

The Club Class Flyer



For all the latest News and Events at the World Gliding Championships 2001

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Interest:

- The S.C.U.M. Party
- Commentary at the Comps
- The Roger Woods Trophy
- The Daily Results
- *And much more...*

MOTHER NATURE CANCELS COMP DAY 8

***HEAVY SHOWERS LEAD TO TASK CANCELLATION AFTER LESS
THAN ONE HOUR***

SHINING ONE DAY,
OVERCAST THE NEXT:
(Right) Tow plane "PIT" on
standby at the finish line as
heavy clouds roll in to the
north. (Below) The mad-
dash to tie down aircraft in
the heavy rain.



AFTER less than an hour in the air, the Club Class and Grand Prix Class were returning to the airfield following a sudden deterioration in the weather.

Heavy rain, down drafts and strong winds were reported in the re-

gion. The first gliders began returning at 2:50 pm yesterday afternoon, had barely finished their ground run when the first rain shower began. The turn in conditions followed a hot and humid morning with sunny conditions. Strong winds and thundery showers are expected today also.



AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

APEX PARK, Julian Tce, Gawler

Tomorrow 7 am-9 am

Free... *Bacon, Eggs, Pancakes and Damper*

Entertainment and Festivities 9:30 am Onwards



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The S.C.U.M. Party

THE Sailplane Crew Union Members held their traditional party at Roseworthy College campus on Tuesday night. Among the festivities was an "Australia Vs The Rest of the World" contest cricket game, BBQ and plenty of drinking.



WE'RE SCUM AND PROUD OF IT! Sailplane Crew Union Members have their night at Roseworthy College.

Set on the Roseworthy oval, the night was a great success according to those who attended.

few S.C.U.M. T-shirts available from the registration office. *But be quick, they're popular!*

If you want some memorabilia of the night, there are still a

This Is What They Want!

THE converted FAI World Gliding Championships — Club Class gold medal is what every competitor is fighting for. By this Saturday, one of the 44 pilots in Club Class and one of the five in Grand Prix will be taking it home. Bets are in on who it's going to be, but the competition remains close—Only two more days to go!



Commentary at the Comps...



FREE BEER!

IF YOU CAN ANSWER THIS QUESTION

What *thing* has traveled 32,000 times around the world, and is located here on the airfield?

Know the answer? Tell Keith Willis or notify the Media Centre and you will win a free Beer!

PILOTS BRIEFING



BRIEFING DAY 13, COMPETITION DAY 8, Wed 24 Jan: With a late start to the briefing, pilots were optimistic about the day's flying conditions with beautifully developed Cumulonimbus clouds to the north.

Yesterday's trophy presentation seemed like a British coup with the top three Club Class places going to Alfandi Darlington, Richard Hood and Peter Masson all from Great Britain. Jim Carpenter was the day's winner for the Grand Prix Class.

A warning about airspace infringements was the first item mentioned at briefing after 14 pilots received penalties for flying outside airspace.

Safety Officer Reg Moore also warned pilots about crossing the finish-line in the correct manner. He also warned against pilots taxiing their aircraft towards the tie down area.

Yesterday's airspace was "Yellow" and "Blue" up to 10,000 feet.

The Meteorologists had mixed feelings about how the day would develop. They were expecting one or two showers in the north with winds picking up from the north to northwest.

With the local weather conditions changing constantly, the daily temperature flight was postponed until 10 am for a more accurate report. On the

ground the temperature was a warm 35 degrees Celsius but expected to rise above 40 degrees by the afternoon.

Local conditions saw thermals up to 4,500 feet and dark thunder clouds forming constantly to the north. But Graham from the Bureau of Meteorology summed up the day's flying conditions well in saying, "It will be a difficult flying day today."

The Club Class task was three hours covering 120 kilometres and with the mandatory required turn points of Owen or Hoyleton. Grand Prix Class started from X2 and flew to Blyth and Saddleworth, a distance of 170 kilometres.

FINAL NIGHT DINNER!

Friday 26th January at The Club Class Café

Two-Three Courses with a choice of Main Meal

Featuring a SIX PIECE BAND!

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PILOT INTERVIEW



Hanz Eibel Austria

Hanz started at point Z3 and flew to Burra the highest point being 9,000 feet. He joined three other gliders there and flew with them to Morgan.

They were too fast for Hanz so by the time he reached Morgan he was alone at 7,000 feet where he climbed to 12,000

feet.

Hanz turned towards Morgan, then flew to the Gums under Cumulus clouds. To him they epitomise flying in Australia.

