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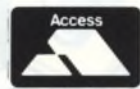


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EDITORIAL

As the fourth person writing the Editorial in the last 18 months, you could be forgiven if you thought that the post has all the permanence of a losing football teams manager. Well, as you all know the position of Editor, like that of Council members, is voluntary. Carol Saunders, the previous incumbent, has volunteered not to continue, so that's why I'm doing it for the next two issues.

This of course means that the post of Editor of Sport Parachutist is once again up for grabs. On hearing this news there will, no doubt, be hordes of eager aspirants camped outside BPA HQ, anxious to press their claim. If you have the urge to be that person, shout now or forever hold your peace.

Anyway, enough of these Editorial machinations, lets get on to business as normal. Whilst all things in the Association's garden are far from rosy, everybody involved with the BPA can claim a part in a very satisfactory statistic in 1988. Zero fatalities in the UK. Of course we could not expect any lurid tabloid headlines announcing this, just like you wouldn't expect to read "BR are pleased to announce that no trains crashed today". The press don't operate like that. Out of line incidents are headlines, normality is just a boring statistic. All I can say is, let's all make sure we get seriously boring again in 1989.

Steve Eversfield.

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DZ INFORMATION COLUMN

by Amanda Kenny

As Club Representative on the 1989 Council I intend to write a column for the magazine highlighting a couple of Drop Zones or so each time, giving some background information to that already provided in short form at the beginning of the magazine.

My intention is to write an impartial and factual column giving some insight into what is currently available in the skydiving scene in the UK. I hope it will prove of interest to those jumpers who are considering venturing further afield, be it for a weekends change or holiday or whatever, to broaden their experience and knowledge and also of interest to visiting skydivers from overseas.

It is not intended to be any form of guide or advertisement, merely an attempt to provide some useful information and tips with regard to jump prices, facilities, types of instruction available, directions to the DZ, where to go if you arrive in the middle of the evening etc. There will be no particular order to the Drop Zones reported on, it will be basically a case of wherever I get to in the course of the year for competitions, events etc., but I do intend to cover all DZs in due course.

As I have been somewhat incapacitated recently I am too late for more space in this issue but this will run as a regular feature from the next magazine onwards, by which time the magazine will be under new editorship.

If you have any issues or ideas you wish to raise at any time, let me know when you see me around - that is the idea of having a Club Representative.

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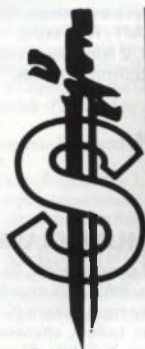
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Keep your eyes peeled for a forthcoming edition of channel 4's excellent American comedy show, 'Cheers'. One particular episode has Sam, Woody, Norm and Cliff doing a jump. Skydiving Sam is played by a man more used to being on the other side of the camera, Norm Kent.

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"DIXON'S DIARY"

The start of a new year and my resolution is not to let the internecine bickering of our sport get me down - but to try and get across to all that our problems are not internal but 'out there' where many and various large agencies are set to chip away at our ability to skydive unless we do something about it. By we I mean all of us, not just 'the BPA' (which is all of us) - but is used in a derogatory sense very often to mean - 'the office' - 'authority' - 'council' - 'the coaches' - or whatever the latest Aunt Sally is - whilst the beer flows freely.

When there are no drop zones left it will be irrelevant whether or not radio spots should be permitted or pull-outs for all. Some of the energy that goes into writing letters to the mag could be put to good use writing letters to Members of Parliament. I will explain.....

On 16th October I attended a meeting at the Kent Gliding Club, called by the British Gliding Association of all affected and interested parties to discuss the proposed extension of the London Terminal Control Area. The reason I was asked to attend was because Headcorn would come under this extension changing not only their height ceiling (down from 5,500 ft to 3,500 ft.) but also the rules by which they can currently gain entry to that controlled airspace.

As a result of that meeting a campaign was initiated of letters to Members of Parliament for the Kent area - time was of the essence as a decision was due from the Minister of Transport before the end of the year.

I wrote to all BPA members living in the Kent area explaining what was proposed and asking them to take just a little time, and write a letter. Thank you to all who bothered.

Meanwhile the gliding fraternity carried on their high profile campaign. As background information I quote part of the briefing letter sent to Miss A. Widdecombe MP for Maidstone, by C.J. Nicholas of the BGA.

"Increases in controlled airspace and consequent reductions in free airspace for ourselves and other users are based on several factors, but the most significant - and the reason for emphasis at this time - is the introduction of the London City Airport ("LCA"), and the attitude taken by the airlines ("LCA Operators") operating from there.

To summarise, the LCA Operators accepted when LCA was planned that they would have to share the uncontrolled airspace for their relatively small number of flights with all other general traffic (including gliders), using "see and avoid" for maintaining safety. (The same is used for all regional airport operations with similar traffic levels.) No increase in controlled airspace was proposed, and no evidence from people who would object to such proposals was sought when planning permission was considered and granted.

As soon as they started operating, however, they complained that they had to have controlled airspace as though they were as important and intensive in activity as a major airport; they flew over and close to an active gliding club, at Challock, and reacted with surprise to the extent of filing an airmis report when they saw a glider being launched. They continued to fly close to the same gliding club at times, even after the CAA Inquiry into their operations in December 1987/January 1988.



The proposals to give them what they now want, regardless of the cost to others, without the rigour of a planning or other public inquiry, with no appeal procedure for anyone disadvantaged by it, and without any kind of compensation, is in our view totally unjust and unjustified.

We believe that this situation should not have arisen in the first place. Better project management and proper funding of Air Traffic Control equipment and manpower in the early 1980's should have been deployed. Together with adaption of procedures, and willingness on the part of the Air Traffic controllers, the capacity of London's controlled airspace should by now have been increased sufficiently to accommodate the LCA traffic. Inflicting deprivation on other air users instead is the easy way out now being taken."

The matter was referred back from the Ministry to the C.A.A. and on 9th December a letter was circulated from the National Air Traffic Services showing the proposed extension and stating that it would be implemented from 3rd February (at the end of the consultation (!!)) period). A further meeting was called by the BGA at which it was decided that a meeting of the various 'Sporting aviation interests' would be arranged with the new Director of Control (Airspace Policy) of the National Air Traffic Services, C.A.A.

Dave Parker has also been talking to both London Air Traffic Control and NATS to try and change the position. He has been promised a concession for Headcorn, in that every effort will be made to allow him to continue requesting permission to enter the controlled airspace on an opportunity basis; the purchase of a turbine aircraft has improved his chances of continuing to operate by spending the minimum time there.

To my mind the situation goes deeper - I am glad Headcorn will still be able to operate albeit on a concessionary basis - but once lost, that slice of de-regulated air space will never return. If, for any reason, NATS decided that the concession for Headcorn is un-workable then 3,500 max forever - and another parachute centre disappears.

Having successfully nibbled away at our bit of free air who believes it will/could not happen again, and again, and again, in the future - so we must fight it now. Here is where we draw the line - say, think again, there must be another solution that is not at the expense of light and recreational aviation.

The Royal Aero Club are going in to bat for us, and Jim Crocker as our Chairman and representative at the Royal Aero Club will, as always, be working hard for the Association, for Headcorn, for us all.

At the A.G.M. Charlie Shea-Simonds tried to warn us about the CAA's proposed changes to the classification of aircraft used for parachuting which has very serious and expensive implications for the sport as a whole. On behalf of the membership Charlie Shea-Simonds and John Meacock have taken up this fight.

At the same time the CAA, like all government agencies, has been instructed to become cost effective and to 'make money' - they have hinted at various proposals which would mean them charging for the 'work' they do for the BPA, and if this comes to fruition a 7% increase (as agreed this year) in the membership subscription will seem like peanuts. Again Tony Knight and Council are working hard to argue and change these proposals.

Those of you who have made it this far through the article probably bothered to vote for your new Council (all 756 of you!) and are not amongst the apathetic majority who seem to believe that they have a inalienable right to skydive and that it is the responsibility of others to ensure things stay that way.

I was saddened and angered at the A.G.M. to hear comments like - "I've never even met a Council Member" - "They should get round to the Clubs to meet us". Just maybe, if you want to meet a Council Member, you should make the effort to find out which club he/she jumps at and go meet them there. After all, they are already giving up two to three evenings a month on your behalf, not counting the extra time and effort outside of meetings trying to ensure you can still skydive.

I'll end this diatribe with a mis-quote: "Let no man ask what the Association can do for them, but what they can do for the Association." Utopia.

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It is with deep regret that I inform our membership of the untimely death, due to cancer, of Terry Jickells (B.P.A. 198) (D150) at the age of 54.

"Jick" to all who knew him joined the Royal Army Signal Corps in the mid-fifties and then the Royal Corps of Transport before passing selection to the 22nd S.A.S. Regiment in 1958.

He became dedicated to parachuting in the following years, becoming an Advanced B.P.A. Instructor and member of the Regiment's H.A.L.O. (high altitude/low opening) programme. Together with other pioneering characters of our sport, such as Lieutenant Colonel Dare Wilson, Don Hughes, Pete "The Teeth" Sherman, Sherdi Vatenstable and "Robbo" Roberts, he was also part of the competition team which represented Great Britain at such events as the 1962 World Meet in Orange, Mass., and the Adriatic Cup in Yugoslavia in 1963.

He went on to assist in forming the weekend club at Shobdon Airfield in Herefordshire, operating a twin-winged De Havilland Rapide, and along with other members of the team provided (during the late 60's) encouragement and facilities for many local civilians, like myself, to become involved in the sport. He acted as Chief Instructor until such time as we could stand on our own two feet and so become what we are today - the longest continuously operating civilian parachute club in Britain. A tribute, I'm sure to a true character who gave parachuting his all in the 22 years spent serving his country.

To his wife Pat, daughter Tracy, and twin sons Paul and Mark, I am sure that I convey the Association's deepest sympathy.

John Boxall (D849)

S.A.S. Freefall Team



REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



1988 saw the first series of Regional Championships which met with mixed success. They had grown out of two different desires and motivations and part fulfilled one of them.

1. Steve Eversfield, then Chairman of Competitions Committee felt that there were insufficient 'serious' competitions throughout the season either for competitors to test their skills or to encourage new blood into competition and therefore to challenge for places on the British Team.

2. Chris Gilmore as National Development Officer had a brief from the Sports Council incorporated in the BPA Development Plan to regionalise the sport and encourage greater participation in competition.

So the two came together and devised a series of Regional Competitions in the two primary disciplines, Accuracy and 4-way Relative Work. Before I get bricks thrown at me, I will say that these disciplines were chosen because they already had a popular competitive following (LAC, TRAC, meets). Once Style and CRW show a popular movement then it is possible to expand the regional series to include them. At the moment there are enough problems promoting Accuracy and Relative Work.

The series was two-fold: (a) A Grand Prix Series; a competitor/Team entering each round, accumulating points, and an overall winner emerging at the end: (b) A local, regional, competition running at the same time, and a Regional Winner being declared at each round - each individual or team having to decide on a 'home' base or region at entry to the series.

Chris left at the start of the season and promotion of the Championships did not take place. Due to the enthusiasm of a small group of accuracy jumpers the accuracy series, in terms of the Grand Prix worked, and each round was moderately attended (except for the last!) and a good competition resulted.

The Relative Work died half way through the year for lack of interest.

1989, a new year and a new series.

Simpler; only three events in each discipline (five last year): North Central and South. To qualify for the Overall Series Champion (Grand Prix winner) it is necessary for individuals or teams to enter all three competitions. Entry forms are available from the BPA Office and it will cost £25 for the series/per person/per discipline.

On a regional basis - enter your area event and go for it. Entry will be fixed at a moderate rate and payable on the day to the host club.

To encourage competition and participation there is an intermediate class in each discipline and medals at each competition for the best intermediate team/individuals.

Intermediate Class - Relative Work

The Team shall consist of four jumpers: one alternate may be nominated. An alternate must be nominated at time of registration (for each competition/region). The jump total of three team members combined should not exceed 1,000 - no limit is applied to the 4th members. These criteria shall apply at the commencement of each round of the competition.

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Intermediate Class - Accuracy

Category VIII jumper with a minimum of 25 square jumps and under 200 jumps total. One member of an intermediate accuracy team (either 4 or 5) can be a 'senior' competitor - in fact it hoped there will be a senior, to coach, on each team. A competitor must qualify with the above criteria at the start of the first competition/round entered.



BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION 1989



REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Accuracy

Venue: North West Parachute Centre
Cark Airfield
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Cumbria
September 2-3

CENTRAL

Relative Work

Venue: British Parachute Schools
Langar Airfield
Langar
Nottingham
June 3-4

Accuracy

Venue: The London Skydiving Centre
Cranfield Airport
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Bedford
April 22-23

SOUTH

Relative Work

Venue: Cornwall Parachute Centre
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EXERCISE MARKET STAR TWO

Disney World Palm Beach, and Don Johnson. Were these to be the delights awaiting me on my trip to Florida? Thoughts of jumping out of a perfectly good DC3 at 13000ft were put firmly at the back of my mind as I boarded an equally serviceable RAF VC10 at Brize Norton. It was only when I arrived at Zephyrhills drop zone to the roar of a DC3 taking it's next load of skydivers to the air, and saw numerous gaily coloured canopies against a brilliant blue sky that I began to realise the true extent of what I had let myself in for.

As a member of the University of London Officer Training Corps I was lucky enough to be taking part in Exercise Market Star Two - an adventure training exercise which in addition to fulfilling the general aims of adventure training, aimed to teach three students to skydive via the accelerated free fall system, and build upon the skydiving skills already acquired by another three students.

Prior to this trip I had made only one static line jump, and the experience did very little to fire my enthusiasm for the sport. However, when I heard about the AFF course my attention was captured immediately - at least 50 seconds of free fall on the very first jump and the possibility of becoming qualified by the eight.

The inevitable first jump was delayed for a day or so by windy weather. Prayers for continued windy weather went unanswered and I found myself sandwiched between my 2 instructors and 40 other skydivers on the 2nd load of the day. Not really knowing quite what to expect I made my way to the door quite willingly - confident that the instructors would be holding on to me from exit until the time I successfully pulled the ripcord. I remember very little more about my level one AFF jump other than the relief of seeing a red, white and blue canopy above my head and thinking, "I survived and can I go home now please?"

Realising what it was all about made the prospect of subsequent levels seem progressively more terrifying. I'm still convinced that I was dragged to the door and given a helping hand for a good number of my jumps. However once out of the door each jump was defiantly more exhilarating than the previous one. The excitement of flying alone, after being released by my instructors on level 3, was easily superseded by the fun of performing backdrops at level 6; and nothing matched the thrill of diving all alone on the level 7 jump.

Having now graduated (level 7 being the graduation jump) it was up to me to make several solo descents before being permitted to start relative work I waited until the sunset load before making my first solo descent - reckoning that if it all went wrong it would be sure to "go in" as the sun went down!

More confident in my skydiving abilities, yet no less apprehensive about jumping, I progressed to relative work. Although I had enjoyed the peace and quiet of being alone at 13000 feet, relative work held particular appeal. There was a great sense of achievement in joining up with other sky divers in such an enormous expanse of sky whilst free falling at 120 mph!

With 20 or so jumps behind me, my fear of jumping gradually subsided. This was obvious to the other members of the exercise by the fact that I no longer spent 2 hours packing my rig in order to delay my next jump! As I packed for the last time after my final jump I found myself discussing the Easter skydiving exercise. I too had been bitten by the skydiving bug.



2Lt Chittenden, Wo/Cdt Todd, Ssgt Dyas, OCdt Faulkner and Wo/Cdt De Carvalho (below).

Report by 2Lt Heidi Chittenden RAMC

POPS SPOT

After Belgium, Doncaster and Hong Kong 1988 will be a hard act to follow.

This year we play all our matches at home.

Langar will be our first Meet. It is several years since our last visit and those who attended will have memories of the Barbecue and Disco that went with the other activities.

They have an Islander and a bunk house, with camping allowed.

Be there May 6th and 7th.

On June 24th and 25th we return to Doncaster. John Hitchen must be stopped! So come on you keen types, the Doncaster Trophy is there for you to win, and you can enjoy the Doncaster hospitality at the same time.

We hope to be jumping from the Skyvan at Peterborough on August 12th and 13th. This Meet is too good to miss. Let's to for a new Pops record formation.

