



APF BROADCAST NEWS

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1. LAUNCH OF THE NEW APF WEBSITE

APF is launching Stage one of its new Content Management System with the website going live tonight! The changeover may take several hours and may not be accessible until tomorrow with certain links possibly not immediately active! Please bear with us while this takes place and we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

2. CONFERENCE 2010 – 24, 25, 26 May 2010

9 MORE SLEEPS UNTIL CONFERENCE!!

Are you coming? Have you registered? Have you checked out the amazing pool of prizes we have? Have you seen our fabulous lineup of presenters?

Awards night Gala event – theme ‘Born in the Sixties’ - break out that sixties gear and dress for the occasion. Deadline for bookings for the Awards night is 21st May 2010.

This event is being held at the beautiful Novotel Brighton Beach in Sydney overlooking Botany Bay. Accommodation is still available but the venue has advised these options are filling fast, we urge not to leave it a minute longer if you are intending to come.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of the APF and is set to be a very special event, definitely our biggest on record. We have an **amazing Agenda** with an **impressive lineup of Speakers** including 4 internationals, an exciting jam packed **program of Events**, a diverse **Exhibitors Trade area** and an **awesome pool of prizes** for members and operators, with all conference attendees going into the draw with multiple chances to win some fabulous prizes.

Dig out those Safari Suits, sunflowers & beads and come rock around the clock on the second night of the Conference. This is a Gala event with a presentation of Awards, a visual tribute to our incredible history on the big screen with a DVD featuring almost 2000 photos from over the years, a spectacular fireworks display on the beach, great food, great music, great friends and a great venue. Definitely a night not to be missed.

Due to the anticipated numbers for this event and unlike previous years you will NOT BE ABLE TO BOOK FOR THE AWARDS NIGHT AT THE LAST MINUTE! Skydivers being Skydivers, a book on the day 'she'll be right' attitude may have been okay in the past but as we move our Conference into the professional arena, it becomes essential that we have a cut-off date. For the Awards night that cut-off is the 21st May 2010. Visit the APF Conference website and see what we have planned and we urge you to lodge your registration forms ASAP. <http://conference.apf.asn.au>

For those Not going to the conference - we'll be Tweeting!

For those of you who can't make it to the conference, we'll be supplying bite-size updates as they happen. Our on-the-spot reporters will use Twitter to keep you in the loop! You can follow @APFConf in your Twitter feed.

Not using Twitter?

If Twitter isn't your cup of social media, don't worry. Our tweets will also appear as status updates on the APF Golden Anniversary Page on FaceBook. Make sure you're a Fan!

3. MEDIA WATCH

We are developing a media watch section, so skydivers can see what each other are up to in the media.

Skydivers from around Australia attended a "Trace" training camp with World Champion freeflyer David Nimmo from Babylon at Toogoolawah from the 24th – 30th April. This clip was on 9 news in QLD: <http://news.ninemsn.com.au/video.aspx?videoid=6a223ee3-3749-450e-b1cf-d055ca60925b>

In the lead up to the World Championships, Team Ookoonono have been training in Moruya recently and got into the local papers:

<http://www.batemansbaypost.com.au/news/local/news/general/moruya-skies-the-limit-for-aussie-champs/1828299.aspx>

Been in the local paper? On TV? Seen someone else that has? Email the link to me!

NationalCoach@apf.asn.au

4. POSITIONS VACANT

Technical Directors positions

Every year at the Annual Board meeting immediately following the Conference all APF positions are declared vacant. These include:

- **Director Safety**
- **Director Instructors**
- **Director Aircraft**
- **Director Rigging**

- **Director Competition**
- **Director Judges**

Election to the Boards – PPC & APTAC

In addition to the APF Board of Directors there are two other Boards that exist within the APF framework that comprise APF members:

- **Australian Parachute Team Advancement Company (APTAC)**
- **Parachute Protection Company (PPC).**

Historically these positions have been held by APF Board members. At the November 2009 Board meeting the Board discussed the responsibilities and requirements of these positions and it was decided that it would be prudent to seek applicants from outside the APF Board.

