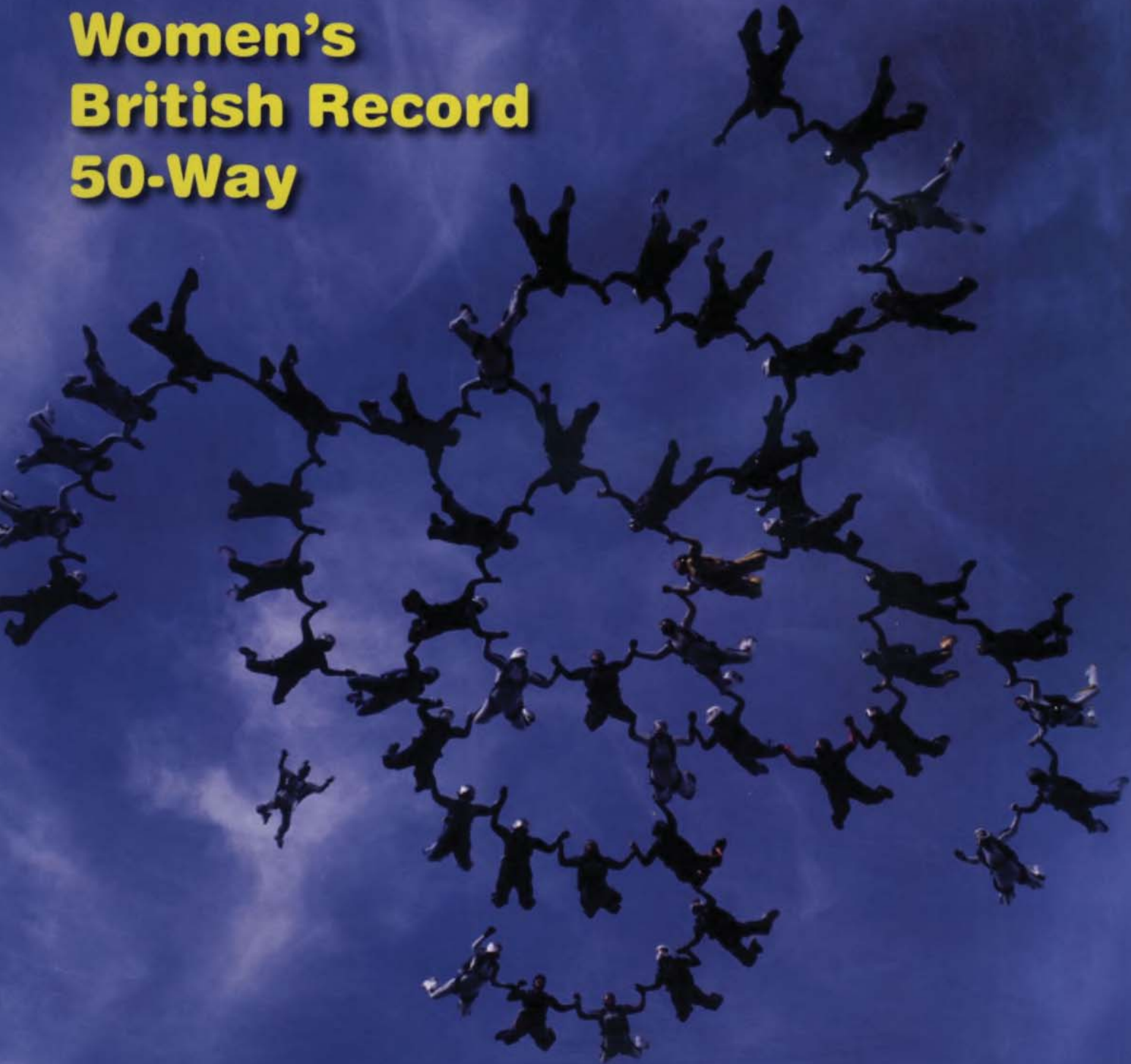


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editorial

Well the advance plan for this magazine was completely thrown out of the window! This often happens with The Mag - I devise proposed features but then we respond to what is really happening in the skydiving world (not what we thought was going to happen). So, we have reports of all the goings-on in the UK, in the Nationals in FS and artistic events write-ups and the ever-expanding Club News. On the educational side, make sure you read Chris Hollis' excellent article on dangers under canopy. We also bring you fabulous photos from the Herc Boogie, stunning images from Espace and, of course, a full report on *Brit Chicks*.

This has turned into a justifiably *Brit Chicks* Mag in the same way we had a *Brit100* Mag in August '99. Every one of the *Brit Chicks* should be proud of their achievement - and, if you weren't there, be proud of those who were. To achieve a women's 50-way when there are only 580 female BPA members to choose from is quite something!

It also meant there was a completely different approach to selection, it wasn't invitation-only like *Brit100*. All were welcome to come and throw their hat in the ring, regardless of experience. Many of the jumpers who successfully docked on the record 40 and 50-ways said they didn't imagine they would make it that far - but were so happy that they did! That is one of the reasons the BPA got behind the project and invested in the coaching side, to bring on our up-and-comings. Lisa James, a *Brit Chick* with 250 FS jumps, has written a lovely account of her experience, read and enjoy.

Next issue we'll bring you the CF and classics Nationals, plus a host of educational articles we have lined up in response to the readership survey. In the winter we'll have more room for 'how-to' features; in the summer there are more happenings to report and luscious photos to drool over. In order to reflect the sport, The Mag needs to be as seasonal as is skydiving.

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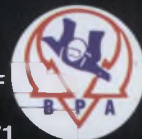
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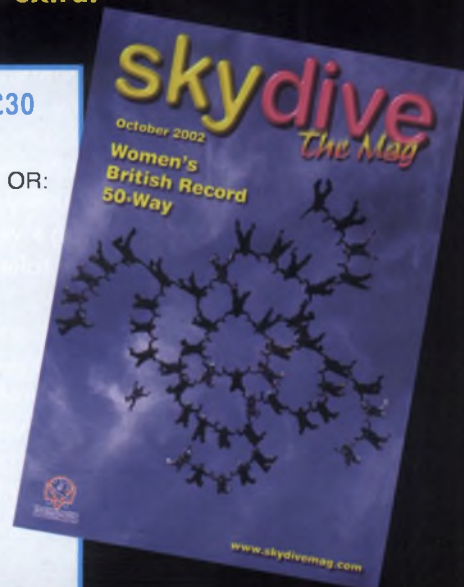
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Espace Boogie

Every year in August the pilgrimage takes place from the UK to the holy land of Espace

What makes this boogie so special? A lot of factors combined; great organisers, hot sun, high quality skydives, relaxed management, good food, excellent camera work, lovely people, top sounds, terrific atmosphere... but most of all – the VIDEO, because it unites all the various skydiving disciplines.

The party each evening kicks off with the video of the day's jumping, superbly edited by Stephane Cruciani, Joel's brother. (Joel is the manager of Lapalisse skydiving centre.) Stephane is on a busman's holiday; he's a professional videographer whose company, Sea Sky productions does underwater filming for the Jacques Cousteau Institute. The quality of the imaginative editing on one evening's video is on a par with productions which have taken months.

Of course, Stephane has some awesome footage to work with, as the boogie is now so well known it attracts top level cameraflyers like Willy Boeykens, whose smashing pictures adorn these pages and Wendy Smith, who this year featured in front of the lens too, in a metallic Space Girl outfit.



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Stephane's wonderful editing combines all the skydiving fun; freeflying, formation skydiving, tracking dives, atmonauti, tube jumps, wingsuits, skysurfers, big-ways and even tandem jumps. Seeing other people's skydiving exploits on the huge screens keeps you in touch and interested in what else is going on around you. You strike up conversations more easily that night and have more idea the next day in the plane of what the other people will get up to when they get out. It really did bring jumpers together. Freeflyers applauded flat flying jumps, whilst FS jumpers cheered atmonauti dives – and joined them the next day to have a go.

By the end of the boogie, the different areas were all mixing. Many people were flying on their bellies in the morning and on their heads in the afternoon. Confirmed 'dark-siders' Steve and Elliot from Langar went flat for the first time in years for Kerry's sunset tandem jump with Dave Morris, the footage of which caused spontaneous applause. Tazio Madliger's humungous-ways in freefly looked so exciting I almost wanted a go myself; they grew bigger and more breath-taking each day.







Milko's group of flat flyers built a star around freeflyer Marco holding a tube. It ain't what you do, or the way that you do it, it's how much fun you have doing it.

A daily wake-up formation load with all three aircraft (two Otters and a SkyVan) eventually yielded a complete 62-way, organised by Patrick Passe. In all, 9,200 jumps were made from 450 loads, without any incidents. By day we had sun, skydiving and swimming pool; in the evening there is the well-equipped ambient bar, French cuisine and top tunes by DJ Richie. It was paradise.

The Espace Boogie video tape will be in sale soon, worth the cash even if you missed the boogie. It's now time to mark off the week beginning 26 July next year for an unforgettable, unmissable, indescribable skydive experience, Espace Boogie 2003.

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Large Sequential World Record

An attempt on the large sequential world record will take place at Skydive City, Zephyrhills, Florida on 16-19 April 2003. The attempt will be to break the current record of a two point 118-way with a two point 120-way. Contact team captain, Gareth Holder for more details (or just turn up and lurk!)

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On the evening of Tuesday 23 July and very early the next day, members of the British Army formation skydiving team, *Quicksilver* and the US Army skydiving team, the *Golden Knights* jumped onto Salisbury Plain in Wiltshire, with Stonehenge as a backdrop. These dusk and dawn jumps were to celebrate a continued exchange the two Armies and skydiving teams have been running.

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Vicky Holton

Netheravon jumper Vicky Holton was badly injured in a landing accident at Skydive Spain near Seville in early July. As a result she is paralysed from the neck down. Vicky is in the spinal unit at Odstock hospital near Salisbury, where her incredible fortitude and humour are an inspiration.

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Super Jump

A 58-year-old Frenchman, Michel Fournier is planning to soon attempt the highest ever parachute jump from 40 kilometres up (131,200 feet). If he succeeds, he will fall further and faster than any jumper before him, reaching supersonic speeds up to 1,000mph and will fall for about 6 1/2 minutes. If the 'super jump' is postponed until next year he will be in competition with at least two other teams preparing similar projects.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/2241175.stm>

Cancer Survivor Skydive

Tony Albano and Skydive San Marcos, Texas brought together 24 skydivers who are all cancer survivors, including Sylvia Radcliffe from the UK. The objective was to send out a powerful message to those battling the disease that there is life and fun after cancer. There was great media interest and a world record was set in accordance with Guinness book rules.

POPS Formation Record

A new POPS European and UK record 27-way was set on 1 September at Langar Airfield, organised by Jack Felstead and using a TurboLet and SkyVan. The previous record was a 15-way so this has almost doubled. Congratulations to all.

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Tony Danbury

US Nationals Shock Result

There were a few surprises at the recent US formation skydiving Nationals. In 4-way, the *Golden Knights* beat *Airspeed*, current world champions. The *Knights* finished three points ahead of *Airspeed* with 218 points to their 215. In third place were *DeLand Majik* whom some had tipped to win this year, with 212 points. The victory by the *Knights* means that they will represent the US in 4-way at the next World Meet, Gap, 2003.

On the other hand, *Airspeed* romped to victory in the 8-way event, winning with an 18.2 average well clear of the *Golden Knights* in silver and *DeLand Majik* 9 in bronze. So the US 8-way team at the World Meet will be *Airspeed*.

This has effectively reversed the traditional disciplines. The *Golden Knights* had been world 8-way champions countless times up to and including 1997. The following year, *Airspeed* took on the *Knights* at their own game, beating them in 8-way at the US Nationals and, hence, representing the US at next two World Meets in both 4 and 8-way. (*Airspeed* won 8-way in 1999 but came second in the 4-way; then in 2001 they won the 4-way but came second in the 8-way).

Now the roles have been completely swapped for the US representation in 1997 and 1995; *Airspeed* will be the US National 8-way team and the *Golden Knights* the US 4-way team.

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FS Nationals

4-way

You know what it's like ... you rock up to the nationals again. You see the same old faces, again... but this time there were also about 100 new ones – a good thing because some of the traditional ones are looking pretty old and tatty now! We hear FS is on the decline... well, 42 teams compared to last year's attendance of 18 says it's risen again higher than Everest.

Hibaldstow threw a few other surprises at us. Old hands came equipped with sufficient clothing to survive the next ice age, laden with fleeces, duvets (okay, so we're getting a bit soft) and thermos flasks. Few had thought of packing sun protection (that and 'British Nationals' are the 'fish' and 'bicycle' of the sporting world), although some dodgy fashion-arrestable 'summer clothing' was clearly found at the bottom of various kit bags.

Do you know what it's like when your alarm goes off at 5 o'clock so you can be ready for your first competition lift? No, neither did I. DZ control decided to break the record for the earliest ever Nationals

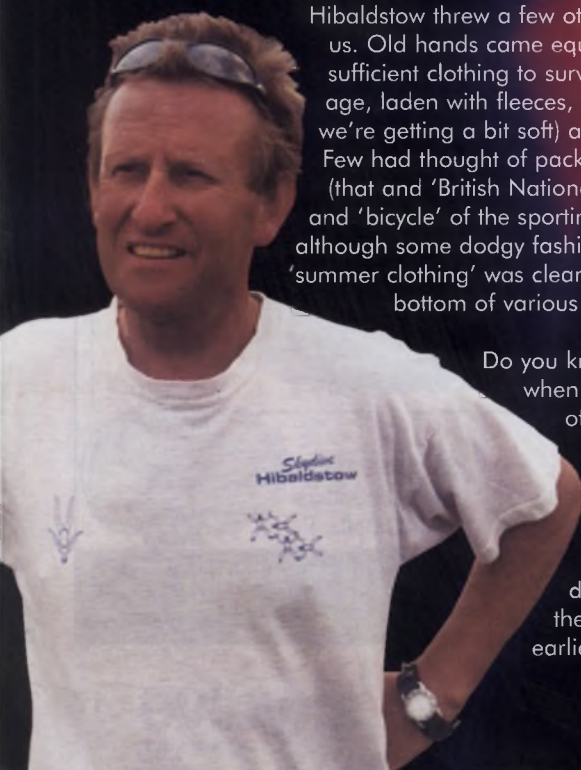
wheels-off, 6.45 am, resulting in numerous jumpers looking very groggy and confused, clearly unaware that there is light before six. I'm glad to say many people dropped the pretence of stretching, going straight for coffee instead.

