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editorial

Another bumper issue with an extra eight pages, enjoy! We're still committed to improving your Mag, issue by issue. We've now moved to a new designer, Andy Vernum, whose talent, creativity and advanced technology have added a modern feel, funky effects and a fresh approach. Check out the new puzzle page (11), the Espace Boogie on 30-34 and the *Brit100* montage on page 49.

Trish Jones, with her endless enthusiasm, common sense approach and bundle of ideas is still with us. We'd like to thank Julie Gray for her hard work over three years with the Mag and wish her luck in new ventures.

Keep the feedback piling in, we need it! Just to show we listen, we've amended the new logo, in response to comments. This Mag is packed with British summertime events, there should be something here for everyone.

Love and laughter

Lesley

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Skydiving is a so-called ‘dangerous’ sport. Yet many of us will come to the sport precisely in order to meet that personal challenge of fear. In the early stages the competition is principally against ourselves and our natural survival instincts.

Before we examine how to overcome fear we should first try to understand it better – both the causes and the effects. If we approach it with the right attitude, fear can be employed to produce positive results.

Fear tends to be felt in three different ways. Let’s refer to them as levels:

Level 1: ‘the butterflies’
Anticipation/Excitement (Enjoyable)

Level 2: ‘fight or flight’
High apprehension/Nervous agitation
(Challenging)

Level 3: ‘frozen’
Terror / All consuming e.g. Panic attacks,
Catatonia (Debilitating)

These should not be seen as sharply defined. The levels should be thought of more like shades of grey, level 3 being the darkest.

We have all met people who say that they don’t feel fear when jumping. I disagree with this perception. What they probably mean is that they only experience level 1 fear. For mere mortals to reach this same level, we only have to ride big roller coasters or go to watch horror films. This lower level is achieved because of the relative safety of the environment and the certainty of a ‘happy ending’ outcome. We just sit back and enjoy the thrill of the ride.

Clearly, a skydive is a very different situation. The speed and noise create a much more hostile environment, and on top of that, we now have to actively participate in

our own outcome. The extreme nature of skydiving will throw the majority of people straight into level 2 fear. This is the level we will concentrate on, as it is at this level where we can modify our behaviour to bring us down closer to level 1.

Level 3 belongs principally to ‘wuffos’ and those who are too scared even to contemplate leaping out of perfectly good aircraft. A small number of those who do come to skydive will experience this by ‘freezing’ in the door or bottling out completely. If that is you please read on, this article might be of help to you too.

Because in this situation the only way to define ‘flight’ is deciding not to jump, we can safely assume that the majority reading this are choosing to ‘fight’. Therefore we should turn our attention to the full implications of being in ‘fight or flight’ mode.



Goody

'Fight or flight' hits us at the deepest level. It is our primal instinct for basic physical survival. As such it has a profound effect on our brain chemistry, our sensory abilities, and our perception. As our heart rate increases, pumping adrenaline and noradrenaline around our systems, we feel it everywhere. Nobody is immune to this effect. How we manage it will determine our reactions.

Developing a strong mental attitude is essential when we are trying to counteract the body's powerful defense mechanisms. Instinctive actions don't always work in our best interests. It is ironic that the things our bodies will do to keep us safe are precisely the things that can compromise our safety in a skydive. To override our instincts we need to concentrate on mental strategies and learn how to utilise this altered Brain State in positive ways.

The physical effect of 'fight or flight' makes our bodies do everything they can to distract us from the right actions. As the heart pumps harder, our breathing changes as well. We take rapid, shallow breaths, or even hold our breath completely. This creates tension and a high level of preparedness for action when in fact, we need to get more relaxed in the air.

Controlled, regular breathing patterns have been proven to alleviate pain, tension and stress in many situations. The way we breathe is the key to physical and emotional relaxation. That inner conflict between the body's natural survival instincts and right, safe action is strongly at work.

There is another, often overlooked, physical effect that can cause problems with exits and body position in free fall. Again that survival instinct seems to be working against us. The fetal position is a natural

position we adopt at times of great danger or stress for self-preservation. This tightly curled posture serves to protect the head and genitalia, the two most vulnerable and vital areas for continued existence. Unfortunately it also happens to be the complete opposite of the stable spread position we need. Now we hear that "hips down, head up" is the right way to fall, our leading edge is the pelvis (assuming belly flight). It's hardly surprising that all these contradictions can feel overwhelming.

Let us return to the example of the horror film for a moment; because we know it isn't real we quite rightly can expect no consequence from watching it. Real life is less predictable. The drive to the local supermarket, like many other day-to-day activities, can have tragic results.

It's a sad fact that the media, family and friends only turn their attention to one single aspect of our sport; the boring reality is that we are more likely to have a fatal accident on the way to the DZ than actually on it.

Fearful thinking is based on projection of the potential outcome of events. Who can blame us if in unguarded moments, our minds automatically lock on to the least likely potential outcome of a skydive. When this thinking combines with our primal need for survival, we create a vicious circle.

Thinking it out

It is a good idea to address the physical symptoms first. Techniques learned and used here carry forward and are involved in the mental preparation. I strongly recommend the regular practice of any of the established 'controlled breathing' exercises e.g. meditation or self-hypnosis, these exercises will make you consciously aware of your own 'relaxed' breathing pattern. Now, when you are on your way to altitude if you feel your breathing change you can 'remind' yourself to breathe properly. This should enable you to become physically more relaxed and more able to focus clearly on your skydive.

Leaving the plane is a moment of the highest intensity; heart rates of 200 beats per minute have been recorded. When you really shout out the 'up, down, go' or the safety count on exit you break the tension held in the chest by forcing an exhalation.

"What are we doing here? Overcoming the fear of death, of course. Why are we in the air? We are practicing, you might say, what it is to be alive"

Richard Bach



"Instinctive survival actions don't always work in our best interests"



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“ Acknowledge and embrace fear. Let it help you to stay safe ”

► The natural consequence of course is then to inhale, this sets you into a good breathing pattern right at the start of your skydive.

By consciously using our minds to regulate our breathing we can change how we feel. We can carry that forwards and apply the same technique to the way we think. It is commonly said that 75% of a skydive takes place on the ground. Dirt diving and mental preparation are crucial for all levels of experience, but especially important for the novice who is still dealing with ‘the fear’. The repetition of sequences of events and/or actions develops the muscle memory and consciously familiarises you with the location of the different handles. This, in itself, will help to remove some of the tension but it is also an opportunity to practice your relaxation strategies. Build the awareness of your breathing and state of relaxation into the skydive at this early stage and it will be easier in the air. A personal tip is to dirt dive with your wrists very relaxed and loose. It seems that if they are tense and rigid, everything else is too.

Rather than thinking about what might happen, you should be focusing on what you are going to make happen. Remember, you are in complete control of your skydive, everything you do in the air is going to have an effect. The dirt dive and your time in the plane should be spent with a fully conscious attitude to your physical relaxation and your mental preparation of the dive. If you let your mind wander it will invariably drift towards that unsettling area of projection.

Not many people address the beneficial effects of fear but here we will, as it is another way to combat its impact on us. So long as you stay aware of the dangers you will not fall victim to avoidable accidents.

Be scared, but let it prompt you into affirmative action. Be scared enough to be scrupulous with your flight line checks, to take note of conditions and hazard warnings. Be scared enough to make certain that your Cypres is switched on and all the pins are checked. If you are concerned or worried about any aspect of the equipment or the jump, talk to someone, reassure yourself and give yourself one less thing to stress about. Above all else use your fear to make you practice those cutaway drills. After all, the only time you might actually need to be scared is if you don't have a good canopy over your head after the safety count. This is the time when those troublesome survival instincts that were giving us problems before turn back in our favour, as long as you know where the handles are you will use them instinctively!

To sum it up; accept the fact that skydiving is dangerous and it will trigger fear of some description. Acknowledge and embrace that fear. Let it help you to stay safe without letting it interfere with your enjoyment of this exhilarating sport. It won't always be as scary, with experience comes familiarity. With every jump you will further integrate this ‘highly conscious’ way of thinking into your unconscious thoughts and actions, and here's the bonus. When you learn to manage the level of fear that skydiving can induce, it will carry through into your whole life.

Neil J Biscoe

“ The answer to every fear is knowing... It is only the unknown that is fearful ”

Richard Bach

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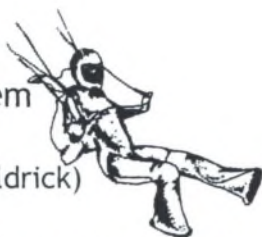


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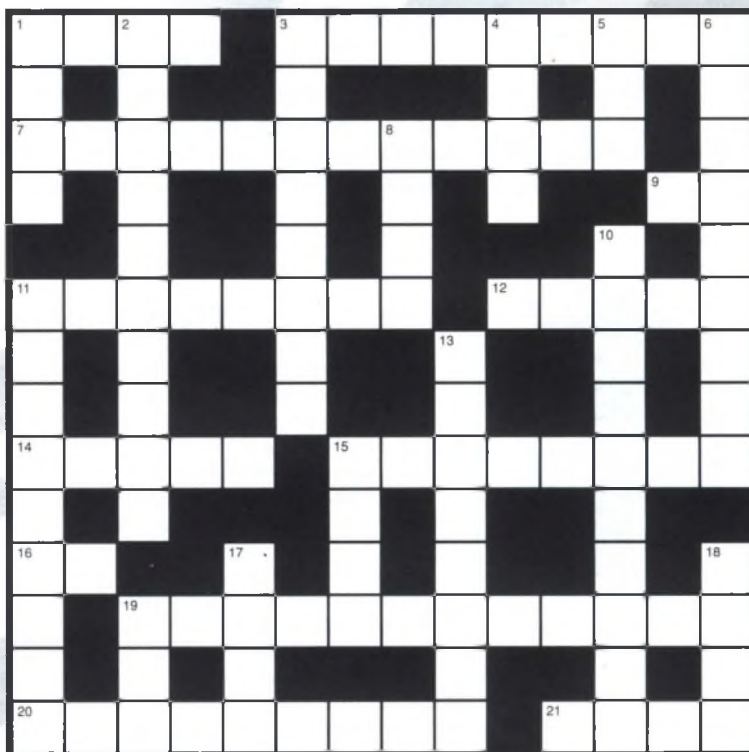
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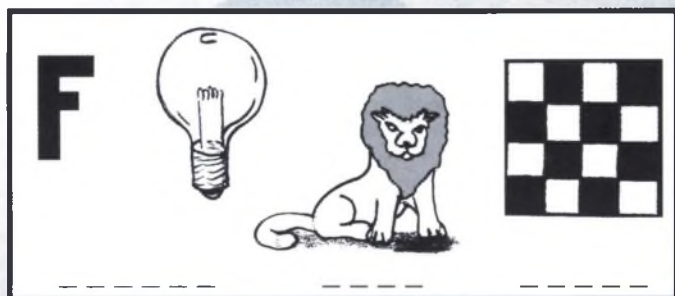
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Helen Shaw and Dave Coverdale at the Cark boogie, taken by Steve Nolan

Holy Swoop Cords Batman!

Recently made famous and infamous at the same time by Patrick De Gayardon, and later by Adrian Nicholas, the large bat-winged suit is now steadily becoming mainstream. In the 1950's, Frenchman Leo Valentine had a dangerous obsession with trying to master rigid wings in freefall, ending inevitably in his death. But it wasn't until another Frenchman, Patrick, came along in the early to mid 90s with his flying squirrel type inflatable wing suit that the real potential became apparent. Patrick, and after him Adrian, pushed unpowered human flight to new limits with winged flights through canyons and over snow-capped peaks, breaking previous freefall duration and horizontal distance records on the way. At the recent Espace boogie in Vichy a large proportion of loads in the AN72 Jet jumpship included guys trying one out.

Now one or two small companies around the world are manufacturing their own versions of Patrick's suit for the general skydiving market. One of these companies, called Birdman International, headed by Croatian 4-way competitor Robert Pecnik, has been demo-ing their new suit, and recently held a weekend at Hibaldstow. Pecnik's suit is very similar to De Gayardon's design with zero-porosity wings under each arm and between the legs. Small mesh inlets at the crotch and armpit allow the ram-air type wings to inflate. Elastic swoop cords help to keep it rigid. Because of the wings the rig's harness has to be integrated with the jumpsuit by threading the leg straps inside the legs of the suit, and then threading up the wings cutaway system. When in flight the suit holds the jumper's arms in a permanent delta position which, although not restricting the jumper from deploying main or reserve canopy or using the cutaway pad, makes reaching up to the toggles impossible. Because of this, zips from the wrists to upper arm are provided to allow the jumper to free their arms once under canopy. In addition, the wings can be separated from the sides of the body by the jumper pulling a small pad located on each thigh. The pad is attached to two yellow teflon cables which fix the wings to the torso of the suit.