After the Gums he turned to Bower, where he reached there at 4000 feet. At Bower he came across a gaggle of other gliders who were soaring quite nicely. Hans found better lift so he remained in the area

for a while. His next track was back to Morgan, Eudunda, Tarlee and home, dolphining all the way.

Hans said he was still coming to grips with flying over the flat country, but had found the day rather easy overall.

Hans is here with his wife Maria.

- By Rob Moore

Seen the **Cartoons** in the Club Class Café and on page two of *The Club Class Flyer*?

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The Roger Woods Trophy

One of the trophy's to be presented at the closing ceremony is the Roger Woods Trophy which will be presented to the highest placed Australian in the World Championships for Club Class.

Roger Woods is well known to those people who have attended the IGC meeting over previous years. He was the Australian delegate for approximately 7 years, until his death in 1999.

Roger was devoted to Gliding for all of his life, and was strongly involved in the political

and administrative side of the sport. This included being President of the GFA, Chairman of the Sports Committee and the Executive Officer, along with his IGC role. He was also respected in the IGC for his clear thinking and ability to resolve issues across many airs of the sport. Roger was strongly tipped to become President of IGC after Peter Ryder left the chair. His illness stopped this from happening, something that Roger really regretted.

One of Roger's main aims was to have another world championships in Australia, and he worked tirelessly on this over many years. He also had a strong belief in the future of

the Club Class and argued strongly that it should become a World Championship class.

Roger died on the day that the IGC meeting finally agreed to make the Club Class a World Championship and to award the first such championship to Australia. A fitting tribute for a dedicated man.

The trophy will be presented to the highest placed Australian in the club class, and on this first occasion will be presented by Brenda and Frere Woods, Roger's wife and eldest daughter.

- By Terry Cubley

GENERAL NOTICES



World Gliding Championships 2001

Closing Ceremony

Saturday January 28th

Starting 10:30 am in the Club Class Café

Did You Know?

Gawler's First Heavier-Than-Air Machine Carried South Australia's First Air-Mail

The first time the Gawler township ever saw a heavier than air machine was in November 1917, when Graham Carey circled the town in his Bleriot monoplane before landing on the race course at Evanston. The following day he took off for Enfield with South Australia's first airmail.

WHAT'S ON TODAY



Wine Tasting Evening

*Plus the great music
of...*



"Trish, Leon and Tommo"

Starting 6:30 pm in the Main Hangar

PILOT PROFILES



Attie Jonker

ATTIE is 31 years old and belongs to the Magulies Gliding Club in South Africa. By profession he is a mechanical engineer and lectures at the local university.

Since birth, Attie had been surrounded by gliding and he grew up on the airfield where his dad flew. During his flying career, he has accumulated 650 hours of flying time in gliders.

Attie has flown in competitions since 1993 where he came second in the South African



Championships—Sports Class. Since then he has flown in two others, the 1998 South African Championships coming third in standard class, and the 2000 South African Club Class where he achieved first place.

Outside of gliding Attie is the chairman of the PUK Akaulieg—a flying group at the Potchetstroom University. The flying group is affiliated with the Faculty of Engineering at the university. PUK Akaulieg is currently developing a high performance standard class glider and they hope to fly the prototype before the end of 2001.

Potchetstroom University is also the sponsors for the South African team.

During the competition he is flying a Std Cirrus, registration "GC." This is also Attie's first time in Australia.

Uys Jonker

UYS (pronounced as "ace") is the other member of the South African team and is the 29 years old brother of Attie. Like Attie, he is based at the Magulies Gliding Club and is flying a Std Cirrus in the World Gliding Championship 2001, registration "GVE."

At his home airfield his nickname is "Ace of Base", because he only gives a radio call when he's on base leg during landing.

He is an electronic engineer

and also lectures at the Potchetstroom University. He started gliding very early in his life and has been involved in the sport since he can remember.

Uys has gained 700 hours gliding and 600 hours powered flying experience and chose gliding as his main sport because he found it challenging.



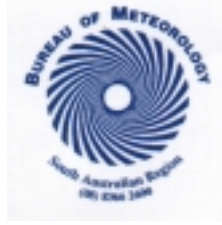
Outside of gliding, Uys also holds a current Commercial Pilots License and an instructor rating in tow planes.

In the world of gliding,, Uys has flown in only one competition—the South African Club Class Nationals 2000 where he came second.

