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1. Soaring Magazine Articles And Columns Written By US Team Members
Current and former US Team members continue to share their knowledge and experiences via Soaring Magazine:

September 2019
XC Tips: Arriving At The Airport By Garret Willat
Contest Corner: Thoughts on Visiting New Soaring Sites By Michael Marshall

October 2019
XC Tips: Those Lying Clouds By Garret Willat

November 2019
Mentorships – A Key to Growing Our Numbers By Rich Owens
GP Gliders Factory Visit By Tom Holloran

December 2019
XC Tips: Factors to think about before installing the system By Garret Willat

January 2020
2019 Pan Am Racing – Canadian Style US Team By Bob Fletcher & Team
XC Tips: Primary Instruments By Garret Willat

The US Team which went to the WWGC in Lake Keepit, Australia are working on an article for the April issue of Soaring Magazine.

2. Nelson Ittner US Junior Team Trust
Implementation of the Nelson Ittner US Junior Team Trust was completed working with John Godfrey.

3. 2019 Mozer Trust Winner
Thomas Greenhill is the 2019 Mozer Trust winner with his 6th place finish (out of 13 pilots) at the Open Class Nationals in Hobbs, NM flying a borrowed ASW-22BL from Mallory Lynch. Thomas is Junior attending UC Davis with a dual major in Aerospace and Mechanical Engineering. Thomas is planning on flying the 2020 Standard Class Nationals in Montague, CA and 18m Nationals in Nephi, UT. His home field is Williams Soaring Center, Williams, CA
4. 2020 US WGC Teams Selected
The Team Selection Pilot Survey results were reviewed by the US Team Committee and were accepted without any changes. Unfortunately, quite a few pilots declined team selection which stretched out the process until the end of the year.

Conference calls started last year with team members and captains to begin their logistics planning and tactical discussions. All pilots have secured accommodations and are planning on renting sailplanes. There will be a US Team Camp the day after the SSA Convention; details below.

36th FAI World Gliding Championships – Stendal, Germany
July 12 – August 1, 2020

Contest Website: https://www.wgc2020.org/

The Team:
18m Class: Erik Nelson and Jae Walker
Open Class: Jim Lee
20m 2-place Class: Karl Striedieck and Sarah Arnold
Team Captain: Pete Alexander (acting)

36th FAI World Gliding Championships – Châlons en Champagne, France
August 5 – 22, 2020

Contest Website: https://www.wgc2020.fr/2020-competition/

The Team:
Club Class: Daniel Sazhin and JP Stewart
Standard Class: Mike Westbrook and Tom Holloran
15m Class: Sean Fidler and Sean Murphy
Team Captain: Colin Mead

WGC Fund Raising Campaign
Fund raising activities and planing have been begun for the 2020 US Teams going to Germany and France:
- Doug Jacobs will be offering rides in John Good’s Duo and Pete Alexander in his ASG 32 Mi during the upcoming 2020 Sr Championships at Seminole Gliderport. Both pilots have completely booked all available contest days.
- We are in the planning stages for fund raising activities during the following contests: Sr. Championships, Perry Regionals, 20m 2-place and Standard Nationals at Montague, Open and 15m Class Nationals at Minden, and 18m Nationals at Nephi, UT.
5. 2020 US Woman’s WGC Team Returns
Sarah Arnold Brings Home The Gold Medal
The 2020 Women’s WGC US Team had a wonderful contest led by Team Captain: John Good. Sarah Arnold led the contest in Standard Class from Day #1 to the last racing day winning the Gold Medal in Standard Class with 2 daily wins. This is Sarah’s 3rd FAI WWGC medal. She now owns all 3 medal flavors. Ken Sorensen is working with Sarah Arnold on various press releases. The US Team WWGC are currently working on an article for the April 2020 issue of Soaring Magazine.