Return of the Jedei 2

Brian Germain, who once worked with Tony Uragallo of AirTime Designs in developing and producing the *Jedei* high performance, elliptical ram-air main before AirTime withdrew from the canopy market in 1997, has now set up on his own as Big Air Sports Equipment, and has released the *Jedei 2*.

Like the original popular *Jedei*, the new canopy uses airlocks – one way valves along the canopy's leading edge that help it remain highly pressurised. Germain says that his new pressure control system has advanced since the original *Jedei*. When

Airtime ended its canopy production, Germain licenced the airlock patent to Performance Designs. PD has yet to introduce a canopy with airlocks, although they are presently testing prototypes. The *Jedei 2*'s outboard and steering lines are made from *Vectran* with the remainder of

the line set in *Spectra* microline. This is because the outboard and steering lines

made from *Spectra* are more prone to shrinkage due to slider friction and *Vectran* shrinks less than *Spectra*. Germain is building the canopy in sizes from 95 to 170 sq ft, although totally custom sizes can be ordered. He also intends to release an airlock-equipped 7-cell. Germain says he's not interested in being a big company in the canopy market. He said "I'm not David throwing stones at Goliath, I'm David content to sit under Goliath's table eating his scraps" – Nice one Brian!

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Dave Coverdale by Tim Porter

Another French design seen at Vichy had a pad at waist level which, with one pull, split the jumpsuit arms wide open along their length, releasing the jumper's arms. A third design seemed to be entirely constructed of one piece of ripstop nylon with the jumper's body and wing shapes sewn in. With very little practice most experienced jumpers were able to fly the suits fairly successfully. Very low terminal velocities have been recorded, some as low as 50 mph, and a lot of ground can be covered quickly. In France, jumpers were going up in twos and threes and trying to fly tight formations with changing positions – just like the Red Arrows (well, not quite yet anyway). A BOC type deployment system is recommended along with a docile main canopy. Canopies which can open off heading could be difficult to handle whilst wearing wings. Obviously this innovation brings with it a whole bunch of new problems and risks such as emergency procedures, spotting, exit order, number out on one pass, flight patterns, horizontal closing speeds and opening altitudes. Because of this the BPA's Safety and Training Committee discussed the subject recently as one of their agenda items. Watch this space!

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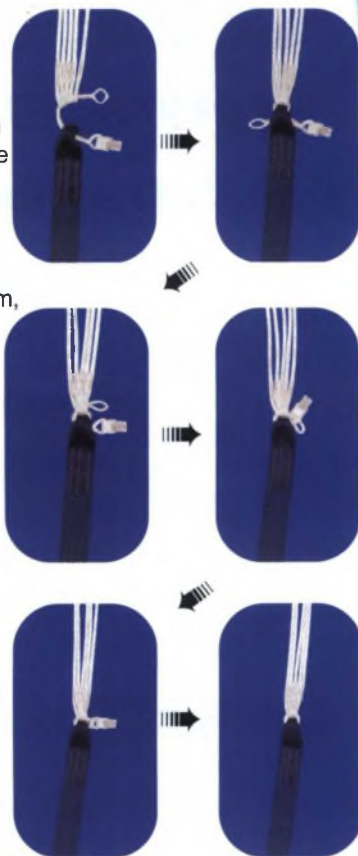
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Slip Into Something Slinky

After a year of development and testing Performance Designs have released a reusable soft link called, sexily enough, the *Slink*. For years jumpers have been replacing their metal *Rapide* links with soft links made from several turns of various size suspension line. Although some of these soft links have failed over the years, due to incorrect low breaking strength line or inconsistent manufacturing techniques, the vast majority have given long, good service. Soft links reduce potential damage to slider grommets and therefore extend the lifespan of suspension lines. They also allow the jumper to pull the slider down over the risers and toggles more easily and they do not require the use of slider bumpers. The downside in the past has been that home manufactured soft links were not removable without destroying them, making a simple main canopy change into a major hassle.

This all ended a few years ago when Parachutes de France brought out the first removable soft link set. The PF link set was designed to go with PF risers which incorporate a small grommet inside the riser end over which is slipped a small metal ring at the end of the soft link, securing the ring out of the way inside the riser end. Although the PF link was designed to go with PF risers, it's quite possible to use them on any other riser, provided the ring is tacked inside the risers end. PD's Slinks are very similar in design to PF's and differ only by the use of a chunk of rolled nylon tape in place of the metal ring.

After trials, including factory floor pull tests and high-speed drop tests with heavy loads, PD concluded that, every time, lines and risers failed before the Slinks. In comparison tests, the Slinks outlived stainless steel links, showing no signs of damage at forces that caused the metal links to fail. PD's Slink is the first soft link to be TSO'd for use on reserve canopies. Although installing or removing either PF soft links or PD Slinks requires no tools, the job is still not as easy as it sounds. The link has to be pulled very tight in order to pass the ring or tab through – a finicky, frustrating business, and removing them after a bunch of jumps has tightened the little buggers up is a load of fun – NOT! However, on balance the pros outweigh the cons and removable soft links are definitely here to stay – or not, if you know what I mean?



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Icarus Flies Again!

In past issues of Kit News we've reported on the relationship between NZ Aerosports of New Zealand and Precision Aerodynamics of the USA. Now these two have joined forces with a Spanish based military parachute manufacturer, CIMSA Ingenieria de Sistemas, with the intention of securing production capacity within Europe, to cope with what they describe as a 'boom in demand' for their *Icarus* range of canopies including the *Extreme*, *Safire*, *Omega*, *Tandem* and *Student* canopies. This new tripartite joint venture, named Icarus Canopies, will endeavour to guarantee identical products whether they're manufactured in the USA, New Zealand or Spain using the CAD/CAM automatic laser cutting system, as designed and developed by NZ Aerosports. Simon Mundell of Precision Canopies tells us that CIMSA has a significant manufacturing capacity along with various sophisticated testing equipment which was not previously available to sport canopy manufacturers.



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You can learn more about CIMSA on www.cimsa.com
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Oops!

Skydive mag apologises for printing the wrong photo of the Atom Tandem mod in the last issue

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UP THE JUNCTION 9

British 8-Way Team

Juntion 9 set a new British record score in the FS Nationals. Team member Tim Homer describes how to structure your training camp for optimum performance



“ If you skydive until you think you need a day off, it’s too late! ”

Any team wanting to get the best out of themselves must employ a professional coach. Don’t fall into the trap of thinking a coach is too expensive. It is false economy not to have one. A good coach will save you £100’s in wasted jumps. Your learning curve will rise sharply and the team will progress rapidly. Our coach, John Hamilton, was a member of *Airspeed* 8-way and is fully versed on all 8-way techniques. John is based at Skydive Elsinore so this made the location an obvious choice.

How long is a training day?

We keep our day fairly short as fatigue is a factor on a long training camp. We firmly believe that it’s not the number of jumps in a day that make you tired, but the time over which you do them.

After checking our kit and stretching, we are ready, with jumpsuits, to dirt dive at 7.30am, for a wheels off at 8am. We normally do ‘back to back’ skydives as we all have two sets of kit. This means we have two dives already dirt dived before boarding the aircraft. We will do five back to back jumps, a total of ten jumps per day.

We try to stick rigidly to our cut-off time of 4pm, regardless of the amount of jumps done. It’s very easy to push for one more skydive at the end of the day. But beware, the downside is that the group may pay the price the following day by being more tired and then the whole day’s jumping could suffer.

Do you take days off?

Rest is essential. We were at Elsinore for three weeks and did 140 jumps! We normally only skydive for four or five consecutive days and then have time off. Down time should be away from the DZ and non-skydiving related. We plan days off in advance because, if you skydive until you think you need a day off, it’s too late. You are already over tired and it will take you two or three days to recover. Make a plan in advance and stick to it – no matter how good you feel.

How about your jump plan?

With back to back jumps, we do the mentally taxing skydive first. This is normally a competition-style skydive

Hot Tips

- Hire the best coach
- Use packers
- Start early
- Finish early
- Drink plenty of water
- Stay out of the sun
- Stick to your schedule
- Eat sensibly
- Prepare physically
- Prepare mentally
- Set & measure goals
- Enjoy!

where we work on set-ups, speed and learning how to remember skydives. The second skydive is easier on the brain as we do not have time to re-dirt dive before jumping. On this jump, we work on a specific area which needs improvement. This could be a particular block, combined with a random.

How important is fitness?

We all do regular physical exercise. On training camp, most of the team run the two and a half miles back to the hotel after jumping and crash in the jacuzzi! Cardiovascular fitness (the body’s ability to process oxygen) is very important in a sport where the brain can be starved of oxygen at altitude.



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CLASSICS nationals

by Glenn Stephenson

What a great welcome Wild Geese gave to all! They organised pick-ups from seaports and airports, free accommodation, good jump prices and excellent facilities.

Maggie and Dave Penny plus all their staff offered great hospitality and efficient running of the DZ. Trips were organised to Pine Trees Health Club, Ten Pin bowling, the Giant's Causeway and Bushmill's Distillery

There were 18 entered in the senior accuracy event, five in the intermediate and five in the novice. Maximum wind speed was set at 8 metres per second for the meet, which was very challenging during gusty conditions. Close to this limit, quite a few competitors were trying to land accurately travelling backwards – not easy!

ACCURACY Team Event

Style CreW proved to be the best, just edging out *H-Troop* with *Team Hesbolah* similarly pushing *Other Seniors* into fourth place. *Style CreW* were Jeff Chandler, Chris Clements, Ian Marshall, Esther Reynolds and Nick Johnston; *H-Troop* were Dave Ballard, Jules Ballard, Geordie Page, John Smyth and myself; *Team Hesbolah* were Tracy Harrison, Freddy McDonald, George McGuinness, Steve Tawse and Paul Leddon (ask any team member for reason for the name!) with *Other Seniors* being Alistair MacCartney, John McCourt and Brian Poole.

Men's Individual

A new format was tried, at the request of the IPC. At the end of the first eight rounds, the total scores for each individual would be used to rank the men and women separately. The top competitors would go into a knockout phase. In this phase, the leading jumper would jump off against the lowest rank, with the second highest going against the second last, etc.

This format made for more exciting action for spectators since upsets could obviously happen. It also required different tactics from competitors. In the men, results went as expected with Dave Ballard and Nicky Johnston

contesting the final. Nicky landed first, scoring a disc while Dave scored 1cm. A great result for Nicky but many people felt for Dave.

Women's Individual

Esther lead the field after eight rounds with the best total score of all the men and women. In the knockout phase though, she was the first upset going out to an excellent 2cm score from Tracy. Jules made it through against Chris and in the final she repeated her success scoring 3cm against Tracy's 4cm.

This is the first time that this format has been tried and certainly will be debated further. It seems extremely illogical that the best scoring competitors could be knocked out by a generally less consistent competitor who just beats them on one round.

Intermediate

This was won by Pauline Chandler, who was the only woman in the championships to score a disc, well done. Next year, Pauline will be in the senior category. Local jumpers, Ian Foreman and Mike Murphy came second and third. It was good to see some new faces and hopefully, Ian and Mike will be competing next year.

Novice

As always, this was a popular event with much interest and support from other competitors and spectators. Linda Gwenin jumped outstandingly well with no zaps and one score of 13cm. Had she entered the Intermediate event, she would have come third! Jim Hunter was second, Sarah Bartley came third with Dai Davies in fourth place.



Julie Ballard, Ladies overall winner



Dave Ballard, Mens overall winner



Style Crew, Gold accuracy winners

INTERMEDIATE STYLE/OVERALL

Ian Foreman of Wild Geese produced some excellent performances, taking the Style gold with Pauline second and Colin Stevenson third. The Intermediate overall was won by Pauline with Ian as runner up.

WOMEN'S STYLE/OVERALL

Over five rounds, Esther got the gold in a close contest with Chris getting silver and Jules the bronze. The overall went to Jules Ballard.

MEN'S STYLE/OVERALL

This was won by Dave Ballard with a total of 45.31 seconds over five rounds with Jeff second and Alistair third. The overall was also won by Dave.

