

Grasmere Show and Sports 2016

Cumbria Soaring Club Accuracy Competition

28th August 2016



Unbelievably, after all the excitement of the Buttermere Bash, LCC and the referendum there is more to come. Yes, we have confounded the pessimists and naysayers and the paragliding world's finest (and perhaps ever so slightly Cumbrian) accuracy comp will go ahead. Having expressed concern about global growth forecasts post-Brexit the IMF has raised its prediction for the UK to 1.3%. Christine Lagarde, CEO of the IMF stated at her recent press conference that the slight uplift was entirely due to the Grasmere Sports and Show. Bien fait Bretagne et le CSC!

The event will follow the highly successful format of previous years; a spot landing competition followed by a short arena demonstration. As in previous years:

The Competition - Any pilot can enter subject to membership of the BHPA. As always there will be two categories; A Comp - any pilot and B comp – any pilot qualifying as CP after 1 January 2014. The competition is suitable for low airtime pilots. The launch will be marshalled and a coach will be available.

The launches – We will use two launches depending on conditions, Alcock Tarn NY349 079 and the higher launch from Heron Pike. This provides both flexibility and allows for a more pleasurable launch experience.

The landing area is a large open field adjacent to the show ground NY340 070 (approximately 300m of descent).

Competitors can have as many attempts as they wish and conditions allow but only their best (closest) result counts in the comp. A prize of £50 is awarded to the winning pilot in each category. A prize is also awarded for the pilot achieving the greatest altitude. Unlike conventional accuracy competitions where pilots descend as quickly as possible and whine if they are affected by a puff of wind Grasmere encourages fortitude and applauds the pilot who refuses to land. It is after all, designed to show off paragliding in all its glory, not as sedate form of bungee jumping. This allows pilots to enjoy a full day's flying.

This is an important event in the CSC calendar. Not only does it provide for an immensely enjoyable day doing what we enjoy doing but it always proves to be a great social occasion. Most importantly, it provides an opportunity to demonstrate paragliding as an exciting and spectacular activity with a low environmental impact to a large crowd with farming/rural interests.

Full details of the event will be published nearer the day however registration is now open. Anyone wishing to register or wanting further information should contact the main organiser, Chris Field (field950@gmail.com or 01768 862527)