

**BRITISH BALLOON AND AIRSHIP CLUB  
SPORTING HANDBOOK**

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## **THE BRITISH BALLOON AND AIRSHIP CLUB SPORTING HANDBOOK**

Record breaking has seen a resurgence in the last few years and it is the hope of the BBAC that this will continue with British balloonists continuing to appear in the list of World Records. It is the work of the BBAC Records and Awards Subcommittee to make the mechanics of verification as simple and convenient as possible, and unlike some other countries, this service is provided by volunteers at no charge.

The Sporting Handbook aims to bring together in one publication most of the information necessary for the administration of records and other BBAC awards. In addition to the information presented here, the latest versions of the FAI/CIA Sporting Code (General Section and Section 1: Aerostats) and the list of World Records should be consulted. These can be obtained from the FAI web site at [www.fai.org](http://www.fai.org).

The Silver, Gold and Diamond Awards system, which began in the United Kingdom, has now been adopted by the CIA, the section of the FAI that governs ballooning on a worldwide basis. This system provides awards for fixed standards of achievement, an arrangement that has worked well in the gliding movement. It provides recognition and motivation for exceptional flights at a time when world records and top competition places have become accessible to relatively few pilots.

There are a number of awards open to balloonists, mostly on an annual basis. We have received our fair share of these in the past and a list is included. As our movement expands, it becomes more difficult to ensure that recipients are identified in a consistent way, and another of the subcommittee's tasks is to cast the net as widely as possible to find the most deserving candidates. Please let us have your proposals and citations.

This information published in this document has, of necessity, been gathered from many sources. In particular the list of British Records has been reassembled, largely from data compiled by Norman Pritchard, but supplemented by FAI and other information. The lists of notable flights and prizewinners have similarly been assembled from fragmentary resources. If you spot any errors or omissions please write in so that later editions can be corrected.

We hope that British pilots will continue to fly longer, farther and higher, just as they have always done. The work of the subcommittee can only be to serve our members by making the paper side of it easier. Please let us know how we can help.

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## HOW TO SET A RECORD

It is always unfortunate if a record is beaten, but the performance is not recognised because the paper work is not good enough. The FAI/CIA and the BBAC have done as much as possible to keep bureaucracy to a minimum, but certain procedures have to be followed to ensure that the record is true and proven. Unfortunately cheating has occurred in the past.

The answer is to do some preparation. To have an idea the night before and to make a record flight in the morning is not a realistic plan. The steps are as follows:

1. Arrange an observer. Approved observers names can be obtained from the Chairman of the Records and Awards Subcommittee (contact details below). Barographs are essential for some flights and the BBAC may have some available for loan to observers. Barographs are also available from a number of other sources. Recording GPS instruments may also be useful.
2. Obtain copies of the *Sporting Code Section 1* and the *Sporting Code General Section* from [www.fai.org](http://www.fai.org). In Section 1 you will find the conditions for the record that you have in mind and in its Annex 1 there is a detailed observer's check list, which gives a good understanding of what is needed to trap the information. Further information is contained in the Sporting Code Supplement published [here](#).
3. Find out the current records. The British records are given [here](#) and world records can be obtained at [www.fai.org](http://www.fai.org)

After the flight the observer must prepare a dossier with all the relevant information which will be passed to the Records & Awards Subcommittee for study before approval by the BBAC Main Committee as a British Record. If the performance is a world record the dossier will be passed through the Royal Aero Club to the FAI where it will be reviewed by the CIA Records Committee for homologation.

For world records the FAI imposes time limits. These are set out in the Sporting Code General Section. There are no time limits for British records.

For world record, a gilded "Diplome de Record" is issued by the FAI. A Royal Aero Club/BBAC certificate is issued for British ballooning records. [Return to Contents](#)

## HOW TO PROPOSE AN AWARD

As our movement grows it is important that our awards are made fairly to all achievers, not just to those who are well known. Anyone can make a proposal and there are no rules - any format will do. The proposal will be considered by the subcommittee and will be decided usually by the BBAC Main Committee.

Although there is no compulsory format, there are recommendations. Your suggestion will have a much greater chance of success if you present the full facts. Do not throw a vague idea at the subcommittee leaving it to do all the work. Do the research yourself to list the dates and details of the achievement which you wish to honour and write out a good citation. If you are not sure which award is appropriate this is less of a problem - the subcommittee can help with that.

Timing can have an effect also. The Royal Aero Club and FAI/CIA awards have deadlines around the end of the year and for BBAC awards the AGM in March is usually the time of presentation. Nominations can be made at any time during the year, but will be held until the next annual opportunity.

There are two main areas – piloting achievement and service to the sport. It is difficult to define the standard that qualifies for an award, as each case must be considered on its merits. Success in a single championship or record will not normally be given an award because the championship medal or Record diploma is an award in itself. Achievement in a series of events may well be considered, however.

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# **BRITISH BALLOON AND AIRSHIP CLUB - SPORTING CODE SUPPLEMENT**

## **CHAPTER 1 APPLICABILITY**

### **1.1 SCOPE**

These sporting regulations apply as a supplement to the FAI Sporting Code, or as an amendment to it in areas in which BBAC (acting as the responsible section of the Royal Aero Club) has jurisdiction. Applicable sections of the FAI Sporting Code are the *General Section* and *Section 1 Aerostats* (Class A - Free Balloons and Class B - Airships). These are reissued every few years. The latest versions can be obtained from [www.fai.org](http://www.fai.org) and these should be obtained before planning an important flight. In this supplement the codes will be referred to as GS and S1 respectively.

This supplement replaces all earlier BBAC regulations on the control of records and badges, which cease to have further effect.

### **1.2 BRITISH NATIONAL RECORDS**

British National Records, in any of the categories detailed in the FAI sporting code, may be set in any country by a pilot who is a British subject, or who is otherwise qualified to represent the United Kingdom in first category international sporting events. If a world record is to be claimed, the pilot-in-command must hold a valid FAI Sporting Licence. (GS Ch 8)

Except as detailed in this supplement, the regulations for the control of British National Records are the same as those for World Records under the FAI Sporting Code.

### **1.3 BBAC BADGES**

BBAC badges are awarded for demonstrated levels of piloting achievement detailed in Chapter 4. Applicants for BBAC badges must be current members of the BBAC but there is no restriction on nationality. The regulations for the BBAC badges are identical to those for the CIA Sporting Badges detailed in the Sporting Code Section 1, Chapter 8.

## **CHAPTER 2 OFFICIAL OBSERVERS (GS 4.2)**

### **2.1 AUTHORITY AND QUALIFICATION**

Official Observers are appointed by the BBAC, which is responsible for ensuring that they have demonstrated both the reliability and the technical knowledge appropriate to their category. A list of qualified Controlling Observers is maintained by the BBAC.

### **2.2 CATEGORIES**

2.2.1 Controlling Observers are entitled to control arrangements for record flights and to prepare record claim files on behalf of the RAeC/BBAC for onward submission, after RAeC/BBAC acceptance, to the FAI/CIA. They may also carry out all the functions of Official Observers below.

