**PRESIDENT’S LETTER**

Dear Gliding enthusiasts,

2019 is nearly over so let me start by wishing each of you all the best for Christmas and the New Year.

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD IN 2019**

Congratulations to the two teams that competed in World Championships this year.

In F3B our team was Tim Kullack (21st) and John Skinner (30th).

In F3K our team was Dave Milward (17th) , Andrew Meyer (49th) and Hugh Blackburn (79th).

In F5J our team was Andrew Meyer (23rd), Marcus Stent (44th) and Jim Houdalakis (78th).

I’m sure that they all have interesting tales to tell about their experiences.

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM SELECTIONS FOR 2020 WCs**

The Jerilderie Tournament 2019 was also the team selection trial for F3J.

The top placed contenders were Nick Chabrel, Matthew Wood, and Carl Strautins. Andrew Meyer and Dan Haskell are reserve pilots.

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM SELECTION TRIALS TO BE HELD 2020**

Three team selection trials are needed. Subject to MAAA approval, the F3B and F3F trials will go ahead.

F3B – Dates 9-10 May 2020, Clackline Field WA. WC dates August 2021 in Denmark. Contact Tim Kullack timk@perthrecruit.com.au.

F3F – Dates 1-2 Feb 2020 near Albany WA. WC dates 5 – 10 October 2020 in France. Contact Paul Marshall pjm14664@gmail.com.

We are currently seeking bids to hold a team selection trial for F3K.

**SURVEY**

As requested at the AGM, a survey was carried out earlier this year to find out the member’s wishes. We had about 30 responses and these were compiled by Dan Haskell. Thank you to all who responded and to Dan who undertook the considerable task of compiling the answers. The survey results are posted on the LSF Aust website.

**JERILDERIE TOURNAMENT 2020**

Your Committee has met and decided the format for the Jerilderie Tournament 2020.

Guided by the survey your Committee has decided that the format will be –

* Friday – F5J to FAI rules with no fly-off. 3 man teams. Those not taking part are free to practice.
* Saturday to Monday – Open Thermal (winch launch) to Australian Open Thermal rules (not FAI F3J rules) with no fly-off. Maximum team size is 4 pilots.
* Perfect Flight trophy will be awarded to the pilot with the most perfect flights. There will only be a fly-off if two or more pilots have the same number of perfect flights.

Prize giving from the sponsor’s prize pool will be by random draw from all pilots.
The various winners/place getters will be awarded trophies and a modest prize (not from the prize pool).

There is still more work to be done around on-field catering and the group dinner.

**AUSTOUR 2019/20**

Your Committee has decided to add the AEFA F5J Open Event at Cootamundra Easter 2020 to AusTour. This competition together with the competitions that contributed to AusTour last season will decide the AusTour winner for the 2019/20 season. Best three results (final scores normalized to 1000 points) will be counted.

The competitions are

Wentworth (October 2019)
Armidale (Australia Day weekend)
Milang (March 2020)
Cootamundra (April 2020)
Horsham (April 2020)
Jerilderie (June 2020)

All the best,

Gerry Carter
President
LSF Australia