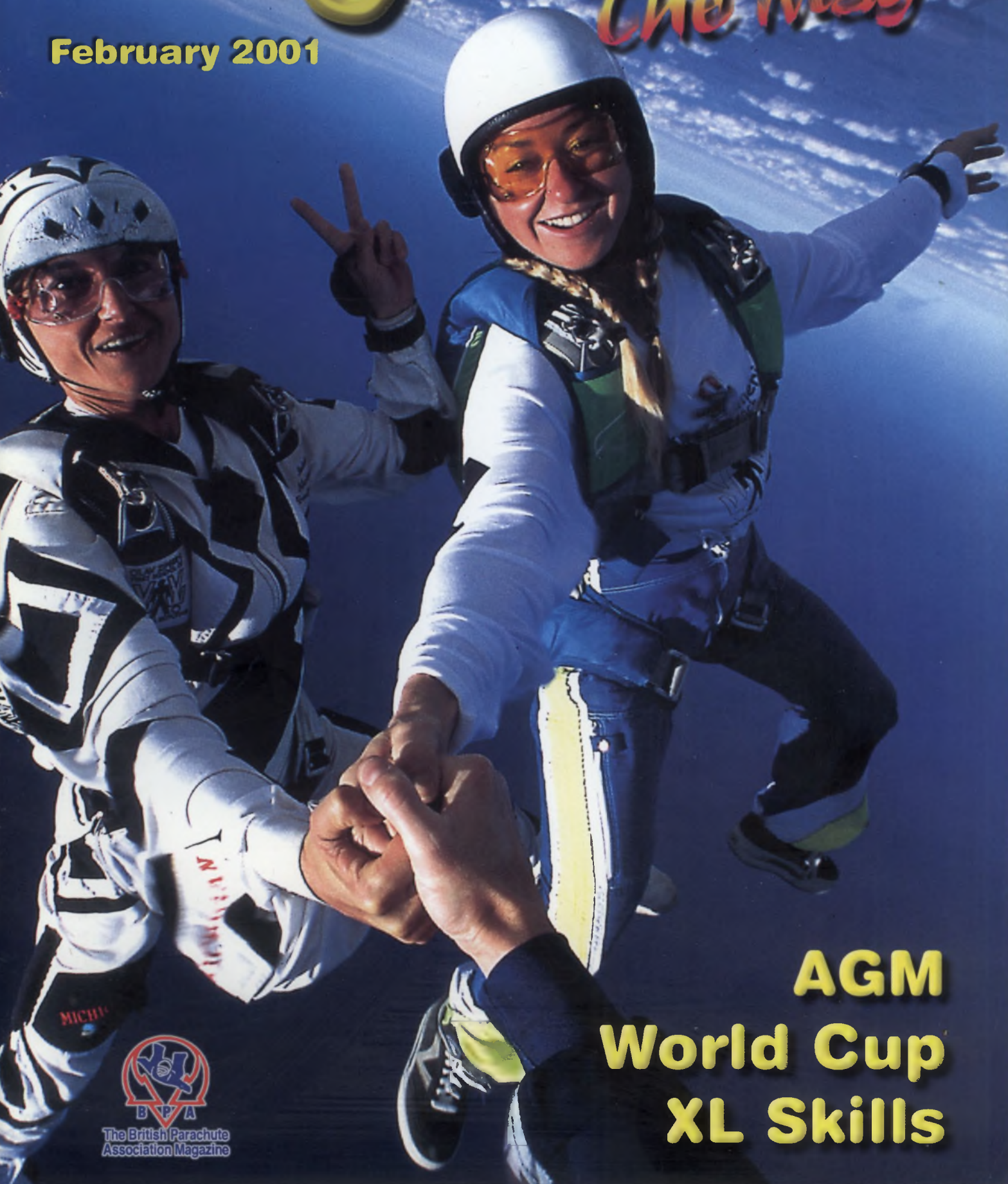


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As usual, a top AGM, efficiently organised, nice one Martin Shuttleworth and all the BPA staff. The day ran like clockwork, was packed with interesting stuff and had a terrific grand finale. We have a great Association, there must be very few that can boast such a healthy AGM turnout, year after year - roughly 10% of members is not bad for a national organisation.

Thanks to those who turned up at the Skydive Mag forum and gave their views. A couple of points of general interest were raised. One of these was a question on the Mag's editorial policy on letters. This is as follows: To be published, letters must be of general interest to the membership and not personal, vindictive, untrue (as far as we know) or likely to cause undue distress. If these conditions are fulfilled, we will always do our utmost to offer a 'right of reply' in the same issue to affected parties. In case of sensitive or specific areas, I will forward the letter to the relevant BPA officer, whether a Committee Chairman, member of staff or BPA representative. They will then decide whether it is suitable for inclusion in the magazine and, if so, will draft a reply. Sometimes this means letters will be held over until the next magazine to allow the time for a considered response.

Another area of high interest was the Starter Mag which prompted many good ideas for discussion. We hope that a second issue of the Starter Mag will be published this year as we are almost half way through the first print run. If anyone has ideas of what should be amended or added for the next edition, please get in touch with me or any member of Communications Committee.

Lesley

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For those of you who've missed George Pilkington's irreverant, inimitable touch, he is **BACK** to report on our AGM...

Once again the AGM marched around, the day to see all the other skydivers you know and get drunk with them. Yippee! What better way to spend a wintry day? At 10.30 Chris Allen, BPA Chairman spoke to a pretty full hall and entertained us with another PowerPoint presentation. (There really is no longer any street cred without this is there? Remember when it was Jumpsuit Booties)? Chris did a really good job, and the drivel was kept to a minimum (unlike this). Points what stuck in my mind were:

(That grammar was so bad I had to leave it in! - Ed)

Missing Members

BPA Membership at 4942. Now this figure is always interesting. Having been skydiving

actively for too long over ten years, I am sure that I have not seen or met more than about 1,000 jumpers. At all the AGM's I've attended, there has never been more than 650 people there. This year only 677 ballots were returned to elect Council.

Yet, we have all these members as each Mag has a print run of about 4,500 - 5,200, or so the Ed would have me believe. Where are these three thousand odd skydivers? I don't know, and neither do any of my mates! We have added these figures up every which way, and we still can't get 4942.

What's it all about?

Having given this some thought, the only conclusion that can be drawn is that somewhere, hidden from view, in the depths of the country is a secret DZ, probably called 'Area 51D'. Area 51D must be where these jumpers hang out.

First Time Jumpers are up by 11%! Good stuff. We should be concentrating our marketing efforts on the seduction of more whuffos. Skydiving has been the biggest thing in my life since the day I first let go of the Porter over Sibson. I did not know skydiving was available, I'm sure lots of whuffos don't either; let's tell them! All power to the Starter Mag which is doing just that. Retention is up too, keep it up BPA!

Bulk Dosh

The Sports Council, good old boys that they are, have given us another 45 grand. Nice and we are spending £25K of it on competitions. (A few years back they were threatening to cut us off...) This is excellent and I would like to put forward a suggestion that we spend the remaining 20 thousand quid on recruiting first time jumpers, because this is where tomorrow's competitors will come from



All photos
Simon Ward



Monopoly Room

Following this was a two and a half hour break before the seminars commenced. Most of us who were not in Room 101 were in the bar, or spending our money in the Mayfair & Piccadilly room where this year even more vendors were out in force. This is the first time most skydivers have been able to spend money on skydiving toys. The place was heaving every time I went in there. Rob Colpus, Chris Thomas, Sky Science, Chappy and numerous others were to be seen stuffing large amounts of cash into their pockets. It was good to see Kai from Cypres back again for his third year.

Seminars

The afternoon was full of seminars by learned members of the BPA. And what a blinding programme there was. Cyprus Challenge 2001, the event of the year, was PowerPointed RightUp. *VMax* I understand went down very well (!!! - Ed). Regan 'the one and only' Tetlow led a riotous talk and finished with "Just one more thing" and proposing to Sarah Jane, bended knee, ring and all! Naanrrrce. Proposals have obviously become an annual feature at the AGM, who will it be next year?

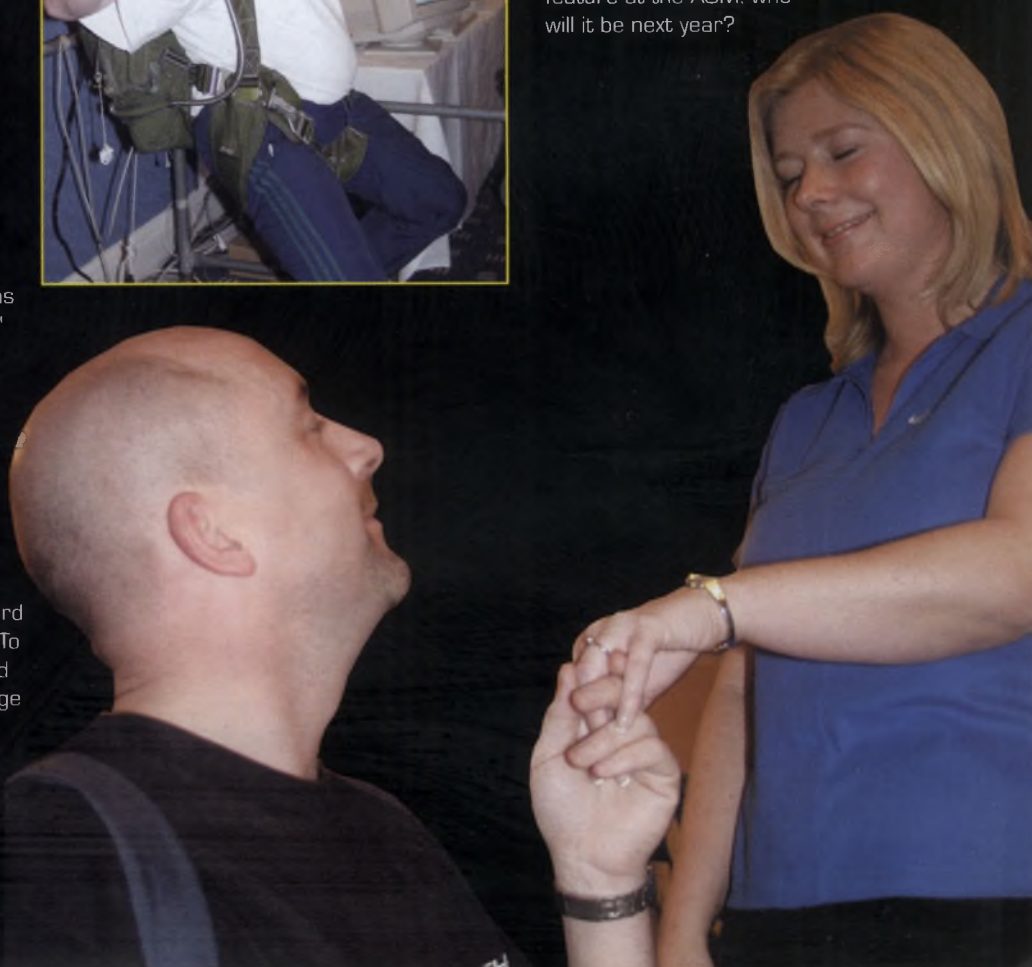
and currently we do not do enough of this. Alternatively, we could have a big fat party!

Elections

677 was the no of ballots returned to elect Council. (Where were the other 4,265 returns then?) Our illustrious Editor Lesley 'Cool Chick' Gale was the one we all voted for the most. And so she should be, what a 'stonkin job' she has done with our Mag. A few Councillors are now 'X' Councillors but most got back on. Big thanks to our outgoings, big welcome to the incomings on the big C. When the AGM was over Council all retired to 'Room 101' for their first meeting. Congrats to John Smythe on gaining the post of Vice Chairman, well deserved for someone who has worked so hard and please do what you said you would John. To all the BPA Council of 2001, if it's for the Good of the Membership, do it! If its not, then change it till it is!

And finally...

Oh yes and one more thing, Please, DO NOT HACK the BPA website! Thank you.



1,000 jumps:
Anthony Ackery

1,000 jumps:
Phil Howarth

1,000 jumps:
Davy Hogg

12 hours freefall:
Rusty Lewis

12 hours freefall:
Richard (Sonny) Ford

24 hours freefall:
Marcus Beck

15,000 jumps:
Pete Allum. (no Brit has
come anywhere near this)

REGIONAL OVERALL AWARDS

CANOPY FORMATION CHAMPIONS

Senior

Team Focus

*(or Out of Focus, sorry
about the photo!)*

Clive Bennett
Pete Thornton
Steve Tawse
Iain MacDonald

FREEFALL STYLE CHAMPION

Senior

Katherine Andrewes

ACCURACY LANDINGS CHAMPIONS

Novice:

Joseph Bickerton

Intermediate:

Alan Hamilton

Senior:

Glenn Stephenson

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5,000 Jump
Certificate to
Mike Wills



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Jeff Montgomery
from The Silver Stars

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MIKE FORGE TROPHY 2000

Alistair Hodgson
from Langar

(New Skydiver of the Year)

CCI's nominate a new skydiver at their Club for this award. The criteria used is that a relatively new skydiver is nominated, who has progressed well during the last year and is also considered to be a valuable member of his or her Club. Anyone who read the June magazine will know just how much this year's winner has achieved, if not then look back. Because of the number of nominations this year it was decided to award an additional Runner-up award.

Runner Up:
Claire Wilkinson
from Tilstock



FORMATION SKYDIVING CHAMPIONS

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Carpet Eaters
Eno Van Der Post
Phil Chapman
Jo Cleaves
Suzy Baldwin

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Angels

Sarah-Jane Walker
Andy Ibbetson
Regan Tetlow
Chris Peacock
John Goodyear

Senior

MIG

Rod Fairweather
Roger Ward
Ian Stevens
Tom Scanlon
Eddie Coleman
Kev Sargent

MIG had a hard year in 2000, with one person breaking an arm and another suffering a sudden, serious illness. Despite this, the team used various alternates and continued. Because of their grit and determination through adversity, the BPA awarded a certificate of merit to each team member, including Rob Colpus, the extra alternate.

Judges Certificates

Dona Crum	National Judge in New Age
Karen Hickmott	National Judge in New Age and Accuracy Landings
Bob Charters	National Judge in New Age
Gail Stephenson	National Judge in Accuracy Landings (pictured)
Julie Ballard	National Judge in Free Fall Style



PARTY



Top Totty

Then it was get ready to party time. I would like to say that this year, the AGM was blessed with more Gorgeous Babes than you could shake a stick at. STUNNING is just not a big enough word, it is so nice to see the girls looking Hot. Thank you ladies for this, you certainly made my night! (How were the boys looking then Cool Chick? - *Pretty damn sexy, it's refreshing to see you in suits which aren't of the jumping or birthday variety* - Ed)

Dinner

The food was delivered hot this year, very nice it was too and champagne flowed on my table. (clumsy? - Ed) This got us all ready to dance the rest of the night away. And why did we dance?