Special Mentions

Thanks to the judges and officials; John Hitchen, Bob and Kate Charters, Prof, Bob King, Jayne Harrison, Jo Scott for their expert work and making the most of the weather breaks to achieve a meet in all events.

“ It was good to see some new faces ”



Linda Gwenin, Novice accuracy gold winner
(Linda scored on pad on every jump)

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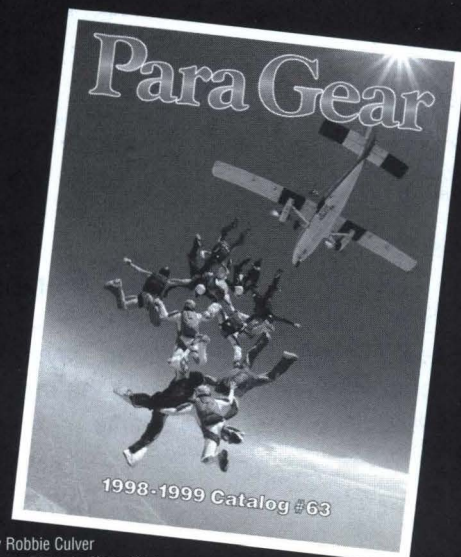
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council matters

SPORTS COUNCIL

The BPA Chairman informed Council that the Association had secured a grant of £45,000 from the Sports Council to implement the Development Plan Matrix. Part of the acceptance of the grant was that the Association sets up a review group to manage and monitor the award in relation to performance, against the agreed objectives as shown in the Operational Plan.

AGM

This will be at the same popular venue as last year, the Hanover International Hotel, Hinckley. The official announcement is below. Accommodation at the special rate of £75 per double/twin room inclusive of breakfast should be booked direct with the hotel on: **01455 631122** (quote the BPA's AGM for the special rate).

STAFF

Trudy Kemp has now worked for the BPA for over twenty years! We thank her for two decades of loyal hard work.

TEAM V MAX

Team V Max won a silver medal at the FS Nationals and have requested the blessing of the Competitions Committee to attend the 1st Women's World Cup in Australia at their own expense. This all-female 4-way is hence attending as the British Women's Team.

BPA COMPUTER SYSTEM

This seems to now be up and running well, after some initial teething problems.

DEVELOPMENT

There are still a few FXC's available, any interested DZ contact Ian Midgley or the BPA office. Centres who already have some of these FXC's are reminded that they are coming up for recalibration in 2000.

REGIONAL SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

Each year the BPA appoints regional sports representatives to cover all areas of the UK. This may be of interest regarding grants, teaching aids, seminars etc in your local area. To find out your local rep, telephone the BPA Office.

COMMUNICATIONS

FREEDOM OF THE SKIES

Lesley and her team have updated the *Freedom of the Skies* leaflet with the Communications Committee. This is a great new brochure for those wanting to do a jump. You can get more copies from the BPA office, free for single copies or at cost price of 15 pence per leaflet for bulk copies (eg, for drop zone use).

COMPETITIONS NATIONALS RULES 2000

The committee wants to publish the rules for the year 2000 Combined Nationals by the end of 1999 to allow a consultation period for awkward areas. Your comps committee is working on this NOW, contact your discipline rep with any input.

NATIONALS ABROAD

Tim Andrewes has been delegated to investigate this possibility (which may never happen, it depends on feedback). Holding Nationals abroad is a contentious issue so the committee would like to hear from ALL and ANY interested parties NOW in this consultation period.

IPC DELEGATES

The committee is looking to identify potential IPC delegates for the future once our current ones retire (some way off yet). Any input to the committee, please.

STC

FOREIGN REPACKS

Foreign reserve repacks are now valid for up to 180 days at a BPA centre, provided the parachuting organisation of that country allows this time period, otherwise the foreign country's lesser time period will apply. Previously, only 120 days were allowed.

NEW DZ

A new drop zone was approved at Chesterton Farm, between Wolverhampton and Bridgnorth, subject to some restrictions.

WINGED SUITS

A working party has been set up to investigate winged suits and appropriate safety regulations.

Stand for Council!

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1. To receive, and adopt if approved, the report of the Chairman of Council.
2. To discuss any items of Special Business.
3. To fix subscriptions payable by non-provisional members for the 12 months commencing 1 April 2000.
4. To close the formal proceedings of the Annual General Meeting.

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- (a) To announce the result of the election for the 2000 Council of the BPA.
- (b) To present various annual awards.

Note: Members are reminded that under Article 13 of the Articles of Association, only such business as is notified to the BPA in writing, at least **40 days** prior to the date of the meeting, (**i.e by midnight on Monday 13 December 1999**) can be included under Item 2 (Special Business).

Dated the 15th day of September, One thousand
Nine hundred and Ninety-nine.

For and on behalf of the Council of the BPA.
Sharon Norris, National Administrator

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Notice is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

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British Parachute Association
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on **Tuesday 7 December 1999 at 6.30pm**

AGENDA

1. To receive, and adopt if approved, the Annual Accounts of the Association and the Report of the Auditors for the period 30 June 1998 to 30 June 1999.
2. To confirm the re-appointment of the Auditors, and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration for the ensuing financial year.
3. To set the Provisional Membership Subscription for the 12 months commencing 15 April 2000.

Dated the 15th day of September, One thousand Nine
Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

For and on behalf of the Council of the BPA
Sharon Norris, National Administrator

NEW RATINGS

Basic Instructor (Category System)

Richard Smith
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Andy Pollitt
Jason Freeman
Chris Good
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David Ashton
Darren Lucas
Jason Brister
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Cameron MacKinnon
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Robert Zealley

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Mick Tyler
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David Lidster
Roy Bannerman
Michelle Pollard
Rick Boardman

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the word on the street

from George Pilkington

The Raaanch

Wots made a quick trip out to the Ranch, New York. Only a couple of hours from JFK with an impressive fleet of two Super Otters, an Otter and a Porter. The 'Raaanch' (they can't cope with an English 'ranch') is one wicked little DZ. Camping is free in the woods, the showers are always hot, if a little 'sulphurey', and good eating places are 5 minutes walk away. The countryside around the Ranch is just like England. In fact there are lots of Brits who have made it their home. Max Cohn of Generation Free Fly has his school there, and it's a freefly DZ in the week. The atmosphere on the DZ is one of the best I have ever come across, and during my week there, I did not hear one person 'Bitch' about anything. Each year they hold the 'Pond Swooping Nationals'. Four rounds each, the two favourites are the 'Water Displacement' and the 'Curtain' round. The first is self explanatory and leads to some cutting edge landing techniques! The 'Curtain' is made from the local fire engine, which directs its hose over the pond, giving the competitors the chance to swoop through a water curtain. Very entertaining! Go check the Ranch out, it's this side of the USA and 'spanking gorgeous'. As Craig Girard of Airspeed says "The Ranch, the best kept secret in skydiving. I love coming here."

Eclipse Believers

Dave Turner and Jilly were in McDonalds, France waiting for the eclipse - in total cloud cover. Jilly came back to the table with the

*Bikini Burgers**. DT saw some sugar on the tray. He thought of George at *Brit100* and his cunning sugar stunt. DT laid the sugar out and blew it away, with belief in his heart. They finished the meal, went outside; the clouds cleared and they watched the eclipse totality in brilliant full technicolor. BELIEVE!

Phantom Crapper

Something that I forgot last time; Someone on the DZ at *Brit100* was so hacked off that they laid their excrement in the shower tray in the DZ washroom (No! - Honestly, Yes!). This happened on 2 mornings. Once and you could just about believe that the person was 'caught short', but twice... I don't think so. To the jumper who cleared it up, thanks. That was for the good of *Brit100*. To the crapper - You must be a Eunuch, because you don't have the balls to go and complain to the relevant parties, don't leave your s.t for others to clean up, you animal!

Quincy

The last World Freefall Convention of the millennium took place in August at Quincy, USA. This time there appeared to be less skydivers than in previous years. Strange, but everywhere Wots goes, home and abroad, there are less skydivers. The fun went on though and Icarus Canopies dominated the event. Simon Mundell, the new General Manager, had worked his marketing magic. Jumpers were queuing up to try the company's range of canopies. The Safire was the hot item, having been

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This year a B17 Bomber arrived for skydivers with big pockets to jump from. \$360 was the price of a ticket, to 4,500ft, but you did get to leave through the bomb bay doors, didn't you Phil! Nice one Quincy. Those that did it loved it, everyone else was jealous. Once again the Bell Helicopter ride was the 'Extreme Ride'. Rod the pilot cut his teeth in 'Nam, and now has 14,000+ rotary wing flying hours. (He also has the most impressive RV I have ever seen, ATVs, marble flooring, 2 hot tubs, 2 stereo's and leather wall to wall. Well tasty is not enough, but \$750,000 price tag is.) This year's injuries were about on a par with previous years, many broken things and the usual bad piloting skills to keep you on your toes.

During the 10 days there were 5,200 take off and landings. Mike Mullins' King Air which is the Lamborghini Diabolo of jump planes, has had obscene amounts of money spent on big engines, cowlings and other go-faster stuff. The King Air is wheels off to wheels on in 7 minutes, that's to 14,500ft! He averaged 50 loads a day with no shutdowns; the first thing I heard in the morning, and the last at dusk, was the King Air. Mike, you're an 'Animal'! This boogie is one big party, it goes on 36 hours a day!

Hot Chicks!

Kate Cooper assembled some of the finest female skydivers to attempt to break Women's World Record (was 100), in Perris Valley during September. 120 babes on one DZ! - Wots wishes we were there... but we were not. Four Brits were on the new World record of 118; Cornelia Waymouth, Ali Lawley, Joey Money and Tracey Eckersley. Well done to ALL there. (Full report next time - Ed)

World Championships

The British Teams are now at the last World Champs of this millennium. Held in Australia, they should be massive. Wots would like to wish ALL of our teams the best of luck and hope you look after each other out there.

*Ref: Roger's Prof

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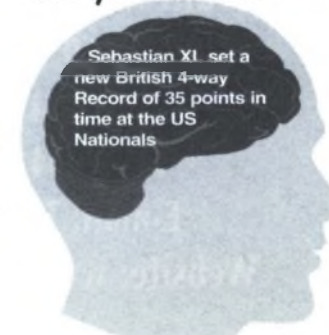


Quote of the Month...

"Life is what happens to you whilst you're making other plans"

Betty Talmadge

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SKYSURFING

The meet was held over a long weekend, 20 – 22 August 1999. To start with skysurfing, as they were the only teams 'up for it' at 8:30am! A stark comparison was to be made between defending champions, *The Big 9*, aka *Playstation*, with only nine training jumps and last year's silver medalists *Vice Versa* who had completed approximately 500.

The fight was on, could *The Big 9* win their third title and keep the much coveted sword? The first round scores were posted, *The Big 9* 64.3, *Vice Versa* 71.3 – not much between them. *Vice Versa* maintained their form whilst *The Big 9* improved their score with every jump. But, demonstrating that hard work does pay, *Vice Versa* surfed in for a much welcomed victory and taking the coveted *Time-Out* sword. Leaving the question in many people's minds – would the story have been different with a little more training by *The Big 9*? We'll have to wait until next year...

Clockwork Orange showed an amazing improvement since last year earning a well deserved bronze and *Fat Boy Slim* in their first competitive year can hold their heads high in fourth place with some fine jumping.

FREESTYLE

With many spectators in awe, 'How do they do that? I can't do that on the ground never mind in the air!' the freestyle competitors took centre stage. Foreign competitors Ashley Crick and Jonathon King, imaginatively named *Ash and John*, stormed the field in the Open competition achieving a total of 339.3. A last minute entry from foreigners *The Phriques* proved to be a good decision as they claimed second place in the Open, beating the UK jumpers.

In the British National Competition, *Go Vertical* 'gracefully' accepted their title with some stunning performances by Gigliola Borgnis. Whilst Stuart Meacock, as *M & M's* took silver, with his brother Alex. Proving that blood really is thicker than water by beating himself in his second team, *The Unjudgables* with his fiancée Penny Vos into bronze.

A special mention must go to *Fred West's Funky Freestyle Supremos* who, in winning the booby prize, entertained the judges and their fellow competitors and showed true sportsmanship.

