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U.S. Soaring Team Day Reports & Results

	<p>Sunday, August 3</p> <p>Report 13</p> <p>They are flying today with Assigned Area Tasks. Launching starts and by 1:00 all are in the air. By 2:00 most competitors are on course. Some landouts early but finishers are showing up early as well. KS ties for first today!</p>	<p>REPORTS</p> <p>LATEST REPORT</p> <p>JLY 22</p> <p>JLY 23</p> <p>JLY 24</p> <p>JLY 25</p> <p>JLY 26</p> <p>JLY 27 -Day 1</p> <p>JLY 28 -NCD</p> <p>JLY 29 -Day 2</p> <p>JLY 30 -Day 3</p> <p>JLY 31 -NCD</p> <p>AUG 1 -Day 4</p> <p>AUG 2 -Day 5</p> <p>AUG 3 -Day 6 ◀</p> <p>AUG 4 -Day 7</p> <p>AUG 5 -Day 8</p> <p>AUG 6 -Day 9</p> <p>AUG 7 -Day 10</p> <p>AUG 8 -Day 11</p> <p>AUG 9 -Day 12</p> <p>CLOSING</p> <p><i>Click the dates!</i></p>
<p>EARLY REPORT - August 3, Contest Day 6</p> <p>The hunt is on at the 28th World Gliding Championships today with all classes on Assigned Area Tasks. The weather is predicted to be better an the assigned area tasks give both that task setter and the pilots a good deal of flexibility. After yesterdays the big landout day the Australian team, at the 10:00 briefing, presented the task setter a window with the suggestion he use it when setting today's task. Briefing breaks up at 10:45 and with first launch set for 11:30. By 12:00 they are launching. Start for the Open and 18-Meter open just before 1:00. Early weak weather delay 15-Meter and Standard launch for a few minutes but all are in the</p>  <p><small>Walter Skotnicki took a 1500m 18m-morning and took 18m photo. The 15-meter class is front left; Open is front right; 15-meter rear left; and Standard rear right.</small></p>		

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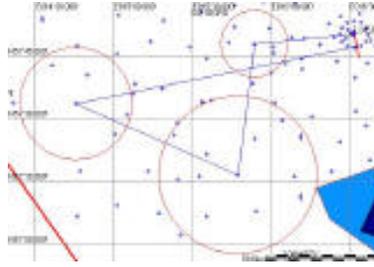
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air by 1:00. By 1:30 some competitors have started and by 2:00 almost all are on course.



Today's tasks are Assigned Area Tasks designed to give the pilots maximum flexibility should the weather go south as it did yesterday.

Standard class Assigned

Area Task: 3h 15' (205.7-450.6 km)

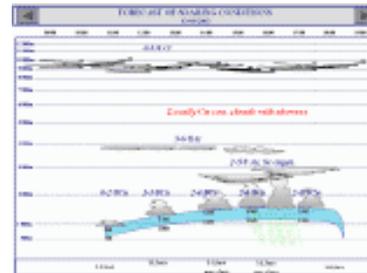
15-Meter an Assigned Area Task: 3h 15' (206.5-436.0 km)

18-Meter Assigned Area Task: 3h 15' (176.1-476.4 km)

Open Assigned Area Task: 3h 15' (202.3-484.6 km)

In the Standard class Beltz and Garner start at 1:58. The British team including front runner Andy Davis along with the French team roll the dice with a late 1:20 start. In the 15-Meter class the first start comes at 12:50 and all are gone by 2:11. Striedieck starts at 2:01 and Mockler at 2:04 right along with the German and Italian pilots. Most of the 18-Meter are underway in minutes just before 2:00 with Ittner starting at 1:55. The Open class has its first start at 1:35 and last at 2:45 (!). Tabery starts at 2:14.

PREDICTED WEATHER



Synoptic situation : the region of Leszno is still under the influence of the saddle, the advection of unstable and warm airmass from the direction 290-320 with the speed of about 10-15km/h. Clouds: 3-6/8 Ac At the beginning 0-2/8 Cu h=700-900m after rising up to h=1000-1200m after 13.00 2-4/8 Cu h=1200-1500m after 14.00 spreading out of Cu clouds and then 2-5/8 Sc cugen., locally single Cu con. with showers
Thermals: 1m/s rising 1,5-2m/s max. 3m/s
Visibility: >> 10km in showers 6-4km
Wind: variable 2-5m/s
Hazards: Spreading out of Cu clouds, locally Cu con with showers, weak thermals, many layers of Ac clouds!
Upper wind: [m/s] 500m 295/3 1000m 296/4 1500m 282/6 2000m 267/9 2500m 257/11
Prepared by Jan Młynarczyk, WGC Chief Meteorologist.

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22nd - 25th

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26th

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27th - Aug 9th

Closing
10th August

AFTERNOON REPORT



U.S. Team pilots Dave Mockler, Karl Striedieck & Gary Ittner talk it over.

There have been some reported outlanding already but some of the 15-Meter gliders are on final glide with several crossing the finish line. Stand by for more action from Leszno. By 5:10

about 30 competitors are back. By 5:40 over 100 gliders are back. No word yet of the US pilots.