Hot n Horny

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Simon Ward*

The End

The rest of the night was spent by many in the bar, in rooms or asleep. The morning was a jaded affair, with a fire alarm going off at 10.45, presumably to get us all up and out. It worked.

Thanks again to all who attended, and to those who did not (that missing 3000+) You Snoozed! See ya.

George Pilkington



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JM's Newsround

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Renew old acquaintances via the Find a Muff page where all brothers' details are listed once forwarded for inclusion. I know there are a lot of 'Brit Muffs' who would probably be interested in the site. The Muff Brother twelve year reunion is coming up quickly, March 15-18 at Skydive City.

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Compiled by
John Mayo



KENYA BOOGIE

After the success of the November edition, Ronnie Limborg and the Kenyan skydivers are organising another Kenyan Boogie, March 3-11 this year, near Mombasa. All jumps are on the beach, from a Twin Otter, for FS, FF, AFF, tandem, or beach-chair and sandcastle jumps! The package cost from Switzerland is \$1,500 and includes: flights, hotel transfers, seven nights in a 4 star hotel, breakfast and dinner plus 25 jumps. Contact: ronnie_limborg@yahoo.com

Photos: Nicola Luke



Congratulations, Roggy!

Those of you who remember Nigel Rogoff's horrific accident at the Aston Villa Football Stadium just over two years ago will realise just what an uphill struggle it has been for Nigel to recover physically and mentally from the ordeal. It now seems as if life has taken a dramatic turn for Nigel as he is to be the father of twins in the spring!



Top parachutist is to be a father two years after near-fatal fall seen on TV by millions

Santa stunt sky-diver finds love (and twins) with the angel who nursed him back to life



CF WORLD STACK RECORD

The Red Devils (past and present) and guest jumpers will be attempting the world stack record, 1-9 September this year at Netheravon. The record currently stands at 24, jointly held by the Royal Marines team (1989) and an American team. Initial attempts will be to build a 25 stack, before building up. Anyone who is qualified at big CF formations and ready to go with minimal training should get in touch with their CF CV.

Wrap it up

Before that the Red Devils will be holding a CF weekend at Netheravon 4-7 May, if you would like to have a go at CF you are welcome whether you have CF experience or not.

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jim's newsround

Handbags at Dawn (well - 10:30 ish...)

Langar ladies' 4-way team *Handbags at Dawn* appeared on *This Morning* on 24 January. *H@D* are a fairly junior team who have done great stuff in 2000, winning the Woodmouse meet at Sibson. Watch out for them in 2001.

EXTREME

November saw the UK launch of the world's first TV channel solely dedicated to round the clock coverage of radical extreme sports and lifestyles. The free channel is available to all digital satellite TV subscribers and can be found on channel 422 between MTV and Eurosport. The Extreme Sports Channel enables viewers to watch the top names in extreme sports compete in the most popular and challenging international

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Net Trawl Swardypics

Simon Ward has posted some of his extensive library of photos for all to see and use. Go to www.clubphoto.com then type in his email address sward@pobox.com to gain access to his albums. Simon has posted about 20 folders, most of which are of some kind of skydiving. Anyone wishing to use any photo for personal reasons (private websites etc) may simply download a shot after asking his permission. Simon certainly won't be charging for non commercial applications. All the photos are sized to a maximum of 500 x 500 pixels and are typically up to 30k in size.



Check out Netheravon's excellent website done by Gwyn Burton:

www.netheravon.com

CF Spektakel site

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Council Elections

This year there were 18 candidates for the 15 seats on the Council. An election was therefore held with 677 ballot cards returned by the closing date. Of these, 64 cards were invalid because they had not been filled in completely or correctly. The number of valid cards was therefore 613. Results were announced at the AGM. The votes cast were as follows with the fifteen people at the top of the list being elected to Council for 2001.

Lesley Gale	448
Chris Allen	444
Paul Applegate	414
David Hickling	396
John Saunders	395
Kieran Brady	368
Ian Midgley	363
John Smyth	363
Dona Crum	355
Tim Andrewes	353
Ian Marshall	348
Chris Clements	345
Lofty Thomas	339
Craig Poxon	313
Carl Williams	304 [elected]

Richard Tregaskes	281 [not elected]
Mick Danby	269
David Tyler	219

Committee Chairmen and other officers were elected at the inaugural Council meeting, these positions are shown on page 1 of this magazine.

Renew Renew

Your BPA Renewal form is enclosed with this magazine. You must renew your membership by 1 April to be able to jump after this date. It seems a long way away now but it comes around quickly. Send your form to the BPA Office now!

A complimentary BPA car window sticker will be sent out with every full membership card at this year's renewal.

Martin Shuttleworth
BPA Office Manager

Competitions

COACHING ROADSHOW

It is planned to start the coaching roadshow in March 2001 and this will be a three year project. The aim is for current or ex National Champions and British Teams in all disciplines to run coaching seminars in their respective disciplines at drop zones around the UK, very much along the same principles as the Brit100 roadshow. The BPA will attempt to co-ordinate this and, over the next two years or more, it is hoped to build up an extensive circuit where all members can come along to be coached by our best athletes. To start the ball rolling we have a few dates here. It is intended that by the April issue we should have established a full programme for the rest of 2001 to build on for 2002. SO, WATCH THIS SPACE! Sebastian XL will only be available after the World Meet in June.

New Development Officer

Lucie Wood has joined the BPA staff as Development Officer, after graduating in Sport and Recreation Management from the University of Birmingham last year. Lucie's work for the BPA will involve development and promotion of the sport. This will include helping to maintain and further enhance the BPA website, helping the Council and its subcommittees to co-ordinate the BPA Action Plan for 2001/2, and identifying sponsorship opportunities.



Photo: Simon Ward

Royal Aero Club Awards

On 12 December 2000 John Smyth attended the meeting of the Medals and Awards subcommittee of the RAeC to fight the corner for the BPA nominations. The competition was intense as 2001 is the centenary year for the RAeC. As such the Awards Ceremony is to be held in the State Apartments of James Palace on Monday 2 April 2001. After much negotiation and argument, given the number of nominations from all airports, the following BPA members were successful and their awards were ratified at the full RAeC Council meeting on 16 Jan 2001

Prince of Wales Cup	Team VMax 1999/2000
(Sacha Chilton, Liz Groucott, Sarah Laughton, Kate Stephens, Brian Vacher)	
Nexus Aviation Journalist of the Year	Lesley Gale
Silver Medal	Adrian Nicholas
Bronze Medal	Tony Knight
RAeC Certificate of Merit	John Carter

Tickets for the RAeC Award Ceremony will be available via the BPA office. On such a special occasion it would be fantastic and greatly appreciated if as many members as possible could attend the awards ceremony to support our award winners. It will be a great night.

John Smyth
RAeC Rep for BPA

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Volunteers Wanted!

If there are any more ex Brit team members or nationals medallists out there who would like to join the coaching team please contact me.

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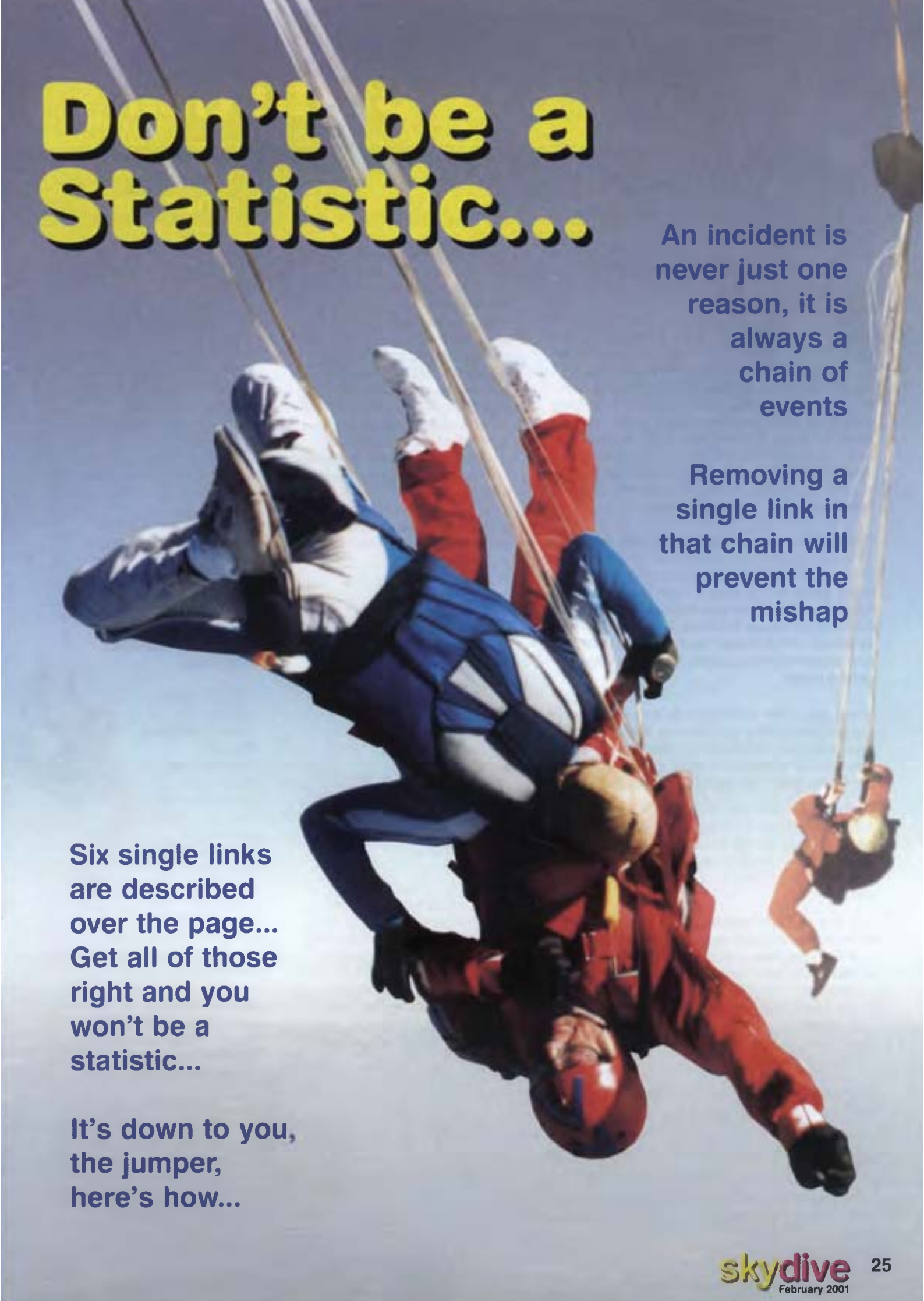
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Don't be a Statistic...

Choose the right gear

Choosing the right size and type of parachute for your weight and experience is the first stage in preventing a trip to the

hospital. Talk to as many instructors, riggers, dealers and manufacturers as possible. Buying wisely will keep you with a good safety margin, ready for those mistakes that will be made. No-one is 100% all the time. Even very experienced skydivers must consider how often they jump and in what situations before going for the smallest, fastest and least forgiving canopy.

The biggest misconception when buying a new canopy is that you may 'get bored' after only a couple of hundred jumps. Don't worry about it! Buy what is right for you now. Remember the pilots you most admire – Rickster, Chris Lynch, Bruno Brokken, Dave Morris – have all honed and perfected their skills on what we now would regard as docile canopies, without getting bored.

Make sure the container is suitable for the type of skydiving you intend doing. Not all containers are suitable for all disciplines. Be prepared for a change in area, you may do FS at the moment but will you take up freeflying?

Choose the reserve that will keep you safe when you need it most. You could end up opening fairly low on a reserve over obstacles with very little landing area. In this case your first jump on a small, very fast reserve will not keep you safe.

Ask the reason behind the advice:

- Is the person getting any financial incentives from a container or canopy?
- Have they experience on many different systems?
- do they give advice and get feedback on a regular basis?
- Do they have your best interests at heart?

Good luck, this is probably the hardest decision you'll ever have to make.

Choose the right person

Many mistakes have been put down to the person packing your reserve and assembling your system. This is beyond the control of most skydivers – or is it? Don't believe that all packers and riggers are equal. Training, experience and knowledge are all important. A newly qualified reserve packer can be better suited than an experienced reserve rigger, or vice-versa, so how do you decide who to trust with your life?

Don't trust just anyone! Find out if they are:

- well trained?
- experienced?
- knowledgeable?
- current with your system?
- of good reputation?
- very safety conscious?
- working in a controlled, safe environment?
- thirsty for knowledge?
- keen to keep up to date with the latest safety info?

Make sure you are completely happy with your choice of packer or rigger. Do your own research and make a well considered decision. Remember, as packers and riggers have to justify themselves the standards will stay high and you will be safer in their hands.

Look after your gear

Choose the right rigger to keep you safe. Take their advice.

Spend a little extra on changing that Velcro, line or pilot chute before it becomes a problem. Preventative maintenance is the best method of avoiding an incident. Have regular inspections on your own kit and get advice if you have the slightest bit of concern.

When your rig is due for a reserve repack ask for a main canopy inspection if you think it needs it. This will check the lines as the main parachute is not part of the reserve inspection procedure.

Talk to your rigger! Tell them if you have had any problems, no matter how trivial you think they are. Get to know what safety notices have been published reference your equipment and whether mandatory or advisable, so you can discuss the options.

Make informed decisions with the help of your rigger. Understanding your kit better may be the deciding factor in saving your life.

Broken lines, premature toggle release, pilot chute hesitation, line slump and much more can all be prevented. Have a keen eye and keep questioning serviceability.

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Brush up your packing

Packing has become an art. Even though most people are fairly happy with their pack-jobs, the incident reports disagree. Far too many reserve rides are down to poor packing.

After a period of successful pack jobs it becomes very easy to be complacent. It's very difficult to criticise your own pack jobs. After all they have worked very well for hundreds of jumps so why revisit an old skill? After a while, skills stagnate.

If you change your canopy you need to alter your packing. Canopies these days are so specialist that different methods have developed. Bother to learn the recommended method for your new parachute. This could save you from painful openings or a collision.

Do you know tips to prevent:

- Line over?
- Bag lock?
- Twists?
- Line slump?
- Off-heading openings?
- Hard openings?

Watch other people pack. Ask why so many skydivers pack so differently. Pick up tips. Imagine being part of a weekend 4-way team having a great time for years and suddenly you get a coach and all learn new tricks. It's obvious that you will get better and the same can be said for packing skills. But be sure to only take the advice that is relevant to your system.

Be familiar with your container and especially the deployment system. If you move to a pin pull (pullout) system get to know how it can malfunction when packed badly and what to do. If you have a kill line system, how do you know it is cocked? Is the bridle line correctly routed?

Buy into the system

Over many years the BPA have developed systems that are vital in preventing incidents from recurring. These have proven their worth. We've all heard stories of how the flight line check prevented an incident about to happen, or a keen eye has spotted something in the aircraft and stopped someone from jumping with a problem.

