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WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE UP TO

South Queensland 2009 State Championships FS/VFS

The South Queensland 2009 State Championships in FS and VFS were run by Brisbane Skydivers at Willowbank over the weekend of 31 Oct – 1 Nov.

16 teams registered for the events.

FS 4-way Open 1st Willowbank Fire: Jason Cook, Andrew Barker, Steve Geens & Greg Maskell. Paul Tozer camera

FS 4-way Inter 1st Tetris: Holly Atteridge, Kate Langley, Phillip Boyd & Matt Cooper. Luke Oliver & Rozy Sib camera

FS 2-way Novice: 1st Maksit: Kate Langley & Michael Vaughan. Mai Fitzsimmons camera

VFS 2-way 1st Noodles Doodles: Erica Tadokoro & Shea Convery. Shane Keys camera

For full results and team lists [click here](#).

Special thanks to:

- the Coaches - Greg Maskell, Clayton Gill, Michael Vaughan;
- Judges – Lindy & Giselle;
- Meet Director Jon McWilliam;
- Pilot – Andrew Biggs;
- Sydney medal thieves – team Tetris & Maksit (thanks for flying up);

- Willowbank Team – Kat, Fully, Mexican, Kiwi, Brad, Reggie & Reilly;
- Chefs – Tezza & Pete;
- All of the camera people for volunteering their time;
- Belgie for the Sunday big way organizing;
- Justin de Waard and the SQPC for helping out with funding for the event;
- Sponsors – Groundrush, Cookie, Downward Trend and 5D

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES



Gary Myors and Grahame Hill with an AFF student over Wilton/Picton in the late 80's

- **APF Golden Anniversary 2010**

We have set up the [Australian Parachute Federation Golden Anniversary](#) group on **Facebook** as a place for members to contribute photos, scanned images, stories and memoirs celebrating the history of the sport and Federation over the last 50 years!!! These images will form the basis of a slideshow and memorabilia display at the [2010 Annual Conference](#) to be held in May 2010 at Novotel Brighton Beach Sydney. Alternatively please provide your contributions on disc or via email to apf@apf.asn.au.

A big thank you to those members that have already generously supplied us with material – we have received some amazing paraphernalia from a wide variety of people, past members and present, so please keep it coming! Make sure you label photos and include your sender details so we can contact you for further information or higher resolution images where necessary and available. Thanks!

- **CASA Instrument 405/09 – Direction under regulation 209 (CAR209) of the Civil Aviation Regulations 1988 – Conduct of parachute training operations**

On the 9th of October 2009 the Civil Aviation Safety Authority issued Instrument 405/09 which governs the conduct of parachute training operations, in particular with jump pilot and parachuting aircraft operations. Members are encouraged to read the document which is available at http://docs.apf.asn.au/images/CASA_Instrument_405-09.pdf and if they have any queries or concerns to contact either the Chief Executive Officer, Brad Turner ceo@apf.asn.au or the Director Aircraft Operations, Grahame Hill hihilly@optusnet.com.au .

The Instrument came into effect 1 November 2009 subject to subsections 6 (2) and 6(3) which come into effect 1 July 2010. Further information on subsections 6 (2) and 6 (3) will be broadcast in the near future

• NSW Parachute Council Travel Subsidy

The NSW Parachute Council has a travel incentive scheme that offers NSW jumpers a one off \$200 travel subsidy to attend selected interstate events. This scheme was introduced primarily as an incentive for newer jumpers to travel and gain a wider skydiving experience, but is available to all NSWPC members.

If you are registered under the NSWPC, attending a major interstate event such as Troppo, Equinox, Batchelor, or an interstate State meet for example, will qualify you for the subsidy.

Payment is made after the event to enable confirmation of attendees and is only available if participants attend for the majority of the event. This subsidy is only available once per person, and not for overseas events.

Please pass this information on to other NSW jumpers who may be unaware of the subsidy and considering attending interstate events in the future.

If you have any queries regarding the subsidy, or whether a particular event qualifies, please contact:

Mark Szulmayer (Stretch)
NSWPC State Coach
mszulmayer@hotmail.com

SAFETY CHECK



Suunto Watches

While there may be some skydivers using these types of watches as an altimeter, it is to be noted that the manufacturer specifically states (in their manuals) that **it is not to be used for skydiving**. The specific quote is - Note: The Wristop Computer should not be substituted for acquiring measurements that require professional or industrial precision and should not be used to acquire measurements when skydiving, hang gliding, paragliding, gyrocopter riding and flying small aircraft.