August Bank Holiday Weekend will see the Pat Keeley Round Canopy Meet at the Hereford Parachute Club DZ at Shobdon. We try to have a couple of Pops teams in contention at this one.

A recent look at the Pops register shows we have grown over the past ten years to some 440 members. Many are no longer jumping, but if you are still active, do try to make one or more of this year's get togethers. You will enjoy the company and you may even win a medal.

Our plans for the Australian Meet in April 1990 are well advanced. If you like the idea of a three week round the world holiday, with stops in Singapore, Hawaii and Vancouver, and twelve days in Australia, contact me, my number is on the Club page, for further details.

In addition to attending the Meet in Australia, we hope to jump in both Hawaii and Canada.

Graham St. Clair Pops UK 16

CORRESPONDENCE



A.G.M.

Dear Ed,

Having just returned from the AGM in Leicester I am both encouraged and disappointed by what I have seen and heard.

Firstly, having attended the AGM myself for the last three years (I have only been in the sport for 3½) I noticed there were more people at the meeting itself than in previous years with standing room only at the back and this despite the drop in number of full members of the BPA. This to me does not indicate the apathy among us that a lot of people keep mentioning. We are all concerned about protecting our sport.

There were several good points raised over the course of the weekend that I feel need discussing and sorting out before next years AGM if we are to remain a credible organisation with a more professional attitude.

At the instructors convention it was agreed that two hours on the Saturday morning was hardly adequate and suggestions were invited as to whether this meeting be held mid-week or on an alternative weekend to the AGM, bearing in mind that instructors are divided almost evenly into full-time and weekend only.

A possible solution would be to alter the format of the weekend of the AGM. It becomes too expensive and time consuming to split the two events and those wishing to attend both meetings would find it very difficult indeed. (Not everyone gets expenses). It would be reasonably practical to hold the instructors convention on the Friday afternoon and evening, carrying over to Saturday morning if necessary thus giving more time for presentations and discussions. The AGM would then take place as normal on Saturday afternoon with the dinner and dance on Saturday evening.

One topic that has been raised at every AGM, has been the lack of votes cast for the council election. The inevitable question of "why"? is asked and the inevitable answers of "we don't know who we are voting for" (from the members) and, "nobody can be bothered, apathy" (from the Council) come back.

As I already mentioned, attendance was up at the AGM this year so I don't think apathy can be blamed, therefore it must be because we don't know who these people are. Every year we are given a voting slip and a paragraph on each of the nominees about a fortnight before the closing date for votes occurs. Could I suggest that this happens one magazine earlier so that if desired, the nominee can introduce him/herself briefly with their reasons for standing for Council in the next magazine. No MP ever won without a little electioneering!

That may not be very practical but after all we want to know the personalities of the people who are making decisions for us.

When the election results are announced at the AGM could the successful candidates stand up at the front of the hall for us to see (are they real people or cardboard cutouts).

Finally, this year after the AGM in the bar on Saturday night I saw four members of the new Council. Where were the other fourteen? The membership cannot be blamed for this. It is a them and us situation and hardly surprising that we won't know who you are, what you are thinking and planning on doing for us. It is my main reason for holding the dinner and dance on the Saturday night. Have a VIP table with Council members (wearing badges of recognition) and their guests so that we, the lowly jumpers are in no doubt as to who you are. We then have an opportunity to talk to you (or not) on points made at the meeting. A brief introduction to the Chairmen of the sub-committees, the club representative, the treasurer etc. would also be helpful.

Progress and development within our sport are our prime concerns and this cannot happen without communication. I would welcome any feedback at all on the suggestions I have made, particularly from those council members I never have an opportunity to meet or speak to and maybe by next year we can have an altogether more professional and more profitable weekend.

Katherine Andrewes
D7134

Dear Editor,

After attending my first AGM and then mulling over my impressions, I would like to express a few of my own personal comments.

1. It was good to see an active, if not always constructive, debate involving a significant proportion of the membership.

2. Along with the majority of those present, I was persuaded by the lively discussion that a reduced Council of twelve members might provide more effective leadership. However, I believe that many of us are waiting to see whether the result is an improvement in the constructive democracy of the organisation. I hope we can regard it as an experiment to be evaluated later in the light of experience. I suspect that this was the feeling of the meeting when we voted out the proposal for two-year tenure for Council members. Annual elections allow regular reassessment and the correction of past mistakes.

It is a pity that we must wait a year for the experiment to start, but the meeting rightly felt that to rewrite the rules for the recent election at this stage would be morally, if not legally, fraudulent.

3. Personally, I was disappointed by the narrow decision to remove Council minutes from the magazine. In the past, these minutes have been my only way to assess the actions and motives of Council members and to decide whether I want to vote them in again. I have always found that self-written election blurbs are singularly uninformative of where the candidates' hearts really lie.

With the new smaller Council we, the members, have a better chance to control its balance. But to do that we must be properly informed of what the candidates stand for. Otherwise voting will again feel like a waste of time and the elections will continue to be poorly supported and unrepresentative of the members views.

How can we learn more about the candidates who want our votes? Easily—read lists of attendance records, commercial interests, and personal hobby-horses might help. And why not send out the Council minutes as a separate enclosure with the magazine? Does anyone have any more constructive ideas?

4. Charlie gave an interesting speech about his worries for the future of aero-sports, with which I had much sympathy, but some of us wondered what its relevance was to the proposals under debate. So, editor, can't you prevail upon Charlie to do a piece for the mag telling the whole membership about his worries and what we can do to support him in his defence of our sports.

5. The meeting was informed, in passing, of a threatened rise in future premiums for members third-party insurance. May I offer a wild suggestion? Could not the association offer an insurance brokering service to its members, supplying policies for Life, Personal Accident, Permanent Health, and Equipment Loss cover? This service would give the association increased leverage with the insurance companies, provide a valuable service to its members, and enhance its own income.

Finally, I'd like to say 'Hi' to all my mates at Badminton and to those of us who have moved on to learn the more advanced skills at larger clubs.

Peter Seymour Smith
(C 8539)

Dear Editor,
WARNING!!

THE BPA IS ABOUT TO BE HIJACKED

At this years AGM three motions were narrowly passed which seriously threaten you the jumping members. These motions were that:

1. The BPA Council be reduced from 18 to 12 members.
2. The members serve a 2 year term of office.
3. The minutes of the Council meetings are no longer to appear in Sports Parachutist but a synopsis instead.

The arguments put forward in support of these motioned by various members of the council (all with notable vested interests) were at best fallacious, at worst deliberately misleading.

For the first motion the suggestion was that 12 Council members would be more effective, reach 'better' decisions and somehow be more democratic, safer from takeover by 'unrepresentative' groups. The threat to Headcorn from a lowering of the uncontrolled airspace ceiling was thrown at the audience as a reason to support the motion. Emotive? Yes. Nobody wants to see DZ's lose their altitude, but what has it got to do with the number of people on the Council, nothing as far as I can tell. In fact more members are likely to have more contacts and be able to exert more pressure rather than less as was suggested.

As to unwanted groups having undue influence because of the ease of election, this sounds like a junta justifying its existence.

"We can't let you vote other people into power as they might not be the right people."

One person even went as far as to say that some of those elected onto Council shouldn't have been, as they were the 'wrong sort'. When we hear this from the USSR, Argentina, Chile, Pakistan, etc. we condemn it and recognise it as malign, undemocratic and a sign of people determined to stay in power for their own ends, not those of the people they purport to represent. It will not stop, next year or the year after the same arguments will be used to justify further reductions in the Council to the obvious end.

To consolidate this new reduced Councils' power they are to sit for two year terms. The reasoning, firstly, continuity, but the same members usually sit for considerably more than two years anyway, and secondly, settling in time, I don't believe that the people standing for election are likely to be the type to be intimidated or shy and need time to 'settle in'. This argument also seems to be the reverse of that used for keeping those same people off the Council, those likely to have undue influence.

Finally just in case you want to find out what the new Council is doing, the minutes are no longer to be published (unless you care to pay £10 to receive personal copies), and a synopsis to take their place in the magazine. This was put forward by the finance committee in order to make Sport Parachutist more saleable in the future. Haven't we had this before some years ago, when prices appeared in the magazine? It was dropped then as an economic non-starter. Then, the public's interest in parachuting was higher if the first time student numbers are significant. I am informed that something in the region of twenty thousand copies would need to be sold at a reasonable price to break even. I do not believe that whoever proposed this motion has any intention of marketing Sport Parachutist. Besides, who is the magazine for, the public or jumpers? More likely I think the new more efficient, decisive Council wishes to have a greater control on what the majority of the association's members learn of their great works.

Why? Is this a way of interesting an 'apathetic membership' (a Council members words)? Will it make it easier to get these amendments to the Articles of Association reversed, with an even more distant and veiled Council?

To me it sounds frighteningly like those with vested interests trying to take over and eventually secure control over the BPA once and for all. What good would this do them? Just for starters, I think the military would rapidly be cast as the 'bad guys' and ostracised, resulting in their centres being closed to civilians with the return of income to the DZ owners.

We the jumpers must try to restore the balance of power before it is too late. Those friendly, benign, Mr. Nice Guy DZ owners we see at the weekends will take us all for a ride, for every penny we've got, from first-timer to sky-god. GTi, GLS, and SRi will be the only qualification needed to jump. Please write to the magazine, to the BPA, tell Council members what you think. Demand a ballot of the membership or an EGM, where in the cold sober light of day the arguments can be voiced properly. Do it now before the door is shut and the plane is flown away with the hijackers in control beyond reach. Give them corrections, you are the jumpers, if not, then they are likely to give you a lot of bum spots in the 1990's.

D7308

This letter was just signed D7308. The BPA office staff ascertained that before the revolution the author was known as PHIL-LIP LENG.

Ed.

Dear Ed,

Having just returned, bloodied but unbowed, from our AGM, I have some observations on the BPA's unique interpretation of the democratic process.

I was pleased to see that so many members wanted to take part in the debate on my proposal vis-a-vis Council Membership numbers and tenure in office. Obviously, they were doing their best to dispel the rumour that apathy rules!

However, if it isn't apathy, perhaps it is indifference - members registered this year at the AGM were 6.9% of those eligible to do so. And this year's voting result shows that only 17.4% of those eligible to cast a vote, did so.

Anyway, if people say they are not apathetic, then frankly I can't be bothered to argue with them!

There are a couple of serious points which I would ask people to consider, in the interest of improving the quality of future debates at the AGM. It would be nice if those with attention spans so short that they can't wait to interrupt a speaker, perhaps went off and read their favourite "Thomas the Tank Engine" book instead!

It might also be better if our very own 'Lager Lou' fraternity saved their breath and their futile efforts to enhance the verbal input to the discussion.

And finally, it definitely would be better if those present had a basic appreciation of the rules for a debate, which do normally provide for the proposer of a motion to get an opportunity to respond to those who have spoken against it!

No doubt members will be thrilled to know that I shall probably have another proposal for next year's AGM, as having considered what this years voting achieved, I think the resultant "dogs breakfast" situation has failed to achieve almost any of the objectives originally envisaged.

J.K. Lines

DEAR BPA

Dear BPA

I am returning my ballot card to you in protest at the lack of democracy within the BPA.

Most decisions directly affecting me are made by the STC and JNCO's who will retain their positions regardless of who I vote for. The refusal, by less than half the full STC complement, to reinstate the AFF P.I. rating, without the courtesy of a published reason was the last straw for me.

Would you please pass this letter on to the magazine.

H. Maguire

MAG MOANS

Dear Editor,

Can I congratulate you on the expansive 'write up' on the Relative Work Nationals in the October/November mag; half a page all to itself, (whereas the Army Parachute Championships has four pages dedicated to it, pretty reasonable he thinks!)

Not only that, but the results are presented in a far from understandable format; we start with team number 19 in the senior 4-way RW, then halfway through, jump (no pun intended) into 8-way sequential, followed by 8-way speed and then logically back to team number 9 in the senior 4-way RW, we then finally finish off with intermediate 4-way RW, (which incidentally starts with team number 1)!

So far it's got a lot going for it as the MENSA Christmas brain teaser, but not a lot else.

The best is yet to come, the tricky point of copying down team names:

HAPPY DASE should have been HAPPY DAZE

EGGS FLIT should have been EGGS HIT

THE NOT RESPONSIBLE JOY CO should have been THE NOT RESPONSIBLE TOY CO

GILLIAN WILLIS should have been GILLIES WILLIES

LES STIPIDES should have been LES STUPIDES

PANALYTICS should have been PARALYTICS

Just a little bit of thought about each of these surely would have rectified the mistakes.

But the metamorphosis that our team name has gone through mystifies even me. QUA SUMUS, which couldn't be more appropriate (incidentally, it means 'where are we') appears to have been transformed into ANA SINNAS? Well, I suppose getting 3 letters correct out of 8 isn't too bad; and a 25% error rate on team names in the 4-way event, must be an enviable standard to have set. It really is pathetic, at a time when the sport is trying to gain Olympic acceptance, the BPA mag can't even print out the results of their National Championships without making a complete farce of it, why should we expect Olympic committees to take us seriously.

I'm not saying we should splash the write up over four or five pages, (although why not, the Army did), but just a few words of introduction (for example where the event was held and a few words of well earned thanks to the RAFSPA staff) and some explanation of the competition, would make it slightly more understandable and possibly interesting, which I think would attract more people towards competition, which can only do the sport some good.

Ross Hutcheon
C8083

P.S. Please feel free to correct any spelling mistakes.

I agree, I agree, I agree.

Ed.

Dear Editor,

The 30-way "Olympic Ring Skydive" into the opening of the 24th Olympiad in Seoul featured in last months Sport Parachutist was certainly a superb spectacle and no

doubt impressed many non-skydivers throughout the watching world. But what impressed me as a fellow "junior zoomer" was the fact that all 30 of the chaps were left handed!

Quite amazing, eh?!
Blue skies as always!

Martin "Bench" Brown
D7806

Blame the printers photographic laboratory "boots" for this ****-up!

Ed.

Dear Editor,

In the last edition of *Sport Parachutist* you published an "Obituary". This apparently informed us of the lack of manpower in the Army and the ending of a military display team after 30 years.

Whilst it may be a shame to have to shut down a free fall team permanently, this hardly warrants the title of "Obituary". An obituary is a report on the death of a person or persons, and, in *Sport Parachutist*, are generally read with respect and sadness.

I was unable to feel either emotions over the ending of a display team, and do hope that this apparent lack of good taste will not be repeated.

Blue skies.

Brian Shaw
D1901

IN REPLY.....

Dear Editor,

With reference to Martin Evan's letter (SP Nov 88) regarding the 'old farts' on STC. I never realised that he possessed so much knowledge. His arguments are astounding; the more so because none of them can have occurred to the thirty or so Chief Instructors who are entitled to sit on STC. Perhaps STC should be disbanded and the entire job handed over to Mr. Evans. It would certainly be cost effective. Perhaps he would do it in exchange for a years supply of his favourite brand of wrist bandage. In the meantime we'll hold the fort while he gets this organised.

Affectionately,

Tony Knight

OF # 1/8

Dear Andy,

At the end of your letter about tight suits in the last mag, you asked for responses from the anorexic community.

Well, as the "skinny" who first tried to convince you of the validity of these arguments and concepts last Spring in the packing shed at Cranfield, I must say that it was heartening to find that you have eventually accepted them. (What's that old saying about a prophet in his own land?) You've changed some of the words around in places, and I think I referred to being "efficient" - rather than "cool" - in the air, but you've more or less got the hang of it. One thing puzzles me though; why the sudden change of mind? Are you getting fatter, or is everyone else at A.1 getting thinner...?!

It would, of course, be churlish of me to point out that if you had taken note of the article and my letter on page 29 of the June

'87 mag, you might have saved yourself the £90 or so which your tight suit must have cost. Does the sentence "Looking cool on the ground is no trade for compatibility" sound familiar? Never mind - I'm sure it will be some comfort to learn that you share your new found philosophy with one of the world's most famous relative workers (Roger Nelson, not me).

Finally, can we now look forward to further enlightened correspondence reversing some of your other deeply held beliefs? A future letter advising people that wearing a helmet is probably a good idea, perhaps? Yours with tongue firmly in cheek,

Bob Connell
D3411

VIEWPOINTS

Dear Ed,

The October/November issue of the mag was "late again"...so what! If I can mope around on a cold and windy DZ all weekend waiting for the breeze to drop to "round" conditions then I am sure I can endure the odd week or two for the *Sport Parachutist*. I joined this amazing sport last year, soon after reaching the age when life is supposed to "begin again", with work and weather set against me I have been very slowly progressing (and on occasions digressing) through the lower cats! I am in no hurry.

Lyn George and his "team" at the Sport Parachute Centre, Tilstock, have shown a creditable ability to train and motivate beginners and have even managed (unknown to them) to talk me out of leaving the sport. In fact it was Anna who took me to one side after a series of my unintentional, unstable, rolling exits that I seemed to be specialising in; her 'lecture' took me by surprise and was a mixture of psychology, common sense and downright aggression. It hurt my feelings but it was the one-to-one instruction that I needed, and it worked!

If all members of our sport had the patience that the Tilstock staff have shown me then nobody would possibly complain at the lateness of the mag, which under your 'Editorship' is improving at a faster rate than my parachuting.

So thank you and the Sport Parachute Centre for taking the time to consider the "mere beginner".

Graham Croft
BPA 383191

Dear Ed,

As someone that was originally trained by a 'fresh faced' Ronnie O'Brien at Grindale in 74, has completed a few jumps, 1800+ (with 200 odd over 16,000) but now, alas, medically excused parachuting, not a para injury. I feel I must cobble together this letter to air two points of view.

Firstly, I feel that jump centre managements should do more locally to promote their DZ's. We must have more DZ's per sq. mile than most countries but unless you are co-located with a DZ, or actually in the sport then the only time you will know of their existence is when you read an incident report in the press.

Very few centres advertise in local papers?

Secondly, the on-going discussion about 'Incident Reports'. I do not believe that these should be published in the *Associations Magazine*, but should be available as a separate publication.

Perhaps sent out with the magazine only to those that specifically request them (at a very small fee).

This would minimize the risk of the new, or casual, reader from forming a mistaken opinion of the sport, but on the other hand would enable those members that can, or need to understand the reports, to do so.

We, the experienced, should have the facility to learn from the mistakes of others so that these mistakes are hopefully not repeated.

Blue skies, soft landings

Roger Simpson
BPA 22303
(Ex D1955)

Dear Editor,

I read Ray Ellis' article on radio spotting with much interest. If BPA members are breaking the law by jumping through cloud it's probably because, despite the law they consider radio spotting safe - or at least safe enough. Whatever the law says doesn't affect the accuracy or otherwise of this assessment.

Illegal jumps are not good for safety and not good for the sport. Isn't it time that regulations are brought in to control radio spotting, rather than pretending it doesn't exist? That way we can all stay within the law and take advantage of all that aviation can offer us. That's got to be good for the development of the sport in the U.K.

Oh, and can anyone explain why new Cat.8's aren't permitted to jump a pull-out system? Most experienced jumpers, including a majority of instructors, seem to use one, implying that that is a superior system - yet the STC obviously doesn't think so. If we can all be trusted to jump out of an aeroplane and survive, can't we also decide whether to use the best equipment available? At least we should have the choice, otherwise the whole thing gets a bit ridiculous.

Hope this doesn't sound too much like a long moan - it is meant to be constructive. Blue skies and safe jumping!

Fen Baker
C8357

Dear Editor,

Firstly can I say thanks to all the staff at Headcorn P.C. for putting up with me and putting me up!

Now, I am fairly new to this sport and enjoy it a lot and yes the Incident Report would be welcome in my copy of S.P. but the main reason for me to put pen to paper is that Cat.8 is within reach this year and Headcorn is not where I want to spend the rest of my skydiving days (sorry guys nothing personal).

Every two months, sorry issue, you publish a list of all BPA clubs in the U.K. How about a list of all the DZ's in the world that are officially noticed by their countries association (a pull out supplement would be nice).

Anyway thanks for the mag. and keep up the good work.

Andy Paganini
P.S. Did Alex win Bad Spot off the Year?

The next letter should interest you then.

Ed.

Dear Editor,

I have started to compile an international directory of sport parachute clubs but am having difficulty obtaining further addresses. I have written to twenty-five parachute associations and aero clubs but only received replies from Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Israel and the USA.

If any readers can help me with addresses for countries that are not mentioned above then I would be most grateful. On the other hand if I can help anyone with addresses they might require then don't hesitate to contact me. (S.A.E. please).

If anyone is prepared to help me compile the directory, please drop me a line, two heads are better than one.

The address to contact me at is:-
'Primulass',
5 Grampian Close,
Friday Meadow,
Eastbourne,
Sussex BN23 8EP
Blue Skies,

Phil Duckworth
C8288

THANK YOU

Dear Ed,

Just a few lines to say thanks to all the staff at RAFSPA for all their help in getting my dad, Reg Green airborne for the first time in his 54 years via a tandem descent on 051188, the same day that I did my planned cutaway.

Also thanks to Andy House and Mick Raffrey for putting up with me for the last 2 or 3 years.

Blue skies and nil cloud for 89.

Scouse Green
B7559

Dear Editor,

TIM HOMER team leader of the 'GOLA' team and member of the 126 way world record is leaving the British Isles to live in the States due to job promotion.

Would you please wish him well and every success in the future from all at Halfpenny Green.

The photo shows Tim in an open accordion (top) over the Green this summer. Others in photo PETE BATH, DOLLY PARTON, and a 4th unknown. The picture was taken by myself, Dick Fothergill. I hope you can use it.

Dick Fothergill

TO ALL BPA MEMBERS

I would like to thank you for electing me onto the BPA Council. Some of you will know me but a lot of you won't.

I am on the BPA Council as one of your elected representatives to help run sport parachuting in this country. I shall endeavour to do my best, but it is up to you, the members, to let me know if you have a problem or a grievance with how we are running things or how other people are running their DZ's.

As far as I am concerned any problems you have, no matter how small, I shall endeavour to get it put right or bring it to the attention of the right people.

We are all Skydivers at heart so lets make Skydiving in Great Britain fun again and bring the buzz back, it's our sport.

I would finally like to wish you all lots of safe Skydiving in 1989.

Mr. M.C. Thomas
5 Kings Gate
Bridlington
North Humberside

Any correspondence, please send to the above address.

Dear Editor,

Just a short note to thank the staff and pilots of Weston on the Green for hosting the best nationals in years, it had everything and seemed well planned.

Great weather, clean, well looked after toilet and shower facilities, clean and hardworking kitchen and bar staff, enjoyable food, if you had time to eat between your skydives, packing and dirtdives and of course, some excellent dives and 2 Turbine Islanders.

Whoever hosts it next year will have a job on to beat Westons performance.

Only one comment to make, next time move the campsite away from the main road that passed the main entrance, a lot of competitors were having to get drunk every night just so they could get a good night's sleep!!!
Good times

Ian P. Chick
D3725

Something to say? Have you any views on the sport that you'd like to put to other readers? Got a gripe about something?

**Send your letters to: The Editor,
Sport Parachutist, c/o BPA,
Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester
LE2 9TF.**

Dear Ed,

I would be indebted to you if you could print the enclosed photo in the next issue of the magazine (or the one after that if this is too late).

The photo is of my father (Bill Ballard) and the tandem master is Jeff Illidge. The photo was taken over the Black Knights Parachute centre, Cockerham.

If possible could you please print it in colour?

D. Ballard

No! - Ed.



Dear Mag,

I left Germany in January, after 18 months jumping in Bad Lippspringer and I would like to thank all the regular jumpers there, for putting up with me, the noise and the dead bodies lying in and around my caravan after our little parties.

I would also like to say 'unlucky' to the lads and lasses I used to jump with, who were daft enough to keep letting me spot and then wonder why they had to walk back to the DZ.

To finish, I'd like to wish Jimmy Frith the best of luck in civvy street and to say to Bingo Sawerby "RMP's" are not supposed to walk naked and drunk through caravan sites at 2 a.m. even if it is for a bet.

Tommo
D8358

PS. I have enclosed a picture of Steve Nalden and myself posing for the camera. Photo by Steve Slater.



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 1988

May I firstly extend a warm welcome to all our members attending this the 22nd Annual General Meeting of the British Parachute Association.

It is of course difficult, in summary form, to report to you all fully on everything that has happened throughout the year. Those of you that take the trouble to attend this meeting I know follow carefully the Council Minutes and are almost as current as those of us on Council.

However, this report has of necessity to be brief.

It is but fair to tell you at the outset that the year upon which I report has been a difficult one in particular for proprietors and operators of clubs but in turn for your Council.

At times unwelcome and unpleasant decisions have to be taken purely in order to meet the commercial realities that we face and in order to remain in existence.

As you all know our first National Development Officer left us in January 1988. For some months thereafter the ex-Secretary General together with your Development Chairman, David Hickling, carried out as many of the NDO's duties as possible. This resulted in us not losing any financial support from the Sports Council. The Association owes a great debt to Dave Hickling who spent much of his own personal time undertaking the NDO's duties from the BPA office.

We now have a newly appointed NDO namely Mrs. Susan Dixon. Susan is already well known to you all as an FAI qualified Judge and a hard working and loyal Council Member.

Obviously on taking up her appointment as NDO Susan resigned from Council. She will however, be making as great a contribution as usual to the competition scene.

It is with regret that I have to report the disestablishment of the position of Secretary General. This step has been brought about as a result of the financial pressures facing the Association. It will briefly touch on these pressures but no doubt your Treasurer will have more to say about them.

The disestablishment of the post of Secretary General was forced upon us principally as a result of the Sports Council,

(a) no longer grant aiding core administration; and
(b) their refusal to honour their agreement and commitment to one third fund the purchase of the new headquarters building. A further matter which gives rise to financial concern is the three year continuous fall in overall membership which has cut down our income from subscriptions. At this present time there does not appear to be any reversal to this trend in sight.

The disestablishment of the post of Secretary General will result in a significant saving each year for the Association although at the same time automatically imposing a much greater work load on the staff and in particular the NDO and Coaches.

To give an indication of the position concerning the fall in subscription income I append to this report comparative figures for this year and the preceding year.

I previously mentioned the difficulties of the proprietors and operators of parachute clubs. This has been highlighted by the closure. I understand for financial reasons, of some ten centres.

Other centres have had to make staff redundant and cut back on long planned improvements and even sell assets in order to remain operational.

Obviously, the closure of centres results in hardship to you, the members in not always being able to carry out your sport in areas convenient to you.

In an effort to assist centres we have, as always, and whenever reasonably requested so to do made your money available by way of loans. These loans are used to improve equipment and facilities at Clubs and Centres. The loans are made at extremely advantageous interest rates. There is in fact out on loan to Clubs and Centres at the present time almost £20,000 and this does not include a further loan of approximately £5,000 which is about to be made.

Despite the loss of income from subscriptions and the large capital loss sustained as a result of the breach by Sports Council your Council has done its best to produce a sound capital base upon which to project for the future. However, any surplus that we have at the moment may very well be needed to assist the Association over the next few years which I anticipate will be as difficult as the last few years.

Despite the totally unexpected withdrawal of support from the Sports Council in connection with the purchase of the headquarters building this purchase has proved to be an excellent investment for you. We do not have an up to date

valuation on the property but I believe that it is now worth somewhere between two and three times the price we paid for it.

The new requirements for affiliation have now been approved by Council and implemented. This as you will recall follows Dave Parker's address to the AGM two years ago. The intervening period has been taken up with consultation with instructors and club operators. We hope we have now got it right.

A new Provisional membership card system has been introduced for the benefit of Provisional members and clubs and to provide greater accountability.

Some sponsorship has been obtained and great efforts are being made by Susan Dixon to increase this during the coming year.

We have had good exposure on both BBC 2 and Channel 4. We are also owed a one hour documentary by Channel 4. I must admit that we are having some difficulty in tying the producer down to details of the planned programme.

In the competition field we were represented at all World Meets where our teams acquitted themselves well. The Royal Marines did particularly well winning the bronze medal at the CRW meet. At the Style/Accuracy Meet in Sweden, our girls team came 4th in Accuracy, and at the World Cup in Vichy Mo" 8-way RW also found 4th place. On your behalf I would like to thank and congratulate all the competitors.

We were represented at the opening ceremony of the Seoul Olympics by both Esther Reynolds, our Classic Champion and Joe France of the RAF Falcons. Joe was asked, and agreed, to train the skydivers for the jump which opened the Olympic Games. Joe also led the canopy stacks into the stadium.

Joe certainly deserves our special thanks and congratulations for such a fine effort.

The National Championships were split this year and were very well supported. I would like to thank Dave Johnston of Bridlington for hosting the Classics and CRW on a no cost to the Association basis. Also to thank Dave Johnston for providing a minimum cost training camp for the Classics squad before their departure for the World Meet in Sweden. Dave Johnston also obtained sponsorship in the form of uniforms and various other small items for the team. I must also thank the Royal Air Force for making available Weston on the Green at the last moment as the venue for the Relative Work Championships.

Once again our special thanks go to all the Judges and Officials without whom we could not hold the competitions.

Your National Coaches have, as usual, performed their tasks well. They have conducted 4 Instructor, Exam, Pre-Advanced and Advanced courses throughout the year together with several Tandem and 3 AFF courses qualifying, 25 Approved, 6 AFF, 7 Advanced and 9 Tandem Instructors together with one new Examiner.

I am also pleased to announce that we have had a totally fatality free year at BPA Clubs and Centres, both here and abroad, which will make our Safety record the envy of the World. We wish however, to express our sorrow at the death of one of our members Tony Stewart, whilst training with the Red Devils in Portugal in March 1988. Our sympathies go to his family and friends.

In addition the Coaches have been out and about visiting drop zones. Furthermore John Hitchen was Team Leader/Head of Delegation for the Classics World Meet. Both Coaches were of course heavily involved at the National Championships. The RW Championships providing a profit for the Association. As always a very busy year for them.

Once again I would like to thank your Council for their contributions and support over this past year. John Lines, your Treasurer has worked particularly hard. Tony Knight has proved to be an excellent Chairman of the Safety and Training Committee. He in company with John Hitchen attended the FAI Safety Meeting in Denmark earlier in the year. I have already mentioned Dave Hickling, your Vice-Chairman and Development Committee Chairman who has worked unstintingly for the Association throughout the year. Steve Eversfield has worked tirelessly as Chairman of the Competitions committee. I am sure his contribution and efforts on your behalf will be badly missed as he is no longer standing for election to Council. Thanks again to Lofty Thomas who at his own expense attended CIP and then travelled with the Royal Marines as Head of Delegation to the CRW World Championships. I thank all the Council for their work on your behalf even though I have but mentioned a few by name.

The Association has retained and strengthened its links with the Civil Aviation Authority, Royal Aero Club, CIP, CCPR, GASCo and many other Aviation related bodies. Our thanks go to our contacts in those various organisations.

I must say a very special thank you to five people who each in their own way work very hard for the Association but whose work often goes unnoticed. They are our Vice Presidents, John Meacock and Charles Shea-Simonds whose freely given advice and support makes my job so much easier. Also our honorary medical advisers, Dr. Michael Abdou, Dr. Roger Flinn and Dr. John Carter.

Roger spends a great deal of his time judging for us. On the medical side we all I am sure fail to appreciate just how busy Michael, Roger and John are in advising skydivers who have been injured; prospective skydivers and other medical practitioners who seek their advice in relation to their own patients who either are skydivers or wish to become skydivers. Most of the time this unpaid voluntary work goes unnoticed. I

would like to place firmly on record this Association's and my own very great appreciation for the help, support and advice that is given by all three.

Apart from some problems over the time table the magazine has been very ably put together by Carol Saunders to whom I extend our grateful thanks.

Last but not least I would like to thank the remainder of our staff who have not been specially mentioned thus far in this report namely Sue Allen, Trudy Kemp, Angela Middleton and our young YTS assistant Mandy O'Gorman. These girls have worked extremely hard on your behalf and are deserving of your thanks also.

In conclusion may I, as always, thank you the members for continuing to support your Association.

With very best wishes to you all for a happy and prosperous 1989.

Jim Crocker
Chairman

BPA Awards

David Howerski accepts 5000 Jumps Certificate.
(24th December 1988 Swansea).



Wally Reynolds, or is it Pete Gubbins (?) receives his 4000 Jump Certificate.



David Hicking accepting Charlie Shea-Simmonds award for the Most Promising New Instructor of the Year on behalf of Alan Brooks.



Raffle winner - 1st £500, an ECSTATIC Brian Fosbury.





Mike Forge Trophy - Best new parachutist of the year. Eddie Fisher of Cornwall.



Mike Forge Trophy - Runner up. David Parker accepts the shield on behalf of Caroline Lloyd of Headcorn.