John Hitchen took his normal role, cutting the kind of figure of a man that only a man with his figure can cut, out on DZ control. The judges remained remarkably calm considering their room temperature was straight from 'I'm a Celebrity ...', while the canteen staff won the top award for endurance in their stifling kitchen.

Forty two teams presents its own problems... well over 300 dives have to be dirtied... and even with the expertise of XL et al to assist, that's a lot of trolley time.

XL had the surreal experience of walking back to the hangar after a jump to be greeted by spontaneous applause. This was due to a blinding previous round, which had just hit Omniskore for 26 points, rather than their style of ambulation. A 20 point average was the headline result, a big jump from 18.4 last year. They looked slower than previously ('slow' as in 'amazingly fast') but scored more points and clearly have the best platform to increase speed that we have ever seen in the team. That new bloke, Thomas, he's quite useful.

But back to skydiving mortals ... competitions are notorious for putting pressure on teams. The sunshine and rapid speed of the competition greatly reduced internal pressures, and we saw very little team bust-ups; good for teams, but reduces the appeal as a spectator sport. Instead we had virtually continuous skydives,



providing regular entertainment on the ground as the scores were flashed up. Watching your own performance on the screens can be agony. For some reason, whenever your bad round's on the television, it's always when the room is full and has hit one of those eerily quiet moments when everyone locks on the screen. Obviously you would have scored better if you hadn't funnelled the exit/brainlocked the second point/remembered which way to turn a zircon-zircon but nobody around you understands this.

Despite the seriousness of the competition, there was a great atmosphere of helping other teams out. Some advice was a bit dubious ("We chuck the donut straight out of the door"), but the vast majority was solid and particularly helped junior teams. Some juniors returned the favour by notching higher scores than the

seniors! Genuine encouragement, willingness to help and friendly rivalry was evident in every team in the competition. It really doesn't matter how well you do or don't do, there's always a team near you on the scoreboard to have your own battle with.

The aircraft flew pretty well non-stop throughout the weekend (nice one pilots), with the right people (outstanding work by Hibaldstow manifest), the biggest ever turnout and the highest ever scores for the teams. Gold medallists and hence British team Sebastian XL washed cleaner than Persil with no busts, next were British women's team VMax who achieved their dream average of 15 points. Not a bad result really.

Rod Fairweather



Senior 4-way medallists



Intermediate 4-way medallists



Junior 4-way medallists

Senior

1	XL	20.0
2	VMax	15.0
3	4Pak	14.3
4	Quiksilver	13.2
5	NRG	10.1
6	Red Devils	10.1
7	Relative Breeze	9.4
8	X-Trix	8.5
9	3 Points & a Tail	7.5
10	Practical Magic	5.4

(points averaged over all completed rounds)

Intermediate

1	UBI	11.6
2	Quest	11.4
3	Usual Suspects	8.9
4	No Illusion	8.1
5	Version	7.3
5	MissChief	7.3
7	Team Wadi	6.1
8	Factor X	5.9
9	Air Rage	3.9
10	Scratching Cats	3.6

Junior

1	Sky Pirates	11.6	12	Tenacity	4.6
2	Chaos	9.1	13	Itchy Bits	4.1
3	Team Beaver	8.3	14	Elemental	3.4
4	Chix	7.9	15	Y O Y	3.1
5	S-Sense	7.5	15	2 Up 2 Down	3.1
6	G-Force	7.4	17	Morris Minors (Withdrawn)	4.0
7	South Park	7.1	18	3 + 1	2.4
8	Mo Fo Ho's	6.9	19	Team Weasel	2.0
9	Damn!	6.6	19	Chatterbox	2.0
10	Fusion	6.1	21	Reme	1.3
11	Team Fridge	5.4			

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FS

Nationals 8-way



VNE by Gus Wing

Another cracking time was had by all at this year's 8-way, again successfully staged over one weekend with 'H' and Swalty's slick organisation. The meet started on Friday night with the draw and team briefings, followed by a cheery announcement of team Om to start proceedings with a 7am wheels-off! The meet was one of the better attended in recent years with five senior and two intermediate teams all chasing BPA glory. As a member of VNE, the pace of the meet was excellent, giving us the right turn-round to be able to stay alert and ready for the next competition jump while affording plenty of opportunity to give coaching to the other teams. The vibe was great all day Saturday with all the senior teams finishing off six rounds by close of play. Chris Peacock's intermediate team *Crispy Cocks* already had the meet in the bag even with one round left to jump in the morning!

The next day saw more of the same. The air was filled with yahoos as everybody was getting to grips with the nuances of 8-way. Om were having a great time whilst being kept well in line by Kate Stephens (heard to suggest that a creeping session might be in order as they were on a 15 minute call). British team VNE pulled well ahead but there was a great battle going on for the other medal places with Om, Red Devils and Box of Frogs all close together.

By Sunday afternoon the large operative chick was singing, ie, the medal places were sorted. Team VNE snaffled gold with a new best British total of 125 points, while Om had surged well into an excellent silver place with *Box of Frogs* taking bronze. The *Red Devils* this year featured Al Brooks from the *Golden Knights*, USA plus the infamous Eddie Carroll; they jumped all the rounds as guest competitors and would have come third had they been eligible to enter the UK competition. The intermediates finished as predicted with *Crispy Cocks* taking gold ahead of *Mirage*.

Two quick rounds of speed 8 saw victory for *Box of Frogs* and a well-deserved gold. The medal ceremony was preceded by a question-and-answer session led by John Smyth, BPA Chairman of Competitions who outlined ideas for future 8-way competitions, both national and regional (watch this space). This led to some great feedback and encouraging noises from both competitors and committee. Then somebody said Tequila so we partied!

From a VNE point of view, I would like to say a big thanks to all of you for your obvious support and a big well done for all those who ran this slick and great fun event – sweeeee! See you all next year.

Andy Scott, VNE



Senior 8-way

1	VNE	12.5
2	Om	7.1
3	Red Devils	5.9
4	Box of Frogs	4.8
5	NRA	4.4

(average is over all completed rounds)



Senior silver medallists Om



VNE stormed in style, winning the senior sequential with a 12.5 average



Senior bronze medallists Box of Frogs



Guest competitors the Red Devils achieved third in the open competition

Intermediate 8-way



Crispy Cocks won the intermediate event with an average of 5



The other team Mirage took intermediate silver, averaging 1.8

8-way Speed

Just two teams entered the Speed 8, which was won by Langar's Box of Frogs, beating the local scratch team, Targ-8.

1	Box of Frogs	30.65
2	Targ-8	51.62

(Time shown is the total, in seconds, after over two rounds)



Artistic Events

Nationals 10-12 August

Sebastian Free
Jive by Patrick
Bierhance



The staff at Peterborough Parachute Centre make an excellent team and did a wonderful job of organising the event. They enabled the teams to complete the meet despite poor weather conditions. Towards the end of the competition when most teams had completed their rounds the Turbolet would fly with very few people on board just for the competition, full credit to Sue and John Meacock. It was a three day event, Saturday 10 August to Monday 12, and was done just in time on the Monday afternoon, apart from one freestyle team who still had three rounds to do. So the freestyle event ran over into the Tuesday by agreement between the competing teams, judges and Sue Meacock, the meet director.

SKYSURF

There were three teams in the skysurf event, two of these at their first national competition. Both teams said how much they learned and that they will definitely be competing again next year. The inclusion of compulsory rounds for the first time proved a real challenge for all the



Gold – Clockwork Orange

teams, especially as half the moves have been made considerably more difficult compared to the last World Meet in 2002. The changes have been made fairly recently and so all the teams were trying some of the moves for the first time during the competition rounds.

Skysurf Results

1 Clockwork Orange

Dave Sturgeon & Cathy Symonds

2 Airware

Robbie Powell & Andy Kille

3 Skysurf Sibson

Ian Mitchell & Jules Hoult



Silver – Airware



Bronze – Skysurf Sibson

Photos: Stuart Meacock

FREELY

This year we saw the introduction of A and B categories, which definitely encouraged more teams to enter. There was a huge turnout from Hibaldstow – half of the freefly teams were made up of Hibble Bibble jumpers. The A category teams were faced with two compulsory rounds and five free rounds and the B category teams just four free rounds. Most of the teams were at their first Nationals so first round jump nerves were obvious but everyone soon managed to settle into the meet.

Freefly A

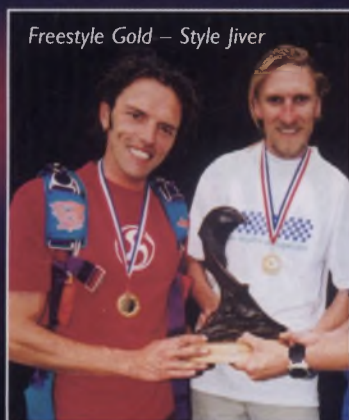
- 1 Sebastian Free Jive** Chris Lynch, Rob Silver & Tim Porter
- 2 Advance Rapide** Rob Simpson, Noel Purcell & Daniel Parker
- 3 Euphoria** Chris Guntrip, Gary Sweeney & Alex Cotton

Freefly B

- 1 Three Ejits** Ian Chapman, Darren Glover & Wesley Bell
- 2 Almost Kings** James Swallow, David Thompson & Stuart Meacock
- 3 Who's Your Daddy** Sarah Hall, Oli Denham & Giles Fabris



Freefly B Bronze – Who's Your Daddy



Freestyle Gold – Style Jiver

FREESTYLE

This was definitely the closest competition and was anyone's game, Chris Lynch showing he had fine style with Tim Porter on camera, giving reigning champions Stuart Meacock and Giles Fabris a run for their money.

- 1 Style Jiver** Chris Lynch & Tim Porter
- 2 Freestyle Sibson** Stuart Meacock & Giles Fabris



Freefly A Gold – Sebastian Free Jive

Tracy Briggs



Freefly B Gold – Three Ejits

Don Parker



Freefly B Silver – Almost Kings

Stuart Meacock

JUDGES

The artistic events were judged by three judges; Dona Crum from the UK, Andrea Spielvogel from Germany and Daniel Alonso from France. Unfortunately the BPA were not able to get enough judges to attend the meet but, thankfully Sibson stepped in and brought in the two international judges at their own expense.

The judges did a terrific job and made themselves available for competitors to ask any questions. They gave good advice and solid reasons for some of the scores with constructive ideas for improvement. They also giving a helping hand to two trainee judges, Ruth Cooper and Sue Skull. Hopefully, we'll see them both at next year's Nationals.

AND FINALLY...

The medal ceremony was held on Monday evening with BPA Chairman Chris Allen doing the honours. It was an excellent atmosphere, team spirits flowed well in the bar in the evening with a few nameless individuals just managing to avoid getting into too much trouble. Many teams walked around proudly showing solidarity in identical team T-shirts with *Sebastian Free Jive* going one better by sporting matching ponytails!

Unfortunately the winning teams in the three disciplines were just below the minimum criteria for funding but, hopefully, the BPA will recognise that there is potential here for for a medal at world level. It was great to see a higher attendance than last year and we hope next year will be even bigger and better next year. See you there!

Tracy Briggs

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Sebastian Free Jive

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and Dinner Dance

The AGM and associated events with presentations, talks, meetings and the ever-popular dinner dance will again be held at the now well-established venue of the four star Hanover International Hotel at Hinckley, Leicestershire, on Saturday 18 January. If there's something, or someone, you're aching to hear in the seminar programme – or something you're yearning to say – we might just be able to take it up! Email us your suggestions. Dinner tickets are available from the BPA Office, price £21.

Accommodation

Overnight accommodation at the hotel is available at specially negotiated rates, some of which are less than last year's prices. Staying the night before, Friday 17 January, will be £60 per double/twin (£40 for single occupancy). A room on Saturday night will be £75 double/twin (£60 single). This includes breakfast and overnight car parking. Accommodation should be reserved direct with the hotel, say the magic word 'BPA', for the special rates.

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Competitions

Register from 1 March

For the 2003 season, junior and intermediate teams will be able to register with the BPA Office ahead of the first meet of the season. This is in response to requests from competitors and may be useful if subsequent training might take a team's jump numbers over limits. There will be strictly **no** retrospective registration – ie, it will not be possible to backdate registration, say at the first competition of the season to what a team's jump numbers would have been had they registered on 1 March. Details will be given in the February Mag and posted on the BPA website.

8-way Added to Regionals

At the request of competitors, an 8-way FS competition will be added to the regional circuit next season, on different weekends to the 4-way. Also in response to observations from competitors, the bonus point system for the FS Regionals will be discontinued. The Comps Committee is considering including the Nationals in the Regionals points tally. What are the views of competitors? Should the Scottish Nationals be considered in this too? All opinions are welcome, so have your say!

Artistic Events

Coaching Roadshows in artistic events, started this summer, have been popular but the level of entries in artistic Regionals has been disappointing. Hence, unless there is a strong demand from competitors, it is likely that artistic disciplines **won't** be included in the Regionals next year. The Nationals in artistic events will, of course, take place and more Coaching Roadshows are planned for next season too!

Style & Accuracy Rules

The Competitions Committee has been pleased to receive constructive views from some competitors on the classics rules for 2003. More views are welcome but you need to send them in by the turn of the year, as the new style and accuracy rules will be drafted in early 2003.

EGM Date Change

An extraordinary general meeting will be held at BPA Offices, 5 Wharf Way, Glen Parva, Leicester on Tuesday 3 December 2002 at 6.30pm. This is a week earlier than originally anticipated.

Agenda

1. To receive and adopt, if approved, the annual accounts of the Association and the report of the auditors for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002.
2. To confirm the re-appointment of the Auditors, and to authorise the Council to fix their remuneration for the ensuing final year.
3. To sent the provisional membership subscription for the 12 months beginning 1 April 2003.

