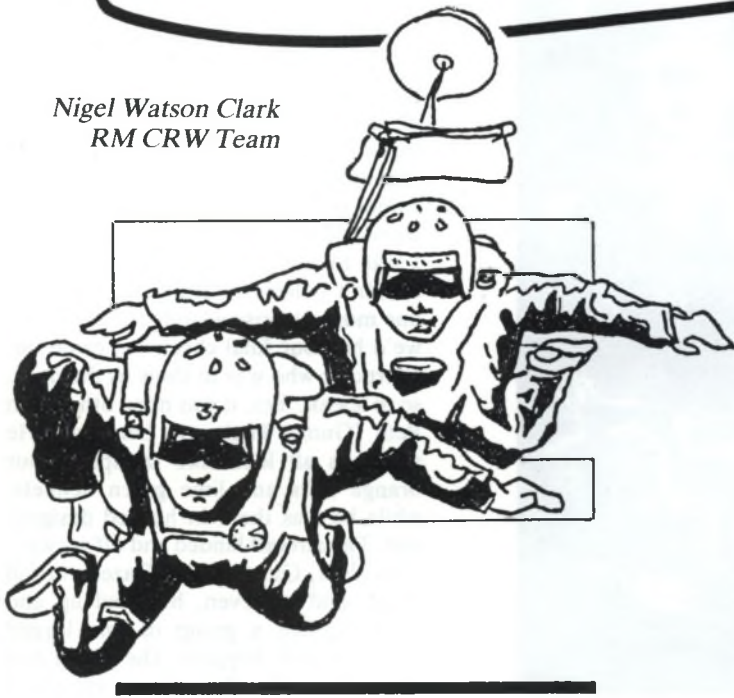
After that I couldn’t get enough, I was running off the DZ grabbing another rig and setting off again.

Everytime I got in the aeroplane I asked myself the same question “why did I get back in?” The only answer I can think of is that it felt that good after I’d landed I just had to do it again.

On the course both John and I did get on to free fall and thoroughly enjoyed it! We are both determined to keep the sport up and at the moment we are awaiting joining instructions for a continuation course..... I put our names down for that!

# CLASSICS AND CRW NATIONALS

Nigel Watson Clark  
RM CRW Team



If you get the chance, you must make an effort to go and see *The Last Emperor*. It's a marvellous movie steeped in history. I must admit, it does lack in content anything at all to do with this year's C.R.W. National Championships, but then again, neither does, *House, part 2*, *Freddie's Revenge* or *Satan's Black Satin Sex Slaves*, except that those are just a selection of the videos we had to endure during 5 days of no-jumping "standowns". I think we were spared "*The Wicked Women of Wonga*", but I might have been busy figuring out one of Julian's magic paper puzzles, while that little masterpiece was on. Sadly our discipline's annual rallying point for C.R.W. enthusiasts was a mediocre affair and, acknowledging that even Dave Johnston or John Hitchen didn't have the slightest say in what weather we had booked, it's got to be said that nowhere on my list of favourite things to do is tramping through six inches of mud in the morning to queue for a cold water shave. Paradoxically, both did make excellent use of what good jumping intervals we did have, and treated our "minority discipline" (again co-located with the classics) with admiral respect whilst under pressure from the "Classic Crew". Incidentally, during these days of growing awareness about C.R.W. from our "hierarchy" be it negative with the old familiar cry "no one's interested in C.R.W." or a positive quote from our event judge Sue Dixon "I'm finding C.R.W. a real turn on" I get a quiet satisfaction to hear Les Carroll or Stuart Morris humming "*Cruising with the top down*" while struggling with their step-ins on their 252 log hogs!

This was the second year of our new look event, spared thankfully of last year's controversy, and further qualified confirmation that the C.I.P. changes in the rules were a major step in the right direction for competitors, judges, and spectators alike. The increased entry from both Military and

Civilian teams (yeah, but whatever happened to the open event?) and the encouraging rise in standard of those teams, paves the way for more active interest in our discipline. It's simply more interesting. That was reflected by a grateful increase in the standard of judging this year, coinciding with the use of video as primary judging. There wasn't one whimper of protest throughout the meet.

Attending of course, were most of the regulars, No Limits, Trailblazers, The R.C.T. and the civilian infiltrated Royal Marines, newcomers The Red Devils, launching themselves into competitive C.R.W. and last year's new team Cellmates from Ipswich quietly moulding themselves into a formidable future challenge. However, any challenge directed at the might of a Marine team during an "on year" was short lived on this occasion. A ticket to the world Championships is a powerful incentive, and as the rounds mounted up, so too did the gap between anyone wishing to knock the Marines off gold medal position. No Limits came closest in the four way sequential event, and raised a few eye-brows after the first round was a splendid dive. Only to be caught in a chasing position thereafter. Both teams displayed the rewards of some hard core training and dedication, vastly improving on previous competitions. The sequential event remains virtually the same except with the lowering of the exit altitude and working time from 4 to 3 minutes.

I think it fair to say that the 4 way Rotation event was more a battle for the minor placings, with the R.M. team forging well ahead despite a weak first round. I've always maintained the art of performing rotations enhances all the basic skills needed in competitive C.R.W. It's an event never really mastered, but by practising develops the awareness and canop skills essential in all C.R.W. events.

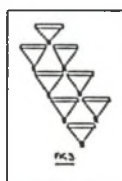
But the dark clouds are massing on the horizon for the rotations, and it could be that this is the last year to have it as a self supporting event before it moves in as a set sequence in sequential. Sad.

I'd put my last red cent on that 8 way speed formation will be around for a long time yet. Although it is a big commitment to training, this new look format promises to hold the key to encouraging new competitors as well as the straight forward "plane" there are now 3 other formations performed twice to make up the 8 rounds. Bi-plane Diamond (fig 1), Kite (fig 2) and Box (fig 3). With four rounds completed by the three teams there's no point in pulling over a glossy veneer and ignoring that Nationally we've a long way to go to establish the depth other countries have in competitive teams. By completing two formations the Royal Marines left Cellmates and No Speed Limits to fight it out for the minor placings. I think there was a lot learnt, and hopefully enough encouragement for Cellmates to train



hard and No Speed Limits to iron out the recognisable problems of merging two teams. Incidentally, full credit to the base for putting up with perpetually being bombed! 2 grand is out of time Keith!

Jim Crocker wound up our 8th National C.R.W. event with the prize giving on Sunday. A clean sweep for the Boot-neck camp, now on their way to Vichey, France. Handshakes and thanks all round for those who battled away despite the elements. Lets hope we're given a better chance next year to persuade those tottering on the edge to get drawn into our side of the sport. A further move up the medals ladder from a silver in the World Championships in Australia 86 should do the trick, despite the smart money being put on the French, if we succeed, C.R.W. will be paraded with all the ceremonial vigour of the Hats on Ladies Day at Ascot.



### CANOPY CONTACT

#### 8 Way Speed Formation

Royal Marines  
Cell Mates  
No Speed Limit

#### 4 Way Rotation

Royal Marines 'A'  
No Limits  
Trailblazers

#### 4 Way Sequential

Royal Marines 'A'  
No Limits  
Royal Marines 'B'

### CLASSICS STYLE/ACCURACY

#### Senior Style Men

Julian Spencer  
Jeff Chandler  
Neil Dixon

#### Senior Style Ladies

Cheryl Smyth  
Esther Reynolds  
Jane Buckle

#### Intermediate Style

Malcolm Harrison  
Mark Burns  
Eileen Henderson

#### Individual Style Open

Julian Spencer  
Jeff Chandler  
Neil Dixon

#### Senior Accuracy Men

Equal 1st Stuart Morris & Nicky Johnston  
Tim Andrewes

#### Senior Accuracy Ladies

Esther Reynolds  
Jane Buckle  
Joanne Vaughan

#### Intermediate Accuracy

Rob Ward  
Mark Burns  
Malcolm Harrison

#### Individual Accuracy Open

Esther Reynolds  
Equal 2nd Stuart Morris & Nicky Johnston

#### Novice

Helen Prowse

#### Overall Intermediate Champion

Equal 1st Mark Burns & Malcolm Harrison  
Eileen Henderson

#### Overall Open Champion

Julian Spencer  
Jeff Chandler  
Esther Reynolds

#### Overall Champion Men

Julian Spencer  
Jeff Chandler  
Les Carroll

#### Overall Champion Ladies

Esther Reynolds  
Jane Buckle  
Cheryl Smyth

### SENIOR ACCURACY

Pos	No	Name	Sex	Nation	Round No						Totals
					1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	13	REYNOLDS E.	F	UK	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.06
2	20	MORRIS S.	M	UK	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.08
2	32	JOHNSTON N.	M	UK	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.08
4	6	ANDREWES T.	M	UK	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.01	0.01	0.09
5	33	CHANDLER A.	M	UK	0.00	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.10
6	8	CARROLL L.	M	UK	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.11
6	50	SPENCER J.	M	UK	0.01	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.11
8	7	DUNCAN	M	UK	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.13
9	17	URAGALLO T.	M	UK	0.01	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.14
10	18	EVERSFIELD S.	M	UK	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.08	0.01	0.05	0.16
11	12	BUCKLE J.	F	UK	0.12	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.08	0.23
11	40	CZERWINSKI J.	F	AUS	0.09	0.00	0.02	0.09	0.03	0.00	0.23
13	11	VAUGHAN J.	F	UK	0.05	0.00	0.16	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.26
14	9	RYLAND F.	M	UK	0.00	0.16	0.01	0.00	0.06	0.04	0.27
15	23	TREBLE S.	M	UK	0.16	0.00	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.29
16	25	HASTINGS S.	M	UK	0.09	0.02	0.10	0.04	0.06	0.00	0.31
16	51	VEITCH K.	M	UK	0.00	0.02	0.06	0.06	0.01	0.16	0.31
18	21	CLEMENTS C.	F	UK	0.06	0.05	0.16	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.32
18	24	MARGIOTTA G.	M	UK	0.06	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.07	0.14	0.32
20	1	SCARRATT J.	M	UK	0.14	0.06	0.02	0.10	0.01	0.02	0.35
20	16	HENDERSON B.	M	UK	0.02	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.16	0.35
22	14	SMYTH C.	F	UK	0.02	0.13	0.15	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.36
22	28	BARTHOLOMEWR.	M	UK	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.16	0.36
24	26	DIXON N.	M	UK	0.05	0.00	0.16	0.01	0.00	0.16	0.38
25	36	RANNIST.	M	UK	0.16	0.12	0.00	0.06	0.02	0.03	0.39
26	19	SHAW B.	M	UK	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.03	0.16	0.01	0.42
27	30	SMITH P.	M	UK	0.00	0.16	0.16	0.01	0.07	0.03	0.43
28	52	COLEMAN L.	M	UK	0.13	0.16	0.02	0.08	0.03	0.02	0.44
29	5	ALLEN C.	M	UK	0.12	0.14	0.11	0.07	0.01	0.03	0.48
29	15	GANNON F.	F	UK	0.15	0.00	0.12	0.07	0.05	0.09	0.48
31	22	DUMBELLA.	M	UK	0.03	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.14	0.04	0.53
32	10	SIMPSON T.	M	UK	0.03	0.16	0.16	0.11	0.09	0.01	0.56
33	2	SCARRATT B.	M	UK	0.16	0.12	0.09	0.08	0.05	0.14	0.64
34	4	HAYES D.	M	UK	0.06	0.16	0.14	0.06	0.10	0.13	0.65
35	3	BARRACLOUGH I.	M	UK	0.06	0.16	0.15	0.12	0.02	0.16	0.67
35	29	SMYTH J.	M	UK	0.16	0.07	0.16	0.03	0.09	0.16	0.67
37	39	MORRISINI R.	M	UK	0.16	0.16	0.06	0.02	0.16	0.16	0.72
38	31	FISHER P.	M	UK	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.04	0.06	0.16	0.74
39	35	O'CONNELL K.	M	UK	0.16	0.16	0.02	0.09	0.16	0.16	0.75
40	34	SPURR R.	M	UK	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.06	0.16	0.07	0.77
41	56	CLARKE S.	F	UK	0.16	0.15	0.11	0.07	0.16	0.16	0.81
42	27	WALLACE C.	F	UK	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.03	0.82
43	41	JONES A.	M	UK	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.11	0.16	0.91
44	37	ANDREWES K.	F	UK	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.96
44	57	HOPWOOD R.	M	UK	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.96

### INTERMEDIATE ACCURACY

1	43	WARD R.	M	UK	2.48	1.17	0.36	0.21	0.14	1.96	6.32
2	46	BURNS M.	M	UK	5.00	0.80	0.04	0.33	0.06	0.27	6.50
3	47	HARRISON M.	M	UK	4.18	0.40	0.15	0.02	0.13	4.10	8.98
4	44	SHREEVE D.	F	UK	1.75	1.06	5.00	0.68	0.76	0.99	10.24
5	45	ROGERSON-HEATH L.	F	UK	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.15	1.53	0.14	16.82
6	42	HENDERSON E.	F	UK	5.00	1.07	5.00	3.28	5.00	2.54	21.89
7	48	PARDOE M.	M	UK	5.00	5.00	4.98	0.06	4.02	5.00	24.06
8	49	WARD G.	M	UK	5.00	3.10	5.00	5.00	4.69	2.38	25.17

### NOVICE ACCURACY

1	53	PROUSE	F	UK	25.00	19.60	7.68	15.17	16.28	11.94	85.67
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AWAY ROTATIONS	Rel 1	Rel 2	Rel 3	Rel 4	Rel 5	TOTAL
Royal Marines 'A'	7	9	8	9	9	42
No Limits	4	6	6	6	4	26
Trailblazers	5	6	3	3	4	21
Royal Marines 'B'	4	4	5	4	4	21
Silver Stars	1	3	1	3	2	10
Cellmates	1	3	1	2	3	10
Red Devils	1	3	0	3	1	8

\* Trailblazers take bronze by least time scored to achieve 21 pts.

