

Cumbria Soaring Club Accuracy Competition

Grasmere

Sunday 25th August 2019



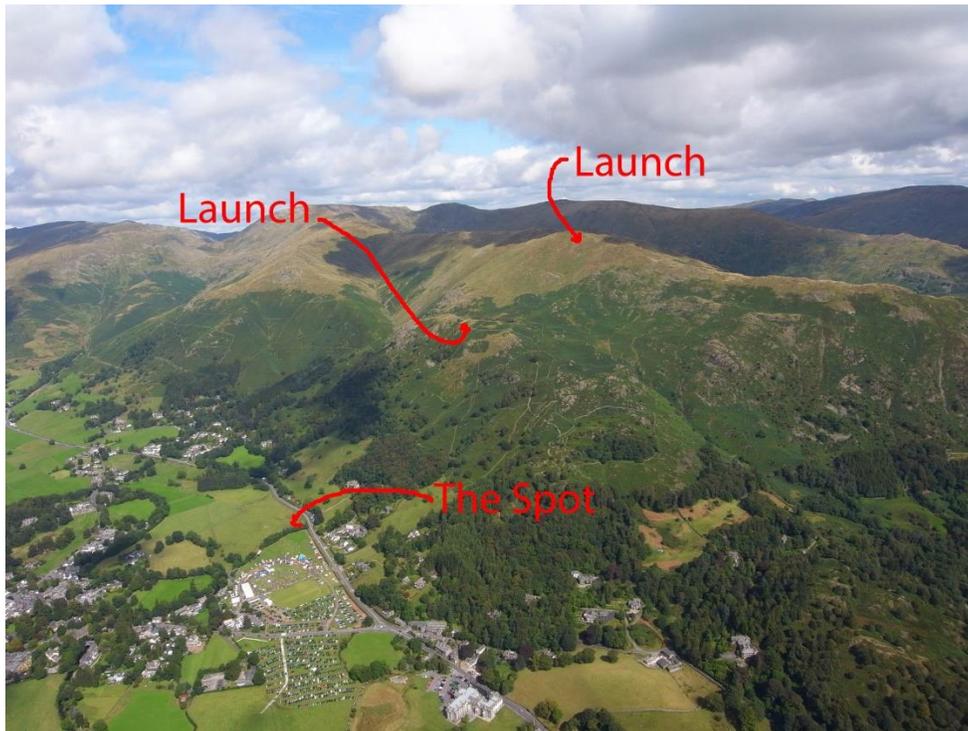
And these Red Pilots know what they like! It's that time of the year again, again! We're delighted to announce the return of the world's only feel-good paragliding accuracy competition. The accuracy competition which encourages flying!

The event will follow the highly successful format of previous years; flying, a spot landing competition followed by a short arena demonstration. As in previous years:

The Competition - Any pilot can enter subject to current membership of the BHPA. As always there will be two categories; A Comp - any pilot and B comp – any pilot qualifying as CP after 1 January 2017. The competition is suitable for low airtime pilots. The launch will be marshalled and a coach will be available.

The launches – We will use the two usual launches depending on conditions, Alcock Tarn NY349 079 and the higher launch from Heron Pike. This provides both flexibility and allows for a more ‘pleasurable launch experience’.

The landing area is a large open field adjacent to the show ground NY340 070 (approximately 300m of descent from the Alcock launch).



Competitors can have as many attempts as they wish and conditions allow but only their best (closest) result count in the comp. A prize of £50 is awarded to the winning pilot in each category. A prize is also awarded for the pilot achieving the greatest altitude. Unlike conventional accuracy competitions where pilots descend as quickly as possible and whine if they are affected by a puff of wind Grasmere encourages fortitude and applauds the pilot who refuses to land; paragliding in all its glory, not a sedate form of bungee jumping. This allows pilots to enjoy a full day’s flying and a prize. Phew, I’m already faint at the thought.

Serious point: This is an important event in the CSC calendar. To comply with CSA rules for air displays It is important to emphasise that it is a competition, not a demonstration. It does however provide a colourful backdrop to the Grasmere Sports and Show where we can be seen by a large crowd with farming / rural interests as an exciting and spectacular activity with a low environmental impact.

Full details of the event will be published soon however registration is now open. Anyone wishing to register or wanting further information should contact the main organiser, Chris Field (field950@gmail.com or 07514 746197)