Still Developing

Martin Shuttleworth, National Administrator, has also taken on the role of BPA Development Officer in place of Lucie Wood, who has now left the BPA staff. Martin says he's really looking forward to this new challenge.

5,000 Full Members!

Again this year, BPA full membership has topped the 5,000 mark. New members are joining all the time and this year's total looks set to be still higher than last year's.

New Ratings

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Robin Durie
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Canopy Training

Recently, a good friend of mine had a skydiving accident that cost him his life.

He was 24 years old and had about 270 jumps. He carried out a turn too low to the ground; whether this was an attempt at a hook turn or just an error in judgement remains a mystery.

My point in this article is to raise the issue that has been debated countless times before; what can be done to prevent this sort of accident from recurring?

Photos: Steve Utter

We have seen safety posters about low turns for years, ranging from the 'Free quick ride, or a slow costly one' to the more direct 'Hook turns are killing BPA members' but these are obviously ineffective. Legislating for this kind of thing would prove unworkable. You can't force people to land in a certain way; it's in the spirit of the sport to allow people freedom of expression. Enforcing minimum jump numbers before hook turns are attempted, would, I think, not solve

anything, as it would be hard to enforce and only serve as a red rag to a bull.

Danger Signs

If this particular accident was an error of judgement, rather than a deliberate attempt at a radical landing, then what can be done to reduce these errors? To my mind, errors like these occur because a set of circumstances have arisen to put the jumper in much more danger



than they would be on any other day. Consider yourself handling your canopy correctly as walking a tightrope. Done many times over, it becomes second nature and you consider it easy. The truth is far different. A slight slip-up can result in disaster. The set of circumstances that surround accidents act like weights on a tightrope walker's pole; too many weights and you upset the balance. You should

adopt a points scale in your head and award points to any factors you consider put you or your fellow skydivers in danger.

What should be on the danger list?

Well, think for yourself. Jumping different kit, at a new drop zone, out of a different aircraft, doing something new or different, a bad spot or in weather conditions that

are less than perfect, anything out of the ordinary. If you find yourself awarding points in more than one category, you should be extra aware of safety issues. Be vigilant and make a point of mentioning points such as break-off, landing patterns, canopy control, reserve drills, etc to yourself and to your friends. Make a point of going through this checklist and do it with the same thoroughness you apply to checking your rig. If your mates laugh it off, ignore them. At least someone has raised the issues in people's minds. You never know, stepping back and thinking in this defensive frame of mind could make all the difference when it matters.

Low Turns

Canopy landing accidents happen mostly not to intentional swoopers but to jumpers who just turn too low. Even the best can be caught out trying to get into wind when they do not have the altitude to complete the turn. Be aware it is more important *not* to hit the ground in a turn than it is to get into wind. If you are low when you begin your turn, use an elevation or shuffle turn (start from half brakes and let up on the opposite side to the way you wish to turn). You can easily abort the turn at any time and land crosswind if you run out of height. Jumpers may think they are safe because they don't 'hook it' for a posy landing. The ground will bite just as hard if you pull on a toggle low, even if a swoop landing is not the intention.

Swoop Landings

Let's now look at the facts about intentional low turns. Hook turns are cool. Look at any skydiving video for sale. There's footage of people swooping for miles over ponds, under bridges, into aircraft hangars... the list goes on. Impressive? Of course! I agree these guys are the dog's. They know exactly what they're doing and it's very cool. On your home drop zone you have one or two, maybe more, jumpers that are known to be radical under canopy. Last lift of the day, these are the guys that make everyone else come out and watch as they carve up an unbelievably long swoop to the enjoyment of the rest of the drop zone. So what's the problem? All sounds perfectly normal so far.

Thousands of jumps

The same guy who just flew along the length of the taxiway with his toes in the grass probably has thousands of jumps, with hundreds on that particular type of canopy. Before that, he probably had another canopy that wasn't so hot, but he learned how to swoop on that, making the odd mistake on the way. The problem is the vast void between the person under the canopy and the person most likely to try and copy him.

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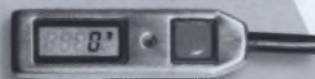
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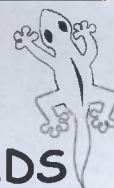
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Fast Track to Glory

In the same way we all know the big swoopers, we can all recognise the other end of the scale. Young lad, maybe early twenties, did an AFF course and is now hooked. Wants to do it all, and wants to do it all yesterday. He watches the last lift of the day, sees the reaction from the rest of the drop zone to the hot landings and decides this is a fast track to glory. Based on what? Watching guys with jump numbers in four figures whilst he has a few hundred. This is a disaster waiting to happen. Add in buying a canopy that is maybe a little on the hot side and you're well on the way.

All this guy knows about canopy flying is what was taught to him on his first few jumps under a big, docile student canopy. He learned about finding the stall point, base legs, final approaches and keeping the canopy into wind. I don't believe front riser turns at 200 feet are part of the syllabus. That comes from picking up titbits in the bar and watching the big boys.

So what can we do?

Impressionable young skydivers need to have their enthusiasm channelled in the right direction to avoid accidents. A much stronger emphasis on the canopy part of each descent is needed. Nearly all of our training after Cat 8 is focussed on freefall skills and the canopy ride is taken for granted. This is now the most dangerous period of the jump, so let's take it seriously.

Canopy Skills Training

I had the fortune to attend a canopy pilot skills seminar run by Chris Lynch earlier this year. The information that Chris has should be heard by absolutely everyone who wants to learn how to pilot a canopy correctly, from packing, opening, flight and landing.

Whilst this was an excellent day, the wrong people went. People who really need telling how to fly canopies safely are the people least likely to attend. The information within this seminar needs to be incorporated somewhere into the official training schedule as a mandatory part of calling yourself an experienced skydiver. Maybe before IC1, as well as demonstrating five landings on target, you should attend a canopy skills class and carry out the exercises within that successfully. Why not make it a requirement before the issue of an FAI A licence?

Video Debrief Landings

Video is a major training aid. If all AFF instructors and WARP / Skydive U coaches with camera helmets videoed their student's landing, that would be a good teaching aid, providing valuable feedback to an area of the jump normally overlooked after the first handful of descents. Certainly being videoed after you have purchased a new canopy is going to help a novice skydiver handle it better and land it safely.

Food for Thought

This writing is not designed as the ultimate guide into preventing this sort of accident from recurring. I am merely providing food for thought and trying to encourage other skydivers to come up with ideas of their own, thinking of safety as well as fun. I believe the answer lies in education, not legislation. If a skydiver wants to learn how to swoop, he or she is going to. You can't stop them. With a bit more training and attention to their canopy habits, we can however give them the best possible chance of walking away from their landings – as opposed to never walking again.

Chris Hollis
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Saturday 26 October

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Landings will be videoed and debriefed. Places are limited, so priority will go to people who have already attended one of Chris's seminars, either the day before, or earlier this year. Cost is £20.

Meet at Headcorn, 8.30 for 9.

Canopy Skills Tour

Chris will be doing a tour of his canopy seminar next year. If drop zones would like Chris to visit, please contact him.

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Addendum: A BPA Panel of Inquiry / Working Group is looking into this problem, considering changes to the requirements of IC1 and the possibility of an IC2, both of which will deal with the educational aspects of canopy handling.

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- Oct. 16th-19th - **Boyz-Wayz** - Men supporting JFTC- Dives Organized by Roger Ponce
- Oct. 31st-Nov. 3rd - **6th Annual Flyboyz Film Festival**
- November 2nd - **Halloween Costume Party**
- November 7th-10th - **Laughlin Nevada Casino Boogie**
- December 7th-8th - **Out of the Box** - RW Clinic with David Von Greuningen & Shannon Pilcher
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BRIT CHICKS ROCK!!

It's Wednesday 5 September, and Langar drop Zone has had a sudden influx of chicks. We're all here for the British Women's Record attempt. Most of us, me included, have been to the training weekend just gone and many to the warm-up weekend in June. This time the weather is being kinder and, as I stand there clutching my logbook which details my less than 300 jumps, I am relieved to learn that I share the same level of experience as many of the other women.

Things are starting. Lesley Gale begins by outlining our goals for the week. Top priority is, as always, safety, goal number 1 is no-one hurt. Next on the list is to break the existing record of 38 by building a 40-way... and then to go on and smash that record with a sexy 50-way. Our other goals are to raise money for Penny Roberts and Vicky Holton, two women seriously injured in skydiving accidents. Lastly we hope to raise the profile of women in the sport.

Lesley and Kate [Stephens] quickly organise us into groups. 40 girls are put into the three aircraft (Langar's Grand Caravan and TurboLet, and a Belgian Skyvan, brought in for the week). Work begins on setting a new British Women's Record. To be honest I didn't think I stood a chance of being on the dive. I had less than 300 jumps and very little 'big-way' experience. But that wasn't the point – I was part of the whole 'Brit Chick' thing. We all knew that this was an opportunity to learn, to be coached by some of Britain's best and to gain valuable experience; so finding myself on the 'bench' with half a dozen other girls being coached by Rotti, certainly was an experience!

Rotti had a clear idea of what slots each of his 'bench bitches' (as he so lovingly referred to us as!) would be doing on the record. Each coaching jump was organised in such a way as to allow us to practise the skills we would need on the 50-way. As we walked to the end of runway 07 for the third coaching jump that day, our thoughts of swooping, staying in our quadrant, and flat tracking were quickly interrupted by the whooping and cheering of 40 women who had just broke the existing record. And just in time too as the wind was beginning to pick up. None of us minded the weather hold though – it just meant that we had more time to watch the video and cheer at that moment when everything came together.





Friday was a wash-out but Saturday began with renewed vigour and excitement. This time we were out to smash our own record with a 50-way. Slots were swapped and more women were brought in. It felt like déjà vu. There we were at the end of 07 again, Rotti and his 'bench bitches', but this time watching the skies for a 50-way. Canopies cracked open above us, but this time no cheering. It was strange – you would have expected us to be secretly relieved or happy, after all this meant that we still stood a chance of getting a slot on the 50-way. But we all felt genuinely disappointed. We all wanted this to work. Yet it was early days, and the weather was still being kind.

Once we had completed our coaching jumps and all the girls were back on the ground, there was another quick re-shuffle of some of the slots. Suddenly I'm being told to get someone else to pack for me, as I'm needed on a 50-way dirt-dive. The next thing I know I'm sat in the Let looking out of the window at the Skyvan and the Caravan. Personally I found the experience of being in the trail plane quite strange. It begins with the usual ride up to altitude and some small talk. But then it goes quiet as everyone's thoughts turn to the task in hand. As we reach altitude people suddenly come to life again, as pin checks are done, goggles cleaned and helmets put on again. Then we all scramble to the middle of the plane as we all hold hands and listen to Kate's pep talk. The seats are moved back. The lights go on. The door is opened. Everything goes silent. Absolute silence. All you are concentrating on is the rig in front of you, waiting for the smallest movement. Then suddenly you're out of the plane, the base is already there and you can see Lesley's jumpsuit like a yellow beacon. You know where you have to go and so does every other woman in the sky. Slowly we came together. It's 6,000 feet and as I look across the formation I can see that it's not quite complete. Now the base are kicking their legs and we're out of altitude.

Back on the ground we watch the videos, pack and dirt dive again. Once more we attempt the 50-way, and once more we were so close but not close enough; and now the weather is turning.

So what do women do when they're on a weather hold? Well, obviously we get the Orange Space-hoppers out and have races. Then we dirt-dive the formation again – on space hoppers. (It seems perfectly natural to me!)

Hours go by and, just when we think that we'll have to leave the record until Sunday morning, we're put on a 20 minute call. We all know that this will be our last chance to jump today – and so does everyone else on the DZ. Everyone comes out in force to cheer us on as we walk out to the aircraft.

Suddenly we're all there again in the sky. For a moment it strikes me that it is as if Lesley's





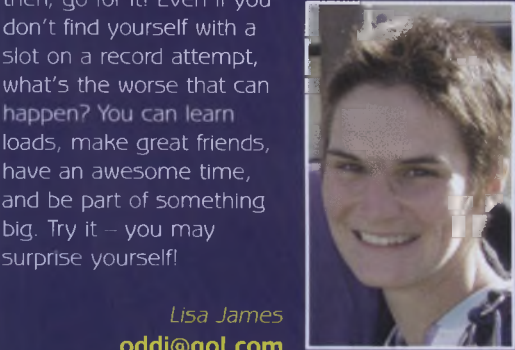
jumpsuit is a magnet and we're all being drawn around her. But not on this jump. As the canopies open, there is an eerie silence and I sit there looking at a beautiful sunset. The record will have to wait until tomorrow – tonight we party!

Sunday morning and we all meet for a dirt dive again – perhaps a little worse for wear after the night's drinking and dancing. For the fifth time we walk out to the aircraft. By now, not only do we each have a slot on the formation, but we all have our own slots in the aircraft. The planes climb and we go through the same ritual of hand slaps and pin checks, doors opening and then... silence. Again we all explode out of the plane. The base is there, everyone is in her quadrant, grips are taken and, as I look across the formation I panic as I see somebody low – then realise that it's a cameraman. 50 faces look around, and then begin screaming and cheering as we realise that we've done it! We've set a new British Women's Record – a 50-way! I'm still cheering as I turn and track. Only when the canopies open do I hear 49 other women whooping and cheering as well. Once we're on the ground it's a mad rush back together to laugh, smile, hug and cry. We've done it! All of us!

As I sit here now remembering, I begin to realise what each of us was part of. Not just the women on formation – but all of us Brit Chicks who were there. We all played a vital role in making the 50-way possible. And I know that as we return to work, we are all smiling to ourselves as we remember how we were each a part of that perfect moment in freefall.