No-one likes having to work to a set of rules. This probably stems from childhood as it was never fair when it was bed-time! Many people dislike regulations, especially after getting caught speeding or going low. But I do believe laws are developed for the sake of the majority. Rules are a part of life. If we want to keep the majority of skydivers safe, we need to develop and stick to sensible regulations.

There are three main areas where you may be prevented from jumping unsafe kit:

1. By your rigger

A good reason to choose the right, conscientious, knowledgeable packer or rigger. They will have to abide by many rules which are there for your safety.

2. By DZ kit inspection

Drop zones have to do an inspection annually or when you visit a new DZ. This inspection is well worth doing just for peace of mind as the checker will be independent of the reserve packer, so is likely to pick up different problems.

3. Flight line check

A conscientious skydiver should do this check with the aim of looking for any faults, rather than just going through the motions. It is in your own interest to have this done properly. If you are missed out, ask a friend to check you out, it could prove well worth the effort!

Practice survival skills

The basic survival skills are:

- altitude awareness
- being able to pull
- good emergency drills
- awareness under canopy

Altitude Awareness is paramount.

Loss of altitude awareness is the big factor in pulling low, dumping the reserve or the Cypres deploying it. Jumpers affected range from 4-way team jumpers to students.

Use the altimeter or 'eyeball it'. I have always believed this is the first call, do regular checks during the skydive.

Use an audible altimeter as a back-up.

This will remind you when you get it wrong. If you have to rely on just the audible altimeter, as professional competition teams do, make sure you:

- have the best for the team
- all have them
- all take responsibility for altitude.

Deployment Problems. Not being able to find or deploy the pilot chute can be solved by more ground practice. This needs to be a very natural skill. As well as plenty of practice pulls, keep locating your pilot chute to build up the muscle memory. Always check your pilot chute prior to exit. If you have had a pilot chute hesitation at any time, consider whether it was due to a lazy pull and take appropriate action.

Cherish your reserve drills. Good reserve drills count for a lot when suddenly faced with having to cut away. Practice your drills on a regular basis. When your reserve is due a repack, put your rig on and deploy the reserve for real.

"Every year I receive hundreds of incident reports, resulting in reserve rides, hospital visits and, very occasionally, death. They are almost all preventable."



Allan Hewitt



Sebastian XL

Sebastian XL are simply the best 4-way team the UK has ever seen. Here is the first in a three part **Skills Series** to set you up for the summer.

As well as an update on their training, each team member shares their own thoughts on 4-way, in their own words.

Different approaches work for different people, maybe something here will open a door for you...



Thanks to Jo Malone for compiling this article

UPDATE...UPDATE...UPDATE..UP

WAAASSSUUP ?

SPONSORS

The team's principal sponsors are Carolina Sky Sports and Skydive Sebastian for jumps and they are very grateful to the BPA for funding. Both *Sebastian XL* and *VMax* received £30,000 towards the astronomical costs of training. These include coaching, wind tunnel, sports psychologist, international entry fees and travel. The boys would like to thank their sponsors:

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The team had a six month break last year which saw them heading off in various directions, mainly involving travelling 'down under' while Lee clocked up some serious flying hours. By spring 2000 they had a new line up: Pete, Toby and John stayed whilst Lee Love and cameraman Ian Brown handed over their slots to the new kids on the block, Steve Hamilton and camera Rob Stevenson. Pete Allum, National Champion almost thirty times over, comments "*The new blood in the team really breathes life into us*". Pete has now changed slots to point and Steve is jumping outside centre, Pete's old slot.



The boys are planning 120 training jumps every month and plenty of time in the Sky Venture wind tunnel in Orlando until the World Meet in June, part of the World Air Games in Spain. There they are aiming to reach a 20 point average. Then *Sebastian XL* expect to attend the World Games in Akita, Japan in August. This is a really important competition, held Olympic style with lots of other events alongside and here the International Olympic Committee will be deciding what sports make the grade to Olympic Status.

UPDATE...UPDATE...UPDATE..UPDATE...UPDATE...



Freefall Photos: Ian Brown

Last year's line-up of XL launch an Open Stairstep. Once on the hill, there is no need to fly any differently, say the team. There is still airflow even though you're not at terminal, it is just at a slightly different angle for a few seconds.

Getting it Out

Exits - the top priorities

- **balance**
- **timing**
- **presentation**

Think of the space you need, the space your team-mates need and exactly where you want to be on the moment of exit. If you're doing the count, make sure everyone is still and use a standby shake to help key the team into the count.

Pete Allum, for instance, is usually at the front of the door and inside the plane for most exits. He is usually aiming to be the highest person on the launch. He sets up balanced in the very front of the door. Eye contact is with the tail and, as they leave the plane, Pete goes with the outside centre, placing his body above him and looking towards the tail. Pete says "You don't

need much space, so leave the back of the door free for the inside centre. Keep the relative wind in mind. Arch out of the door and be strong to stop the group from folding."

Toby Stafford says "In the door, whenever possible have a solid wide stance with your weight over your feet. This will help give balance and power to launch through the door. We use movement to communicate the exit and everyone looks for this. Always know what angle, relative to the line of flight, you will need to present to. This will help you visualise and successfully present to the relative wind."

John McIver says "Regardless of your angle in the door, always remember to put your belly/chest on to the relative wind. Have a clear snapshot picture in your head of the particular exit you are about to launch."

Steve Hamilton, as outside centre, says he normally needs to push away from the aircraft to leave space for the inside jumpers. "Quite often I try to rotate around my centrepoint out of the door to get a head-low attitude. Everyone should try to put some clockwise input into the exit (left hand door) to counteract the natural rotation down the hill."

Cameraman **Rob Stevenson** says leaving too early means the formation is flat and non-judgable. Too late and you are above the formation, again with a flat picture – or landing on your team-mates. "After seeing a few exit counts you begin to find that sweet spot keeping the whole formation in frame. For easier exits be as far away as is safely possible from the team."

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Doing it Again (Safety)

We all know this stuff, but cannot be reminded too often. The team says: know your drills, check your gear, keep alert, be ready to act and always remember you have a cameraman above you.



Pete

"For me, safety is understanding and being ready for an incident at any time. Under canopy, fly defensively and get into the logical traffic pattern. Once you've landed, watch out for other canopies. If someone is heading for you, stay still and be ready to duck."



John

"Wear a hard hat to protect you in a collision. Don't rely on altimeters and beepers. Change your closing loop on a regular basis. Learn how to track fast and flat for good separation. Be alert during deployment and be ready for avoiding action. On larger loads, avoid spirals and, if you are above everyone stay there. If you are below, fly on full drive and stay down."



Rob

"Cameraflyers, use a canopy you are familiar with and which gives consistent openings. Your vision may be restricted by your ring sight, be extra aware whilst under canopy. Use an audible altimeter, be aware of break-off altitudes, have a plan to either track with everyone, or to pull when the formation splits or you reach your opening altitude."

Don't be left in the basement just because your subject pulls low."



Toby

"Everyone is responsible for safety. If you see something that looks wrong, don't be shy to ask"

XL Profile:

Steve Hamilton



Age: 3 (hmmm...)

Time in sport: 8 years

Jumps: 3,000

Jumps last year: 900

Slot: Outside centre

Favourite DZ: Sebastian, for the weather, the beach and a family of friends

Most memorable jump: We won't talk about it!

Feelings about XL: It is a culmination of a seven-year long dream and I feel very fortunate to have achieved it

Strengths: Honesty and straightforwardness

Weaknesses: Lack of competition experience

Skydiving tip: Visualise. Watch videos of other people and teams and try to emulate them

Safety tip: Don't be scared to stand down from a load if the conditions aren't right just because other people are still jumping

Make a decision based on your skill and experience

Life tip: Have a passion that fires you up, whatever that may be

Favourite position: In a reclining chair with a beer and pizza

Favourite underwear: Wal-Mart fashion briefs (five pairs for \$6)

Fitness: I run or cycle every day, do yoga and drink beer for stamina and balance

Finds it hardest to say no to: Anything that someone tells me I can't or mustn't do

Favourite film: Ferris Bueller's Day Off - cos he's a troublemaker

Ideal way to relax: Naked chess

What's your perfect meal: Beer and pizza (see previous question)

Non skydiving interests: Finding daily challenges and causing trouble

Get wound up by: People who aren't willing to change

Favourite quote: Work like you don't need the money, love like you can't be hurt and dance like no-one's watching

Describe yourself in three words: A right Muppet

Anything to add: If anybody wants any fashion briefs, I have a good supply of them (bought them by mistake!)

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SPACE GAMES

by Stefania Martinengo

This, the tenth Space Games, was the most amazing one ever! The quality of human flight and the learning curve of participants from twelve different Nations made it a ground-breaking experience.

Olav Zipser, who invented the Space Games, was overall winner for the tenth time. Second overall winner was young, talented Rook Nelson and third was Mike Swanson.

The Space Games is still in the first steps of evolution and will continue to grow and create new fun and challenge. The five separate freefly events invited people to mix up teams, allowing the imagination and experience of the different flyers to generate new flying ideas.

The gathering of all this flying talent made it possible to make a 16-way freefly formation with all with grips and specific slots. The formation was closed with all the grips as designed three times and held for two and a half seconds.

People were such good competitors showing great sportsmanship. The vibe and energy were super positive. In all, a great success!

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most are
Freefly Circus



GAME ONE: INDY 500



The Indy 500 Game is played on an imaginary track around two human pylons; two racers may overtake each other repeatedly in the same race.

Competitors dive from the aircraft, get in front of a 'pylon' (people) and then start racing around the imaginary track on a level with ribbons attached to the feet of the two pylons (ribbons not shown in above photo). The race ends at 6,000ft and is a simple win or lose situation. Some interesting races saw jumpers overtaking each other again and again.

The Freefly Indy Open class had many first time racers who realised that it is not only about speed but also about awareness, precision and control.

Freefly Indy OPEN – 25 Competitors

1st	Chris Fiala
2nd	Dave Brown
3rd	Jimmy Tranter
4th	Tom Balzer
5th	Dave Padijasek, Pasi Ritsi

The Pro class had advanced skills added to the race; competitors had to perform a sequence of predetermined transitions on

each side of the track whilst still flying around the track. It worked very well and was fun. The racers in the Pro class were all very good so precision made the difference. Some competitors were penalised by not going round the gates cleanly, others made the wrong transitions... excitement and adrenaline were high and that can play some tricks!

Freefly Indy PRO – 14 Competitors

1st	Rook Nelson
2nd	Olav Zipser
3rd	Filippo Fabbi
4th	Alaska Jon De Vore, Steve Utter

GAME TWO: AD CHALLENGE

The Atmosphere Dolphin (AD) Challenge Game is played by people who have an Atmosphere Dolphin licence, proving their ability to fly around and catch a spaceball. Racers had to perform a sequence of transitions next to the spaceball, pointing at the spaceball within grabbing distance in between times to show full control about altitude awareness, themselves and the spaceball.

The rounds are 'knockouts' where the winner goes through to the next race up. The Pro Class competitors (AD B licences) showed very precise and technical flying. In the Pro you had to perform a double transition each time.

The rule of being your own proud, honest judge showed that racers were very good competitors, as they agreed on the winner. If technicalities were involved, two judges decided, according to the rules.

The three main factors which caused penalties were:

- pointing at the spaceball when not at grabbing distance,
- cruising out of their half hemisphere,
- going out of video screen while performing their transitions.

These rules helped flyers to focus and become more disciplined. Each race was a challenge and none were easy to predict!

Pro Class

The winner bracket saw Olav getting straight all the way to its final race against Rook Nelson, which he lost, so Olav then got thrown to the loser bracket. Ippo defeated one of the favourites, Alaska, in the first round and sent him to the loser bracket. Janine Hill made her way up with super clean and strong flying, winning against Ed Mace and Ippo Fabbi before losing against favourite Rook Nelson. Cohn lost against Skinner and Swanson lost against Utter.

Now as you can see, the loser bracket saw another competition taking place, with some of the most awesome flyers starting all over again – this time with no more chance to lose a second time. The semi-final of the loser bracket saw Alaska versus old team-mate Mike Swanson. Alaska met Rook from the winner bracket and beat him in the first final so then they had to race again for the Super Final. Alaska took first, beating Rook twice in a row in a very exciting race.

AD CHALLENGE PRO: 14 Competitors

- 1st: Alaska Jon
2nd: Rook Nelson
3rd: Mike Swanson
4th: Olav Zipser, John Skinner
5th: Janine Hill, Max Cohn, Steve Utter

Open Class

In the first few rounds, the Open class competitors went mainly for the speed. Races were difficult to judge as both racers were crossing the

border of their own hemisphere several times. They learned quickly that awareness and control were as important as rushing, so started to fly more cleanly.

AD Challenge OPEN : 25 Competitors

- 1st: Teppo Hekkinnen
2nd: Jimmy Tranter
3rd: Chris Fiala
4th: Steve Blincoe, Franck Le Poole, Tom Balzer
5th: Dave Brown, Craig Floyd, Brian Buckland



In the AD Challenge, you perform tricks around the spaceball, pointing at it within grabbing distance between each transition



GAME THREE: FREESTYLE

Freestyle was introduced to the Space Games, with no compulsory round, each team chose their best free round. These were judged on:

- **Difficulty**
- **Video**
- **Execution of their Style**
- **Overall Artistic Impression.**

The idea is that each freestyle performer chooses the style and approach they want. One may have the Dancer approach, one the Rock 'n' Roll, one the Radical Flyer, one the Gymnastic, one the Dolphin, the Rebel... whatever...

Eight teams entered and it was nice to see how many different styles were presented. The teams confessed that they had a super fun time in creating their own style and choreography and that they will for sure compete again in Freestyle! If your flying skills are there, you can just free up your imagination and fly in new ways.

1st Freefly Circus

Stefania Martinengo, Olav Zipser (camera)
For years Olav and I have been experimenting in skydancing, I love freestyle and the atmosphere, it's the most amazing free 4-D stage!

2nd Moby Dick

Boaz and Rani (camera) from Israel
Boaz is a very experienced freestylist, Rani is his new team-mate, together they have style, elegance, and rhythm! They showed a beautiful, difficult exit in a back track, excellent control, super teamwork with the cameraflyer, fast layouts with a twist into a Cele and a helicopter ending which saw Boaz slowly disappearing to Earth.

3rd Modern Skyflying

Olav Zipser, Filippo Fabbi (camera)
Olav's style was a freefly mix approach, with radical speed changes, super fast layouts and his signature move, the 'Zipser', see photo to right. Olav presented this quite a while ago, but still now, no-one can do it the way he does!

4th Crazy Flight

Filippo Fabbi, Francisco Neri (camera)

Ippo has definitely got his style going, he uses artistic, different choreography, well executed. Artistic exit, difficult interactions, difficult speed changes, original half eagles, fluent execution, fast spins.

5th Hiku

Missy Nelson and Dave Brown (camera)
Missy, Freestyle US national champion in 99, had just recovered from an ankle injury. Missy and Dave presented a very nice smooth teamwork, balanced and elegant.