2.2.2 Official Observers are entitled to certify observations and measurements for championships, and BBAC badge flights. They may also certify these for records under the direction of a Controlling Observer.

2.2.3 Temporary Official Observer status may be assumed by registered championship officials and air traffic control officers. Certain other witnesses may also be used, subject to conditions laid out in the Sporting Code. (GS 4.2.4)

### 2.3 COUNTRIES

Official Observers are entitled to control and certify flights of balloons and airships in the United Kingdom. In other countries, the notification or permission of that country's NAC is required. (GS 6.4)

### 2.4 INDEPENDENCE

An Official Observer must be independent as defined in the Sporting Code (GS 4.2.2). For example an employee or family member of the applicant would not be considered independent.

## **CHAPTER 3 - STANDARDS OF OBSERVATION (GS 6, GS 7, S1)**

### 3.1 GENERAL

In principle any method of verification may be used provided it serves to prove the performance beyond a reasonable doubt. If an unusual means of verification is proposed, it may be advisable to seek advice from the BBAC on its acceptability before the flight.

### 3.2 NEED TO BE PRESENT

Official Observers may normally certify flight events only if present at the event for which certification is required. Where it is demonstrably impractical for an Official Observer to witness particular flight events, indirect evidence from instruments or from unqualified witnesses may be included in the record file. A full account of the details and limitations of the evidence must be provided to give an adequate account of the standard of proof.

### 3.3 PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE

A photographic record of the flight is to be encouraged. To be admitted as evidence, rather than as part of the pilot's narrative, it must be controlled so as to render deception difficult. The camera should be in possession of the observer before and after the flight.

### 3.4 LANDINGS

Landings may be certified by independent witnesses. The official observer must interview each witness, and countersign his statement, with qualifications as necessary.

### 3.5 MARKER DROPS

Marker drops for badge flights should preferably be observed directly. When the marker is found afterwards, the official observer must be satisfied that an opportunity did not exist for its position to be interfered with.

The task is invalid if the pilot has had an opportunity to be present with the marker on the ground before the arrival of the official observer. If the official observer is not present during the marker drop, pilots are advised to remain in flight for a great enough distance afterwards to avoid this possibility.

### 3.6 MEASUREMENTS

All calculations, measurements and associated conditions must be to the standard of the Sporting Code (GS and S1) except that national grid calculations may be used, in place of the great circle

calculation, for distances on British national record and badge flights which claim less than the prevailing world record.

### 3.7 BAROGRAPHS

#### 3.7.1 BEFORE FLIGHT

Where a barograph is used the official observer must (i) ensure that no data is recorded on the barograph before the flight, and where appropriate, a base line is scribed.

(ii) seal the barograph

(iii) seal the barograph to the aircraft and start it.

The method of sealing is not specified, but must be possible to prove that it has not been broken and resealed.

#### 3.7.2 AFTER FLIGHT

After the flight the barograph must only be unsealed from the aircraft by an official observer. It must then remain in the possession of the observers or an approved calibrator, until the barogram is removed for evaluation, and until it is calibrated (if required).

#### 3.7.3 OPENING

Opening of the sealed barograph and the evaluation of the barogram must be done only by a qualified official observer or an approved calibrator. The barogram should be marked with the following information:

(i) Aircraft registration,

(ii) The pilot's name,

(iii) The date of the flight,

(iv) Make and serial number of barograph,

(v) Signature of observer or calibrator.

If necessary, the base line may be scribed at this time.

#### 3.7.4 CALIBRATION

If a barograph is used to substantiate a British altitude record, it must be calibrated during the 12 months preceding the flight, or after the flight and before the claim is submitted. Where the claim is for a world record, the barograph must be calibrated after the flight. The calibration report must be included as part of the record claim.

Where the barogram is used as a proof of time only or height only, the instrument may be calibrated for that measure alone if desired. For badge tasks, calibration is not required, unless the official observer has reason to suspect the instrument's accuracy.

The calibration of barographs and certain other instruments, and the evaluation of barograms must be carried out by a competent person who has been approved by the BBAC, by the British Gliding Association or by an NAC.

#### 3.7.5 ELECTRONIC BAROGRAPHS

An electronic barograph which incorporates a time and date function which cannot be altered without invalidating the altitude trace may be exempt from 3.7.1 above provided that the official observer verifies the serial number of the instrument and the date and time setting before takeoff, starts the trace, verifies that the barograph was on board the aircraft at takeoff, and takes possession of it immediately after landing.

If a computer is used to upload the altitude trace for analysis and printing this may only be done by an official observer or approved calibration centre.

### 3.7.6 PHOTOGRAPHY OF ALTIMETERS

A photograph of an altimeter may provide evidence of altitude subject to the following conditions:

- (i) The pressure setting and the altitude must be visible in the same photograph unless the method of sealing prevents alteration of the pressure setting.
- (ii) The method of sealing must be such that it is impracticable to interfere with the mechanism of the altimeter or to subject it to a false pressure. For example an altimeter with a single static pressure tube accessible to the pilot would not be acceptable.
- (iii) Precautions should be taken to avoid photographic fraud (taking a photograph of a photograph). This may take the form of a sticker which cannot be removed without tearing, bearing the signature of the observer and placed on the instrument immediately before the flight.
- (iv) The altimeter must be used in the same way as a barograph following 3.7.2 and 3.7.4 above and the procedures for photographic evidence in 3.3 above must be followed.

## CHAPTER 4 BBAC BALLOONING BADGES

The rules for BBAC Ballooning Badges are the same as for the CIA Sporting Badges and these may be found in the Sporting Code Section 1, Chapter 8 (available at [www.fai.org](http://www.fai.org)).

The BBAC shall keep a register of badge flights that it has validated and of badge holders. These badges are issued under the same rules as the FAI/CIA badges which may be claimed for the same performances.

## CHAPTER 5 CLAIM STATEMENTS

### 5.1 CLAIM STATEMENT - RECORDS

The statement in support of a record claim must include sufficient evidence to show that the requirements of the Sporting Code, and this supplement (as applicable) have been satisfied and that the performance is proven beyond a reasonable doubt. The claim forms and the Controlling Observer's Checklist from the Sporting Code (S1: Annexe 1) should be used.

### 5.2 CLAIM STATEMENT - BADGES

The official observer must send claim statements for each task to the BBAC using the form shown below:

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CLAIM FORM FOR SILVER / GOLD / DIAMOND\* BADGES

Pilot name..... Date of flight.....  
Address.....

I certify that the pilot named above has completed

Task.....Measured Result.....

\*(a) I have been present and directly observed all critical parts  
of the flight, or

\*(b) I have accepted indirect evidence (details attached)

Narrative:

Signed.....BBAC Official Observer.....