But did we achieve the goals set out? Yes – and then some! Safety was always the priority and, out of the 410 jumps that we had done to build first the 40-way and then the 50-way, we suffered only one mal and the only injury was a sprained finger. We smashed two British Records in one week and over £4,000 was raised for Penny and Vicky. Brit Chicks have also begun setting up a benevolent fund for skydivers, which will be presented to the BPA at the next AGM. Did we raise the profile of women in the sport? Just last weekend I had two female RAPS students asking me about the women's way before they even began ground school training!

So if you're reading this and you've just started in the sport – it doesn't matter how many or how few jumps you have – if you get the opportunity to be part of something like this then, go for it! Even if you don't find yourself with a slot on a record attempt, what's the worse that can happen? You can learn loads, make great friends, have an awesome time, and be part of something big. Try it – you may surprise yourself!



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Most Improved Skydiver

An award for the most improved skydiver was given to Lisa James (who wrote this article). The prize was a 4-way jump with VMax and the lucky Lisa, on winning her prize, had to bin one of VMax for the jump!

Lisa's comment: "To first be part of the British Women's Record, and then to be named 'Most Improved Skydiver' has lifted my confidence more than I can put into words. All I can say is thank you!"



Brit Chicks

2002

Women's Formation Record

50 WAY

8 September 2002

Jump numbers*

Alex Stone	400
Ali Mayo	1,200
Alli Armstrong	530
Amanda Kemp	1,000
Anita Donaldson	501
Anna Palmer	343
Anne Morrison	351
Annie Rugg	2,350
Audrey Rowe	765
Beth King	380
Caroline Hughes	700
Catherine Glenister	250
Cath Symonds	1,165
Celeste Hill	1,450
Claire Scott	2,000
Diane Fricker	353
Elaine Cherry	1,360
Ella Lyman	750
Emma Hammersley	400
Erica Richardson	1,250
Fiona Birnie	420
Jackie Harper	2,500
Jan Gaynor	625
Janet Tunks	1,460
Jill Riley	400
Jilli Arundel	1,300
Julia Foxwell	1,025
Julie Woodrow	1,136
Kate Stephens	2,100
Lesley Gale	2,700
Lisa Crewe	830
Lisa James	230
Liz Crichton-Stuart	422
Liz Groucott	1,850
Louise Jackson	393
Lynne Murray	580
Madeleine Moore	950
Maria Russell	300
Martine Howland	515
Michelle Meakins	368
Nicole Watson	1,200
Rose Leggott	1,400
Sacha Chilton	2,040
Sarah Laughton	2,300
Sarah Withers	900
Tash Higman	369
Taz Causer	311
Tracey Peake	800
Vicki Priest	500
Vicky Wilkinson	550

* source: registration form



Photo: Brian Vacher

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ROUND-UP

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BBC National News, BBC News 24, Carlton TV
BBC Local Radio Nottingham,
The Sun (on Page 31)
East Anglia Newspapers,
Local papers to various individuals
BT newspaper, Phillips Healthcare newsletter

Coverage is also online at:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/em/fr//1/hi/england/2244993.stm>

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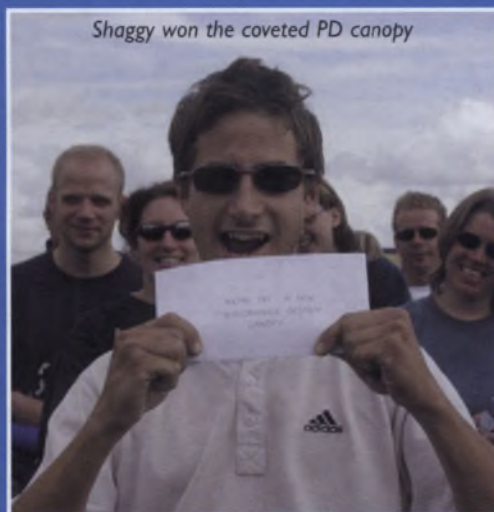
- The record 40-way built on the 2nd attempt
- The record 50-way built on the 5th attempt
- The 50-way was held for five seconds
- 32% of the participants had less than 500 jumps
- This was the largest formation for 70% of the participants
- There are only 580 female UK skydivers
- This is the largest national female FS record in Europe

Lesley Gale
Organiser



Charities Appeal

£4,248 was raised in a raffle generously supported by the skydiving community. Many excellent prizes were given by manufacturers which were raffled. Other funds were raised with various inventive ideas, such as auctioning a date with any Brit Chick! The money has been donated to Penny Roberts and Vicky Holton, both ladies have been paralysed by skydiving accidents.



Shaggy won the coveted PD canopy

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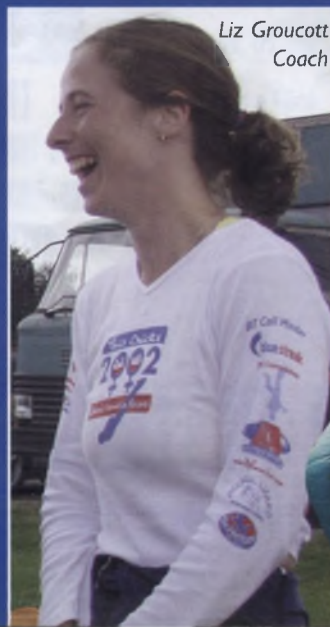
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The Hercules is surely the holy grail of jumpships

The sheer cost of providing a Hercules has meant that relatively few skydivers outside of the military have been able to jump one. There have been sightings at the World Freefall Convention, Quincy, and at various boogies around the world but there remains only one place where you're guaranteed unrestricted use. That place is the bi-annual Swedish Herc Boogie, which this year celebrated its 20th anniversary and attracted 690 registered jumpers from 38 countries.

Aircraft

Let's salivate a little over the aircraft. Provided by the Swedish Air force, it's a professionally crewed aircraft taking 81 people in comfort. For the boys amongst us, each of its four Allison T56-A-15 turboprops provides 4,300 horsepower, and is capable of lifting a payload of 20 tons. It's 97 feet, 9 inches long, and 132 feet, 7 inches from wingtip to wingtip. Every skydiver has their personal high backed seat and lap belt – luxury! Put 25 of you on the tailgate, and you haven't even begun to touch the sides. At a cool \$14.1 million per unit, (and this presumably excludes extras like sunroof, CD and extended warranty), it isn't cheap to buy or fly but, here, you could jump the Herc for around £12 a jump, including organiser and video. In the same week it cost \$70 to jump one at the World Freefall Convention!

Gothenburg Skydiving Club

The Boogie is run by the Gothenburg Skydiving Club, in association with the Swedish Air force at Hovby, just outside Lidköping. Hovby is a small regional commuter airport with several flying clubs, boasting a 3km paved runway and excellent landing facilities. The Gothenburg club sets up at the airport for the duration of the boogie, about 150 kilometres from its usual home. Everything is brought in; a full service commissary, bar, party area and bank, along with a tower PA system and manifest. Sweden is unusual in that, with one exception, the clubs are non-profit-making. The effort made by members of the Gothenburg Skydiving Club for this boogie is amazing; they use personal holiday, are unpaid and only get to do 1-2 jumps. Their selfless generosity never ceases to amaze me and I guess it always will.

Vertical Vision

Once again Vertical Vision, the Swedish video production company provided a superb video service, using the best cameraflyers in Scandinavia. Two large tents with banks of videos and TV's were set up for everyone for debriefs. Every evening, the day's video was edited by Vertical Vision into a half hour movie, one of the highlights of the day when shown in the bar.

Safety

Low turns and radical canopy handling were banned owing to the amount of canopies and all jumpers were accounted for on landing. There were only two injuries, a dislocated shoulder on exit, and a jumper who tripped over some steps running for a load!



The Bercules C130 took 81 skydivers, with the luxury of their own seat and lap-belt



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The previous Herc Boogie had 3 wingsuit flyers, here there were over 30



Jumping the Herc

In previous years, there were two passes per load. This year there was just one jump run and two different landing areas. The first few groups landed at the Alpha area at one end of the runway, whilst the last groups landed at the Bravo area at the other end and got a shuttle back, arriving in the packing area at the same time. The spotting was perfect.

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Record-breaking

The star-studded roster of organisers reflected the international make-up of the participants. The Hercules Boogie is a big formation boogie, you start large. Groups that had never jumped together before were pulling off multi point 20-ways from the start. Soon, 30 and 40-way groups were achieving great success. Even low experience groups were doing 40-way sequential. Darryl Moran and Ritchie Hornig put together a daily big-way to break the existing Herc Boogie record with a 55-way. They then broke that with a 62-way. A valiant attempt at 85 fell short.

Freeflyers were also taken care of with organisers and video. This year saw wingsuit organising by the BirdMan himself, Jari

Kuosma. New birdman records were set just about every day, a 27-way world record being the largest wingsuit formation yet. The previous highest number of loads at a Herc Boogie was 91. We smashed that with 143 loads and 11,300 skydives. Perfect weather and the single jump run meant you could skydive as you wanted.

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The 27-way flock was an awesome sight as they all went off the ramp and flew in the slipstream of the Herc. It included Brits Andy Ford, Tom Crawley, Matt O'Riardon & Steve Fitchett

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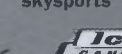
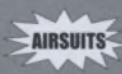
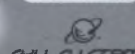
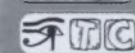
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Ollie Reynolds



"Some of us are never destined to have old bones." That was a comment I heard about Ollie and I think it summed up the thoughts of many of those who knew him well. Oliver Reynolds, known to all and sundry as Ollie, came into the world in March 1978. By the time he departed, 24 years and four months later, he had lived his time to the full and made a lot of people smile along the way.

There were many facets that made Ollie the carefree, easy-going spirit that those who knew him will remember so fondly. It surprised many of his skydiving friends to find out that he had overcome leukaemia as a small boy. Even at this early age, his character shone through, as he underwent some unpleasant procedures with amazing good humour and patience. Later in life, before skydiving, Ollie was a member of the University College of London Jujitsu club where, according to members of his club, he was a popular and enthusiastic disciple of this demanding martial art. Another fact he kept close to his chest was that, before embarking on his skydiving career, he attended a course called the Landmark Forum. This is a programme his father, Michael, is involved in and one which Mike believes gave Ollie much of the strength of character to take on his life in the happy-go-lucky style that was his trademark.

It was due to his skydiving, however, that anyone who is reading this magazine will have heard of or been lucky enough to know Ollie Reynolds. After completing AFF, it was obvious the skydiving bug had bitten Ollie big style. He would pitch up to the DZ desperate to jump. According to his mum, he found the attitude of some more experienced skydivers who would rather chill for a bit before jumping again completely incomprehensible. DZs are for jumping. It's quite simple really!

Unlike most young converts to the sport, Ollie found his niche not in freeflying but in formation skydiving. It soon became apparent that this lad had a natural talent for flat-flying and was

quickly on a par with far more experienced jumpers. Ollie opted out of his job in video editing to concentrate on skydiving full time and he became a packer at Sibson. He learned to pack well and pack quickly; however he was slightly overwhelmed during the first nice weather weekend of the season as countless rigs piled up next to the poor little guy with the sore fingers!



The party animal in Ollie could be seen after a few beverages; no-one who saw his dance routine at the AGM is likely to forget it in a hurry. During weather breaks Ollie was also keen to promote his unique sport, a cross between hackey and jujitsu. It never quite caught on but it certainly sharpened up the reflexes of his fellow players.

I was lucky enough to be on a 4-way team with him. His natural slot was point. He got some funky moves and he also got to look over his shoulder a lot. But whatever he did was always with a broad smile and a freakish ability to skydive just too damn well for his own good. His love of life will always stay with me.

Ollie. The good skydiver. The natural entertainer. The foolish fool. Remember what you will but let his attitude to life serve as an example to us all. You get out what you put in and the little man gave it everything. Farewell mate. Blue skies forever.

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Most people who ever met Rachel will remember her, whether for good or bad reasons. She had the temperament to match her red hair. She was a very determined person and knew what she wanted and wasn't afraid to speak her mind.

Rachel was also a very caring person. She had been a nurse since leaving school and was always there when you needed a friend.

Rachel was definitely not a morning person – you couldn't get any sort of sense out of her until she had drunk a cup of tea. Partying was more Rachel's style, she was never one to miss out on a good time. She also liked to see others enjoying themselves and at numerous DZ parties would offer her tent so that others could party the night away (although I think she regretted the night she had six people sharing her 2-person tent!). She was quick-witted, especially when it came to the 'boys' and had a great sense of humour, which got her into trouble on more than one occasion. Rachel seized every opportunity that life gave her and lived it to the full.

After leaving school Rachel trained to be a nurse; she qualified and entered cardiac/theatre nursing. She enjoyed her work and found it very rewarding. In the mid-nineties Rachel took up skydiving. She started off doing RAPS at Hinton, then converted to AFF in Sebastian. After finishing her consolidation skydives she jumped at Weston, where she got into 4-way and eventually got an all girls team together, *Game On*, with Claire, Jo and Marion. Their emphasis was on having fun as well as winning gold medals – long story! When Geoff and Mike took over Hinton, she made it her regular DZ. She worked in the office and was club rep for the Mag. After *Game On* split up (the serious stuff got in the way of enjoyment), Rachel became a fun jumper and gave freeflying a go. She was so happy the day she mastered sit-flying.

Rachel loved scrambles competitions, as it meant that she could jump with different people and learn new skills. One time she even registered in her pyjamas so that she wouldn't get left out! One

of her most memorable jumps was her 400th – a naked 5-way. She landed in the middle of the square and took a bow. Rachel didn't shy away from anything.

In 2000 Rachel sold her house, gave up her job and went to see what the rest of the world had to offer. She travelled around, sampling different cultures and adrenaline experiences. When Rachel returned she decided it was time to go to university. She moved to Plymouth and enrolled to study Politics at Plymouth Uni. Being in Devon meant she couldn't come skydiving as often, although it did mean she did a lot more surfing.

Earlier this year she had the opportunity to study in Prague for four months. As scary as it may have seemed she took this opportunity and had a fantastic time over there. Easter was the best over there, according to Rachel, because chocolate was so cheap and much nicer than the English stuff.