Mike Forge Trophy - Runner up. Jeremy Horwood of Swansea.



Andy House accepting the Certificate of Merit for Joe France.



After presenting John Lines with the Regional 4 Way Trophy the Chairman's lips finally give way after 48 hours of continuous smiling.

You're never too old to jump

Ever had time to look around in freefall? Not if you're concentrating on R.W. But when my Mum celebrated her seventieth birthday by making a tandem jump, Ronnie O'Brien did the concentrating and she admired the scenery. She loved every minute of it - a 360° view of the earth, the exhilaration of speed, two Marines docking on her quite unexpectedly, the canopy ride, soft landing and all the kisses afterwards.

Now if you think seventy is old enough to make a skydive, my friend Jessica is eighty. I first met Jessica on a course learning how to decorate eggs 'Fabergé' style. I mentioned parachuting and Jessica jumped at the chance, arranged sponsorship and off we went to Sibson where Jamie Graham became her tandem instructor. The egg decorating was important so we celotaped a cardboard egg to her hand and I held the paintbrush.

On exit Jessica looked amazed. This quickly changed to a smile which never left her face. She had a great landing to the applause of the assembled press and television crew, together with her family who had flown in from Jersey and The States. Champagne flowed, Jessica was over the moon and Great Ormond Street Hospital benefitted by £1500.

So in future if a friend seems interested in the sport but says they're past it, tell them about my Mum and Jessica; which only goes to prove

'You're never too old to jump'.

Heather Leach D3545

Shame the photo's didn't turn up Heather: Ed.

SPANISH BOOGIE



Sunset Dive

The School of Human Flight based at Ampuriabrava in Spain once again held their annual Boogie over the festive season. The busiest time was between December 25th and January 2nd when the entire entourage moved to Gerona Airport.

Statistics:

Registrations

650

Jumps

12,000 approximately

Most jumps in a day

1,337

Largest formation

60 out of 62

Notable formations

34 way Jewel

35 way Star

17 way '89'

Planes

Caribou (Mechanical failure) - 38 lifts

Twin Otter - over 180 lifts

Skyvan - 173 lifts

Porters (normally 3, up to 4) - over 235 lifts

Malfunctions (Lowest at approximately 600 feet)

14

Injuries

Several sprains, twists etc. from landings in nil winds onto the runway plus two broken bones.

Load Organisers:

Pete Marsden, Derek Thomas, Bruno Brokken, Jerome Bunker, Alexis Perry, Peter Gehrig, Patrick Passe plus other instructors.

The Boogie had a large amount of French, English and German jumpers along with many other nations. Registrations were down on last year by about 200, this was attributed to the amount of Boogies now in Europe, the scheduling of the French national Holidays and the Thailand Boogie which started just a few days after Spain finished.

Manifesting was as near to perfect at any large Boogie and the Hotel Organisation was also superb.

Summing up the Boogie, Roland Hilfliker the organiser, had these comments;

'Europeans are Boogied out following a year which offered a vast array of skydiving meets, however we saw a better quality of skydives'.

'I feel the face of 'The Boogie' has to change and you should look out for something very different at our events in 1989'. 'Our Easter meet is likely to be more seminar orientated and there are a number of areas we wish to improve upon over Christmas'.

Roland went on to say that 'We may introduce a competitive element such as 20 and 40 way events that you find in the States'. 'There will also be a more definitive structure of ability level defined by each individual's skydiving experience'. 'I would like to improve the use and facilities of our video operation and place a greater emphasis on each jumper getting more out of his or her skydiving in Spain'.

Words and Pictures by Simon Ward

Caribou Exit



Star formation take



Italian team 'System 4our' exit the Caribou



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Z-Hills rightly claims to be the world's best known DZ. Its place in skydiving history/folklore is assured, but in these days of superfast turbines rushing you to altitude in half a minute and nice spacious tailgates is there really any call for a fleet of 3 slow, draughty aircraft with a pokey little door?

The answer, of course, is yes. The DC3 retains a special place in most jumpers' hearts and the fact that it dictates a different style of skydiving compared to almost any other aircraft probably only increases the attraction. For the 1988 Christmas Boogie, the lineup was; Southern Cross (well, it is the fastest DC3 in the world), Mr. Douglas (loud music and seats) and our Douglas (or 'one hour' Douglas - say no more).

The pool of load organisers, headed by Jerry Bird, was minus a few of the expected faces but as the Boogie went on the occasional Brit scammed the free and often dangerous slot - particularly Jim Scarrat and Eddie Carrol, the man with the most-travelled wallet in Florida!

Amongst the jumpers there were more Brits than you could shake a stick at. Many of them turned up

anxiously cluthing a tight fast suit and hoping they could stay with the supersonic fall rate we've all been warned about. After a few days polycotton began to appear as everyone discovered that Americans are about the same weight and build as the rest of us and therefore have a similar terminal velocity!

The standard of dives improved as regular groups and invitation loads emerged, producing some creditable 16-way and 20-way sequential, 36-ways, 40-ways etc. Hoop dives, 3-D dives and other 'fun' loads were also there if you wanted a bit of a change.

The latest gem of parachute technology - The Excalibur - was on display for all to try. Made by Performance Design, it is the world's first production 21-cell canopy and the range goes down to a 100 square foot version. Doubtless you'll hear a lot more about them, but suffice it to say that most people stopped what they were doing to watch these green and pink pocket handkerchiefs low-hooked by novices trying the demo rigs!

Manifesting was easy and efficient courtesy of Betty and her team plus a large jar of 'M & Ms' the speed of the aircraft made it difficult to do more than 4 or 5 jumps in a day, unless you were a

load organiser or using a packer. If you wanted to do a lot, you needed to make the first lift and this was normally manifested the previous night. This wasn't much of a problem, though, since bad weather interfered very little most people could get the number of jumps they'd budgeted for (and the rest) though the turbulent wind conditions periodically caused a 100 square jump minimum at manifest.

This affected quite a lot of people, making the 10-way scrambles on Christmas Eve extremely interesting. Amongst the 22 teams, experience ranged from thousands of RW jumps to 10! The eventual winners were led by Dave Howerski, who also made his 5000th jump on round 1.

Overall, there was an obvious holiday atmosphere and (amongst the brits) a feeling of smugness when Christmas Day proved so hot that those who go pink easily were skulking in the shade. Free beer was plumbed in each night next to Frenchie's campfire, though the usual flood of SCRs, SCSs, 1000th jumps, 1st article in the 'Tampa Tribune' etc. kept the 'cases of beer' coming thick and fast. All round, if you want a fun Boogie, Z-Hills/Phoenix is alive and kicking!

*Pulling Crackers on Xmas day!
(Who knows, if you pull a cracker you may find a helmet in it)*





Christian Ung demonstrating 'T Position'

Photo: Simon Ward

First Turns and Loops in Freestyle

by Tamara Koyn
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Skydiving is a whole world where you are limited only by altitude and your imagination. This unrestricted creativity is most evident in the expressive potential of freestyle.

What is freestyle?

Actually it can be anything you imagine. It can be creative movement in freefall involving one or more skydivers. This means you can invent anything you want and do it by yourself or with your RW friends.

Freestyle can also be about building a vocabulary of manoeuvres, either your own invented ones or ones you have already seen, and perhaps putting them together in a combination.

It doesn't matter how you freestyle - either just for the fun of it or for serious refining of manoeuvres. In essence, freestyle is what you imagine it to be!

Freestyle is not a mysterious activity for you like relative work once may have been. This is because you are already your own freestyle expert! You do it, make it up, and define it for yourself. The experts did this!

Style, sequential relative work, and canopy relative work were created from the freestyle attitude. Someone invented it. Roger Nelson and his brother Carl took on this freestyle attitude when they created their freak flying techniques. Today, most skydivers perform sequential relative work but is everyone as much alike as this implies?

Everyone is Unique!

Since everyone is unique and a different person, each individual's freestyle will be unique. This means that freestyle is about you and the way you like to move or explore moving in freefall. By watching Norm Kent's movie "From Wings Came Flight," you can see that Kent's wife, Deanna, performs freestyle moves that are more like dance, whereas Mike Sandber performs a more gymnastic style of freestyle.

It is the individual's physical, mental and emotional characteristics that determine what his freestyle will be like. Past personal experiences will also affect your style. Remember, if you are trying to do a T Position and it hurts because you lack the flexibility then that doesn't mean you can't do freestyle. In this case, try another move more appropriate for you. If solo jumping seems boring then you might try something new with your friends.

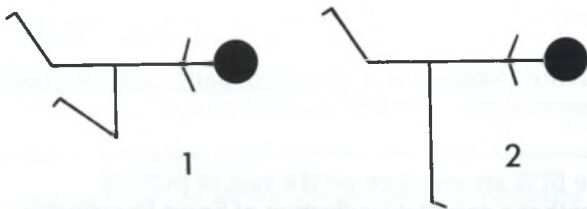
Because of individual uniqueness, there is no right or wrong way to do freestyle. When a freestylist sees a right and wrong way, it inhibits a free exploration of movement in freefall. Right and wrong adds a fear factor in the movement experience. No one likes to make a mistake or feel stupid. Without right and wrong, there are no such things as mistakes or stupid ideas thus the "creative block" is broken. After some experience in freestyle, you will naturally start to formulate your own definition of what freestyle is.

Getting Started

There are two ways you can get started. You can either try positions or moves you have already seen, ones you've imagined, or some of both. Two moves are described here: The T Position - Freestylist Deanna Kent created this position using techniques described under "Finding your own move".

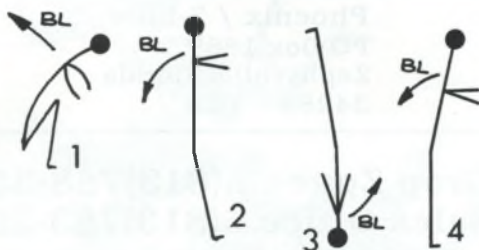
Whichever leg you pick, bring the knee toward the chest so that it points straight down to the ground, then straighten the knee without changing its location in space. The position is relatively easy to balance if the leg is pointed straight down.

If the knee is not raised far enough, you will have to fight the relative wind to straighten the leg and hold the position. If the leg is to the left or right of straight down you will probably roll or spin and lose balance. The arms should be straight out from the shoulder rather than bent. You may have to make some other adjustments according to your needs. The arms can be used to turn the T Position.



First step of performing the T Position. Bring the knee towards the chest so that the thigh points down to the ground

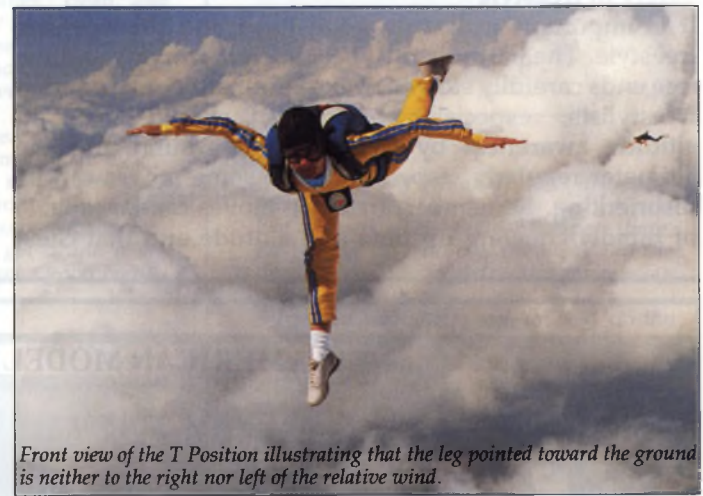
The Back Layout - To get it started, do a quarter backloop into the dart position (or just past it). (The dart position is falling feet first.) At this time, have the arms in front of you; this will flip you backwards. Keep the body rigidly straight with the legs together and straight, and the hips slightly bent (flexed). Each time you approach and pass the dart position, have your hands and arms in front of you to continue the looping action.



The speed of this manoeuver can be controlled by how much and hard you push your arms toward the ground while passing through the dart position and the bend in the hips. For fast Back Layouts, push arms toward the ground more and harder and bend more at the hips (but not more than 20 degrees). To stop, simply arch. After some practice, you will probably find that a knee brake makes a cleaner stop.



The T Position completed by straightening the knee without changing its location in space.



Front view of the T Position illustrating that the leg pointed toward the ground is neither to the right nor left of the relative wind.



This side view shows that the leg pointed down must be straight down. (Towards the head will also work - if the freestylist is flexible enough!)

Finding your own move - This can be accomplished in any number of ways. You can try the challenge of imagining something new and different and then learning it in freefall. You may even find another unique move just by

trying to learn what you imagined. You can also get ideas from other sports or activities. Try watching a synchronized swim meet and see what ideas come to mind. Remember, the possibilities of movement are endless!

Basically, whatever way you approach freestyle, you should ideally be making your own movement choices rather than being told how to do freestyle. This way, your first freestyle dive will probably be an enjoyable and interesting experience. Try to avoid being "pressured" into moving in certain ways in freefall.

Freestyle goals

This is a sample list of some freestyle goals, if you do not already have some in mind. You may strive for any one or a number of these goals.

1. Accomplishing moves you imagine
2. Learning moves you've seen
3. Progression toward building combinations of moves as a result of increasing vocabulary
4. Learning greater body control in the air
5. Progression toward freer less inhibited movement in freefall thus discovering a still freer sense of flight
6. And there are others

Safety in freestyle

It is important to keep a good head and practice safe freestyle. The harness must be adjusted properly and the free ends carefully stowed. Mike Sandberg points out that freestylers, especially beginners, should maintain altitude awareness by checking the ground and the altimeter regularly, especially since some moves can be disorienting. Remember, freestyle moves can be capable of rapidly chewing up time and altitude and that chest

altimeters are inaccurate when falling back to earth.

Also, if you find yourself violently out of control, the hard arch position really does work! If the hard arch does not work for you then you probably have tension in the body that is adding to the problem. In this case relax first and then hit a hard arch.

Know your limits. If you are not sure if you can handle getting dizzy in freefall avoid moves that you know will cause it. Usually moves that are excessive in the number of rotations in one direction cause dizziness.

If a particular move hurts, stop and avoid it. Pain is the body's way of saying that you're injuring it. In doing safe freestyle use common sense.

Freestyle can open the door to many creative and enjoyable skydives. We all get to choose our own "style" of skydiving, and freestyle is simply the ultimate expression of that freedom.

Tamara Koyn

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Eds Note: Tamara is a qualified dance and movement teacher and has over 500 freestyle jumps.

The BPA are engaged on the task of putting together a complete collection of Sport Parachutist magazines.

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Masters of the Sky?



In the summer of 1989 the airspace above Denmark will be showing unmistakable signs that Denmark hosts the world's largest sporting event - World Masters Games.

Along with 46 other sports parachuting, gliding and hang-gliding will be represented at this veteran sporting event which is to take place during July 22 to August 6, 1989. The air sports will be staged from July 24 to August 4.

The World Masters Games will be an international event for the rapidly increasing number of people electing an active life in preference to an idle everyday on the homely couch while "growing old with grace". The motto of the Games is "Sport for Life".

Both former sports stars and keep-fitters are invited to participate in the Games which are open to all. The World Masters Games are expected to attract 15,000 - 20,000 participants. At this point more than 6,000 preliminary registrations from 126 nations have already been received.

As for the air sports there is yet a number of vacant places even though it has been necessary for practical reasons to place a limit on the number of competitors. Approx. 60 gliders, approx. 30 hang-gliders and towards 200 parachutists from all over the world will be given the possibility to participate.

The Games are organised by three cities in Jutland, Herning, Aalborg and Arhus. In co-operation with the Danish Sports Federation the three cities are looking forward to welcoming the many participants in Denmark in the days July 22 - August 6, 1989.

In Denmark there will be competitions in 40 sports and 9 sports for the disabled. The only condition for participation is the age criteria laid down for the individual sports. The participants represent themselves only, not his or her country.

Gliders, parachutists and hang-gliders will all be participating in the world's largest sporting event - The World Masters Games in Denmark from July 22 to August 6 1989.

In the future, the World Masters Games will be taking place every fourth year in the year after the Olympic Games.

The idea behind the Games originated in Canada as an alternative to the increasingly uncompromising Olympic Games. In 1985, the first World Masters Games were staged in Toronto. 8,300 participated, a number which equals the number of participants in the Olympic Games.

Several cities in New Zealand and Australia have already expressed wishes to host the World Masters Games in 1993.

