

**Australia Accuracy Meet**

**19,20 Apr 1997**

**Toogoolawah, Australia**

# ETTAMOGAH PUB

## ACCURACY MEET

19 and 20 APRIL

BY RAY WILLIAMS

The annual accuracy competition was again organised by Tony Edwards and was attended by some 30 competitors. The competition included classic and fast canopy accuracy and catered for pops, open, intermediate and junior.

The competition was conducted from a Jetranger Helicopter flown by the legendary Bruce Towers who rescued the event after it became apparent, only two days before, that the traditional helicopter supplier and pilot would be unable to attend. 45 loads were completed and although some people went on to do eight rounds in each event the Chief Judge and Meet Director Ray Williams decided the outcome at the end of round 6.

It was notable that there appears to be a traditional following of the event by quite a few competitors who use it annually to brush up their accuracy skills. Jim Brierley who has supported the event since its inception consistently landed on the tuffet and showed up a few of the younger competitors in the open event. Fiona Fry, a newcomer to the event, flew

well and was gradually homing in on the tuffet as the rounds were completed. Wayne Carpenter created some spectator interest with a chop on his pink PD 170 which deteriorated into a spinning mess.

The Pops had a strong contingent practicing for the World Championships in Jordan. It is interesting to note that the first four placings in open classic accuracy were filled by Pops members, as John Kinton says to Pops sceptics – “We’ll get you in the end”, which sounds more like a funeral parlour motto.

Bruce Walpole, Grant Nichol and others put on a good display in the fast canopy competition with Bruce proving better on the day to take the gold. The competition held up to its reputation being fun for all which was no doubt assisted by the presence and dedication of the following staff:- Marilyn Howes-Manifest (five years running); Ray Williams, Lyn and Lyn our dedicated judges; Tony Lovelinay – DZSO and gofer ; and to all the competitors who helped level the 20m pile of sand to allow the event to commence.

## TOOGOLAWAH SKYDIVERS CLUB

Toogoolawah skydivers club would like to invite all interested skydivers to take advantage of our membership offer for 1997.

### The advantages you will enjoy as a member are as follows -

1. \$2 per day discount on dz fees
2. Presentation of pewter mug on completion of 1000th jump
3. Reimbursement of 2 videos slots on completion of B rels
4. Financial assistance for teams from our trust fund
5. Reimbursement of camera mans slot for teams competing at SQPC camps
6. Teams of 3-5 who complete 5 jumps per day with video will be reimbursed 1 free slot
7. Free use of team training rooms with video and TV facilities

### Plus much more.

The club has enjoyed much success and has been responsible for many innovations and improvements at the drop zone eg. New creeper pads, team rooms, new wind blades etc. To be a part of this progressive club send your name, address and a contact phone number together with the following amount to:

THE SECRETARY TOOGOLAWAH SKYDIVERS CLUB

8 WREN CRES. BUDERIM QLD 4556

Single: \$40 Additional family member: \$20

### PLACINGS

#### OPEN AND POPS CLASSIC ACCURACY

- 1st Wayne Allwood  
2nd Petit Didier  
3rd Kathy Silvestri

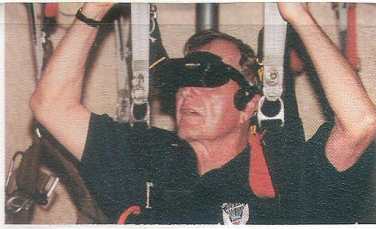
#### INTERMEDIATE ACCURACY

- 1st John Winkler  
2nd Stephen Melchior  
3rd Craig Trimble

#### FAST CANOPY ACCURACY

- 1st Bruce Walpole  
2nd Grant Nichol  
3rd Craig Trimble

Sponsors were: Ettamogah Pub – venue and trophies; Ettamogah Motel – accommodation for judges and pilot; A P Delaney – sand pit; Kath and Tony – financial shortfall!?!

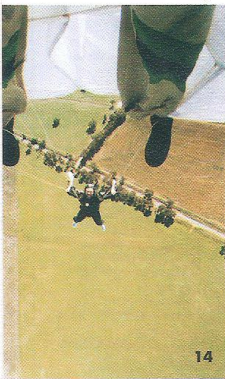


Were you Runner Up for the "SEXIEST MAN ON EARTH"? Find out by sending \$10.00 to T.C. c/o Darwin Parachute Club.

DAVE HOBBS turns 60 next February and is planning a big jumping birthday bash. HOBBSIE wants to build a 60 Way over Toogoolawah. If you would like to be on it, get in contact with HOBBSIE at the Ramblers DZ at Toogoolawah on (0754) 231 159 or fax (0754) 231 722.

TIBI NAGY was on the spot when the CRW team he was filming had a wrap. TIBI caught the whole thing: wrap, cutaway, freefall, reserve opening and collected \$ 1000 from Channel 9 after they beamed it around the world. (The team also got \$500 - well done). ANDREW WHITTEN & TONY SMITH were the reluctant cutaway stars.

