

Local Soaring League

2016 v2

The Local Soaring League is integrated into the existing “B League” with the aim being to encourage flying around certain local landmarks gaining points as you do so.

Based on the BGA handicapping system for fairness it is open to **ALL** pre Silver Badge pilots flying both solo and **DUAL**.

The club identified many years ago that “staying within gliding range” meant that the maximum distance you could fly away from the club was five miles, but before we go any further and to be clear about it, it doesn’t mean you can be at the motorway floating around at a thousand feet!

Please don’t think I’m teaching you to suck eggs, but some newer members may not know the terminology regarding turning points so if you do, you can skip this bit.

The club has identified a bunch of local landmarks that in gliding circles are called “Turnpoints”. Normally when flying cross-country you would pick several of these and go around them in a certain order to complete a task, a 300 km Diamond Goal is a typical example of this.

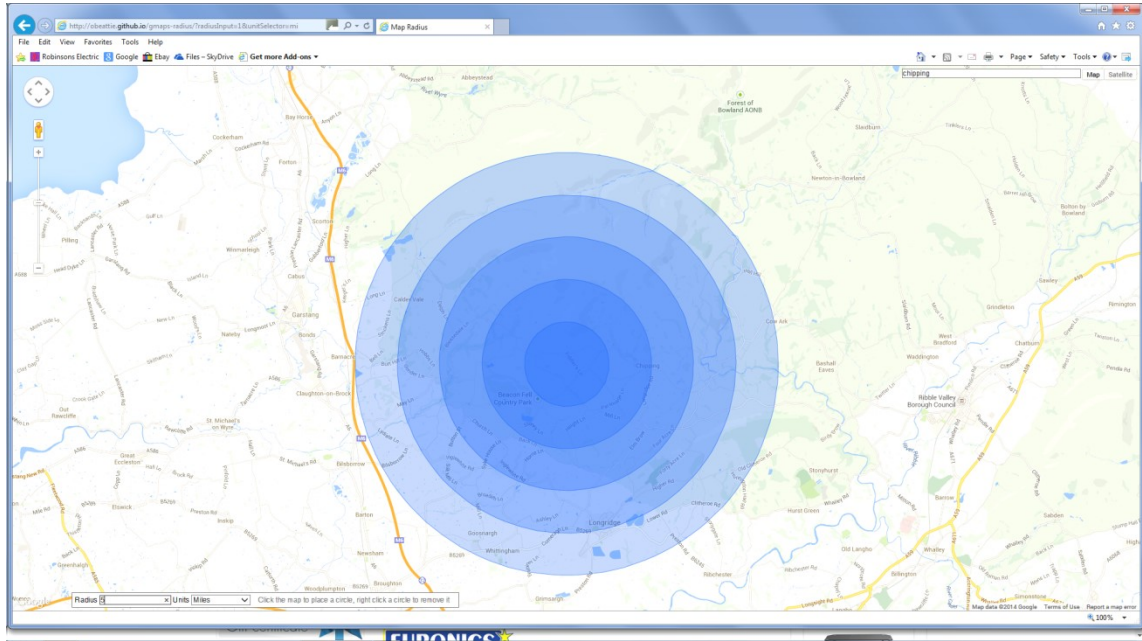
We are not intending to fly tasks per se but it still means you must go around a turnpoint to claim points.

How will it work?

The list of turnpoints (TP’s) is valued dependent upon how far away from the club it is. With BFGC at its centre, a series of concentric circles at 1 mile increments has been drawn on the map. Within the centre circle nothing is listed. In the 1 -2 mile radius are several TP’s and they are valued at 20 points each.

2-3 miles = 30 points, 3-4 miles – 40 points and finally 4-5 miles where 50 points are awarded.

A picture minus the TP’s at this stage is illustrated below for clarity.



Claiming the points:

The starting point, is a 500m cylinder centred on CHP which effectively means that as soon as you have released from the launch you have started and clear to go and claim any turnpoint in any direction. You then fly to any other TP, round it and claim the relevant points. CHP itself cannot be claimed.

You can only claim a turnpoint ONCE during the flight.

For example: Fly to Fairsnape (1FS) and claim 30 points, then fly to Beacon fell (1BF) claim a further 20 points, fly back to Fairsnape, (no points to claim as already done so), land. Total 50 points.

Once you have landed then note the details and points claimed and email me at

phil.glider@robinsonselectric.co.uk

Your word is all I will require for you to make a claim.