6th Bad Fish

Lele Dassori and Steve Utter (camera)
Lele's style was pretty radical and interesting, with super fast layouts in different axes, abrupt stops, back track combination. Not bad at all for a bad fish... just needs a little more execution value in the future.

7th Team Tamugni

Max Cohn and Lele Dassori (camera)
Max had very interesting choreography which reminded me of a flyer in a wind tunnel, with a lot of abrupt speed changes on the back – which made it very difficult for the cameraflyer to keep up with him! It was very original in the idea, but just needed more teamwork and construction. This team only had two training jumps together and nevertheless created one of the most original routines.

8th Skin

Steve Blincoe and John Skinner (camera)
Artistic judges enjoyed this performance as it was original, smooth and very funny. The composition and choreography was nice and well balanced. This team also had only a few jumps together. Blincoe has a very funny style.



The Zipser

Olav's signature move:

He is in a head-down spin with the body on the diagonal axis turning around the head as a centre point and holding one foot behind the back – with such elegance!



GAME FOUR: SKYSURF

Skysurfing had been just introduced to the Space Games Four teams entered their best round to be judged. It was nice to see that all the skysurfing competitors were also racers at the Freefly Indy 500, the AD Challenge and all competed in the 3-way Freefly. These were true competitors – experts in all modern skyflying areas!

1st Freefly Circus

Eric Fradet, Olav Zipser (cameraflyer)

Eric needs no presentation. In my opinion he is the best skysurfer in the world. His routines are full of action, the most technical ones to date; powerful, fast, creative and original, with new moves nicely combined with extreme control and precision. No skysurfer in the world can do the things he does, the way he does them – but he can do what the others do if he wishes to. His experience combined with Olav's unique filming skills, art and experience made this the most powerful skysurfing team in the

world. Eric has about 25,000 jumps and Olav more than 15,000, totalling 40, 000 jumps!

2nd Sky

Olav Zipser, Rook Nelson (cameraflyer)

Olav a while ago, in 96, tried a little bit of skysurfing, competing at the SSI Pro Tour and he showed the skysurfing community that you could freely your board by tucking it vertically on your back. He showed form and style in a funny routine with smooth filming from Rook. Layouts, elegant head-down spins with board tucked, tracking and the funny 'hands in the pocket' move. Judges enjoyed it.

3rd Jimmy & Mike

Jimmy & Mike (cameraflyer)

Jimmy, probably the second most experienced in this competition, showed a nice combination of layouts, helicopters and track.

4th RookO & SteveO

Rook, StevO (cameraflyer)

Possibly simplest in the overall performance, they showed original interaction with the cameraflyer, StevO spocking Rook and a nice double joker transition from Rook.

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GAME FIVE: 3-WAY FREEFLY

Compulsory Round

The six moves linked pretty smoothly, with no drastic speed changes, allowing teams to go quickly. But the cameraflyer had it hard as the moves were going so fast one after the other it was difficult to get in the best position so to get the point in view. But

that is all part of the Game – teamwork with the camera and good set-ups need to be there. The overall positions were:

1st Aerial Evolution

Alaska Jon, Joe Josephs, Steve Utter
1st Compulsory round - 21 points
6th Free round

This team had some nice artistic moves well presented such as the back-to-back hand switch and other new original ones as the Dominator into both head-down. A very artistic ending gave a lot of 4-D impression! Liked it a lot! This team always does original moves but, in my thoughts, need more diversity within the jump. I am longing to see what other cool moves they'll come up with next.

2nd Ranch Extreme/ Generation Freefly

Max Cohn, Tom Balzer, Chriss Fiala
2nd Compulsory round - 17 points
4th Free round

This team had a very interesting routine with super technical interaction and a lot of new creative moves, like the 'Shasta McNasty'. They showed good team-work and precision flying with an excellent job from the cameraflyer. They have improved a lot in fluidity and precision since they came fourth at the US Nationals. This team showed a nice combination of all the elements: difficulty, good video, original artistic impression with a very nice 4-D ending with Max and Tom suddenly flying extremely fast and getting smaller and smaller from Chriss's view. Watch out for this team, they are improving by the day and I'm sure will come up with more cool stuff for the next Games.

3rd Freefly Circus 1

Olav Zipser, Mike Swanson, Stevo
4th Compulsory round - 15 points
1st Free round

This team presented original, super-technical fast moves, which flowed effortlessly into each other. Their fluent choreography left us breathless until the nice, 4-D ending without taking away from the technical side. A team who flew everything in the same jump; drastic speed changes, and flying positions on all axes in a fast, clean, artistic combination!

4th Super Fly

Ippo Fabbri, Mike Swanson, Rook Nelson
6th Compulsory round - 13 points
2nd Free round

Super Fly presented a fluid, artistic routine with nice, fast tracking combinations into vertical, back to tracking. Teamwork and difficulty was high and a super note goes to the video, Rook filmed from beautiful angles, using background to its best potential. Comparing to other teams left you with the idea they were really flying, just as dolphins swim in the water! The artistic judges loved it!

5th Freestyle Circus II

Ippo Fabbi, Stefania Martinengo, Olav Zipser

4th Compulsory round - 15 points
3rd Free round

A combination of speed changes, team work, artistic moves, pair skydancing and a funny ending! We kept in mind the goal to make the routine easy on the public eye and wanted to use the 50 seconds to tell a story. This was the evolution of freeflight, starting with traditional RW, then progression into VRW and interaction with the cameraflyer, then smoothly into skydancing where the pair just have fun, eventually running away together and finishing into a fast track away.

6th Sky

Olav Zipser, Rook Nelson, Francisco Neri

3rd Compulsory round - 17 points
5th Free round

They are fast and very skilled flyers with an incredible speed of movement and great precision. After a beautiful original exit in line with the plane with Olav surfing on Rook, they went into a double non-stop, very fast eagle and fast double rotations on all axes. You could see that they had only done a few jumps compared to other teams, for example they didn't show a clear ending. Difficult stuff and good teamwork but judges wanted more originality and artistic value.

7th The Slackers

Dave Brown, Francisco Neri, Steve Utter

7th Compulsory round - 12 points
9th Free round

I liked their free round as they presented all skills in flying, with few speed changes in a fluid combination and good presentation of angles and perspectives. Keep up the excellent job, Slackers you are not!

8th The Slammer

Janine Hill, John Shoffner, Steve Blincoe

8th Compulsory round - 6 points
7th Free round

Janine and John presented four original artistic and difficult moves, one which had never been seen before, which made everybody go "Uauhh Nice!!" Good interaction with the cameraflyer gave a total 4-D effect. I personally liked the originality and creativity of this team. Blincoe is a new, very talented freeflyer in the scene who only started last year and I'm sure he'll improve his camera skills in no time.

9th Girls on Film

Colleen Malone, Janine Hill, Stefania Martinengo

8th Compulsory round - 6 points
8th Free round

Besides that it's nice to be an all girls team, I believe we did pretty good for a team with only two jumps together! The technical and artistic value was there, we just need more training. Judges enjoyed the smoothness and fluidity of the flying with an original exit and combination of moves one into the other and a funny 4-D ending!



SPORT ?

Or Art ?



Stefania Martinengo, competitor and judge gives her thoughts from a wealth of experience

How is the 3-way Free Fly judged?

Compulsory Round

Six moves drawn from a pool must be performed in sequence over and over through the 45 seconds of working time. Each move counts as a point but must be clearly shown on camera, just as in traditional FS. There are no scores for execution as we believe that's not necessary – if the execution is not good this will affect the score. Giving an execution score would be like giving an execution score to *Airspeed* compared to *Mauberge*.

The Open class uses a pool of eleven moves all in the same vertical speed so the jump will not require difficult speed changes. In the Pro Class, the pool has fifteen different moves which vary tremendously. The Compulsory Round is our best way to push the sport. It is challenging, exciting and fun! It is high scoring, with some competitors performing 21 points in 45 seconds!

Free Flying is an all around 3-D Art, which is also a Sport. We are still learning to find the best judging system when something so subjective as art is involved! At a certain level it would be nonsense to say that Leonardo is better than Michelangelo, they are just different. And we are a long way from being at the level of these great artists! But it is still both possible and desirable to have competitions. This helps push the sport forward by stimulating jumpers to come up with new discoveries.

We believe that it is the only sport that has a camera integral in bringing new perspectives and angles. The video is a category in itself, because it is the vital tool that allows us to show our art of flying and can radically change the artistic value.

The Free and Compulsory rounds are averaged together for the Overall score with the same weighting of 50 % for each. We are trying to balance the scores together and show who is the most complete team in overall skills. Some teams proposed, in future, to weight the Free round by 60% and the Compulsory round by 40%.

Free Round

Teams choose their best round to present to the judges. The Free Round is completely free, with no time limit and no restriction on what you need to perform besides the common sense of being safe. Giving a time limit to the Free Rounds would be cutting off part of the team's creativity. We believe they should be free to express themselves in the entirety of their jump. They should be the ones who use their timing to their best. Maybe some teams will choose a routine at a very slow speed and have 60 seconds or more to perform and others choose to go very fast and only have 30 seconds of time. Both choices are valuable and part of their artistic expression.

The Free Round is judged on:

1. Video

Three video judges looked at the work of the cameraflyer:

- smoothness of the picture
- beauty of the photography
- choice of artistic angles and perspectives
- difficulty of the movements of the cameraflyer
- action of photography
- composition.

I chose two judges who were cameraflyers to understand the flying skills and a non-skydiver who was a professional cameraman who focused on different elements.

2. Overall Artistic Impression

Four judges looked at the jumps exclusively to score:

- expression
- emotion
- music
- fluency
- beauty of choreography
- artistic impression.

One judge was a non-skydiver with a good artistic sense and background and one a musician with an artistic education who was also a beginning skydiver with 7 jumps. These two brought the important external and objective perspective of the public – who don't know too much about skydiving, nor are they influenced by how famous the teams are or how difficult their performance. The other two judges were expert freeflyers to bring the inside perspective and were chosen for their ability to be objective and abstract from the difficulty factor.

3. Technical

Three technical judges, all expert freeflyers, judged from a strict technical point of view, looking for such elements as:

- teamwork
- radical speed changes
- extreme speed flying
- new moves
- intricate grip transitions and flying
- a wide variety of different skills inside the same jump.

Only expert freeflyers can judge the difficulty factor. Even then it can be hard to assess if it's one which has never been seen before.

Difficulty Factors:

- It's more difficult to perform in many different speeds than in only one as it requires more teamwork and timing to stay together.
- I believe that moves which have never been performed before should get an extra value as it's much more difficult to come up with new ideas. The judges should be very current to recognise what is new.



- If neat, multiple transitions with grips and fast multi-rotations are very difficult as they require perfect timing
- It's more difficult to perform a wide variety of moves, interactions, skills and attitude than just few of them
- Flying in extreme speeds such as mega fast, very slow, or super forward is hard

It is very difficult for each judge to score all the categories at the same time, this leads to inconsistency and is likely to cause overlapping most of the criteria together. I believe it is really asking too much! This can be avoided by having specific judges for the specific categories.

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WORLD CUP



World Cups provide a great opportunity for young teams to gain international meet experience. Each nation is allowed three teams in each event, these can be of any standard.

This is in contrast to World Championships which are solely between National teams.

The 2000 World Cup of skydiving included 4 and 8-way FS as well as skysurfing, freeflying and freestyle. It was held in Eloy, Arizona, a fantastic DZ with lots of turbine aircraft, all mod cons and where the sun always shines!

The judging was live, with cameraflyers wearing air-to-ground transmitters.

This made it exciting for the crowd who knew the score of a team whilst they were tracking off overhead!

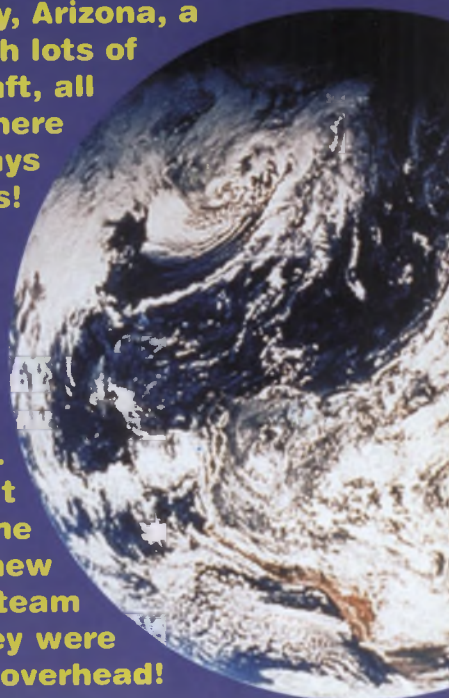


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2000



4-Pak

4-WAY

USA had four 4-way teams – *Airspeed Vertical* (Current US National Champions), *Airspeed Zulu*, *Deland FX* (World Cup Holders from 1998) and *PD Blue*. These full time teams were in battle with the current World Champions France (*Maubeuge*) and the *Deland Norgies*. The sole UK representatives were *4-PAK* who recently won the silver medal at the British Nationals.

Airspeed Vertical led all the way from the first round, displaying very calm skydiving. Their philosophy is that they concentrate on communication across the formation, stopping hard before they pick up grips and two-staging the block moves so that the closes are guaranteed. The French looked a lot faster but were more frantic. They came second to the *Airspeed Vertical* Killing Machine. *Deland FX* were fast and furious but with too many mistakes and, like *Airspeed Zulu*, were soon out of the running. After ten rounds the *Norgies* and *PD Blue* were tied so it went to a jump-off. Having performed some of the best jumps in the meet the *Norgies'* score was blighted by just one horror round so they were favourites. *PD Blue* had other ideas and found an extra gear to take the bronze. Lower down were the Italians, Russians and Germans with a great battle whilst *4-PAK* and the Danes tied in tenth and led the best of the rest.



Airspeed Vertical

4-PAK thanks
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USA Ladies



WOMEN'S 4-WAY

The USA ladies won with an average of 11.8. This was a new team with vastly different levels of experience and included a girl with only 600 jumps who works at the Skyventure wind tunnel in Orlando. Solly Williams coached the Norwegian girls to an 11.4 average. The Russian girls showed moments of brilliance combined with complete melt-downs to take third ahead of the Italians. This all points to a fascinating women's event in the World Air Games later this year where there should be a better turnout of teams.

World Meet 2001

Will anyone beat the *Airspeed Vertical* machine in Spain? I don't think there is enough time for the other top teams to adopt *Airspeed's* calm yet hungry style. They will have to rely on pure speed and hope to get lucky! Ten rounds normally eliminates luck and highlights the team that has trained the hardest. *Vertical* have 105 days of training planned between December 2000 and May 2001. I don't think anybody will stop them although the French, the *Norgies* and *Sebastian XL* will probably have other ideas.



UK 8-way

Thought for the Month

Competing at this level is a great experience. It shows how hard you have to train to be at the top. I'd like to see the BPA encourage more teams to enter and continue to raise the standards of skydiving in the UK.