The RED BERETS jumped into the Brisbane EKKA this year, displacing the "RAMBLERS" after 18 continuous years.



They were a bit cheaper - NIX! \$0.00.

One of the RED BERETS suffered a broken leg or ankle on one EKKA display during tricky conditions. He landed in the grand stand.

The next APF Board Meeting will be held on 30th October in Canberra.

#### FROM THE FOURTH WORLD POPS MEET - AQABA, JORDAN.

ROSS STOCKINGS: "I couldn't get in...I was just going too fast...". MARTY PANDELUS: "You need a bigger pair of Yakka's mate."



DAVE THOMPSON: "That's my first stand-up pack." JIM BRIERLEY: "What colour's your reserve?"

POPS WIFE: "I can't do stand-ups." MARTY PANDELUS: "You should practise in a Qantas toilet."

JOHN KINTON: "What do you do with a skydiver who's hopeless at RW and can't do accuracy?" LES FACER: "You make him TOP POP!"

STEVE MELCHIOR: "Not another Hercules jump!"

STEVE PANDELUS: "Aqaba is the only place in the world where it's too bloody hot to do fun jumps."

Good to see a number of Israelis jumping with Jordanians.

LES FACER: (to only person using safety belt in the Hercules) "How will you feel if we crash on take-off and you're the only survivor?" GORDON TURNER: "Smart."

DAVE THOMPSON: "What's that pile of blue metal for?" JIM BRIERLEY: "That's the accuracy pit." DAVE THOMPSON: "##!!"

Most of the POPS' wives enjoyed a ride in a CASA - courtesy of the handsome, young Jordanian Air Force pilots.

ROSS STOCKINGS (after viewing first scrambles video): "I know I said we went through the routine at least twice - but now I think it was nearly once."

#### FROM BYRON BAY:

ERNIE (AFF student): "It took me three jumps just to get over door opening shock."

GABE after Byron gunging: "This tastes worse than it smells."

Byron now has a fully carpeted hangar. Anybody got a ride-on-vacuum cleaner?

GENE BIRMINGHAM celebrated his 36 years of parachuting in June. BERM0 is turning 55 and celebrating his 33rd year in the A.P.F.



### SQPC CHAMPIONSHIPS AT TOOGOLAWAH

Style & Accuracy, Freestyle, CRW - Oct. 18/19

8 Way, 4 Way, 16 Way - Oct. 25/26

Accuracy Prize Money - \$300 from Air Training Corps & the Kedron RSL for the Gregg Stafford Memorial Accuracy Camp.

\*Jumps - All RW & Freestyle - \$26 to 12 500'

\*Jumps - Style & CRW - \$20 to 7 000'

\*Jumps - Accuracy - \$15 to 3 500'

\*Club Rates DZ fees - \$6/day

\*AT NO EXTRA COST - Limited bunkhouse accommodation, unlimited camping on site, Judges video facilities available.

### PHOTO CAPTIONS

1: Tibor Nagy with his first tandem passenger, Wendy over Toogoolawah. Photo by Dave McEvoy.

2: Photo by Tibi: 3 Way Fax Champs Synchronicity (Gary Cobb, Dale Durant, Peter Weekes) over Toogoolawah.

3: George Bush prepares

4: George Bush does it!

5: T.C. - 22nd Year in the Sport & 4400th Jump. Photo by Wayne Saul.

6: Sasha Chilton's 200th Jump over Toogoolawah. Dave Bailey provides the throne. Photo by Tibi Nagy.

7: Geoff (Cisco) Little over Twin Waters Resort. Photo by Monica Green.

8: Three of Australia's four Masters of Sport Parachuting: Claude Gillard, Faye Cox and Col King, missing is Andy Keech. Photo by Annette Kent.

9: Julie Salkeld Freelying: Transitioning into; and

10: Head-down. Photos by Richard Brooks.

11: "Three Monkeys" / Three Chief Instructors: Trevor Collins, Paul Osborne & Dave McEvoy.

12: Three Generations Make Their First Jump at Toogoolawah - Back: Ben Nordkamp (TM), Christopher (Grandson), Guy Summers (TM) - Front: Stefan (Son), Alex (Grandmother age 80+), Leigh (Granddaughter).

13: Phil Baldy, Geoff Johnson, Dee Bowring, John Curtiss, Brad Gorn, Norm Guans, Carl Michel, Lenny Holland, Steve Coxall, Dave Witter over Batchelor. Photo by Wayne Saul.

14: Frank Smith says G'day to photographer Shane Sparkes.

### RAMBLING ON DOWN UNDER - 1 HOUR VIDEO

Designed to be shown as a Promo Tape in Discos and Nite clubs, this video features freestyle footage of the great Roz Tomkins by Craig Field, skysurfing by Christiaan Rendle by Rob McMillian, Janine Whitten's World Champs freestyle footage by Jacques Watson, 16 way sequential by Terry Wafer, 8 way CRW by Graham Jeffery, and regular DZ jumping - RW, tandems, formation loads, big way, POPS record - by Marty Miller and Tibor Nagy.