Yesterday, August 2, it was reported early on that Ron Tabey was third for the day but after a review of logger problems Ron moved into second for the day (Day 5) with a great flight and 955 points. Local and multi-time world champion Janusz Centka in the Eta was first for contest day 5.

All team pilots are back. It looks like Tom Beltz was 11th, Chip Garner 25th in the Standard Class. In the 15-Meter Karl Striedieck was 2nd (!) and Dave Mockler was 29th. In the 18-Meter Gary Ittner was 19th with Ron Tabey 10th today. Less preliminary scores will be posted below. In the less preliminary scores KS ties current 15-Meter World Champion Werner Meuser for first place.

Looks like the official web site has been very busy. This WGC has provided some of the best online coverage ever. And the organizers have found a willing audience with their site having a record 1.1 million hits a day in some cases. The official web is back up with only a few minutes of delay. Great job!

UPDATE ON TEAM CAPTAIN JOHN GOOD

As was reported yesterday, U.S. Team Captain John Good is in the Hospital undergoing gall stone surgery. Speaking with him via cell phone yesterday he was in good spirits but very frustrated with not being able to file team reports and generally fulfill his



John Good

duties as Team Captain. John's assistant, Rick Sheppe, has stepped in and doing a magnificent job. Rick reported this morning that John has had his surgery and is back in bed resting comfortably. (Attended by those excellent Polish nurses no doubt! -

Web Ed). One thing is for sure today - there will be no day report from John Good. He is scheduled to be back in action soon and has the best wishes for a speedy recovery from the entire team - John Seaborn

EVENING UPDATE FROM RICK SHEPPE

First, a report on John Good: he is resting today after a 2-hour operation to remove his gall bladder. Other than being quite disappointed about missing the action at Leszno, he is in good spirits. John worked very hard to prepare for this contest, and it shows. Thanks to John, our pilots and crews are isolated from the logistical headaches associated with fielding a team on foreign soil, and they can concentrate on the flying and resting between flights. With any luck (and doctor's permission), John will be able to visit the airfield on Tuesday.



Filling in for John is quite challenging. Even before this happened, I was too busy to read any of his contest reports, so I hope I don't repeat too many stories. At the briefing today, the weatherman

was booed (good naturedly), and the task setter was presented with a fully-framed window, the implication being that if he had looked out a window yesterday, he never would have called those impossible tasks.

It was almost predictable that they would overreact to yesterday's overcall and set too short a task today. This is exactly what happened. All four classes got Assigned Area Tasks, with minimum times of



3:15. Conditions varied from barely sustainable early in the day to good racing weather at the end. Leaving late paid off. However, it was difficult to predict when to cut an run home, and several pilots arrived early.

Our team had mixed results, including our best-yet performance: Karl Striedieck was second in the 15 meter class. He flew a lot farther and a tiny bit slower than the winner and received 992 points on the preliminary scoresheet. (KS ties for first on later sheets)



The publication of scores on the airfield could be improved. The contest

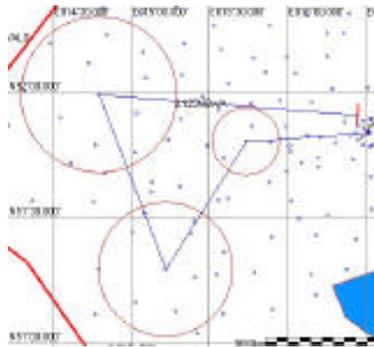


scores yet from today (9:30 pm local time).

I'm sorry I don't have any flying stories from today. As soon as we packed up the last glider and verified that the scorer had our data, I hijacked Dave Mockler's car (thanks, Dave) and raced over to the hospital to see John. John says hi to all his friends from his hospital bed, and he gave me some guidance for tomorrow's team captain duties. John is still the team captain. I am the team captain's marionette.

WHAT ARE ASSIGNED AREA TASKS?

The history of tasking in competitive soaring is a colorful and ever evolving one. Historically the Task Setter, or in the USA we call him the Contest Director or CD, looked at the weather and called the task for the day. Often this was done early in the day with little flexibility to change should weather problems or opportunities develop. Over time the art of task setting developed much more flexibility with tasks set very near the first launch or even changed in the air to take advantage of weather opportunities and avoid weather hazards. This resulted in fewer landouts and a generally more enjoyable contest for many.



With the advent of GPS tracking and flight logging many new tasking options emerged and the Assigned Area Task, called the Turn Area Task in the U.S.A. as the most refined of these. Essentially the CD picks several turnpoints and establishes a circle of some radius around them. These turpoint radius can be as small as several miles or as large as fifty or more. The CD also establishes a minimum time for the day, say 3 hours. When flying the task pilots can choose how far and in what general segment of the turn cylinder they want to fly.