Parachuting - Conditions of entry

The parachuting competitions are organised by the Danish Parachuting Federation in the days July 24 - July 29, 1989.

Minimum age: 40 years by July 24, 1989

The parachuting competitions will take place according to the international F.A.I. rules, and participants must have done at least 500 jumps.

Participants must bring along their own gear.

Registration as individual or as team. Individuals may register for team competition.

The competitions will be organised in 2 or 3 classes with 80-90 competitors in each class.

There will be competitions in combination (RW) for 4 and 8-man teams, precision, and style.

Fees: Parachuting fee DKK 3,000. World Masters Games fee: DKK 500 per participant.

Eds. note: Interested parties should contact BPA office for entry details.



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40th Conference

International Parachuting Committee (CIP)

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Once a year, the International Parachuting Committee (CIP) of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI. The Worldwide Governing body of all Air Sports) meet for a 4 day working Conference. Parachuting is now the largest member of FAI, with 50 member Nations.

This year marked the 40th anniversary of the CIP and the Conference was held for the first time in Asia, in Beijing, China.

The BPA was represented by myself as Delegate, John Hitchin as alternate Delegate, Roger Flinn on the Judges Committee with Lofty Thomas and Annette Williamson as observers.

Olympic Activity

CIP organised in 1988, the superb opening ceremonies display at the Seoul Olympics (see SP October 1988) and FAI Olympic Certificates were presented to all those who took part. This of course included Accuracy Champion Esther Reynolds who jumped as part of the CIP Stack team. A special certificate was awarded to our own Joe France, who coached the Stack team and let them into the arena.

CIP are now working towards Barcelona in 1992. Unfortunately the two slots available for Demonstration Sport status (Mandatory before Olympic status proper) had already been awarded by the Spanish Olympic Committee. But this still leaves a possibility of involvement as a so called "Exhibition Sport". There are two slots available for Exhibition status in 1992, and a total of 30 different sports applied for consideration. This 30 has now been reduced to 8 finalists and Sport Parachuting is one of them.

The final decision will be made by the Spanish Olympic Committee sometime in 1989. A video of the Seoul Olympic display was shown to the Delegates at the FAI General Conference this year in Australia, and it received a standing ovation.

1988 CRW WPC and Mondia 88 WC Vichy, France

This competition was the first FAI/CIP sanctioned Meet that involved three Disciplines at the same venue at the same time.

The Championships were a great success with the exception of two important points. The first was a decision made by the International Jury to hear a second protest by a medal winning team after its first protest had already been rejected. This decision altered the outcome of the Championship and caused several letters, including one from our own Judge Pete Halfacre, to be written. Our own Royal Marines Team were effectively robbed of the Silver medal position. Secondly, although the French organisers had agreed that the World Championships in CRW would take precedence over all other events, this did not take place because the organiser in an attempt to showcase the last two rounds of the Accuracy event, gave it priority over the World Championships. Therefore, even with perfect weather conditions the WPC in CRW was not completed.

CIP Safety Survey

Two International Technical Congresses had now been held in France and Denmark in order to share information and statistics concerning safety and training. The CIP decided that its role should not and could not be to dictate to National Parachuting Associations, but merely be in accordance with the FAI statutes to provide for assembling, analysing and distributing information and statistics.

With this in mind the CIP had collected data over a three year period from 1985 to 1987 (details included in a separate article). The Aero Club of Ireland will be hosting the Third Technical Congress in Dublin 27/29 Sept 89 and the BPA will be hosting the Fourth at Bisham Abbey in Berkshire, 27/28 Sept 90 in conjunction with an International Riggers Convention. Those responsible for safety and training within each International Federation will be invited along with all Parachute Manufacturers.

1988 FAI Rules for the Style and Accuracy (S&A) Events

Style Penalties

Once again the penalties and scoring system have been changed for the style event. The 1988 system was very unpopular with the majority of jumpers and judges at the 19th WPC in S&A in Sweden in 1988. The new system goes back to proportioning a deviation into smaller increments and appointing certain penalties to each increment. This was based on a proposal by the Czechs which found support at the 19th WPC.

Drift

The only other change to style was the introduction of a rule that will award any competitor a rejump if their horizontal drift is greater than 10 degrees during a performance of their series.

1.5 metre Pad

In the Accuracy event a 1.5 metre pad or Automatic Measuring Device (AMD) was introduced as a recommendation for 1989. This new AMD consists of a 1.5 metre pad which reads 16 cm wherever it is struck. On top of this will be placed a standard sized pad which overrides the larger one. The first point of contact will be recorded. Therefore anyone striking with a rear foot or any other part of their anatomy off of the small pad will score 16 cms. This will solve an age old problem that Accuracy Judges have had with assessing strikes close to the pad.

Artificial Pits

The only drawback to the 1.5 metre pad system is the difficulty in levelling the pea gravel under such a large pad. This can be solved by the use of artificial foam rubber pits which have now been used successfully in some countries.

Accuracy Seeding

The scores from the official practise jump will now be used to seed the competitors into the jump order for the Accuracy Event. The highest scoring will jump first and the lowest will jump last.

1989 FAI Rules for Canopy Relative Work Events

No Malfunction Rejumps

The major change in CRW rules this year deals with the problem of rejumps due to canopy malfunction. This problem came up at the WPC in Vichy where the US team claimed a rejump due to a malfunction sometime into the dive. In the rules now, a canopy malfunction is no longer grounds for a rejump, but instead every team will have a throwaway round in each event.

Points in Time

The scoring for Rotations has reverted back to the old system of number of points in a working time of two minutes.

4 Way Sequential

Some blocks and formations have been removed. The pool now consists of 16 blocks and 16 formations. All plane formations have been taken out of the 4 way sequential dive pool.

1989 FAI Rules for the RW Events

Semi-Finals and Finals

In order to add some spice to a 10 round Meet, a Semi-Final and Final round cut off has been introduced. After 8 rounds the top 50% will go onto the semi-final round 9 and after round 9, 50% (or a minimum of 6 teams) will jump the final round. This system was used at the 1988 British Nationals where it was successful in providing also-ran teams with an extra chance for achievement, i.e. making the Semi-Finals or Finals. It also focuses interest and excitement towards the conclusion of a Competition, which is attractive to competitors, the Public and the Media.

Leg Locks

The CIP RW sub-committee had received over the last 12 months a mixed reception to the continued inclusion of leg-lock dives in the Dive Pool. Those teams at the top, who could do them, wanted them to remain, whilst the less experienced teams who had trouble with them, wanted them removed. With this in mind the committee wrote a compromise rule whereby the leg-lock Block and Formation will only be included in the draw for the Semi-Final and Final rounds. It will then be easy in the future to extend them to all rounds if the demand is there.

Jump Order

At future WPC's and W/C's the drawn jump order will be changed after the completion of a full Round or Rounds, so that the lowest scoring teams will jump first and the highest scoring teams last. This system has been used successfully in the Accuracy Event.

RW Dive Changes

In both the 4 and 8 way Dive Pools all individual scoring formations have been changed wherever they already appeared as 1st or 2nd points in the blocks. In addition to this some completely new blocks and formations have been added or changed slightly as follows:-

4-way

New block - No 5 (Note, the sub groups must display 180 degrees of their circumference before their outside grips are picked up, as per the written rule for specified inters).

New formations - D,E,F,H,J,K,M

Changed slightly - blocks 9 and 19

8-way

New blocks Nos. 6,15,17,19,24

New formations - A,C,H

Changed slightly - blocks 10,11,12,13,21,22

Future FAI Meets

One of the important roles of CIP is that of selecting venues for all World Championships and World Cups. The following is a list of meets for the future:-

1989 - 8th WPC in RW

21st Sept - 1st Oct in Ampuriabrava/Gerona, Spain
Aircraft Cassa 212

This meet will be a show case for the Sport aimed at impressing the 1992 Olympic Committee in Barcelona. Mini Meets of S&A and CRW will take place on the last few days for display purposes.

1989 - 5th WC of Champions in Accuracy

14th - 20th Oct in Chengdu, China
Aircraft - AN2's

1989 - 2nd WPC in Paraski

1st - 8th April in Damuls, Austria
Aircraft - Hughes 500 Helicopters

1990 - 20th WPC in S&A

Bled, Yugoslavia
Aircraft AN2's

1990 - 4th WPC CRW

Thailand

1991 - 3rd WPC Paraski

Wengen, Switzerland

1991 - 2 Bids to host a 6th WC of Champions in Accuracy

1 - Ankara, Turkey

2 - Argentina

A decision will be made at the 1990 CIP Conference.

1991

There is a possibility that the first World Air Games in France will be the venue for the 9th WPC in RW

1992 - 21st WPC in S&A

2 bids from Spain and Poland

CIP Logo and New Names Contest

Two Contests were run to find a potential logo for the CIP, and alternative names that better describe our various disciplines in the public and media. This was advertised in the October Issue of Sport Parachutist. Several submissions were received for both contests, but only one logo entry however was received from Great Britain.

So many thanks to Chris Mills from Shropshire for his efforts.

Apart from my own, no name change suggestions were submitted from BPA members.

The winner of the logo contest was a simple, modern, abstract design.

Three of my own suggestions for name changes were chosen.

RW - "Team Formation Skydiving"

CRW - "Canopy Formation"

Style - "Freefall Gymnastics"

There was a draw for first place for the new Accuracy name.

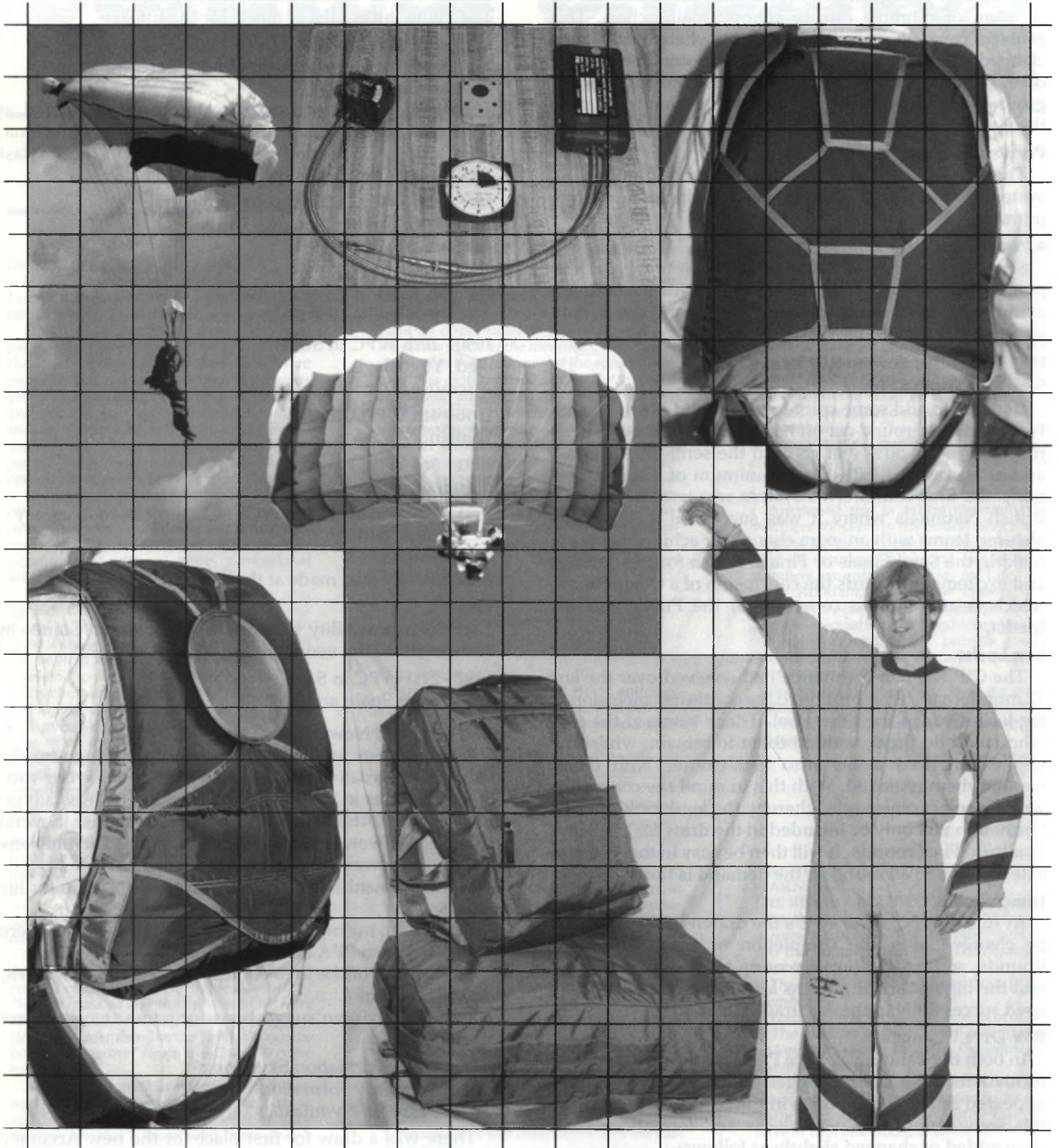
1 - "Accuracy landings" from Dirk Boiudan of Belgium.

2 - "Individual Accuracy," from Mike Ravnitzky of the USA (although I don't see how this is any change at all!).

There is no guarantee that any of these names or the winning logo will actually be adopted by CIP. This will be decided at the next CIP Conference.

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Report on the first two Council Meetings of 1989

At the first, or inaugural Council meeting for 1989 very little business was transacted other than the election of Officers of the Association. Jim Crocker was returned unopposed to the position of Chairman, David Hickling as Vice-Chairman and Chairman Development Committee, John Lines, Treasurer and Tony Knight Chairman Safety and Training Committee were all re-elected unopposed to the positions they held previously. Doug Peacock was unanimously voted to the position of Chairman Competitions Committee after Dave Howerski and Gerry O'Hara had declined the nomination. Amanda Kenny becomes Club Secretary.

Council Meeting 24th January 1989.

This was a long, well attended meeting, with only two Council members absent, Tony Knight due to ill health and Lofty Thomas who was away at C.I.P. Additional to a number of observers both the Association's Vice-Presidents attended; John Meacock and Charles Shea-Simonds.

There were four major items for discussion and a couple which will become so at future meetings.

The first arose from the presentation of the S.T.C. minutes and the position vis-a-vis the grounding of reserves with 'acid mesh'. Considerable concern was expressed by many Council members at the seeming length of time being taken to resolve the problem. G.Q. do appear to be taking a responsible attitude, but it was the lack of response from the other manufacturers which caused most concern. It was resolved that continuing pressure would be kept on the other manufacturers to consider the solution promulgated by G.Q. or to come up with an alternative that would be acceptable to the Shirley Institute and therefore the Association. It was considered important, by Council, that manufacturers be made aware that the Association is prepared to do all it can on behalf of its members.

The actual formation of committees (who would serve) is also a major agenda item at the start of a new year. This year, additionally, there was the formation of a 'new' committee to be decided in its construction and terms of reference. The idea of a management committee had been discussed over the previous year. It had become apparent that there was a need for a committee to handle the 'day to day' administrative work of Council; relieving Council of some of the very time consuming discussion and decisions that encroach on meeting time which should be spent on policy and direction matters.

It was decided that this committee would replace both Finance and Development but would retain the title 'Development' as this would be in keeping with the Development Plan and our commitment to Sports Council. It was proposed that John Lines became Chairman with David Hickling taking on the role of Vice-Chairman to this Committee. They would be joined on this Committee by: Jim Crocker, Tony Knight, Doug Peacock, Amanda Kenny, Gerry O'Hara, John Curtis, Chris Thomas and Dave Howerski.

It was made clear that any Council member who chose could attend any meeting, and to this end the Agenda for this committee would be circulated in good time to all Council members. The safeguard being that should there be any item on the agenda a Council member wished to have an input on, they could either attend the meeting, or if unable to attend, veto either a decision or recommendation being made on that item until a full Council meeting.

The minutes would then be circulated to all Council members and would be full minutes to reflect the discussion behind the recommendations. The recommendations would then be summarised at the end. Thus at a Council meeting it would not be necessary to rehash the committee meeting, but only to make decisions based on the recommendations.

Competitions Committee, chaired by Doug Peacock shall consist of, Lofty Thomas, Dave Johnston, Amanda Kenny and Steve Treble with the right to co-opt representative competitors from each discipline when and if it should prove necessary.