Words by Steve Mursell

8-WAY

There was only one team ever in this. USA, World Champions, led the Russians all the way. *4-Pak* plus some ex-pats entered a scratch 8-way. Aggie hadn't jumped for two years! Danny the *4-Pak* cameraman borrowed a suit with grips to form a team that took the bronze in the European Competition! (The European Cup ran alongside the World Cup, with the same scores used for both events.)

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Review:

Brilliant, a 'must' for any aspiring formation skydiver regardless of level. This inspirational, British-made video charts *Arizona Airspeed*, arguably the world's best FS Team (sorry XL), through their training program and the US Nationals leading up to the 1999 world meet in Corowa, Australia. What is special about this world meet is that *Airspeed* aim to become the first team in history to win both the 4 and 8-way events using only 8 team members. Yes, the 4-way is half the 8-way! The differences between the events are great and the physical routine is punishing, jumping up to 18 times a day in peak training. Only Einstein in his heyday rivals the mental ability required to perform such feats and be safe.

Excellent footage of the team in training is complemented by the sharing of personal philosophies and vision. The freefall footage is superb, count the number of different camera perspectives. This video is full of real gems which include the world record 39 point 4-way, head to head battle with the *Golden Knights* in 8-way and *Space Center FX* in 4-way and some wind tunnel manoeuvres I still can't work out! This hour of pleasure culminates at the world meet in Oz where Jack Jefferies and Dan BC (4 and 8-way) had decided that, regardless of outcome, they would hang up their helmets and retire from Pro FS. The competition vying for top spot is France in 4-way and Russia in 8-way, I think we all know the outcome... now I wonder where I put my *Sebastian XL* application form??

Photo: James Stevenson



Mark Lawson
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By: Kevin Hughes

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Review:

Described as a 'glossy magazine of skydiving footage', that is exactly what it is, a magazine with information thrown at you in sound and colour bites, edited in the slick (irritating?) format we have come to expect from digital technology. Also available on CD Rom for PC playback, *Skydive Circus* will be released bimonthly and *Summer 2000* is free with a yearly subscription. It's easy entertainment, especially for a rainy day at a DZ or for whuffos and first jumpers to take home. One concern - if this is to be seen by the public should it show students landing near buildings and an aircraft with one out of two engines working? Ultimately it does what it says on the box. It's fun, it's punchy and it's watchable - once.



New kit rules in Oz

Since the last issue of the mag, Oz regulations have changed and now visiting overseas jumpers are now allowed to use their own equipment even if it does not comply with Australian Standard CAO 103.18, provided:

- It is approved for use in their own country
- The equipment is solely for their own use
- They take it with them when they leave.

This waiver applies to visiting jumpers on a short-term APF membership (about 3-4 months). Foreign jumpers still need to comply with the other APF Operational Regulations, which require an RSL or AAD to be fitted in some circumstances.

John Chapman
APF Technical Officer

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Did you know?...

At New Addington, where Tim Bettin died, the local community has honoured his death with a garden of remembrance and a wrought iron mega seat with plaque to honour him.

Tied up?



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WATCHING THE TUBE!

For over a year now, some harness/container manufacturers have been recommending the insertion of a short length of metal ripcord housing (bendix) tube into the riser channels, which shelters the loose end of the yellow teflon cutaway cables to prevent the trapping of the cable ends. We reported several issues ago that a retro-fit kit was available from the Relative Workshop for this purpose.

The problem can occur during a malfunction, when the risers themselves are badly twisted creating a lot of pressure on the ends of the yellow cables which can, in some cases, make a cutaway difficult or impossible to perform.

Sunpath now report that they have now come up with a plastic version of these tubes which have been tested for a year now in their Javelin rigs. Sunpath's new tubes are made from a plastic composition which resists crushing and meets all the test conditions imposed by the TSO testing system.



The advantage of these plastic tubes over the metal version, say Sunpath, is that they can be crushed in the aircraft door or a car boot and still spring back, thus not crushing and trapping the cables. They haven't explained though, why the rest of the system does not use the plastic but still uses traditional metal bendix tube — maybe something for the future?

The new tubes may be installed in existing risers but may require a few tacks to keep them in place.

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Kit News

Is it a bird? Is it a plane?

Following on from the release of the souped up GTI model of their large wing horizontal swoop suit, as reported in August's issue of Kit News, Birdman International have now come up with an even more radical version. Called the Skyflyer the new suit has improved aerodynamics and reduced drag, reports Jari Kuosma. He went on to say "Less drag means more speed, more speed and a greater surface area with advanced aerodynamics means more lift." During tests, the new design recorded vertical speeds of as little as 8 metres/sec (18mph). The new suit is meant for experienced winged-suit flyers only



by Rob Colpus



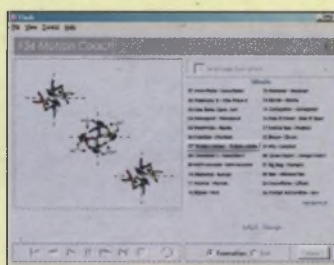
because stability is more difficult to maintain. One main feature of the new design is what Birdman call their Dual Wing System which apparently prevents pilot chute hesitation, but how this is achieved was not made clear. They have also redesigned the

wings so that they're not in the way when reaching for the pilot chute at pull time. The Skyflyer gets its lift from the three wings and the whole body of the ZP suit partially inflates, particularly over the shoulders and backside area creating a relatively efficient aerofoil wing shape out of the skydiver's entire body and limbs.

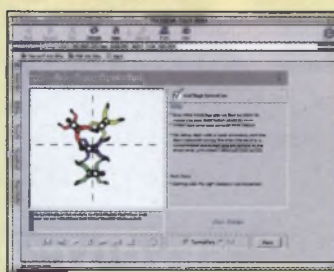
The Skyflyer retails out at about £600, that's about £160 more than the standard model.

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Soft 4-way



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Dutch 4-way competitor, Yola van der Wal, with the help of South African 4-way champion Gary Smith and French 8-way Champion Mike Brooke (Mike's ex Kiwi) has come up with an excellent little piece of computer wizardry to aid the keen 4-way jumper or up and coming 4-way team. Dubbed the FS4 Motion Coach this piece of software shows a graphic of a 4-way team as it moves through all the moves of the IPC (International Parachuting Commission) 2000 dive pool. Each individual is colour coded so it is easy to follow each slot's move. If the cursor is placed over an individual, a text box appears with tips for this person's best transition. The little figures are articulated: their arms actually flash between points and reach for grips.

Each block or random move may be viewed in play mode (start to finish), one frame at a time (with forward and back

buttons) or as a continuous loop, start to finish, over and over again.

If you click on a 'Red flag' window, a larger text box appears with tips for the overall move and changes as the move progresses. A typical block includes three sections of text; set-up, interim and finish.

The random moves may be viewed individually, in an animated random sequence or viewed with a star between each random formation.

For all of this fantastic work, Yola is only asking \$35 for a CD ROM or \$26 via email. She intends to update the dive pool if and when the IPC make changes in 2001, but as this is a labour of love, she says it may take a bit of time, but people who have bought the program will get the upgrade for free — can't say fairer than that! Nice one Yola!

SIGMA – no Enigma!

More than sixteen years after introducing tandem skydiving to the world, the Relative Workshop of Florida have finally developed a successor to their original *Tandem Vector* system. Named *SIGMA*, which apparently means 'summation' or 'answer to the problem', their new rig has broken away from conventional tandem designs in order to solve what RWshp call "*the single most deadly problem facing tandem operation*" – that is, out of sequence main deployments.

Out of sequence main deployments have been responsible for nearly a third of all tandem fatalities. An out of sequence main deployment that is not fatal is still a costly and time-consuming malfunction. Relative Workshop's R&D division have been beavering away to find solutions to various problems like the above and they reckon they've found them with the Sigma Disc Release system.

All tandems up to now have used a 3-ring release system (similar to that used on main risers) to hold the container closed whilst the drogue is inflated. After the 3-ring is released, the main bag can escape from the container. But, if the release handle is activated in error before the drogue is deployed, then the bag is able to leave the container whilst the drogue is still in its pouch – yuk, nasty!

THE SIGMA

The Sigma's answer is to combine the container closing and drogue attachment systems into one by removing the 3-ring drogue release from the main container opening sequence, leaving a simpler, loop-through-grommet held by pin, main container closing system.

RWshp claim that because the same system holds the container shut AND anchors the drogue, it's virtually impossible for the main container to be opened without releasing the drogue – and vice versa.

DUAL RIPCORD

This is achieved by incorporating a 5 inch metal disc through the centre of which the main bridle passes and all flaps are attached by the closing loop which travels in a circle through the flap's 'D' rings and then around a centre 'chimney' on the disc. The closing loop is secured by a pin through which two lengths of 1000 lb spectra line are attached. The two lengths of spectra serve as dual ripcords – one on the left and one on the right, which are in turn attached to two spherical, snag proof, ripcord handles. Either handle will open the container and release the drogue.



There are drogue release handles on both sides, left and right, either will open the container and release the drogue



HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS

With tandems, the force exerted by the deployed drogue at terminal velocity is roughly equal to half the suspended weight. This force transferred through the disc is shared (divided) equally by the 4 main container flaps. Because both ends of the container closing loop are attached to the same (bottom) flap, the closing pin end of the loop only receives half of the force exerted on the bottom flap, or one eighth of the total force exerted by the drogue. So, if the drogue deployed above a 400 lb tandem pair exerts a force of 200 lbs on the disc, then the container closing pin receives one eighth, or 25 lbs of force. A stainless steel pin moving through a Spectra loop, over a stainless steel grommet has a mechanical advantage of about five to one. So, a pull of 5 lbs is all that is necessary to move the pin. But the Spectra ripcords are set up as 2-1 pulleys, so theoretically a force of only 2.5 lbs at the ripcord handle should move the pin. However, tension from the bungee recoil system plus eyelet and housing friction, add about 7 lbs of resistance back into the equation, yielding a total pull force at the handle of about 10lbs – A doddle for even the wimpiest Tandem Master!

SAFETY PIN

The system also incorporates a special 'safety pin' on the drogue bridle which locks the main container pin in place until the drogue is deployed, therefore a premature pull on either of the drogue release ripcords will not open the container which would result in an unwanted horse shoe – Yuk, but the container WILL open as soon as the drogue is thrown resulting in a normal deployment – nice!



A special safety pin prevents premature container openings if release handles are accidentally pulled prior to drogue deployment

RECOIL SYSTEM

Another feature, new on the Sigma, is what RWshp call 'The Ripcord Recoil system' which consists of a length of bungee cord which runs through both left and right ripcord housings and who's ends connect to both ripcord handles. This elastic bungee holds both ripcords firmly in their pockets until needed and then recoil back after the container is opened. RWshp claim their 'Ripcord Recoil system' eliminates once and for all, the problem of floating ripcords and at the same time leaves the tandem master's hands totally free after deployment. (Could this be a ripcord stop per chance?)

STUDENT HARNESS

The guys and gals at RWshp have not forgotten the poor old passenger in all their innovating. The new student harness is designed to pull the student's hips back on exit, making stability easier, while the redesigned attachment points allow a sitting position when under canopy. This position not only provides the passenger with a much more comfortable and enjoyable ride but allows them to easily get their legs forward for landing.

OTHER FEATURES

Other components which have received attention are a new main deployment bag, a new Collin's lanyard, new thicker padding on both harnesses, exterior viewing windows for reserve pin and Cypres and tuck tab closure for main and reserve risers.

An added bonus is that the new system suspends the pair from around their centre point, (as does the Strong Tandem system) rather than from the bottom of the container. This affords a flatter, more comfortable position in freefall compared to the Tandem Vector which tends to pitch the pair into a slightly head down attitude.



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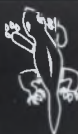
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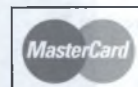
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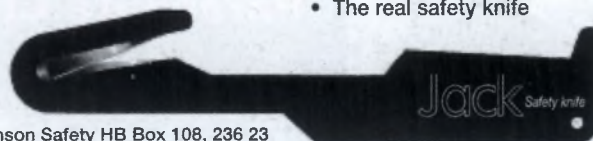
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The BIG 40



Dr Charles Robertson, founder member of the Scottish Parachute Club. His son, Andrew Robertson did a tandem at Strathallan to celebrate 40 years of SPC (shown below and in main picture)

Strathallan jumper Anne Johnson traces the history of 40 years of the Scottish Parachute Club



1960
Dr Charles Robertson a young Glasgow GP and Mr James Taylor a Territorial Officer from Dundee at Perth Aerodrome, made the first jumps from a Tiger Moth (G-AHUV). Dr Robertson got the bug during his National Service at No 1 Parachute Training School in Berkshire. Upon return to Glasgow he felt Scotland should have its own club (England had 5 and America 100+ at the time). He brought up two RAF instructors, Peter Denley and Keith Teesdale from Abingdon. The first course was held at Perth Aerodrome over a fortnight in June. This started off with maybe 2 or 3 freefalls with 3 second delays from about 2,000ft, going on to 8 seconds delay from about 2,500ft and, after 10 jumps, Royal Aero Club rules allowed you to jump on your own. Sadly, there was a fatality on that very first course. The club started with just six parachutes — 4 backpacks and two reserves bought by Dr Robertson.

1964
The season was at Crosby Airport, Carlisle. A request was put out for more females, as membership currently stood at 1. The Scottish Invitation Championships was held at HMS Condor, Arbroath using two Rapides. Doc Robertson, who went on to become a BPA Advanced Instructor and Examiner, won the Scottish National Championship and the Open Championship was won by PJ Wenk of the Golden Arrows, US Forces, Germany.

1965
The season started at Glenrothes with more than 300 people there to see five club members make seven freefalls from 3,200ft. That year saw the first international meet held in Britain with the international championships held by the SPC at HMS Condor, the Royal Naval Station at Arbroath.

Variations to freefall jumps came in the form of baton passing and jumping through a hoop.

1966
The Scottish Parachute Club (SPC) was at Strathallan for the first time when they tried out a Helio Courier aircraft belonging to Strathallan Air Services. "The exit, without the help of the accustomed wing strut or wheel, looked as if it might pose a problem... but... even those who went off at nearly right-angles to the aircraft were able to remain stable, and at the debriefing, opinion was unanimous that the lack of strut and wheel was no disadvantage." (This is now a typical poised, seated, small aircraft student exit.)

1966
Jumping resumed at Strathallan Castle using the Strathallan Air Services' D H Dove for eight jumpers. With 50 members on the books, membership was temporarily closed; the intention was to progress core members before restarting the training programme.

1967
The committee decided not to hold the Scottish Championships this year as the club was not in a position to stand a loss. More aircraft appeared such as Cessna 175's, Tripacers, Austers and Terriers. Training took place in TA Drill Halls throughout Edinburgh and Glasgow with pre-jump training lasting six weeks. Membership of the club was £4 a year, and each jump cost £1.10s !

