

MIDSUMMER'S EVE...

Usually this traditional feast on 24th June more or less guarantees meteorological surprises. But what kind of surprises? Briefing – briefing again on the grid: necessity to decrease the length of the task. For the 15 m class the decision was quickly taken: cancelled before launching. Club class cancelled. “Startline in standard class will be open in 5 minutes”. Before the 5 minutes passed: CANCELLED.

So what? Less rain but stronger wind were not going to stop many team members to discover Arboga town, if they hadn't already done so. One of Swedens oldest towns (150 km from Stockholm) – already in 1453 the very first parliament took place here. Old wooden buildings and cobblestone streets running through the centre of town (with its 13.000 inhabitants) remind of the rich history and the Arboga river gives it a special atmosphere.



There is an unusual blend of all kind of houses: from historic riverside houses, attractive apartments and lakeside properties. Inhabitants proudly tell you that Arboga is nothing else but an inaccurate translation of the old Swedish word *Ahrbugi*, which means nothing else but *the bend in the river*.

“Midsommarfirande” was a joyous party organized in the *Folketspark* in the middle of town.

In former days of course “excursions” had brought many “workless-flightless” pilots to interesting spots like the Vasa-Museum in Stockholm, to Linköping and its “Fygvapenmuseum” and of course to a wonderful Scandinavia elkpark - admit it, you cannot possibly come back from Sweden without having seen an ELK!



Gill speaking to Elena Fergnani



Nina Shalneva, Gill and Helle Lundgren

DAY 6 - 25th June

DAY 6 YES - (25 June) and again **DAY 5**. for standard class.

This is a **MUST** because this 25th of June is the very last championships day. The 10 o'clock briefing was very short, to be followed... by some drops of most unwelcome rain. Next briefing was not yet on the grid, but in the usual briefing hall, preceded by a presentation by the French representatives Philippe Monion and perfect English speaking Anne Ducarouge: what to expect at the next world championships in Issoudun 2013.



Anne Ducarouge and Philippe Monion presenting Issoudun 2013

And then: what was in store for all hopeful pilots this very last day? Nothing big, of course, but please, let's not stay on the ground.



No, ladies, up you go!

Nothing big, of course, but still...: racing task of 158,1 km with 4 turnpoints for 15 m and standard classes, 137,4 km polygon, also with 4 turnpoints, for club class. So: tasks did not seem too ambitious, so: ladies GO!



Rain during take off

In spite of the rain and with cloud base between 900 and 1400 m 15.30 h was the choice of most competitors to cross the start line and get on course north-west like all days before. The rate of climb was nothing to write home about, the wind was not strong and patience once more was the password.

Rain “welcomed” the ladies on the second turnpoint.



Showers all around

The head wind was strong and ...yes, another rain shower. It did not last long till the friendly ladies in the information office got very busy taking note of the OUTLANDINGS and running to the briefing hall to post them on the wall. This activity started with the club class pilots indicating the number of turn points rounded: all 4 of them was something French Aude Grangeray could be proud of! News tumbling in here *we are 3 in the same field having fun together* – of course they did not know it yet, but these 3 Agnete Olesen, Ayala Liran and Amelie Audier were the happy trio to occupy the club class podium to morrow! This record of 3 on one field was soon to be beaten by *“eleven on the same large field”*.... quite a crowd! British team captain Melissa Jenkins brought disagreeable/agreeable news: Jane Nash had had some trouble with her Mosquito while landing out but she herself was absolutely OK. At 18.45 pm everybody was accounted for and soon it was clear there would be no valid day for club class, confirming the “status quo” for the 3 *having fun on the same outlanding field*.



Ayala Liran

Some ladies did land on Arboga airfield: standard class Gunilla Lindell, well yes, but with her engine. So did both other motorized pilots Alena Netusilova and Annette Klossok but without having accomplished the task. In 15 m class Jutta Sturm surprised once more as the one and only pilot to make it back to Arboga – without motor of course – but with the quite decent speed of 71 km/h for the 158,1 km task.



Jutta Sturm

Her splendid example was imitated by standard Joanna Biedermann. What a pity in the 4th standard task Joanna flopped all the way down. But now: sweet (?) consolation: Joanna started the championships with a victory and also ended with one. On this last day she had not been flying alone: like the (cancelled) day before she had the well appreciated company of “fireball” Helle Lundgren who also landed on Arboga *mission accomplished*.



Gunilla Lindell

40 outlanders on this last day! At 18.45 nobody was missing anymore so THIS was really the end of the 6th World championships.

Almost all pilots in both standard and 15 m class have flown more than 100 km, thus producing some points but ALSO quite some changes in overall ran-



kings. In 15 m class Susanne Schödel solidly stayed on top and Anne Ducarouge was not too displeased with her “silver” place ranking. But anyway, nobody could beat Jutta Sturm to-day, she was the only pilot landing back on Arboga.