A report was circulated at the meeting regarding Carol Saunders' resignation as Editor of The Sport Parachutist Magazine. The next (February) issue; and possibly the April one will be produced by a caretaker team whilst a new Editor or Editorial team is sought. Various people had already expressed an interest and a meeting would be called between all those interested to 'brain storm' the future of the Magazine. A notice would be sent to all clubs asking for additional volunteers to come forward.

The A.G.M. was discussed and various points of dissatisfaction were aired. It was proposed that the National Development Officer should prepare a proposal for the next Development Meeting to cover the Venue, Timings, Format and Conduct of both the Instructors Convention and the Annual General Meeting for 1990.

Dave Johnston presented a paper he had prepared with regard to his concern at the possible insurance risk of 'out training'. After discussion it was felt that this was a matter for S.T.C. and would be referred to that committee.

Jim Crocker then reported to the meeting on the discussions taking place with the C.A.A. regarding the Air Navigation Order (4th Amendment) 1988 which is currently before the Houses of Parliament. (A copy of this order has been circulated to all clubs.) The various proposals contained within this Order could have serious consequences for parachuting operations and strong representation against these are being made by Jim Crocker, Charles Shea-Simonds and the Royal Aero Club. Jim Crocker stated he would keep Council informed of the progress being made to fight this order.

Under Any Other Business, Chris Thomas had asked for an item entitled B.P.A. Policy and Disciplinary Action to be placed on the Agenda. He then handed the floor to Dave Turner who presented to Council a paper he had compiled objecting to various anonymous papers which currently circulated through the sport - one from a Brad Smallpiece giving a resume of Council nominees and the other entitled The Drop Zone and Personality Directory

1988. Both contained material that caused considerable offence and distress to those individuals and drop zones selected for castigation.

There was a great deal of discussion and comment from Council members who agreed that they had found these items to be offensive. It was agreed by Council that their wholesale condemnation of the material, and whoever had perpetrated them should be made known to the membership. Additionally, Susan Dixon was to take the offending material to the Police the following day to report it and seek their advice as to the best course of action to take to discover the authors.

The next meeting of Council will be 7th March 1989, at the BPA offices, starting at 6.30 p.m.

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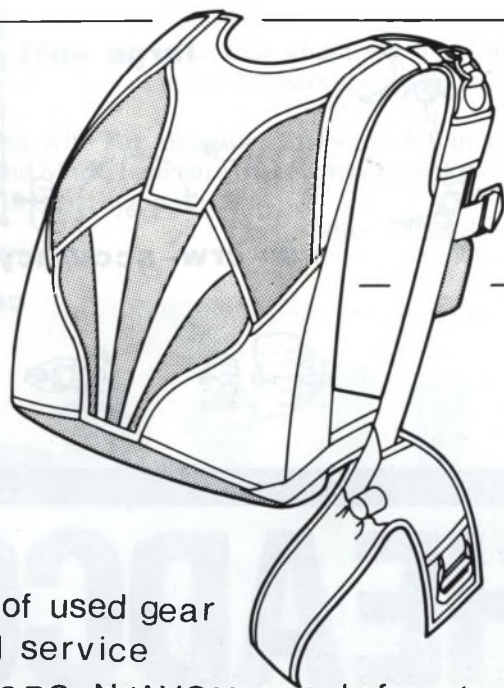
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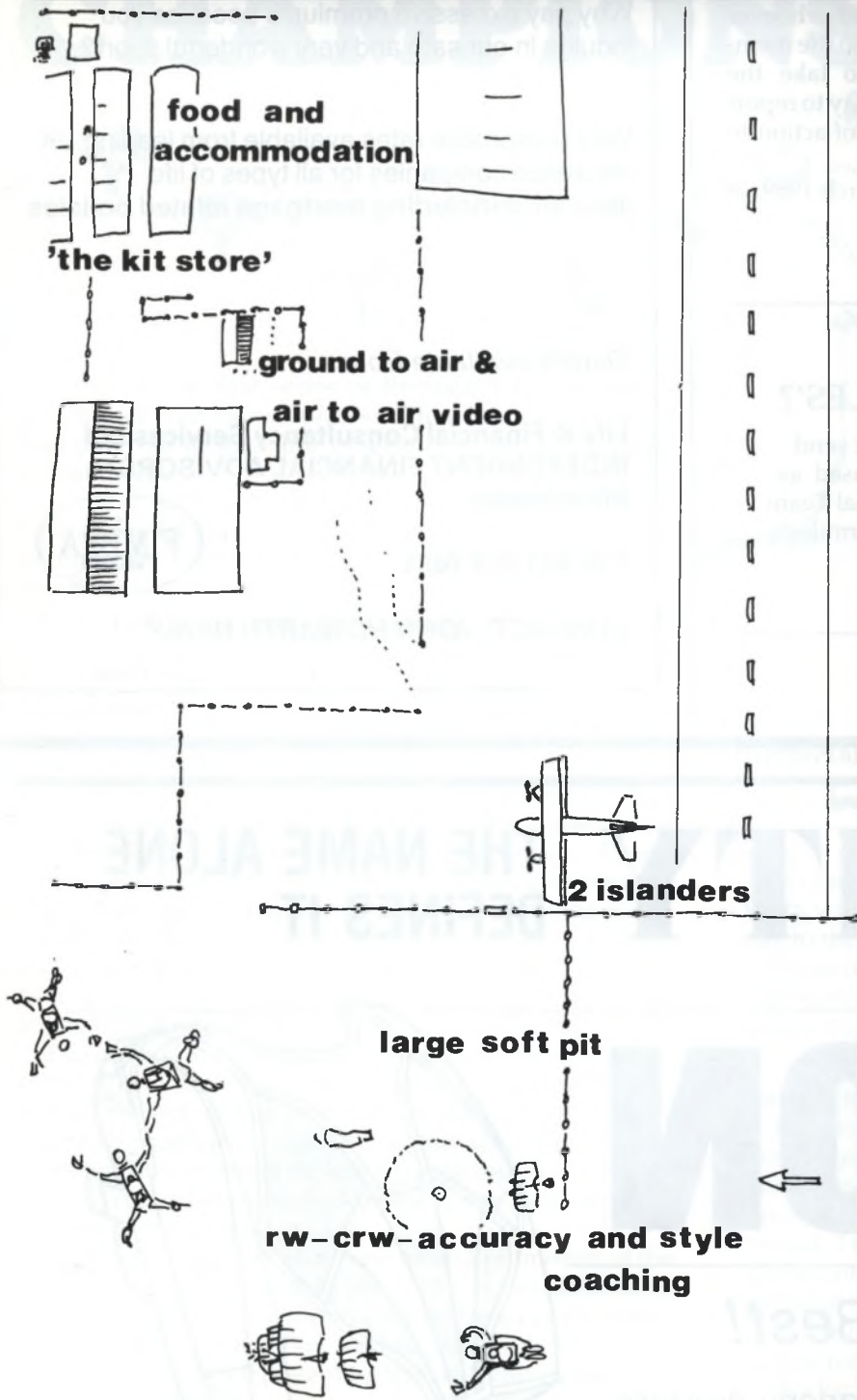
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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL
MEETING
7th DECEMBER 1988**

Present:

J. Crocker - *Chairman BPA*
D. Hickling - *Vice Chairman BPA*
J.K. Lines - *Treasurer/Chairman Finance Committee*
S. Eversfield - *Chairman Competitions Committee*
A. Knight - *Chairman Safety & Training Committee*
P. Lambson
J. Meacock
K. Noble
J. Thomas
S. Treble
J. Curtis (missing on original)

In Attendance:

A.K. Butler - *JNCSO BPA*
S. Dixon - *NDO BPA*
J. Hitchen - *JNCSO BPA*

Apologies

D. Howerski, G. O'Hara

Observers:

Dick Gays, Dave Penny, Amanda Kenny, Dave Tylcoat,
Rob Colpus, Paul Austin, Pete Allum.

It was proposed by Steve Eversfield and seconded by Kerry Noble that the minutes of the meeting of 27th October be accepted as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

Item 60/88 (3.2.7) first paragraph, line 6, proposed by John Lines that the word 'will' in "will result in" should be 'may' as that more truly reflects the discussion.
(4.1) first paragraph, last sentence. Tony Knight proposed that sentence be deleted.

Accepting the above amendments it was proposed by Steve Treble and seconded by John Curtis that the minutes of the meeting of Council of 27th October be accepted as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

There were no matters arising from the Minutes, that would not be dealt with as main agenda items during this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORT

(i) Safety and Training Committee, 1st December 1988

Tony Knight stated that the main item of discussion at that meeting had been the grounding of Reserve Parachutes but asked for any questions or comments on the Minutes prior to covering the main item. John Curtis asked why the requirement for two Instructors to be present during a student parachuting operation at Movenis, Northern Ireland had not been on the agenda, as had been requested at the last Council Meeting. Tony Knight stated that this had been omitted from the Agenda, which was an oversight, and would be a main agenda item at the next meeting. There was some discussion around this point, although Council members felt they did not want to discuss an item in depth that was a matter for Safety and Training, however it was felt that this could well be a requirement for all clubs, and not just Northern Ireland.

Tony Knight then stated that the position vis a vis the grounding of reserves was well covered in the various Safety Notices and Statements that had been issued and that nothing during the past week had occurred to alter the BPA's position. John Hitchen stated that the situation had developed an International aspect, and that both the Dutch and Danish federations were in weekly contact with the BPA. Jim Crocker proposed that the meeting formally ratified the minutes.

Carried Unanimously

(ii) Development Committee, 7th November 1988

Due to the Development Committee's Chairman's holiday, the draft minutes had not been approved and circulated. Susan Dixon, NDO reported on the minutes, and any subsequent updates to the meeting.

a. The BPA 'corporate' brochure was now in print, and copies had been circulated to all Council Members, and Clubs. This was available for clubs to purchase from the Association at basic print cost price, i.e. 10p per copy. Several clubs had already placed orders.

b. The Link '88 exhibition had been attended Nov. 30/Dec 1 by Susan Dixon, supported by Angela Middleton. The public attendance at the exhibition had been disappointing, and there had been no obvious interest expressed 'on the day'. Subsequently there had been follow up telephone and written enquiries which were being pursued.

c. John Lines and David Hickling, as a result of their meetings with the Staff over the past weeks, proposed to Council that the senior staff be invited to join Council members at the table and to take part in discussions and debate on an equal footing with Council members, although without any voting rights. This proposal was endorsed by the Chairman and after some discussion was voted on. Proposed by John Lines, seconded by David Hickling

Carried Unanimously

d. Affinity Visa Card. Susan Dixon reported on meetings with the 'broker' Finite plc and the 'Bank' Benefit Bank plc and gave a summary of early negotiations. Council supported the idea in principle and asked the NDO to continue with discussions, to put the finite proposal to Council before any formal contracts are signed.

e. Channel 4. Susan Dixon reported that a meeting with Adrian Metcalf of Channel 4 confirmed Sport Parachuting had won the right to an hours worth of T.V. coverage on Channel 4 in 1989 as a result of the Challenge to Sport programme. However, it was very difficult to get Channel 4 to commit themselves to exactly when and how.

f. Sports Council. We had now received our 4th quarter payment. The grants unit is still asking for more detailed information on the accounts. The office had replied asking for more information from the Sports Council on their requirements before committing time and effort on work, which, may again prove to be not quite what is required.

AFFILIATION REQUESTS

(i) London Parachute Schools - C. Francis

The affiliation was granted with the proviso that there should be no adverse response to the enquiries sent out to neighbouring clubs. The Coaches confirmed that the club had made arrangements to borrow progression equipment, and would offer full progression to any student wishing it. It was reiterated by all Council members that this was a core issue relating to any application for affiliation - that either a parachute club was a full parachuting operation offering facilities for progression, or it was not and would not be affiliated by Council.

(ii) Eaglescott - D. Tylcoat

The Chairman reported that Dave recognised that due to marital difficulties there were still membership numbers unaccounted for and therefore sums due to the Association from his Lincoln operation. Dave Tylcoat had offered to make payment in full to the Association, however he requested that all efforts be made to extract from Mrs. Tylcoat the Pink Forms which would show that the numbers in question had not been allocated. This would be done and when returned, any monies due would be refunded to Dave Tylcoat.

Subject to receipt of the above cheque, and as in the previous application, acceptable response from neighbouring clubs, the affiliation would be granted. There were several questions and discussion regarding a recommendation from the JNCSO's that 2 Instructors be present at all times during student parachuting. Dave Tylcoat made the point that this was a new imposition on the club, and as such was not yet a general recommendation of STC. He would request that until such time as it was agreed generally by STC or given time, he had access at all times to another Instructor he be allowed to continue as he has been operating over the past months. This was granted. Council agreed, subject to the above detailed provisos, both affiliation requests be granted.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEW FEES 1989/90

A paper had been circulated with proposed recommendations for 1989/90 fees based on a 10 per cent increase. There was considerable discussion, based on a previous decision that any recommendation would only be in line with inflation. The general consensus appeared to be an inflation rate of between 6 and 7 per cent. It was agreed that the recommendation would be made based on an increase of 7 per cent. It would be the prerogative of the membership at the AGM to accept this figure, or not. Kerry Noble commented on a paper circulated at the meeting, raised by the PDOA's and submitted to Development for discussion. Due to an oversight this had not been raised at the last Development Committee meeting. The paper proposed changes in the conversion system in terms of cost and month's split. There was considerable discussion and the PDOA's was thanked for their work and effort to simplify the system. No change was considered necessary at this time.

C.I.P.

There was discussion resulting from a letter Lofty Thomas submitted to the Chairman suggesting a change in the C.I.P. delegate and alternate delegate.

The delegate for the following year is usually decided at the Inaugural Council meeting. There is no reason why this decision should not be made at a later meeting, as it was only necessary to decide in time for the F.A.I. General Conference. Rob Colpus said he would let the office know the date of that Conference. A letter is to go to all Clubs asking those people who wish to be considered for the post of C.I.P. Delegate to submit a C.V. to the incoming Council.

UNION EUROPEAN SKYDIVING

The Coaches had presented a paper to Council outlining their reservations regarding the proposed Union. During discussion it emerged that Council felt C.I.P. could fulfill all the requirements of the Union, without the cost of setting up another organisation. A European 'closed shop' would exclude the Nordic countries and was not in the best interests of safety and the sport as a whole. It would also result in greater expenditure which could not be afforded in the present economic climate.

YOUTH IN THE AIR

The Association agreed to offer prizes of two tandem jumps or static line parachute jump - whichever the prizewinners chose.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

There had been no written input regarding this idea since the last meeting. It was proposed that a Management Committee would combine the functions of Finance and Development. The agenda for each meeting would be circulated to all Council members at least 7 days before the meeting, with fuller agenda description or supporting notes so that any Council members could ask for an item to be discussed but not decided finally at that meeting. This committee, consisting of all elected officers, staff and three other persons, could be attended by any Council member, would handle the drudgery and leave Council free to decide policy.

This item caused far ranging discussion and it was felt that if the proposal to reduce the number of Council members is passed at the AGM then full Council could in future take on this role again.

WILD GEESE

Dave Penny was present at the meeting, and Council had before them his letter appealing against the decision of STC that only one student per pass was to be despatched. There was sympathy for Dave Penny, however Council did not feel they could overrule this decision by STC. No support for Dave Penny was forthcoming from the Council table.

BARRY BIAS

A letter to the Chairman had been circulated to all Council members. After considerable discussion it was felt that this matter had been aired on several occasions in the past and Barry had had a more than fair hearing. The Chairman stated he would reply to the letter, he understood that the time had now elapsed and that B. Bias could now re-apply for his Advanced rating, and that no benefit would come from discussion or pursuing this further.

FAX MACHINE COPIER

Susan Dixon stated that over £90 had been spent during the previous three weeks on the use of a Fax machine. The Coaches felt it was essential as a safety matter to have our own Fax machine. Council agreed. Susan Dixon also presented the case to upgrade the Association's copier. She was charged by Council with finding the best deal for the Association.

AIR MILES

Council endorsed a proposal from a Member that a note be put into the magazine appealing for members to send any Air Miles stamps etc. to the office to be accumulated for the British Team Fund.

A.O.B.

1. Rob Colpus - The Russians

Rob asked that the Association consider the possibility of inviting the Russian Team to take part in our National Championships. At both Vichy and Brazil after discussion with the Russian Head of Delegation he was told that the Russians would love to visit the U.K. and would offer an exchange visit. Susan Dixon was tasked with evaluating the costs and in drafting a letter to the Head of the Russian Parachute Federation on a Chairman to Chairman basis.