If you would like to lodge your interest in applying for any of these positions please contact the Operations Manager at the APF Office. operations@apf.asn.au

5. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

PROCEDURE TO WAIVE APF OPERATIONAL REGULATION 2.3

TO ALLOW A TANDEM PARACHUTE DESCENT WITH A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 14

The procedure for making application to allow a tandem parachute descent with a person under the age of 14 is now detailed on the APF web site. Included is the waiver application form. The application form has been recently up-dated, so any clubs with older forms are to replace them with:

http://www.apf.asn.com.au/ArticleDocuments/62/U14_Procedure.pdf.aspx

Note: Application forms will only be accepted if received directly through an APF club. I.e. **not** from a member of the public. Any enquires regarding this procedure please contact Kim Hardwick at technical@apf.asn.au

NEW OPERATIONAL REGULATIONS

The new Op Regs have now been approved by CASA with multiple copies having been sent to all Clubs around Australia. These new regs will come into effect May 15th 2010 (tomorrow) and will soon be available from the APF website. Hard copies can be requested from the N.O by members at any time.

APF MALFUNCTIONS VIDEO

Are there any dropzones/Instructor B's/CI's out there using the APF Malfunctions video by Dave Badyk and Shane Sparkes as a teaching aid? Would you use a more up to date/better quality production if one was available? You can watch the original here on youtube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mt5GASNPGDk>

The current video has footage of:

- Normal Opening Sequence
- Line Twists
- Slider Up & End Cell Closures
- Bag Lock
- Emergency Procedures

- Streamer

If this video is updated what would you like to see included? Please contact Michael Vaughan with your feedback and your thoughts Michael QLD@yahoo.com 0403 922 630

COMPONENT PRICING ADVERTISING

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has been investigating a series of complaints regarding the advertising practices of a number of APF Clubs. To outline briefly the role of the ACCC – it is Australia's peak consumer protection and competition agency conducting enforcement work under the provisions of section 53C of the Trade Practices Act. On the 25th May 2009 amendments to section 53C of the Act came into effect changing component pricing regulations. This new legislation requires businesses that advertise part of the total price payable for a service to also advertise the total price payable for that service.

In layman's terms, this new law states that the total cost of Skydive must be immediately clear to the consumer and they must not be misled by advertisements that only advertise part of the price with extra costs in fine print. This means you cannot advertise the cost of Skydive and then add APF Membership Fees or Fuel levies or similar 'on the day'. All fees must be included in the total price.

ACCC has investigated this thoroughly throughout APF Clubs around Australia and has found this practice common place and has subsequently advised us that action can and will be taken against offending Clubs. ACCC has also made it clear that they will be keeping a very close eye on our Industry and has tasked us with ensuring all Clubs are aware of these laws.

To comply with the Act, skydiving companies should either:

- 1) Advertise a skydive package with total all-inclusive prices; or
- 2) If it intends to continue to use component pricing, it may state the component price, but must also state the total price of the packages as prominently as the component price.

There is a public register on the ACCC's website (www.accc.gov.au) which contains copies of a number of court enforceable undertakings accepted from other tourism industries relating to breaches of section 53C of the Act and other misleading price representations.

Further compliance issues

The ACCC would also like to inform industry participants that compliance with the Act relates to ALL representations made by the businesses. Section 52 of the Act is a broad provision that relates to conduct that is misleading or deceptive, or which is likely to mislead or deceive. In other words a skydiving business must be able to justify or substantiate each claim made in relation to freefall time, locations of DZ's, safety records and the availability of facilities.

We urge all skydiving companies around Australia to take heed of this notice and ensure their advertising practices are compliant with the Trade Practices Act or risk action being taken against them.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

CASA Instrument 405/09 came into effect 1st November 2009 however APF Operations were given until 1st July 2010 to comply with certain provisions of the Instrument.

Those provisions are:

- Jump Pilot Authorization requirement

- Charter B Maintenance Schedule

APF Jump Pilot Authorisation – a FAQ's page has been added to the Website as well!

The APF Jump Pilot Authorisation was proposed by CASA as a means for the APF to ensure a level of 'control' or 'oversight' of all Jump Pilots. This Authorization will be a requirement for all pilots before flying para ops at Training operations (Students, Novices and Tandems).

A course syllabus and examination approved by the APF Director Aircraft has been developed and is included in the Jump Pilots Manual(JPM) and will be administered by APF approved Examiners.

Recognition of prior experience

Existing Jump Pilots who have flown a minimum of 50 para ops sorties may apply for recognition of their prior experience. They will still be required to sit the written examination but will not necessarily be required to complete the practical unless instructed to do so by the Examiner.

Upon receipt of the successfully completed written examination at the APF National Office, the pilot will be issued the Jump Pilot Authorisation without charge prior to July 1st 2010.

New Jump Pilot process:

Pilots meeting requirements as per Operational Regulations 6.1.1 may apply for a Jump Pilot Authorisation by:

- Studying the APF Jump Pilot Manual (available from APF website)
- Undergoing a course of instruction (Jump Pilot Training Course syllabus is included in the Jump Pilot Manual) and successfully pass a written, oral and practical examination with an APF approved Examiner
- Upon receipt of the successfully completed examination and provision of a passport style photograph, and providing the fee of \$30 is paid, the applicant will be made a member of the APF and will be issued an APF Membership card showing their Jump Pilot Authorisation. This membership will last for two years from the date of issue after which time a revalidation examination must be completed in order to renew this Authorisation.

Jump Pilot Examiners:

Senior existing Jump Pilots, who are interested in becoming an APF approved Jump Pilot Examiner are invited to register their interest with the Director Aircraft or the Operations Manager at the APF Office.

It is envisaged that approved Examiners will be available at most of the larger DZ's around Australia thereby making this process as seamless as possible.

Charter B Maintenance Schedule:

Previously aircraft used for Para Ops were required to be maintained in the 'Airwork' category however CASA believes there is a need to raise the maintenance standard for all aircraft involved in training operations. There was evidence that some aircraft were being maintained on an annual basis, yet were involved in high volume operations. Consequently CASA Instrument 409/09 was developed to ensure a greater standard of maintenance for all aircraft involved in APF training operations.

6. COMPETITION AND JUDGING

The Style and Accuracy Nationals were held at Caboolture and Caloundra, QLD from the 1st – 5th May. Comments made by the Chief Judge, Faye Cox:

"It was a really great weekend with a excellent roll-up of keen jumpers. Weather was very kind as well Congratulations to the place getters and all competitors who tried really hard to do their best effort.

Thanks to the Judges Lindy Williams (Event Judge) and Karen McEvoy (new training judge) - you were both

wonderful to work with. Thanks to Milly for her help with the Sport Accuracy too.
Thanks to Ian Mc who kept the jumping going as Organiser and Meet Director.
Thanks to Mike D and Tibor who worked hard to make sure these event happen.
Thanks to the 2 pilots Shannon and Millie.
Thanks to Tibor who now has the G/Air camera up and working - ready for Caloundra.
Thanks to Luke O for his IT skills and assistance.
Sorry to Mike who hurt his knee - Hope it gets better soon in time for the Nationals...
Thanks to everyone who was there - you all made it a great time."

Results:

Individual Precision Accuracy

- 1st – Tibor Glesk
- 2nd – Don Woodland
- 3rd – Dave Boulter



Pictured: Tibor Glesk, Dave Boulter and Don Woodland

A NEW AUSTRALIAN RECORD WAS SET FOR INDIVIDUAL PRECISION ACCURACY:

Tibor Glesk: 12cm over 10 rounds.

Congratulations Tibor!

Team Precision Accuracy -

First place went to Team 1:

- John Paul Jones
- Tibor Glesk
- Graeme Windsor
- Jim Czwerinski
- Tony Moschelli

Individual Style (open and masters) –

- 1st – Tibor Glesk
- 2nd – Graeme Windsor
- 3rd – Don Woodland

Overall Individual Sport Accuracy –

- 1st – Jamie Beck

2nd – Travis Aslett

3rd – Ian Robertson

For more detailed results, head to our website: <http://www.apf.asn.com.au/Comps-Events/Competition-Results/default.aspx>

7th ASIANIA “EMAX” VIDEO COMPETITION is being held from 1 May – 31 October 2010

Disciplines:

- 4 WAY FORMATION SKYDIVING
- 4 WAY ROTATIONS CANOPY FORMATION
- 2 WAY SEQUENTIAL CANOPY FORMATION

This Competition is open to members and organizations of the ASIANIA Parachute Federation. THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE.