(\* = delete as appropriate)

## BRITISH RECORDS: CLASS A - BALLOONS - HISTORY

This listing gives the history of British Records, the last and highest entry in each heading being the current record. (\* Indicates that the performance was a world record at the time of its achievement.) The Records and Awards Subcommittee holds an archive of the full dossiers submitted for each record and these are available for any later enquiry.

WORLD RECORDS are maintained by the FAI in Lausanne from whom the latest versions can be obtained (<http://records.fai.org/balloons/>).

### SUB CLASS AX - HOT AIR BALLOONS - GENERAL CATEGORY

#### SUB CLASS AX-1: - 250 M3

Duration:	1h14m44s	02/02/03 Rob Franklin	Griffin AX1
Distance:	6.036km	02/02/03 Rob Franklin	Griffin AX1
Altitude:	451.89m	02/02/03 Rob Franklin	Griffin AX1

#### SUB CLASS AX-2: 250 - 400 M3

Duration:	52m 3s	05/10/94 Crispin Williams	G-BVKX Colt 14A
	1h 1m 7s	28/01/95 Janet Folkes	G-BHOJ Colt 14A
	1h14m26s	31/01/95 Janet Folkes	G-BHOJ Colt 14A
	*7h26m56s	07/12/08 Mark Shemilt	G-CFMR Ultramagic V-14
Distance:	23.114 km	05/10/94 Crispin Williams	G-BVKX Colt 14A
Altitude:	1221.0m	05/10/94 Crispin Williams	G-BVKX Colt 14A
	2293 m	28/01/95 Janet Folkes	G-BHOJ Colt 14A

#### SUB CLASS AX-3: 400 - 600 M3

Duration:	1h34m22s	06/08/93 Emma Williams	G-MLGL Colt 21A
	1h54m20s	27/12/95 Marcus Green	G-BVRL Lindstrand 21A
	2h16m37s	29/03/96 Crispin Williams	G-BTNN T&C 21A
	4h20m50s	09/02/04 Andrew Holly	G-BVRL Lindstrand 21A
Distance:	37.87 km	06/08/93 Emma Williams	G-MLGL Colt 21A
	59.57 km	05/06/94 Julia Dean	G-BVFL Lindstrand 21A
Altitude:	5274 m	14/08/85 Per Lindstrand	Cloudhopper

#### SUB CLASS AX-4: 600 - 900 M3

Duration:	3h01m	17/04/73 Don Cameron	G-BAGI Cameron O-31
	3h09m	17/10/92 Mark Shemilt	G-BEUY Cameron N-31
	(now as AX-3)		
Distance:	54.0 km	17/04/73 Don Cameron	G-BAGI Cameron O-31
	70.789 km	17/10/92 Mark Shemilt	G-BEUY Cameron N-31
Altitude:	*6941 m	12/10/78 Geoff Green	G-COOL Cameron O-31

#### SUB CLASS AX-5: 900 - 1200 M3

Duration:	6h01m	21/12/75 Nigel Tasker	G-BCEU Cameron O-42
	8h03m	07/01/94 Mark Shemilt	G-BAMD Cameron N-42
	10h41m7s	19/11/98 Mark Shemilt	G-BUPP Cameron V-42
Distance:	*178.0 km	18/11/78 Simon Faithfull	G-BEEP Thunder 42
Altitude:	*9900 m	14/01/07 David Hempleman-Adams	N46096 Padelt P-42

#### SUB CLASS AX-6: 1200 - 1600 M3

Duration:	*11h20m	17/04/78 Julian Nott	G-BERE Thunder 56A
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Distance: 221.0 km 17/04/78 Julian Nott G-BERE Thunder 56A  
Altitude: \*9296 m 25/08/77 Geoff Green G-BEXV Cameron O-56  
(now as AX-5)

SUB CLASS AX-7: 1600 - 2200 M3

Duration: (as AX-6)  
Distance: \*564.47 km 25/01/78 Philip Clark G-BEPO Cameron N-77  
Altitude: 11286 m 10/06/76 Julian Nott G-BDAZ Thunder 77A

SUB CLASS AX-8: 2200 - 3000 M3

Duration: 13h40m 02/09/78 Julian Nott / Colin Prescott G-BGAS Colt 105A  
Distance: (as AX-7)  
Altitude: \*10964 m 14/07/72 Julian Nott G-AXVU Omega 84  
(now as AX-7)

SUB CLASS AX-9: 3000 - 4000 M3

Duration: (as AX-8)  
Distance: \*675.0 km 30/09/80 Geoff Green VH- Cameron A-140  
Altitude: (as AX-7)

SUB CLASS AX-10: 4000 - 6000 M3

Duration: 19h7m55s 21/05/00 Lindsay Muir G-FVBF Lindstrand 210A  
20h46m17s 18/07/06 Mike Scholes G-WHOT Ultramagic T-210  
Distance: (as AX-9)  
Altitude: (as AX-7)

SUB CLASS AX-11: 6000 - 9000 M3 (as AX10)

SUB CLASS AX-12: 9000 - 12000 M3

Duration: (as AX-10)  
Distance: (as AX-9)  
Altitude: \*13971 m 25/01/74 Julian Nott / Felix Pole G-BBGN Cameron A-375  
\*16805 m 31/10/80 Julian Nott G-BIDT Cameron A-375

SUB CLASS AX-13: 12000 - 16000 M3

Duration: \*18h56m 21/11/75 Don Cameron G-BCFZ Cameron A-500  
Jean Costa de Beauregard & Christopher Davey  
19h7m55s 21/05/00 Lindsay Muir G-FVBF Lindstrand 210A  
Distance: (as AX-9)  
Altitude: (as AX-12)

SUB CLASS AX-14: 16000 - 22000 M3

Duration: (as AX-13)  
Distance: (as AX-9)  
Altitude: \*19811m 06/06/88 Per Lindstrand G-FLMS Colt 600A

SUB CLASS AX-15: 22000 M3 AND ABOVE

Duration: \* 46h15m 17/01/91 Per Lindstrand, Richard Branson G-OWWF Colt 2500A  
Distance: \*7671.91km 17/01/91 Per Lindstrand, Richard Branson G-OWWF Colt 2500A  
Altitude: (as AX-14)

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SUB CLASS AX - HOT AIR BALLOONS - FEMININE CATEGORY

SUB CLASS AX-1: - 250 M3 (No records)

SUB CLASS AX-2: 250 - 400 M3

Duration:	1h 1m 7s	28/01/95 Janet Folkes	G-BHOJ Colt 14A
	1h14m26s	31/01/95 Janet Folkes	G-BHOJ Colt 14A
Distance:	16.38km	28/01/95 Janet Folkes	G-BHOJ Colt 14A
Altitude:	*2293m	28/01/95 Janet Folkes	G-BHOJ Colt 14A

SUB CLASS AX-3: 400 - 600 M3

Duration:	1h34m22s	6/08/93 Emma Williams	G-MLGL Colt 21A
Distance:	*37.87km	6/08/93 Emma Williams	G-MLGL Colt 21A
	*59.57km	05/06/94 Julia Dean	G-BVFL Lindstrand 21A
Altitude:	718.97m	06/08/93 Emma Williams	G-MLGL Colt 21A
	*2293m	28/01/95 Janet Folkes	G-BHOJ Colt 14A

SUB CLASS AX-4: 600 - 900 M3 (as AX-3)

SUB CLASS AX-5: 900 - 1200 M3

Duration:	*7h7m46s	20/03/94 Jacqueline Hibberd	G-BUPP Cameron V42
Distance:	120.5km	20/03/94 Jacqueline Hibberd	G-BUPP Cameron V42
Altitude:	(as AX-3)		

SUB CLASS AX-6: 1200 - 1600 M3

Duration:	(as AX-5)		
Distance:	(as AX-5)		
Altitude:	3868m	25/12/79 Gail Roy	G-BHGX Colt 56B

SUB CLASS AX-7: 1600 - 2200 M3

Duration:	6h36m	22/10/88 Lindsay Muir	G-BNFG Cameron O-77
	7h02m38s	06/03/93 Julia Dean	G-ULIA Cameron V-77
	7h17m32s	19/03/93 Christine Luffingham	G-BPLF Cameron V-77
Distance:	163.98 km	26/10/87 Lindsay Muir	G-BNFG Cameron O-77
Altitude:	6250m	16/08/89 Daniella Maimone	G-LYTE Thunder 77
	6961m	12/02/98 Lindsay Muir	G-SKIL Cameron N-77

SUB CLASS AX-8: 2200 - 3000 M3

Duration:	7h15m	11/01/88 Karen Coombes, Maria Roche	G-BNFN Cameron N-105
	7h41m	07/10/89 Lindsay Muir	G-BUBL Colt 105
	10h28m30s	16/03/99 Mandy Dickinson	G-OMDD T&C 90S2
Distance:	375.1km	11/01/88 Karen Coombes, Maria Roche	G-BNFN Cameron N-105
	*447.115km	07/10/89 Lindsay Muir	G-BUBL Colt 105
Altitude:	(as AX-7)		

SUB CLASSES AX-9: (as AX-8)

SUB CLASSES AX-10:

Duration: \*19h7m55s 21/05/00 Lindsay Muir G-FVBF Lindstrand 210A  
Distance: (as AX-8)  
Altitude: (as AX-8)

SUB CLASSES AX-11 TO AX-15: (as AX-10)

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SUB CLASS AM - ROZIERES - GENERAL CATEGORY

SUB CLASS AM-1: - 250 M3 (No records)  
SUB CLASS AM-2: 250 - 400 M3 (No records)

SUB CLASS AM-3: 400 - 600 M3

Duration: \*6h30m26s 09/03/85 Jacques Soukup, Don Cameron G-CICI Cameron R-15  
Distance: \*155.11km 09/03/85 Jacques Soukup, Don Cameron G-CICI Cameron R-15  
Altitude: \*3722 m 22/05/98 Janet Folkes G-BXEP Lindstrand 14M  
\*6866 m 04/11/98 Janet Folkes G-BXEP Lindstrand 14M

SUB CLASS AM-4 TO AM-6: (as AM-3)

SUB CLASS AM-7: 1600 - 2200 M3

Duration: \*45h13m 03/10/90 Don Cameron, Gennadi Oparin G-BRGU Cameron R-60  
Distance: \*499.958km 29/11/83 Julian Nott G-BPAH Colt 69A  
\*1705.2km 03/10/90 Don Cameron, Gennadi Oparin G-BRGU Cameron R-60  
Altitude: \*5029.2m 03/10/90 Don Cameron, Gennadi Oparin G-BRGU Cameron R-60  
(now as AM-3)

SUB CLASS AM-8: 2200 - 3000 M3

Duration: 124h34m15s 21/09/92 Don Cameron, Rob Bayly G-BUFC Cameron R-77  
132h22m 01/06/00 David Hempleman-Adams G-BYZX Cameron R-90  
Distance: 4823.725km 21/09/92 Don Cameron, Rob Bayly G-BUFC Cameron R-77  
Altitude: \*10589m 25/11/96 Per Lindstrand G-BWEP LindstrandAM2200  
\*12557M 23/03/04 David Hempleman-Adams G-BYZX Cameron R-90

SUB CLASS AM-9:

Duration: (as AM-8)  
Distance: (as AM-8)  
Altitude: (as AM-8)

SUB CLASS AM-10:

Duration: \*96h24m 30/07/78 Don Cameron G-BIAZ Cameron AT165  
Christopher Davey  
(now as AM-8)  
Distance: \*3339.086km 30/07/78 Don Cameron G-BIAZ Cameron AT165  
Christopher Davey  
(now as AM-8)  
Altitude: (as AM-8)

SUB CLASSES AM-11 TO AM-14: (as AM-10)

### SUB CLASS AM-15

Duration: \*17d17h41m 07/03/99 Andy Elson, Colin Prescot G-CWCW Cameron R-900  
\*19d21h47m 21/03/99 Bertrand Piccard, Brian Jones HB-BRA Cameron R-650  
Distance: 14411km 07/03/99 Andy Elson, Colin Prescot G-CWCW Cameron R-900  
\*40814km 21/03/99 Bertrand Piccard, Brian Jones HB-BRA Cameron R-650  
Altitude: \*11737m 21/03/99 Bertrand Piccard, Brian Jones HB-BRA Cameron R-650  
\*12557M 23/03/04 David Hempleman-Adams G-BYZX Cameron R-90  
Time RTW: \*15d10h24m 21/03/99 Bertrand Piccard, Brian Jones HB-BRA Cameron R-650

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### SUB CLASS AM - ROZIERES - FEMININE CATEGORY

SUB CLASS AM-1: - 250 M3 (No records)

SUB CLASS AM-2: 250 - 400 M3 (No records)

### SUB CLASS AM-3: 400 - 600 M3

Duration: \*1h17m33s 22/05/98 Janet Folkes G-BXEP Lindstrand 14M  
\*1h38m 04/11/98 Janet Folkes G-BXEP Lindstrand 14M  
Distance: \*32.238km 22/05/98 Janet Folkes G-BXEP Lindstrand 14M  
\*69.7km 04/11/98 Janet Folkes G-BXEP Lindstrand 14M  
Altitude: \*3722 m 22/05/98 Janet Folkes G-BXEP Lindstrand 14M  
\*6866 m 04/11/98 Janet Folkes G-BXEP Lindstrand 14M

### SUB CLASSES AM-4 TO AM-15: (As AM-3)

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### SUB CLASS AA - GAS BALLOONS - GENERAL CATEGORY

#### SUB CLASS AA-1:

Duration: \*14h15m 19/09/09 David Hempleman-Adams N380LP Padelt G-6000  
Distance: (no record)  
Altitude: (no record)

#### SUB CLASSES AA-2, AA-3, AA-4, AA-5: (as AA-1)

#### SUB CLASS AA-6: 1200 - 1600 M3

Duration: 28h49m 04/10/99 Simon Forse & Janet Folkes G-BWOK LBL105G  
46h6m12s 03/10/05 Janet Folkes & Bill Arras N82866 Padelt PV-37  
89h20m 06/07/07 David Hempleman-Adams Padelt G-37  
Distance: 1930.8 km 10/07/58 Colin & Rosemary Mudie G-APOB RFD 53300  
Tim & Bushy Eiloart  
2407.28km 03/10/05 Janet Folkes & Bill Arras N82866 Padelt PV-37  
4227.1km 06/07/07 David Hempleman-Adams Padelt G-37  
Altitude: 3027m 04/10/99 Simon Forse & Janet Folkes G-BWOK LBL105G  
4613m 03/10/05 Janet Folkes & Bill Arras N82866 Padelt PV-37

#### SUB CLASS AA-7: 1600 - 2200 M3 (as AA-6)

#### SUB CLASS AA-8: 2200 - 3000 M3

Duration: (as AA-6)  
Distance: (as AA-6)  
Altitude: 9000m 05/9/1862 Henry Coxwell & James Glaisher "Mammoth"

SUB CLASSES AA-9 TO AA-15: (As AA-8)

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SUB CLASS AA - GAS BALLOONS - FEMININE CATEGORY

SUB CLASSES AA-1 TO AA-6 (No records)

SUB CLASS AA-7

Duration:	*69h19m39s	08/09/09 Janet Folkes, Ann Rich	D-OWNT Woerner NL
Distance:	1106.4km	08/09/09 Janet Folkes, Ann Rich	D-OWNT Woerner NL
Altitude:	3325m	08/09/09 Janet Folkes, Ann Rich	D-OWNT Woerner NL

SUB CLASSES AA8 TO AA-15 (as AA-7)

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SUB CLASS AS - PRESSURISED BALLOONS - GENERAL CATEGORY

SUB CLASSES AS1 to AS7 (No records)

SUB CLASS AS8: 2200 - 3000 M3

Duration:	* 33h8m42s	20/11/84 Julian Nott & Spider Anderson	G-BLHF Nott/Cameron
Distance:	* 58.89km	01/11/84 Julian Nott, Spider Anderson, Brian Smith	G-BLHF
	*2391.47km	20/11/84 Julian Nott & Spider Anderson	G-BLHF Nott/Cameron
Altitude:	* 4101.4m	01/11/84 Julian Nott, Spider Anderson, Brian Smith	G-BLHF
	* 5415.4m	20/11/84 Julian Nott & Spider Anderson	G-BLHF Nott/Cameron

SUB CLASS AS9 to AS15: (as AS8)

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SUB CLASS AS - PRESSURISED BALLOONS - FEMININE CATEGORY  
(No records)

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BRITISH RECORDS: CLASS B - AIRSHIPS

SUB CLASS BX - HOT AIR AIRSHIPS - GENERAL CATEGORY

SUB CLASS BX-1: - 400 M3 (No records)

SUB CLASS BX-2: 400 - 900 M3 (No records)

SUB CLASS BX-3: 900 - 1600 M3

Duration:	*1h12m	26/08/81 Don Cameron	G-BGEP Cameron D-38
	*1h23m	01/09/82 Geoff Green	G-SMHK Cameron D-38
	*4h00m	14/12/04 David Hempleman-Adams	N9029Q Boland Rover A-2
Distance:	*10.636km	26/08/81 Don Cameron	G-BGEP Cameron D-38

Altitude: \*24.4km 01/09/82 Geoff Green G-SMHK Cameron D-38  
\*95.89km 30/10/04 David Hempleman-Adams N9029Q Boland Rover A-2  
\*1585m 01/09/82 Geoff Green G-SMHK Cameron D-38  
\*6614m 13/12/04 David Hempleman-Adams N9029Q Boland Rover A-2  
Speed: (No Record)

SUB CLASS BX-4: 1600 - 3000 M3

Duration: (as BX-3)  
Distance: 73.03 km 02/05/90 Philip Porter G-BVAX T&C AS  
(now as BX-3)  
Altitude: (as BX-3)  
Speed: \*25.71 km/h 17/12/03 David Hempleman-Adams G-BPFF Cameron DP-70

SUB CLASSES BX-5 TO BX-10: (as BX-4)

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SUB CLASS BX - HOT AIR AIRSHIPS - FEMININE CATEGORY (No records)

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SUB CLASS BA - GAS AIRSHIPS - GENERAL CATEGORY

SUB CLASS BA-1: - 400 M3

Distance: \*94.86km 12/10/90 Don Cameron G-BRDU Cameron DG-14

SUB CLASS BA-2 AND BA-3: (as BA-1)

SUB CLASS BA-4: 1600 – 3000 M3

Distance: (as BA-1)  
Speed: \*92.857kph 19/01/00 James Dexter N606LG American Blimp A60+  
Michael Kendrick

SUB CLASS BA-5 TO BA-10: (as BA-4)

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SUB CLASS BA - GAS AIRSHIPS - FEMININE CATEGORY (No records)

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## OTHER NOTABLE FLIGHTS

The CIA has assembled a list of notable flights, which, while not current records, are significant enough in achievement and interest to be recorded as a history. The following list is on the same basis but is restricted to flights by British pilots, flights over the U.K. or flights in British-made balloons. There is no exact definition of "notable" but suggestions for inclusion will be welcome.

### SUB CLASS AA:

7/01/1785 Blanchard & Jeffries

First Channel Crossing, Dover to Foret de Guines, Calais 1h30m

29/06/1785 George Biggin & Letitia Sage

First woman to fly in UK

8/11/1836 Charles Green, Robert Holland, Thomas Monck-Mason

London - Nassau 608km, 18 hours, first long distance flight, first use of trailrope

24/07/1837 Charles Green, Robert Cocking

Death of Cocking in attempted parachute descent.

12/12/1958 A Eiloart, T Eiloart, C & R Mudie G-APOB RFD53300

Atlantic Attempt E-W (Tenerife - ) 1930 km, 94h30m

17/08/1978 Ben Abruzzo, Maxie Anderson, Larry Newman Skypower

First Atlantic Crossing (Presque isle Maine - Miserey, France)

### SUB CLASS AM:

15/06/1785 Pilatre de Rozier & Pierre Romain

First Roziere flight - first air fatalities Tour de Calais

30/07/1978 Don Cameron & Christopher Davey G-BIAZ Cameron AT-165

Atlantic attempt (St Johns Nfld - 48N/7W) 3339 km, 96h24m

2/09/1986 H Brink, W Hageman, E Brink PH- Cameron R-225

Atlantic crossing St Johns Newfoundland - Amsterdam 4183km 51h14m

3/10/1990 Don Cameron & Gennadi Oparin G-BRGU Cameron R-60

First flight from UK to Soviet Union (Cardington - Ledurga) 46h

14/02/1992 Thomas Feliu & Jesus Gonzales Green G-BRGU Cameron R-60

First Atlantic Crossing East to West 5093km 130h30m (Canary Islands - Venezuela)

16/09/1992 First Transatlantic balloon Race from Bangor, Maine, USA

Verstraeten & B Piccard G-BUFA Cameron R-77 to N. Spain

E Krafft & J Maas G-BUFB Cameron R-77 to mid Atlantic

Don Cameron & Rob Bayly G-BUFC Cameron R-77 to Figuera da Foz, Portugal

E Louwman & G Hoogslage G-BUFD Cameron R-77 to Celtic Sea

R Abruzzo & T Bradley G-BUFE Cameron R-77 to Morocco

22/02/1995 Steve Fossett G-BVUO Cameron R-150

First solo Pacific flight (Seoul, Korea - Mendham, Canada) 8748km

20/01/1997 Steve Fossett G- Cameron R-210  
Round-the-world attempt (St Louis USA to India) 146h44m 16673.81km

7/02/1998 Bertrand Piccard, Andy Elson, Wim Verstraeten HB-QBV  
RTW attempt, world duration record 233h55m Cameron R-500  
(Chateau d'Oex, Switzerland - Sitkwin Minhla, Myanmar)

25/12/1998 Richard Branson, Steve Fossett, Per Lindstrand G-  
RTW attempt passing Himalayas & China Lindstrand  
(Marrakech, Morocco - Oahu, Hawaii)

7/3/1999 Andy Elson, Colin Prescott G-CWCW Cameron R-900  
World duration record. Longest duration flight of any aircraft to date.  
(Almeria, Spain - 33 deg 54 min N, 138 deg 17.12 min E nr Japan)  
17d 17h 41m

21/3/1999 Bertrand Piccard, Brian Jones HB-BRA Cameron R-650  
First round-the-world balloon flight, absolute distance, duration,  
AM-15 altitude. Longest flight of any aircraft to date.  
(Chateau D'Oex, Switzerland - Mut, Egypt)  
19d 21h 55m 40813km (45633 km track)

3/06/00 David Hempleman-Adams G-BYZX Cameron R-90  
Flight to within one degree of the North Pole  
(Spitzbergen and return to within 300 km of Spitzbergen)  
Duration: 132h22m

17/8/2001 Steve Fossett Cameron R-550 N277SF  
1<sup>st</sup> South Pacific crossing 19260.3km 300h57m

4/7/2002 Steve Fossett G-? Cameron R-550  
First Solo Flight around the world (Australia to Australia)  
Time around the world: 324h 10m Flight: 33195.1km 355h50m

26/9/2003 David Hempleman-Adams  
Solo Atlantic crossing in an open basket. Sussex, New Brunswick to Blackpool, England.  
4427.4 km in 83 hours 17 minutes.

#### SUB CLASS AX:

25/08/1784 James Tytler The Grand Edinburgh Fire Balloon  
First flight in the United Kingdom

25/03/1963 Ed Yost and Don Piccard Raven "Channel Champ"  
First Channel crossing by hot air 3h17m

15/08/1967 Gerry Turnbull, Don Cameron, Mark Westwood  
First cross-country flight in a British-made modern hot air balloon  
Weston-on-the-Green – Bicester airfield Bristol Belle G-AVTL

21/08/1972 Don Cameron & Mark Yarry G-AZUW Cameron A-140  
First crossing of Swiss Alps by hot air balloon (Zermatt - Biella)

17/11/1972 Gron Edwards, Richard Barr & ? G-BANG Cameron O-84  
Release of parachutist (1st in modern HAB?) (Staffordshire)

21/11/1975 Don Cameron, J Costa de Beauregard, Chris Davey G-BCFZ  
Channel crossing, duration record 18h55m Cameron A-500  
(Melbury Bubb - Angers)

5/02/1979 Richard Barr, Dave Howerski, Leo Dickinson Colt 77A  
Release and recovery of parachutist on rope ladder (Atbara, Sudan)

4/11/1986 Richard Barr & Oliver Holmes G-BMVI Cameron O-105  
Crossing Irish Sea. (Glendaloch, Co Wicklow - Aberporth, Wales)

3/07/1987 Per Lindstrand & Richard Branson G-USUK Colt 813  
First Atlantic crossing by hot air

6/08/1988 Oliver Holmes, Richard Barr, John Derricott G-RAPE  
Crossing North Sea (Mintlaw Scotland - Fajbjerg Denmark) Colt 300A

18/08/1988 Henk Brink etc. "Nashua 1" Cameron A-850  
First balloon flight with 50 people aboard.(Leylstad Airport - Holland)

2/11/1989 Vishwa Gupta, Oliver Holmes, Richard Barr G-RAPE  
India duration record 9h00m (Rajpath - Mainpuri) Colt 300A

17/01/1991 Per Lindstrand & Richard Branson G-OWWF Colt 2500A  
First Pacific crossing by hot air.

21/10/1991 Chris Dewhurst & Leo Dickinson G-LCIO T&C AX11-240  
Andy Elson & Eric Jones G-LGIO T&C AX11-240  
First flights over Mount Everest (Nepal to Tibetan plateau).

11/12/1998 David Hempleman-Adams G-BYDJ T&C 120A  
Flight over the Andes (Santiago, Chile – Paredito, Argentina)

11/12/2000 David Hempleman-Adams & Peter Johnson G-BZNU Cameron A-300  
Alberta, Canada to Montana, USA 536.43 km 6h29m

#### SUB CLASS BA:

07/08/1910 E T Willows Willows airship  
Flight from Cardiff to London 224km 10h

6/11/1918 G Meager & TB Williams SR1  
First flight from Italy to UK: Ciampino, Rome to Pulham, England

#### SUB CLASS BR:

06/07/1919 Major George H Scott, captain + 29 crew HMA R34

First Atlantic crossing by airship (East Fortune - Mineola NY)  
First double crossing of Atlantic by any aircraft

SUB CLASS BX:

04/01/1973 Don Cameron & Teddy Hall      G-BAMK Cameron D-96  
First public flight of a hot air airship (Newbury at Icicle meet)

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## **MEDALS AND AWARDS**

The governing bodies of the air sports administer a number of awards, which are open to balloonists, and some of these are listed below with past awards to British (and some other) balloonists.

### **FAI AWARDS:**

#### **FAI Gold Air Medal** (contribution to development of aeronautics)

1999 Brian Jones

#### **FAI Bronze Medal** (for service or administration)

2002 Neil Robertson

#### **De La Vaulx Medal** (for establishing an absolute record)

1999 Andy Elson & Colin Prescott

1999 Bertrand Piccard & Brian Jones

2001 James Dexter & Mike Kendrick

2005 David Hempleman-Adams

#### **FAI Air Sport Medal** (for contribution to the sport)

1992 Les Purfield

2002 Norman Pritchard

2002 Victor Thorne

2003 Jonathan Thornton

2004 Tony Pinner

2006 Nigel Tasker

#### **FAI Honorary Diploma for Groups** (contributions to progress)

#### **Paul Tissandier Diploma** (for service to cause of aviation)

1970 Anthony Smith

1975 Tim Godfrey

1979 Nigel Tasker

1985 David Barker

1994 Peter Bish

1995 Derry Moore

1997 Rita Boyle

1997 Barbara Moreton

1998 Brenda Howard

2000 Ally Odell

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### **CIA AWARDS:**

#### **Montgolfier Diploma** (best flight in a gas balloon)

1975 Anthony Smith

1990 Don Cameron & Gennadi Oparin

2008 David Hempleman-Adams

**Montgolfier Diploma** (best flight in a hot air balloon)

1972 Julian Nott  
1977 Nigel Tasker  
1978 Philip Clark  
1987 Per Lindstrand  
1992 Andy Elson  
1997 David Bareford  
2007 Vijaypat Singhania

**Montgolfier Diploma** (best flight in a Roziere balloon)

1999 Bertrand Piccard & Brian Jones  
2003 David Hempleman-Adams

**Montgolfier Diploma** (for service to ballooning)

1960 George Ernest (Gerry) Long  
1976 Don Cameron  
1978 Geoff Green  
1982 Dick Wirth (posthumous)  
1992 Les Purfield

**Santos Dumont Gold Airship Medal**

1993 Don Cameron  
1996 Tom Sage  
2004 David Hempleman-Adams

**CIA Hall of Fame** (<http://www.fai.org/ballooning/node/21>)

Don Cameron (2007)  
Steve Fossett (1997)  
Charles Green (1999)  
Vincent Lunardi (1998)  
Anthony Smith (1998)  
Jacques Soukup (2006)  
Dick Wirth (1995)

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**OTHER INTERNATIONAL AWARDS**

**The NAA Harmon Trophy for Aeronauts (Smithsonian Museum, Washington)**

1976 Don Cameron  
1988 Per Lindstrand

**Charles Dollfus Medal - Association Les Aeronautes – Paris**

1989 Don Cameron

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**ROYAL AERO CLUB AWARDS:**

**Britannia Trophy** (for meritorious performance in the air)

1980 Julian Nott  
1987 Per Lindstrand & Richard Branson  
1992 Don Cameron & Rob Bayly  
1997 David Bareford  
1999 Bertrand Piccard & Brian Jones  
2005 David Hempleman-Adams  
2008 David Hempleman-Adams & Jonathan Mason

**Salomons Trophy** (for performance in a British-built aircraft)

1990 Don Cameron & Gennadi Oparin  
1991 Andy Elson, Leo Dickinson, Chris Dewhurst, Eric Jones  
1999 Don Cameron  
2003 David Hempleman-Adams

**Gold Medal** (for achievement in aviation)

1910 Hon. C S Rolls  
1974 Julian Nott  
1978 Don Cameron & Christopher Davey  
1988 Per Lindstrand  
1991 Per Lindstrand & Richard Branson  
1996 David Bareford  
1999 Andy Elson & Colin Prescott  
2000 David Hempleman-Adams  
2002 Steve Fossett  
2005 Vijaypat Singhania

**Silver Medal** (for achievement in aviation)

1910 John D Dunville  
1911 Charles F Pollock  
1972 Julian Nott  
1973 Don Cameron  
1978 Philip Clark  
1980 Geoff Green  
1985 Crispin Williams  
1998 Ian Ashpole  
2000 Lindsay Muir  
2005 Janet Folkes  
2007 David Hempleman-Adams

**Bronze Medal** (for achievement in aviation)

1921 Henry Spencer  
1972 Don Cameron  
1972 Roger Monks  
1974 Joe Philp  
1975 Peter Langford  
1976 Julian Nott  
1977 Geoff Green  
1982 Philip Hutchins  
1993 Lindsay Muir

2002 Luc Trullemans  
2004 Kevin Stass  
2006 Mike Scholes  
2006 Nigel Tasker

**Prince of Wales Cup** (for a team or group)

1997 British Hot Air Balloon team at World Air Games – D Bareford, L Muir, C Williams

**Royal Aero Club Diploma** (for service, meritorious endeavours)

1999 Breitling Balloon Construction Team at Cameron Balloons  
2003 David Hempleman-Adams Transatlantic Support Team

**Royal Aero Club Certificate of Merit** (as Diploma, but lesser)

1990 Rodney Whittaker  
1991 Gerry Turnbull  
1993 Peter Bish  
2002 Paul Spellward  
2008 Chris Dunkley  
2008 Wyn Morgan

**The President's Rolex Trophy** (for young person(s) aged 14-21)

2002 Jonathan Gowing

**The Old & Bold Trophy**

1998 Gerry Turnbull

**Nexus Trophy** (for aviation journalism)

2001 John Christopher

**The Royal Aero Club Certificate of Appreciation**

1999 The Breitling Company

**The Gould Trophy**

1906 Hon. C S Rolls

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**OTHER BRITISH AWARDS**

**The Lipton Trophy** (for exceptional ballooning achievement – held at the RAF Museum)

1908 Charles F Pollock  
2000 Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones  
2004 Jean-Francois and Vincent Leys  
2006 Ed Yost

**Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators Sword of Honour**

1989 Geoff Green

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## **BBAC AWARDS**

### **Honorary Vice Presidency of the BBAC**

Don Piccard, David Liddiard, Victor Thorne, Neil Robertson, Norman Apsey, Nigel Tasker, Alex Jenkinson, Peter Bish, Tom Sage

### **Honorary Life Membership of the BBAC**

2002 Peter Sadler

### **The Charles Green Salver** (major achievements, flying or service)

1988 Per Lindstrand and Richard Branson

1990 Rodney Whittaker

1992 Andy Elson

1993 Don Cameron & Rob Bayly

1998 Andy Elson

1999 Andy Elson & Colin Prescott

1999 Bertrand Piccard & Brian Jones

2001 David Hempleman-Adams

2004 David Hempleman-Adams

2008 David Hempleman-Adams

2009 Jonathan Mason and David Hempleman-Adams

### **Dick Wirth Medal** (for contributions to safety or other major achievements in ballooning. A total of four medals were available for presentation.)

