

# **BRISTOL AND GLOUCESTERSHIRE GLIDING CLUB**

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## **AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BRISTOL & GLOUCESTERSHIRE GLIDING CLUB AND 621 VGS HISTORIC FLIGHT, 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

This agreement is made between the Bristol & Gloucestershire Gliding Club "BGGC" and the 621 VGS Historic Flight "HF" and is intended to be a mutually beneficial agreement which facilitates the move of the HF to Nympsfield. The Committee and Officers of BGGC are enthusiastic for these classis wooden gliders and the group's members to find a new home at BGGC and unanimously support the move of the HF to Nympsfield. The Committee wishes to facilitate the move by offering the HF BGGC membership and use of airfield and social facilities on terms that are attractive to the HF but not seen as excessively generous in comparison with existing BGGC membership packages.

Whilst BGGC offers training from ab-initio to advanced, the predominant club culture is one of soaring and cross country flying by experienced private owners resulting in peaks of activity in soarable weather particularly when soaring starts, then long relatively quiet periods until the end of the soaring day and often little activity on unsoarable days. It is recognised that the HF will add value to BGGC by bringing not only additional members and flying activity thereby increasing the utilisation of equipment, airfield and facilities outside the normal peak times of airfield activity, but also a cultural rebalancing of the club.

BGGC is a member of the BGA, operates from an estate wholly owned by the Bristol Gliding Club Pty Limited and offers the HF a long term stable base, oversight of flight safety, the potential for 7 day a week flying, an 1100 metre grass airfield, winch and aerotow launching, hangarage, members workshop facilities, use of social facilities including bar and café, and annual caravan pitches in the secluded wooded area on the south side of the airfield.

Detailed terms of the agreement are set out below:

### **1.0 HF Group Membership Terms**

1.1 HF members who wish to fly from Nympsfield in any capacity must sign a BGGC membership application / safety briefing form before flying. Applications for full membership (i.e. Flying or Associate) are provisional until approved by the BGGC Committee.

1.2 HF members who are not Flying members of other BGA clubs and who wish to base or fly their own private (non HF) glider at Nympsfield or fly as P1 in a BGGC club glider must join as a Flying member of BGGC.

1.3 HF members who are current Flying members of other BGA clubs may fly at BGGC as Reciprocal members at the BGGC Reciprocal daily rate.



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1.4 Other HF members who wish to fly as P1 on an occasional basis or who wish to fly more than 6 times in the membership year as P2 must become a Temporary member and are entitled to use of the Club's facilities as granted to Flying Members during their period of temporary membership. Group temporary membership terms for HF members are as follows:

- One Day Temporary Member of BGGC: £20 per day
- One Week Temporary Member of BGGC: 10% of the Full Flying membership or such other weekly rate as from time to time shall be decided by the BGGC Committee or AGM.

Each individual is limited to a maximum of 2 periods of weekly temporary membership or 6 daily temporary memberships during the membership year unless otherwise agreed by the BGGC Committee.

1.5 Associate members of BGGC are entitled to use all club social facilities and up to 6 flights per membership year as P2. HF members who join as Associate members of BGGC are entitled to an Associate Membership group discount of 50%.

1.6 Associate members wishing to rent an annual caravan pitch at BGGC must pay the full Associate membership fee without discount.

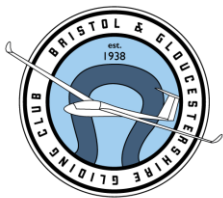
1.7 The BGGC membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April. HF member joining BGGC part way through the membership year shall pay pro-rata membership fees rounded to the closest full month.

1.8 Any member of HF who is not a member of BGGC must be escorted at all times in member only areas by a BGGC member.

1.9 HF members with BGGC guest flying privileges or higher rating may invite guests, e.g. former Air Cadets or other interested parties, to fly with them in a HF glider on a cost sharing basis as permitted by CAA cost sharing regulation. Such guests should sign a BGGC membership / safety briefing form clearly annotated as "Guest of HF member (name)" before flying. Guest flying in BGGC club gliders shall be subject to BGGC requirements in force at the time. If glider seating configuration prevents wearing of a parachute as recommended by the BGGC Flying and Information Manual, the P1 must brief the guest about the risk of flying without a parachute.

1.10 HF members retain the sole right to decide who may fly in HF gliders or their own private gliders. Whilst HF members may invite BGGC members to fly in HF gliders, BGGC members shall not have any preferential rights of access to flights in HF gliders.

