

in the loop

Dear members,

Welcome to the first issue of the SAHPA newsletter "in the loop" where the committee will be sharing news, events and association-related matters pertaining to our three sports.

Following the elections and the June AGM, a new committee was elected - please see a breakdown below. Many members of the committee have held their positions for a number of years and I'd like to extend my appreciation of their ongoing commitment and hard work for the association.

On a personal note, I'm looking forward to my tenure as SAHPA chair, and would like to thank everyone who has offered me their support. As promised in Barberton after the AGM, I will communicate more about the areas the committee is focusing on, and the results of our endeavors - please just allow me a few months to settle into this position.

One thing I would however like to briefly highlight is that we need to focus on breeding a safety conscious culture across SAHPA. The rate of incidents and fatalities in the last 18 months is unacceptable and I would like to explore the role we (pilots, instructors, LSOs, clubs, the committee) can all play in changing this. We will be introducing a dedicated FOCUS ON SAFETY in every newsletter going forward.

Finally, whether you are flying at the Worlds in Bulgaria, hiking/flying in the Alps or taking to the skies locally, I wish you beautiful and safe flying.

Chrissi

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairman:	Chrissi Drunk
Vice Chairman:	Wayne Heuer
Treasurer:	Khobi Bowden
PG Representative:	Anthony Allen
PPG Representative:	Mias De Klerk
HG Representative:	Egg Van Dijk

Licensing Officers:

Paragliding:	Hans Fokkens
Hang Gliding:	Egg Van Dijk
Powered Section:	Mias De Klerk Keith Pickersgill

Waldo Minny has offered to head up the competition committee. Thank you Waldo - both for your past service to competition flying in South Africa, and for the wealth of experience, advice and assistance you are happy to share.

The positions of ops, access and marketing managers are vacant - if there is anyone who may be interested in assisting with these portfolios, please let us know at office@sahpa.co.za.



Membership Stats

(Total membership to June 2013)

The total number of pilots across all three disciplines: 746

- 44 PG TFIs
- 39 PG instructors (of which 22 are TFIs)
- 5 HG TFI/instructors
- 13 PPG instructors (of which 9 are tandem rated; 3 of which only do PPG and 6 of both PG and PPG)
- Of a total of 46 female members, 45 are PG pilots and 1 is a PPG pilot



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Licences expire at the end of June 2013, please ensure your licence is current.

July Diary

- 7 July, 11h00 - ? : Red Bull XAlps 2013, Salzburg to Monaco.
- 13-26 July 2013: 13th FAI Paragliding World Championships in Sopot, Bulgaria.
- 27 July 2013: Aviation Restricted Radio course, Gauteng.

Please let us know of any league events, courses, SIVs, fun days etc. that you would like included in the diary by mailing us at intheloop@sahpa.co.za.

Aviation Restricted Radio course, Gauteng

Date & Time: Saturday 27 July 2013 - 8am to 3:30pm
Venue: Henley Air, Rand Airport, Germiston
Directions: www.henleyair.co.za/directions.htm
Payments: SAHPA

Cost: R1000.00
RSVP by: Monday 15 July 2013
RSVP to: office@sahpa.co.za

The Worlds

The 13th FAI Paragliding World Championships are taking place in Sopot, Bulgaria from the 13 - 26 July 2013.

This year's team consists of six pilots and two 'ground crew':

- Andre Rainsford, North West Province.
- Chris van Noord, Mpumalanga.
- Nevil Hulett, Eastern Cape.
- Khobi-Jane Bowden, Western Cape.
- Russell Achterberg, North West Province.
- Stef Juncker, Western Cape.
- Jan Minnaar, Western Cape (team manager)
- Chrissi Drunk, Gauteng (assistant team manager)

Follow your team at www.airtribune.com/13-fai-world-paragliding-championship or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SAParaglidingWorldsTeam2013

Make us proud!!



Pictured is SA's top ceded pilot Andre Rainsford on his Gin Boomerang 9. Following his PWC win in Porterville in February this year he is now also part of the esteemed GIN team.



Laura Nelson getting back into the competition groove.



In June / July there is a lot happening on the paragliding competition front. The newsletter focus will shift as cross country season kicks in later this year and we'll also have a look at the existing site records. Is anyone up for some fun spot landing events?

The Red Bull X-Alps 2013

Follow Pierre Carter, our very own mountain man, who is competing in the epic Red Bull XAlps 2013.

www.redbullxalps.com/athletes/profile/pierre-carter.html

You can leave messages of support on his athlete's page.

Barberton Paragliding Nationals

The Barberton Paragliding Nationals were held in June and pilots were treated to great weather, exciting tasks and a fantastically organized competition courtesy of the Lowveld Slope Soaring Club (LSSC) and its network and sponsors.

Congratulations to the organisers for pulling off a great event. Thank you to all pilots who participated and congratulations to all the winners.

Congratulations to all the winners

Novice class:	1st: Doc Hawkins (Glen Club - WC)	2nd: Christo Herbst (Flytribe - GP)	3rd: Oliver Esplin
Intermediate class:	1st: Lloyd Wald (Glen Club - WC)	2nd: Kevin Mitchell	3rd: Laura Nelson (1st Para - GP)
Sports class:	1st: Jan Minnaar (Skywings Wilderness)	2nd: Khobi-Jane Bowden (Skywings Wilderness)	3rd: Ryan Mulholland (1st Para - GP)
Ladies:	1st: Khobi-Jane Bowden (Skywings Wilderness)	2nd: Chrissi Drunk (Flytribe - GP)	3rd: Laura Nelson (1st Para - GP)
Tandem:	1st: Deon Borrett (Skywings Wilderness)	2nd: Bruce Zaayman (Cloudbusters - GP)	3rd: Thomas Webb (Glen Club - WC)
Overall:	1st: Russell Achterberg (Cloudbusters - GP)	2nd: Anthony Allen (Glen Club - WC)	3rd: Anton Naude (LSSC)

Powered Paragliding



The cross over between PG and PPG is become more popular and you can expect to pay between R2500 - R4500 for a conversion.

Please visit www.sahpa.co.za for information on your closest school or instructor.

