

# **SOUTH AFRICAN HANG GLIDING AND PARAGLIDING ASSOCIATION**

*Incorporating Powered Paragliding & Hang Gliding*

*Non-Profit Organisation – Empowering the Free Flight Community of South Africa*

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## **SAHPA NEWSLETTER**

Dear SAHPA Members,

It is nearing the end of the year and I am sure that you are all looking forward to a break after a busy year. There are a few important notices that we need to communicate, so please just take a few minutes to read through the newsletter.

### **OFFICE CLOSED IN DECEMBER**

#### **IMPORTANT!!!!**

The SAHPA & RAASA offices will close on Friday 21 December and reopen on 2 January 2018. RAASA and SAHA will have skeleton staff from 18 to 21 December and we request that all pilots who haven't renewed yet and who will be flying during the holidays to submit your renewals by no later than 1 Dec so that there is enough time to process your licence and get it to you. Any license applications and renewal received after this date will be delayed and will only be processed in January.

***Please note that you may not fly without a valid national pilot's licence. The SAHPA card is only a membership card and IS NOT A PERMIT TO FLY.***

### **New SAHPA COMMITTEE:**

The SAHPA AGM was held in Porterville on 20 October 2018 and the new SAHPA committee is as follows :

SAHPA Chairman	Peter Wallenda
Vice Chairman	Ria Moothilal
Treasurer	Steven Burd
PG Representative	Mark Human
HG Representative	Lennox Olivier
PPG Representative	Nic Petropoulos
Marketing	Ronnie Beukes

Congratulations to the new committee.

We also wish to say thank you to the outgoing committee for all their hard work and commitment during the past year.

### **COMPETITIONS**

#### **2018 South Africa Open- Porterville (2018 SAO)**

The competition will be held on 8 – 15 December 2018

The registration is Open: <https://www.livetrack24.com/events/2018SAPO/register/en>

Please remember to register for the FAI Competitors licence:

The FAI sporting licence (competitors' licence and not the SAHPA sports licence) expired on 31 December and will need to be renewed prior to the competition for your results to be accepted. You cannot register this at the competition as it will be too late to validate the sporting licence.

SAHPA recommends that all competition pilots pay their Aeroclub fees and competition licenses preferably by end of every January or at least a month before your first competition of the year.

***Please pay here:***

<http://aeroclub.blueboxonline.com/>? and select no section i.e. just the AeCSA fee + R185 FAI sporting license

\*\*\*Note the system tracks you by ID number & email address, so to pay you need to login, if you have never logged in you will need to click forgotten password to reset your password by entering your ID & it will send the new password to the email address AeCSA has on file – if that does not work please call aeroclub on +27 11-0821100.

Please also make sure that your licence is current and if it needs to be renewed the forms are sent in at least a month before the competition to ensure that you have a valid licence on hand to show the organisers at the competition.

## **SEDGEVIEW SITE**

We would like to inform all pilots that the Sedgview Paragliding site is now open after SAHPA extending the insurance cover and the formation of Eden Flyers Club to oversee the site.

Please note that all pilots using the site:

- must be current members of SAHPA whether that be a student, licensed or foreign temporary member.
- must register and pay their site fees at [www.sedgeview.co.za](http://www.sedgeview.co.za)

The local Garden Route flying community has opened a new club called the “Eden Flyers Club”.

This club has taken a lease on the property and is responsible for its safety and its maintenance.

We would therefore ask that all South African pilots who will use the site please come and join the club, to help us run and maintain the site, and to have some fun flying. Also by joining the club you have a say on how the site is run. An interim committee has been decided to get the system up and running but we will hold a general meeting soon for all who would like to join us.

On this note, if you are on the site and are not known to any of the locals and you are asked to please produce proof of license and fee payment please understand that we are doing this as part of our lease agreement and to keep the site open to all, and that it is not a personal affront, we are just doing our duty.

*From the SAHPA team we would like to wish you all a wonderful festive season and a prosperous 2019.*

*Drive and fly safe*