The idea is to fly in the best weather, avoiding weather or terrain hazards and finish slightly over the minimum task time. Finishing under time is not generally a good strategy as the flight is scored as if it took the minimum time. In regional and national competition this type of task allows pilots and CD to

select the area of best soaring and generally avoid problem areas. Fast pilots can go deep into each cylinder for maximum distance and speed while slower pilots can just touch each cylinder and come home at the end of the day. - John Seaborn

About pictures. Some of the images are taken by the U.S. Team Captain John Good or by pilot Gary Ittner. Many of the images used here can be found on the official website and are taken by one of several excellent contributors including Marysia Klamecka and Ewa Hajek. See the official photo page [here](#).

U.S. Soaring Team - August 3, Day 6

Class	Pilot	Sailplane	Contest Number	Day Place & Points	Overall Place & Points
Open	Ron Tabery	Nimbus 4T	YY	13 - 798	10 - 4665
18-Meter	Gary Ittner	Ventus 2cx	ZQ	20 - 770	19 - 3654
15-Meter	Karl Striedieck	ASW-27b	VW	1 - 1000	18 - 4264
	David Mockler	Ventus 2ax	W	29 - 872	27 - 4060
Standard	Tom Beltz	ASW 28	PV	11 - 915	10 - 4542
	Chip Garner	Discus 2a	CG	25 - 824	18 - 4431

See the official scores [here](#)

Points of Interest

CONTACT THE TEAM IN POLAND

Back by popular request you can now e-mail the U.S. Soaring Team in Poland with greetings, an encouraging word and well wishes. Please note that all team members are very busy while the championships are underway and may not be able to reply to your message. To write and send your message click [here](#) or on the GO TEAM logo.



CONTACT WEB MANAGER

Idea, suggestion, correction on the U.S. Team Web? Please send these along to U.S. Team Web Manager John Seaborn by clicking [here](#).

WGC FLIGHT LOGS

Courtesy of John Leibacher the daily flight logs from the 28th World Gliding Championships are available individually online for fast downloading of your favorite pilots [here](#). All flight logs are available by class single large files on the organizers site [here](#).

OTHER TEAM WEB SITES

Visit other teams web sites for their prospective on the championships. And there are some great sites including the [British](#), [French](#), [Italian](#), [Danish](#), [Austrian](#), [Netherlands](#) and [German](#) team sites.

WGC NEWS JUNKY?

Every modern world championships has a daily newsletter. Over the years these newsletters have ranged from simple one page announcements to full fledged magazine quality productions. The 28th WGC version is of the highest quality with excellent content and many pictures. The editor Janet Hider Smith has done a magnificent job. Available online in Adobe PDF format, go to the Daily News link and look for the "Daily Bulletin on the day" link. See the Daily News [here](#). Check out Karl Striedieck's profile in the 7/30 issue.

PRE-WORLDS REPORT AVAILABLE

Want the real scoop on the site and flying WCG? Click the [pre-worlds report here](#) provided by team pilot Chip Garner for a detailed pilots eye view of the site, weather and the competition.

ABOUT DAY REPORTS

The U.S. Team Day Reports are brought to you by several hard working U.S. Team volunteers. John Good creates the reports in Poland and e-mails them to John Seaborn in Colorado who posts them to the SSA server. The goal of these day reports are to provide the U.S. soaring community with improved coverage of World Soaring Championships and the U.S. Team's participation in these events.

YOUR SUPPORT - THANK YOU!

All US team members would like to thank those of you who have contributed to make participation in these international events possible. If you have not contributed to the team please consider making one! To see how, visit the U.S. Team Funding page [here](#) and the [Robertson Trust Web](#) here.

A blue rectangular graphic with the words "THANK YOU!" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

U.S. TEAM COMMITTEE

The newly elected U.S. Team Committee has been working to establish a more stable management structure and better resources for our soaring teams. The objective are more transparent, accountable, sustainable and competitive United States soaring teams. See the full information on the new [U.S. Team Committee here](#).

U.S. TEAM E-NEWS

Sign up today for the U.S. Team E-NEWS. This electronic newsletter is sent out roughly quarterly and covers all the team news. The sign up process is simple - start by [clicking here](#).

TEAM NEWS, HISTORY & ARCHIVE

To catch up on all the news for the U.S. World Soaring Teams see the [U.S. Team News](#). See the U.S. [Team Archive](#) for team background since 1950. As part of the Archive tour see the [U.S. Team History](#) page for a complete listing of US Teams since 1950 or the [World Champions](#) page for a complete listing of champions since 1937.

Country and Contest Site



Leszno is well situated in the western part of Poland in Wielkopolska (Great Poland) between Poznań and Wrocław. Three European capitals: Warsaw, Berlin and Prague are all situated approximately 300km away from Leszno. Since 1 January 1999 Leszno has been one of the 68 administrative districts.

Labor turmoil in 1980 led to the formation of the independent trade union "Solidarity" that over time became a political force and by 1990 had swept parliamentary elections and the presidency. A "shock therapy" program during the early 1990s enabled the country to transform its economy into one of the most robust in Central Europe, boosting hopes for acceptance to the EU. Poland joined the NATO alliance in 1999.

Map courtesy of the CIA. See the [CIA site](#) for a fact sheet on Poland. Click images to expand.

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