1967
Following a fatality in England, where a parachutist struck high-tension cables, SPC moved its base from Glenrothes to Strathallan because of the proximity of power lines at Glenrothes.

1968
A Cessna 207 (Tango Juliet Victor), and Seaglider's Cherokee 6 were utilised for jumping. Congratulations went to Tony Smith who joined





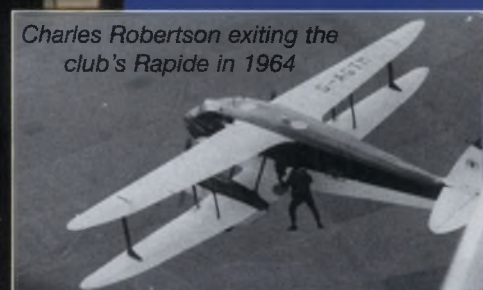
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The Club's first aircraft, a Tiger Moth



Charles Robertson exiting the club's Rapide in 1964



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the club in 1963 at the age of 14 and slogged his way through three years of ground training before he was old enough to make his first descent. The AGM in November saw Gordon Fernie elected in as Chairman, Tom Dickson, retiring Chairman received a silver quoin in recognition of five years service to the club. "The evening was rounded off by a party at Gordon's flat, where members, girlfriends and wives let their hair down in a most satisfactory manner." The Scottish Championships became biannual.

1969

SPC had three instructors and a brighter DZ; the previously predominant khaki being replaced slowly by blue and gold Paracommanders, a Dominator and TUs of all hues. Fashion note for that year "Ladies, try a length of rigging-line for holding back those flowing locks - decidedly fetching!" 21 December saw every member make two jumps after a lengthy, weather-enforced lay-off. One take-off coincided with a more momentous one - that of Apollo 8.

1970

Some style events were added into the Scottish Championships to broaden its appeal. The SPC's demo team, the Skymasters, enjoyed a successful inaugural year.

1972

The Scottish Sport Parachute Association was formed, to support the increasing demand in Scotland. With the seventies came the introduction of 4-way competition, trendy flares on jumpsuits and an altogether baggier style.

1977

Harry Morgan and Billy Somerville were on the first Scottish 10-way in May. They are still active skydivers today. Ian Hamilton, infamous as a student in 1950 for the retrieval of the Stone of Destiny from Westminster Abbey back to Scotland, joined the club as a jump pilot.

1981

On 10 April, the club's 21st anniversary, SPC members gathered at Scone where Gordon Fernie jumped from a Tiger Moth - the same aircraft at the same airfield as the first SPC descent. The eighties saw CRW (Canopy Relative Work) enter the competition scene and saw a move towards more fitted jumpsuits. A Twin Otter weekend at Glenrothes in 1982 set a new British Record, gave 28 people their Scottish SCR and a number of people their SCS.

1990 - 9

The nineties brought in more changes with the introduction of RAPS at Strathallan and freely included in the Scottish Nationals. Freely took off at Strathallan and Calum Grant was appointed as a freely coach.

1997 - 8

Strathallan jumpers continue to perform well in FS with Air Ecosse twice taking silver in the Senior 4-way at the British Nationals.

1999

There was a strong contingent of club members on the British Formation Record of 100.

2000

Two former Strathallan members (Phil O'Connor & Kelli McKinven) scooped the Gold at the British Nationals in Intermediate 4-way. Club instructor and esteemed cameraman Danny Branston took silver at the British Nationals in the Senior 4-way with 4Pak going on to represent Britain at the World Cup. The 40th birthday of the Scottish Parachute Club was celebrated in style by jumping at Strathallan on Monday 10 April 2000. The beginning of August brought top FS coaching from two of the best - World Champion, Jack Jefferies and John McIver from the top British team XL.

2001

Come and see us at the Scottish Nationals in May or our Airspeed Extravaganza and skills camp in August, see diary.

A history of the SPC, by Andrew Hilton, will be available on CD; some is already on the club website:
www.skydivesrathallan.co.uk



Gordon Fernie above Strathallan in 1972



PJ Wenk and Charles Robertson are presented with the Chandy Trophy by Brigadier Oliver in 1964

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VALENTINE'S DAY 14th February

All Women's Way Day with Nicky Fegan. Women jump for \$15!

THE SEARCH - II 15 - 19th February

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FUN JUMPS - Freely with Rob Silver & friends. Tube jumps, tracking dives, beach jumps, raft jumps. Organized RW jumps for all levels of experience.

EASTER BOOGIE 13th - 16th April

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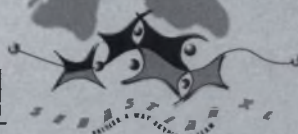


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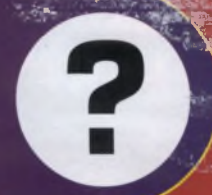
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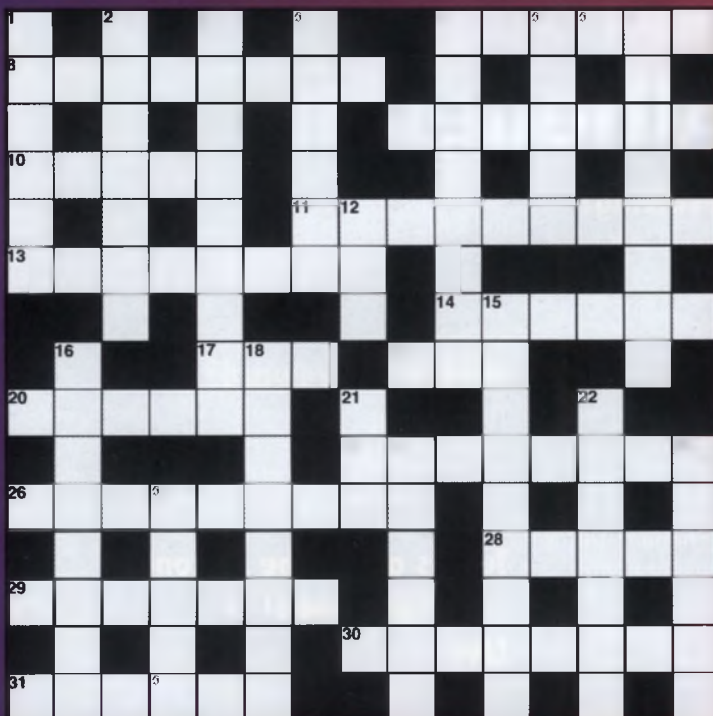
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Make a decision – stay with the **main**
– or cut away and use the **reserve**

Main clues

Across:

- 5) The blue style flight path. (6)
- 8) "Formations in the mist" by Dian Fossey? (8)
- 9) Split flex deployment system. (7)
- 10) In the air with only half the equipment, apparently. (5 hyphenated)
- 11) Love disease. (9)
- 13) Amelia Earhart, a trivia problem with unknown ending. (8)
- 14) Part of high-tech Norwegian canopy. (6)
- 17) Competition in the palace. (3)
- 19) Controller incorporates handle position. (1,1,1)
- 20) Yes, lad hops, but waits to pop. (6)
- 23) Book of sayings. (8)
- 26) Annoy and disturb ladies ESP. (9)
- 28) Canopy speed. (5)
- 29) Danger's four indicators. (7)
- 30) Predator made my eye water. (8)
- 31) A tale of hero's foot? (6)

Down:

- 1) Reptile that makes a noise like a goanna. (6)
- 2) Ripe air over the lost drop zone. (7)
- 3) In a frivolous manner, skydivewise. (9)
- 4) Geronimo lived for 10,000 years in Japan. (6)
- 5) Kinky boot knife. (8)
- 6) Sail boat. (5)
- 7) Flying on a Lilo. (8)
- 12) Early AAD's efficacy discussed. (1,1,1)
- 15) The control surfaces of lifts. (9)
- 16) Strauss and Lyle's partner float supernaturally (8)
- 18) Started up as 100 closed. (8)
- 21) Navigator opened giant pizza shop. (1,1,1)
- 22) Most important feather. (7)
- 24) Blinking container. (6)
- 25) Lands downwind in a north-easterly, oh dear! (6)
- 27) Is Nepal oddly flat? (5)

Reserve clues

Across:

- 5) Airline route.
- 8) Horny formations.
- 9) Beginners handle.
- 10) Causing astonishment.
- 11) Attachment.
- 13) Female pilot.
- 14) Parachutes De France canopy.
- 17) Exit and precision meet.
- 19) Not BOC.
- 20) Puts off.
- 23) O.T. book.
- 26) Offend
- 28) PISA canopy.
- 29) Risks.
- 30) Container.
- 31) Fable

Down:

- 1) Arboreal lizard.
- 2) Treeless plain.
- 3) Irresponsibly.
- 4) War cry.
- 5) P.D. canopy.
- 6) Windjammer.
- 7) Not on the ground.
- 12) Student AAD.
- 15) Tail surfaces.
- 16) Rise magically.
- 18) Went up.
- 21) Location device.
- 22) Children's school.
- 24) Angle > 180 degrees.
- 25) Pounces
- 27) Aircraft

By Paul Boorer

answers – inside back cover

Quote of the Month:

"Age is something that doesn't
matter, unless you are a cheese."

Billie Burke

Photo: Keith Larrett



People in the **SPORT** Omar Alhegelan

Omar is a champion's champion. He is one of the most focussed skydivers in the world. When he qualified from AFF he said he would win world class freestyle medals and went on to do just that.

Omar wanted to be one of the best at freeflying and certainly achieved and maintains that. Now he is still pushing that classy freefly envelope. He said he would teach well, and his medal winning students are a testimony to that. He is a professional skydiver yet finds time for all, whether students, old friends, new or wannabe friends.

Omar was one of the original Freefly Clowns, he has a chest full of medals and his flying in Patrick Passe's Crosswind is inspirational. He's funny, kind, stubborn, determined, loves our sport and has the deepest brown eyes in the world.

How did you get into skydiving?

I had always wanted to do it. My first jump was October 1993 in Maryland. I had seen this James Bond movie when Jaws went skydiving and James Bond followed him out. I saw on that movie one person going to another and they were not just falling up there. A friend was going to do AFF, this was when freeflying was starting, and he said it was not just "I am, we are". I went with him and the rest speaks for itself.

I saw a tape of Scott Smith and I thought 'this is cool, I don't have to wait for people to jump with, I can just go'. I used to dive in High School. With skydiving you are not hurting yourself hitting the water.

When did you decide you wanted to be a World Champion?

Within the first month I knew I wanted to be World Champion, and people were laughing at me. It took me three years after that. I did AFF in five jumps. I wanted to get going.

How long did it take you?

My first competition was 11 months after AFF, with the World Freestyle Federation in Eloy in 1994. I took second place, missing gold by one point. In 1995 I went to Germany and took third place, and in 1996 I went with Olly King rather than Olav to Turkey and took first place at the World Cup. In 1997 we won the World Championship and the World Air Games. In 1996 Olav, Charles and I took first place in all four events of the four ESPN tour stops.

What do you like about competitions?

It is showing what you can do and what others have innovated and done themselves. It is being able to see a lot of people from all over the world. It is like family reunions now. First of all I was fixated with being World Champion then it became sharing what I had and others sharing with me.

Tell us about your training

A lot of skydivers don't realise how difficult our job is in training and practising. If you are a

runner you buy your Nike trainers and you train for 8 hours. If we get 12 jumps we are lucky to get 12 minutes of training. You have to rack up the knowledge and education and the rewards are not big.

What is the reward?

The reward is knowing that you made a good skydive. The reward is your peers understanding and seeing what you are doing and seeing the amazement and joy from them.

Tell us about the Arizona Freeflight School in Eloy

I opened the Freeflight at Titusville in Florida and eight months later opened in Arizona, that was November 1998. It is giving back what you have learnt and trying to share.

Does teaching bring rewards?

Yes, very much. The reward is the look on a student's face when they are in the air and you come right up to them and you are both falling. It is beautiful and worth a thousand gold medals!

What's your favourite skydiving?

Innovation, what we are doing now is trying to work on 3D RW. We're working with members of Arizona Airspeed to develop some blocks and randoms, two guys sit and two guys are face to earth. I like doing a lot of filming, tracking on my back and tracking dives.



What's next?

I travel round the world, seeing friends, meeting new ones, seeing what is untapped. We have only discovered the tip of the iceberg, under the water, out there is the rest of the iceberg. We have discovered a new way of flying. It is evolution.

What did you do before?

I studied history and psychology at university, I became an equity dealer, started a business in Saudi Arabia in construction supply work, then opened a Sushi bar in Maryland, ten minutes from Washington DC. I then started skydiving and stopped all that.

What is your nationality?

I was born in Spain, in 1966. I am Saudi Arabian, American resident.

What advice do you have for new skydivers?

Go for it. Do it, ask around and get as much information as possible. Try to get some one on one coaching. It might cost more at first but it will pay off. Now people are doing stuff at 150 jumps that took me hundreds.

What do your family think about your skydiving.

They are extremely supportive and extremely proud – but extremely scared!

Where do you see yourself five years from now?

I cannot tell you. I live from day to day.

What are your other great loves?

Art, philosophy, music, poetry, mankind in general.

