

# Club Bulletin 193

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**BHPA**

### 1: Courses

#### Club Coach Course

Individuals wanting to take a course should contact the host club direct to book a place.

#### 2013

January 12/13  
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cliff.d.smith@sky.com

Scottish Mountain Paragliding  
Cliff Smith

February 02/03  
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Donald Mckenzie

February 09/10  
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Isle of Wight HG & PG Club  
Richard Perkes

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### 2: Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the BHPA will be held on Saturday March 2nd 2013 at the Belfry Hotel, Nottingham, starting at 11am. Last year's event, co-located with the BGA AGM, seemed to work well and the same format is to be repeated this year.

It is hoped that members will take the time to turn up to hear how the BHPA Exec has been working on their behalf, to quiz Exec members on their record and put forward ideas for the future direction of the Association. Topics for discussion at the members' forum, held directly after the AGM, should be notified to the BHPA Chairman by February 1st.

Voting papers and details of candidates, and the BHPA Treasurer's Report, will appear in the February issue of Skywings. The Belfry is adjacent to Junction 26 of the M1.

Nominations are sought for BHPA Awards of Merit. These are presented to BHPA members to acknowledge conspicuous service to a club or clubs, or to competitions. If someone in your environment has put their heart and soul into the good of the sport for many years, please consider writing a citation for them for a BHPA Merit Award. Citations should be sent to the BHPA Office by January 31st 2012; awards will be presented at the BHPA AGM or other suitable occasion.

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### Volunteer for Exec...

The BHPA AGM on March 2nd will include the election of the Association's Executive Committee. Any BHPA member considering seeking nomination for election should contact Chairman Marc Asquith or another Exec member to find out what's involved, and contact the Office immediately for the appropriate application form. Following the resignation of long-serving BHPA Sites Officer Steve Walsh, a volunteer to handle site matters is particularly needed.

Completed nominations, including a 100-word personal statement, should arrive at the BHPA Office no later than Friday January 18th.

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### 3: Admin Issues

1. Mail - The BHPA Office has now been at Merus Court for two years and we can no longer have mail redirected from The Old Schoolroom. Please ensure that if you are sending anything to the office you are sending it to the correct address as inevitably some clubs still have forms etc. with the old address on. Also, please ensure that you pay the correct amount of postage.

2. Membership Application Forms - Please check the forms before sending to the office. In many cases they barely have any of the information required to process the membership and in some cases are totally illegible. Phoning schools to ascertain this information is a waste of our time and yours.

Schools are also reminded that it is their responsibility to send the membership application forms to the BHPA Office. Please do not give the forms to your students to send off.

3. Introductory Membership - Schools should also be aware that once issued, day membership cannot be cancelled.

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### 4. Christmas

The BHPA Office will be closed for the Christmas period from Friday 21st December until Wednesday 2nd January. Please bear in mind that anything posted to the office after Tuesday 18th December is unlikely to arrive in time for us to process it. If you need something urgently please don't leave it until the last minute.

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