8-WAY SPEED FORMATION	Rel 1	Rel 2	Rel 3	Rel 4	TOTAL
Royal Marines	8	8	7	7	2
Cellmates	4	7	3	5	-/19
No Speed Limits	3	7	6	2	-/18

4-WAY SEQUENTIAL	Rel 1	Rel 2	Rel 3	Rel 4	Rel 5	TOTAL
Royal Marines 'A'	5	4	5	4	4	20
No Limits	4	2	2	4	1	14
Royal Marines 'B'	3	3	3	1	4	13
Cellmates	2	2	1	5	3	9

## TEAM ACCURACY

1st  
No 9 KEEP OFF THE GRASS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
16 HENDERSON B.	0.02	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.16	
17 URAGALLO T.	0.01	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	
18 EVERSFIELDS.	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.08	0.01	0.05	
19 SHAW B.	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.03	0.16	0.01	
20 MORRIS.	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00	
Round Totals	0.06	0.22	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.06	0.45

2nd  
No 2 ROYAL ARTILLERY

6 ANDREWES T.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.01	0.01	
7 DUNCAN	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.08	
8 CARROLL L.	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.01	
9 RYLAND F.	0.00	0.16	0.01	0.00	0.06	0.04	
10 SIMPSON T.	0.03	0.16	0.16	0.11	0.09	0.01	
Round Totals	0.03	0.21	0.05	0.08	0.09	0.07	0.53

3rd  
No 6 FLYING CRUSADERS

11 VAUGHAN J.	0.05	0.00	0.16	0.04	0.01	0.00	
12 BUCKLE J.	0.12	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.08	
13 REYNOLDS E.	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.01	
14 SMYTH C.	0.02	0.13	0.15	0.02	0.00	0.04	
15 GANNON F.	0.15	0.00	0.12	0.07	0.05	0.09	
Round Totals	0.12	0.01	0.28	0.08	0.03	0.13	0.74

4th  
No 8 WE'RE THINKIN' BOUT IT

21 CLEMENTS C.	0.06	0.05	0.16	0.00	0.04	0.01	
22 DUMBELL A.	0.03	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.14	0.04	
23 TREBLE S.	0.16	0.00	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.02	
24 MARGIOTTA G.	0.06	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.07	0.14	
25 HASTINGSS.	0.09	0.02	0.10	0.04	0.06	0.00	
Round Totals	0.24	0.07	0.33	0.06	0.19	0.07	0.96

5th  
No 4 127 ZERO

26 DIXON N.	0.05	0.00	0.16	0.01	0.00	0.16	
27 WALLACE C.	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.03	
50 SPENCER J.	0.01	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.01	
28 BARTHOLOMEWR.	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.16	
29 SMYTH J.	0.16	0.07	0.16	0.03	0.09	0.16	
Round Totals	0.37	0.13	0.32	0.08	0.12	0.36	1.38

6th  
No 7 NO SLEEP

30 SMITH P.	0.00	0.16	0.16	0.01	0.07	0.03	
31 FISHER P.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.04	0.06	0.16	
32 JOHNSTON N.	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.01	
51 VEITCH K.	0.00	0.02	0.06	0.06	0.01	0.16	
56 CLARKE S.	0.16	0.15	0.11	0.07	0.16	0.16	
Round Totals	0.16	0.33	0.37	0.13	0.15	0.36	1.50

7th  
No 1 RED DEVILS

1 SCARRATT J.	0.14	0.06	0.02	0.01	0.02		
2 SCARRATT B.	0.16	0.12	0.09	0.08	0.05	0.14	
3 BARRACLOUGH I.	0.06	0.16	0.15	0.12	0.02	0.16	
4 HAYES D.	0.06	0.16	0.14	0.06	0.10	0.13	
5 ALLEN C.	0.12	0.14	0.11	0.07	0.01	0.03	
Round Totals	0.38	0.48	0.36	0.31	0.09	0.32	1.94

8th  
No 5 SILVER STARS

33 CHANDLER A.	0.00	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	
34 SPURRR.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.06	0.16	0.07	
35 O'CONNELL K.	0.16	0.16	0.02	0.09	0.16	0.16	
57 HOPWOOD R.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	
52 COLEMAN L.	0.13	0.16	0.02	0.08	0.03	0.02	
Round Totals	0.45	0.54	0.21	0.25	0.36	0.25	2.06

9th  
No 3 ANONYMOUS

36 RANNIS T.	0.16	0.12	0.00	0.06	0.02	0.03	
37 ANDREWES K.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	
39 MORRISIN I.R.	0.16	0.16	0.06	0.02	0.16	0.16	
40 CZERWINSKI J.	0.09	0.00	0.02	0.09	0.03	0.00	
41 JONES A.	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.11	0.16	
Round Totals	0.57	0.44	0.24	0.33	0.32	0.35	2.25

10th  
No 10 INTERMEDIATE No 1.

42 HENDERSON E.	5.00	1.07	5.00	3.28	5.00	2.54	
43 WARD R.	2.48	1.17	0.36	0.21	0.14	1.96	
44 SHREEVED.	1.75	1.06	5.00	0.68	0.76	0.99	
45 ROGERSON-HEATH L.	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.15	1.53	0.14	
46 BURNS M.	5.00	0.80	0.00	0.33	0.06	0.27	
Round Totals	14.23	4.10	10.40	1.37	2.49	3.36	35.95

11th  
No 11 INTERMEDIATE No 2.

47 HARRISON M.	4.18	0.40	0.15	0.02	0.13	4.10	
48 PARDOEM.	5.00	5.00	4.98	0.06	4.02	5.00	
49 WARD G.	5.00	3.10	5.00	5.00	4.69	2.38	
53 PROUSE	25.00	19.60	7.68	15.17	16.28	11.94	
0 No competitor	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Round Totals	39.18	28.10	17.81	20.25	25.12	23.42	153.88

## SENIOR STYLE

Pos	No	Name	Sex	Round No 1		Round No 2		TOTAL		
				Base	Pen	Base	Pen			
1	50	SPENCER J.	M	7.69	0.0	7.69	7.59	0.0	7.59	15.28
2	33	CHANDLER A.	M	9.00	0.0	9.00	8.99	0.0	8.99	17.99
3	26	DIXON N.	M	8.79	0.8	9.54	8.47	0.0	8.47	18.01
4	23	TREBLE S.	M	8.19	1.5	9.69	8.38	0.0	8.38	18.07
5	24	MARGIOTTA G.	M	9.30	0.8	10.05	8.93	0.0	8.93	18.98
6	16	HENDERSON B.	M	8.65	0.0	8.65	10.39	0.0	10.39	19.04
7	14	SMYTH C.	F	9.30	0.0	9.30	10.17	0.0	10.17	19.47
8	13	REYNOLDS E.	F	9.79	0.0	9.79	9.19	0.8	9.94	19.73
9	8	CARROLL L.	M	7.53	2.3	9.78	8.72	1.5	10.22	20.00
10	12	BUCKLE J.	F	8.97	0.8	9.72	10.31	0.0	10.31	20.03
11	40	CZERWINSKI J.	F	10.16	0.0	10.16	9.84	1.5	11.34	21.50
12	21	CLEMENTS C.	F	9.81	0.8	10.56	11.18	0.0	11.18	21.74
13	22	DUMBELL A.	M	11.45	0.0	11.45	9.81	1.5	11.31	22.76
14	17	URAGALLO T.	M	8.47	0.0	8.47	8.58	16.0	16.0	24.47
15	6	ANDREWES T.	M	10.87	1.5	12.37	10.61	1.5	12.11	24.48
16	27	WALLACE C.	F	11.13	0.8	11.88	12.61	0.0	12.61	24.49
17	15	GANNON F.	F	11.55	0.8	12.30	11.56	0.8	12.31	24.61
18	20	MORRIS.	M	9.31	16.0	16.00	9.15	0.0	9.15	25.15
19	25	HASTINGSS.	M	12.14	0.0	12.14	11.86	1.5	13.36	25.50
20	11	VAUGHAN J.	F	8.97	0.8	9.72	9.53	16.0	16.00	25.72
21	35	O'CONNELL K.	M	12.47	0.8	13.22	12.65	0.8	13.40	26.62
22	37	ANDREWES K.	F	14.54	0.0	14.54	12.96	0.0	12.96	27.50
23	51	VEITCH K.	M	12.79	2.3	15.04	11.17	1.55	12.67	27.71
24	34	SPURRR.	M	12.90	0.8	13.65	13.87	1.5	15.37	29.02
25	28	BARTHOLOMEWR.	M	14.61	0.0	14.61	15.13	16.0	16.00	30.61
26	30	SMITH P.	M	11.82	16.0	16.00	13.22	16.0	16.00	32.00

## INTERMEDIATE STYLE

1	47	HARRISON M.	M	6.16	0.0	6.16	7.01	0.8	7.76	13.92
2	46	BURNS M.	M	8.23	0.0	8.23	6.42	0.0	6.42	14.65
3	42	HENDERSON E.	F	7.27	1.5	8.77	6.67	0.8	7.42	16.19
4	45	ROGERSON-HEATH L.	F	6.80	0.0	6.80	10.00	10.0	10.00	16.80
5	48	PARDOEM.	M	7.75	0.8	8.50	7.96	10.0	10.00	18.50
6	44	SHREEVE D.	F	9.12	0.8	9.87	9.39	1.5	10.00	19.87
7	55	WILSON R.	M	7.42	10.0	10.00	9.07	10.0	10.00	20.00

## SENIOR OVERALL

Pos	No	Name	Sex	Nation	Acc Pos	Sty Pos	TOTAL
1	50	SPENCER J.	M	UK	5	1	6
2	33	CHANDLER A.	M	UK	4	2	6
3	13	REYNOLDS E.	F	UK	1	8	9
4	8	CARROLL L.	M	UK	5	9	14
5	23	TREBLE S.	M	UK	11	4	15
6	6	ANDREWES T.	M	UK	3	15	18
7	12	BUCKLE J.	F	UK	8	10	18
8	24	MARGIOTTA G.	M	UK	14	5	19
9	40	CZERWINSKI J.	F	AUS	8	11	19
10	20	MORRIS.	M	UK	2	18	20
11	17	URAGALLO T.	M	UK	7	14	21
12	26	DIXON N.	M	UK	19	3	22
13	16	HENDERSON B.	M	UK	16	6	22
14	14	SMYTH C.	F	UK	17	7	24
15	21	CLEMENTS C.	F	UK	14	12	26
16	11	VAUGHAN J.	F	UK	10	20	30
17	25	HASTINGSS.	M	UK	12	19	31
18	51	VEITCH K.	M	UK	12	23	35
19	22	DUMBELL A.	M	UK	22	13	35
20	15	GANNON F.	F	UK	21	17	38
21	27	WALLACE C.	F	UK	25	16	41
22	28	BARTHOLOMEWR.	M	UK	17	25	42
23	35	O'CONNELL K.	M	UK	23	21	44
24	30	SMITH P.	M	UK	20	26	46
25	37	ANDREWES K.	F	UK	26	22	48
26	34	SPURRR.	M	UK	24	24	48

## INTERMEDIATE OVERALL

1	46	BURNS M.	M	UK	1	2	3
1	47	HARRISON M.	M	UK	2	1	3
3	42	HENDERSON E.	F	UK	5	3	8
4	45	ROGERSON-HEATH L.	F	UK	4	4	8
5	44	SHREEVE D.	F	UK	3	6	9
6	48	PARDOEM.	M	UK	6	5	11



\* CRW Champions - Royal Marines. Photograph by Mandy Dickinson.



# Lost a Camera Helmet recently?

Steve Clarke was happily filming at 8000ft the other day when his camera helmet came off. Through the telemeters on the ground the Drop Zone Control party watched with baited breath. Nobody had ever witnessed this happen although I know of thirteen cameramen who have had the misfortune to lose their precious helmets and cameras. It cost Norman Kent \$5000. His cameras were not insured for skydiving. With such an extreme impact, the biggest danger is not so much to the cameras - they would disintegrate - but to the innocent and unwary. Over a typical Saturday afternoon demo with light winds you could well open over the crowd or get a canopy wrap with cutaway. Either are prime times when a camera helmet might part company with its owner. A Video and stills camera plus helmet can weigh 10lbs. At 120 mph this object could easily kill two people in a tight-knit crowd. Who should pay? Should this happen in the States when you could expect a multi-million dollar lawsuit to follow. As far as I know it has not happened yet, but with more people jumping cameras it is surely only a matter of time.

On the ground Prof. Makeshift dolefully eyed his watch while calculating the speed of descent of this errant camera. Steve Clarke opened his parachute. The camera impacted forty seconds later although surprisingly not with the ground but with Steve's left foot! The small drogue pilot chute barely 5 feet in diameter was wrapped around his foot. He reached down and switched off the 16mm cine camera that had been filming the whole event. His altimeter read 7000 ft.

For the last month Bob Scott and myself had been experimenting with small drogues and a workable deployment method to carry a helmet with cameras safely down to earth. There were three objectives to fulfill. Firstly to minimize damage to the cameras. Secondly to allow spectators on the ground the chance of seeing the helmet coming and thirdly to be able to find the lost helmet should it land off the DZ. Tall grass is a favourite. We have now tested the drogue with actual cameras on ten jumps.

Canon Cameras were more than happy to lend me a mint T90 for our R & D. Outwardly it was in pristine condition but some Wally had dropped it without a drogue! After six descents it is still in mint condition apart from one small chip when it landed in the pit from 500 ft. Either Canon build extraordinarily tough cameras or our system works.

To deploy this drogue you have to attach a thin tape to your chest strap, this in turn goes to a "Freebag" which lives inside your helmet acting as part of the padding. A premature deployment is impossible for only when the helmet is two feet away from your head can it start to deploy. So this is the scenarios:

All the cameraman does when he gets into the plane is loop his chest strap through the short bridle. That's it! Should the helmet and cameraman part company during his descent to earth then the drogue automatically pulls out and deploys.

Now comes the really cunning bit; the retrieval operation. It happened more or less by accident. The first time that Steve deliberately pulled his quick release on the helmet I watched our drogue deploy and opened my own chute. Not losing sight of my prototype was the objective. Floating lazily around next to it I noticed that its descent rate was very similar to my own. Making a mock attack towards it I narrowly missed it by a couple of feet.

The ball was in play! With renewed enthusiasm I flew away for about 100 ft, turned and had a straight approach. Because it has no air speed it does seem to close quite quickly but a normal CRW approach is all that is needed. It hooked onto my foot and went limp. Pulling up the drogue I easily grabbed the helmet and cameras. Then I dropped it and practised again. Even easier. If I can do it so can everyone else. But do be careful. So as the good professor said, "An experiment with 100% success story." No damage, no loss and no one taken out.

It was not that long ago that cameramen jumped only a stills camera, 16 mm was a rarity but essential

for moving pictures. Video was unborn. Nowadays video and stills are jumped together as a matter of course. To this end I have designed my latest Camerahelmet and it is literally that, a fully integrated helmet and mount moulded as one. The helmets are made by a technique called rotational moulding which although expensive is suited to small production runs. Since I started designing mounts for helmets 10 years ago, it probably works out at about Mk15. Many grey cells have been involved in the development and many lessons learnt - for simplicity is the art of the functional.

When I brought out my rotating front mount last year I could not keep up with demand, so stopped. Then, starting from scratch, I designed this latest model with state of the art materials and innovations that would make it more pleasurable and more creative for its owner. But my prime objective was safety. Skydiving is exciting enough without having a built in entanglement contraption on your head. Smooth lines with as little sticking out as possible were the prerequisites. I've had a pilot chute round a lens and its not funny although I have since learnt to open right way up!