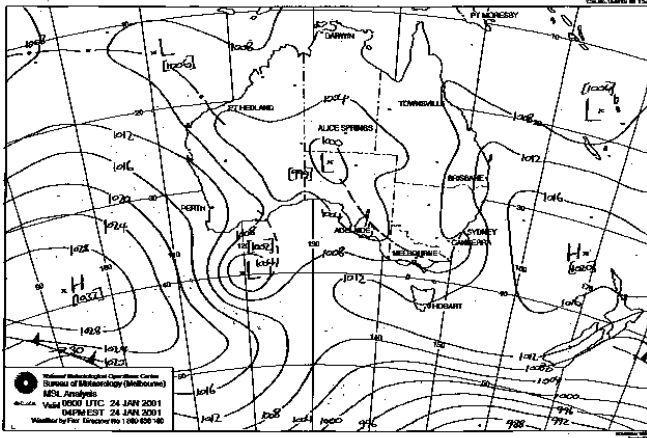
Uys is working with Attie on developing new high performance gliders at the University of Potchetstroom. Like his brother, this is also Uys first time in Australia.

WEATHER DETAILS

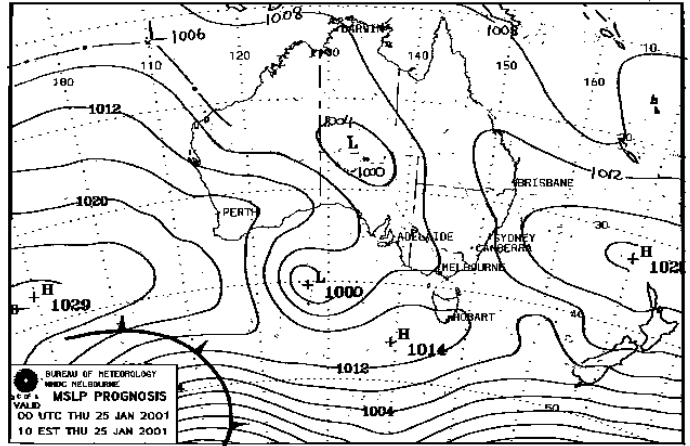
Wednesday January 25, 2001



Yesterday's Weather



Today's Weather



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BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL OFFICE

UPDATED FORECAST FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA

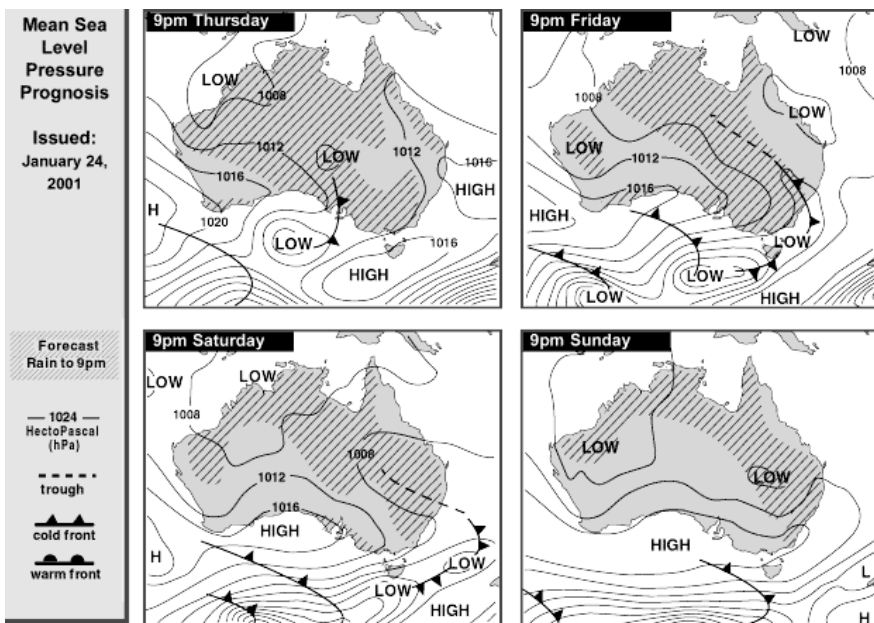
Issued at 4:10 pm on Wednesday, 24 January 2001 For tonight and Thursday.

WARNING SUMMARY:

A Severe Thunderstorm Advice is current for the State east of Ceduna to Oodnadatta, excluding Kangaroo Island and the Lower South East.

The Four Day Forecast

SOUTH AUSTRALIA:



Scattered showers and thunderstorms in most districts this evening, with possible heavy falls. Generally hot to very hot and humid Thursday with isolated showers in most districts increasing to scattered showers and thunderstorms during the afternoon. Local heavy falls possible with thunderstorms. Some rain about southern coastal areas in the evening. Mainly moderate northeast to northwest winds ahead of a cooler fresh southwest change slowly extending from the west.