This type of competition is intended to attract all levels of Competitors and Judges. It aims to assist and encourage the improvement of skills in the disciplines of 4 Way Formation Skydiving, 2 and 4 Way Canopy Formation competition.

For more information, contact the National Coach: NationalCoach@apf.asn.au

7. RIGGING ISSUES / SERVICE BULLETINS

The Index of all Rigging Bulletins from Manufacturers, Federations, Aviation Authorities, APF and the International Parachuting Commission (IPC) can be found linked off the Rigging & Equipment Portal on the APF web site at: [Rigging and Equipment](#)

[APF SB No. 100427](#) Issued 27th April 2010 Reserve Ripcord Pin Test -

This APF SB was issued on 27th April under the authority of the APF Director Rigging and promulgated to all Packers/Riggers/Chief Instructors/Clubs on that date.

The following is an **EXCERPT ONLY** from [APF SB 101427](#) - Open the link to the document on the APF web site for the complete document including pictures.

SUBJECT: RIPCORDER PIN TEST

STATUS: MANDATORY. This is a one-time TEST. One of two tests (either test 1 or test 2) must be performed and marked as per test procedure.

IDENTIFICATION: Reserve ripcorders without markings to indicate manufacturer or previous test marking in rigs manufactured before July 2003.

BACKGROUND: A reserve being closed after repack had the terminal pin of the ripcord break as it was inserted into the closing loop. The rigger had closely inspected the pin prior to attempting to insert it and it was straight without any visible defect. The pin fractured 0.40” (10mm) from the shoulder at the place where the CYPRES closing loop would sit. The rig, a PA Talon was manufactured in 07/ 96 and the ripcord was unmarked and presumed to be original as no other data was available on the log card to indicate

otherwise. The ripcord is outside the date period as noted in [Capewell SB No. CW03-01](#) and there are no indications that it may have been previously tested.

The purpose of this bulletin is to ensure that unmarked and untraceable ripcords have their pins tested for integrity and so marked as to remain in safe use.

COMPLIANCE: This SB to be carried out by an APF Packer 'A' or Rigger (or foreign equivalent), before the next jump.

Test 1 to be carried out using a calibrated scale of minimum 20lb (9kg) capacity and is within its 12 month recalibration cycle.

Test 2 can be carried out using a weight that was measured using a calibrated scale.

USPA and PIA Issue Joint Skydiver Advisory (Issued 31/03/2010)

USPA and the Parachute Industry Association (PIA) have issued a joint "Skydiver Advisory" to advise skydivers and riggers of concerns about some yet-unexplained fatalities in recent years. While the exact causes are not fully known, there are actions every skydiver and rigger can take to reduce the chances of a similar occurrence while PIA gathers more data for an in-depth review by equipment and rigging experts. See the [Skydiver Advisory](#).

The APF Director Rigging recommends all APF Riggers and skydivers to take the time to have a look at this joint advisory. It appears that it is to gather information on pack opening/pilot-chute launch statistics due to several incidents in the US where the AAD had fired or the ripcord pulled but the reserve deployed low/slow. It is also a good way for jumpers to see the function sequence of their reserve.

8. INDUSTRY VACANCIES & GEAR FOR SALE/WANTED

- **Tandem Master Wanted** - Rare full time position available at Skydive Airlie Beach. Small busy drop zone, must have handy cam experience. Email enquiries send to info@skydiveairliebeach.com.au, phone enquiries call Chook on 0417799862.