OPEN FREESTYLE

1st **Ash & John** 338.5
Ashley Crick* & Jonathon King* (V)

2nd **The Phriques** 190.5
Kerry Short and Yoav Gaby* (V)

NATIONAL FREESTYLE

1st **Go Vertical** 299.7
Gigliola Borgnis & Tim Porter (V)

2nd **M & M's** 196.0
Alex Meacock & Stuart Meacock (V)

3rd **Unjudgables** 179.3
Penny Vos & Stuart Meacock (V)

NATIONAL SKYSURF

1st **Vice Versa** 361.3
Chris Gauge & Tim Porter (V)

2nd **The Big '9'** 335.8
Mike Frost & Andy Ford (V)

3rd **Clockwork Orange** 218.2
Dave Sturgeon & Cathrynmonds (V)

(V) = videoman

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Vice Versa by Mike McGowan

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FREEFLY

The British freefly competition was hot with a total of seven teams and only 15.3 points separating second and fourth place. Defending the British title in a more orthodox manner this year, Tim Porter won his third gold medal with Chris Gauge and Gigliola Borgnis who claimed their second as *Vice Versa School*. The fight for silver was very close with only ten points between them after round three. Continuing to play catch up, *Chisel Chins* scored a high of 60.7 in round four but *Waste O' Space Man* still managed to cling to second place. Round five was the decider and with both teams making their lowest scoring round it was time for a little nail biting! Only 0.3 points separated them but *Chisel Chins* succeeded and took the most closely fought medal of the championships. Not too disappointed Alex 'Jump Hog' Meacock then switched loyalties to *The UN Safety Officers*, recent Arizona Freestyle Money Meet champions. Leaving no doubt in the Open competition they collected Gold with double the points of the second place team, *WOFTAM*.

IN SUMMARY

Three things stand out from this Nationals; the high standard of the jumping, the friendliness of all competitors who swapped handy hints and finally, the versatility of many people who switched between disciplines and excelled in each.

Good luck to all of the teams entering the World Meet, Australia, October 1999. Best wishes from us all to Chris Gauge and Toni Brennon who are planning to wed in New Zealand following the World Meet.

Cath Symonds

"The number of competitors was well up on last year, which was great to see. The level of skill shown by competitors was excellent and I'm sure will go on growing proving that, even though the UK is a small place, we can hold our own in the world of freeflying, freestyle and skysurfing. I was able to be at the competition for two of its three days and was very pleased to present the trophies. Thanks go to Sibson for the excellent organisation of the event."

Paul Applegate
New Age Rep,
Competitions
Committee

"the high standard,
the friendliness
and the versatility
of competitors"

National Freestyle Gold



Open Freestyle



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National Freestyle



Open Freestyle

FREEFLY

1st	Go Vertical School	328.7
	Gigliola Borgnis, Chris Gauge & Tim Porter (V)	
2nd	Chisel Chins	260.6
	Steve McCarthy, Tony Bissell & Darren Casey (V)	
3rd	Waste O' Space Man	260.3
	Alex Meacock, Kieron McGloughlen and Elliot Clarke (V)	

OPEN FREEFLY

1st	UN Safety Officers	298.7
	Alex Meacock, Yoav Gaby* & Sven Zimmerman* (V)	
2nd	WOFTAM	122.2
	Simon Ward, Mark Swarbrick* & Adrian Nicholas (V)	



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North West skyfest

boogie

JURASSIC CARK BOOGIE

Would the weather hold? This was the question on everyone's lips as Saturday July 31 dawned. Our prayers were answered and the Sun God did his best but so did the jinx. The turbine G92 from Hibaldstow did not appear, causing a groan from everyone. After all the hype and excitement of max altitude in a time that would not even allow a swift cat nap, the possibility seemed farther off than ever. Not to be outdone however, Dennis Buchanan and Stuart Morris rallied the enthusiasm, and old, reliable G-BEEG, our trusted piston Islander, sprang into action with varied attempts at 4 and 6-way sequential taking place, with results ranging from zoos to seven points. Thus, with the ever visible tandem instructor forcing entry onto any and every load possible, the boogie had begun.

The G92

Eventually the G92 arrived, impressive and surprisingly quiet. Now we had two pilots and aircraft but the fuel truck had a puncture and was hours away. Still, the fuel in the aircraft gave us a couple of lifts. "Manifest open for the 92" was bellowed from the mouth of Stuart (via the PA) and four loads were soon fully manifested.

The G92 is awesome. 14,500 feet in nine minutes flat, no time for nerves, although some experienced vertigo. Now the excitement had started, the formation attempts got larger and larger and Sunday ended with a successful five point 12-way, made possible by videoman Steve Nolan docking.

Scrambles 4-way winners: *Sozzled*



photos by Steve Nolan

4-Way Scrambles

Jumpers from Errol and Black Knights came to play with our borrowed new toy! Helen Shaw organised a 4-way scrambles and teams were selected from all levels of experience. This was going to be fun! After the first round, points were level. After round two, *Sozzled* and *4Kit UP* were within one point, with *Dave Prince To Manifest* bringing up the rear. Round three was a launched first point and developed into a duel between *Sozzled* and *4Kit Up*. The pressure was intense and deadly serious. The next day would be the last round.

Beach Barbeque

The entertainment was a beach BBQ via tractor transportation around the bay. Many beers were sunk and great quantities of food consumed – a really good night.

Round Accuracy

Thursday brought bleak weather. A competition result was needed, so we had a static line round accuracy meet with Simon Nash as chief judge, Dennis Buchanan dispatching and George McGuinness on talk down. Nerves on the faces of many participants were real and not all the exits were text book! The result was *Sozzled* in 1st place. Helen Shaw, British accuracy team member, was beaten into fourth place by 10 metres (how big is that disc?) and Sue Skull landed D.C. With Carl Bowen executing a stand-up landing, Steve Nolan's video proved excellent entertainment. This theme continued and Dennis Buchanan's trivia quiz had everyone arguing and nearly at blows. Who says skydivers don't take life seriously!

Bird Men & Women

Friday was bird day, when Dave Coverdale unleashed his secret

weapon, his bat suit. What it could achieve amazed everyone. Helen Shaw, the first jumper to attempt a dive, was immediately bitten. Dave gave very involved briefings and he and Chris Miller vetted everyone who wanted to try out the suits.

Not So Jurassic

The boogie ended with massive jump bills and fond memories. 800 descents in total, 600 from the Dornier and 45 tandems. A great thanks to all the sponsors, to TK and Lez (the pilots), and Gary Denton and Dave, the pilot from Hibble, who flew up in the Lance to repair the 92 when the port engine failed to start.

Doug Summers



Jurassic boogie men



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Is the eclipse at 11am or pm?"

Brian Jones



Mike McGowan

Barbie beach babes



Intermediate team *T4ce* (Tracey Peake, Pete Spedding, Dave Head, coach Howey Murray and Warren Graskie on video) team training over Cross Keys, New Jersey. They won silver at the Scottish Nationals & Northern Regionals

It was a good feeling to see the Antonov 72 of the Moldavian Air Force again on the airfield in Vichy. After two years, the jet was back at the biggest boogie in Europe. 788 people registered and 11,771 jumps were made on 158 lifts.

The weather was very good for the first half of the week. Ten well known FS organisers, nine world class video jumpers and a handful of freefly organisers (Olav, Omar, Charles Bryan, BabyLon Freefly School and the Parachutes de France Freefly team, Philippe Valoud) were present to please the customers.

The brand new Antonov 72 (only 100 flight hours) needed just eight minutes to take 75 jumpers to altitude (5,000 meters, 16,500ft).

The top FS group, led by Patrick Passe, made a nice 64 -way one faced diamond wedge which was held for 15 seconds. The weather was not so good during the second half of the week with a thunderstorm interrupting jumping for a couple of hours.

Freeflying was already big last year and continued its ascent this year, with about 80% of the world's best freeflyers present, making lots of big ways, tube dives and (very unusual for freeflyers) well organised 15 and 20-way sequential. They flew a nice 12-way formation with 18 singles close around it in a star. This has never been seen at any boogie and proved the Espace Boogie to be the number one freefly event in the world.

"The best organised boogie I have ever seen," said Larry Kerschenbaum, owner of Skydive America, who visited with some fellow Americans.

Next year, the boogie will again have the Antonov 72 and will be around the beginning of August 2000. A smaller autumn Halloween Espace Boogie will take place at Lapalisse from October 23-1 November. Hope to see you there!

Willy Boeykens

Espace Boogie





Main photo: Willy Boeykens
Sit-fly photo: Milko
Others: Gary Wainwright



Antonov photo: Marcus Beck
Exit shot: Willy Boeykens
Diamond: Willy Boeykens
Diamond scan: Supplied by Paramag

A Diamond



“ The brand new Antonov 72 needed just eight minutes to take 75 jumpers to altitude ”

nd of a Boogie



64-way Diamond

Patrick Passe and I talked about attempting something special at Vichy this year. With the big Antonov jet already booked, we knew we could plan ahead.

Patrick decided on a 64-way all facing diamond. This formation had never been done before. Patrick asked me to recruit a bunch of capable 'roast beef' skydivers. With the Brit FS Nationals overlapping the boogie, this was difficult.

We decided on ten attempts. The formation was achieved on the seventh. As with all big diamond attempts, there were a couple of spectacular funnels, (best not to hold on to the outside, as you go straight through the middle at speed!). There were ten Brits on it; myself, Milko, Richard and Leigh Woods, Dave Morris, Pete Knight, Marcus Beck, Ali Mayo, Chris Mizzi and Andy Cliffe.

Next year we are going for another difficult big formation. Anyone interested?

Darryl Moran

FS Nationals

It was a refreshing change to have blue skies and hot weather for most of the FS Nationals. The entire sequential meet was completed by Thursday. Peterborough Parachute Centre must have some secret deal with the weather gods, as this hasn't happened since the last time the FS Nationals were held there in 1995

Peterborough Parachute Centre

The management, most people agreed, had excelled. Gazebos were provided for all teams. Great calls were made on when to give stand-downs, allowing full use of weather available but also giving enough time off to prevent the onset of dropzonitis. On Saturday, party night, picnic hampers were given to each team with enough to feed their supporters, friends and families. Two live bands and some rockin' DJ's kept the hangar kicking all night like a London club. For the prizegiving the next day, the front hangar was transformed, by the use of drapes and flowers, into an impressive presentation setting with a full PA. BPA Chairman Chris Allen presented the prizes. PPC gave each team a framed photo of themselves, taken by Ronnie O'Brien.



V Max by Brian Vacher



Sebastian XL by Keith Larrett

Judging

Hats off to the judging team – not a single protest in the whole meet and excellent communication between judges and competitors.

Omniscore, which provides a live viewing of the judging as it happens, was used. This generated a great atmosphere in the bar and involved everyone in the meet. "The best things about the Nationals were a good vibe from day one, the camaraderie between competing teams, the willingness of senior teams to pass on advice and, of course, Omni, Omni, Omniscore!" *All 4 One*

What did the teams think?

"Ronnie O'Brien is a star!" *Angels*
 "They did a great job. Sue must be the most organised person in the world!" *V Max*
 "Great Vibes!" *Raz*
 "Good Nationals, well run" *Splitter VXB*
 "Thanks to Sue Meacock for her fantastic input and organisation and to the gang at manifest" *All 4 One*

Everyone mixed well and shared information in a way I can't believe happens in other sports. So many teams were inspirational, here are the winners in each event, with a brief run-down of each...



SENIOR 4-WAY



Gold – Sebastian XL

Team members: Pete Allum (13,600), Toby Stafford (7,000), John McIver (7,000), Lee Love (5,000), Ian Brown (camera, 5,000)

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Home DZ: Sebastian

The team has been together since 1995, winning every Nationals with an easy margin. Sponsorship from Skydive Sebastian, from Gary Southam, Ian Cohen and from the BPA plus immense personal talent and dedication has enabled them to explode the standard of British skydiving. They have set new British Record scores and averages every year; at this Nationals, a new British Record score of 25 and a clean average of 18.7. They are so far ahead of other UK teams that it must be a real challenge to raise their own scores, without the added mental push of teams snapping at their heels. Therefore the guys compete in the US Nationals, the America's Cup and the World Cup.

Following the UK Nationals, the team set a British Record score of 35 points (that's one a second!) in the US Nationals where they came fourth with an average of 19.5. They are currently representing the UK at the World Meet where we wish them every success in attaining their dream goal of a medal. Whatever they achieve there, they can be proud of their success so far – pushing their own skydiving to amazing new levels, inspiring and helping countless other British teams.