One of the worst potential offenders is the Newton Ring Sight often seen sticking out at a crazy angle like an anglers bait waiting for the unwary. Surely it makes sense to hide this hook out of harms way under the camera. A slim stemmed holder that slots neatly behind the camera is the answer. Consequently I am making my own customised Newton Ring Sights from a high impact plastic.

The "QUICK RELEASE" is an idea I thought of some years ago and I am pleased to say now copied by many cameramen. This new helmet has a new style "QUICK RELEASE" made from 'DUEL LOCK' a product by 3M. In shear stress, that is a sideways pull, it requires an amazing 50 lbs per square inch to separate. However peeling it off requires virtually no effort. This new quick release uses four inches, it would take therefore a load of 200 lbs to separate. Surely

more than enough even for all Norman Kent's cameras. Last time we met he had only got 15 kilos on his head! A Canon EOS with zoom, a Hassleblad with 30 mm ultrawide, a Sony Handycam and N9 16 mm film camera then all the batteries and the full face helmet. Imagine loosing that lot! But if you do get an entanglement and need to jettison your load then all it takes is a slight pull and off it floats under its own chute. Magic!

My camera insurers are so impressed with our results that they are prepared to insure the equipment of any skydiving cameraman providing they use this system and are looking into preferential rates. Now that can't be bad.

Enquiries to: Terry Austin,  
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North Station Road, Colchester.  
CO1 1IYS.  
Tel: 0206-577612.

Fixing your two cameras takes approximately 1-2 seconds each and even less to detach them. Again we use the same "Duel Lock plus a safety O Ring. A strip of this self adhesive tape is pressed onto any camera with which you wish to sky-dive. Then your 35mm camera is simply pressed down hard onto the front rotating plate and an O Ring is stretched over it. The same happens on top with the video. This system has several advantages. Speed being the first. The time consuming process of changing film is reduced to an absolute minimum. There are no screws to lose and because of this no vibration is transmitted through the helmet which in theory should mean steadier and sharper pictures. Virtually any camera combinations are possible.

A recess is moulded next to each ear for a ditler. One to tell you it is opening height and a second to say you should have a parachute above

your head. Cameramen do get carried away particularly when dropping down beneath large formations and you only have to get it wrong once.

The rotating front mount has been further improved. The friction pad that enables you to take vertical pictures on exit and then horizontal pictures of a wider formation is smoother and securer at each end of its travel. It really is easy to operate just by reaching up after exit and twisting the whole mount around. It gives so much more variety than having it locked in a conventional horizontal position.

I'll happily let anyone try a demo jump with the Camerahelmet. It's so much fun to use, especially if you can catch it!

*Leo Dickinson*



# IN THE TRACKS OF THE FRENCH?

It seems that the days of big stack attempts have come to an end. We, the Brits, still hold the record at 24 but to be quite honest big things in C.R.W. have done a huge body swerve to formations.

There is no doubt that the French are streets ahead having recently completed an amazing 36 diamond...their skill is undisputed, but ours is getting better all the time...

Recently, a mixture of Royal Marines, Trailblazers and Red Devils had a 'low key' crack at the British Record of 11. As usual Leo and Mandy Dickinson were on hand to capture any success on film... Trying for a 16 diamond our best result was 13 on our first go. From then we started a run of jumps that although frustrating gave us a good learning curve on flying Big C.R.W. formations.

Over a week we had 7 attempts. The photos show that we didn't get it right all of the time but the real winner was the weather yet again...

So, keeping this article short. The usual thanks to Netheravon and staff, pilots and a special ta' to Bruce Scanes our mechanic, organiser and on more than one occasion our involuntary stunt man for Leo's insatiable desire for 'Action'. We learned lots and although we are no immediate threat to the French, they must be hearing the echos of our padded footsteps over their shoulders...

Good luck to the British team in the World Championships.

*Chris Schofield D5576*



\* 3-Way Diamond — completed in one of the early attempts at the record.

(Leo Dickenson was there to capture the encounter on film.)



*\* Another attempt at the CRW formation record gets underway, but Bruce Scanes (Royal Marines) finds that flying his slot can be a tricky affair....*



*....his canopy continues on its own way turning Bruce back towards the diamond formation.*



*\* Red Devils come face to face with Royal Marines as Bruce and Jo Willoughby talk tactics before....*



*\* ....the formation can take the strain no longer, and Bruce faces another reserve ride taking a few of his team-mates with him.*



*\* A completed 39-way — featuring 38 Brits — from the Belgian Herc Boogie at Moorseele  
Photograph by Simon Ward.*





# Belgian Herc Boogie .. Moorsele '88

## General Statistics

Registrations	1,200
By country (approx)	
UK	500
Belgian	300
Dutch	250
German	50
French	50
Swiss	40
Staff Members	
Organisers	5
Part time	60
Load Organisers	15
Cameramen	5
Tandem Masters	6
Hercules Crew	9
Spectators (approx)	3,000
Registration cost	1,000 Belgian Francs (£16.50)
Aircraft	
Hercules C 130	
Caribou	
Transit Busses	6
Loads	
(Hercules)	91
(Caribou)	15
Total Jumps	9,160
(Hercules)	8,485
(Caribou)	675
Maximum Loads/day	26 (Sunday)
Average Loads/day	18
Largest complete Formations	
(RW)	39 (38 British)
(CRW)	14 (Belgian Record)
Tandem Rides	59
Reserve Rides	14
Fractures	4

## Next Year's Dates

Early to Mid July,  
likely to be limited to 800-1,000 registrations  
with a minimum experience level between  
100-200 jumps.

## Verdict

Having spoken to many jumpers at and after the Boogie, the overall impression was excellent. A chance to jump the 'Fat Albert' with indefatigable and able support from the organisers and load organisers.

The Belgian Air Force crew were quite superb and very enthusiastic, the captain made an AFF jump and one of the crew a tandem jump.

The general level of jumping was not high although some groups formed to concentrate on quality jumping.

The toilets and showers left much to be desired.

This problem has been noted by the organisers who hope to have a new complex built by next year's boogie.

The event was sadly marred by the death of Thomas From. Thomas was the organiser of the Thailand Boogie and from Sweden. He died of a brain haemorrhage on the transit bus as we were making our way to the take off airfield. The future of the Thai Boogie is not yet settled. Our sympathies go to his son Joel who attended the Hercules Boogie as a spectator.

## Conclusion

Don't miss next year but remember that the registrations will be strictly limited. Organisers and Aircrew alike will do everything possible to keep you in the air.

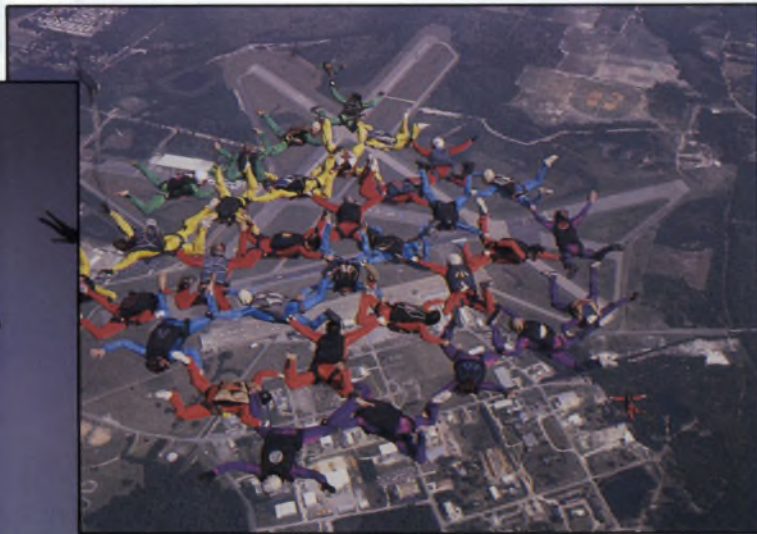
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# Spring Fling Deland

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Another Boogie date to add to the already full Skydiving calendar this time a few weeks after Easter.

The normal names of Guy Manos, Tom Piras and Roger Ponce came up with a new and certainly novel idea - salaried load organisers - at least for the week. Bob and Brigitta Hallet did not charge a registration fee but instead put up jump prices from \$15 to \$16 which covered a cameraman slot.

Deland is the most video conscious DZ I know. Nothing escapes that eye in the sky. Jumpers paid an extra \$2 to get on Guy's loads but only \$1 extra to jump with Piras. Market forces are clearly coming into play!

The objectives were large formation sequential and untried gems like a successful 36 way then 64 way Jewel. The organisers claimed success on the second attempt but the

Videos were not so easily fooled and steamed up in protest. The fifth attempt worked to everyone's satisfaction. Guy uses computers and graphics to organise large loads which substantially reduces dirt diving. A jumper will see his aircraft, exit position, formation slot, docking key, break off altitude and perhaps jumpsuit colour. If the jumper screws up the computer will not reprint his or her name on the next load unless of course your name is Guy, Tom or Roger. We have to have some democracy!

The French Tag team were practising being World Champions together with four others to make up their eight way. Now that they have lost their Billionaire Sponsor they are paying for their own jumps this year and are limiting it to 250 four way and 250 eight way!

The rather sad point was that the all girls Coca-Cola team know that with the Tag team so current they have no chance of winning their French nationals and therefore will be unlikely to compete in any World Championships. Having seen their videos I can only say that if they entered our Nationals there would be a big shock.

Finally a new game, ditch swooping. Find a six foot ditch, make a particularly low hook turn then disappear from sight for about 50 feet. Your momentum should allow you to gracefully lift out and do a tiptoe landing on the edge. The only obvious drawback I can see is hitting the bottom of the ditch and not coming out. As Piras commented on the tanoy after his team mate disappeared for longer than usual, "If you're going to be stupid, you gotta be tough!"



# Skyathlon fun makes its mark

Photographs by Simon Ward

Competition - with an air of entertainment and an opportunity to bring fun jumpers into the competitive arena - was the main aim of the first ever Skyathlon held at Netheravon parachute centre.

Nine teams of mixed talents (and some of dubious character!) entered the tournament which, despite the great British weather, proved to be a popular success. The Skyathlon incorporates a combination of parachuting talents into one event, testing jumpers' all-round ability in three disciplines - RW, CRW and Accuracy - in one dive. And the scoring system is devised to allow for teams being weaker in one of the three sections, regardless of which one, and still being able to compete on level terms.

The idea was the brainchild of CCI Pete Lambson who said: "The idea was to hold a meet that would appeal to jumpers who usually feel out of it because they do not specialise in single-discipline events up to what is perceived as 'standard'. We wanted to bring the fun jumpers into it - and we certainly succeeded in that."

Although only two rounds were able to be completed, everyone who took part enjoyed the competitive fun, and left the drop-zone talking tactics for next year's Skyathlon event.

The competition was won by **Silverstars** with 78 points.

2nd - Bob Get Your Kit on (67 points)

3rd - Just Us (56 points)

4th - Cornish Phone Home (54 points)

5th - joint: Trailblazers 'A'/Trailblazers  
'B'/Late Comers (50 points)

8th - Hack 'N Slash (48 points)

9th - God Knows (43 points).



# Bottle – or the difference between a jumper..... and one who has jumped

Parachuting requires more than the average amount of bottle. This is probably why more people agree to go on first jump courses after a liberal amount of dutch courage down the pub than in any other venue. The balance between fear and exhilaration is usually the deciding factor in whether or not you continue in the sport.

The sport is one of the few that does not give any advantage to a muscle-bound He-man over a slim small woman who's idea of physical exertion is the weekly trip to the supermarket. Of course general fitness does help as does awareness of total body position. Here activities such as judo, ballet or gymnastics can be useful. However, parachuting is just as much a mental as well as a physical activity. (Ask any wuffo.)

All the instruction we receive trains us both physically and mentally but the latter is hardly ever acknowledged. The first jump course is a good example of brainwashing. All that brainwashing shouting one thousand, two thousand etc. means that when you actually do your first jump you automatically go through the correct procedure in spite of the sensory overload. When I was doing my static-line jumps the aircraft had a stall warning indicator which would bleep when the jumpmaster shouted 'CUT'. One sunny Tuesday afternoon I was waiting to cross a road when a moped drove past and indicated to turn left. The indicator made exactly the same noise as the stall warning indicator in the plane. On hearing this my heart started pounding just like it did on run-in. Luckily I stopped myself before I started to count!

Parachuting is difficult, that's probably why it's such a challenge. What other sport gives you seconds to get your total body position right. Imagine trying to learn to drive a car in the time you're expected to master flying your body. In the few seconds you have you need the maximum amount of concentration and the last thing you need is a mind wandering off down the "what if this goes wrong" road to panic. When you first start, the reassurance of the instructors helps to maintain your mental concentration. After a few jumps you start learning how to deal with your anxiety yourself.

Practising your jump on the ground followed by mental revision as you're going up to altitude helps to reinforce a positive attitude and ensures the jump goes well. Avoiding hassle before you go up is a good idea. One of my most 'bottley' jumps was after I'd got into a stupid argument over the ownership of a helmet. Giving yourself lectures - "Of course it's going to open, and if it doesn't you use your reserve." can help. There comes a point though when you have to decide to concentrate on being positive and stop worrying unnecessarily.

Overstretching is another way of relaxing your mental grip. We all love a new challenge, it's what propels us through the category system and on to bigger and better things, but one step at a time. It's better to repeat a manoeuvre be it DP, track turn or rear float so you know you can do it than lose your confidence later on when you're called upon to do two or three things you're a bit unsure of.

So the next time some smartypants barges in on your dirt-dive wanting to know what you're doing you can answer "Mental callisthenics".