2. John Hitchen asked for and was granted permission to offer to host the 1990 Safety Congress (C.I.P.) and the next available C.I.P. meeting in the U.K. Susan Dixon reported that she had already done some preparatory work on the Safety Congress and it appeared it would be possible to organise it at not cost to the Association.

3. Jim Crocker reported on a meeting he had with Charles Port, which resulted in a reduction in the settlement amount offered to him on the dis-establishment of the position of Secretary General. Jim also reported that due to other commitments Charles Port had withdrawn his nomination for the 1989 Council.

4. John Meacock reported on a meeting and correspondence he was having with the CAA: (Charles Shea-Simonds was also involved) on proposed changes to the Air Navigation Order which would result in parachuting Aircraft having to be registered on the Public Transport Airwork register which would involve clubs in greatly increased costs and much more frequent 'checks'. John stated that this would be fought vigorously and he would keep Council informed.

5. John Lines advised Council that John Hitchen had requested him to look at and review the Pension arrangements that currently pertained for the senior staff and this he had undertaken.

6. British Parachute Schools. David Hickling presented a case to Council for British Parachute Schools to apply for a loan. He had just learned that all three legs on the Islander have to be replaced at a total cost of approximately £18,000 plus VAT. He applied to Council for consideration of a loan of £5,000. Council agreed in principle providing all the usual safeguards are met.

This was approved unanimously (the Vice-Chairman abstained from voting).

7. Jim Crocker proposed a vote of thanks to the staff for their work and effort during a difficult year. He also asked for Council's thanks for the sandwiches the girls in the office had prepared for the meetings.

8. John Curtis proposed a vote of thanks for the work that had gone into the production of the Brochure which he stated was the most professional thing he had seen for a long time. He also proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, who in turn thanked all Council members for their support and work throughout the year.

Addendum to the Minutes of 7th December 1988.

Item 78/88 (3)

Council wished it to be clearly understood that book-keeping discrepancies came to light after the departure of the Secretary General, that these amounted to £1,100 to £1,200, as a result of a meeting between the ex-Secretary General, the Chairman BPA and Treasurer BPA, the settlement figure offered to the ex-Secretary General was re-negotiated downwards by £3,000.

BRITISH PARACHUTE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held at the
PENGUIN LEICESTER HOTEL
SATURDAY 14th JANUARY 1989
3.00 p.m.

Present:

Chairman - J.T. Crocker
Treasurer - J.K. Lines

In Attendance:

National Development Officer - Susan Dixon
Members Present: 303

Apologies for Absence:

K. Noble, P. Gibbs, F. Ryland, T. Butler, M. McCarthy,
J. Boxall

REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Before presenting the formal report to the Membership, the Chairman, J.T. Crocker, reported on the sad and early death due to cancer, of Terry Jickells earlier in the week. Terry had been a member of the first team to represent Great Britain at an international parachuting championship and had contributed greatly in the early days to the development of the Sport. A note of condolence had been sent from the Association to Terry's widow and M. McCarthy and J. Boxall were attending the funeral today, which is why they were unable to be at this meeting.

J.T. Crocker further reported on a microlighting accident which had left one of our members, Mick Farrell, severely injured, and J.T. Crocker called on those present who knew Mick to let him know that we wish him a speedy recovery. The Chairman then read the Annual Report to the Membership present. The report is attached as an addendum to these Minutes and will be published in full in the February issue of the 'Sport Parachutist' magazine. Proposed by: G.C.P. Shea-Simonds, seconded by S. Ward, that the Annual Report be accepted.

Unanimous.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR ENSUING YEAR

The Treasurer, John Lines, gave a short presentation of the Association's financial situation: the full report and accounts having been presented and accepted at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 27th October 1988.

In accordance with a decision made several years ago, John Lines presented to the meeting the proposal of the outgoing Council that the membership subscriptions be increased in line with the current inflation figure, and that Council had taken 7% (seven percent) to be a reasonably true figure for current, and projected future inflation. Thus it was proposed that the subscription renewal rate be increased from £25.00 per annum to £26.75 per annum and that all other classes of membership subscription would be on a pro-rata basis. Proposed by: J.K. Lines and seconded by R. Ellis

Unanimous

SPECIAL BUSINESS

a. J.K. Lines presented his proposal that the number of Council Members be reduced from the present 18 elected members to 12 elected members. J.K. Lines explained the reasoning behind his proposal; that a smaller Council would be a tighter more efficient Council, but would also give the Membership a more democratic say in the construction of their Council. Over the past five years the average number of candidates has been 21 and in 1986 there was not even an election as only 19 candidates stood. The average attendance at Council Meetings is 12, and only 12% of the full membership bothered to vote for their Council. G.C.P. Shea-Simonds seconded the proposal and outlined the very serious dangers from outside agencies that currently threaten our Sport in this Country and called for a smaller, tighter, more aggressive Council to fight on behalf of Sport Parachuting.

There then followed a very lively debate from the floor of the meeting, with many members expressing strongly held opinions both for and against the proposal.

Once those who wished to make a point had had their say, the Chairman, J. Crocker, called for a vote of the proposal that:

With effect from the Election for the 1990 British Parachute Association Council, that the 1990 Council and subsequent ones, be reduced in size so as to consist of not more than 12 elected members, excluding co-opted members. Proposed by J.K. Lines and seconded by G.C.P. Shea-Simonds. A show of hands indicated a close vote, and therefore non-members were asked to step forward to act as tellers and a count was called for. For the proposal 153
Against the proposal 129

The proposal was carried

b. J.K. Lines had further proposed that each member of this smaller Council be elected for a two year term of office, and this proposal was seconded by G.C.P. Shea-Simonds. This had formed part of J.K. Lines' original presented and had been debated with the issue of a reduced Council and was therefore voted on immediately following the first half of the proposal.

For the proposal 53 - this proposal was defeated by a substantial majority.

c. J.K. Lines, as Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the proposal from that Committee that:

Minutes of meetings, other than the Safety and Training Committee, are no longer published in full in 'The Sport Parachutist' magazine. A synopsis of each meeting will be published instead, with matters of special interest reported on in greater depth. The minutes will be available to any full member, upon request to the B.P.A. Head Office.

J.K. Lines explained that this stemmed from comment from the Membership against the minutes being published in the magazine, and a desire to increase the up-market image of the magazine to create a marketable product. The inclusion of the minutes gives an 'in house' image to what is otherwise a high quality product.

The proposal was then thrown open to debate. In response to a question from the floor, J.K. Lines confirmed that a charge of £10 would be made to any member requesting their name to be added to the mailing list.

Again there was a lively debate, with strongly held opinions expressed.

The voting on the proposal was as follows:

For the proposal 129
Against the proposal 106
Abstentions 47

The proposal was carried

Article 20, under COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT, of the Articles of Association of the British Parachute Association Limited will be amended to record the change approved under item (a) of Special Business.

1989 COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

The National Development Officer, Susan Dixon, read the results of the ballot for Council Members for 1989.

There had been 20 nominations, and a total of 765 votes cast.

1.	J.T. Crocker	548	1
2.	J.K. Lines	540	2
3.	A.G. Knight	519	3
4.	D.T. Hickling	510	4
5.	J. Curtis	491	5
6.	D. Johnston	476	6
7.	J. Steele	463	7
8.	S. Treble	451	8
9.	A. Kenny	450	9
10.	G. O'Hara	442	10
11.	D.L. Howerski	438	11
12.	D. Peacock	433	12
13.	K. Noble	426	13
14.	D. Ruffell	415	14
15.	J.L. Thomas	412	15
16.	N. Johnston	385	16
17.	L. Rawson	354	17
18.	C. Thomas	345	18
19.	D. Thomas	326	
Not elected to Council			
20.	C. Port	395	

Withdraw his nomination

The results will be published in the February issue of "The Sport Parachutist" magazine.

PRESENTATIONS

1. The Chairman presented the Regional Championships Series Winners as follows:

Accuracy:

Bronze Medal - Fred Ryland
Silver Medal - Les Carroll
Gold Medal - Steve Eversfield
and the Alan Layton Memorial Cup.

Relative Work:

Gold Medals and Presentation Plate to members of the team 'GOLA':

Tim Homer, Mark Willson, Tony Butler, Pete Bath and Andy Steward.

2. The Chairman presented the "Mike Forge Trophy" for the 'Best New Parachutist of the Year'. The Coaches had been faced with a very difficult decision this year, and had decided to award shields to the two runners up.

Caroline Lloyd of Headcorn and
Jeremy Horwood of Swansea.

The "Mike Forge Trophy" was presented to:
Eddie Fisher of Cornwall

3. G.C.P. Shea-Simonds presented the Instructor of the Year Award to Alan Brooks of Langar.

4. 4,000 jump award was presented to Pete Reynolds.

5. 5,000 jump award was presented to Dave Howerski.

6. The Chairman presented the Order of Merit to Joe France for his work in training the international team for the stack display into the olympic arena at the opening ceremony of the 1988 Olympic Games.

THE ANNUAL LOTTERY

Mrs. Angela Hickling kindly agreed to draw the tickets in the Annual Lottery.

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1st Prize	£500.00	B. Fosbury	127850
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3rd Prize	£100.00	Stu. Carrie	80677
4th Prize	£50.00	D. Storey	64997
5th Prize	£40.00	Walter Smith	21014
6th Prize	£30.00	Nick Crocker	9249
7th Prize	£20.00	D.A. Coueney	85603
8th Prize	£10.00	Bryant	39190

There being no further business the meeting was closed. Incoming Council Members then attended the Inaugural Council Meeting for 1989.

MINUTES OF THE INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING

Held on
SATURDAY 14th JANUARY 1989
at 5.15 p.m.

Present:

J.T. Crocker
J.K. Lines
A.G. Knight
D.T. Hickling
J. Curtis
D. Johnston
J. Steele
A. Kenny
G. O'Hara
D.L. Howerski
D. Peacock
D. Ruffell
J.L. Thomas
L. Rawson
C. Thomas

In Attendance:

Susan Dixon - National Development Officer BPA
John Hitcher - JNCISO BPA

Apologies:

K. Noble
S. Treble

Observers:

Bryony Christopher, John Davis, Vera Davis, John Howells.

The National Development Officer, Susan Dixon, welcomed the newly elected Council of 1989 and took the chair to conduct the election of the Chairperson for 1989.

Proposed by D.T. Hickling and seconded by J. Steele that J.T. Crocker be invited to be Chairman for the ensuing year.

Carried Unanimously

J.T. Crocker took the chair for the remainder of the meeting. Election of other officers:

1. Vice Chairman: Proposed by D. Johnston and seconded by J. Thomas that D.T. Hickling be invited to service as Vice Chairman for 1989.

Carried Unanimously

2. Treasurer: Proposed by J. Curtis and seconded by A. Kenny that J.K. Lines be invited to serve as Treasurer for 1989.

Carried Unanimously

3. Chairman, Safety and Training Committee: Proposed by J. Thomas and seconded by G. O'Hara that A.G. Knight be invited to serve as Chairman of the Safety and Training Committee for 1989.

D. Johnston asked whether Council should consider the possibility of inviting one of the National Coaches to Chair the Safety and Training Committee Meetings. This suggestion was in no way a criticism of the excellent work done by A. Knight, but that he felt it would give greater consistency and everything would then be funnelled through the BPA office.

J.T. Crocker answered from the Chair that this idea had been discussed at length in the past and dismissed. A. Knight had developed into an outstanding Chairman of the Safety and Training Committee and had the respect of all his peers. The position of Chairman of this committee was a powerful one and it had been felt by previous Councils, to be a potentially dangerous position to place a member of staff. Also the officers of the Association should come from those persons elected by the membership for the general running of the organisation.

J.K. Lines said he was also against this proposal, that it could place the Coaches in a difficult position, as on occasion they have to place before SC contentious information which may place them in a conflict of interest situation with members. J.H. Hitchen stated that he spoke on behalf of both himself and A.K. Butler when he stated that they have an excellent working relationship with A.G. Knight; and that Tony does listen to and consider their input.

A. Knight was appointed to the position of Chairman, Safety and Training Committee unanimously.

4. Development: Proposed by G. O'Hara and seconded by J. Curtis that D. Hickling be invited to serve as Chairman of the Development Committee for 1989.

5. Competitions: The following proposals were made for the position of Chairman of the Competitions Committee:
Doug Peacock - Proposed by J. Thomas, seconded by J. Steele.

Dave Howerski - Proposed by C. Thomas, seconded by D. Ruffell.

Gerry O'Hara - Proposed by J. Lines, but refused the position due to the time commitment, and Gerry's own work ties.

D. Howerski stood down from the nominations, having thanked those proposing him, but Dave stated he had confidence in the ability of D. Peacock to handle the role, and that his, Dave's work and the centres commitments meant he would withdraw from the nominations.
Doug Peacock was appointed unanimously.

6. Club Representative: A. Kenny was proposed by J. Steele and seconded by C. Thomas for the position of Club Representative and was appointed to that position unanimously.

7. Staff Liaison Officer/s: J.T. Crocker explained that towards the end of last year a position had developed whereby J. Lines and D. Hickling had taken on the liaison between Council and the staff of the Association, both senior and junior. This seems to be working to good effect and it was felt that a more formalised role be established and continue for 1989.

Both David and John were prepared to continue the work they started during 1988, and the senior staff present at the meeting stated they were happy to continue with the same arrangement, and they felt they spoke for all the staff.

D. Hickling and J. Lines agreed to continue during 1989 as the Staff Liaison Officers.

J. Crocker explained to the meeting that in previous years the various sub-committees of Council had been decided at this meeting. However, a decision had been made during 1988 that the inaugural meeting was not the right time to have to make such decisions, and the actual formation of the sub-committees would be left to the first full meeting of Council.

Those Council members who would like to serve on a special sub-committee were advised to speak to the Chairman of that committee before the next meeting - likewise if the various Chairman like to give some thought to the composition of the sub-committees before that meeting.

Co-opted Members

After discussion, during which time J.T. Crocker explained to the new Council members the historic background to co-option, and the fact that co-opted members did not have voting rights it was agreed to offer co-option to the chairman of:

1. APA
2. RAFSPA
3. SSPA
4. BCPA

A vote was taken that smoking not be allowed during Council meetings and passed by an overwhelming majority.

Any Other Business

1. J.K. Lines, as Treasurer, had been approached by the Sport Parachute Centre to ask if it would be possible for the BPA to advance the agreed loan before the final paperwork had been completed. The paperwork was now in the final, legal stages, but the Sport Parachute Centre was being pressed for settlement of the account for which the loan had been requested.

There was considerable discussion around this request; several members felt that their responsibilities did not allow them to take a risk with the memberships money, and that indeed was why securities were held whenever the Association made loans to clubs. However, sympathy was expressed for a centre with a problem, and it was the duty of Council to assist affiliated clubs as they could. It was proposed that the Treasurer/Chairman would speak to the account holder who was pressing the Sport Parachute Centre and see if they could be persuaded to wait just a little longer, and that the Association would undertake to repay the debt direct once the necessary securities had been completed.

2. Management Committee: A decision had been taken at the last Council meeting of 1988 that a Management Committee would be formed to transact the day to day business of the Association, leaving Council free to decide policy. All Council members would be circulated with a full agenda for each meeting, and they could attend, or veto a decision with the Chairman if they so wished. J.T. Crocker called for the formation of this committee to be a main agenda item at the next meeting, and asked consideration to be given to its formation and structure. The title of the committee would be Development - in line with our commitment to Sports Council and the 5 year Development Plan. J. Lines and D. Hickling to discuss the possible merging of their respective committees.

3. REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

J. Thomas asked why the appointment of Regional Representatives was not on the agenda for this meeting. J.T. Crocker explained that the intention was that only the appointment of officers would be fixed at this meeting. Susan Dixon was charged with writing to all Regional representatives to ascertain whether they were willing to continue in their roles. Any vacancies could then be discussed and filled at the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 24th January 1989, at the British Parachute Association Limited Offices, 5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester at 6.30 p.m. (1830hrs).

Gerry O'Hara requested that consideration could be given to a later start time. J.T. Crocker stated that if the Management Committee idea works as it should, this would reduce the amount of work to be got through at each Council Meeting, and therefore it may be possible to have a later start time. For consideration at a later stage.

