

International Hand Launch Glider Festival 2000

The Torrey Pines Gulls and *SANYO* Energy, USA, the host sponsor, invite you to participate in the 7th Annual International Hand Launch Glider Festival, otherwise known as the IHLGF 2000, on June 3 - 4, at the TPG Poway Flight Center, located in Poway (San Diego), California.

The IHLGF 2000 will be the first major international event to incorporate the revised Provisional F3K Rules as modified by the US. There will also be some local field rule modifications, which the hosts club has found to be effective for the IHLGF. The main US modification involves the Tasks. If you have flown in the IHLGF before you will be very comfortable with the modified F3K rules/tasks. Please note that **the F3K wingspan limit of 1.5 meters will be enforced**. The nose radius limit will **not** be enforced.

With a majority of the outstanding field of 85 pilots from last year returning (including pilots representing, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, England, New Zealand, Russia and Argentina) the 2000 version of the IHLGF should enhance it's reputation as a world class event and the premier HLG events in the world. We invite you to join in the fun of this history-making event.

Entry is limited to 90 pilots.

There will be four classes of pilots again this year: Open; Senior (16-19); Junior (15 and under); and Eagle (50 and better). Each class will have their own set of awards. Open class will have awards through 10th place and the Junior, Senior and Eagle classes will have plaques through 3rd place. The Junior and Eagle classes will both fly in the same flight group and will compete against their peers. These two Classes will be allowed an "alternate" thrower. If an alternate thrower is requested, a thrower will be randomly selected by the CD and assigned to the requesting pilot for the term of that task. If you qualify and wish to fly in one of these two classes, you must register as such on the entry form.

Once again we will have a "throw-out" round. Your best nine out of ten rounds will be used to calculate your score. The top ten Open class pilots will be in the Championship Fly-Off and will carry their adjusted scores into the Fly-Off.

One of the things that makes the IHLGF so special is the social aspect. We begin Friday evening with a "Post Practice Social" at the local Mexican restaurant. Saturday evening we have an old fashioned "all you can eat" Pizza Party planned at Round Table Pizza in Poway.

The field will be available beginning Thursday, June 1, for practice. Toilet facilities will be available beginning Friday. RV parking is allowed at field, however, there are no hook ups.

For complete information on the IHLGF, local hotels, car rentals, maps, and a wealth of other information, please visit the TPG web site at: www.torreypinesgulls.org. If you have any questions please give me a call at (619) 725-5434 or e-mail me at Scharck@aol.com.

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Please do not mail your completed entry form and check before April 1