Rachel touched so many people's lives, and she certainly made the most of each moment of life she had. We would like to thank everyone who inundated her family with emails and cards, and best wishes. The Priory Church was full for her funeral; a very grand setting for a very special person. Jo and Claire's eulogy summed Rachel up perfectly:

Rachel

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Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Roy, Rita, Ron and her brothers at this terrible time. Although she will be sorely missed, her spirit still goes on in our hearts and minds and we remember her with a smile. Blue skies Rachel.

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In Confidence

by Rick Boardman



Welcome to this issue's round-up of confidential reporting. Thanks again for the feedback on the last issue. As promised, let's begin by returning to the issue of premature mains.

Don't have nightmares...

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Main Pain

I had about 300 freely jumps before this happened and about 1,000 in total. I was in a sit position when the main went off at about 5,000ft. The canopy was damaged on deployment, with the end cell badly torn but I found that I could steer it with some difficulty. The bigger problem was my arm. I could feel blood trickling down my arm but there was no pain. I knew it was broken when I realised that I couldn't get my brake off. I eventually managed to land quite close to the jumpers that were waiting for the next lift, which was a good thing because several of them were medically trained. The system had done this to me before but this was so very much worse. On the previous occasions, a local rigger had looked at the main container and deployment system each time but none of the modifications seemed to prevent the main deploying when I didn't want it to. I'm still not sure if I want to freely again.

Why does this happen?

Premature deployments of main parachutes are happening a lot more than they should. To some, it's just one of those minor irritations that skydiving throws up. After all, it just means your skydive ends earlier and you get a longer ride – not necessarily so! When you are flat and your main goes off, you are a menace to yourself and others. If you are near skydivers you risk entanglement or a high speed collision with them and a potential malfunction. If you are head-down or sit-flying, it gets worse. You'll be travelling faster and the main no longer has a flat launch platform. Your rig is not built to comfortably perform on opening unless you are belly to earth. This isn't ground breaking stuff, every student gets taught this. Airflow over the body of the container can grab any exposed part of the deployment system and start to open it. If you're lucky at this stage, you'll get a hard opening and a shock. If you're unlucky, you can take your pick from one or more of the following: damaged kit, a possible mal, damaged mates from your flailing body and equipment and, of course, damage to you with the added 'comfort' of flying back to the drop zone possibly in great pain.

The Right Stuff

Some gear will never be freely-friendly, no matter what you do to it. This is an element of the sport that needs the right gear, just like canopy stacking, accuracy or any of the others. A lot of the latest kit from the manufacturers is freely-friendly. A lot of the older gear *isn't*. Get a rigger to look at what can be done to make it safer. Never underestimate what could work free at over 150mph! Some of the things that I've seen lately are:

- A tighter BOC pocket
- A cover flap to completely hide any exposed bridle
- Tuck tabs or 'fangs' to keep the top flap of the main snug
- Bungee cord between the legstraps, to prevent them from sliding down your thighs
- For every freeflyer with a hackey, I meet another one who's against them because they oscillate in the slipstream. As they oscillate they gradually pull the pilot chute out.

Talking of hackeys.....

Can you hack this?

I was doing a wingsuit jump, broke off at 4,000ft, and deployed at about 3,000ft. I admit that I threw the pilot chute a bit lazily. After a few seconds of nothing, I looked behind me and could make out some main bridle flapping around. I was taught that if something's out, you should cut away before deploying the reserve, so I did. My Pro-Track indicates that I had a reserve at 2,200ft. Once the reserve was out the pilot chute flopped over my shoulder. I could see that it was knotted and could tell that the main was still contained. After a fight with one of the arm zips, I cut away the wing, stuffed all the handles in my jumpsuit and landed in the main landing area.

Contributing Factors

It was determined that the hackey (which is quite small) had passed through the gap where the bridle attaches to the base of the pilot chute. The lazy pull probably didn't help and the jumper believes that the packing of the apex and the base of the pilot chute next to each other is another contributory cause. Disturbance in the aircraft and the burble from the wingsuit may have also played their part.

Prevention

The manufacturer of this rig was informed and reports they have never experienced this problem before. A local rigger reduced the gap at the base of the pilot chute and the jumper has changed the packing method on the pilot chute. These smaller hackeys are catching on. Perhaps if they increase in popularity, we'll see more of this problem. Maybe it's happened to you already? If it has, I'd like to hear about it!



Assumptions

On a Sunday evening I gave my rig into the local rigger for a repack. I needed it for the following Friday for a demo. I picked up my rig and the rigger said, "I've done your reserve, but I haven't had time to rig up your main." My rig was a two pin pop top system and my main was an old, snivelling thing! I thought I had plenty of time to hook it up and pack but suddenly one of the lads was saying "Hurry up, we're dropping CF at altitude, then going off the top to the demo." I packed up, dived in the aircraft and away we went to 7K. We dropped off the CF blokes and then headed off to the demo area. The cloud had been creeping in for some time, and we eventually got beaten down to cloud base for a low show. My main did its usual trick of snivelling for ever and I remember thinking, "At least if I have to chop, the reserve's just had a repack." The main worked however and pretty soon I found myself packing at the demo site next to our DZ vehicle. I'd been in such a hurry at the airfield that I knew I'd left without a pull-up cord so I asked to borrow one from another of the team. He said to hang on to it until we got back, so I lifted the reserve pin cover flap to stow the pull-up cord in the pocket. Both my reserve closing loops still had the pull-up cords in them and they had been tied together, effectively stopping the reserve from working.

I wanted to close the flaps back up and sort it out back at the drop zone but one of the other jumpers had already seen the problem and the cat was out of the bag! I didn't realise at the time, that the local rigger had just instigated a safety system which required all reserve pack jobs to be test pulled by their owners. I'd basically jumped at a demo with one snivelly old canopy and no reserve!

I'm not pointing any fingers because I should have checked my rig. Don't rely on other people, check your kit! I could so easily have not been around to say all this now.

Contributing factors

All accidents are a chain of events and this chain came so very, VERY close to being a fatality. There are so many links present in this chain: a safety system instigated with the best intentions but creating a new problem, communication failures, demo pressures, pressures of time and blind trust, but the big one would have to be assumptions – assuming that the rig must be alright just because it's just come out of the workshop, assuming that a tired old canopy will open eventually, assuming that the planned 'ordinary' demo will remain at the altitude you were briefed for.

Prevention

Never assume ANYTHING! The more we interact with our equipment, the more chance there is for human error to creep in. However, you *must* check your kit. Check it at the start of the day, prior to wearing it, on the flightline, and if you like, before leaving the plane. Get the best flightline check you can. Note the expert checkers on your flightline at your club. If you see some who look better than the others at what they do, who appear conscientious, knowledgeable and thorough, use them. With this type of rig, would a flightline check at your drop zone have picked up this fault? At some drop zones, a pin check of a pop top (once the owner is wearing it) is nothing more than a verbal, "Happy with your top?" As jumpers, maybe it's time we all asked ourselves that question a little more seriously.

More Assumptions

I've been jumping two high performance canopies for the last year or so and I think I'm pretty current. Last month, my new canopy arrived and I rigged it up and cracked on. I opened the canopy, started to play with it (as you do), did a few spiral turns, stuff like that. At about 1,000ft I did a semi-radical turn, just like I normally do. The canopy wound up rapidly and in seconds I had four twists in the lines! I fixed the problem and landed successfully but I wonder what a jumper with less experience would have done? I admit, at one point I found myself clocking my alti. Someone else might have ended up getting off very low.

Contributing Factors

Assumptions again! Even your old canopy can surprise you in this way if it's been re-lined or had a major repair. In the last ten years we've had far too many accidents caused by perfectly good canopies being flown into the ground. If the canopy is built correctly it's frequently the pilot who is at fault.

Prevention

A new canopy is an unknown canopy, after all. Try to give yourself some time and altitude (preferably both) to find out how it flies. To quote the owner of this canopy, "Don't fart about low."

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Club News

EDITORIAL



This has been a really encouraging season. Every club congratulates its members on their achievements at the British Nationals, Armed Forces Championships and Brit Chicks record. Club pride is immense so well done to everyone who participated. We flew our club flags across the country, had a blast and returned home with a fist full of medals, experience or both!

Thanks for this month's contributions, especially to those clubs who are not renowned for sending me an abundance of editorial or images. Keep them coming! This time we have a far better representation of some smaller clubs – a reflection of the positivity arising from this summer's achievements.

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Chris Hines at Headcorn's annual water jump; photo by Dan Rafe



Chris Grey

SILVER STARS

The Silver Stars have just competed in the Armed Forces Championships held at Netheravon. The team gained some excellent results in the competition.

Lenny

Jump Numbers

700	Jeff Montgomery
1,600	Andy Paddock

HEADCORN

LAC Meet

Fourteen teams turned up for Headcorn's annual launch and accuracy competition. Teams were timed on launches selected from the second points of block moves. Only two teams avoided funnelling. With wind speeds at 10-20 knots the accuracy element was more open to the swoopers, with Chris Lynch swooping to gold on his PD Velocity 103.

In spite of the weather not relenting until 12.30pm, seventeen lifts were completed and the prizegiving was in Wings on the Saturday night, allowing a gentle start to Sunday. Well done to Nobby, Andy, Sam, Eddie for their wooden spoon award, you know why, guys!

Results

Senior Individual

1	Chris Lynch	0.21
2	Dave Crowhurst	0.27
3	Rob Oakly	0.33

Junior Individual (under 300 jumps)

1	Dave Hartley	12.43
2	Richie Wiggins	19.10
3	Franz Gerschwiler	21.64

Senior Team

1	<i>Get A Lift</i>
2	<i>Why Us?</i>
3	<i>Fur 'Ead</i>

Junior Team

1	<i>CRAP</i>
2	<i>The Guys I slept with last night</i>
3	<i>Lacorice Allsorts</i>

Water Jump

The annual water jump into Bowl Water took place on 28 July from the Let. The weather was glorious. Much excitement ensued at the briefing when Sam Gouws produced an inflatable whale as a target to aim for. Jane Buckle decided not to land in the boat at the last minute (the water looked so much more inviting); Emily Horwich landed her inflatable alien and Bernard Devine finished the whole event by hitting with his flippers first and nose-diving into the water. Garry Wilson owes beer for forgetting Willy the whale who was waiting, looking very deflated when we got back to shore.



The wet bunch and Willy the whale

12-day Weekend

Following on from the invitational 15-way weekend in June, our senior 4-way team, *Zygosis*, ran an invitational 12-way for intermediate club members in August. We managed eight quality dives with full briefings and debriefings.

Everyone reflected the positive and upbeat way Dave and Chris ran the event. Malcolm's video work was just the icing on the cake. The last dive, at sunset, was spectacular. The feedback shows that this should be a regular club feature if HPC and *Zygosis* can fit it in.

FS Week

Despite unhelpful weather, fifteen people registered for the HPC FS week in July. Huge progress was made over the two days, with over ten WARP levels gained and a couple of FS1s achieved. When not jumpable, HPC laid on seminars covering jumpmaster briefings, how to puzzle out and efficiently dirt-dive a skydive, how to launch all the current 4-ways plus lots of other stuff including an intro on big-ways.

Thanks to Chris and Pete for organising and running the event and to our sponsors who made this FS week the best yet.

Vicki Tomlinson,
Jane Buckle & Chris Shaw

Headcorn Achievements

First freefall Amy Mackintosh

Edward Kitchenside

Jamie Whitlock

Dan Tamone, Mel

Cat 8 Clare Smith, James Wilson

John Abbott

Peter Henderson

Mark Lindbury

IC1 Sam Gouws, Jon Foster

Dave Hartley, James Wilson

FS1 Kevin Dawes,

Dave Hartley, Sam Gouws

Glenn Coleman, Matt Leach

FF1 Pete Davis, Steve Such, Franz

Jump Numbers

100	Pete Davis, Jon Foster
	Tilly Attewill, Sam Gouws
500	Richie Moulton
700	Vicki Tomlinson, Garry Wilson
1,000	Gunner
8,888	Chris Lynch

After an extremely poor start to the year, things are beginning to pick up. Thanks to Wild Geese who helped us when both our C182 and their Turbo 206 (on hire to us) were out of commission by flying in another 206. The Turbo 206 (now with Andy Parkin in Spain) has been a big loss to us but we hope to see one a couple of weekends per month soon. We have had occasional visiting turbines; the Let 410 from Cark and the SMG from Hibaldstow. It was nice to see Rob Colpus and Andy Ring with us during that time but even nicer on the eyes were the Red Bull girls who kept us sustained with free samples. Plans for the DZ include an in-flight door for the C182, a bar and DZ showers.

Well done to an AFF course of three; Min Tint, Pete Brown and Poul McCormick, who all graduated in six days. Thanks to instructor, Adi Green, we wish him well as he departs to Andover. Richard Cudmore is going for the longest AFF course award. Having completed ten consolidation jumps he is still plugging away at that 'clear and pull' — one day, Richard. The centre Christmas function will be on Saturday 7 Dec.

Ian Rosenvinge



Paul Dorward & Scott Holmes
over Peterlee, by Davey Hogg

Achievements

First freefall

Chris Rout, Karen Williams

Cat 8

Jason Tippings, Paul McCormick
Lindsay Widdall, Derek Atkinson
Al Shedden

IC1

Jason Tippings

FS1

Mike Colthart

FF1

Alex Smith

500 jumps

Mick Glover



Watch out Gordon, you might smudge your nail varnish!

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SIBSON

BPA Roadshows & the Nationals

Recently 4Pak stimulated Sibson jumpers to find a goal and add a little structure to their jumping. The camaraderie made everything a lot more fun! As a direct result of 4Pak's coaching, four Sibson teams entered the Nationals; three junior scratch teams who would not previously have considered and an intermediate team who were noted as having made real progress.

Then Sebastian XL came to Sibson for the last weekend of August. XL were subsidised by the BPA which meant that all 36 of us enjoyed world class coaching FOR FREE! We took full advantage of Pete, John and Rob, forcing them to jump every other lift, pack, brief the next group and debrief the last. We only had to cover the cost of their slots between us

and buy a few beers for them at the end of the day!