SAFETY AND TRAINING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 9th JANUARY 1989

Present:

A.G. Knight - *Chairman STC*
G. O'Hara - *Badminton*
M. Bolton - *Oxon and Northants*
G. Cox - *London Skydiving*
P. Austin - *Headcorn*
L. George - *Tilstock*
D. Tylcoat - *Eaglescott*
D. Johnston - *British Skydiving*
D. Hickling - *British Parachute Schools*
L. Thomas - *Riggers*
R. O'Brien - *P.P.C.*
D.L. Howerski - *Swansea*
A. Chandler - *Silver Stars/RCT*
J. Gleave - *Ipswich*

Apologies:

T. Butler, K. Noble, R. Noble-Nesbitt, J. Lines, T. Andrewes, P. Lambson, M. Thurman.

In Attendance:

J. Hitchen - *JNCSO*
Susan Dixon - *NDO*

Observers:

A. Guest, J. Rix, C. Waymouth, M. Fitzgerald, D. Gays, J. Peck, J. Davis, V. Davis, S. Meacock, P. Applegate, P. Allum, N. Ewings, T. Cook, N. Johnston, J. Farr, K. Adkins, P. Knight, I. Robinson, R. Ford, T. Danbury, T.L. Kirk, P.S. Beck, I. Topps.

ITEM ACTION

1. It was proposed by R. O'Brien and seconded by P. Austin that the minutes of the S.T.C. Meeting of 1st December 1988 be accepted as a true record. All CCLs

Carried Unanimously

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM S.T.C. MEETING OF 1st DECEMBER 1988

2.4. Grounding of Reserve Parachutes

T. Knight stated that there had been no formal response to the letter written to manufacturers, except for G.Q. The Chairman said he would write again to the foreign manufacturers concerning the urgency to respond.

The Committee were informed of the Rectification Programme (Acid Neutralisation - Schedule GQ/AJM/001.88) being implemented by G.Q. England. Some discussion took place and providing British Textile Technology Group confirm that the G.Q. programme is acceptable, the grounding on G.Q. England reserves that have been rectified by this programme will be lifted. Discussion then took place concerning the G.Q. Security SAC. The Chairman reminded the committee that the initial grounding of the G.Q. Security SAC was by the FAA issuing an Emergency Airworthiness Directive, and that he would include the background to the grounding in his presentation at the A.G.M.

M. Bolton proposed that the grounding be lifted on G.Q. Security SACs that had passed the Bromocresol test. This was seconded by L. Thomas. CCLs/Riggers

Carried Unanimously

4.6. L. George pointed out to the meeting an error in item 6. PROPOSED CHANGES TO TANDEM DEPLOYMENT HEIGHT.

Section 7 (Dropping Zones) is incorrect and should read Section 8 (Parachute Limitations). The amendment is attached with these minutes. All CCLs/ Clubs

3. APPROVAL OF RIGGERS MINUTES OF 1st DECEMBER 1988

M. Thurman (Chairman Riggers) was not in attendance. T. Knight, on behalf of M. Thurman, asked if there were any matters or questions from these minutes. There were no questions from the Committee.

It was proposed by L. Thomas and seconded by M. Bolton that the minutes of the Riggers Meeting of 1st December 1988 be accepted as a true record.

Carried Unanimously

T. Knight informed the meeting of a Safety Notice which had been sent out concerning the 4 line releases on a Guardian 26' Reserve. All CCLs/Riggers

4. INCIDENT REPORT RESUME

The Chairman informed those present of the incident reports that had been received. There was one incident it was felt warranted a mention. This involved an AFF student on a level 4 descent who at the lower part of the dive got into a fast spin when going for the pull, but came back into a position to try and control the spin rather than operating the ripcord which resulted in a low opening for both the student and instructor. Again the point to be stressed is when you are at deployment altitude you **PULL THE RIPCORD**. All CCLs/Clubs.

5. NUMBER OF INSTRUCTORS NEEDED TO RUN A STUDENT PARACHUTE PROGRAMME

This item was on the agenda at Councils request. The JNCSOS strongly believed that there should be at least an instructor and PI present when student parachuting is in progress.

There was considerable discussion on this item and it's effect on small clubs etc. with input from T. Knight, D. Tylcoat, G. O'Hara, D. Howerski, M. Bolton, R. O'Brien, L. George, P. Austin, A. Chandler, D. Hickling, D. Johnston, J. Gleave and J. Hitchen. After long deliberations the Chairman called for a proposal.

L. George proposed that the present rule be changed to at least an instructor and P.I. minimum, are present when student parachuting is in progress. This was seconded by P. Austin. All CCLs/Clubs

For 3 plus 1 Proxy 4
Against 6 plus 2 Proxy 8
Abstentions 2

The proposal failed.

6. PERMISSIONS

1) Slipstream wish team members of 'MO' Skydiving Team to jump from 1,500' in the London TMA. Team members names and number of jumps are as follows:

Name	Licence No.	Number of Jumps
Peter Allum (Team Leader)	D3627	3300
Rob Colpus	D1506	3700
Sarah Brearley	D3146	2200
Kevin Hardwick	D2872	3000
Andy Woodmansey	D5198	1600
Pam Duncan	D4151	1800
Geoff Saunders	D2363	3100
Tim Mace	D3190	2400
Kevin Hughes	D4778	1100
Paul Applegate	D1590	3500
Andy Ring	D2803	2700
Robin Mills	D1194	3000

Proposed by L. George and seconded by P. Austin that this be permitted.

Carried Unanimously

2. P. Allum requested that the Potential AFF Instructor attends a PI Course. During the lectures that pertain to static line operation (i.e.: lesson plans, despatching techniques, etc.) the AFF candidates would separate and attend, with an AFF Examiner, lectures more pertinent to AFF. Once the course is completed, assuming the candidate has been successful, they would then attend the next available AFF Course where the jumps would be carried out. The candidate has thus fulfilled all the necessary requirements laid down by STC without having to wade through static line procedures, and also having a firm grounding in AFF operations and teaching methods.

After long discussions it was proposed by P. Austin and seconded by D. Hickling that P. Allum's request be granted but the time period between the PI and the in air evaluation be at the Examiners discretion but that it be a minimum of 3 months with a CCLs recommendation to attend the AFF Evaluation Course. This would be for a trial period of 12 months, and will be reviewed early in 1990.

For 9
Against 1
Abstention 1

Carried

J. Hitchen stated that the JNCSOS would have to discuss with the Examiners ways in which to accommodate this proposal into the present PI course syllabus and would report back to STC if there were difficulties or it proved unworkable. JNCSOs Examiners Clubs CCLs

3. P.I. EXTENSIONS

D. Hickling requested a 6 month extension to the PI rating of John Farr and Karen Adkins. Seconded by D. Johnston.

Carried Unanimously

7. A.O.B.

1. RAPS

D. Howerski proposed that the qualifications to teach and despatch RAPS students should be changed to BPA Approved Instructors with a minimum of 400 Ram Air jumps, CCL nominated. CCLs Clubs

Seconded by D. Johnston.
For 8
Against 1
Abstentions 2

Carried

It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the JNCOS and all interested parties to discuss the RAPS Programme some time in March 1989. JNCOS Clubs CCIs 2. L. Thomas requested that a Joe Ossteverer who had been a BPA member for six years and held a BPA Advanced Riggers Raing and BPA Approved Instructors Rating but whose membership had lapsed in 1981, be given a permission against the 2 year current membership, documentation and Riggers PI period (assuming he has previously held an Advanced Riggers rating) and be allowed to attend an Approved Riggers Course.

Seconded by D. Johnston.
For 11
Against 0
Abstention 1

3. RADIO FREQUENCY

T. Knight brought the meeting up to date on the protected frequency for parachutists, and informed those present that the licencing authority want users to have a qualification to use that frequency, and have requested STC to determine who they felt would be suitable examiners for that frequency.



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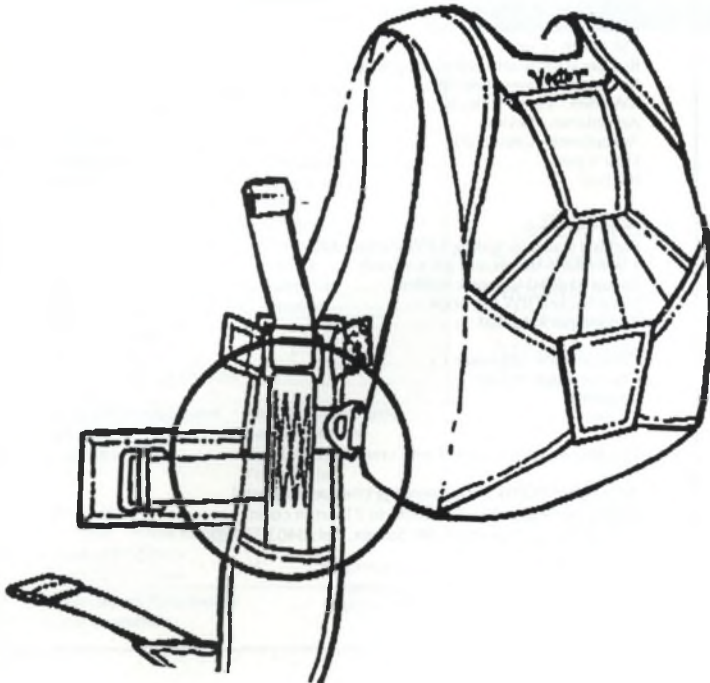
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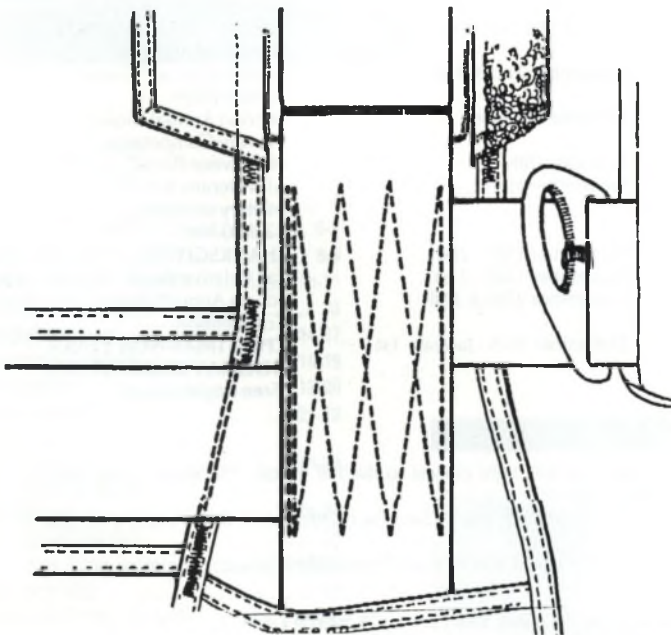
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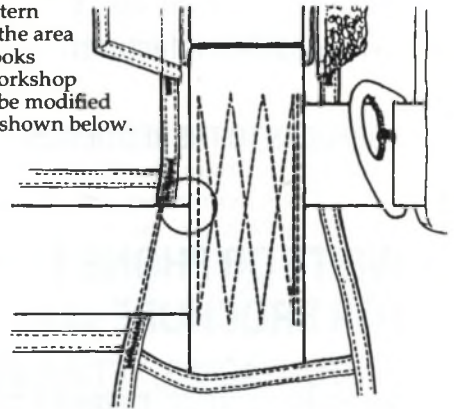
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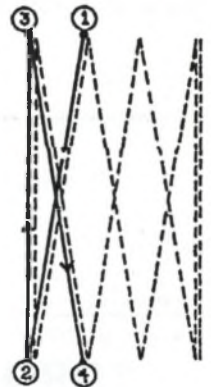


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In pattern #2, the double row of stitching is next to the diagonal instead of the leg strap. When jumped with very heavy loads, a few vectors with this pattern have popped stitches in the area circled. If your pattern looks like this, The Relative Workshop strongly recommends it be modified according to the pattern shown below.



If no stitches in the four point are broken, then sew over the pattern according to this diagram. Use only Mil-T 7807 Nylon 5 cord thread, and set harness machine at 6-8 stitches per inch. this may be done by a Senior or Master Rigger.



If stitches are broken in the four point, then follow this pattern. This will result in two good rows of stitching across the front of the four point. Use only Mil-T 7807 nylon 5-cord thread, and set harness machine at 6-8 stitches per inch. This may be done by a Senior or Master Rigger.

NOTE: To sew this pattern, you must start twice, sew 1, 2 and 3 and stop. Then sew 4, 5 and six. No back stitching is necessary when pattern is sewn this way. Be sure to use only Mil-T 7807 nylon 5-cord thread.

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David Hickling
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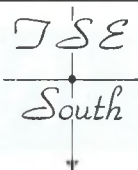


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1989 Perris Valley Skydiving Events Schedule

February 18th - 26th	AFF Jumpmaster Certification Course	June 30th - July 4th	4TH OF JULY BOOGIE LABOUR DAY JUMPFEST (Free Registration)
March 18th - 26th April 22nd - 23rd	EASTER BOOGIE Second Annual "Iron Crank" 4-way Competition	August 31st - September 4th	
April 29th	POPS West Coast Championships (4-way, Accuracy, "Hit & Rock", Popstars & Banquet)	September 2nd & 3rd	"California Cup" 6-way Competition
May 25th - 29th	MEMORIAL DAY JUMPFEST (Free Registration) Spring Relative Work Training Camp	October 7th & 8th	Second Annual "Square One" 16-way Competition
May 20th - 24th	"HELL WEEK" Team Training for Nationals.	October 28th November 10th	Halloween Party All Veterans & Active Duty Military skydive for \$11 from 12,500 feet!
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		December 16th - January 1st	CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY CELEBRATION (Free Registration)

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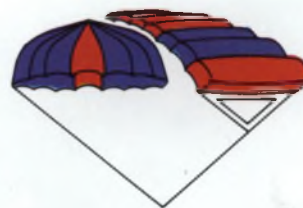
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3/4 MARCH - NIGHT JUMPS
18/19 - ACCURACY SEMINAR
21/22 APRIL - NIGHT JUMPS
22/23 - REGIONAL ACCURACY COMPETITION
6/7 MAY - C.R.W. SEMINAR WEEKEND
10/11 JUNE - LAUNCH AND ACCURACY COMPETITION
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DATE	EVENTS	LOCATION
24-27 March	Easter Bunnie Boogie (4 Way LAC Meet)	Langar
24-27 March	8 Way Speed Competition	Sibson
24-27 March	Easter R. W. & Accuracy Meet	Netheravon
1-8 April	2nd World Para-Ski Championships	Damuls, Austria
8-9 April	10 Way Speed Star Meet	Netheravon
22-23 April	Regional Accuracy Meet (Midlands)	Cranfield
29 April-1 May	Regional 4 Way R. W. Meet (North)	Doncaster
29 April-1 May	16 Way Speed Formation Competition	Sibson
29 April-1 May	May Day Week End Accuracy Meet	Langar
8-12 May	AFF Instructor Course	Langar
15-19 May	PI/Adv. Instructor Course 2-89	Langar
20-21 May	Regional Accuracy Meet (South)	Headcorn
20-21 May	2nd Annual Skyathlon	Netheravon
22-26 May	Exam/Pre-Adv. Instructor Course 2-89	Langar
27-29 May	Skyvan boogie	Sibson
27-29 May	Scottish Nationals	Strathallen
3-4 June	Regional 4 Way R. W. meet (Midlands)	Langar
15-19 June	Large Aircraft Boogie	Langar
17-25 June	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (CLASSICS)	Headcorn
1-2 July	Sequential 8 Way Competition	Sibson
8-9 July	8 Way Scrambles	Netheravon
8-16 July	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (R. W.)	Sibson
22-29 July	R.A.P.A. Championships	Bad Lippspringe
12-13 August	Regional 4 Way R. W. Meet (South)	Cornwall
12-13 August	Skyfest - Big Aircraft Boogie	Netheravon
14-18 August	PI/Adv. Instructor Course 3-89	Bridlington
21-25 August	Exam/Pre-Adv. Instructor Course 3-89	Bridlington
21-31 August	Army Championships	Netheravon
2-3 September	Regional Accuracy Meet (North)	Cark
9-17 September	NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (C.R.W.)	Bridlington
21 Sept - 10 Oct	WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (R.W.)	Gerona, Spain
23-24 September	LAC - I Meet	Netheravon
13-17 November	PI/Adv. Instructor Course 4-89	Venue to be decided
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