Team Quote: "Go Large!"



Silver – V Max

Team members: Claire Jenkinson (1,000), Sarah Laughton (1,300), Kate Stephens (650), Sacha Chilton (1,000), Brian Vacher (camera, 900)

Training jumps: 200+, 2 weeks at DeLand and 1 in Sweden, both with Solly Williams

Home DZ: Netheravon

The team has only been together for eight months, yet have achieved a higher average than many teams who have trained for years. *V Max* won the gold in the DeLand leg of the America's Cup. They are all female, yet did not set out to create such a team; it just happened that the people they wanted to jump with were women. They are refreshingly feminine yet not in the slightest bit 'girly', their attitude to skydiving is business-like, efficient and calm. This approach undoubtedly helped their performance, combined with the lack of competition between members of the team (no male egos there!).

The biggest thing they learnt was understanding what made each other tick, especially under pressure. The team raved about "the positive attitude and support given by other competitors plus achieving our goal average". Their aim was to achieve a 10+ average, they scored 11.5 with no busts. Cooi Chicks!

V Max is attending the World Meet in Australia where the first Women's World Cup is running alongside the World Championships in Australia. *V Max* believes that competing on a world stage will offer valuable experience and also offers a real opportunity for a British team to come home with a medal in 4-way FS.

They commented "lots of people have asked us about women's competition. Our view is similar to that of having women's only sessions at your local gym. It provides positive encouragement for women in competition but is not there to exclude us from an open event." They aim to complete a 50 jump training camp in DeLand before competing in Australia (at their own expense). In the year 2000, they plan three week's training and to compete in the America's Cup, some Regionals, the Nationals and maybe the World Cup.

Team Quote: "Solly planned our training according to what we wanted to achieve and the number of training jumps we could do. In hindsight this was invaluable because it let us have a realistic plan."



Bronze – Quiksilva

Team members: Al Macartney (1,900), Wayne 'Tomo' Thomas (1,000), Ian Cashman (4,500), Brian Dyas (5,000+), Dave Tyler (1,400), Brad Reader (zillions of camera jumps)

Training jumps: '99: 6! '98: 150 at DeLand with Solly Williams

Quiksilva won the intermediate 4-way two years ago and took senior bronze last year. "Dave 'Fat Bloke' Tyler got stuck in war-torn Albania so we had to get Dodgy Dyas to fill his slot. We planned to train the week before but the weather was cack." *Quiksilva* averaged 11.1, making this the highest scoring silver and bronze senior 4-way since 1994. The draw was not fast.

Team Quote: "We're now going to train hard and look forward to a rematch with the chicks"



INTERMEDIATE 4-WAY



Gold - Splitter VXB

Team members: Josh Burrill (580), Kate Stephens (600), Andy Ibbertson (1,200), Derek Thomas (squillions), Brian Vacher (camera, 900)

Training jumps: 0

A scratch team put together with one phone call 'because we all fancied Kate', they averaged 9.75 with a high of 14. Individually, a lot of competition experience, Josh from last year's intermediate winners, XS, Andy from *How Bizarre* (intermediate bronze), Kate from *V Max* – oh, and Mr Javelin himself. They learnt "to have fun, to go fast and (as Derek kept saying) to win!"

Best thing about the Nationals
"the good evening food"
Worst thing "the tab at the end".

Team Quote: "Buy Javelin!"



Silver - Ground Rush

Team members: Jonno Horne (1,000), Sarah Withers (650), Paul Morrison (450), Paul Barnicoat (650)

Training jumps: 50, Train in Spain with Nuggets (PG) + weekends at Nethers

Home DZ: Cornwall (Nethers for Johnno)



The team has been together for just nine months, winning the Andy Kelly 4-way meet and scoring an average of 8.9 in the Nationals. They were 'a bit disappointed' with their scores but rated the Nationals high for atmosphere.

Team Quote: "What a fantastic meet. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Lots of help from Pete Allum. See you all next year."



Bronze - X Tricks

Team members: Ash Kemp (1,100), Amanda Williams (600), Tony Silman (800), Sarah Silman (350), Steve Nalden (camera, 1,200)

Training jumps: two weeks in Eloy with Mark Kirkby

Home DZ: Weston

Formed this year from half of *Turning Tricks* (who came fourth last year), Tony Silman from XS and his wife, Sarah, the team had consistent scores other than the 'round from hell' where they scored a 4 with four busts! But the video of their 'burner' dive in training was impressive.

Team Quote: "Oh sausages!"

INTERMEDIATE 4-WAY

Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Splitter VXB	12	10	9	7*	9	14	9	8*	78
Ground Rush	8 ^J	9	9	8	9	15*	8	5*	71
X Tricks	11*	8	9	10 ^J	8	4****	9	9	68
Get a Grip	4*	5	6	3	5	4	2	7	36

JUNIOR 4-WAY

Angels	11	12	13	16	16	12	16 ^J	7	103
All 4 One	10	10	11	8	8	9	11	5*	72
Raz	8	7	5*	10	8	7	9	4	58
Better Late Than Never	8	2 ^J	3	6	7	2	4	3	35
Braincell	3	1	4	4	1*	3	6	2	24

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JUNIOR 4-WAY

Gold - Angels

Team members: Sarah-Jane Walker (400), Katie Gardiner (400), Chris Peacock (500), Regan Tetlow (1,000), Neil Sharples (camera)

Training jumps: '99: 100 with Pete Allum in Sebastian 98: 20

Home DZ: Target Skysports

Angels of the North took silver in last

year's junior competition with an average of 8.5. Dave and Jo Eardley left when Jo fell pregnant. Enter Katie and Chris – so *Angels* were formed. Katie and Sarah actually did their first static line jump together! '99 has been an astonishing year for *Angels*, they won the junior event in the Scottish Nationals, Northern and Central Regionals, the British Nationals and the Hibaldstow money meet where they won £1,000. Their Nationals scores were outstanding – they set a new junior record of 16 points, which they scored on three rounds. Compare their average of 12.9 to last year's winners, *Army Red*, with 8.8. They said "Angels had the most fantastic Nationals – really went for it after round 3, and all of our training was totally worthwhile when we got the gold." What did they learn? "Keep smiling and dancing!" That says a lot about the team, there were constant jokes and merriment coming from the *Angels* gazebo and hammock. Regan, who runs about like a Red Setter on speed, is possibly the loudest person on the drop zone and gave a superb speech on party night in the style of the Queen before spraying quality champagne in the manner of Damon Hill.

Katie has the travel bug and is now leaving the team to go to New Zealand. Andy Ibbertson (*How Bizarre* and "all-round fab skydiver") is stepping in for next year. They plan "lots of training, one year in the intermediates and then seniors here we come!"

Team Quote: "Go for it junior skydivers, with training and commitment you can reach for the stars!"



Silver - All 4 One

Team members: Vincent Hart (340), Chris Callan (650), Max Lombardi (800), Jim Manson (350)

Training jumps: '99: 135, 2 weeks at Sebastian, 1 week in Royan, both with Chris Lynch '98: 55, 1 week at Sebastian with Chris

All 4 One did particularly well as their most experienced person has only 800 jumps.

How did the team get together? "Vince, Chris and Jim were brought together by Andy Kelly. We met Max at Andy's funeral and he begged us to join the team." The team was delighted with their Nationals performance,

their previous best was to score 5 and take fourth at the Scottish

Nationals. This meet "We set a team goal to achieve a 9 average and achieved it!" They plan to compete again next year.

Team Quote: "Big thanks to our extra large coach Chris Lynch for getting us to be in the same part of the sky together and bringing us to this level. Thanks to John McIver for his support during the Nationals and, last but not least, Andy Kelly for bringing us together. Blue Skies Buddy!"



Jason Aubin



Bronze - Raz

Team members: Ben Wood (650), Craig Bailey (320), Shane Wood (400), Karl Meban (450), Andy McGing (450, camera)

Training jumps: 60: 4 days in Empuria Brava with Yvan

Home DZ: Weston

Raz got together in Sebastian, January '99 and took the junior silver at the Scottish Nationals, Northern and Central Regionals. *Raz* came to the Nationals "to skydive and to drink lots. We achieved both aims, one more than the other." What did they learn as a team? "Select your team carefully. Don't have team meetings after nine litres of Vino Collapso!"

Team Quote: "Team Raz lived up to its name"



SENIOR 8-WAY



Gold - Junction 9

Team members: Tim Homer (3,700), Trevor Cannell (2,700), Julie Cannell (2,200), Darren Birkin (2,200), Andy Pook (2,700), Nigel Allen (3,700), Sharon Allen (2,200), Martin Soulsby (2,200), Bob Spratley (1,800, camera)

Training jumps: '99: 150 in 2 camps at Elsinore with John Hamilton, plus weekends at RAFSPA '98: 100 at Skydive Elsinore with John Hamilton

Junction 9 was formed in late '97 from a group of very experienced skydivers with three goals in mind:

1. to win the British Nationals
2. to achieve the highest average ever for a British 8-way team
3. to represent the UK in the World Meet

Junction 9 came second last year with an average of 9.2 but this was sufficient to achieve goal 3, becoming the British team (as the winning team included *Sebastian XL* and the current BPA rules state that no-one can compete in 4 and 8-way events). But, as the British team competing in an off-year, the pressure was on for them to 'prove themselves'. This they did by winning in style, 29 points ahead to achieve goal 1. They smashed the British Record 8-way score in the first round with a 16 (cf 13) and finished with an average of 10.6 which also sorts out goal 2.

Junction 9 won the 8-way speed event against just two other teams, with an average time of 14 seconds. They now plan as many weekend jumps at Weston as possible before leaving for Australia, go for it guys and girls and push that average even higher!

Team Quote: "We had something to prove and we did it! Hopefully we will prove something else at the World Meet."

Bob Spratley



Silver - XL Jav Pak

Team members: Pete Allum (13,600), Toby Stafford (7,000), John McIver (7,000), Lee Love (5,000), Derek Thomas (lots), Mark Scott (800), Steve Mursell (2,500), Nick Lupton (1,500), Ian Brown (camera, 5,000)

Training jumps: 2

The more astute of you may have worked out from the team name that it was formed from *Sebastian XL*, Mr Javelin and *4Pak*. They varied from brilliance (11 with a bust) to total discombobulation (0) but clocked up enough points for silver with a 7.7 average.



Bronze - I HOP (International House of Parachutists)

Team members: Solly Williams (squillions), Gary Smith (squillions), Clare Jenkinson (1,000), Andy Scott (2,000), Al Macartney (1,900), Dave Tyler (1,400), 'Tomo' Thomas (1,000) Ian Cashman (4,500), Brad Reader (camera, lots)

Training jumps: 0

I HOP was *Quiksilver*, Claire Jenkinson from *V Max* plus husband-to-be Andy Scott (ex *Army 9*) and two South African coaches, so in theory this team could not win the National bronze. But *Inversion 66*, whom they beat by two points, handed over their gongs with alacrity. *I HOP* had a great vibe and it was good to see Solly finally jumping in the British Nationals, he has coached here for the past four years.

Team Quote: "Get a South African coach. They trained all the 4-way medalists."



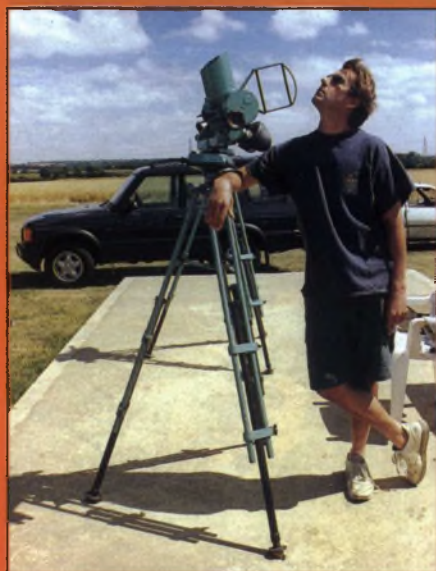
INTERMEDIATE 8-WAY



Bob Spralley

The intermediate 8-way was won by *Trash Pak*, a fairly experienced team, with *Junction 11* in silver position and *Angels on the Raz* (guess which two 4-way teams!) up for bronze (as *The Unjudgeables* had a foreign team member). The intermediate 8-way concept is popular and a great idea to mingle teams. But many teams (such as *Sebastian XL*, *Junction 9*, *Inversion 66*, *Angels on the Raz*) reckoned the intermediate 8-way dive pool is too difficult, including such nasty formations as cat, hourglass, rubick and iriquois! The scoreboard speaks for itself with a bunch of zeros – most demoralising. It is hoped by competitors that the 8-way pool will be re-examined with perhaps some easy blocks replacing the harder randoms in future. The rest of the format was praised.