The combined forces of the 3 CZ pilots in this class rewarded each one of them with 444 points for the day. Just like Alena Netusilova, Annette Klossok used her motor to come landing back on Arboga (which of course has nothing to do with her ranking).



At the beginning of the day Annette was still in podium position with 60 points more than Alena Netusilova. Annette's 367 points for this day were not enough and sadly she missed the podium... by 8 LITTLE/BIG points. Same fate as Stefanie Mühl who had the same total points- next to the podium: that cursed 4th place! If it can be of any consolation to both ladies- have missed the podium: maybe you remember Angelika Machinek missing gold with 4 points to Gillian Spreckley at the very first World championships in Pocunai 2001.



The farwell party

Most of these considerations were put aside at the farewell party, well planned by the organizers. There was traditional music and dancing. Quite some athletes, these male dancers! Traditional food was served and the Swedish Aeroclub had a small gift for every participant. French team captain Eric Napoleon was surprisedly called to come forward: he was handed over the BABAJAGA register – it would be his choice to designate the right pilot to manage this ceremony in 2013. Good night, ladies – see you to-morrow at prize giving ceremony...

PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY



Gill waiting for Prize Giving Ceremony

Here again the organizers were well inspired to mount the podium: they cleverly used the huge left over wooden blocks from the Babajaga ceremony. It might need a Swedish helping hand to help some of the 9 ladies UP there.



Prizes

As if presenting excuses, the weathergods made the sun laugh and it was warm. But at the end... Swedish rain again, sorry.

CLUB CLASS



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| 1) Agnete Olesen | DK | 2435 p | WORLD CHAMPION |
| 2) Ayala Liran | GB | 2362 p | |
| 3) Amelie Audier | FR | 2328 p | |

Swedish and other attendants did not spare applause for golden Agnete Olesen, Danish (so: Scandinavian?). She had succeeded in chasing Amelie Audier from top ranking, a position 20 year young Amélie had kept uninterruptedly for 4 days. True, Amélie “helped” Agnete by finishing only 15th on the last flying day, I think she even felt lucky to keep the bronze with 63 points more than Polish Marta Najfeld, who finished her championships with a victory on the last club class day, the only pilot coming back to Arboga and confirming her “never outlanding” reputation, one exceptional lady!

And there she proudly stood, world champion Agnete, blond hair like a queen’s crown on her head. No, Agnete is not the first Danish European or World champion.

In Klix 2005 she herself ending 4th in club class and thus missing bronze, could warmly congratulate her compatriot, the FIRST Danish world champion ever, 15 m class Mette Pedersen, unfortunately never seen again. That was 2005, here in Arboga she not only did better but made the big jump right to the top. This victory probably helped the Danish representatives at the IGC meeting 2012 to be entrusted to organize of the 8th world championships in Danish Arnborg 2015. Surprise at the national anthem of Danmark: once more the organizers had an original idea: the anthem to be sung with cristal clear voice by mrs Anna Jauning .



From right: 4th to 10th position

Of course she performed the same for the anthems of next two classes. In the French team one pilot probably had sad thoughts: in 2009 Natalie Hurlin (then 23) had been the youngest World champion ever. Now she probably regretted to have changed for standard class. On the 2nd step British Ayala Liran stood for bronze (just missed last time) – she really owes this success to her exemplary regularity, never ending lower than 6th on 18.

6th FAI Women's World Gliding Championships					
Arboga - Sweden, 2011-06-11 - 2011-06-25					
Overall results after day 5					
Club class					
##	CN	Pilot	Country	Glider	Points
1	BC	Agnete Olesen	Denmark	Std. Libelle WL	2435
2	J34	Ayala Liran	Great Britain	Std. Libelle	2362
3	EA	Amelie Audier	France	Std. Cirrus	2328
4	MN	Marta Najfeld	Poland	Jantar Std. 3	2265
5	873	Elizabeth Sparrow	Great Britain	Std. Cirrus	2090
6	Z	Sabrina Vogt	Germany	Std. Libelle WL	2026
7	Z8	Gloria Stenfelt	Sweden	Discus b	1987
8	C11	Aude Grangeray	France	Std. Cirrus	1980
9	IE	Orsolya Diófási	Hungary	ASW 15b	1975
10	FBN	Jane Nash	Great Britain	Mosquito b	1902
11	TH	Kathrin Woetzel	Germany	LS 1 f	1848
12	C12	Laetitia Moreau	France	Std. Cirrus	1664
13	XII	Petra Papežiková	Czech Republic	Std. Cirrus	1615
14	CX	Pavlina Horackova	Czech Republic	Std. Cirrus	1605
15	C7	Barbara Silén	Sweden	Std. Cirrus	1574
16	XC	Eva Cerna	Czech Republic	Std. Cirrus	1563
17	41	Elena Fergnani	Italy	LS 1 f	1546
18	VS	Swaantje Geyer	Germany	LS 1 f	1412

STANDARD CLASS



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|--------------------|-----|--------|-----------------------|
| 1) Sue Kussbach | GER | 2443 p | WORLD CHAMPION |
| 2) Gunilla Lindell | SWE | 2432 p | |
| 3) Gaby Haberkern | GER | 2364 p | |

Unlike in club class no new face on this podium. Smiling Sue Kussbach had already silver in 2003 Jihlava, to turn this result into gold in Szeged 2009.

