

# SCOTTISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

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**T0: All CFIs**

## **ASH25 Allocations**

Allocations for 2005 have started and the aircraft is now at Portmoak. The calendar is on the following page.

## **Competitions**

John Tanner will be flying the ASH25 in the Northern Regional and the Open Class Nationals. P2 places are available for both competitions and we strongly recommend anyone who wishes to improve their cross-country skills to book a place now for the chance to fly with and learn from one of the country's top pilots. John Williams did it last year and we all know what he has achieved since, so no matter how good you think you are there's still plenty to learn!

P2 places are also available for the Junior Championships. P1 will be finalised at a later date.

Competition dates are on the attached calendar. If you are interested in a P2 place please contact the Operations Committee asap, we will then allocate places and put you in touch with John so you can make travel and accomodation arrangements etc directly with him.

## **Equipment**

One of the oxygen masks has gone missing from the ASH25 kit. If you, your syndicate, or your club have acquired an extra oxygen mask accidentally and you're not sure where it came from, it's probably the SGA's. Could you please contact the Ops Committee and arrange to reunite it with the aircraft asap.

Could you also make every effort to keep the aircraft in a clean and tidy condition. We know greasy and dirty handprints are inevitable during rigging and derigging but please make every effort to remove them, wash and polish it when possible, and remove any glue left behind by wing tape. The aircraft is a prime asset, please treat it like it was your own!

## **P1s**

Where are they all? Seriously, the SGA operation depends, like many things in gliding, on a small corp of volunteers who both have the skills and are willing and able to give their time and effort for the benefit of others. We have lost a number of P1s in recent years for a variety of reasons eg new jobs, relocation etc, and we desperately need new blood to come forward. So, CFIs, who are your best cross-country pilots? You can help us by encouraging, cajoling, or if all else fails threatening, them to come forward to share their knowledge and skills with your newer, less experienced members. If we are to continue to strive to develop members' cross-country skills then we need to develop the coaching

operation as well. The aircraft exists for the benefit of all your members, please give some thought to how to maximise that benefit.

Regards,

The SGA Operations Committee

Mike Carruthers – SGC  
Phil Penrose – Highland GC  
Colin Wight – Deeside GC

## 2005 Allocations Calendar

From	To	Allocated To	Location
26 Feb	4 Mar	SGU	Portmoak
5 Mar	11	SGU	Portmoak
12	18	SGU	Portmoak
19	25	SGU	Portmoak
26	1 Apr	Dumfries	Portmoak
2 Apr	8	Highland	Easterton
9	15	SGU	Portmoak
16	22	SGU	Portmoak
23	29	Strathclyde	Portmoak or Feshie
30	6 May	Cairngorm –Task Fortnight	Feshie
7 May	13	Cairngorm –Task Fortnight	Feshie
14	20	Highland	Easterton
21	27	Deeside	Aboyne
28	3 Jun	Deeside	Aboyne
4 Jun	10	Deeside	Aboyne
11	17	Angus	Aboyne or Portmoak
18	24	SGU	Portmoak
25	1 Jul	SGU	Portmoak
2 Jul	8	SGU	Portmoak
9	15	SGU	Portmoak
16	22	SGU	Portmoak
<b>23</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Northern Regionals</b>	<b>Sutton Bank</b>
30	5 Aug	In transit	
<b>6 Aug</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>Open Class Nationals</b>	<b>Lasham</b>
15	20	In transit	
21	29	<b>Junior Championships</b>	<b>Norfolk (Tibenham)</b>
27	3 Sep	En-route to Deeside	
<b>4 Sep</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Deeside Mountain Soaring Championships</b>	<b>Aboyne</b>
11	16	Deeside	Aboyne
17	23	Deeside	Aboyne
24	30	Cairngorm	Feshie
1 Oct	7	Highland	Easterton
8	14	SGU	Portmoak
15	21	SGU	Portmoak
22	28	SGU	Portmoak
29	4	SGU	Portmoak
5 Nov	11		
12	21 Nov		