1.11 Existing members of BGGC who were not members of HF on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 and who join HF to take advantage of these arrangements shall be excluded from HF group membership arrangements.



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1.12 HF to provide a list of paid up HF members annually to BGGC office by 31<sup>st</sup> March.

1.13 The BGGC / HF group membership agreement to be reviewed annually by BGGC Chairman and HF Lead.

## **2.0 Hangarage:**

2.1 BGGC offers the HF up to two hangar slots in the south hangar at normal south hangar annual rental rates for the T21 and Swallow. HF retains the right to rotate aircraft types with their other aircraft in storage at their sole discretion provided they fit the allocated hangar space. *Note: A trial fit is required to confirm the T21 will fit in the south hangar. If unable to fit in the south hangar BGGC will install overhead storage by hoist for the T21 in the roof of our main hangar (some preliminary feasibility work has been done on this, overhead storage including for a T21 is used at other UK clubs and off the peg systems are available). HF members will be asked to contribute their labour and to assist in installation of the overhead storage system.*

2.2 The facilities fee year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January. In the first year, the hangar facility fee shall be paid pro-rata.

2.3 BGGC offers trailer parking for two HF trailers near the south hangar where they could be parked closely together and a temporary structure or tent erected over them. Trailer parking fee for one trailer is included in each hangar slot fee as per normal BGGC practice.

## **3.0 Storage:**

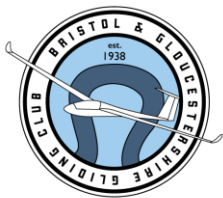
3.1 BGGC offers the HF use of one room upstairs in the old clubhouse building for storage of non-flammable spares. Use of upstairs rooms in the old clubhouse for any purpose other than storage is not permitted due to fire regulations.

## **4.0 Caravan Slots:**

4.1 HF members who have BGGC membership status of Associate or higher shall be entitled to rent a BGGC annual caravan pitch. The facilities fee year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January. In the first year, the caravan pitch fee shall be paid pro-rata.

## **5.0 Launch Fees:**

5.1 HF gliders shall be flagged in the club's Freeflight system and will incur a group winch launch fee equivalent to the standard non Silver club rate, currently £10. A daily quantity discount will be offered as follows - on any day in which the number of winch launches by HF gliders exceeds 20, then all launches that day by HF gliders will receive a cash back discount of



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20%. The exact cashback process is at present unclear but should involve minimal manual processing by the BGGC club office.

5.2 Aerotows by HF gliders shall be at normal club rates.

5.3 It is understood and agreed that during the club "grid launch" which commences when it becomes soarable and typically lasting for 2 hours, the grid launch shall take precedence over HF launches.

5.4 All other HF member flying in club or their own private gliders, shall incur normal launch fees.

5.5. Flights in HF gliders by BGGC members when so invited by HF members shall also be subject to the discounted winch launch fee and shall qualify for the discount trigger.

## **6.0 Soaring Fees:**

6.1 BGGC will not levy soaring fees for flights by HF gliders.

6.2 BGGC members taking flights in HF gliders may be invited to share costs by contributing directly to HF funds.

6.3 HF members flying in BGGC Club gliders shall pay normal soaring fees.

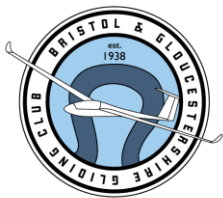
## **7.0 Flight Supervision and Safety:**

7.1 Members of HF shall be subject to the briefing, oversight, recency and check flight requirements set out in the BGGC Flying and Operations Manual or as otherwise required by the BGGC CFI and/or BGGC Duty Instructor.

7.2 A local agreement shall be implemented between the BGGC CFI and HF Lead to delegate supervision and authorisation of flights in HF gliders to nominated HF members.

7.3 All HF members including Associate members must receive a safety briefing before first entering the operational flying area or crossing the airfield to the south side.

7.4 Members of HF are encouraged to participate in operational activities including rotas to support club flying including launch point and winch operation. Suitable training will be given where required.



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## 8.0 Workshops:

8.1 HF members may use club member workshops subject to normal BGGC booking process and fees.

## 9.0 Review of This Agreement:

9.1 This agreement shall be reviewed by the BGGC Chairman and HF Lead on an annual basis. Changes shall only be implemented by mutual agreement.

Signed for Bristol & Gloucestershire Gliding Club:

Name: Andrew John Davis, Chairman.

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Signed for 621 VGS Historic Flight:

Name:

Date: