

Competitions

It is widely recognised that one of the best ways of improving your flying skill is to participate in competitions. The Dales club participates in the national cross country league for hang gliders and paragliders. The registration fee is modest and any distance over 5km flown from a Dales site counts.

www.xcleague.com

Other club competitions are organised during the year - details are published in the club magazine and on the website. The club is usually active in the following comps.

The British Club Challenge (BCC) is a great way to get you out on your first few XCs in a safe way with lots of people around to help. Clubs from surrounding areas compete to find the best team of pilots, ending with a national finals round. Contact our Competitions Secretary to get involved.

www.flybcc.co.uk

The British Paragliding Cup, which usually holds a round in the Dales each year, is where you can sharpen your XC skills in more formal tasks pitching individual pilots against each other. More often than not there's a group from the Dales representing the club at each round.

www.bpcup.co.uk

National Competitions. A hang gliding round of the British Open Series (BOS) is normally held each year in the Dales. Although the paragliding fraternity have given up on the weather in UK there are always Dales' paraglider pilots in the British Championships competing at the top level.

www.pgcomps.org.uk

Baildon Sod. Each year, we hold a fun event on Baildon Moor. It takes the form of a gliding task, in which each competitor attempts to fly as far as he/she can in a straight line or dog leg, to perform a stand up landing within two glider spans of a predetermined line out from the hill. The coveted prize 'The Baildon Sod' symbolises a turf cut from beneath the boot of the winner at the winning touch-down. Conditions should be nil wind or very light in order for the best fun to be had.

Awards

The club presents a number of awards, normally at the farmers' dinner or a club night in the spring. Members are invited to submit nominations for 'Cock of the Dales' and the 'Fairbrother Trophy'.

Title	Criteria
HG XC Shield	1st place XC league
PG XC Shield	1st place XC league
	2nd place XC league
	3rd place XC league
National XC League	Top Dales Pilot
Founders Trophy HG	Longest XC from the Dales
Founders Trophy PG	Longest XC from the Dales
Baildon Sod HG	Fun Glide Comp
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Northern PG Trophy	Best total distance in first* year of XC
Active Edge PG Cup	Best first* XC
Cock of The Dales	Most enthusiastic pilot
Cockcroft Cup	Most improved pilot
Fairbrother Trophy	Pilot's pilot
Mark Sellen Trophy	Services to the club
War of The Roses PG	Dales vs Pennine
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Northern Paragliding XC cup	Best triangle, out and return or flight to goal made in the Dales.
Paragliding 100K XC Challenge	Best first* 100K total from 6 best flights.
Three Peaks Challenge	To fly over the summit of all Yorkshire 3 peaks in a single flight.
Best Skywords Article	Decided by the Editor.
Dales Accuracy Cup	Best Spot Landing.

*Based upon performance in this year's XC league with no entries in previous years.