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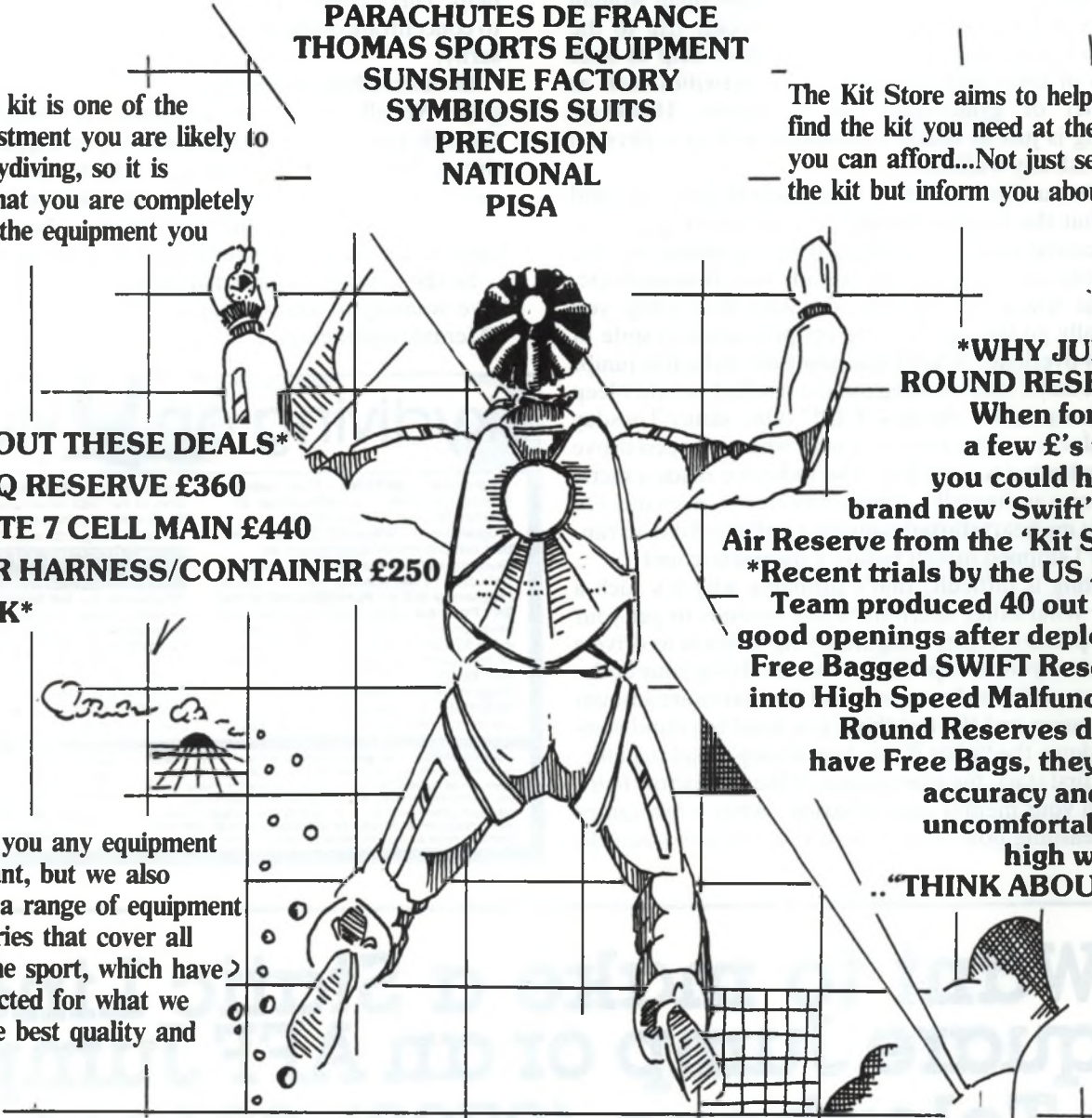
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# Letter From a Friend.....

Dear Felicity,

I hear that you might be interested in taking up skydiving, following no doubt my heroic example. There are a few pointers which might help you.

First, you should be prepared to be called Doris. This can be confusing at first because every other Doris on the Drop Zone is called Doris, but you will learn to distinguish which applies to you by the adjectival prefix ie Stupid Doris, Dizzy Doris, Delectable Doris, Dumb Doris etc.

The correct plural of Doris is Dorai although those of a less educated disposition refer to Dorises. No one to my knowledge has decreed whether the collective noun for a group of Dorai is a flock, a herd, a pride, or a swarm. My own preference is simply a "gaggle".

Whatever the sex of a skydiver, all have a number of things in common. Basically they are a bunch of unruly hooligans who break wind frequently and insist on hanging onto parts of an aeroplane which the designers never intended should be used for the purpose.

Jumpers are not born with the characteristics which mark them out from ordinary mortals. These facets develop over a period of time. For example, any normal human being does not have the parachutist's well defined and accurate internal mechanism which tells him that he or she is passing 8,500 ft and now is the time to fart.

Some people are more prone to this fault than others. The Royal Marines are amongst the worst, and this is attributable to the vast quantities of Baked Beans which they consume in basic training at Lympstone. It is said that they use their trained guts to ward off any unwelcome approaches from sailors who have been at sea with them for some months.

The student when he first arrives for a one jump course is unsullied with any hint of skydiveitis. At this stage he or she is almost entirely sane. He has

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***Nigel Jackson came across this letter of advice to a friend. Potential students might find it useful.***

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natural emotions, like being frightened, and if he hears comment that such and such a person has a 'bottle' problem, he does not see why this should be in the slightest bit derogatory and concludes simply that the person concerned must be perfectly normal.

The rot starts to set in after the first jump. Any ordinary person will by now have seen the error of his ways and will have decided to take up crochet or origami instead. Some seem to become hooked (no reference to crochet needles intended), and on what? Where is the attraction of sitting for hours on a drop zone waiting for the wind to drop, or the rain to stop, or the cloud base to rise, or the aircraft to be repaired, or for the pilot to leave the pub, or for the instructors to get the matresses off their backs?

And then to accept being trussed up like a chicken in some black harness, made to walk in this diabolical contraption to an aeroplane and be squeezed into the tightest of confined spaces with only one hand available to help, the other moving from covering the reserve handle only at the risk of severe apoplexy suffered by the instructor. It is ironic that the whole flight in the aircraft is spent with this handle covered, and then on leaving the aircraft, the hand needs to be as far away as reasonably possible from it to avoid pulling it accidentally.

The ride to altitude is designed to be uncomfortable, cold, drafty and interminable so that the student does not wish to remain onboard for a moment longer than necessary. Better to be dangling under a canopy taking in the visuals, watching the DZ recede rapidly into the distance.

Incidentally, take your own boots. DZ boots, if available, come in three sizes, very large, extraordinarily large and posi-

tively gargantuan. They have also an unerring magnetic attraction towards fences, trees, rivers and dung heaps.

Against all the odds, one student in several million will accept the embuggerations and stay the course. After a time, it is even possible that the skygods might start talking to him, but this will depend upon whether sufficient evidence of incipient adulation is present. Those who would swoon at the feet of the God are more likely to receive verbal attention at an earlier stage than those who have seen through the bluff and have come to realise that the sport is as full of bullshit as any other.

As a Doris, you will receive earlier attention than a student might do otherwise. Fear not that you are a thirteen stone hulk who works at Heathrow bump starting Jumbo jets for the World's Favourite Airline. There are plenty of men around who will become quite attracted to you after the fourteenth pint. And they will have drunk a substantial amount themselves.

As to the parachuting itself, the business is fairly straight forward. There is never any need to be frightened. Simply follow my example and close your eyes if everything is becoming a little fraught.

The instructors will spend the day teaching you to fall over in the required manner, and how to get out of the aeroplane before you get pushed. Some students have a problem with stability but that should not affect you as your mammary glands will keep you pointing towards Terra firma and with a vengeance. A homesick anvil will have nothing on you when you leave the aircraft.

I could continue to give you more advice but this will do for now. Please give a little advanced notice on your intentions so that we can warn off the Fire Brigade, Heavy Lift Equipment Hire, and other interested parties.

Yours in Trepidation

*Nigel*

# Breaking down the barriers to reach . . .

On May 7th 1988, after two years of negotiations by the Fisher family, daughter Linda in particular, John and Fran Fisher, together with Dave and Suzie Howerski, Dave and Nicky Johnston, Dave Rose, John Hitchen and myself set out on a parachuting holiday with a difference. We were going to China, thanks to an invitation from the "Chinese Aeronautical Sports Association".

After a total travelling time of twenty seven hours we finally arrived at Beijing, formerly Peking. We were met by Hua Shao Lin, an employee of the "C.A.S.A.", former Ladies Style and Accuracy Champion, now an F.A.I. Judge, and Ja Cheng Xiang, the Chinese C.I.P. Delegate. John Hitchen had in fact met Shao Lin at previous World Meets and Cheng Xiang at the C.I.P. Conference.

Prior to our visit to the Air School we had two days sight seeing, which included a visit to the Great Wall. We spent much of our third day at Beijing Airport waiting for our flight to Cheng Du, which was delayed for 8 hours, and was eventually cancelled.

The Chinese had arranged for us to jump at two of their fourteen centres. They have three Relative Work Centres which are purely military, and eleven Style and accuracy Centres which are situated within "Air Schools". These Schools are run by the Government. There is no such thing as Civilian Centres or "Fun Jumping". The average cost of one jump, we were paying 25 US\$ for 10,000 feet, is equivalent to one months wage for the average Chinese worker.

The first Air School which we visited was at "Cheng Du" in the Sichuan Province, approximately one thousand miles south west of Beijing. This involved a two hour flight with a climate similar to that of Britain, more humidity, but plenty of rain. Of the three days allocated, only one day was suitable for jumping. The men each performed six jumps, I managed five. The aircraft was an AN2-ANTANOV, a large military Bi-plane which easily takes twelve parachutists in comfort.



At the end of our three day visit, we thanked them for their hospitality, which had been truly excellent, they presented us with gifts and flowers, then took us to the airport for another delayed internal flight. We were going to "Xian", approximately seven hundred miles north west, home of the "Terracotta Warriors". No skydiving, but sight-seeing had been arranged. Nicky fell foul of the Security Officers at the Terracotta Warrior site for being in possession of a video camera which they believed he had used to film illegal shots. He suffered a fine of approximately £15, but thankfully managed to save the film which included skydiving shots from Cheng Du. This seemed to be a lucrative business, when Nicky went to pay his fine, he found himself in a large queue of similar offenders.

After two further days of sight-seeing we were all eager to get to the second Air School at "An Yang" in the Henan Province. This involved a thirteen hour train ride on an overnight sleeper, the standard of which was excellent for approx. £20.

On arrival, we were once again met by the Minister of Sport for that Province, the Director of the An Yang Air School, plus other Officials, Coaches and Jumpers. The Air School is one of the top training

camps for teams preparing for international competitions in Style and Accuracy and Canopy Relative Work.

After lunch we were briefed on the airfield, which, like Cheng Du, was approximately two thousand metres long and over fifteen hundred metres wide, large by anyone's standard. There were seven Antonovs available, and once again we were provided with our own aircraft. The jump programme commenced. We each performed two jumps.

After a seven-thirty start the following day, having completed one jump within our group, it was agreed that two of the Style jumpers be allowed a break in training, and join us. As they had no previous R.W. experience, one of the Chinese R.W. Coaches was also allowed to join us. We had a successful eight way dive, completed two points and almost the third. We were impressed by the determination of the two style jumpers, especially in the launch where their front and back equipment proved to be cumbersome and necessitated a change in grips from our usual launch. We did a further dive which also proved a success. The two style jumpers had to return to the training programme, but fortunately the Coach remained with us and several successful dives were

# the Great Wall of China

completed, including my SCS which enabled Dave Rose to claim his SCR, having been in the launch and his first eight way. High winds after the lunch time break prevented any further parachuting.

We began the following days jumping with a 6 a.m. start, as high winds were once again forecast as the day progressed. The programme ceased at lunch time having completed four dives each.

Once again, at the end of our visit, a farewell dinner was held, we were again presented with gifts to remind us of our visit. After another overnight sleeper train journey we arrived

back in Beijing at 7 a.m. the following day.

After a quick shower and breakfast we were taken out for more sight-seeing. We visited the Palace Museum and spent the rest of the afternoon shopping. That evening we attended a formal dinner hosted by the C.A.S.A. where we were presented with yet more gifts. We retired early to our hotel and spent a pleasant evening in the bar with Cheng Xiang and Shao Lin.

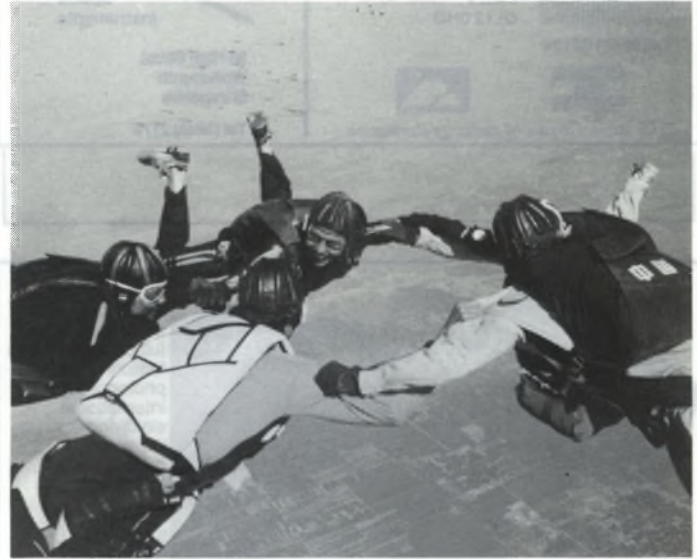
The following day saw an early start once again, as a visit to the Summer Palace had been arranged. After lunch we departed for the airport for

our flight back to the UK. This was a nightmare of a journey, coupled with delays, and a seven hour wait in Pakistan for the connecting flight, taking a total of 34 hours before arriving back in London.

Words really cannot express the genuine friendship and hospitality extended to us by the Chinese throughout our visit.

Anyone interested in visiting China should contact the BPA Office or John Fisher at the Cornwall Parachute Club.

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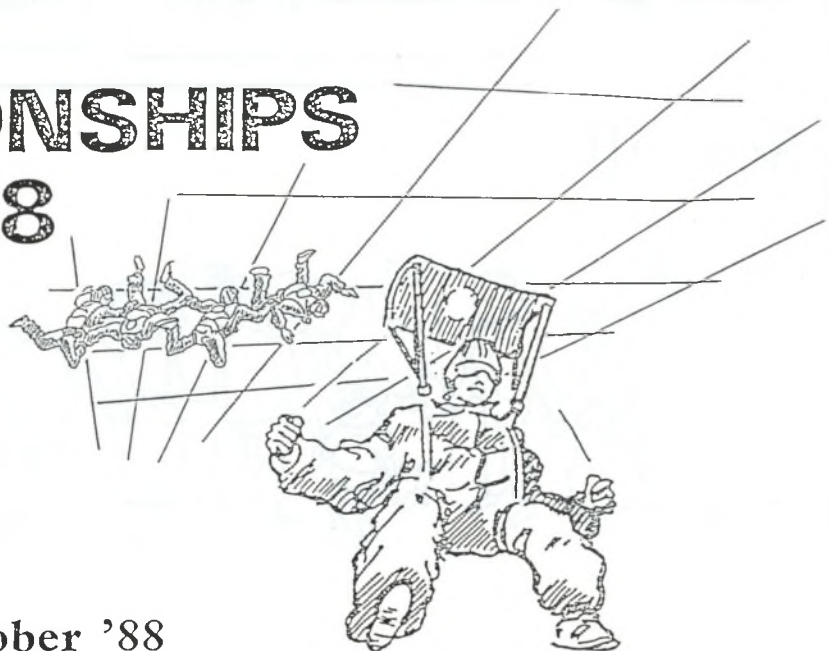


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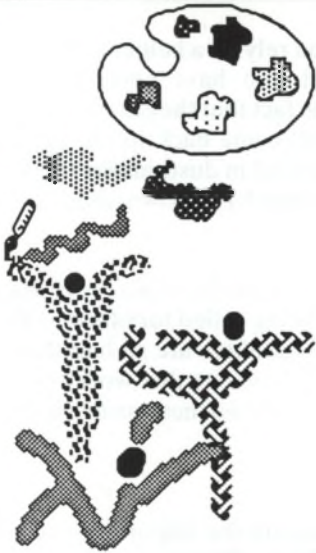
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"Jumping of course", I replied "It's my Costa del Langar fortnight".