XL started by giving each group a really useful printed handbook of hints for mental and physical preparation, top tips about exits, working on the hill, safety, random work, piece flying, in-place turns, cameraflying and video equipment. During a brief weather hold we were coached on the creeper pads and hurray, the sun came out and we got to put everything into practice.

How many of you really believe you can successfully execute a VT (vertical transition) in the same postcode as the rest of the people on your team? The XL boys showed us how. VTs now seem to be standard even in low experienced drill dives — and they are a whole world of fun! Most of the coached jumps were videoed and Rob gave camera coaching both by

jumping with cameraflyers and assessing their video footage, imparting some excellent tips. Outstanding progress was made all round so thanks to Pete, John and Rob for giving their time, encouragement and constructive feedback. Thanks to Birdland Bar for a fab barbecue and party on the Saturday night.

Snippets

We've had a great summer with very successful freeflying and FS coaching weekends. We were pleased to welcome Team Pumpkin who averaged ten jumps each for the weekend. Hollie Allum who did her AFF with her Dad, Pete in Florida completed her final consolidation jump at Sibson. Her next jump was a 3-way with her father Pete and his father Mike!

Did you hear about why Geoff couldn't jump one weekend? An ironing injury! Apparently he tripped over the ironing board and has damaged the ligament in his toe. Live life dangerously or what? Kev Goode has swapped the Royal Marines for the Royal Mail and has started delivering the post in Peterborough — check out his well-pressed uniform and his black and white cat! Farewell to Giles Fabris who is moving to Canada.

On a note of sadness we have lost a friend, great skydiver, club packer and a very funny person in Ollie Reynolds, pictured to right with some of his mates. Many thanks to his family for making so many of us so welcome at his funeral. See page 57.

Caroline Allen
& Cornelia Waymouth

POPS

Lofty Thomas with his new toy



Bridlington 17-18 August

This was a bit of an international meet as we were joined by Sigrid Pradel from Germany, 'Tom' Thomas the New Zealand Top POP, and Craig Bencowe from Australia. We ran a 4-way

competition and one round of hit 'n' rock over the weekend. The individual 4-way is where the teams (not the dives) are changed for each round. Scores are based on the individual's average points per round. It has the advantage of producing a result even with difficult numbers of competitors and with rounds being incomplete.

Individual 4-way Results

- 1 Tom Thomas
- 2 Peter Brown
- 3 Caroline O'Hagan

Hit 'n' Rock Results

- 1 Tom Thomas
- 2 Phil Harris
- 3 Pete Shew

Caroline O'Hagan recently achieved her 500th jump, and Julie Shew did her 500th during the weekend. Well done to you both. On Saturday night, we were entertained by Lofty and Grace Thomas with a barbecue at their home. Thanks both for a good evening and thanks to Nick and all the staff and pilots for keeping us in the air.

New members

Steve G Saunders, Dave Howerski, Mike Gorman, Robert Peel, Joe Willoughby, Chris McCann, Mike Burton, Pete Stone, Paul Burns, Ian Barraclough, Fran Hunter, Simon Lovenbury, Pete Knight

Pete Shew

Sigrid Pradel competing in the hit 'n' rock



Photos: Julie Shew



Achievements

First freefall	Stuart Parker, John Parker John Newman, Hollie Kilham Georgina Atkins, John Jude
AFF level 8	Malina Bowman, Gavin Gillibrand Alex Ashcroft
Cat 8	Dave Ryan, Helen Rankin, Chris Harris, Constanz Van Wyck Bill Auckland, Hollie Allum
FS1	Kal the Copper, Richard Luxton
36hrs freefall	Leggy

Jump Numbers

50	Helen Rankin
200	Caroline Allen
300	Gordon Denney, John Wragg
400	Geoffrey Coan
1,000	Darren Casey



Ollie (far right) and friends at Elsinore

HINTON

XL & PD

We welcomed *Sebastian XL* and PD to Hinton. It gave everyone the opportunity to test jump the new Sabre 2 canopies and there was a free raffle where people won T-shirts, hats and a huge discount off a PD canopy. *XL* stayed for a week doing a skills camp which gave a lot of teams a chance to pick up some tips and skills before the Nationals. Thanks lads.

Caroline and Catherine's birthday

Mid August saw Caroline and Catherine's birthday party. We had a cocktail party and I've never seen the DZ look so smart! Some didn't quite grasp who were supposed to be in dresses, Brucie and Ernie turned up in 'lovely' outfits. Brucie even shaved off ALL his



Allan, Sally, Steve & Woody

body hair to get into character. I hope the shaving rash has stopped itching! Geezer Brown's band got the hangar dancing, with guest appearances by Phil and Tim. Some of the girlies got up and did a rendition of 'I Will Survive' — don't give up the day jobs girls! Matt did a fantastic job mixing the cocktails, with Tigs and Porky making some rather dodgy-looking drinks later on in the night.

Club Records

CF has been on the up with a new club record of a 9-stack over the DZ. More and more people are tying their shoelaces tighter to stop Steve Saunders removing their shoes whilst in a downplane.

August bank holiday saw us trying to break our tandem record. In association with the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, we aimed to do over 200 tandems in one day. Loads of entertainment had been laid on for the spectators with a bucking bronco, bungee running and bouncy castles. Eventually the traditional bank holiday rain set in. Despite this setback we managed 180 tandems in one day from one plane which still broke our previous record, gave lots of people the thrill of their lives and raised a lot of money and awareness for cystic fibrosis.

Congratulations to Gary and Stephanie Watson on the arrival of their baby daughter, Morgane. Team *Chaos* would like to thank Morgane for holding on till after the Nationals to be born so her dad could win a medal. Congrats to Bryan and Sandy Poole on tying the knot. Dolly (the inflatable sheep) has taken to the skies again; over in Ireland she successfully completed AFF level 4. She is now hoping to graduate with the aid of a new harness.

Caroline White

WILD GEESE



Achievements

First freefall	Alan McTurk Paul Williams Jason Moore Simon Moore
Graduated AFF FF1	Garath McCann Ralph Tareaglia

Jump Numbers

100	Kenny Rooney
300	Ralph Tareaglia
1,600	John McCourt

We've had a slow couple of months due to bad weather but we still managed to get something done on most weekends. The FS team *Practical Magic* (pictured) competed at the FS Nationals at Hibaldstow. It was their first big competition and they learned a lot and had a ball.

Words & photo:
John McCourt

Achievements

First freefall	Andy Collins
Cat 8	Heather Powell, Martin Verity Christine Messer, Mike Olney
FS1	Bob Millar, Colin Hickling, Bruce Cairns John King, Terry Johnson
CF1	Steve Stringer, Sarah-Jane Smith

Jump Numbers

100	Bruce Cairns, Bob Millar, Colin Hickling John King, Dale Thornton
200	Mark Briant, Merlin Lyons, Phil Hartree Mike Sheehan, Carl Blair
300	Rick Millin, Chris Lewis
600	Con Ryan
800	Baz Zorour



BLACK KNIGHTS



Carl Sager, shortly after completing his AFF by Colin Whitaker

Achievements

First freefall Karl Johns
Phil Moore
Michael Duckworth
Michelle Huggins
Matthew Barker
Kirsty Burgmans
John Power
Matt Wall

AFF level B John Brodrick
Cat 8 Phil Cullen
Sara Payne
Duncan Aspinall
Julia Baker
FS1 Rob McVey
24hrs freefall Colin Whitaker

Jump Numbers

100 Ian McKellar
500 Sylvia Radcliffe
FS Coach Ian Pringle

The highlight of the last two months was the August open week where Michelle Huggins of Loughborough Uni surprised us all. She asked to be freefalling by the end of the week and left having achieved Cat 7 – well done. Many other student parachutists moved up through the progression system thanks to instructors Dave, Chris and Steve. Intermediate jumpers did WARP and experienced jumpers were doing FS and sit flying, all in a good, relaxed atmosphere.

Other activities during the week included a visit to the bowling alley and a clay pigeon shoot one evening. Chris Parry's face was a picture when he asked visiting jumper, Ian McKellar if he had fired a shotgun before and Ian answered, "No they've always handed the money over before I had to!"

The first Saturday night was party night with some good food and drink, music by PC Roadshow and an amazing display of fire eating by Keith and Beulah. Keith held a 'circus day' for everyone. Tighrope walking, unicycle riding and all sorts of balancing tricks were learned and everyone had a good day. Evening food varied from meals in the Manor, barbecues with

Aberdeen Angus steaks, Bernadette Whitaker's excellent chilli to Chinese takeaways, all backed up with plenty of chilled Stella and soaking up the lovely warm sunsets over Morecambe bay.

Jeff Illidge



Steve Murphy congratulating John Broderick on achieving AFF L8 & Michelle on her Cat 7



Rob McVey

BRIDLINGTON

Thanks to the typical British summer weather, various other pursuits have been tried on the DZ when jumping is a no-no. The 'in' game at the moment is a very vocal game of volleyball which involves shouting and hurling abuse at the opposing team! Hello to new jump pilots Danny 'S Left' Berryman and Richard Hambley, who joined us recently. A Halloween party has been organised for 1 November with live music.

Paul Simms

Achievements

First freefall Tracy Holwell
Cat 8 Colin Sutcliffe, Brian Fisher
Rob Johnson, Clive Bailey
Rebecca 'Your Honour' Rennie
IC1 & IS1 Lara Jordan

Jump Numbers

50 Colin Sutcliffe, Clive Bailey
Lara Jordan, Rob Johnson
Andrew 'Baggy' Collins
200 Tracy Bartley, Paul Simms
300 Dave Walker
600 Dave Saville

REDLANDS

Redlands DZ has undergone new developments over the last few months. Thanks to Joe and Sarah for their support and for everyone's patience. We currently run a variety of Cessnas: a 206, 185, 182 and a BN2 Islander so hopefully we'll be jumping lots.

Rachel Sandham

Achievements

First freefall Daniel Groundwater
50 jumps Rachel Sandham

TILSTOCK

Congratulations to Gwyn and Jill Anthony-Ackery on the arrival of baby Connie. Night jumps and a party are planned for 2 November – all are welcome. The Christmas party will be at Hawkstone Park on 14 December. Get your tickets soon!

Liz Rimmer

Achievements

First freefall James Doyle
Cat 8 Sue Bloomfield, Chris Cichocki
IC1 Andy Gleeson, Ty Grundy
FS1 Andy Gleeson, Russ Adams
FF1 & 2 Tomo
FS Coach Ewan Bent, Steve Cooper, Steve Smith
24hrs freefall Chris Gilmore

Jump Numbers

100 Russ Adams, Andy Gleeson
500 Ewan Bent
1,500 Tony Lightfoot

CYPRUS

The CJSATC team, consisting of Paul W, Paul R, Dave and Tommy went to Nethers to compete in the Armed Forces Championships as a junior team. They're being very cagey about their final position so we'll just have to wait and see! It will be good to get them back to the UK and fly the Cyprus club flag! Congratulations to Mimi and Stavros on the arrival of baby Antonis. Goodbye to Colin, Mike and Paul M. Congratulations to Paul W on getting his commission and farewell as he's off to Cranwell. Goodbye and thank you to Steve Thomas, CCI for all his hard work over the last couple of years.

Helen Mills

Achievements

600 jumps Paul White

LANGAR

BPS Langar hosted two successful record attempts this summer. On 1 September the Parachutists Over Phorty Society (POPS) completed a 27-way formation (see page 15) and on 5 September the Brit Chicks completed their first record-breaking 40-way formation at the second attempt and followed it up with a beautiful 50-way! (See page 36) The three aircraft used for the records were a SkyVan, Let 410 and Grand Caravan which kept everybody jumping for our Boogie 2 week.

Al Hodgson, our double-amputee fanatic skydiver who appears fairly regularly in this column has been joined by his mate Darren Swift, who is also missing his lower limbs. Darren completed AFF earlier this summer and gained his Cat 8. He and Al are now jumping together with a view to making up a freefly team.

Tony Danbury

Achievements

First freefall	Mike Parczuk, Katie Woods John Rollason, Andy Schofield
Cat 8	Joe Carnegie, Darren Swift, Craig Crockford Lee Attenborough, Jo Hawley, Mike Parczuk Katie Woods, Emma Woodley, Malcolm Castle
IC1	Ian Ridpath, Shaun Wade
FS1	Angela Hickling, Tracey Ward, Joe Carnegie Shaun Wade
FF2	Judit Forro-Hunter
FS Coach	Fiona Birnie, Lisa James
24hrs freefall	Chris McCann
60hrs freefall	Phil Curtis

Jump Numbers

100	Marie-Claire Rowlinson Jamie Bestwick, Lee Cooper
200	Gary De'Ath, Keith Thomson Weed, Ian Ridpath
300	Paul Lomax, Graham Light, Nigel Evans
400	Al Hodgson, Louise Hawkins
500	Vicki Priest, Vicky Wilkinson Chris Carter, Dave Bentley
600	Phil Latham, Roger Bancroft, Matt Hughes
700	Steve Newman, Craig Poxon
1,000	Cathy Crossover
1,500	Walt Bilsland
2,000	Chris McCann
6,000	Milko

Sam Bailey



Cathy Crossover's 1,000th jump
by Paul Davies



RAPA

It's been a busy time at RAPA and Tommy Trindall wannabe, Iain Anderson has managed to clock up over 300 jumps in the first six months of the year. Rumours of his first name being Max are only due to 'Anderson - MAX' being written on the manifest. The next big thing for RAPA is our annual staff training, this year at Empuriabrava for ten days of intensive team building. Farewell to Steve Blee who is returning to the Red Devils. He will be sorely missed in the sky, bar and at the barbecue. Goodbye to Spender

Hoog who is returning to his regimental ski team. Thanks Spender for making most of the staff honorary commandos.

'Mini' Meet

RAPA entered a team at a local German 4-way competition called the Hoexter Mini Meet. It is only 'mini' in that it is run over four rounds in two days. With 137 competing teams and 60 cameramen, it is the biggest 4-way meet in the world. Our team, *Island Monkeys* (German slang for the British) performed extremely well, coming in the top third of the field.