"We had a right old laugh and realised that 8-way is not as straight forward as 4-way" *Angels on the Raz*



INTERMEDIATE 8-WAY

Round	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Trash Pak	0 ****	8	6*	4*	6	24
Junction 11	2	5	3	5	4	19
The Unjudgeables	0	2	0*	3	3	8
Angels on the Raz	0	0	0	1	3	4
Brain Speed	0	0	0	2	1	3

SENIOR 8-WAY

Round	1	2	3	4	5	8	7	8	9	10	Total
Junction 9	16	9	12	11	6*	10	10	10	12	10*	106
XL Jav Pak	11*	11	5**	11	9	9	0**	5	9*	7*	77
I HOP	8*	7	9	9	6*	3**	8	9	8	9	76
Inversion 66	6**	5*	11	6*	5*	9	7	6	11	8	74

SENIOR 4-WAY

Round	1	2	3	4	5	8	7	8	9	10	Total
Sebastian XL	21	20	19	21	17	14	17	20	13*	25	187
V Max	13	10	9	14	11	9	11	13	12	13	115
Quiksilver	13	11	9	12	9	9	10	13	9*	16	111
4 Pak	14	12	9 ^{JJ}	8 ^{JJJ}	12	3**	11	13	10	15 ^{JJ}	107
Junction 4	10**	12*	11	9*	9	11	10	9	7*	14	102
Junction 5	11	11	11	10*	9	7*	9	11	9	12	100
Nehiy	12	9	10	11*	9	9	5	11	8	14	98
4 Play	10	10	8	11	7	8	7	5**	10	13	89
Stir	8*	8	7	7	5	7	9	9	5	12	77
Mig	7	9	3 ^{JJJ}	9 ^J	8	6	9	10	6	8 ^{JJ}	75
Perfect Speed	5	1	3	5	4	3	1**	6	-	-	28

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4-way Rotations

The favourites here were *Cross Keys Zero Tolerance* who had been together for a couple of years, but a recent change of a team member (in came Spotty Bowles from *Cross Keys Crew*) meant that they had only limited jumps together as a full team. Despite this they excelled by putting scores of 10, 11 and even a few 12's on the board. With more training these guys look like they will do the country credit at future World Meets. *Team X*, not having trained this event, was simply not able to compete with such scores but happy to peak at an 8.

8-way Cross Keys X Tolerance formed from 4-way rotations winners *Cross Keys Zero Tolerance* (navy shirts) and silver medalists *Team X* (white shirts)

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4-way Sequential

This time *Team X* were set to show what they could do despite having had one team member leave at the beginning of the year and another leave just prior to the Nationals. On their first dive, they equalled the current British record of 5 points (that they had previously set). The sixth point was less than two seconds outside working time. *Zero Tolerance* also did very well considering they had not trained sequential, scoring a high of 3 points. *Team X*, with its new members and a new coach, is now training with the long-term goal of medals at World Meets.

8-way

Cross Keys X Tolerance (no prizes for guessing which 4-way teams joined up here) was the only team in the event. It promised to be interesting, as *Team X* were jumping Lightning 160's while *Zero Tolerance* were on Lightning 126's! Despite this the 8-ways went fine with *Team X* building the initial diamond set-up and *Zero Tolerance* docking on the bottom, the quickest time being 1 min, 28 sec.

Intermediate

This had *Freddy Crewgers* entering the Rotations and local team Wild Geese in the 4-way Speed. Both teams were the only entrants in their event but did very well and some of their 4-stack builds were faster than the seniors. *Team X* and *Zero Tolerance* were giving plenty of free coaching and some members were jumping in the teams too.

Judging

The meet was primarily judged using air-to-air video as opposed to ground-to-air, which is normally used. The weather conditions meant it would have been extremely difficult without air-to-air. Full credit to the cameramen involved, mostly PD and John McCourt.

Snippets

Safety was taken very seriously and the only cutaway of the whole competition was that of an accuracy jumper. Little story – *Team X* arrived at a French drop zone to train, they looked up to see a parachutist with a malfunction cutting away. A girlfriend of one of the team members said quite seriously, "What's he doing cutting away when he's jumping on his own?"

Towards the end of the meet, Alan Fielding began to comment that he was very impressed as this was probably the only CF Nationals that he had been to where he had not landed off the drop zone. Well, lo and behold, a few jumps later and we paid a visit to a local farmer's field! Thanks Alan, ever heard of Murray Walker?

Apres-Jumping

During bad weather periods, Wild Geese kindly loaned out their minibuses to allow competitors to travel around. We were given free use of the Pine Trees health club owned by Dave Penny, the DZ owner. Much fun was also had in the evenings, in either the Pine Trees or more local places where refreshing ales could be purchased. Watch out for *Freddy* from *Freddy Crewgers* when out drinking though!

Northern Irish Record

When the competition finished, members of *Team X* and *Cross Keys Zero Tolerance* teamed up with local jumper Francis Mullin to build a

"Why's he cutting away when he's on his own?"

9-way diamond and establish a new Northern Ireland record for the largest canopy formation. PD finally managed to dock on a formation (the collision on round 1 of the rotations doesn't really count) this time and then swung round to get some good video footage looking up the formation (*Where's the pictures? – Ed*).

And Finally

A local councillor presented prizes. A photographer from the local press ensured the Nationals got some good media coverage, as well as the radio and television footage that had already gone out. All credit should go to Wild Geese for a really great time had by all. Thanks also to Maggie and Dave Penny the CCI and owner, John Hitchen the Meet Director and all the judges, especially Jayne Harrison the Event Judge. I am sure that many will return to the province to sample the local ale sometime in the near future.

Alastair Macartney

on the SOAP BOX

Wot, no Customers?

This is a gripe which many of my co jumpers share. It has been the source of irritation on a number of DZ's nationwide.

As dedicated club members, we spend the majority of our valuable free time and hard-earned money at the DZ. Surely it is reasonable to expect to be treated as customers, be it by the manifest, instructors, canteen or club shop staff?

It seems to have become the norm in certain places for both visiting jumpers and regulars to be snapped at. I have seen students shunned when asking for briefings, canteen customers made to feel they are an inconvenience, riggers displaying annoyance at having to perform a kit check and bad grace from manifesters when visitors ask for a refund on unused jump tickets.

Having been lucky enough to jump in mainland Europe and the US, I notice that the way skydivers are treated is completely different. I would like to praise the majority of British drop zones who have always given a warm welcome to regulars and non-regulars alike. But I look disappointedley at those who do not seem to recognise the value of customers to their business.

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The team was formed from ex French 8-way members, plus shining stars like Coco and a token Brit, Darryl Moran. The team's average was 10.3 – this included one round where they scored a 21. Felicitations!

In second place were *Les Parrots*, 60 points behind with 43. Followed by *Noene* in bronze position with 40 points. The Dutch team *16MB* were fourth and Brits *Mixteen* fifth.

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Brit100 Video

The 100-way has come and gone but the memory lives on. And how it lives! Dave McKelvie has spent hours with the footage from four dedicated cameraflyers plus countless flight recorders (PC7 style) and used all the funky editing packages at his disposal. The result is simply fantastic.

The *Brit100* video is the most magnificent collection of stunning skydiving images. Especially the unusual, dynamic and outrageously funky visuals as Adrian Nicholas carves around the formations. The speed of some of these passes takes your breath away. None of the clips are more than a few seconds long and one image flows, melts or dissolves into another, keeping the excitement going. TV interviews, press cuttings, vibes, sugar stunts, tracking dives, web pages; all are included. The video builds up to the 100-way jump itself, the mood subtly changes here, there is a real flavour of the excitement of that jump. I was welling up with remembered emotion, recaptured by clever use of pictures and sounds. The atmosphere at Langar is superbly conveyed, many different aspects of *Brit100* are shown and the video is a tribute to the team spirit and talent of the people involved.

The soundtrack itself adds enormously to the enjoyment. It is superbly mixed, the tracks with each other, and with the video footage. The tunes are mostly kickin' (as George would say) with the odd emotive one cunningly incorporated. The editing shows flair, finesse and sensitivity (such as *Braveheart* playing in the background as George makes a gaffe on live TV about 'English' rather than 'British' jumpers!) The quality is crisp and clean, as editing has been done in DV to minimise copying losses. The video of the *Brit100* week at Langar is some 25 minutes long. It is followed by complete credits, then a 'free extra', the *Brit100* training video which was made by Dave McKelvie and Graham Harris and used throughout '99. Useful information, reminders and handy hints for all aspects of large formation loads.

If I had to find something to criticise, the only thing would be that a non-skydiver might find it difficult to identify the 100-way from the build-up without a commentary. But that makes it easier for the skydiver showing the video to wax lyrical about their sport, without interrupting the show.

In summary, the video is an intimate, emotive and exciting record for those who took part and great entertainment for those who didn't. It is selling for the ridiculous price of a tenner plus £2 p&p (proceeds to *Brit100*). Every drop zone should have one! Photos of the 100-way, as featured in last issue's centre spread, are also available.

Lesley Gale

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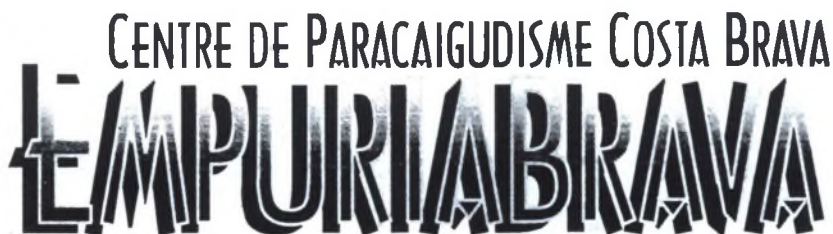
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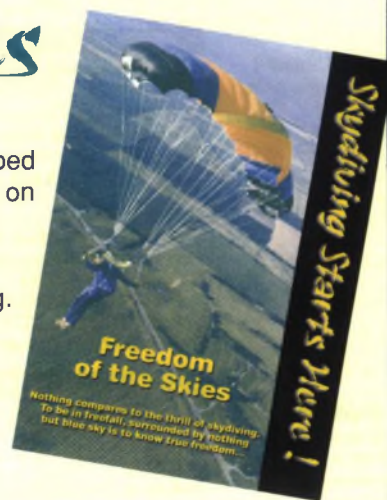
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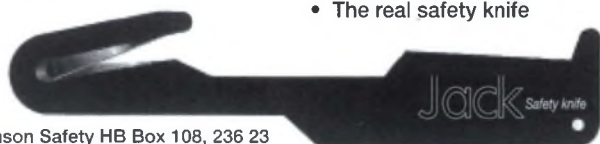
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Club News

Stuart Morris



Sunset 4-way: Brian Burke, Brian Jones, Dave Head, Darren Baillie over Ark

North West

CONGRATULATIONS:

CF team *Zero Tolerance* (John Williamson, Stan Peake, Tim O Sullivan, Spotty Bowles) again brought home the silverware:
1st Scottish nationals
4-way rotations
1st British nationals
4-way rotations
1st British nationals
8-way rotations

1st Freefall: Jim McGrath

Cat 8: Mike Henderson, Mike Frost

200 jumps: Amanda Saunders

500 jumps: Chris Franks

1,000 Jumps: Tony Massey, Helen Shaw (1st female at Ark to do this)

MORE CONGRATULATIONS:

Darren Baillie & Amanda on their wedding

Doug Summers

Wild Geese

Flap their Wings

The summer season brings on the usual skydiving excursions. Our thanks to Drew for flying 10 lucky jumpers to Empuria in the Caravan. Empuriabrava is now becoming one of the more favourite away DZs, with the lure of consistent weather, and a wealth of experience always an attraction.

Alongside the usual quality FS jumping, Mick Gook took to the skies on his board. The 'Gooky' board had been hung on the hangar wall gathering dust for some time. However, Movenis locals have now experienced the sight of Mick on his brand spanking new board. Fancy trying it out of the 206?

Club jumper Francis attended the Spectakel CF Event in Belgium. Cheap jumps, top coaches, and free use of PD Lightnings. If anyone is interested in some serious CF coaching in a relaxed atmosphere, then this is the place to go. For the experienced crew-dogs, how does the idea of the top coaches in the world, and Belgium's record (25-way) attempts sound? There is CF jumping for everyone. See you there next year.