Handicapping:

Naturally a hot ship solo machine will be able to go round more TP's than a K8 so the standard BGA handicapping system will apply. See below.

Who can fly and claim what.

Any solo pilot naturally but if flying DUAL then only the P2 claims the points

What happens at the end of the year?

At the end of the BGA year – that's Sept 30th your points will be totalled up and added to the B League results. The winner will be announced at the AGM and along with the B League Trophy a prize of some free launches will be added to their flying account providing it's in the black.

The B League

There are other things that pilots up to Silver Badge level can claim for, these are shown below.

Keeping up to date.

The point scoring will be kept up to date so you should be able see who is leading and how many points you need to grab to catch up.

Unclear? Then ask me and I'll tell you more.

Fun? Let's hope so.

GO FOR IT!

Phil Punt

Handicapping:

The handicap list is available from the BGA website and contained with the latest competition handbook.

Let's take an example of various aircraft who on the same day, amass the same total of 100 points.

The formula is very simple - Points claimed multiplied by 100 divided by the handicap equal the final score.

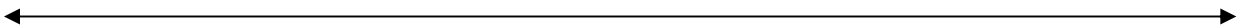
So:

The handicap of a K13 is 67 so $100 \times 100 \div 67 = 14.93$ Total points scored

In comparison a Nimbus 2b (A terrific aircraft even I do say myself) has a handicap of 106 and would end up with only 9.43

Retrieving in the case of a landout.

Inevitably there may be a landout - it could be you! If you wish to claim points and join in the fun, then it will be assumed you are up for helping should it happen to one of your fellow pilots. It can be quite a laugh and the pint afterwards is always welcome :-)

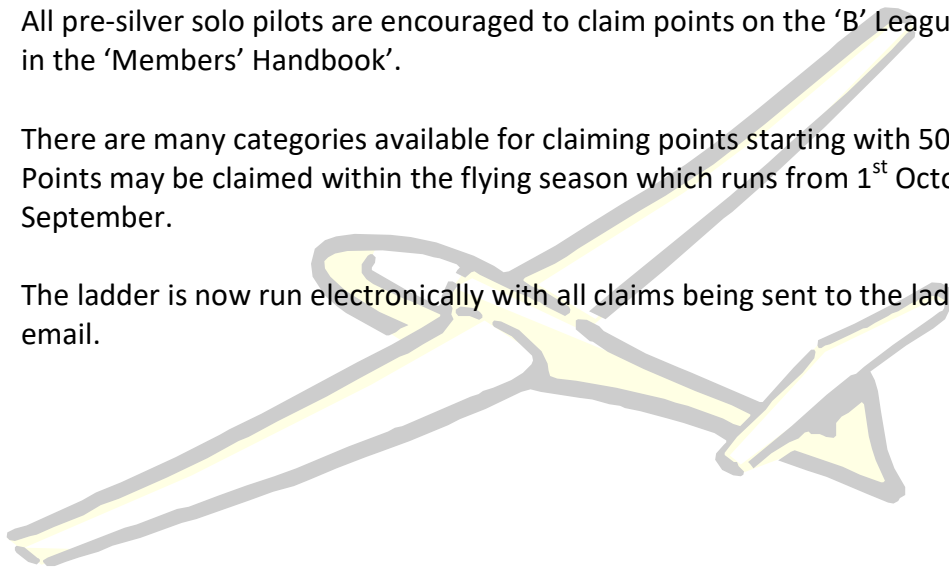


The 'B' League Trophy

All pre-silver solo pilots are encouraged to claim points on the 'B' League ladder, as detailed in the 'Members' Handbook'.

There are many categories available for claiming points starting with 50 for your first solo. Points may be claimed within the flying season which runs from 1st October to 30th September.

The ladder is now run electronically with all claims being sent to the ladder administrator via email.



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The 'B' League

Points that you can claim :-

<u>Task</u>	<u>Points</u>
First Solo	50
First 50 solos	50
Passing Local C paper	40
Achieving Red Card	40
Red card solo spins	40
Passing Bronze exam	40
Cross Country Endorsement Nav. Ex.	50
Cross Country Endorsement Field Selection	50
Cross Country Endorsement 1 Hour Duration	50
Cross Country Endorsement 2 Hour Duration	50
Achieving Yellow Card	50
Achieving Silver 5 hour duration	50
Achieving Silver Height	50
Achieving Silver Distance	50