\*Call Ramblers - (07) 3399 6400

## AUSTRALIAN POPS RECORD by Alan White

**PLACE:** Toogoolawah

**DATE:** 8th June 1997

**ORGANISERS:** Alan White & Geoff Little

**PARTICIPANTS:**

**Average Age - 47**

**Youngest - 40**

**Oldest - 55**

**Total Years Skydiving - 496**

**Total Number of Jumps - 69 400**

During the Queens Birthday Boogie it was great to see a new Australian POPS formation skydiving record being set. The Australian POPS Record 22 way was achieved on the first attempt, which is really not too surprising considering the experience on the load.

Membership of POPS, which stands for *Parachutists Over Phorty Society*, is open to any person who is at least 40 and who has had at least one parachute jump. In Australia there are over 150 experienced and very current skydivers who are age 40+ so we don't expect the 22 way record to last very long. Incidentally the current POPS World Record is a 75 way which was completed at Eloy in 1995. (Dave Ruckett was also on that jump.)

Those on this record jump were Lou Armstrong, Kim Barton, John Bennett, Geoff Bingham, Barry Binnie, John Blain, Richard Drieu, Doug Falconer, Paul Flipo, Ray Annabye, Warren Hahn, Graham Jeffery, Peter Keegan, Geoff (Cisco) Little, David Loncasty, Dave McEvoy, Locky McMillan, Al McVinish, Peter Milburn, Ray Perry, Dave Ruckett, Alan White, Marty Miller(Camera). Thanks to Al McVinish and Cisco for the organisation.

### 4th WORLD MEET

Although numbers were down on previous years, the meet was a great success. 12 countries were represented including the host country and a "Friendship Team" from Israel. The venue for the meet was Aqaba Airport, a short drive from Aqaba city, with facilities being provided by the Royal Jordanian Parachute Club. The club (and all the locals) went out of their way to make us welcome and, despite the apprehensions some people had, we had no problems at all in Jordan.

**FACT: You can get a good, cold beer in Jordan but avoid the red wine.**

Apart from the scenery the DZ had a couple of interesting features. Firstly, from height it was possible to see four countries (Jordan, Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia) and secondly, if you were too far east of the wind line a landing in Israel was a possibility (just beyond the airport boundary).

The Royal Jordanian Air Force provided a CASA and an Islander for the meet for competition and fun jumps and a C130 for three free jumps into the desert (WADI Rum) and onto the beach.

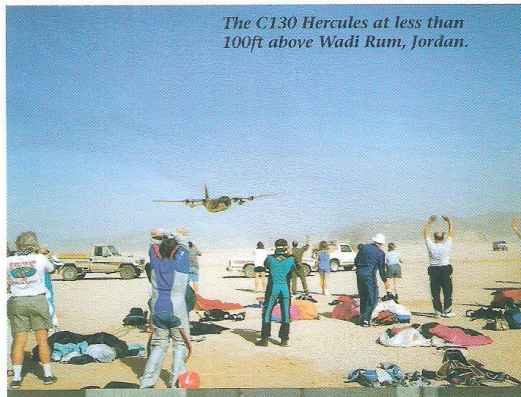
Competition included Hit 'n' Rock, won by Pat Moorehead (USA). Jeff Chandler (UK) won the accuracy with a score of 0.19m over 5 rounds. RW was 4way scrambles with Australian POPS featuring well, Les Facer being in the Gold Medals winning team, Peter Hannaford with a Silver and, Bronze to Gordon Turner. Steve Pandelus and Ross Stockings were in the teams placed equal fourth. The meet was attended by two princes of the Jordanian Royal Family, both also attended the presentation night.

One possible change for the next World Meet could be the inclusion of national 4 way teams in addition to the traditional Hit 'n' Rock, accuracy and scrambles to provide interest for the dedicated RW jumper. I would be interested in your opinions.

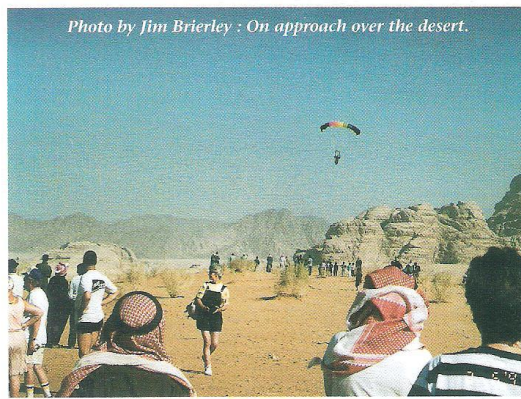
*Australian jumpers (and friends) at a beach jump in Aqaba, Jordan.*



*The C130 Hercules at less than 100ft above Wadi Rum, Jordan.*



*Photo by Jim Brierley : On approach over the desert.*



*Pops Record over Toogoolawah.  
Photo by Marty Miller.*