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

1st freefall: Chris Quinn, Keith Hoy

Cat 8: Salaam Masood, Stephen Robinson

FS1: Irwin Armstrong

IS1: Steven 'Babe' Kirk

SS1: Mick Gook

500 jumps:

Francis Mullin

Peter Lehane

1,000 jumps

John McCourt,

Mick Gook

Francis Mullin

Strathallan

Strathallan held an open week which proved very effective, with quite a few people taking one more step towards being the next British champion(s).

Cat 8: Vicky Wilkson, Scot Clarke, Alan Russell

1st freefall: Rob Miller, Duncan Cockburn, Paul Paterson, Dave Mitchell, Jeb Patterson, Malcolm Ferguson, Eddie Pritchard

Richard Buchan is leaving Scotland and moving south. We all wish him luck in his new home and job

Kevin McPhillips and Marian Shearer tied the knot on 17 September. Congratulations! They are having not one, but two parties, one in Glasgow and the other in Dublin. A good start to a marriage!!

Quote: "I am not competitive. I just want perfection". (K Strachan)

Kelly Strachan



Dave West and Marian Shearer by James Stevenson

Services (PC) With A Smile

After a slow start to the season, SPC(NI) is now up and running and extremely busy. Most days we see another 12 students on the one jump course and leaping into oblivion from our Cessna 206. We spend most of our lives packing student canopies!

Climbing to altitude is always a joy, with our resident pilot Mr Tom Boyle at the helm.

We say a sad farewell to Ginge and Shirley Brown and the 'Boss' Nick Sealy-Thompson who leave Northern Ireland on posting to climates warmer. We wish them all the best and hope they come back and see us soon.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1st freefall: Pete Watson, Dai Davies

100 jumps: Baz Phillips

Cat 8: Tara Boyle

1st CF: Sy Harlett

Sy Harlett

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Cat 8: John Doherty
1st freefall: Mark Bentley, Tina Wiseman, Tony Randal
500 jumps: George Katsoulis
600 jumps: Stew Wilks
500 tandem jumps: Mike Rust
1000 jumps: Shaz Simonian and Brucie (OK, Shazza you win!)

News

Congratulations to Chris Ives and Lizel Snyman on their January wedding in South Africa.

Sylvian Herrick did her first naked jump (*where's the pic?* – Ed).

Mike Rust is organising a reserve ride convention (date to be arranged). You must have at least three reserve rides to register!

Brucie Johnson
 (without a T – Ed!)

Dive at Dunkeswell

So far the season's been very good; the C206 has exceeded 4,000 descents (already more than all of last season).

Two CF seminars resulted in several 5-stacks with Emma Bulford docking fourth and Chris (Firestarter) Landry and Ron Bradley-Norman gaining CF1.

Gary Harbird (our youngest club member at 16) started AFF in March and has now managed to pass the 100 jump mark including several canopy formations, subsidised by his demon packing.

July saw seven people jumping balloons, and six the daring jump out of 'Dawn Patrol' the Stamp bi-plane based here (thanks to Simon for his excellent and very exciting flying).

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Cat 8: Chris Kendal
FS1: Jules Harrison
D Licence: Alison Harkins

Before the season ends, we are looking forward to jumping the Hughes 500. There will also be night jumps to make the onset of the dark evenings more bearable!

Alison Harkins

Alive and Kicking at Netheravon
 Netheravon punters have had a treat weather wise this summer and with the return of the bin liner (eventually!), jumping has been limited only by wallet size.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Cat 8: Karen Burnett, Dave Alleyne, Sarah Smith, Andy Lett, Darren Cookson
FS1: 'Audrey' Hepburn, Sharon Leftwich
200 jumps: John Bagwell, Tim Pickersgill
500 jumps: Sandy Nealis
1000 jumps: Jonno Horne - who also passed his degree course, now all he needs is a job! Any offers...?

Alive and Kicking at



Netheravon

24 hours in freefall:

Martin Williams
 Congratulations are also to *Airgasm*, winners of the intermediate 4-way at RAPA, and *V-Max* on their success at the Nationals. Not forgetting Nige and Sharon Allen who are on their way to the World Meet, representing Britain in the 8-way.

A special mention for Liz and Sheryl who, after 12 years hard graft in the canteen, have finally hung up their tea towels for the last time. Thanks girls, and good luck to Madge who takes over.

Coming soon: Halloween party (30 October).



Jamie Fowler back in the sky as passenger on a tandem 16-way with Barrie Buck, during APA Championships

Army Parachute Championships

With 24 4-way teams, seven 8-way teams and 43 individual entries, the competition proved the largest in recent years.

The management were very flexible in allowing teams who could only compete at weekends to play catch-up and by Sunday, the meet was complete. The party was enhanced with a pig-roast (sorry veggies) and a bucking bronco.

Highlights were the 8-way, both Speed and FS and Jamie Fowler's 16-way tandem. The prizes were presented by our president Sir Michael Rose.

Teuge parachute club in Holland kindly sent their Cessna Grand Caravan over for the prizegiving, to allow the APA hierarchy a look at an example of their prospective purchase (watch this space... delivery hopefully in time for Easter 2000 boogie!)

Overall an excellent meet with good weather. Everyone did an outstanding job and we look forward to a similar turnout next year.

APA RESULTS

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Kath Salisbury

Border Beaches – Sun, Sea, Sand and Smiles

Having been prevented by the weather from completing our beach jump programme, the gods finally smiled on us and provided the most perfect weekend of the year. It was hot and sunny with a steady breeze – ideal for all jumpers. Throughout the morning we watched the tide receding until we had miles of wonderfully empty beach to jump onto. The visuals are absolutely fabulous. The sea and beaches here are among the cleanest in Britain and with the exit point about 200 meters out over the water, the view in freefall is beautiful. Four lifts jumped onto Beadnell Beach and there were lots of smiley faces. The barbecue rounded off a great day and to cap it all Sunday was gorgeous as well, so we jumped more happy people onto the sand. We'll definitely do it again so keep an eye on the diary.

MILLENNIUM JUMPS OFF

Unfortunately, due to the unavailability of a larger aircraft, we are not going ahead with the millennium night jumps. Our apologies to anyone planning on coming up for them. (*Maybe try Brid – Ed*)

CONGRATULATIONS:

1st freefall: Norrie Hogg, Mandy Hogg, Lisa Campbell
Cat 8: Andy Gemmell
 Sarah Coleman on her engagement to Fraser

Katherine Andrewes



Dave Hutchinson



Glenn Stephenson



Phil Hurcombe

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Parachutists Over Phorty Society



BKPC MEET 31 JULY- 1 AUGUST

The centre was open from midday Friday and some Pops even managed a warm up jump ready for the weekend. Saturday morning's weather was good. John (who made and donated our new rocking chair) and Hilary Peck and dog Pippin navigated the waterways in their narrowboat from near Leicester to Chorley, Lancs and then hired a car to get to Cockerham. A round trip of eight weeks - that's got to be a record! 17 jumpers registered so we started, as usual, with the Hit & Rock.

Competition was fierce with 15 members entering. Accuracy followed with 12 members competing for the Doncaster Plate. With winds light, the super swoopers put on a good show, and most rounds were completed by the end of the day. The evening barbeque was a great success, with *Stewth* providing the music until the small hours. We finished off the last few accuracy jumps on Sunday morning. John (Cookie) Cooke, our first ever Top Pop, presented the prizes and medals. It was nice to see so many past and present Pops members and their families, thank you all for making my last meet as secretary so enjoyable.

RESULTS

Hit & Rock

1st: Colin Whitaker 9.90 secs
2nd: Eddie Davies 10.59 secs
3rd: Glenn Stephenson 11.42 secs

Glenn & Gail Stephenson



Gail Stephenson



Accuracy

1st: Glenn Stephenson (see pic above)
2nd: David Gaskell
3rd: Eddie (Super Swooper) Davies

Team Accuracy

1st: David Gaskell, Dave Parry, Roger Goddard
2nd: Glenn Stephenson, Phil Harris, Sean Parsons
3rd: Barry Lane, Eddie Davies, Tony Massey

Glenn also received the Doncaster Plate for the accuracy and a ceramic mug (made and donated by Chris Carpenter) for overall winner.

VOLUNTEERS STILL REQUIRED

I still need names of people willing to take on the role of Hon Treasurer/Sec for next year. The post runs from the AGM for three years and at the end of it, you will be Top Pop for three years, we also require people to judge at our UK meets next year.

NEXT YEAR'S MEETS

Suggestions have been made for a meet in Cyprus, possibly at the end of April for two weeks. Another will be at Wild Geese and two other UK venues. I will confirm these in the next issue, after I work the dates around the Regionals and Nationals.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

David Gaskell, Gail Stephenson, and Harry Herbert, ex para and member of Arnhem veteran parachute team.

Sue Hill
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Belgian Top Pop and Belgian Pops I
Master Rigger and FAI Judge

After a very short illness, just five days, Rene Boidin died on 20 July.



Photo by Inger Allum

Rene will be remembered for his smile and caustic wit (in the pit), as many Pops jumpers attempted accuracy landings at drop zones all over the world. He was a judge at all the previous World Pops meets, and was preparing, with his wife Anneke, for the trip to Canada for his fifth meet. Unfortunately he will not be there; he will be sadly missed!

Rene was well known not only in the Pops world but also as an international judge, renowned throughout the skydiving world.

Our thoughts are with Anneke and the family.

Michael Allum

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Swamped at Eaglescott

All at Eaglescott (known affectionately as the 'The Swamp') have taken full advantage of the summer weather. In June we headed off to RAPA. We had a brilliant time with loads of firsts and plenty of Becks!

The regulars and staff of The Kings Arms Pub, Winkleigh, (the place you're most likely to find us all on a Saturday night) did ten static lines and one tandem and raised £500 for the Devon Air Ambulance. We're delighted that some of them returned to continue their progression.

New CCI, Jeff Chandler, has been off competing in style and accuracy competitions. Congratulations to Sid Samea and Paul Hatcher on their degrees. Rick Boardman spent weeks using us as guinea pigs in preparation for his category system instructor course.

First freefall: Claire Palmer, Lawrence Austin, Gavin Slade, Helen Taylor and Jenny Herd and Pippa Trout (at RAPA).
Cat 8: Marcus Cater, Claire Palmer
300 jumps: Richard Smith
800 jumps: Andy Holloway

Pippa Trout

Bracing at Brid

1st freefall: Dave Sinclair, Penny Gilmore, Mike Burton, Richard Baldwin
Cat 8: Wayne Locker, Dave Agnew, Ken Wharton, Cat Swift
100 jumps: Rob Mitchell, Michael Coffey



Congratulations to Steve Watts who completed his charity bike ride from Lands End to John O'Groats. Steve raised over £5,000, despite a last minute accident resulting in a fractured skull and multiple stitches on his face. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We welcome Steve Ryan, our new pilot. Our CCI Nicky Johnston did well in the Classics Nationals and has gained sponsorship from a local company for the next World Championship.

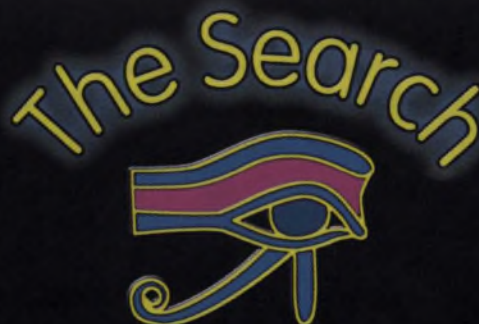
Work is still progressing on the new club facilities and we are anticipating completion for Xmas/New Year, when night jumps will take place. If anyone would like to attend the New Year night jumps, give us a call in advance.

Lynne Johnston

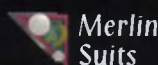
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Lots and lots and lots and lots.... at Langan

The jumpers have been making good use of the brilliant weather, so I haven't had to pay for much beer of late!

Adam Lewis and Tamsin Causer performed a successful 'Mr. Bill' jump a little while ago to raise a large amount of money for charity, and now it's an increasingly popular activity. A 'Mr. Bill' involves two people exiting the aircraft holding very tight to each other. One deploys immediately, and, assuming the opening shock doesn't get the better of the grips, the remaining one then skydives from there. Fun when it all goes according to plan - get some advice before trying this at home, kids! Matt Byrne, Kristian Winder, Tim Skilton and Chris Lloyd make up the current Mr Bill crew.

