



WINDSOCK

August 1975

S H G C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You will shortly receive a notice calling our AGM. Unfortunately, we are experiencing difficulty in booking a suitable hall. Be prepared for a date in the last week in August or the first week in September.

In the meantime, start thinking about people you would like to nominate for the following jobs - talk about it on the hills and send in your nominations as soon as possible. If you have moaned about the running of the Club during the past year, this is your chance to volunteer for some hard work.

Present Officer

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Several of us definitely want a rest so please send in lots of names (check first they are willing!)

RESULTS - EMBASSY HANG GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS AT STEYNING

CLASS A - Standard Rogallos

1st	Stephen Hunt	Hiway	230
2nd)	Johnny Carr	Hiway	220)
2nd)	Ray Sigrist	Hiway	220)
3rd)	Patrick Davitt	Hiway	204)
3rd)	Miles Handley	Hiway	204)
6th	Paul Renouf	Ridge Rider	198
7th	Robert Wisely	Ridge Rider	192
8th	Stephen Goad	Ridge Rider	190
9th	Peter Day	Skyhook	184
10th	Eric Short	Wasp	180

CLASS B - Second Generations and Curved Booms

1st	Brian Wood	Hiway	242 ****
2nd	John Ievers	Hiway	230
3rd	Stephen Hunt	Hiway	190
4th	Peter Day	Skyhook	188
5th	Frank le Maux	Pegasus	158
6th	Johnny Carr	Hiway	150
7th	Shaun Hazelden	Ridge Rider	144
8th	John Malin	Ridge Rider	142
9th	Stephen Goad	Ridge Rider	128
10th	Martin Farnham	Hiway	120

CLASS C - Rigids and Semi-Rigids

1st	Miles Handley	Gulp!	140
2nd	Michael Collis	Tweetie	110
3rd	Ian Partington	Fulmar	10

LADIES' CUP

1st	Jennifer Hudson	Hiway	120
2nd	Jeannie Knight	Dave Kilburn	70
3rd	Sandra Hudson	Hiway	50
4th	Diane Payne	Custom Kite	40
5th	Teresa Allan	Custom Kite	30

***** OVERALL WINNER - BRIAN WOOD 242

CLUBS

1st IRISH HGC - Average Score 192

Noel Broderick	Seagull	90
Michael Collins	Hiway	30
Tom Hudson	Hiway	176
Patrick Davitt	Hiway	204

2nd BOWTHORPE HELLERMAN HGC - Average Score 50

Bernard Clarke	Ridge Rider	110
Eric Loach	Ridge Rider	10
Christopher Golunski	"	40
Norman Smyth	Ridge Rider	40

GENERAL COMMENTS

So many people have asked for a complete list of results that I have gone as far as I can with the time and space available. If you want to know your own result, drop me a line with a s.a.e. and I'll do my best to help you.

Thank you to everyone who helped. If I tried to mention everyone, I would be sure to forget someone so I'll just give a special "Thank you" to Ann Welsh who not only acted as overall Judge in her usual inimitable fashion but also stepped in at short notice to present the prizes

PROGRAMMES

Mr Langmead has some spare programmes. If you would like to have one as a souvenir, let me have a s.a.e.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AT MERE

You will already know about this event. Some of the Mere organisers were at Steyning and I gathered that they will be much stricter about people flying in numerical order and flying the same glider/harness throughout. If you are sharing a glider, please let Chris Corston at Monksilver know in good time as this obviously caused several problems at Steyning.

STINKER OF THE MONTH OR BOWTHORPE & OLD SPICE

It was late afternoon and Bernard Clarke, the Company's hang gliding expert breezed into my office.

"Wadder-yer-reckon", he grunted, his blue eyes focussed on the gently swaying trees visible from the upstairs window. "Wind force 2 or 3, North East, Steyning Bowl would be favourite" "O.K., we'll get away sharp and have a go" The Social Club's blue and yellow Ridge Rider was smartly loaded and we were off.

We arrived on site and got a few pleasant uneventful glides in when we decided to move to higher ground. It looked better, a few trees, plenty of gorse, a few cows and, over the brow some way, a cow's drinking trough. Bernard was soon airborne and weaving his way to the valley below - beautiful, let's have a go.

But hold it, a two man film crew arrives. "We're making a hang gliding commercial for Old Spice, we've done one on surfing out in Hawaii and we're looking for another spectacular - can you do a loop the loop or something?" I couldn't bring myself to give them the obvious reply but agreed to provide some conventional flying. So the camera was set up forward of the launch site near some trees one of which had a broken branch... odd that! Lovely spot this, I thought, climbing into the harness, skylarks twittering way up there in the blue - soon be joining them.