"Let's go DZ hopping" Jim suggested. Why not? But why waste a whole week stuck in traffic or grounded by weather, let's fly and do it in a day.

After telephoning various DZ operators, with terrific response, the project was on. Six jumps and six drop zones. Now all we needed was one good jumpable day. The first day dawned windy and low cloud, could we trust the favourable forecast? Believing the weathermen for once, we decided to go for it.

Jim Warren, Alan Brookes, Chris Harrison and myself gathered at Langar at 9.00 a.m. An hour later the cloud base was up to 3,500 ft and winds down to 15 mph. By 10.15 a.m. with John Fletcher at the controls of Langars C206, we were heading for our first drop, Sibson. We "ran in" at cloud base (3,500 ft) all out one pass to become the first lift of the day over Sibson. John Meacock and Ronnie O'Brien gave us a very friendly welcome. (Thanks for the cups of tea).

John busied himself with the necessary phone calls whilst we re-packed and we were soon off again for the next leg of our journey, Abbotsley. Being a new DZ to us all, it was a little difficult to locate from the air. After landing, we soon realised that John on final approach,

spotted the pit in relation to the runway and decided to get closest to the disc. Re-packed and getting hungry, we set off for lunch at Cranfield. Another warm and friendly welcome awaited us. Re-fuelled and refreshed, we departed Cranfield in blue skies and light winds, heading towards Hinton in the Hedges. Thanks to Upper Heyford we arrived at our destination safely avoiding their F111's.

Next stop Long Marston, a familiar sight. Climbing overhead I relived the very first paratroop here 17/2/1973 when Pat Howell, Chalkie White, John Langford and myself exited a Wilga 35 at 5,500 ft. All founder members of Midland Para Club (where are they now?).

Finally, home to Langar where Dave and Angela Hickling had laid on a surprise champagne buffet (who said the C.C.I. never buys a round?). A fantastic days fun jumping was had by all and I thoroughly recommend others to try it. Special thanks must go to John Fletcher for all his hard work and to Angela and Dave Hickling for the buffet. Many thanks also to DZ operators for their co-operation and enthusiasm, John Meacock and Ronnie O'Brien (Sibson) Dave Harrison (Abbotsley) Stu Carried (Cranfield) Mike Bolton (Hinton in the Hedges) and Jim Sharples (Long Marston). Finally, thanks to H.J. Indestructible Socks (Sponsors).

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# When Will The Wind Drop....?

## A guide to Pitfalls for PM (Potential Man)

### 1. THE BOARD:

This blank faced object which the centre revolves around will rule your life. Everybody writes their names and the type of jump they require on it. At Student level this works perfectly, however as jumpers progress they assume you know when and who they want to jump with, if you leave them off their desired lift then it is your fault for not reading their minds not theirs for not putting their name up.

### 2. THE STUDENT:

Life is very hard on these poor souls, either the wind is too high or they arrive too late to get on a lift. Static Line Students are harmless in singles, but if they start to congregate watch out, they will decide questions to ask the Manifestor a spokesman is sent down to ask ie "When will the wind drop?" Give an answer then plug up your ears because at 3 minute intervals each member of the group will approach you to ask the same question. On the whole though this group is best as they can be bullied into fetching you snacks and mugs of coffee. They are also eager to pay their jump bill.

### 3. THE CREAM! (cat 9 up):

These temperamental budding skygods have overcome all the barriers of Weather/D.Z. Food/Hangovers and so feel that they have a right to monopolize the plane. If the cloud base is 5000ft. then it is the manifesters fault for putting them onto that lift. The fact that they had spent 2 hours telling you it wasn't worth the effort of getting into the plane and then decided that the withdrawal symptoms of not jumping were so strong they fought to get into the plane is of no matter. Treat these folks gently as they can be coerced into doing, D.Z. Duty, Packing, and collecting wayward students from nearby obstacles (trees), and generally help the D.Z. to tickover. They have also developed the art of delaying paying their jump bill till the very last moment.

### 4. THE SPECTATOR:

Tell them that they are not permitted within an area of 150ft of you and send them to a group of experienced jumpers as these are good at answering any questions.

### 5. INSTRUCTORS:

These people appear occasionally surrounded by a flock of students, or stagger wild eyed into manifest to be told there are only 4 lifts of first timers to dispatch. They generally slot their name in with a group of the left Cream.

### 6. C.C.I.:

Let this poor creature the Can Carrying Instructor, think he has a use by asking him the odd question, but be wary of putting his suggestions into practice unless they match your conclusions. If you get tired of answering Students questions send them to see the C.C.I. this keeps them both from under foot.

### 7. THE RW POACHER:

These people can be spotted by the way they study the Board with pen and paper in hand then disappear muttering

about Doughnuts and Flakes BEWARE they are not hungry. They gather a group together and reappear fully kitted and ready to go. If you put them into the plane you will face the wrath of the 8 RW Groups who have had their names on the board as the RW Poacher will make sure he has taken one name from each group. On the other hand tell the 9 that they can't go and you face their wrath. If they go up deflect the RW Groups by pointing at the Poacher and say "See....?"

### 8. THE HELPER:

If you wish to do a jump you rely on a helper to run the manifest. Always ensure that you have several lifts ahead arranged. Instill in them the fact that they must not touch the manifest sheets, or you will come back to chaos, and may possibly end up groping around in dustbins for the Manifest sheets your enthusiastic helper has thrown away.

### 9. THE TANNOY:

The theory of this piece of equipment is that everyone on the D.Z. can hear their name being called for lifts etc. The reality is that two of the Loud speakers are so bad that British Rail are envious of them and the one that works perfectly is either near the aircraft, or in the furthest corner from where the jumpers congregate.

### 10. THE PILOT:

Much has already been said on the importance of pilots in other articles (written by Pilots of course) suffice to say that drinks and bacon butties should be sent out to his metal prison every few lifts, this keeps him in his proper place, keeps the jumpers happy and makes your life easier.

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## FOR SALE

"In excellent condition"

### 20 IRVIN SKYTRAINERS RED/WHITE

10 almost new · 10 with approx 100 jumps  
Complete with (2 loop) GQ packs & Harness  
CBT Bags · Static Lines  
Will split if necessary

4 PX 32C anopies "Complete as above"  
1 Strato Star (Canopy only) Red

1 Ground to air video system (ex. R.A.P.A.)

Complete with monitor & video recorder

(ready to use):

**BRITISH SKYSPOrts, BRIDLINGTON**

**Tel: (0262) 677367**

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# ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

## Explanatory Notes to the Annual Accounts

In addition to the Treasurers Report I have put together a short set of explanatory notes to the Annual Accounts.

### INCOME

#### 1. Membership Subscription

This figure is reached by taking the total subscription for the year i.e.

1987 121,313	Less Paid in Advance for 1988 - 11,989
11,989	
<u>109,324</u>	Plus Paid in Advance for 1987 - 12,179
21,179	
<u>Total £130,503</u>	

#### 2. Shop Sales

Less bought from BPA Shop, but less was spent on stock, thus the actual GROSS Shop Profit is  $9,708 - 5,416 = £4,292$ .

#### 3. Magazine Subscriptions

This figure is reached in a similar manner to 1. above.

#### 4. Magazine Adverts

Down due to less advertisers and the fact that with the February magazine being two months late the payments come in after the year end.

#### 5. Other Income

This figure comprises:

FAI Sales, Display Team Fees, DZ Recce Fees, AFF, Tandem, Rigging administration fees.  
Fees from PI and Advanced Courses. Film Hire.  
Sale of the old BPA Vehicle and any other odd pieces of income i.e. refunds.

#### 6. Interest Received (After Tax)

Though the Associations Cash assets fell due to purchasing the HQ, the interest has still been maintained via the Isle of Man Money Market Account.

#### 7. Sponsorship

I negotiated this with our Insurance Brokers.

#### 8. Sports Council Grant

In 1987 £10,000 was held back as deferred income and has to be brought into the income for the year ended 31.3.88.

#### 9. Total Income

An Increase of 7.03%

### EXPENDITURE

#### A. Development

1. Development Management · Increase due to the inception of Development Plan.
2. BPA Vehicle Running Costs · This is less than the figure budgetted.
3. Operating Costs · Increase due to increased costs. See operating Costs on page VI.
4. Staff Costs · Increase due to employment of Development Officer, and promised salary increases.

#### B. Coaching

1. PI Course · Down on last year and includes all courses.
2. Advanced Courses
3. Boards of Enquiry · Due to the number of fatalities and various meetings held. Also includes disciplinary panel costs.
4. Operating Costs · As at A.4 above.
5. Staff Costs · As at A.5 above.

#### C. Competition

World Championships

1. Classics · No cost in Year 1987/88.
2. Relative Work · As was budgetted.
3. Canopy Relative Work · No cost in 1987/88.
4. Paraski · No cost in 1987/88.
5. World Cup of Champions · As budgetted.

Other Championships

6. Nationals · Costs due to the need to hire in an A/C and pay judges to complete meet after bad weather.
7. RAPA · Usual Costs.
8. CIP Conference · More costly conference as held in Sweden this year.
9. Operating Costs · As at A.4 above.
10. Staff Costs · As at A.5 above.

#### D. Publicity/PR

1. Cost of Shop Sales · Less stock purchased but please see income note at 3 ante.
2. Public Relations/PR · Due to the Channel IV Video.
3. Operating Costs · As at A.4 above.
4. Staff Costs · As at A.5 above.

#### E. Membership Services

1. Magazine · The Magazine was in profit this year by  $49,881 - 45,409 = £4,472$ .
2. Members Insurance · There is usually a slight difference due to advance payments etc.
3. Operating Costs · As at A.4 above.
4. Staff Costs · As at A.5 above.
5. Relocation Sevices · This figure includes:- Removal Costs, Painting/Decorating, Legal Fees, Conveyancing etc.  
Advertising to dispose of the old lease.

#### F.

1. Total Expenditure · An increase of 6.11% but even with the removal expenses, employment of DO etc. is only just above the inflation level.
2. Surplus for Year · An increase of 13.73%

C.W. PORT  
Secretary General  
B.P.A.

# TREASURERS REPORT · Year to 31.3.88

At the outset of my third report as treasurer of the Association, I am delighted to be able to report that on your behalf a Freehold HQ Building has been purchased. In the 8 months we have had the building it is estimated that it has increased in value by some 10% and would now be worth some £90,000, it should continue to increase annually and as such is a growing asset for the Association.

Despite assurances by Sports Council that they would fund 1/3 of the cost, that sum has still not been forthcoming. However, attempts are continually being made to obtain this funding. In the event the HQ was bought outright, and this of course decreases our liquidity by £82,000. With this in mind I am pleased to report that a surplus of income has been achieved again this year of £45,108. This brings our accumulated fund to £149,659. The income is up by 7% and expenditure by 6%.

I should perhaps explain that a large part of this years surplus is due to reduced expenditure, mainly in the area of Development, due to Chris Gilmore's decision to leave our employment. This resulted in a number of schemes being deferred, but no doubt Susan Dixon, Chris's successor, will resurrect some of those plans.

In line with last years notes, the expenditure headings have remained within acceptable budget levels. As in previous years the pure administration costs have been kept down to very reasonable levels.

Again this year a full set of explanatory notes to the accounts are included. They do not, of course, form a part of the main accounts but are for clarification and explanation.

The continued financial strength of the Association is, I am sure, a result of past sound financial management by my predecessor and past Councils, together with the continued strong support from Members, Clubs and our Staff. I offer my thanks to all concerned. This strength is evident in the high level of loans which we are now making to Clubs, which I hope is tangible evidence of the Association using its funds to benefit the sport as a whole.

In conclusion I would say that the Association is in a healthy financial situation, and it is hoped that negotiations already undertaken will add some extra income to the funds. Other possible sources of income are presently being discussed, and will be reported to you as they happen.

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## BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED (A Company Limited by Guarantee) REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1988

### COUNCIL

Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Treasurer

J.T. Crocker\*  
D.T. Hickling\*  
J. Lines\*

### Other Members

T. Andrewes\*  
J. Curtis\*  
N. Dixon  
S. Dixon\*  
G. Douglas  
S. Eversfield\*  
D. Howerski  
T. Knight\*

P. Lambson  
K. Noble  
G. O'Hara  
J. Meacock  
J. Steele\*  
J. Thomas\*  
S. Trebel

The names of the present council members are stated above. Messrs. Colpus, Johnson, Prince, Rennie, Ritchie, Rosenvinge, Sharples and Wilson served as council members during the period but were not re-elected at the Annual General Meeting in January 1988.

\* These council members served from 1st April 1987 and were re-elected at the Annual General Meeting in January 1988. All other present members of council were elected at the Annual General Meeting.

### Review of the Year

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 1988.

### Auditors

A resolution will be proposed at the annual general meeting that Moores & Rowland be reappointed as auditors to the Association for the ensuing year.

On behalf of Council:  
C.W. Port  
Secretary General,  
Wharf Way,  
Glen Parva  
Leicester, LE2 9TF.  
27th July 1988



**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 1988, and of its result and source and application of funds for the year then ended and comply with the Companies Act 1985.

