

To: IGC Plenum – Lausanne, Switzerland – March 2007
 From: Competition Development and Quality Control
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Sailplane Grand Prix Series

Eight Qualifying Grand Prix races were successfully staged in the 2006 season. As a result of these races, the following pilots have qualified for the 2nd *World Series of Gliding Final* in New Zealand in December 2007:

<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Qualifying GP</u>
<u>Ben Flewett</u>	New Zealand	Omarama
<u>Giorgio Galetto</u>	Italy	Omarama
<u>Herbert Weiss</u>	Germany	Nitra
<u>Petr Krejcirik</u>	Czech Republic	Nitra
<u>Victor Panafutin</u>	Russia	Drakino
Tim McAllister	USA	Drakino
<u>Uli Schwenk</u>	Germany	Hahnweide
<u>Tassilo Bode</u>	Germany	Hahnweide
<u>Mario Kiessling</u>	Germany	St. Auban
<u>Didier Hauss</u>	France	St. Auban
<u>Peter Harvey</u>	UK	Gransden Lodge
<u>Phil Jones</u>	UK	Gransden Lodge
<u>Mark Holliday</u>	South Africa	Bloemfontein,
<u>Oscar Goudriaan</u>	South Africa	Bloemfontein,
Bruce Taylor	Australia	Gawler
Peter Trotter	Australia	Gawler

Reserve List

<u>Pilot</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Qualifying GP</u>
Sebastian Kawa	Poland	Omarama
Michael Sommer	Germany	Gawler
Christophe Ruch	France	St. Auban
Steve Jones	UK	Gransden Lodge
Erwin Sommer	Germany	Nitra
Mannie Mclaughlan	South Africa	Bloemfontein
Tamara Sviridova	Russia	Drakino
Vladimir Bessarabov	Russia	Drakino

At the time this report was due, it was very likely that 4 more Qualifying Grand Prix races would be held in 2007. In these events, the winner of the SGP would qualify for the season ending 2nd *World Series of Gliding Final* in New Zealand.

Category 1 IGC Event Inspection Policy

One of the Strategic Aims of the IGC is to “improve the quality of Class 1 events”

To assist with the achievement of this aim, it is intended that the Chief Steward appointed to a Category 1 IGC event should visit the site of the event and meet with the organizers at least six months prior to the start of the event. A Bureau Member will accompany the Chief Steward on this visit.

The Bureau may nominate an alternative to the Chief Steward to conduct the visit.

The purpose of the visit is to:

1. To ensure the organizers understand the importance to the IGC of running a high quality event,

2. To provide a show of support from the IGC to the organizers and other interested persons to help make the event successful,
3. To determine, as best as possible, that the organization is on track for being able to create and conduct a high quality event, and
4. To confirm the suitability of the site with respect to the airfield, facilities, surrounding terrain, airspace, obstacles adjacent to the airfield and other threats which may impact on the safe operation of the competing gliders.

The initial implementation of this new policy occurred in 2006 with site visits to Rieti, Italy by Bob Henderson and Roland Stuck and to Romorantin, France by Brian Spreckley and Peter Ryder.

Chief Steward Training

The Bureau and committee have determined that it would be desirable to organize a training seminar for our accredited Chief Stewards. With the responsibility of selection, control, and funding of Chief Stewards shifting from the contest organizers to the Bureau in 2007, the need to develop standards and communicate expectations for all Chief Stewards is vital. The initial training will be conducted by Brian Spreckley, Roland Stuck and Dick Bradley on March 1, 2007 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Charlotte, January 2007
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