1984 Tracy Barnes

1992 Wyn Morgan

2002 Tony Pinner

2006 Ed Yost

### **The Adams Sparks Trophy** (pilot of year, by election at AGM)

1976 Terry Adams

1980 Simon Faithfull

1982 David Bareford

1984 Crispin Williams

1985 Victor Trimble

1986 Crispin Williams

1988 Karen Combes & Maria Roche

1989 Lindsay Muir

1990 Lindsay Muir

1991 Per Lindstrand

1992 Lindsay Muir

1993 Julia Dean

1994 Emma Williams

1995 Mark Shemilt

1996 Lindsay Muir

1997 David Bareford

1998 David Bareford

1999 Brian Jones

2000 Steve Rowlands

2001 John Christopher

2002 David Bareford  
2003 David Bareford  
2004 Rob Franklin  
2005 Janet Folkes  
2006 David Hempleman-Adams  
2007 David Hempleman-Adams & Jonathan Mason  
2008 Mike Scholes  
2009 Mark Shemilt

**The Debbie Warley Award** (for contribution, non-flying)

1982 Anne Lewis-Smith  
1983 Peter Bish  
1984 Rodney Whittaker  
1986 Ann Brown  
1991 Kevin Meehan  
1992 Nigel Tasker  
1994 Giles Camplin  
1996 Mike Moore  
1997 Charles Saffery  
1999 Julia Dean  
2000 John Baker  
2001 Derek Grimshaw  
2002 Andy Caie  
2004 Marcus Green  
2006 Peter Vale  
2008 Derry Moore

**BBAC Diploma** (for recognition of any achievement or contribution)

1988 Lindsay Muir, Mike & Lesley Willoughby  
1992 Alex Jenkinson, Charles Meisl, Ali Odell, Colin Wolstenholme  
1993 Roy & Rita Boyle, Barbara Green, John & Sheila Green  
1994 Norman Apsey  
1995 Ian Ashpole, David Davis, Per Lindstrand, Norman Pritchard, Mark Shemilt  
1996 Alan Fraenkel, Benedikt Haggene  
1997 Derek Belton, Ian Bridge, Marie Claude Cousin, Chris Dunkley, Joe Philp, Laurie Ryan, Crispin Williams  
1998 Andy Caie, Ray Hunt, Patricia Pedler  
1999 David Jenkinson  
2000 Gerry Turnbull, Mike Moore, David Hempleman-Adams, Neil Gabriel  
2001 Mike Watts-Miller, Bob Howes, Carol Howes, Graham Scott, Ian Hooker, Dave Ling  
2002 David Body, Jean-Pierre Lauwers  
2003 Steve Jones  
2004 Andrew & Caroline Gibson, Howard Peel, Sue Zgraja  
2005 Pauline Baker, Dante Group  
2006 Richard Allen, Gavin Chadwick, Neil Gabriel, Adam Gorman, Ian Kerr, Keith Pennock  
2008 Wendy Rousell, Rupert Stanley  
2009 Peter Lewis-Smith, Andy Booth, Alan Scraze, David Court, Clive Bailey

**BBAC Silver Badge Awards** (by index number)

1 Lindsay Muir

2 Paul Spellward  
3 Piers Glydon  
4 David Bareford  
5 Rob Bayly  
6 Chris Duppa-Miller  
7 Richard Allan  
8 David Court  
9 Crispin Williams  
10 Tom Donnelly  
11 Andrew Evans  
12 Ross Powell  
13 Lars Ekstedt  
14 Nigel Hicks  
15 Derek Maltby  
16 Neal Parry  
17 David Hempleman-Adams  
18 Ed Macholc  
19 Lawrie Ellis  
20 Tony Brown  
21 Richard Parry  
22 Pat Pruchnickyj  
23 David Metcalf  
24 Andrew Holly  
Ian Lloyd  
Chris Wood  
Rick Vale

### **BBAC Gold Badge Awards**

1 David Bareford  
2 Rob Bayly  
3 Chris Duppa-Miller  
4 Lindsay Muir  
5 Crispin Williams  
6 David Hempleman Adams

### **BBAC Diamond Awards**

David Bareford (altitude)  
Crispin Williams (altitude)  
Lindsay Muir (altitude)  
David Hempleman-Adams (Altitude, Distance, Duration)

### **Long Jump Winners** (distances in statute miles)

1984 136 Ian Jones  
1985 115 Spider Anderson & Tim Woodbridge  
1986 190 Oliver Holmes & Richard Barr  
1987 191 Giles Lantos & Paul Spellward  
1988 152 Giles Lantos & Paul Spellward  
1989 198 Geoff Lane  
1990 254 Giles Lantos & Dave Boxall  
1991 220 Phil Dunnington & Lindsay Sadler

1992 112 Robert Waycott & Nigel Appleton  
 1993 256 Rob Bayly  
 1994 274 Andy Elson & Stephen Budd  
 1995 262 Lenny Vaughan & Stuart Seager  
 1996 269 Mike Forster  
 1997 220 Paul Johnson  
 1998 226 Paul Johnson  
 1999 165 Paul Johnson  
 2000 303 Mike Forster  
 2001 (no contest)  
 2002 231 Mike Scholes  
 2003 246 Mandy Dickinson  
 2004 165 Barry Newman & Andrew Kaye  
 2005 168 David Sutcliffe & Ian Swift  
 2006 163 Gary Davies & Ian Warrington  
 2007 182 Mike Scholes  
 2008 230 Mark Dunstan-Sewell & Alastair Spurr

### Counties Challenge Winners

1994 Ailsa Spindler  
 1995 Ailsa Spindler  
 1996 Piers Glydon  
 1997 Piers Glydon  
 1998 Andrew Holly  
 2001 Andrew Holly  
 2003 Andrew Holly  
 2004 Andrew Holly

### National Championship Winners

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1975	Bernard Hockley	Dick Wirth	Giles Hall
1976	Dick Wirth	Tom Donnelly	David Barker
1977	Crispin Williams	Tom Donnelly	Phil Hutchins
1978	Alan Dorman	Colin Wolstenholme	Chris Kirby
1979	Crispin Williams	Tom Donnelly	Robin Batchelor
1980	Ian Jacobs	Robin Batchelor	Dick Wirth
1981	Ian Bridge	David Bareford	Peter Morgan
1982	Ian Bridge	David Bareford	Dick Wirth
1983	Crispin Williams	David Bareford	Geoff Westley
1984	Crispin Williams	Ian Bridge	David Bareford
1985	Ad Haarhuis	Ian Bridge	Alan Dorman
1986	Tony Pinner	Ad Haarhuis	John Coleman
1987	David Bareford	Ian Bridge	Steve Hollingworth
1988	Lindsay Muir	Jenny Robinson	Tony Pinner
1989	David Bareford	Neil Gabriel	Ian Bridge
1990	David Bareford	Neil Gabriel	Tony Brown
1991	Ian Bridge	Crispin Williams	David Bareford
1992	David Bareford	Neil Gabriel	Ian Bridge
1993	Ian Bridge	David Bareford	Neil Gabriel
1994	Ian Bridge	Thomas Fink	David Morgan

1995 Crispin Williams	David Bareford	Colin Brown
1996 Lindsay Muir	David Bareford	Ray Hunt
1997 David Bareford	Colin Brown	Crispin Williams
1998 David Bareford	Paul Spellward	Lindsay Muir
1999 David Bareford	Paul Spellward	Crispin Williams
2000 Crispin Williams	Ailsa Spindler	Paul Spellward
2001 (no contest)		
2002 Mike Howard	Paul Spellward	David Bareford
2003 David Bareford	Richard Parry	Crispin Williams
2004 Mike Howard	Crispin Williams	David Bareford
2005 Crispin Williams	David Bareford	Lindsay Muir
2006 Mike Howard	David Bareford	Neil Gabriel
2007 no championship		
2008 Neil Gabriel	Andrew Holly	Richard Parry

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