Buzz

Achievements

Cat 8	Frank Bilyard, Jules Zimmerman Nick Sutherland, Tango O'Connell
IC1	Stu McKinnon
FS1	Fozz, Nick Culligan, Lee Senior Stu McKinnon

Jump Numbers

100	Lee Senior, Fozz, Pete Pounder Nick Hepburn, Linda Gillan
200	Russ Page, Spender Hoog George Barnett
2,000	Alan Wright

NETHERAVON



Quicksilver (with ringer!)



The newly formed Black Knights (Royal Artillery)



No Illusion (with KT O'Hara)



RESPA 4-way team with guest of honour, Major General James Shaw



Dave Ballard

Armed Forces Championships

17-23 August

What am I reading this for? I'm not in the military. This doesn't apply to me. What could be further from truth? Despite the title this is an open competition in which civilians can and do enter.

There were thirty-seven 4-way FS teams (only four of which entered the Nationals), 110 accuracy competitors, nineteen style and five CF rotation teams.

The Rule Changes

The rules were amended slightly in all events to aid more junior teams and competitors. In the FS the dive pool was adjusted slightly and working time started after five seconds or the break of the first point. This made the meet friendlier for non-trained teams, enabling simple exits to be launched. In the junior event the first point was always a stairstep diamond providing ease and continuity.

The accuracy was measured out to 1 metre for seniors, 5m for intermediates and 25m for novices, with a scoring system emphasising safety. The CF used air to air camera with ground to air on all jumps, as well providing a back up which also provided additional footage for any cutaways.

Style had cut-off rules to get into each round and a large number of competitors did extremely well, making it all the way through. Rule changes meant it was slightly harder to run the event as the aircraft had to run into wind or downwind only.

The Meet

The competition started jointly with FS and accuracy and about 600 descents were made in the first day. By Sunday some teams had finished their six rounds and by Thursday it was all over. Throughout the week accuracy ran constantly in between all other events. Style was slotted in as and when conditions were suitable.

The FS continued to jump with a number of people on different teams in the junior, intermediate and senior events. The CF happened later in the week due to team availability. There were two cutaways, the first by a Red Devil who had a mal, and the second by the *Golden Lions* in a small wrap.

A special mention goes to senior scratch team *I want sex (in manifest now)*, affectionately known as 'the sex pests'. Kim fell

for it hook, line and sinker with a 20 minute call of, "I want sex, with Gwyn on camera!" – nice one! The best assault on a fellow team member in freefall award goes to Nige Allen – Steph's still deciding whether or not to press charges.

Putting aside the military/open distinction, the results in terms of who scored the most points were:

Junior 4-way

- 1 Red Devils Black
- 2 REME Blue
- 3 REME Red

Intermediate 4-way

- 1 No Illusion
- 2 Black Knights (RA)
- 3 Boolean

Senior 4-way

- 1 Quicksilver
- 2 Jinx
- 3 Red Devils

8-way

- 1 Who 8 all the pies
- 2 Elsinore
- 3 Mike Smith what's that on your shoe (ooh sailor)

4-way CF Rotations

- 1 Quickstars
- 2 Red Devils Purple
- 3 Red Devils Pink

Accuracy

- | | |
|--------|--------------|
| Junior | Rob Brown |
| Inter | Mick McPhee |
| Senior | Dave Ballard |

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| Inter | Cpl Coleman |
| Senior | Arron Faith |



Simon Ward



Prizegiving pictures by Robin Durie



The Red Devils

Photos: Simon Ward



Quicksilver

School Party

Never were so many hairy, tattooed, deep-voiced schoolgirls to be seen as at the end of Armies party, the theme of which was 'school days'. The scary thing was a lot of them looked quite at home in their get-up — Smudge, Woof and Robbie to name but a few. The raffle, compered by Tommy as Dennis the Menace, raised nearly £3,000 for a computer for Vicky, a local jumper who was recently injured in Spain — a big thank you to all prize contributors.

Flocking Birdmen

A strange phenomenon has been seen at the DZ over the summer; little huddles of twittering folk, scratching idly at the ground with their feet, and bobbing their heads in front of any reflective surfaces. What am I talking about? Birdmen of course! 'Flocking' as it's allegedly known, is becoming a regular occurrence. Of course Godders has been getting in on the act along with Mark, Dave and Leo — and yes, it's a good job you have a GPS watch!

Baring All for Vicky

An intrepid little band of people decided to bare all and do a naked skydive to raise just a little more cash for Vicky Holton. Organised by Liz Ashley — Clare, Robbie, Rick, Mike, Phil and Jonno even managed to talk the pilot into taking his clothes off (what else would you expect of Sapps?!) The video can be viewed for a small fee — and remember the lads don't look their best, it being -8°C at max!

Kath Salisbury & Al Macartney

Achievements

First freefall	Ed Burdick, Nick Burdick Phillip Tetlow, Adrian Farrington Brian Mackay, Sam Heyman Chandra Golesworth Rupert Major, Ed Whiteside Neeran Deeranahie, Olly Pierer
Cat 8	Julia Lanckbery, Angela Kendall Gerry Pack, Greg Henry Andy Sydenham, Wayne Collier Richard Lush, Tom Grocutt Adrian Farrington, Brian Mackay Sam Heyman, Chandra Golesworth Ed Whiteside, Olly Pierer Elenora Baker
IC1	Ian Robertson
FS1	Lisa Wood, 'Will' Wilson Steve Wolley, Stephen Northcott Steve Hilder
48hrs freefall	Mark Whitehead

Jump Numbers

50	Ian Robertson
100	Charlotte Cook, Alex Jackson Steph Jones
200	Liz Ashley, Paul Housley, Kate Burn
300	Tom Leonard, Dain Thorne
500	Phill Elston, Mike Ehlas Sandie Nicholson Paul Seymour
600	Godders
1,000	Mark Whitehead
3,000	

BCPA

The summer months bring a quieter time as far as BCPA events go, but that's not to say there's nothing going on! Don't forget that affiliation fees are now due for this year.

Beth King is busy organising the first official BCPA meet of the year, Freshers 2002, to be held on 16-17 November at Langar. If previous Freshers meets are anything to go by, it should be one to remember.

The emphasis of the meet is on introducing people to the sport and making them feel welcome. Help and advice is given to newcomers on every aspect of skydiving. Contact freshers@bcpa.org.uk Rick White is bringing together a BCPA team for the Halloween 10-way speed meet at Target. It will be the first gathering of collegiates for this academic year and usually proves to be quite a party! Contact halloween@bcpa.org.uk We are once again taking a trip overseas for our annual progression trip. The trip will cater for all abilities and offer RAPS, AFF and Cat 8 progression training. The trip will run for two weeks over Easter. Contact foreigntrip@bcpa.org.uk As club mentor, Felicity Wood will be sharing her wisdom, running a highly successful university club. Although Felicity will be out of the country for most of the year, she will be available via email on mentor@bcpa.org.uk

In terms of actual skydiving, we've had some great achievements by BCPA members at the freefly Nationals, FS Nationals and the Brit Chicks. Thanks to all our sponsors for supporting us at our events, especially the BCPA Nationals: Larsen & Brusgaard, Thomas Sports, Time-Out, Original Lizard, Curtis Rigging and Bev Suits.

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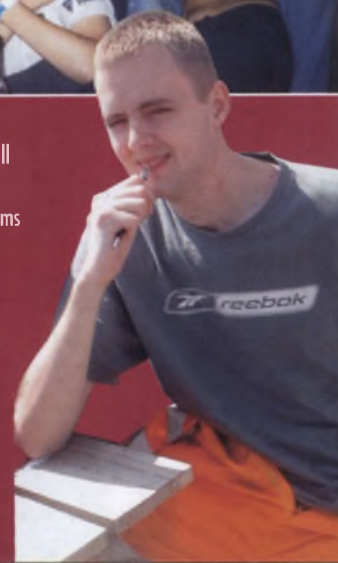


Achievements

First freefall	Jon Lucke, Simon Mitchell Ed Ayres
Cat 8	Becky Ahmed, Chris Adams Jim Bellew
FS1	Dan Argent Helen Kiss, Jo Bolton

Jump Numbers

50	Will Powell
200	Liz Ashley
700	Paul Seymour



ST ANDREWS



Achievements

Graduated AFF	Gary Excel
	Rebecca Wardell
ICI	Andy Hutchison

Jump Numbers

50	Andy Hutchison
100	Louise Duguid
200	Graeme Mackay
1,500	Alan Wilkinson

The Franchettis

Best wishes to DZ regulars Mike and Leah Franchetti who married last month. The best man Darren, (DZ barman) managed to raise a few eyebrows with his speech and had us in stitches. The reception was a huge success with hours of drinking and dancing, then back to the DZ where we partied on.

Gordon Morison



Empuriabrava Visits

It seems like the majority of the DZ has at some point been to Empuria recently. Alastair and Bruce headed out first, shortly to be met by Abertay and Edinburgh Uni committee members, Darren, Jon, and Graeme, who found Rebecca to be working out there for the summer. Father and daughter Graham and Fiona, spent the week there bumping into Sandy, closely to be followed by Alan, Brian, Freddy, and John. Is it any wonder the DZ has been so quiet and peaceful?!

Andy & Sarah's DZ tour

Sarah, Edinburgh Uni Skydiving Club President and Andy (Handy Andy), inspired by the recent Empuria trip, decided that they would do the same with a twist. They visited as many UK DZs in their days off as they could. After visiting Langar, Chatteris, Sibson, Hibaldstow and Strathallan they returned to St Andrews for the weekend, raving about the friendliness of the other DZs and the cool planes they had jumped on the way. Just back, they have begun to organise the next tour for us with promises of meeting new friends and lots of jumping.

CHATTERIS

Achievements

First freefall	Tristan Webb, Graham Harrison
Cat 8	Kevin Bloor, Martin Jarvis
	Trevor Fowell, Greg Wheatley
	Lloyd Wheatley
ICI	Chris Christou, Chris Bowley
FS1	Chris Christou, Richard Rust
CF1	Lloyd Quenby

Jump Numbers

50	Pete Lander
100	Mike Beeden
200	Tarnya Bayes, Sharon Dawson
	Vicky Robertson
300	Lloyd Quenby, Jo Brookbanks
	Pete Long, Chris Bowley
500	John Gannon
700	John Stevens
1,000	Kim Newton
2,500	Steve Wilkins, Sharon Simonian
3,500	Mike Rust, Gary Small

We welcomed back *Team Pumpkin* in July who took advantage of the great weather and not only did loads of skydives from the Nomad but also did balloon jumps! The summer barbecue was a great success with nearly 100 people enjoying Brad's fine cuisine and drinking the beer stocks dry. Chris Lynch's canopy seminar was well attended and enjoyed by all. A special mention goes to team *Chatterbox*, our very own junior 4-way team who have entered the competition circuit. Well done to the three Wheatley brothers, Lloyd, Greg and Nathaniel who all achieved AFF level 8 on the same day. Congratulations to Ribs and Anita on the birth of their first child, Connor.

Steve Wilkins



TARGET

A big, "Ahhhh" goes to Chris and Louise Miller who tied the not on 21 August in Gibraltar. About time! Target hosted the artistic disciplines roadshow in September which was excellently organised by Nigel Holland and coincided with the return of Sven Zimmerman. Well done to Stuart Miller who visited us for the week and achieved not only his FF1 but FF2 as well. The weekend was rounded off with a 'skool disco' which was totally brilliant. Thanks to Gregster for all the cheesy choons.

The nights are drawing in but it's not over yet by a long way! Halloween sees the annual 10-way speed and fancy dress party — not to be missed! Night jumps are on 9 November, contact the DZ to register your interest and don't forget the Christmas party on 14 December.

Ruth Covell

Achievements

First freefall	David Baldwin
Cat 8	Jim Bellew, Gavin Holderness
	Becky Ahmed, Angie Newman
FS1	Geetha Narayanan, Helen Kiss
	Dave Blakely, Hannah Swallow
FF1	Dan Argent
FF2	Ed Cole, Stuart Miller
	Stuart Miller

Jump Numbers

50	Chris Kent, Blair Stent
200	Kat Duncan, Derrick Kent
300	Steve Rossall
400	Beth King
600	Ruth Covell
800	Alec Cotten
1,000	Dan Parker, Rob Simpson

Dan Parker



Sven Zimmerman & James Swallow at Hibalstow

CARK

North West Skyfest

Every year, NWPC opens its packing shed doors and flies both aircraft for nine days at its boogie. A 4-way FS comp was held incorporating senior, intermediate and junior teams. Congratulations to the winners *Raiders of the Last Cark* who won vouchers for 50% off containers and canopies. Second and third prizes went to *Slow Silva*, *Trailer Trash* and *Posh Bird*. The competition was a great laugh and the landings were somewhat wet after a week of rain left ponds for us to swoop! Shaun Ellison arranged a tracking competition, which was well organised and great fun for those of us who had never done one, but unfortunately the rounds didn't get finished.

During the week a friendly 8-way comp took place, organised by Simon and Stuart. In the same week Julian adopted a new name down to an incident with power lines under canopy. He is now known as Sparky as he managed to cut the power to the caravan park and DZ!

Saturday night's entertainment, 'Stars in Their Eyes' was hosted by our own skydiving Matthew Kelly (Anthony Jenkins) and was an even bigger success than last year. 'Waste of Life' made their comeback as the Full Monty and certainly didn't leave their hats on! (You will have to see the video to appreciate the *Freefly Clown's* 'chicks' cleaning the plane.) Other acts included Roy on karaoke, the Three Degrees and the Spice Girls. The star of the show was Simon Nath as Barry White who won first prize with his belly, beard and backing singers. Well done to all the organisers, especially Sparky for his superb lightshow (no power issues that night, I hasten to add!).

Our AFF and RAPS students have been doing really well; Daniel Pike started his AFF course at the Skyfest and completed his consols two



Cark saying goodbye to Jan the pilot

weeks later! Congratulations to Julia Baker who graduated from AFF and got her FS1 only weeks later with a 12 point 4-way! She is a shining example.