- **Instructor Wanted:**

ID AFF/Tandem handy cam equipped for drop zone in Perth WA. Will help with relocation. Retainer paid. Contact WA Skydiving Academy on: 08 9227 6066

- **Tandem master wanted:**

Contact Dave on 0433254438 or e-mail skydivecoffsharbour@australiaskydiver.com

- **Australian Skydiving Online Business For Sale:**

Attention Skydiving Buddies! [Terminal Sports](#) is up For Sale. If you are interested in taking over Terminal Sports we would love to hear from you.

The online store is for sale with or without stock. It's very easy to run and has a semi-automated Admin side. Great Google rankings and plenty of regular customers. Minimal time and space required (1 hour a day plus your spare bedroom). Contact Steve Smith steve@terminalsports.com.au for more info.

- **2nd Hand Equipment can be found at:** [Gear for sale](#)

9. ITEMS OF INTEREST / CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event Advertising

If you would like your skydiving event published on the APF web site (no cost), email brief text to apf@apf.asn.au But first, take a look at samples to see required information.
http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Calendar_of_Events

FS Coaching in August from Todd Hawkins (Airspeed)

Aussie skydiver extraordinaire, Todd Hawkins from Airspeed (Multiple World Champion RW Team) is heading to OZ in late August 18th-30th . He will be in the Sydney Area and will available for coaching FS. If you know of any other teams interstate then please spread the word.

If there are any teams 4 or 8 way out there that would like some world class coaching then please email todd@airspeed.org At US\$400 per day it is a bargain!!! Join together with another team to share the costs if need be.

Found--in Victoria--an expensive, skydiving related piece of equipment.

Found some weeks ago. Efforts to locate the rightful owner have so far failed. Enquiries to the VIC/TAS ASO at nigelbrennan@bigpond.com

SEQS Club launches in South East Qld

"A skydiving club run by sport skydivers for the benefit of sport skydivers," is the club's catch cry. With no particular DZ affiliation, the group is keen to run events at all DZ's in SE Qld.

Affiliated with the SQPC, and borrowing their club framework from their "*inspirational Big Sister, Relworkers (Vic)*" the group is planning a range of events across the state to encourage B license and above jumpers to continue and thrive in the jumping scene. Events are designed to cater for a range of disciplines.

From Star Crest weekends to a 5 round League Competition, from Intro-Wingsuiting to canopy/swoop coaching. A club aim is to see an increase in the number of SE Qld teams participating at the Nationals. With a high social emphasis, parties and fundraising are a focus. Club meetings are held every 6 weeks, all welcome. For meeting details, online membership, registration and event dates - plus much more go to: <http://www.seqsclub.com.au>

CANOPY COURSE, WILLOWBANK DZ WITH MICHAEL VAUGHAN, 5TH AND 6TH JUNE

Description: \$28 Hop and pops from 5000 feet.

Focus on circuits, landings & in-flight exercises.

All landings filmed and debriefed.

Maximum 10 participants per day.

Target audience – all experience levels, students/novices to swoopers/instructors

Registration is \$38 includes your first jump

Contact: Michael Vaughan to register.

Email: Michael QLD@yahoo.com

Website: www.sqpc.org.au

FAI has ratified the following Class G (Parachuting) World records:

Claim number : 15672

Sub-class :G-2 (Performance Records)
Category: General
Group : Canopy Piloting Records
Type of record : Speed
Course/location : Johannesburg (South Africa)
Performance : 2.093 sec
Parachutist : Greg WINDMILLER (USA)
Date :05.12.2009
Previous record : 2.166 s (05.08.2009 - Jason MOLEDZKI, Canada)

Claim number : 15673

Sub-class :G-2 (Performance Records)
Category: General
Group : Canopy Piloting Records
Type of record : Distance
Course/location : Johannesburg (South Africa)
Performance : 181.70 m
Parachutist : Nick BATSCH (USA)
Date :05.12.2009
Previous record : 169.610 m (22.11.2008 - Nick BATSCH, USA)

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FAI congratulates the Parachutists on their splendid achievement.

The following State & National events AND MORE (including club events, boogies and Instructor courses) can be found in detail at: [Calendar of Events](#)

See you at the Conference – just nine more sleeps!

For more information, comments or suggestions please email apf@apf.asn.au

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