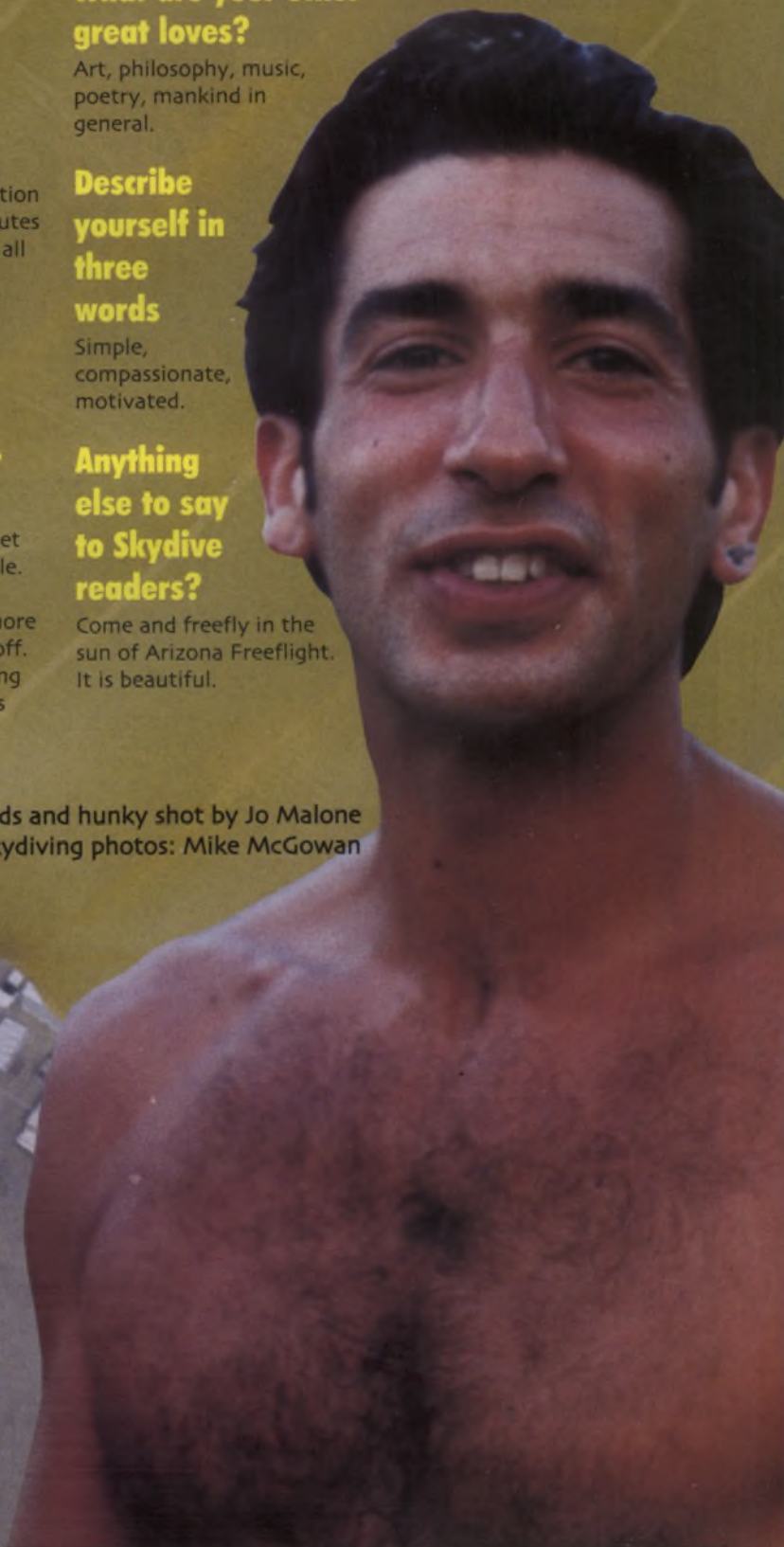
Describe yourself in three words

Simple, compassionate, motivated.

Anything else to say to Skydive readers?

Come and freefly in the sun of Arizona Freeflight. It is beautiful.

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Club News

Jason Carter, taken by brother Steve

Hinton

Well done to Dave Emerson CCI, on getting his pilot's license, although I don't think the Let crew need worry about their jobs just yet.

Great fun at the Christmas party, even if some had to wait for the photos to find out what they got up to. Vladimir gave a great speech on behalf of the Let crew, proving that 'Teach Yourself English' books really do work. Geezer Brown's band got the night off to a great start, followed by a disco til the small hours. Many thanks to Nigel (Red Lion pub) for letting us take over the entire place – we thought he would have learnt from last time!

During the Christmas shut-down a number of regulars went to Spain for the boogie. A great time, with lots of skydiving and partying. Little John even checked out the local casualty department after falling off a table!

The New Year was bought in with a BANG at Lukey's party.

The Let is back, and it's here until next Christmas. It's got an in-flight door and a heater, so the winter months shouldn't be too cold.

Caroline White

CARK

TOTALLY TURBINE

A busy year at North West ended with the usual Christmas dinner dance where the announcement was made that from 27 January, a Let410 operates permanently until April, when a Nomad arrives.

Achievements

Mother & Son Award

Cat 8: Drew Cummings (16 yrs old), Carol Cummings (not 16 yrs old who pays both jump bills!)

Doug Summers

Achievements

100 jumps: Helen Ewing

200 jumps: Adam McAteer, Phil Bird

300 jumps: Alec Baldwin, John Holmes

500 jumps: Maddie Moore

Cat 8: Rachel Knowles, Miroslav Sestak

FS1: Jon Cruickshank, Sandy Thorne (both at Kenya boogie), Catherine Glenister, Mike McHale, Helen Ewing

Student of the Year: Malcolm Hurst

Cornwall

A whole weekend was organised to celebrate Christmas in style. Saturday skydiving comp was cancelled due to bad weather (unsurprisingly) so the partying started even earlier. Saturday night was at the Meadery delivered by double decker Bus. Sorry about the party games everybody. No Sunday jumps due to our sore heads, so straight into the pool and Jacuzzi. Quiz in the afternoon, won by the 'Lazy Bastards'. Then it was glad rags on and down for more partying.

All the weekend's fun raising and raffle was in aid of The Chris Gauge Foundation. Thanks to Thomas Sports, DZ Sports, Pete @ Ronnies, Groundrush Clothing and Cornwall Parachute Centre for their very generous donations. With their help we managed to raise £300 for the Fund.

Congratulation to **Paul and John Yeoman** and **Jo Snodin** for winning Cornwall's **Students of the Year 2000**.

Paul Morrison

Devon

Cat 8's

Paul Seymour achieved Cat 8 on the last jump of the season, talk about keeping everyone on tender hooks. **Jade Hotson** also achieved her cat 8.

The end of season bash took place at the Cavern, an extreme sports bar run by a skydiver, the last pint was sunk at 5am. Our thanks to Dean for providing a perfect venue. Robin Hill and Ali Harkins made it back from the Australian boogie while Ian Wilson, our pilot and also a jumper, was stuck in Russia.

Our **Student of the Year** was awarded to **Fred Chivers**. There were many students who did so well this year and their achievements were noted but Fred was chosen for a terrific example of showing you don't give up just because you find it hard. He just kept going back up and trying it again with the attitude of always, always enjoying the jump.

The Cessna 206 did us proud and flew 477 hours during last year, the student total was the best ever at Dunkswell. The aircraft has gone to Bournemouth for a new paint job and many club members have bomb burst abroad to the Sates, Spain and Australia.

Gary Harbird

Target

Our Christmas meal was gorgeous and the party back at the DZ bar lengthy.

The happy, caring staff at Target have installed new (and very sensitive) smoke detectors in every room of the bunkhouse - with the regular jumpers' safety in mind, of course!

Our resident 'Research' student **Paul Hollow** managed to take time off his PhD to gain his USPA tandem and AFF ratings in Elsinore - congratulations HP. It wasn't all sun and skydiving though, as explained by HP on his return - an unfortunate bout of sickness and diarrhoea stuck at 12,500ft on one of his examined dives! - thank God for Frap hats!

Erica Peters

Brid

The annual Christmas dinner was at the Ferns Hotel in Carnaby. We boogied the night away at Liberty's Club in Brid. Top pole dancer was Stuart Self. We're not worthy! Thanks to Mike Burton for the incriminating photos adorning the clubhouse walls. Nice armpits Shane!

Calling all Bikers

If you're a skydiver and also ride a motorcycle then watch this space for news of a mini-boogie to be held at Brid.

5-7 May sees the first leg of the CF and Classics Grand Prix. Any teams or individuals wishing to take part, give CCI Nicki Johnston a ring on 01262-677367.

Achievements

1st Freefall: Vicky Hasler
Cat 8: Paul Simms

Paul Simms

Black Knights

Tithebarn' in Garstang. Fancy dress - many made their own costumes and looked and played the part. An uproarious night of entertainment with singing, joking, sword fighting (Jim Swan and Craig Kelsall battling it out with the resident entertainers) and much

'TOASTING' with free Mead and Mitchell's best beers.

Wedding Plans

Tracy Fish and **Ian Pringle** have announced their wedding plans - Las Vegas in the spring to do it in style. Best wishes to them both.

Jeff Illidge

Facilities Upgrade

We now have a completely new toilet, washing and shower building. Chris the land owner has also nearly completed the barn conversions into self contained accommodation.



Colin Whitaker downing it in one!



Nethers

Pics by Kath Salisbury and Tommy Trindall



Tongues have been wagging around the drop zone after seeing **Jonno 'gis a job' Horne** and **Sarah Laughton** hamming it up making eyes at one another... while making an ad for a disposal camera. Watch out for them on the telly later this year – can't wait to see the finished result guys! Jonno, ever thought of a career on the stage?

Early December was a bit more peaceful, I mean quieter, with the staff away in Deland. Between them, they managed 850 jumps, and consumed an equivalent quantity of cases of beer! The dodgy geezer of the trip award goes to **Eddie 'finger lickin' good' Palfreyman**, who I'm sure will be delighted to explain why!

Team Tequila are expanding to two 4-way teams for the 2001 season, and hope to compete at 4-way and 8-way at the FS Nationals. They also have the pleasure of securing **Mick 'the merciless' Tyler** as their coach – good luck guys! (Only joking Mick!)

We say good bye and good luck to John Horne Snr, Barrie Buck and Mac McClelland. John and Mel are off to Scotland for a bit of the good life, so it seemed appropriate that his parting gift should be 'Wonder Hog' the piglet (see pic left). Mike Smith takes over from John.

Finally, congratulations to **Nige and Sharon Allen** on the birth of their daughter on Dec 9. **Geogia Lee** weighed in at 8 lb 8 oz.

Achievements

AFF Graduates: Wendy Vaughan, Andre Taylor, Charlotte Main, Helen Kiss, Darren 'nuisance factor' Grant

Loads of jumps: Tom Leonard (100), Eddie 'KFC' Palfreyman (200), Gordon McConnell (200), Jamie McNamee (200), Chris Byrne (200), Andy McLeod (200 at last), Barry Heron (300), Mike Lewis (300), Sandie Nicholson (300), Geoff Halls (400), Gary Sweeney (500), Chris Guntrip (500), Ash Hollick (500)

Kath Salisbury

FS Included

Following the success of the Speed Star competition at Hinton, we shall be including an FS competition element at each meet along with the Accuracy and Hit 'n' Rock. Meets at Cark, Sibson and Hibaldstow are in the offing...



The first meet at Cark is on **Spring Holiday** weekend, we have a full extra day of jumping, so we should easily accommodate several rounds of both accuracy and FS competition. We are planning an informal meet at the RAPA Championships on **9-16 June**, let me know if you are interested. If we get the numbers, we plan to hold a POPS competition alongside theirs.

If you didn't get information about the 2002 World Meet at the AGM or need anything further, then give me a call or drop me a line. The organisers in New Zealand need early confirmation of numbers, so you should be registering now if you are planning to go. This should be an excellent World Meet in a beautiful country.

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New Member: Andy Pike

Diary Dates

May 26-28: North West Parachute Centre

June 9-16: RAPA meet – let me know if you are interested.

August 4-5: Peterborough Parachute Centre

September 1-2: Target Skysports, Hibaldstow

Pete Shew

Services PC

Our year ended on 2 December and John Hitchen and Kieran Brady did a BPA inspection and found the centre in good stead. Our party was the same night and we presented our **Skydiver of the Year** award to **Ian Shaw** Farewell to Ian Cessford who is now at JSPC(N)

Achievements

IC1/FS1: Rudy Penny

IC1: Ian Shaw

2,000 jumps: Tim Skinner

Tim Skinner





Guy Radcliffe (centre) with Eric Hall (L) and Ian Rosenvinge (R)

Peterlee

The Christmas party was a great success. Thanks to all for supporting the event. The venue,

Shotton Banqueting Suite, has been booked for next year. Thanks to the University Parachute Clubs for their support and especially for the tremendous prizes which they donated to the raffle which raised £101 for the RNLI – in appreciation of the support they offered for our planned beach jumps last year. Out of four weekends which were scheduled for beach jumps, none were suitable for jumping, due to the excessive amount of rainfall.



Bryn Chaffe (left)

Awards presented

1st Freefall: Carolyn Wallis, James Pearce, Alec Young, Dave Scorer & Dave Williams

Cat VIII: Jane Robertson, Justina Becousse, Spiros Saklias, Russ Hammond, Steven Wilkinson, Peter Arnold, Andrew Howe

Approved Instructor: Bryn Chaffe

Most Progressed Student: Alan Thompson

Most Persistent Student: Guy Radcliffe (after zillions of static line jumps)

Achievements

Shaun McCowie has achieved Cat 8

200 jumps: Chris Cowie

Congratulations to Alan & Katie Burkill on the birth of their first baby, Tom, weighing in at 7 lb 13 oz.

Jane Robertson (pictured left) is taking over as club rep. News & views to her please. Eric is building a new rocket following the successful launches of the two stage rockets many moons ago, watch out Burkill

Eric Hall



Congratulations to Stuart MacDonald on achieving his Cat 8 in 20 jumps, and receiving our Student of the Year Award! Alice Gillies is going on the CSBI Course later this year and we wish her the best of luck – you'll do great Alice!

Sandra Inglis

Paragon

RAFSPA

The club is reopening 2 March and Dave Wood returns as CCI/Top Dog/Head Prefect/Big Boss/Chief Chain Saw!

Mucho looking forward to the arrival of a Super Otter (with roll-up in-flight door and rail), which will be available from the start of the season.

Calendar of Events

Easter (13-15 April) is the first long weekend of the year with obligatory party and barby

May Day Bank Holiday (5-7 May) sees the traditional Scrambles Competition **Bank Holiday (26-28 May)** will be the 4-way competition, now known as the Rodders 4-way Meet, in memory of Mark Rodwell.

Bank Holiday (25-27 August) – excellent news, RAFSPA will be open for the Saturday and Sunday – HURRAH! We are hoping to run the Dicko 16-way Meet this weekend, so watch this space.

Other Stuff

Apologies to any AFF students who were listed as achieving their Cat 8 in the last issue – an excellent example of poor communication between the AFF School Headmaster and article-writer! Congratulations to **Justine Shotton**, who has definitely achieved her Cat 8!

And finally, congratulations to **Jason Frost** and wife **Clare** who are expecting their first baby in April. And to **Roggy** and partner **Sarah**, who are expecting twins! Y'see what happens, winter-time, nothing much to do...

Bev Ford

Headcorn

There has been a lot of renovation and building work going on, thanks to the inspiration (bullying?!) of Mick Danby and help of the other staff. The office has doubled in size, Skid Row Mews is well under way, and there is a new canteen. Watch this space!

Symbiosis and The Kit Store have moved to another building on the airfield and are excellent – comments received include

"Wow, it's like being back in the States"

"a REAL Skydiving shop in the UK at last"

The Kit Store is now a full size, full time shop with everything on display. You can walk around and check out the large stock inventory from goggles and log books to complete rigs, on



Mick "the builder" Danby relaxing after a hard day

display stands and mannequins. There is a VCR and TV up in the corner so you can watch all the latest vids, a coffee machine and coffee table with all the current magazines etc. Upstairs is the new, larger, built-from-scratch Symbiosis workshop where you can be measured up and choose your colours for a custom built jumpsuit.

Achievements

Robin Day won the Headcorn Blue Skies Shield for 'Newcomer of the Year'. Robin trained in November 1999 and got Cat 8 in February (despite the British weather! It can be done!). He did his first demo into his graduation in July – a big well done to him.

100 jumps: Simon Thornton.

400 jumps: Peter Leighton

Alex Fixsen passed his exams for CPL and is now flying our little black Beaver, nice one Alex. Finally, a huge congrats to **Chris Lynch** and **Jenny Rogers** who became the proud parents of 5 lb 3 oz baby girl, known as Buddy for now!

