

WORLD GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS – CLUB CLASS 2001

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COMPETITION LAUNCH

On Wednesday, 18th October, 2000, His Excellency, Sir Eric Neal, Governor of South Australia, attended at the Gawler aerodrome to launch the 2001 Gliding Championships, Club Class. The organisers had worked hard cleaning and decorating the main hangar and invited local dignitaries, life members of the Adelaide Soaring Club, members of the public and the media.

The night before, Adelaide was hit with torrential rain and 40 knot winds. On Wednesday morning the mood was gloomy as the weather had not improved. When Sir Eric arrived punctually at 11am the rain stopped long enough for the launch to be conducted successfully and some photographs to be taken outside on the airfield. As a bystander said *'If the launch weather is bad then the weather for the competition will be excellent'*. No doubt the bystander knows what he is talking about. It was just a pity that the parachute drop and the dual launch had to be cancelled.

'NEWS FLASH' – GRAND PRIX ENTRY FEES REDUCED.

After the launch the Organising Committee met for its normal meeting and discussed the Grand Prix fee structure. We felt that entries from other countries should be encouraged and with the kind permission of our Treasurer, Brian Stopp, we agreed to reduce fee from **US** to **AUD dollars**. This means in effect that the entry fees for the Grand Prix competition have been nearly **halved**. So all pilots out there who were considering entering the Grand Prix competition – here is your opportunity. Those that have already paid will be credited with a partial refund.

MERCHANDISING

The official merchandiser for the competition attended our last meeting and presented a range of clothing that will be available in January. We feel that the range and quality is excellent and we will be endeavouring to feature the clothing on our web site www.worldclubclass.on.net. The merchandiser is Ken Altschwager from 'Graphpak'. He is also involved in the international cycle 'Tour Down Under' and the 'International Horse Trials'.

METEOROLOGY

We are pleased to advise that we will be supported with hi-tech forecasting facilities from the Australian Bureau of Meteorology. There will be a weather station on the airfield and regular updates from aircraft flying in and out of Adelaide. We hope to make available to pilots as much information as possible to enable them to make their own forecasts.

ACCOMMODATION UPDATE

There are still single rooms available at the Roseworthy Campus at \$AUD70 a week. Due to a cancellation one of the self-contained air-conditioned cabins at Hillier Park has also just become available at \$AUD385-00 a week. They are 4-5 berth with a double bed and 2-3 bunks, kitchen etc.

That is all for now. Next Bulletin will be in November.

Karl Faeth
Secretary