MOORES & ROWLAND  
Chartered Accountants  
NORTHAMPTON  
27th July 1988

<b>BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED</b>		<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>		<b>II</b>	
<b>For the year ended 31st March 1988</b>					
	Note	1988		1987	
<b>INCOME</b>		£	£	£	£
Members subscriptions	1		130,503		127,491
Members insurance			29,558		40,071
Shop sales			9,708		13,413
Magazine subscriptions		37,238		34,490	
Magazine advertising		<u>12,643</u>		<u>17,790</u>	
			49,881		52,280
Other income			9,598		6,266
Interest receivable	2		6,557		6,118
Sponsorship income			638		—
			<u>236,443</u>		<u>245,639</u>
Sports council grants	3		<u>115,740</u>		<u>83,424</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			<b><u>£352,183</u></b>		<b><u>£329,063</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Development:					
Development management			14,199		10,822
Vehicle running			1,000		349
Operating costs	4		21,491		19,109
Staff costs	5		<u>26,192</u>		<u>19,853</u>
			62,882		50,133
Coaching:					
P.I. courses			6,364		8,631
Advanced courses			6,364		8,632
Boards of Enquiry			2,698		761
Operating costs	4		24,849		22,095
Staff costs	5		<u>30,285</u>		<u>22,953</u>
			<u>70,560</u>		<u>63,072</u>
Competition costs:					
World Championships —					
Classics			—		15,114
Relative Work			25,990		—
Canopy Relative Work			—		17,418
Paraski			—		5,801
World Cup of Champions			2,927		—
National Championships			1,473		2,510
R.A.P.A. Championships			477		191
C.I.P. Conference			1,193		544
Operating costs	4		11,417		10,152
Staff costs	5		<u>13,915</u>		<u>10,546</u>
			57,392		62,276
Publicity and Public Relations:					
Cost of shop sales			5,416		8,507
Public relations			9,998		217
Operating costs	4		5,373		4,777
Staff costs	5		<u>6,548</u>		<u>4,963</u>
			27,335		18,464
Membership Services:					
Magazine			45,409		50,059
Insurance			29,671		38,090
Operating costs	4		4,029		3,582
Staff costs	5		4,911		3,723
Relocation expenses			<u>4,886</u>		—
			88,906		95,454
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>			<b><u>£307,075</u></b>		<b><u>£289,399</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>			<b><u>£45,108</u></b>		<b><u>£39,664</u></b>

**BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
**BALANCE SHEET – 31st March 1988**

	Note	£	1988	£	1987	III
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>						
Tangible assets	6		90,843		5,937	
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Stock	1	11,550		12,148		
Other debtors		9,357		9,408		
Prepayments		802		884		
Loans to clubs	9	9,797		9,333		
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>72,391</u>		<u>127,312</u>		
			<u>103,897</u>		<u>159,085</u>	
<b>CREDITORS – AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR –</b>						
Trade creditors		8,565		37		
Taxation and Social Security		5,628		10,758		
Other creditors		18,295		17,584		
Accruals		604		913		
Subscriptions in advance		11,989		21,179		
Deferred income	1 & 3	—		10,000		
			<u>45,081</u>		<u>60,471</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			<u>58,816</u>		<u>98,614</u>	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>£149,659</u>		<u>£104,551</u>	
<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>						
Balance at 1st April 1987			104,551		64,887	
Surplus for the year			45,108		39,664	
			<u>£149,659</u>		<u>£104,551</u>	

Approved by Council on 27th July 1988 and signed on its behalf by:

J.T. Crocker – Chairman  
 J. Lines – Treasurer

**BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

(a) No depreciation is provided on Freehold Land and Buildings. The Association maintains its property to a high standard and any depreciation would, in the opinion of council, be immaterial.

Depreciation is charged on the cost of other tangible fixed assets net of grants received, so as to write them off, over their estimated useful lives in equal instalments at the following annual rates:

Office fixtures—	20%	Office equipment—	25%
Exhibition equipment—	25%		
Training equipment—	Various rates between 20% and 50%		

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

(c) Annual membership subscriptions are brought into account only when received, whilst temporary memberships are brought into account on a receivable basis

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

(e) Grants received from The Sports Council are dealt with as follows:

- (i) Grants relating to specific capital expenditure of a material nature are set against the cost of the assets purchased.
- (ii) Grants relating to specific revenue expenditure are matched with expenditure when it is incurred

**BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - CONTINUED**

IV

<b>2. INTEREST RECEIVABLE</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1987</b>
	£	£
Gross interest received	9,076	10,754
Provision for Corporation Tax	(2,466)	(3,118)
Underprovision for Corporation Tax in prior year	<u>(53)</u>	<u>(1,518)</u>
	<u>£6,557</u>	<u>£6,118</u>

<b>3. SPORTS COUNCIL GRANT</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1987</b>
	£	£
Grant received in respect of:		
Development	38,480	31,000
Coaching	25,480	30,500
Competition	34,320	33,000
Video equipment	—	7,500
Publicity and advertising	5,720	7,000
Membership services	—	1,457
Legal and professional	1,000	—
C.I.P.	<u>740</u>	<u>—</u>
	105,740	110,457
Transfer from/to deferred income	10,000	(10,000)
Fixed assets	—	<u>(17,033)</u>
Income and Expenditure Account	<u>£115,740</u>	<u>£83,424</u>

<b>4. OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1987</b>
	£	£
Rent, rates, heat, and light	7,927	10,017
Deprecation of fixed assets	4,579	4,127
Staff and council travel	9,027	7,892
Postage	5,970	4,924
Telephone	3,431	3,094
Printing and stationery	12,510	12,306
General expenses	3,936	3,339
Hire of office equipment	970	800
Audit and accountancy	3,100	2,850
Insurance	1,466	893
Legal and professional	5,786	2,812
Subscriptions	1,869	1,933
Bank charges	1,910	1,314
Bad and doubtful debts	(297)	(183)
General meetings	3,482	3,097
Repairs and renewals	<u>1,493</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>£67,159</u>	<u>£59,715</u>

These costs have been allocated to expenditure headings in the Income and Expenditure Account as follows:

	%	£	£
Development	32	21,491	19,109
Coaching	37	24,849	22,095
Competitions	17	11,417	10,152
Publicity and P.R.	8	5,373	4,777
Membership services	6	<u>4,029</u>	<u>3,582</u>
	100	<u>£67,159</u>	<u>£59,715</u>

<b>5. STAFF COSTS</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1987</b>
	£	£
Wages and salaries	72,643	54,820
Social Security costs	7,112	5,293
Pension and health insurance	<u>2,096</u>	<u>1,925</u>
	<u>£81,851</u>	<u>£62,038</u>

These costs have been allocated to expenditure headings in the Income and Expenditure Account as follows:

	%	£	£
Development	32	26,192	19,853
Coaching	37	30,285	22,953
Competitions	17	13,915	10,546
Publicity and Public Relations	8	6,548	4,963
Membership	6	<u>4,911</u>	<u>3,723</u>
	100	<u>£81,851</u>	<u>£62,038</u>

The average number of persons employed by the Association during the year was:

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**BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - CONTINUED**

V

<b>6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>Freehold Land &amp; Buildings</b>	<b>Office Fixtures &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>Training &amp; Exhibition Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>COST:</b>				
At 1st April 1987	—	17,031	17,996	35,027
Additions	85,196	4,200	238	89,634
Disposals	—	(6,248)	(4,353)	(10,601)
At 31st March 1988	<u>£85,196</u>	<u>£14,983</u>	<u>£13,881</u>	<u>£114,060</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION:</b>				
At 1st April 1987	—	14,613	14,477	29,090
On disposals	—	(6,099)	(4,353)	(10,452)
Charge for year	—	2,663	1,916	4,579
At 31st March 1988	<u>£—</u>	<u>£11,177</u>	<u>£12,040</u>	<u>£23,217</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE:</b>				
At 31st March 1988	<u>£85,196</u>	<u>£3,806</u>	<u>£1,841</u>	<u>£90,843</u>
At 31st March 1987	<u>£—</u>	<u>£2,418</u>	<u>£3,519</u>	<u>£5,937</u>

**7. FUTURE CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

There were no contracts for capital expenditure authorised or contracted for at the balance sheet date which had not been provided for in the accounts (1987 £3,000).

**8. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**

The Association has no other financial commitments which have not been provided for in the accounts (1987 £7,000).

**9. LOAN ACCOUNTS**

	<b>Rates of Interest</b>	<b>Due for repay- ment by:</b>	<b>1988 £</b>	<b>1987 £</b>
Peterborough Parachute Club	5%	July 1988	957	3,458
Swansea Parachute Club	5%	Dec 1991	3,113	—
Flying Tigers	5%	Sept 1989	1,194	—
Border Venture Parachute Club	5%	Apr 1990	2,333	3,000
Cornwall	5%	Feb 1990	2,200	—
Others, since repaid			—	2,875
			<u>£9,797</u>	<u>£9,333</u>
Due for repayment within one year			5,131	7,100
Due for repayment after one year			4,666	2,233
			<u>£9,797</u>	<u>£9,333</u>

**SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1988**

	<b>1988</b>	<b>1987</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS</b>		
Surplus for the year	45,108	39,664
Adjustment for items not involving the movement of funds:		
Depreciation	4,579	4,127
Taxation provided	2,519	4,636
Profit on disposal of tangible fixed assets	(2,044)	—
	<u>5,054</u>	<u>8,763</u>
	50,162	48,427
<b>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</b>		
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets	2,193	—
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	52,355	48,427
net of grant received	89,634	5,221
Tax paid	3,171	1,881
	<u>(92,805)</u>	<u>(7,102)</u>
	(40,450)	41,325
<b>(INCREASE)/DECREASE IN WORKING CAPITAL</b>		
Stock	598	(1,227)
Debtors	133	(1,051)
Loan accounts	(464)	7,924
Creditors	(5,548)	201
Subscriptions in advance	(9,190)	3,070
	<u>(14,471)</u>	<u>8,917</u>
<b>(DECREASE)/INCREASE IN CASH AND DEPOSITS</b>	<u>£(54,921)</u>	<u>£50,242</u>

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# SKYDIVE, AVIGNON SOUTHERN FRANCE

The parachute centre at Pujaut is situated in beautiful countryside surroundings just outside the old fortress town of Avignon in Southern France. It is approximately 8 hours drive from Calais and can be reached directly via the main southern motorway routes. This friendly drop zone provides first class facilities which must rate amongst the finest in Europe. Good, plentiful accommodation, showers and toilets are available on the airfield along with an excellent restaurant which serves inexpensive meals throughout the day and evening.

Camping is available should you prefer.

Parachuting facilities include air to air video, ground to air video, accuracy pit, on-site rigger and shop, separate 'round' and 'square' packing halls, and tandem. Jump aircraft are Pilatus Porter, Cessna 206 and 185 (with in-flight door) and all are permanently based at the centre. Jump prices are 110FF for 3,500m (approx. 12,000'). A French Parachute Federation membership card is also necessary (300FF). However, it is possible to pay a supplement per jump, if you prefer, in order that you can choose the most economical approach, depending on the number of jumps you intend to make.

The centre is open all week throughout most of the year and offers the finest facilities for team training, progression, or simply a parachuting holiday with friends or a club. RW and CRW standards are high and Pujaut is used by many British and European teams for training and preparation for national and international events. For those who would like a short break from parachuting during your stay, Avignon is only some 10 minutes away by car and has plenty of shops, bars, restaurants, historical sites and leisure amenities.

If you would like more information about parachuting in the sun and blue skies above Pujaut, just telephone the number below or write direct. We look forward to welcoming you.

Centre de Parachutisme  
30131 Pujaut  
FRANCE.

Telephone: Centre 90 26 41 83  
Telephone: Clubhouse 90 26 46 96  
Dial 010 33 first when calling from the UK.



## BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

RAFSPA, Weston On The Green  
Wednesday 20th April 1988

**Present:**  
S. Eversfield - *Chairman*  
Susan Dixon  
S. Treble

**In attendance:**  
C.W. Port - *Secretary-General BPA*  
A.K. Butler - *JNC SO BPA*  
J.H. Hitchen - *JNC SO BPA*

**Observers:**  
S. McBrine  
G. Wood  
S. Taylor  
N. Rogoff

**Apologies:**  
T. Andrewes

### MINUTES

#### 1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10th MARCH 1988

The minutes of the above were discussed.

#### Matters Arising

- (a) New Equipment  
1. The following had been delivered:  
Electronic Pads x 2 and readout.  
2. Recording Anemometer:- This equipment has an unspecified malfunction and in consequence the Secretary General had, as instructed, only paid for the equipment which was working. A letter had been sent to the manufacturers requesting a full technical instruction book, together with a list of equipment which has to be put right.  
All the new equipment has been marked as BPA property.  
3. Portable Computer  
Mr. R. King had been asked to purchase the above on behalf of the Association on a reimbursement basis.

#### 2. NATIONALS 1988

- (a) The venue for the Classics and CRW was to be Bridlington. Mr. D. Johnston had obtained sponsorship from Vaux Breweries.  
(b) The venue for the RW was to be RAFSPA, Weston on the Green.  
The Secretary General had written to all Clubs who had offered to host the National Championships, thanking them for their offers.  
(c) Rules for all events had been written and produced for distribution as required.  
(d) There was some discussion on the merits of Air to Air Video. It was felt that if there was no cost to the Association then it would of course be a good idea. It was pointed out that past experience had proved costly. This would be discussed later and a report would be made at the next meeting.

#### 3. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - update

S. Eversfield reported that there had so far been two regional meets one Accuracy and one RW.  
The Classics had been rather better attended than the RW. It was felt that it could take this year to really stimulate interest.  
The Accuracy had been held with 36 competitors and it had been a successful meet. The RW had attracted four teams.  
S. Treble and T. Andrewes had agreed last year to act as the link between the meet venue and the BPA HQ office.

#### 4. OLYMPICS

The Secretary General had had contact with the B.O.C. requesting help towards the cost of attending the opening ceremony in Seoul.  
The B.O.C. were unable to help with funding and had suggested that the Association approach the Organising Committee in Seoul on this matter.  
S. Eversfield had received a copy of a document from Uwe Beckmann concerning the C.I.P. and Seoul Olympic Organiser in respect of the opening ceremony due to be held in South Korea. The details of the event were read by the Chairman including costs of rigs and other equipment.  
It was agreed to send the information and the money, but the name of the person concerned would have to be held until the result of the National Championships.  
The Secretary General would complete the forms and send the fees as requested together with a full covering letter by the 22nd April to meet the deadline of 30th April. It was agreed that the equipment would remain the property of the Association.  
The Secretary General would contact B.J. Worth to explain the situation concerning our Accuracy Champion who would not be known until the end of the National Championships on 12th June.

#### 5. WORLD MEETS

(a) Classics - Nykoping  
Initial Costs - Travel and Entry Fees had been obtained by the Secretary General both for air and road travel.  
It had to date proved impossible to contact Mr. Turner in respect of Team Manager.  
After discussion it was agreed to ask Mr. J. France whether he would be prepared to take on this post.  
It was agreed to defer the venue for the training camp until various possibilities had been explored.  
In respect of travel it was agreed that the teams would go by road.