I mused at my ungainly "flying boots" - London Metropolitan Police issue - one thing was for sure, they'd never seen the inside of a wind tunnel. No wonder my landing approach was so slow. The wind seemed to be dropping off a bit, we'll wait until it freshens before we go ... anxious minutes passed it wasn't going to improve.

I signalled to the camera crew, lifted the glider, ran like mad and eventually got airborne. The slight cross wind was carrying me towards some trees, a graceful turn, but losing height. Another obstacle looming up, large gorse bushes - no sweat - control bar forward, lift my feet, should clear ... kerrunch. Instant mass acupuncture, just the job for my rheumatism.

I emerged looking like a porcupine amidst roars of hilarious laughter. That's what I like about hang gliding, the funny side, a good laugh with every prang.

I apologised to the film crew, who's sides were still aching, and assured them that Bernard would now show them how it should be done. Have no fear - Bernard's here. We carried the glider back to the top of the hill and prepared for take two.

Bernard was, as usual, swiftly aloft. Could be a bit higher I thought and I wasn't too keen on the direction he was taking. If he loses height like I did, he's dead in line with the cow trough. It happened... kerash... splash. One thing about Bernard, he's a perfectionist, he does everything with style. Who else could land feet first in a stinking cow trough and then fall backwards in a mixture of cow dung and mud with a 50lb weight making sure you stay there?

Again uncontrollable, hysterical laughter. Eventually, after wiping away the tears, I ran to his aid and lifted the glider in order to free him. Boy, did he need some Old Spice. I thought "What flies, has flies, and hums!"

With Bernard stripped to his jeans, the film crew, standing upwind, thanked us and "could we come again tomorrow evening"? We promised we would be back sometime depending on the weather and bade them farewell.

Much against Bernard's will, on the way home we stopped for a quick pint in a country pub where we were greeted by remarks about country smells. In fact, one gentleman remarked "We could do with some Old Spice in here."

ERIC LEACH

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

If you have an item for inclusion on the Agenda, please send details to the Secretary, Frank Flitton, 4 Saltash Close, Cheam, Surrey.

MONEY ON HILLS

Colin Webb has been collecting £1 per day from Associates and non-members with considerable success and a lot of hard work. Colin is off to Africa on holiday (no connection) and he has pointed out that we need a volunteer to take over in his absence (or volunteers).

Whilst the Steyning Championship was taking place, Colin went over to Mill Hill and found it swarming with non-members who obviously realised we were otherwise occupied. We all pay a lot of money to protect the Club's sites - don't throw it away by letting non-members take over. Also, of course, we need the money as we still have a fight ahead of us and a Barrister, printing and postage come expensive. In particular, we need a collector for the Bank Holiday (Mere) weekend. Well - will you volunteer?

OVERHEARD AT STEYNING

On the Rules - "If you take off, you must land"
Scrutineering - "Oh, it's all right - it's a reef,
not a granny".

Friday evening - "Don't be silly - you can't cook
mince on a Barbecue."

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COMPETITION FOR A SLOGAN

The following entries have been received and will be voted upon at the AGM -

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Hang Gliding - The sport that's a way of life

That rising feeling! - That's hang gliding!

Hang Gliding, with inflation, free uplift

Hang Gliding - The sport that gives you that rising
feeling.

NEW FULL MEMBERS SINCE 25 June 1975

A V Anderson
Barnaby Browne
Keith Coles
Christopher Hartfield
Richard Heagerty
Michael Hibbitt
S T Hooper (transfer)
George Keeling

Trevor Keeling
David Lewis
Colin Morris
Paul Renouf
David Roberts
Robert Wisely
Woodall-Duckham HGC

Associates

Malcolm Elms Steven Green Denys Irving

LOST PROPERTY

We have had keys, raincoats, a crash hat, a glove and various items too numerous to mention handed in since the Steyning weekend. If you have lost anything, do contact Jill Handley.

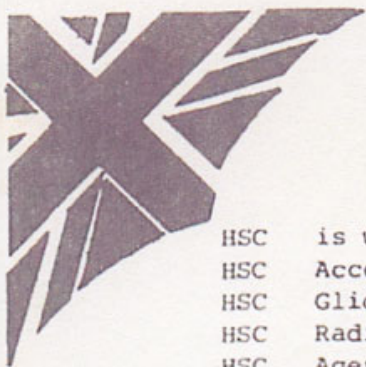
EXTRACT FROM A LETTER FROM DAVID WORTH

"Has the Committee considered limiting membership - with stricter renewal periods for people like me? I am beginning to dread moderate winds with 40 or more kites on the hill and it seems to be getting worse."

What do you think? Perhaps it is a matter for discussion at the A.G.M.

CORRESPONDENCE, SUBSCRIPTIONS, ARTICLES AND CARTOONS

to Jillian Handley
Mallows, Forest Drive, Kingswood, Tadworth, Surrey



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to the Southern Hang Gliding Club.

Name -

Address -