



## BAFSA UPDATE Spring 2019

### 1. World Championships 2020

These will be held in a years' time in Slovenia. BAFSA has recently received the official event invitations and will be nominating our 2 participating pilots soon.



24TH FAI WORLD  
HOT AIR BALLOON CHAMPIONSHIP  
MURSKA SOBOTA 2020

### 2. New Competition Logger

A new smart phone competition logger has been developed by the FAI Ballooning Commission. Details can be obtained on [www.balloonlive.org](http://www.balloonlive.org)

### 3. South African Hot Air Balloon Championships 2020

Dates for next year years event have been confirmed as 12/07/20 – 17/07/20. Save the dates now! Details to follow.

### 4. The Aero Club Membership Support Initiative

The Aero Club has commenced an initiative to assist pilots with licence and ATF application submissions to the Civil Aviation Authority. Details of this initiative attached. This initiative should be of great assistance to those living outside Gauteng.

### 5. Aero Club Centenary 2020



The Aero Club will be publishing its Centenary Calendar of Events in the coming weeks. Watch this space for details and links.

A major event in the calendar will be the Aero Club Air Week to be held from 30/04/20 to 03/05/20, in Middleburg, Mpumalanga. Opportunities will exist for commercial operators.

In addition to our Annual Championship Event we are hoping to arrange a ballooning/road trip to relevant and interesting places, details will be made available once finalised.

## 6. Department of Sport and Recreation Grants

Our selected trainee pilots are progressing with various items towards attaining their licences. 2 have completed their medicals, 1 has completed Air law successfully and arrangements are being made for English proficiency tests and radio licences.

BAFSA has applied via Aero Club for additional DSR grant funding for 2020 onwards.

Aero Club has been successful in obtaining a further grant amount for 2020, we await to be advised what portion of these funds could be available to ourselves for further PDI training initiatives.

## 7. Gordan Bennett Gas Ballooning/Coupe Aéronatique Gordon Bennett

A new website covering the full history of the event has been established. This is available on <https://legends.gordonbennett.aero/>

This years event takes place from 13/09/19 – 21/09/19 and will be launching in France.

Live tracking of the flights is always interesting and can be accessed via the link above.



## 8. Membership

Our membership currently stands at 44 which includes the latest additions of our new trainees, Sema, Harold and Bongo.

## 9. Upcoming Events

- Recreational Flights – A few pilots get together for fun flights when arrangements allow. Contact Martyn, Hanke or Richard for details.
- Aero Club Annual Awards Function – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
- Montgolfier Day is 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019. Possible Montgolfier Day Flight to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019

## BAFSA COMMITTEE





## The Aero Club Membership Support Initiative

The Aero Club has created a Member Support Initiative to assist members in their Recreational Licence & ATF application submissions to the CAA, since the functions previously available under RAASA will no longer apply, with submissions needing to follow the protocols established within the CAA.

The essence of this Initiative would be to facilitate the application process with the CAA, which will entail assisting members, (also in remote areas a postal service - Postnet or equivalent) to collect documents, provide a function of validating completeness of an application pack and submission to the CAA on the member's behalf, collection back from the CAA and return to members. A survey as sent out in the last week, has had an overwhelming positive response.

The Aero Club has secured additional resourcing and the following service is being offered

### Document Submission – NPL & ATF

- Carry out a document pack completeness check – against a checklist
- Ensure forms are filled in correctly (can also provide clients with the correct forms by email)
- Submit to the CAA on the client's behalf as well as be the conduit to establish progress of the renewal, this being for NPL Licences and ATFs.
- Collection of documents when ready at the CAA
- Provide a return postage service (Send your courier to collect from AeCSA or make use of the POSTNET to POSTNET service for an additional R100.00)

**R 300** Single Submission

**R 250** Multi Submission

**R 100**

### Document Collections

- Collection of Documents from SACAA, and provide a courier service to return documents

**R 125**

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