Photo: Ruth Cooper



Pierre Pascal and Clem Quinn with footballs down their jumpsuits, off to a charity footie match. Clem landed in the goal!

Sad Loss

Terry Leith, a regular at Headcorn, died on 9 January after a short battle against cancer. Our thoughts are with his wife Kay and children Christina and Christopher. More in next issue.

Ruth Cooper

Langar

Achievements

Emma Pilkington got Cat 8, Ben Wilkins got IC1 and FAI 'B' Licence (just in time to nip off to the States with Chuckles and Alistair Hodgson over Christmas). Louise Smerdon and Jill Riley both celebrated 300 jumps with an 18 point 4-way. Watch out V-MAX, the competition is hotting up!

Don't Forget

Langar Boogie - 4-12 May

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De-Icer

The Grand Caravan has proved to be a great aircraft (we've been getting 14,000 feet on most lifts), and has been a real boon in the cold - the heater is brilliant! The Caravan is even equipped with de-icing gear and weather radar, so nothing is going to stop us this winter. The Porter is nice and warm, too... Eee, when I were a lad, we were grateful to be allowed to spend 45 minutes going to 12 grand as a special treat in an Islander wi' no door in't middle o' January - the young o' today don't know they're born, I'll tell thee..we used to clear t'snow from runway wit' tongue...



New Aircraft at Langar...

This one's just a model ... but they do have a Porter and a Caravan to tide you over the winter...

Tony Danbury

Strathallen

ACHIEVEMENTS

Cat 8: Andy Morgan

50 jumps: Julie Terry

200 jumps: Robert Bellamy

300 jumps: Harry Saunders

800 jumps: Calum Grant

25 years: Billy Somerville

AGM

The club's 40th AGM was 25 November with the customary end of year video afterwards in the Star Hotel. Thanks to Eddie Jones for producing the video and keeping us amused once again, and also keeping us guessing with some old shots of many of today's regulars starting out. Awards were made to Julie Terry - Student of the Year, and Joyce Carter was presented with the Albert Wheeler Memorial Trophy.

40th Anniversary

Congratulations to Andrew Robertson, son of founding member Dr Charles Robertson for making a tandem skydive on 3 December In honour of his visit, Andrew Robertson and his wife Shirley were invited out for a meal with club members. Presentations were made after the meal with the Robertson family receiving a commemorative silver quail.

Club Trip to Empuriabrava

Several club members set off for Spain on boxing day. With jumping all seven days, Andy Frew and Julie Terry progressed well through several warp levels, John Finnegan and Robert Bellamy were the jump-hogs, doing twice as many as everyone else, and Eddie Jones did the touring opting for the paddy field. Rupert, when faced with girlfriend problems, cutaway and was last seen looking for his freebag. With the nightlife living up to that expected from the Scots, there was a great social scene with John even managing a wee TV.

40th Anniversary Final Fling

Over 7-8 April we're seeing out our 40th anniversary year in big style!

Anne Johnson



Maggie Penny with Dave Ferguson



Christine Mourgues



Julie, Dianne, Martina & Jenny's 4-way

Wild Geese

The Christmas dinner was in the Bushtown Hotel with a good turnout of over 80 past and present jumpers. The long-suffering wives and girlfriends, whom we neglect most weekends, were pampered for a change.

After the dinner, Maggie (CCI) made her annual speech, thanking all the staff and DZ helpers without whom the club could not run. The prizegiving then took place and special mention was made to mishaps and in house jokes that had happened during the year.

It was then the turn of Julie O'Neil and Ryan Mullin from Queens Parachute Club to make their presentations and awards. Maggie, Judith and Drew

received special thanks for all their hard work on behalf of Queens students.

2001 looks set to be a great year for the club, the Cessna Caravan is being fitted with a sliding door and hand rails. There are plans to hold at least five competitions this year so let's hope you all get the chance to visit the Wildgeese and check out the hospitality and crack.

Club Trip

The first club trip of the year is a joint one to Empuria with the Irish Parachute Club. It's planned for the end of February with the hope to set a few new Irish records and take advantage of the winter sun.

Achievements

100 jumps / IC1 / First Demo:

Stephen McGuigan

Skydiver of the Year / FF2: David (Fergie) Ferguson

Student of the Year: Christine Mourgues

Word & pics by John McCourt

St Andrews

December found much of us a better chance of water-skiing than skydiving, but we still managed some fun jumping! A certain Andy Watts even completed a full AFF course in just one weekend (cheeky so-and-so). Some men are so quick, eh? Some of us took just slightly longer to get our Cat 8 (though I wouldn't know anyone to name). We really missed the university students and their game of 'Touch and Feel Twister'. The house was so quiet without them... sigh

La-dee-da, Look at Me, Bigshot Skydiving

In December Brian Dyas (our 'Put it on Wilkinson's Tab' CCI), Jo Todd, and Mike Strachan all attended the Sebastian 32-way Invitational. All had a brilliant time, and they were seen rubbing elbows with famous people (even some Skydive Mag Editor and we have the pics to prove it!). There is a recurring rumour that they all behaved and are welcome back at Sebastian anytime. However, we were alarmed to learn that Mr. Dyas offered some rather ugly expletives as he battled the wind tunnel. I mean, seriously, would you let THIS man near your wind tunnel? Oh, the innuendo! On a more appealing note, Kelly Strachan took part in a 4-point 16-way while babysitting her husband on her 300th jump! I've seen the video and it was superb. For those of you yet to see it, when the launch goes floppy, it WASN'T Kelly's fault!



Party animal Cap'n Dyas

to follow, I know). Alan Wilkinson once again proved (I think it was for 10p this time) that you don't just keep a little knife in your sock if you're 'frae Scotland'.

Party Animals!

A group of us headed down to revel with some of our skydiving buddies for the Brunton Christmas Party. As usual, Tim and Katherine Andrewes organised a truly superb dinner party. Everyone looked wonderful. Kelly wore her party hat and Jim White wore his Flying Pigs pants (under his kilt, some Scotsman.) Graham 'Born in Paisley, so I CAN wear a Kilt' Harris was seen with aqua bikini type undies on under his (dry heaves

Words & Pix by Vicky Wilkinson
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left-to-right: Jimmy White, Alan Wilkinson, Graham Harris and Mark Hutchison



Fun Contest

For the general purpose of a good laugh, I am running a little contest (evil laugh). I have, by entirely devious means, come by a VERY incriminating photograph of a certain instructor (above). I'm looking for suggestions for a title/caption, as well as a guess who it is if you like... hee hee. Email suggestion to me, mmm, I think a poster-sized version will look just smashing over the club fireplace...

Monumental Achievements

FF1: Bruce ZZK **IC1:** Iain Johnston **Graduated AFF:** Andy Watts **300 jumps:** Kelly Strachan

RAPA

Night Jumps

Despite the cold, a buzz was in the air during an organised night jump program at the beginning of December. All three lifts manifested completed their descents with many first time night jumps.

Training

RAPA staff enjoyed their end of season training at Empuriabrava in Spain averaging 40 descents each. Andy Newall and Rob Kendall achieved their WARP coach certificates, while other members of staff took advice from the world champions, Babylon Freely School. Empuriabrava is a fun place to be taught freelying, I recommend it to anyone who wants quality coaching.

Forecast 2001

Easter 4-way FS scrambles: 14-16 of April
RAPA meet: 9-17 June. This year we would like to make early morning balloon jumps and hopefully include a pond swoop competition!

Achievements

AFF Graduate: Steffi Beyer
2,000 jumps: Phil (I'll keep this quiet) Collett

Bish

Tilstock

Our end of season bash was a great night, even though the bar couldn't keep up! Many awards were presented for achievements throughout the year, although the recipients of the Braille Alti and Golf (as in take up!) awards would probably rather remain nameless. Special congratulations go to Colin Fitzmaurice (pictured right with Colin Fitzmaurice) for **Student of the Year** and to Liz Rimmer for **Club Member of the Year** and also for his best spot of the year (NOT!) award.

Liz Rimmer



Skydive Strathallan



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Image : Chris Clark

Pub hangouts: The Star Hotel. A skydiver-friendly host allows us to take our take-aways to eat in the bar

Other Info: Strathallan is the oldest club in Europe and the most established locally. We promote all aspects of skydiving and strive to maintain the highest level of expertise. We operate every weekend, constantly reviewing and comparing our operation. We always listen to our jumpers' needs and will soon be constructing a climbing wall within our hangar.

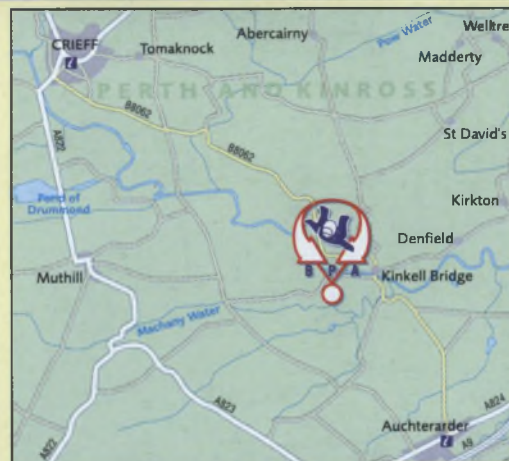
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Near Mombasa, Kenya. All beach jumps, from
Twin Otter. ronnie_jimborg@yahoo.com

**31-1 Apr BPA CF
Coaching Roadshow**
Ian Marshall. Tel 01737 969 684
marshallcf@aol.com

APRIL

2 Royal Aero Club Awards
St James Palace, London. Tel 0116 253 1051

**7-8 BPA Classics
Coaching Roadshow**
John & Cheryl Smyth. Tel 0208 868 4084
smyffy@aol.com

7-8 40th Anniversary Fling
Strathallan. brady@fsbdial.co.uk
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www.skydivesthathallan.co.uk

7-15 Easter Boogie
Skydive City, Zephyrhills, Florida
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7-16 Easter Boogie
York, W Australia. jump@skydive.com.au

13-16 Easter Boogie
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MAY

4-7 Red Devils CF Weekend
Netheravon. Tel 01980 678 211
reddevils@reddevilsonline.com

5-7 Scambles Competition
RAFSPA, Weston
Tel 01869 343 343 Fax 01869 343 676

4-12 Langar Boogie
Langar. Tel 01949 860 878
bpslangar@aol.com

5-7 18th Anniversary Boogie
Wild Geese, N Ireland. Our 18th Anniversary
Tel 028 295 58609
parachute@wildgeese.demon.co.uk
www.wildgeese.demon.co.uk

**5-7 Classics / CF
Grand Prix**
Bridlington. Tel 01262 677 367

19-20 FS Grand Prix
Wild Geese, N Ireland. Tel 028 295 58609
parachute@wildgeese.demon.co.uk
www.wildgeese.demon.co.uk

26-28 Rodders 4-way Meet
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freestyle, freely, skysurf, Classics
Tel 07774 686 161 or 01764 662 572
bradyk@fsbdial.co.uk

26-28 POPS Meet
North West, Cork
pete@thepops.com www.thepops.com

JUNE

2-4 All Ireland Open Boogie
Wild Geese, N Ireland. Tel 028 295 58609
parachute@wildgeese.demon.co.uk
www.wildgeese.demon.co.uk

16-17 FS Grand Prix
Hibaldstow. Tel 0113 250 5600
info@targetsky.demon.co.uk
www.skydiving.co.uk

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23-1 Jul World Air Games
Includes World Championships in the following
disciplines: FS, freestyle, skysurf, CF, style &
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huge range of aerial sports, held at different
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23-1 Jul Fun/Progression Week
Black Knights, Cockerham. Tel 01524 791 820
jeff@payco.net www.bkpc.co.uk

JULY

**14-15 Classics / CF
Grand Prix**
Border PC, Brunton. Tel 01665 589 000
skydivenorth@email.com

20-22 FS Nationals - 1st w/e
Hibaldstow. Tel 0113 250 5600
info@targetsky.demon.co.uk
www.skydiving.co.uk

27-29 FS Nationals - 2nd w/e
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AUGUST

**3-5 Classics / CF
Nationals - 1st w/e**
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4-6 Irish Open Nationals
Irish PC, Clonbullogue
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**4-12 Extravaganza / Skills
Camp**
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Tel 07774 686 161 or 01764 662 572
www.skydivesthathallan.co.uk

**10-12 Classics / CF
Nationals - 2nd w/e**
Bridlington. Tel 01262 677 367

14-23 World Games
Akita, Japan. FS freestyle, skysurf, CF, style &
accuracy

16-25 Operation Royal Salute
Memorial jump to honor King Hussein of Jordan
www.paradventure.org

17-19 New Age Nationals
Will continue on 24-28 August if necessary
Sibson, Peterborough. Tel 01832 280 490
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18-26 Karlov Vary Boogie
UK contact Pete Marsden
pete@boogieclub.co.uk Tel 00 44 1932 701 321
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18-27 Fun/Progression Week
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25-26 Dicko 16-way Meet
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SEPTEMBER

1-2 FS Grand Prix
Langar. Tel 01949 860 878
bpslangar@aol.com

1-2 POPS Meet
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8-10 5-Nations Competition
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FS, accuracy and freestyle
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www.wildgeese.demon.co.uk

15-16 Classics / CF Grand Prix

Wild Geese, N Ireland. Tel 028 295 58609
parachute@wildgeese.demon.co.uk
www.wildgeese.demon.co.uk

OCTOBER

6-14 Big Way Boogie
Skydive Nagambie, Australia
Contact Louise Cross 0061 3 5794 2626

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27 End Of Season Party
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DEC

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15 Christmas Dinner Dance
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N Ireland. Tel 028 295 58609
parachute@wildgeese.demon.co.uk
www.wildgeese.demon.co.uk

MARCH 2002

4-10 6th World POPS Meet
New Zealand. john.crowhurst@cotecna.com.ec
www.pops.co.nz

Crossword Solutions

Across

5. Skyway, 8. Gorillas, 9. Ripcord,
10. Awing, 11. Affection,
13. Aviatix, 14. Techno, 17. Lac,
19. R.O.L., 20. Delays,
23. Proverbs, 26. Displeased,
28. Tempo, 29. Hazards,
30. Teardrop, 31. Legend

Down

1. Iguana, 2. Prairie, 3. Flightily,
4. Banzai, 5. Stiletto, 6. Yacht,
7. Airborne, 12. F.X.C.,
15. Elevators, 16. Levitate,
18. Ascended, 21. G.P.S.,
22. Primary, 24. Reflex,
25. Swoops, 27. Plane

What's Up Bunny?

We congratulate BPA member Bunny McGeechan who we think was the first Brit to skydive in the third millennium. He jumped at 09:08 (British time) on 1 January at Empuriabrava in Spain, from a Twin Otter at 13,500 feet. For those who didn't know, the actual start date of the new millennium (period of 1000 years) can only happen when the previous millennium has finished, ie at the end of the year 1000, 2000 etc. My only comment would be – two millennia since what, exactly? but nice one Bunny!

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