The Team:
Standard Class: Sarah Arnold
Club Class: Kathy Fosha and Sylvia Grandstaff
Team Captain: John Good

CONGRATULATIONS SARAH ARNOLD

2020 Women’s World Gliding Champion ~ Standard Class

Day #9 Win!
Day #1 Win!
The contest decided to use the self contained cell-based trackers supported by the Gliding Federation of Australia (GFA) to provide online viewing across the world which had previously been used during multiple Australian contests. All WGC Teams agreed to carry the trackers by all pilots with a **15 minute delay**.

Unfortunately, the contest ended with a protest on the last day because the Australian Team found a website which had live data without the 15 minute delay which they used throughout the contest; no other teams used this website. The final determination was that the penalty would amount to 25 points per day per Australian pilot, so a total of 225 points in this 9-day contest. This penalty cost the Australian Team pilots 2 podium positions.

For details regarding the protest, the challenges of the changing rules regarding competitor tracking since the rule change in 2019, see the detailed report from John Good which accompanies this report and can be found at: [https://ussoaringteams.org/john-goods-final-report-for-wwgc-2019/](https://ussoaringteams.org/john-goods-final-report-for-wwgc-2019/) As of this writing, this report has had 5382 views.

You can find the WWGC Jury Report at: [https://wwgc2019.com/downloads/](https://wwgc2019.com/downloads/) = > Jury Response For Website.pdf which also accompanies this report. Our US IGC Representative Rick Sheppe is aware of John’s report and the overall tracking issue which will be discussed at the next IGC Meeting in March 2020.

The 2020 Women’s US Team budget has been posted to: [https://www.ssa.org/Giving?show=blog&id=6057](https://www.ssa.org/Giving?show=blog&id=6057)

Once the expense reports come in from the team and they have been processed and finalized, the actual expenses will be updated in this report.

Throughout the contest, the following US Team Social Media outlets were used:

US Soaring Teams Blog: [https://ussoaringteams.org/](https://ussoaringteams.org/)

US Team FaceBook Page: [https://www.facebook.com/ussoaringteams/](https://www.facebook.com/ussoaringteams/)

US Team Twitter: [https://twitter.com/SoaringUSA](https://twitter.com/SoaringUSA)

2020 WWGC US Team Instagram: [https://www.instagram.com/wwgc_usa/](https://www.instagram.com/wwgc_usa/)


Contest Website: [https://wwgc2019.com/](https://wwgc2019.com/)

Lake Keepit Soaring Club Website: [https://keepitsoaring.com/?fbclid=IwAR37AJeKDEX2LjwKY8WgcSWeBxFgHCOAnqEJdVzryVvuF1LNEFJB2trZNQ](https://keepitsoaring.com/?fbclid=IwAR37AJeKDEX2LjwKY8WgcSWeBxFgHCOAnqEJdVzryVvuF1LNEFJB2trZNQ)
6. SSA Convention Plans & 2020 US Team Camp
One of the goals of the US Team is to continually give back to the US soaring community and share our knowledge and experiences during our preparations, training, and racing at FAI WGC contests beyond our social media presence. Current and former US Team pilots will be participating in the following events:

**US Team Members Participating In The SSA Hospitality Booth**
The US Team Booth will be part of the SSA Hospitality Booth. We will have current and former US Team members mansing the broth throughout the convention. We will also be offering various US Team logo wear items for a donation to support the 2020 US Teams.

**US Team Speakers At SSA Convention**
Improving X-Country Skills ~ Garret Willat
The Psychology of Judgment and Decision-Making in Soaring ~ Daniel Sazhin
Reading The Sky, Tips & Tricks ~ Pete Alexander
US Junior Team ~ JP Stewart
US Team ~ Pan American Contest ~ Bob Fletcher & PanAm Team Members

**SSA Awards Banquet Keynote Speakers**
2020 WWGC US Team: Sarah Arnold (Standard Class Champion), Kathy Fosha, and Sylvia Grandstaff

**US Team Camp ~ February 23rd (Sunday) from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm At Double Tree By Hilton in Little Rock, AR**
Bob Fletcher has been the camp organizer where we have invited all pilots with 94 pilot ranking and higher. We are expecting about 20 - 25 pilots. We have asked current and former US Team members to present and lead discussions on the following topics which came from the team selection survey of all eligible 2020 US Team pilots:

- Bob Fletcher - Unstable airmass start tactics, preparing for the venue, the big team
- Pete Alexander - Previous US blunders
- Mike Westbrook - Analysis of the winning strategy from the French PreWorlds
- Jae Walker - Analysis of the winning strategy from the PanAm
- Tom Holloran - Standard US Team LX-90Xo configurations
- Fernando Silva - FAI View analysis from the last Worlds
- Walt Rogers - The latest weather technology - what can done about northern instability and cirrus forecasting?
- Jim Lee - Flying and beating the gaggle
- Sarah Arnold - 2020 WWGC lessons
7. The US Soaring Teams: Blog, Facebook Page, and Twitter Updates Continue

After 5 seasons of wonderful support of our US Team social media outlets, Leigh Zimmerman decided to step away. Leigh has set a high standard for support and coverage of the US Team social media outlets. Thanks Leigh for the wonderful support and dedication to the US Team!

Alexa Owens has volunteered to step into Leigh Zimmerman’s position. Thanks Alexa!

For the 2020 WWGC, we added an Instagram page to our US Team social media outlets.

Melanie Nichols and Alexa Owens provided support for the US Soaring Teams website (http://ussoaringteams.org), US Team Twitter Feed (https://twitter.com/SoaringUSA) and US Team FaceBook Page: (https://www.facebook.com/ussoaringteams/) during the Women’s World Gliding Championship at Lake Keepit, Australia.

Will Moonan took the lead as the US Team social media manager on site during the 2020 WWGC at Lake Keepit providing photos, videos, and reports on the US Team Instagram and Facebook pages. Thanks Will!

Our social media presence planning has begun for the 2020 WGCs in Germany and France.

8. US Team Financials

All expense reports for the 2019 JWGC were completed by November. Thanks to generous donors and careful management of expenses, we’re happy to report a surplus of $22,773.26. We reconciled this by leaving the Junior endowment available balance of $6210.67 from YE 2017-2018 in the available funds bucket, where it can used for the next JWGC; and by adding the remaining $16,562.2 surplus to the Junior endowment fund.

As of this writing, the WWGC team captain is still traveling in Australia, and no expense reports have been received to date. We will report on the WWGC expenses at the next board report.
**Junior World Gliding Championship Financial Report**

**Location:** Szeged, Hungary  
**Dates:** 28 July to 10 August, 2019

**Pilots:** Michael Marshall, Noah Reitter, JP Stewart, & Daniel Sazhin  
**Team Captain:** John Good

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9. US Team Committee Focus

1. Complete the US Team Committee election Bob Fletcher’s open position which expired on December 31, 2019 by the end of February 2020. There are currently 2 nominations: Bob Fletcher and Sean Fidler.

2. Run the 2020 US Team Training Camps and Seminars and presentations for the upcoming SSA Convention in Little Rock, AR.

3. Support and Fund Raise The 2020 US Teams For:
   1. 36th FAI World Gliding Championships (18m, 20m 2-place, Open classes) at Stendal-Borstel, Germany ~ July 19 - 31, 2019
   2. 36th FAI World Gliding Championship Cup (Standard, 15m, and Club classes) at Châlons-Ecury sur Coole, France ~ August 8 - 22, 2020

4. Continue to keep the US Soaring Teams website (http://ussoaringteams.org/news/), Face Book Page (https://www.facebook.com/ussoaringteams/), Twitter (https://twitter.com/SoaringUSA), and US Team pages on the SSA Website fresh and up to date with the latest activities of the US Teams before, during, and after the 2020 FAI Contests.

5. Continue to assist in the writing of Soaring Magazine articles and columns from current and previous US Team members to share their knowledge and experiences.

6. Continue updating some sections of The US Team Handbook with the latest information which has been collected from the team pilots, captains and crews from the recent FAI Contests. The handbook has not been completely updated since 2004.

7. Move all of the videos from the 2018 WGCs on FaceBook to the SSA YouTube channel working with Brienna Bick from the SSA Office.

Submitted By:
Pete Alexander
US Team Committee ~ Chair

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