Sad news: Golf Kilo, our dear old Islander, has been sold. A lot of people will have fond memories of this aircraft, e.g. January lifts to 12,000 feet with no door. Hmm... Watch this space for news of a replacement.



Owen (the one with the built-in arch) has got his FS1 after just 3 months, 22 days in the sport

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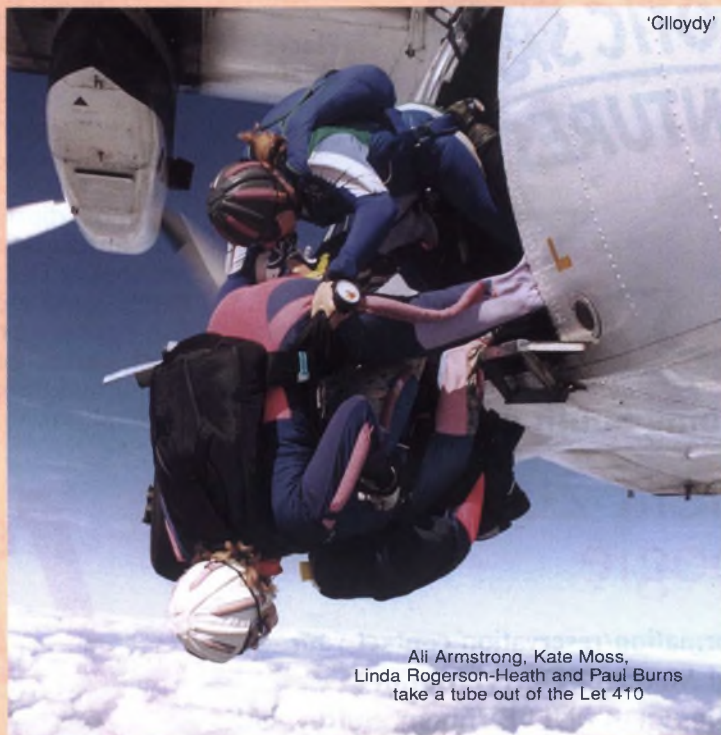
1st freefall: Kevin Joyce, Paul Thompson

Cat 8: Pip Thorne, Dario Delabovi, Mike Penman, Helen Goodrum, Michael Wilson-Roberts, Barry Hurley, Pete Piggan, Sarah Jordan, Chris Barker, Fred Maio, Gary Woodbridge, Owen Thomas, Chris Twine, Martin Cartwright, Richard Batten, Ya'acob Khan

Cat 10/FS1: Richard Perry, Dave Wright, Kristian Winder, Dave Brace, John Bryant, Paul Lewis, Owen 'Winkle' Waddingham

FF1: Kristian Winder, Tim Skilton

Loads jumps: Vicky Priest (100), James Buckley (200), Mike Gorman (400), Eliot Martin (500), Kev 'Woof' Fyfe (500), Graham Locke (700), Sonny Ford (900)



Ali Armstrong, Kate Moss, Linda Rogerson-Heath and Paul Burns take a tube out of the Let 410

Loads'n'loads jumps: Baz Carey (1,600), Milko (3,000, 3,100, 3,200, etc, etc), Chris Harrison (6,000)

Squillions of jumps: our glorious leader, Dave Hickling with 8,000 jumps!

Quite a while in freefall: Tim Skilton (4 hours), Chris McCann (8 hours), Jack Felstead (12 hours), Baz Carey (12 hours)

20 years jump flying at Langan:

Barry Goodwin

New jump pilot: Chris Davis

Phil Allen was re-rated on tandem, a good job, coz' we really needed him the

following weekend and a couple of our jumpers gained rating (see BPA listing) Well done, guys!

A couple of first timers are worth a mention. Sarah Short on her first RAPS jump on a warm thermally day managed a 23 minute canopy ride from 3,500 feet! Anybody know of a longer ride?

Congratulations also go to Alfred Hodson, our oldest first timer of the year, who did a tandem with Chris Harrison for his 80th birthday!

Tony Danbury



Richard Perry's FS1 dive, with Chris McCann, Matt Byrne and Chris Davis (Smile Richard - you're having fun!)

Summer at Sibson...

...was a good one. 2420 jumps were made in August alone and we hosted the FS and New Age Nationals.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

1st freefall: Spencer Green, Chris Marvin

AFF level 8: Caroline Allen, Steve Roome,

Rob Montgomery, Gordon Denney

Cat 8: Geoff Fritz, Matt Robinson, Max Radford, Paul Oke, Paul Duncan, Giles Owen.

FS1: Dilip Sundhoo, Philip Gould, Anthony Gould, Debi Chapman

NOTABLE JUMPS

Dave Martin (200), Kate Cornell (300), Steve Wood & Terry Jones (600), Steve Spingys, Mark Swarbrick and Chris Hollis (1,000), Brad Rock (4,000 and 2,000 tandem jumps).

Mixteen 16 won silver at Weston and Texel 16-way meets. Tony "Swoop" Shimmin managed to miss the Cambridgeshire countryside and swooped into the lake on an off-landing!

Tom Gordon has achieved Category 8. It's been a long road which he started down in 1985, when he did his first jump at Eaglescott. Jump two wasn't until

September '97, when Tom was working in Sibson bar and was saving (slowly) for a RAPS course. Wonder of wonders, he won £150 on the fruit machine at Sibson and promptly booked on a RAPS course.

Bye bye to Debbie and Brad Rock - hope you enjoyed the summer!

AND FINALLY...

Reports of Sibson shutting down for the winter have been greatly exaggerated!

Fact: We are open for business in the winter as usual and all our aircraft have in-flight doors!

Cornelia Waymouth

Heavenly Hinton

Praise be to the sungods for giving us back summer over the last bank holiday. Hinton was absolutely heaving and the turbolet hardly touched the ground.

August has definitely been a month of parties - the biggest to celebrate Mike Browne's 40th birthday (we want to see your medical Mike!). We had a live band followed by a disco.

Star club member of the month has to be Miss Madeline Moore, who threw up in front of the nice police officer who came to serve us with a noise abatement order - well it was a rockin' party!!!

Anyone who hasn't visited Hinton in the last year will not recognise the place with the addition of the shop, the building of the new video editing suite and the rigging room.

Finally the club bids a sad farewell to staff member Mark Johnston who is leaving us for outdoor pursuits! Position vacant for anyone able to pack from sunrise to sunset without taking a break.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

6,000 jumps:

Dave 'Emo' Emmerson

1,200 tandem jumps:

Geoff Wood

1,100 tandem jumps:

Dave Luke

300 jumps:

Zoe Carroll, Biff

200 jumps:

Maddie Moore,

Dave Mullins

Cat 10:

Alison Rowland,

Ted Murphy

Cat 8: Dan Cousins

(at last Dan!)

1st Freefall:

Timothy Lawrence,

Ambrose Poon

Rachel Gray

Baby Face

Big congratulations to Auntie Lou and Keth Ellis on the birth of their lovely daughter Jasmine - she came from a beautiful bump!



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RAFSPA Robbery

A busy summer for RAFSPA. The club was extremely well represented during the *Brit100* week, and also saw a number of teams enter the FS Nationals (*4Pak*, *X Trix*, *V Max*, *Junction 9*). Big congratulations go to *Junction 9* for their awesome performance – kick ass in Oz!

Chrissie Clements has done well (see Classics report). In the New Age Nationals, *Team Big 9* (formerly Playstation – Mike Frost and Andy Ford) won silver in the skysurfing – very respectable for a team who completed nine training dives this year!!

We have also joined the DZs who can boast a Turbolet 410, together with the Hungarian flying crew, who have taken to Guinness with tremendous ease!

RAFSPA end of season party is Saturday 23 October. All welcome – come and skydive by day, and party hard to the *Screamin Jekylls* plus disco by night!

CONGRATULATIONS:

First freefall: Nigel Holland, Andrew le Feume
1,000 jumps: Phil O'Connor (in California)
2,500 jumps: Andy Ford

WESTON 16-WAY MEET

Just three teams for the annual Dicko 16-way meet meant the scratch team called themselves *We've Got The Bronze*. This turned out to be true as they scored 1 point over the six rounds. Sibson's *Mixteen* took silver with an average of 2.7. The meet was won with an average of 3.4 by *Weak Leadership*, captained by Martin Soulsby. The name may have some relevance to the team training they did on the incorrect 16-way pool.



Silver: *Mixteen*

Judges Dona Crum, Karla Cole, and trainee, Burb Thompson did a great job.

The Saturday party in the hangar was enlivened with Richard Branson's stolen inflatable gorilla and Nicky Fegan's brother's superb band, *Strewh..*. Nicky's brother has just qualified Cat 8 at Weston after many years of entertaining the skydivers with his band.



Bev Ford Judges: Karla and Dona



Winning 16-way team: *Weak Leadership*



Bronze: *We've Got The Bronze*

TARGET SKYSORTS HOME OF THE CHAMPS

The trophy shelf behind the bar is full. Hibble dudes have been busy collecting gongs this summer.

Who's the fastest speed freak Brit? Chappy. Who went to the New Age Nationals and cleaned up? *Vice Versa*. Who went to the FS Nationals, won gold by 32 points clear of silver AND set a new national record? *Angels*. You too can be a winner, want to get to 14.5 grand faster and more often the anybody else in Britland?

Chappy is currently no.2 in the cool and groovy world speed rankings, averaging 287mph. He has returned from an international competition in Gap, France where he came fourth with a speed of 232mph. RESPECT.

Vice Versa are off to the world meet after their vertical boogie in Spain.

Chris Gauge set a Guinness record this year spinning well fast under his board. See you guys soon.

Angels have already started training for intermediates next year. Katie has left the team, she's off to New Zealand. Everybody at Hibbleland wishes her luck. In her shoes, *Angels* now have lbbo (Andy Ibbertson). and he's not shy when it comes burning off a few points.

A MASSIVE ERECTION!

The new hangar, packing shed, party palace is taking shape. After some worries from the locals about it's size it's all go now. Every week it just keeps growing. Will it be ready for the Halloween 10-way speed meet? Come and have a look.

Student progression has been pushed hard this year, with another progression week as I write. Gerald Cooper the pilot got Cat 8, then did a 10-way with the staff! Will Bradbury has got FF1 and Kai Sherwood got his FS1.

The first British handicapped money meet was won by *ANGELS* who picked up a check for a grand (they bunged it straight into the team jump account!)

Regan Tetlow

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Kelsall and Steve Hanky of the *Firestorm* skydiving team).

Our official website has recently been updated. It is not in its final format but have a look and let us know what you think by completing our Guestbook or leaving a message on the Bulletin Board.

As a small DZ we are exceptionally proud of the following achievements:

First freefall: Jim Unsworth, Simon Hodgkinson, Lee Rhodes, John Baxby, Roy Harriot, Jason Keith, Danny Rowlands, Scott Sanford, John Foster
Cat 8: Matt Durrant, Leigh Travis, Lee Birchall
Cat 10: Paul Prichard



Colin Whitaker, cameraflyer, winner of the Pops BK Hit and Rock Competition

PERSONAL JUMP ACHIEVEMENTS :

Russ Vanes (100), Chris Taylor (300), Hugh Morrison (500), Neil Sharples (900), John Parker (1,000), Billy Sharples (1,500)

Valerie McDonagh



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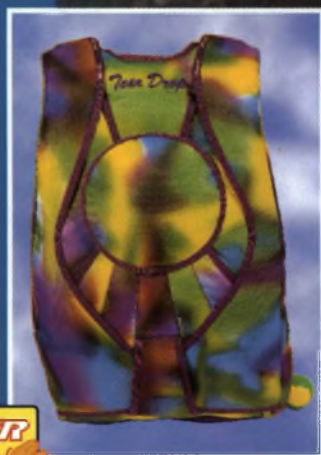
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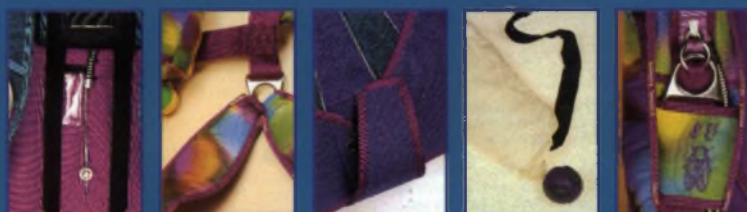


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