Our Dutch pilot Jan said goodbye for a new flying job on the Comoros Islands. He apparently is missing us loads but not enough to give up the sun and sand! Tot ziens! We welcome back Amanda Baillie and Sue Findlay who have not been jumping for nine to twelve months due to injuries. They both jumped again over the bank holiday. It's encouraging to see jumpers coming back to the sport after such a lay-off.

XL Roadshow

Bank holiday saw *Sebastian XL's* John McIver coaching us in FS. Along with creeper work and body positions, he also gave us examples of mental preparation and breathing exercises for those rides to altitude.

XL's John McIver with NWPC jumpers



Pete Hughes

John had been up the week before and he was a great sport for joining in on the 'Stars in Their Eyes' sketches. The weekend ended on a high note with a 14-way tracking dive in which John was the rabbit. We hope he will return next year.

Wendy's Fund Raiser

In July, Wendy our canteen owner did a sponsored tandem for the New York fire-fighters dependents' fund. Merseyside Fire Service and *Firestorm* parachute display team have adopted Engine Company 205, based in Brooklyn, from which only one fire-fighter survived the Sept 11th disaster. Ten regulars built a 10-way star around Wendy and instructor Mick. Wendy and NWPC were presented with a silver tunic badge from E205 in recognition of their support.

Wendy and Mick have now left the running of the canteen to Jason, Jane and her Dad, Roy. Congratulations to Jane and Jason who announced their engagement recently and to Brian Shaw who celebrated his 50th birthday. His wife, Helen organised a barbecue and cocktails with the help of Mark Calland, as it was his birthday too.

Michelle Meakins

Achievements

First freefall	Simon Mitchell
	John Lucke
Graduated AFF	Julia Baker, Daniel Pike
Cat 8	Marcus Barrington
FS1 & IC1	Julia Baker
12hrs freefall	Craig Kelsall
36hrs freefall	Stuart Morris

Jump Numbers

300	Duncan Stott
400	Michelle Meakins
	Steve Hanky
600	Janet Fallon
700	Peter Connor
800	Pete Hughes
	Duncan Haynes
900	Craig Kelsall
1,200	Simon Nath

BORDER



Dave on his imaginary board
by Neil McLaren



George, Ben, Mark, Dave & Ed

Border Parachute Centre is back up and running! The centre is getting busier and with more regulars, more students and more flexibility. We welcome new pilots, Ian Bottomley and Alan Cooper to the centre. Night jumps are being planned for later this year, as is another progression week.

Local resident Ben Beaumont did a tandem recently for his 80th birthday. TV cameras followed Ben to Border and we got local news coverage the following day. Ben raised over £1,000 for cancer research, a charity close to his heart. He said the experience was fantastic!

Eventual good weather and enthusiastic students from London Parachute School ensured a good student progression week. Everyone took advantage of the training, jumping and socialising. We also had a visit from three Austrian students at the end of August.

CCI George McGuinness' wife, Geraldine and son David (pictured right) recently made their first static line jumps and have both got the bug! David has completed his first freefall and is progressing well. In between packing, paperwork and countless other jobs Geraldine

is also managing to get the jumps in. Both did their first jump for a charity for families of children with cancer and leukaemia. David was diagnosed with leukaemia when he was four years old. At 16, he has been in remission for ten years.

Laura Johnson

Achievements

First freefall David McGuinness, Rachel Hinde
Cat 8 Harry Minty, W Ledochowski
Sophie Reifferscheidt, Rob Lay
IC1 Dave Gillan
FS1 Dave Gillan

Jump Numbers

50 Laura Johnson
100 Phil Black
300 Ed Murdoch



Keep it in the family!
George McGuinness' son David has started jumping.

STRATHALLAN

The club's annual student progression week in August was a great success. We had nightly barbecues and there was a good club atmosphere. The week began quietly, with just a handful of members arriving on the Friday night. The relaxed atmosphere was soon disturbed however, by the arrival of John Travolta who wanted to have a look around the airfield. As you can imagine we were not short of volunteers (show-offs) for the next lift! We ended the progression week with a fancy dress day (for my birthday) and one of Strathallan's famous 'Big Pan Doo's'. During the day we had a freeflying 70s afro-chick, a Bay City Roller, and Ali G was also seen heading towards the plane. Amongst the evening costumes was Big Pan Doo chef Kieran Brady dressed as a new advanced instructor (well done!), Chris Reeves as Darth Vader, Hannah Farr as a moustached Scottish fairy and everyone else seemed to be wearing afros! We all had a brilliant laugh.

Julie Terry



Photos: Eddie Jones



Achievements

Cat 8 Jim Robertson
First freefall C Redmond, Alan Stewart
J Callaghan, J A'hara
FS1 David Mason, Gillian Boyd
6hrs freefall R Connell

Jump Numbers

50 Arthur McCulloch, Arthur Agnew, Les Dalziel
100 David Mason, Bill Williamson
200 Julie Terry
500 Alan Russell
600 Andy Frew
1,200 Calum
1,600 Eddie Jones

Lou Gower arranged for her 24th birthday a 'birthday-suit skydive' with her friend Karen and of course some other people wanted to join in. The cameramen ensured it went without a hitch and pilot, Rob Wotten was inticed into taking his top off for the flight up. We had some interesting shots from this event!

Welcome to new pilot, Jude Haig and Andy Guest who has finally got his jump pilot licence. Welcome back to Lucy and Ryan after a long stay away. Lucy along with Lou have now strengthened our packing team on the DZ.

Words & photo: Gavin Horrell

DUNKESWELL

Achievements

First freefall	Joe Backley, Kirsty Faichen
IC1	Fred Cheivers
Cat 8	Tim Benson, Karen Tyler
50 jumps	John Wilson



Karen, Gavin & Lou on the birthday suit jump

WESTON

Wiggaz Festival

The first ever Wiggaz Festival kicked off bright and early on 31 August at Weston. The atmosphere went from brilliant to absolutely outstanding as over 60 people arrived wearing increasingly outrageous wigs. We put up a record 68 loads between three aircraft. Skydiving highlights included jumping with a 20ft Freely Wiggaz tube; a world record 9-way freely in wigs; a 16-way tracking dive from two aircraft organised by George Pilkington, and a sunset swoop and sWig competition sponsored by Extreme Drinks that even saw Tomo's tandem land on the beer cross!

If that wasn't enough the Saturday party finished at 5am on Sunday. We had just about everything you might need for the last big weekend of the summer – a huge barbecue and bonfire, three DJs, the premiere of Da Wig Vid 2002, prizegiving for the swoop and sWig (congrats Dudley), lots of the day's footage and even some firebreathing. We all had a blast and we WILL be back next year. Thanks to Chris, Dave W, Andy, Bev, Dave C and Sharon.

Lurve Corner

Congratulations to Les Parren and Denise, and Ben Wood and Lucy Robinson on their engagements.

Bev Ford & Ben Woods

UBI Coaching Weekend 24-25 August

Although not world class jumpers, UBI decided to pass on what they have learned in the past two years of coaching from Solly Williams of DeLand Majik. The response was great as 22 skydivers signed up for 2 and 4-way coaching. Saturday started at a great pace but the weather was not so kind as the weekend continued. There was still plenty going on however, including well attended seminars on jumpmasters and spotting, IC1, kit use and maintenance, pro packing, practical flight line checking, exits (how to fly your slots) and low lobs. Thanks to everyone who signed up, to the instructors, to the cameramen and to the guys from X-Trix and VNE.



Andy Ford

Achievements

Cat 8	Davin Poonwassie, Oliver Phillis, Jenny Bouquet
FFI	Iain Firkins, Paul Allen
FS1	Rich Davies (aka Tim Henman), Steve Davis
IC1	Brian Gray

Jump Numbers

100	Steve Davis, Brian Gray, Matt Attridge
	Paul Cockton, Giles Murray-Jones
200	Tim Cooke, Nigel Holland, Iain Firkins
1,000	Ralph Mitchell, Amanda Kemp



Weston's Wingsuit festival was well attended by BirdPeople if not the sun. Photo by Simon Ward

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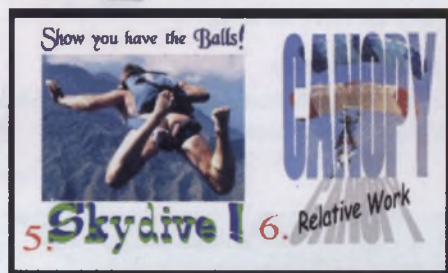
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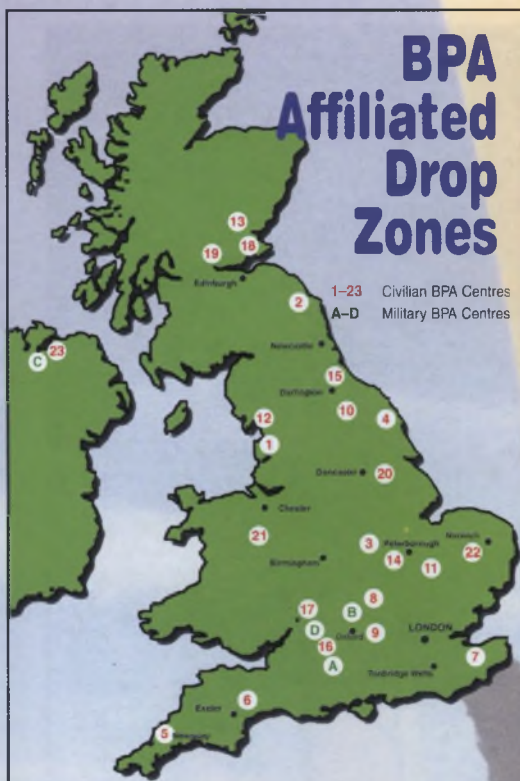
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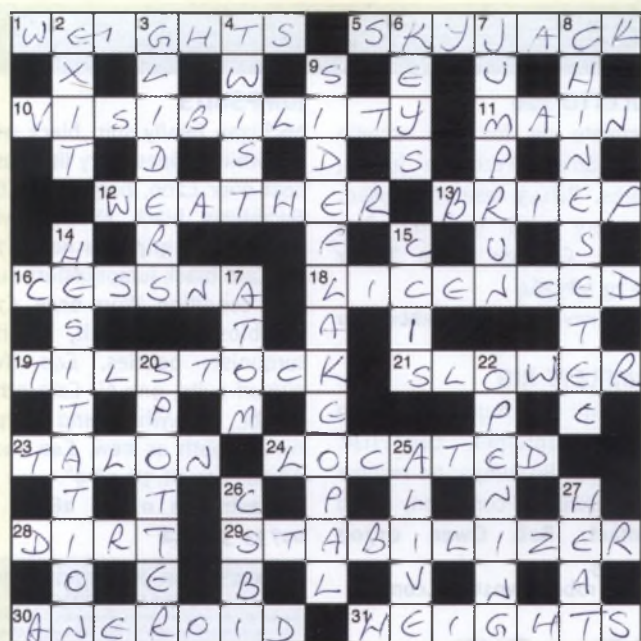
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Vol

[vɔl] n.m. flying, flight.
Locomotion in the air of birds,
insects, ect., thanks to the coordinated
movements of bearing and beating
lateral surfaces (wings).



Puzzle



Main

Across

- 1 Masses of delays announced (7)
- 5 Take the plane to Shanghai (7)
- 10 As far as one can see (10)
- 11 I'm an upset cardinal (4)
- 12 Survive the storm, for example (7)
- 13 Short pants? (5)
- 16 Acne outbreak quarantined ship and aeroplane (6)
- 18 Permitted to sell drinks (8)
- 19 1000 small beds landed up in this airfield (8)
- 21 Small cow (by the sound of it) isn't as quick (6)
- 23 As a canopy, a raven has eight of them (5)
- 24 Found and ate cold collation (7)
- 28 Gossip got back into stride (4)
- 29 A wheel on the side of a bicycle or a canopy (10)
- 30 Arnhem rookie'd oddly help with altitude measurement (7)
- 31 Hot boat crews make the top levels (7)

Down

- 2 Exploit gutless way out (4)
- 3 Twisted girdles are a risk for skydivers (7)
- 4 Dance card request (5)
- 6 Signals in C Major and G Minor (4)
- 7 Start to dribble on the way to the exit point (4,3)
- 8 Oriental gaffers rest in this formation (7,3)
- 9 Al's fake dipole funnelled the formation (4-5,4)
- 11 Er, is it a pilot chute problem? (10)
- 13 Jump masters are cockiest at regular intervals (abbreviation)
- 17 Nuclear container (4)
- 20 Clumsy painter looks out the door (7)
- 22 Hole required for deployment (7)
- 25 A fairy story about five undead (5)
- 26 RAcE's biplane embodies flying trainer (abbreviation)
- 27 Seething hate can raise the temperature (4)

Reserve

Across

- 1 _____ and measures
- 5 Steal an aeroplane
- 10 Clearness of the air
- 11 Primary
- 12 Atmospheric conditions
- 13 Instruction to barrister or skydiver
- 16 Aircraft manufacturer
- 18 Certified to jump
- 19 Shropshire D.Z.
- 21 Not as quick
- 23 Bird's toe - canopy
- 24 Positioned
- 28 Unclean stuff
- 29 Canopy side material
- 30 Type of barometer
- 31 Altitudes

Down

- 2 Start a skydive
- 3 Unpowered aeroplanes
- 4 Wind together
- 6 Lock openers
- 7 Approach to exit point (4,3)
- 8 4-way formation (7,3)
- 9 4-way formation (4-5,4)
- 14 Pilot chute 'delay'
- 15 Drop zone head teachers (abbreviation)
- 17 Tiny thing - container
- 20 Person who picks the exit point
- 22 Deployment
- 25 Breathing
- 26 First instructor rating (abbreviation)
- 27 Thermal energy

Solutions Across
1 Weights, 5 Skyrock, 10 Visibility, 11 Main, 12 Weather, 13 Brief, 16 Canopy, 18 Licensed, 19 Thin, 21 Slower, 23 Tabin, 24 Located, 28 Dirt, 29 Stabilizer, 30 Aneroid, 31 Heights
Solutions Down
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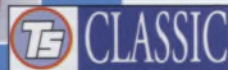
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