### (b) CRW Vichy

Basic costs, travel, entry fees and jump fees had been obtained by the Secretary General. The training camp venue would be decided after discussions with various centres. The Secretary General was requested to provide an up to date state of the 1987/88 Competition Budget as soon as possible.

### 6. A.O.B.

#### 1. Video Equipment

The video camera and attachments had been sent to Larsen and Brusgaard, had been refurbished and were now in transit to the BPA HQ. The repairs etc. had all been carried out at no cost to the Association.

#### 2. Meet Reports

Reports had been received from Chris Clements and Amanda Kenny, these had been distributed to Council Members.

#### 3. Paraski

Amanda Kenny was the only one who had to date sent in any results. Susan Dixon stated that the other people would be sending in results.

#### 4. World Cup in R.W.

It was stated, in answer to a question, that the above was an open meet.

#### 5. Regional Competitions

A list of those who had entered the competitions via the BPA would be sent to RAFSPA prior to the meet.

## BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING

Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester  
Wednesday 23rd March 1988 6.00 p.m.

### PRESENT:

J.T. Crocker - *Chairman BPA*  
D.T. Hickling - *Vice Chairman BPA*  
J.K. Lines - *Chairman Finance Committee*  
A.G. Knight - *Chairman STC*  
S. Eversfield - *Chairman Comp. Committee*  
T. Andrewes - *Club Representative*  
S. Dixon  
J. Steele  
N. Dixon  
J. Thomas  
D. Howerski  
K. Noble  
S. Treble  
J. Curtis  
P. Lambson  
G. O'Hara  
R. Buchan - *Co-opted SSPA*

### IN ATTENDANCE:

C.W. Port - *Secretary General BPA*  
A.K. Butler - *JNCSO BPA*  
J.H. Hitchen - *JNCSO BPA*

### APOLOGIES:

W.J. Meacock

### OBSERVERS:

R. Noble-Nesbitt, D. Prince, S. Swallow, D. Ruffell, D. Gays, B. Smith, P. Beck, B. Bias, J. Wright, J. Brady.  
D.T. Hickling was delighted to inform Council that J.T. Crocker, Chairman BPA, was now Vice Chairman designate of the Royal Aero Club.  
Sincere congratulations were offered to J.T. Crocker on his appointment.

### MINUTES OF MEETING OF 10th FEBRUARY 1988

Proposed by J.L. Thomas seconded by G. O'Hara that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted as a true record with the following addition: "W.J. Meacock proposed and Council agreed that the fee of the pro-tem Development Officer be a matter for the Treasurer".

Unanimous

### MATTERS ARISING

#### (a) A/C Passenger Liability

A survey had been sent out by A.K. Butler and replies had been received.

It was agreed to ask Council to consider this matter in depth. D. Howerski stated that he had started the investigations into this and hoped to have some definitive information well before the next Council Meeting.

#### (b) Minister of Sport Correspondence

D.T. Hickling reported that he had sent the copy to the Chairman for onward transmission.

#### (c) M. Cooch/Student Descents

C.W. Port reported that as directed he had written to Mr. Cooch concerning student descents, and had enclosed copies of the relevant Memorandum and Articles of Association together with notification that his (Mr. Cooch's) membership would be a matter for discussion at this meeting. Additionally Mr. Cooch had been invited to attend this meeting in order to discuss the matter with the Council of the Association.

Both A1 and Mr. D. Turner had offered to retrain those concerned at a reduced rate should they so wish.

C.W. Port had written to those people concerned explaining the situation.

In the absence of Mr. Cooch his membership was to remain suspended and not renewed.

Mr. Cooch was to be informed. And all Clubs will be circulated with this information.

#### (d) Annual Conventions

C.W. Port reported that the venue was booked for 13th/14th January 1989. A report on the proposed changed format together with explanations and costings had been submitted to D.T. Hickling.

There had been two sets of information from Council Members. It was agreed to put proposals to Council at a later date.

#### (e) Renewals

C.W. Port reported that the amended programme had now been completed and was in full operation.

Instead of three separate functions (renewals received, entered into cash book, typed up and certificate sent, information onto computer later) the entire operation was now completed in one action.

1. Name or number into computer, membership certificate printed and sent out. At the end of the day a full break-down and total of cash received is available from the computer. Totals of cash are now entered in the cash book on one line at the end of the day. The full list is then filed for reference and audit trail purposes.

#### (f) National Regional Centre

Correspondence on the above had been received and D.T. Hickling reported that the outline of proposals had been sent to the Sports Council. Should there be Sports Council cash available the Association would be quite ready to undertake a feasibility study on this. The input received to date could then be put to use within the study.

#### (g) Mr. A. Oakes - Memberships

C.W. Port reported that the situation regarding the above had now been fully resolved, in that all outstanding membership fees had been paid to the Association.

#### (h) Dorset Parachute Club

C.W. Port reported that the situation on the above had now been fully resolved in like manner to Mr. Oakes.

The Council minuted their thanks that despite their problems, both of the above had paid their arrears well within the agreed time limits as promised.

#### (i) J. Parkins Litigation

J.T. Crocker stated that this was proceeding, he would keep Council apprised of any developments.

#### (j) Parachute Club Proposals

Several papers on this overall subject had been received and distributed to Council.

J.K. Lines stated that the decision required was in relation to PART 1 only.

The re-drafted paragraph K was discussed at some length and it was finally agreed that paragraph K should be deleted.

Proposed by J.K. Lines and seconded by D.T. Hickling that Part 1, excluding paragraph K, be accepted.

Unanimous

It was agreed that it would be printed on the new affiliation application form.

### Committee Reports

#### 1. Safety and Training Committee

A.G. Knight presented the previously distributed minutes of the meeting of 18th February 1988 and 25th February 1988.

##### 18th February 1988

Following the meeting there were some very important points which still needed discussion. The special S.T.C. Meeting had been held to clarify Part 2 of the J.K. Lines' paper.

There had been additional input since that meeting on several points and A.G. Knight asked for Council's guidance as to whether there should be a further meeting to discuss these very important views.

There was considerable discussion on the subject by Council and it was finally agreed that the minutes be ratified as they were reported.

J. Curtis felt that the Association was out of line in allowing operations to go on with only one instructor, additionally that an Advanced Instructor had to be on drop zone while Category 6 students were jumping.

For 14

Against 1

The minutes were ratified

#### 2. Competitions Committee

S. Eversfield presented the minutes of the meeting of 10th March 1988.

1. The equipment which had been ordered had been delivered. 2. Additionally a portable computer had been ordered for statistical purposes at competitions.

3. The venue for the R.W. Nationals was still under discussion. D. Howerski stated that several Clubs had offered to help the Association but that no mention had been made of the possibility of Weston on the Green hosting the Nationals.

S. Eversfield stated at the moment there had been no decision as the Committee were waiting for a final decision from Weston. The Secretary General would write to all those Clubs who had offered to host the R.W. Nationals. All Clubs would be kept informed of any developments. Council also recorded its thanks to all Clubs who had offered to host the Nationals at such short

notice.

The minutes were ratified

### 3. Finance Committee

J.K. Lines presented the minutes of the meeting of 16th March 1988.

#### 1. Pensions Scheme JNCSOs

Agreed. This would be at a cost to the Association of £580 per annum.

#### 2. Membership Situations

The suggestion was that an agreed and approved membership card be printed. Numbers would be pre-printed on these cards.

Payment would be made on invoice within certain time frames depending upon the "credit worthiness" of each particular club. The Council agreed to the principle and input on the design was requested as soon as possible in order to implement the new system.

#### 3. Mrs. Mantykiewicz Retirement

It was agreed that a retirement presentation be made to Mrs. Mantykiewicz.

#### 4. Loan Application

A request for a £10,000 loan had been made by Ipswich Parachute Centre.

J.K. Lines stated that with some £15,000 out on loan at present and with the general liquidity situation it had been felt that a maximum of £5,000 only could be offered at this time.

There was discussions on this subject and it was finally agreed that a loan of £5,000 be made subject to the usual terms and conditions.

The minutes were ratified

### Magazine

There had been correspondence on the subject of the magazine. Copies of which had been circulated to Council.

This evening the Editor had called into the office to leave some figures concerning the magazine i.e. production costs. However, the Editor would like to keep Fishers on as printers.

It was agreed that the Editor should be allowed to change the producers. It was noted that the next issue, April, should be out by the last week in April, the June issue by the third Tuesday in that month.

#### 4. Development Committee

D.T. Hickling presented the minutes of the meeting of 2nd March 1988.

1. Due to the delay in the despatch of the February magazine, holding letters had been sent to applicants for the Development Officers post.

2. A rough out of the brochure for the shop had been made and D.T. Hickling said that this would be printed for Council to see.

3. The Council thanked Mr. Wynn for his opinion concerning the change of layout of the first floor.

The minutes were ratified.

#### 5. Royal Aero Club

J.T. Crocker was delighted to report that the Council of the R.Ae.C. had proposed that the retiring Chairman, G.C.P. Shea-Simonds, be appointed as Vice President of the Royal Aero Club.

The Council recorded its congratulations on his being Vice President elect.

P.W. Ritchie had been proposed unopposed to continue as Treasurer.

Council thanked R. Colpus for his attendance at the FAI Meeting of the R.Ae.C.

The R.Ae.C. Award Night was to be held on Tuesday 5th May. The venue would be at either the Naval and Military Club or the Royal Aeronautical Society. The Chairman hoped the event would be well supported even though on this occasion the presentations would not be made by the President.

T. Oxley Address to the Membership  
The above had been referred to Council for consideration and discussion by J. Curtis.

There had not yet been any formal proposal by CAA to introduce charges but nonetheless it was felt that the Association should strongly resist any charges which the Civil Aviation Authority might attempt to impose upon this Association.

#### Cornwall P.C. Trip to China

Paperwork on the above had been distributed to all Council.

It was agreed that the Association would support Cornwall P.C. in all respects. The Council wished them every success.

Mr. D. Harrison/Pilot Rating Renewal

An application for renewal of pilot rating had been received from Mr. D. Harrison.

D.T. Hickling had requested that Council discuss this application in the light of the fact that Mr. Harrison was no longer a member of the Association.

Mr. Harrison had replied to the effect that no membership was required to have his rating renewed.

Some discussion ensued on this subject and it was agreed to defer this matter, as Council were at present in the process of reviewing the whole question of jump pilots, ratings etc. viz-a-viz membership of the BPA. As soon as a final decision had been reached the Council would be in a position to let Mr. Harrison know the situation in respect of his application for renewal of his jump pilot rating.

#### Doncaster Parachute Club

Following a visit by the JNCSOs and Chairman of STC, the distributed paperwork had been circulated to Council for consideration and a decision on the affiliation of the Club. S. Swallow had attended in order to obtain clarification on the affiliation situation.

Following the DZ visit by the above it was recommended that Doncasters affiliation be confirmed. It was agreed that operations could re-commence subject to the completion of a new affiliation application. Once J.K. Lines had finally re-designed the affiliation form, these would be sent to all Clubs for completion and subsequent retention in the BPA HQ. Additionally the annual return would be re-designed to include an update of the situation each year.

#### Petition to Council

A petition had been received from members concerning the change to Section 6, paragraph 10 of the Operations Manual. The petitioners felt that it was not appropriate for the carrying of knives to be mandatory. J. Curtis proposed that the STC Minutes should read as a "recommendation" rather than a "mandatory" situation, seconded by J.L. Thomas. For 5  
Against 9  
Abstention 1

It was proposed by T. Andrewes and seconded by D.T. Hickling that R. Colpus be advised to write to the Chairman of STC and ask him to put the matter to the STC itself. For 11  
Against 3  
Abstention 1

K. Noble proposed that before ratification of the Mandatory use of AADs every CCI should give his opinion in writing. This proposal did not receive a seconder. D. Wilkinson Membership of the BPA  
D.T. Hickling had written to Mr. Wilkinson enclosing copies of the relevant Memorandum and Articles of Association, coupled with an invitation to attend this meeting to discuss the matter with the Council of the Association. The Chairman, J.T. Crocker, passed the Chair to the Vice Chairman for discussion on this subject. After deliberation it was proposed by G. O'Hara and seconded by S. Dixon that following the fact that he had been appraised of the situation and had replied to D.T. Hickling's letter of 12th February 1987, Mr. Wilkinson's membership was withdrawn with immediate effect. It was additionally proposed that this membership should not be renewed on 1st April. For 14  
Abstention 1 (Chairman)

#### Constitution of Safety and Training Committee

A.G. Knight had requested that this be an agenda item. It would now be a subject for discussion once input had been received and he (A.G. Knight) had had the chance to put together a paper on this for Councils consideration.

#### Mr. D. McCarthy

Mr. D. McCarthy had been invited to this meeting to discuss with Council the comments he was alleged to have made to Mr. J. Young on a Radio Two programme. D.L. Howerski asked that he be excused any discussion on this subject. It was proposed by D.T. Hickling and seconded by G. O'Hara that should Mr. McCarthy not attend at the next Council Meeting to discuss this matter then his membership would be withdrawn. For 14  
Abstention 1  
It was with regret that Council felt forced to take this attitude with a member of such long standing. If his membership had not already been renewed then any renewal would only be up to 4th May 1988.

#### Mr. B. Bias

Mr. Bias has asked that he be allowed to address Council concerning the suspension of his advanced rating. Council had unanimously agreed to this request. All relevant paperwork had been previously distributed to Council. Questions were put to Mr. Bias on several points to which direct and frank answers were given. There were also additional points made which had arisen following evidence submitted at the inquest. At this point Mr. Bias and observers were asked to withdraw whilst Council discussed the situation. Detailed discussion took place on the subject. Council were extremely conscious of the effect Mr. Bias' loss of rating could have on his employment. It was proposed by Susan Dixon that in light of certain extenuating circumstances arising from the inquest that the suspension of rating end now, with the proviso that he attend the next Advanced Instructors course. Seconded by G. O'Hara For 3  
Against 9  
Abstentions 4  
Not Carried

It was agreed that the previous decision reached by Council was fair and should stand. It was reiterated that the suspension was made solely due to the fact that there was inadequate drop zone control. Mr. Bias was asked to return in order that Council could inform him of the position. The Chairman reiterated the previous decision of Council and pointed out that Mr. Bias was not bearing the brunt of the 3 fatalities that had taken place last summer. Mr. Bias requested a copy of the minutes of this meeting together with a statement of why he had been suspended in the first place.

#### A.O.B.

##### 1. Reserve Modifications

J. Curtis had requested that the above be an item for discussion at this meeting.

There had been trouble with reserves imported from the USA, and he suggested that the cost of modification should be borne by the company concerned rather than the members. It was agreed to write to the manufacturers on this subject following the companies advisory notice. The Council then met for informal discussions.

## BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester Wednesday 4th May 1988 - 6.30 p.m. COUNCIL MEETING

#### Present:

J.T. Crocker - Chairman BPA  
D.T. Hickling - Vice Chairman BPA  
A.G. Knight - Chairman STC  
S. Eversfield - Chairman Competitions Committee  
J. Lines - Chairman Finance Committee  
J. Curtis  
J. Steele  
W.J. Meacock  
D. Howerski  
S. Dixon  
S. Treble  
J.L. Thomas  
K. Noble  
G. Douglas

#### In Attendance:

C.W. Port - Secretary General BPA  
A.K. Butler - JNCSO BPA  
J.H. Hitchen - JNCSO BPA

#### Apologies:

G. O'Hara, P. Lambson

#### Observers:

T. Oxley, D. McCarthy, D. Harrison

#### Resignation:

Mr. N. Dixon has had to tender his resignation due to service commitments.

#### MINUTES

##### 31/88 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 23rd MARCH 1988

Proposed by J.L. Thomas and seconded by J. Steele that the minutes of the above meeting be accepted as a true record with the addition of:

##### 18/88 Annual Conventions

Add: Input should be sent to D.T. Hickling.

##### 19/88 1. Pension Schemes JNCSOs

Change to: This would be an additional annual cost to the Association of £580 per annum, and was in line with Councils previous promise to update the pension scheme once the Development Plan had been accepted and funded by the Sports Council.

##### 19/88 3. Mrs. Mantykiewicz - Retirement

Add: The amount to be spent should not exceed £50. Unanimous

#### MATTERS ARISING

##### a. Membership Cards

J. Curtis stated that these had now been prepared and both the cards and a letter were ready to be sent out. J.K. Lines stated that in the light of criticism he had received he felt that should these be sold then it would be a fact of life that some would be "spoiled" or "lost". Thus if people have to pay in advance there would need to be some sort of refund for those which were lost or spoiled. There was some discussion on this subject and it was felt that perhaps further discussion, and input was needed on this subject. After further discussion it was agreed that all numbers must be paid for within 60 days after issue. The suggestion was also put forward that plastic credit type cards be sent to all Clubs with the number blocks, and that these cards be given to the student for retention.

##### b. A/C INSURANCE - PASSENGERS LIABILITY

D. Howerski had produced information on this subject, and suggested that the Association only uses A/C which had passenger liability. It was proposed by D.T. Hickling and seconded by J.L. Thomas that only A/C already carrying passenger liability should be used for official BPA functions. 13 For  
1 Abstention

Carried

b. Sue Dixon asked on behalf of a member why the petitioners, concerning the mandatory carrying of knives, were asked to put this to STC. It was stated that Council did not feel that they should overrule STC on a matter of safety.

d. J. Curtis stated that in his opinion the minutes should be further expanded and should be sent out to all Council within seven days of the meeting. It was pointed out that previous Council had asked that the minutes be kept brief. The Secretary General would try and compromise.

#### 32/88 COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### 1. Safety and Training

A.G. Knight presented the previously distributed minutes of the meeting of 7th April 1988.

Item 2 - Forms had been sent out to those operating Islanders and replies were awaited.

Item 4 (IV) - A reply had been received concerning PBN Turbine Islander in-flight doors.

Item 4 (I) - The Disciplinary panels findings had been ratified by STC. An appeal had been lodged and agreed to by the Chairman of STC. This would be a main agenda item for the next Council Meeting.

Item 7 - In response to a question from J. Steele, where Mr. Ian Marshall was being granted permission to act as a CCI until September, it was stated that Mr. Marshall would be assessed at the end of the period.

Item 8 (III) - In response to a question from W.J. Meacock, it was stated that Mr. McQueen needed to appear at the STC to present further information.

#### 2. COMPETITIONS

S. Eversfield presented the minutes of the meeting of 20th April 1988.

1. The RW Championships venue was now confirmed as being at Weston on the Green.

2. The parachuting equipment ordered for Seoul would remain BPA property and be auctioned after the competition.

3. The sponsors for the National Championships, VAUX, have offered to replace the mens individual accuracy cup.

4. There was some discussion as to the number of senior staff who attended the competitions committee meeting.

S. Eversfield stated that he would like the Secretary General to continue to take the minutes and for J.H. Hitchen to attend in an advisory role. The JNCSOs had travelled to the meeting in one car so no extra expense had been incurred.

5. The portable computer had not yet been purchased but when it had been purchased and the programme loaded, it would be located at the BPA HQ.

6. The equipment which had been purchased from Germany was not all operating satisfactorily and thus, as instructed, the Secretary General had made partial payment only. The Secretary General was in contact with Hr. Weckbecker on this matter and would advise the Committee on progress.

7. The Video equipment had been refurbished by Larsen & Brusgaard, but due to their shipping agents, Spedition, sending inadequate paperwork, the equipment was now in bond at Heathrow. The Associations agents, Charles Kendall Freight, were doing all in their power to expedite delivery to the Associations HQ.

Susan Dixon suggested that Amanda Kenny be contacted should there be any further significant delay.

##### 33/88 a. INVITATIONS TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. D. McCarthy had been invited to attend the meeting to discuss with Council comments allegedly made by him in a radio two programme.

The Chairman stated that the publicity which the Association had had following these alleged statements brought the Association into disrepute. He felt, and Council agreed, that the correct place to air views was the Council room rather than the media.

Mr. McCarthy said that he had come to this meeting out of respect for the members of Council who he stated did a marvellous job but he felt very very strongly about the fatalities which had happened last year.

Very strong views were put forward by Mr. McCarthy and members of the Council. In the event Mr. McCarthy agreed to a request from the Chairman that should there be in the future any matters on which he felt this strongly, he would put his case first of all to the Safety and Training Committee and the Council of the Association and not the media.

##### b. Mr. D. Harrison

In relation to the pilot rating situation, Mr. Harrison had attended this meeting to discuss the situation.

In the light of insurance problems etc. Council had been in the throes of making a final decision as to whether all pilots and other people involved in any parachuting activity should be members of the BPA. The problem arising in this respect related back to correspondence concerning the clearance of Abbotsley.

Mr. Harrison unreservedly withdrew all the allegations he had made against the JNCSOs.

D. Howerski said that one of the Councils functions was to resolve disputes. Disputes should not be aired outside the Association and Council should reserve to itself the right to remove memberships. The Chairman stated that the Articles and Memorandum of Association gave Council this right. K. Noble proposed that the bar on Mr. Harrison's membership be lifted. J. Steele seconded this proposal. 11 In Favour  
3 Abstentions

Carried

##### c. Mr. T. Lewington

Mr. Lewington had been invited to attend Council to discuss the fact that he could not pay the outstanding P6 fees following the closure of his club.

It was agreed to contact Mr. Lewington to ask him whether he would be prepared to pay the Association £25 per month to clear the outstanding debt.

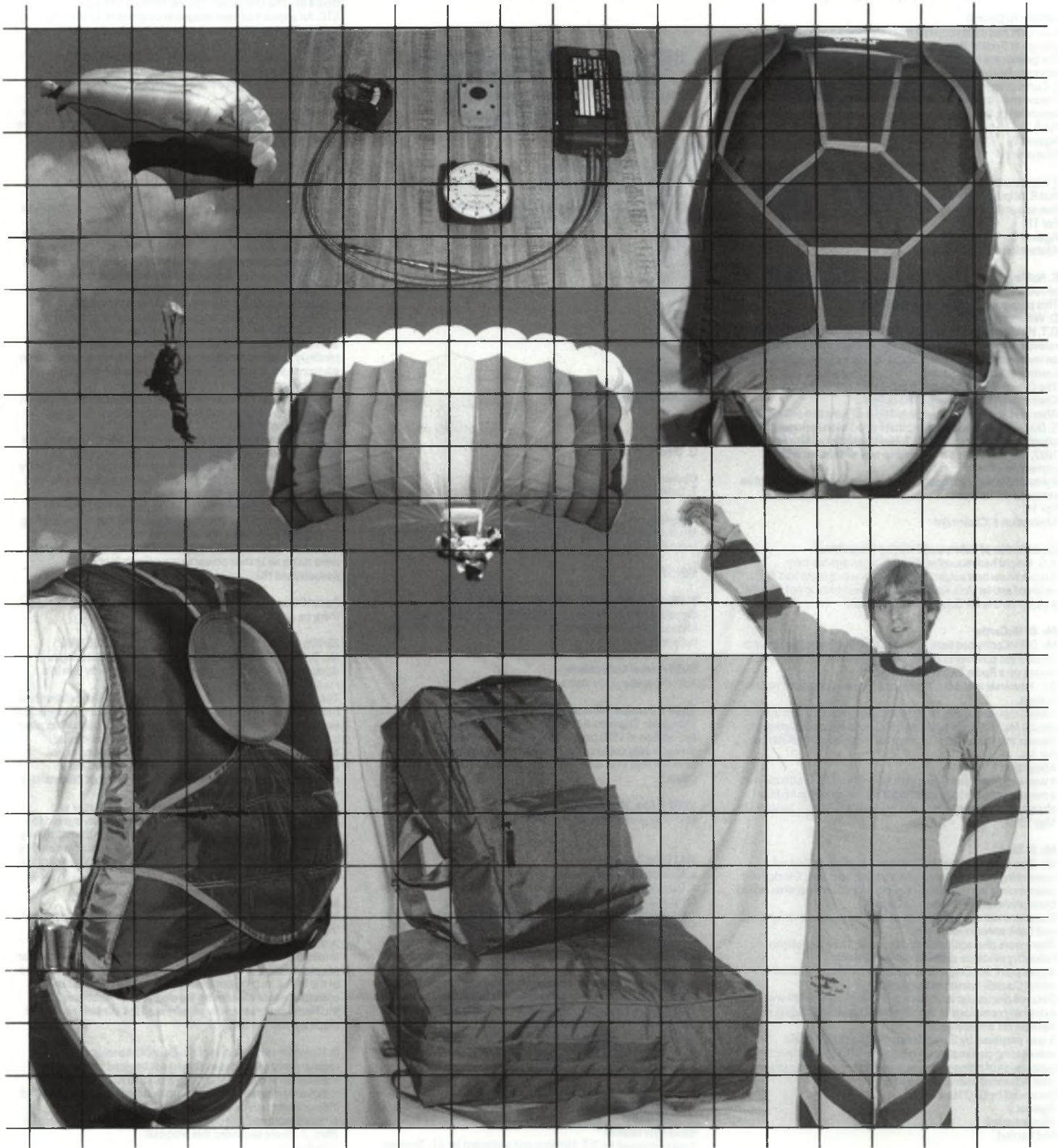
##### 34/88 HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE

The Chairman reported that to date no further correspondence had been received from the Health and Safety Executive.

##### 35/88 BPA SHOP UPDATE

D.T. Hickling reported that a quotation had been received for

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producing the brochures. It was felt that discussion would have to be held to discover whether any projected profit from the BPA shop would justify the outlay involved. This would be an agenda item at the next Finance Committee meeting.

**36/88 AIR MET. CARDS**

Paperwork on the above had been circulated to Council by D.T. Hickling. It was an offer which would bring sponsorship worth £3,000 to the Association. After discussion it was proposed by D.T. Hickling and seconded by Susan Dixon that the Association go ahead with this.  
12 For  
2 Abstentions

Carried

A.G. Knight was concerned that the cost of the service offered could be rather high to the members using it.

**37/88 LOANS TO CLUBS**

Fife Parachute Club had applied for a £5,000 loan over a 12 month period. This was on the agenda as it fell between two Finance Committee Meetings.

The loan was in order to finance a relocation of the DZ and towards the purchase of an aircraft. J.H. Hitchen stated that the DZ was some 1,200 yards plus from a water hazard, which was over a quarter of a mile wide. The DZ would have to be operated with some restrictions.

The security offered was on property. It was agreed that once the DZ had been approved; searches had been conducted on the property offered as security; that following searches the property had at least £9,000 equity, and subject to the usual terms and conditions, plus the fees for the charge being added to the loan, then in principle the loan could be agreed.

**38/88 A.O.B.**

**1. Rhine Army Parachute Championships**

A request had been received from Major Card for J.H. Hitchen to be involved in the above, and for the use of the BPA video system at the RAPA Championships.

Unanimous

**2. Office Furniture**

There was an urgent need to replace three office chairs at a cost of £270.

Agreed

The Council then met for informal discussions

**ADDENDUM TO COUNCIL MINUTES**

**RAPA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

D. Howerski had contacted the Secretary General to say that the dates when RAPA wanted the video system overlapped with the period for which he had already booked the video. However, he was quite prepared to waive his booking in order that the video could be in use at RAPA for those Championships.

# DIARY OF EVENTS 1988

## COMPETITIONS, BOOGIES ETC. U.K.

27-29 August	August Bank Holiday Boogie	Sibson
3-4 September	POPs Meet	Doncaster
3-4 September	South West Regional 4-way RW Competition	Netheravon
10-11 September	Speed 8 Competition	Sibson
17-18 September	LAC Meet	Headcorn
17-18 September	South West Regional Accuracy Competition	Dunkeswell (RNRMSPA)
24-25 September	10-way Speed Meet	Cranfield
24-25 September	LAC +1 Meet	Netheravon
1-2 October	4-Way LAC	Langar
1-2 October	8-Way LAC (continuation)	Sibson
5-6 November	8-Way/4-Way Scrambles	Langar

## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS, BOOGIES ETC

25-28 August	International 16-way RW Competition	Teuge, Holland
1-4 September	'Pink Boogie'	Hassfurt, W. Germany
2-5 September	Labor Day Boogie	Perris, California
22-23 & 29-30 October	POPS Meet	Hong Kong
28-30 October	International Day & Night Accuracy Meet	Locarno, Switzerland
2-9 November	CYPRUS Championships	Cyprus
23-27 November	Thanksgiving Boogie	Perris, California

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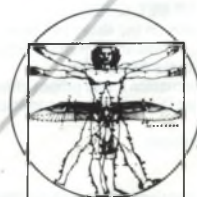
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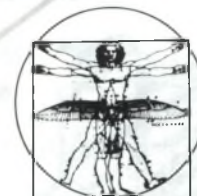
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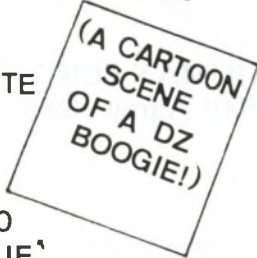
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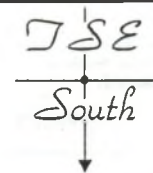
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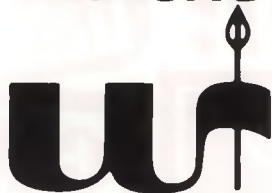
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