It has also been noted that unlike traditional altimeters, if you bump one of the select buttons on a Suunto, it changes function and you no longer have an altimeter for ready reference to height above the ground.

APF Operational Regulation 5.1.8 states: An approved and functioning visual altimeter set to indicate height above the DZ shall be worn on all descents. The altimeter shall be securely mounted so that the wearer can observe it without difficulty throughout the descent...etc.

O.R. 5.1.1: The word “approved” used in this section shall mean approval by the ASO or Chief Instructor unless otherwise stated.

The manufacturer has been approached by the APF for confirmation and/or clarification of their statement, with no response.

Any approval for the use of these watches as primary altimeters is therefore in direct conflict with the manufacturer’s directions. To avoid disappointment, please consider carefully if you choose to purchase one with the intent on using as your sole altimeter.

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: [http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Rigging and Equipment](http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Rigging_and_Equipment)

INDUSTRY VACANCIES & GEAR FOR SALE / WANTED

- **Skydive the Beach Sydney - Tandem Masters needed**

Sigma, display "B" and HC required

Professional well presented instructors needed.

Make great money over summer and work with an awesome crew!

Call Tim 02 4225 8444 or 0418 512 634

tim@skydivethebeach.com

- **Position Vacant – Skydive Coffs Harbour**

Tandem Master wanted. Please contact Dave on 0433 254 438 or

skydivecoffsharbour@australiaskydiver.com

- **Newcastle Sport Parachute Club - Tandem Master needed**

NSPC is seeking a Tandem Master with Sigma rating, IB.

Handy Cam an advantage but not necessary and AFF rating would be an advantage for extra work.

The successful applicant will be the sole TM for the operations and we offer full facilities, accommodation on the DZ and camping also available.

Take off and land at the DZ, so no travel involved.

Be part of a club member owned and operated Hunter Valley club celebrating 50 years operations.

All applications to be made to gwiennison@bigpond.com

- **Gear wanted**

Opportunity exists to **sell** your old RIG before the Service Date Expires.

Harness/Containers, X300 Mains, X300 reserves, X228 reserves (or equivalent).

Equipment must be manufactured within the past 19 years. (1990 D.O.M. at the Latest)

Genuine interest to purchase:

- Harness/Containers (TAS, S/L & FF capable of 95 – 120kg suspended weight)
- Main canopies (Capable of 95kg – 120 kg suspended weight)
- Reserve canopies (Capable of 95kg – 120kg suspended weight)

Please contact Paul Weir Mobile Phone: 0416 611 499 Email: paulweir56@yahoo.com.au

PO Box 86 Southport B.C. Queensland 4215

- **2nd Hand equipment** can be found at: [http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Gear for sale](http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Gear_for_sale)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Slots available for Airspeed 4-way Skills Camps

Airspeed is extremely pleased to announce the dates for the famous Airspeed 4 Way Skills Camp:

March 2 - 6th 2010

They have been running these camps for many years and the use of the tunnel in the Skills Camps have elevated the experience of campers. There are spaces left, to make enquires or book the camp contact

[Todd by clicking here.](#)

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

http://docs.apf.asn.au/index.php/Calendar_of_Events

6TH ASIANA Video Competition – On Now!

NSW VFS State Championships, 14 - 15 November 2009

Location: Sydney Skydivers, Picton NSW

APF Mid Year Board Meeting, 19-20 November 2009

Location: Brisbane International Virginia Palms, Boondall QLD

Dubai Parachuting Championship and Gulf Cup, 06 - 18 January 2010

Location: Dubai, UAE. Registration is before 15/11/2009. International teams & individuals welcome.

International Parachuting Commission Meeting, 26 – 31 January 2010

Location: Lausanne, Switzerland

ASIANIA FAI Judge Training Course, 4 – 18 February 2010

Location: Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

National Championships Canopy Piloting, 17 – 21 February 2010

Location: Sydney Skydivers, Picton NSW

National Championships Formation Skydiving, 13 – 20 March 2010

Location: Sydney Skydivers, Picton NSW

National Championships 10 Way Speed, 16 Way FS , 2-5 April 2010

Location: Sydney Skydivers, Picton NSW

*~ Blue skies and fair winds ~
From all of us at the National Office!*

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