Still Sue had to wait till the 4th task, to chase Joanna Biedermann from her solid top ranking: very (too?) late starting Joanna very soon had to look for a landing place on some field... 26,2 km away from airfield Arboga: 65 points – a deadly blow - on a 1000 points day won by Maïke Muller.

This did not mean Sue could take it easy, she had to keep looking out for Gunilla Lindell who offered Sweden a silver medal – only 11 points behind Sue Kussbach but preceding Gaby Haberkern, the second German pilot on this podium.



From right: 4th to 10th position

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Standard class

##	CN	Pilot	Country	Glider	Points
1	KS	Sue Kussbach	Germany	LS8a	2443
2	8K	Gunilla Lindell	Sweden	Discus 2T	2432
3	BW2	Gaby Haberkern	Germany	Discus 2b	2364
4	CP	Meike Müller	Germany	LS8	2310
5	CW	Kirsten Eichhorn	Germany	LS8	2305
6	SE	Helle Lundgren	Denmark	LS8	2276
7	FX	Dana Nováková	Czech Republic	LS8	2244
8	D4	Francesca Aitken	Great Britain	LS8	2132
9	JB	Jana Veprekova	Czech Republic	LS8	2080
10	YS	Céline Montorio	France	LS8	1974
11	RM	Nina Shalneva	Russian Federation	LS8	1949
12	ET	Magali De Cachard	France	Discus 2a	1863
13	LOT	Joanna Biedermann	Poland	LS8	1838
14	59	Gillian Spreckley	Great Britain	LS8	1792
15	CFM	Nathalie Hurlin	France	Discus 2	1591
16	W8	Hana Vokřínková	Czech Republic	LS8	990

15 m CLASS



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|---------------------|-----|--------|-----------------------|
| 1) Susanne Schödel | GER | 2908 p | WORLD CHAMPION |
| 2) Anne Ducarouge | FR | 2637 p | |
| 3) Alena Netusilova | CZ | 2572 p | |

Here also it was the world champion succeeding herself: Susanne Schödel. Like in club class the same pilot stayed on top of the general ranking the first three days, until on day 4, an AAT task of 2h45 min, Susanne Schödel was rewarded the maximum 1000 points for her victory, with Anne Ducarouge landing out, getting “poor” 566 points.

Her splendid reaction next day, an AAT task of 2h15, only pilot achieving the task, pushed Anne up again in second position till the very end, not to be threatened even by Alena Netusilova who was this time strangely enough the only CZ pilot with a medal. Exceptional indeed, for the last time any podium without Czech pilots was in 2001.

Of course young mother Anne Ducarouge is not a beginner, she had already drawn special attention in Romorantin in 2007 in the 15 m class, ending up with bronze – with 4 points more she could have had silver, which went to Anja Kohlrausch. But now and here in Arboga 2011 Anne HAS the silver!



From right: 4th to 10th position

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Overall results after day 6

15-meter class

##	CN	Pilot	Country	Glider	Points
1	SF	Susanne Schödel	Germany	Ventus 2ax	2908
2	EW	Anne Ducarouge	France	ASG 29	2637
3	AJ	Alena Netusilova	Czech Republic	ASG 29E	2572
4	K	Annette Klossok	Germany	ASG 29E	2564
4	TOM	Stefanie Mühl	Germany	Ventus 2ax	2564
6	57	Margherita Acquaderni	Italy	Ventus 2ax	2302
7	ZX	Lenka Kuthanova	Czech Republic	ASG 29	2215
8	C	Jutta Sturm	France	Ventus 2a	2169
9	HP	Anja Kohlrausch	Germany	Ventus 2a	2126
10	AX	Jana Treslova	Czech Republic	Ventus 2ax	2028
11	99	Teresa Toivonen	Sweden	ASW 27	1956
12	73	Valentyna Toporova	Ukraine	Ventus 2b	1899
13	PX	Eija Kujansuu	Finland	Ventus 2b	1575

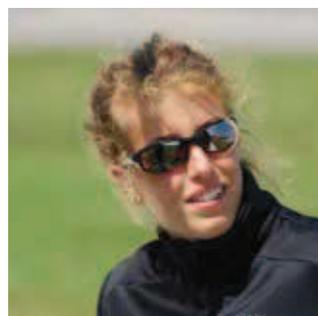
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and your dedicated organizing team



Every effort should always be rewarded...SHOULD, but was not. The Swedish organizers really had deserved a better treatment by the weathergods. Again and again, for safety, tasks had to be shortened, changed or cancelled because of the whimsical meteo. Last year during pre-worlds when a German team came “scrutinizing” the Swedish soaring possibilities, pilots and crew were happy with distances up to 500 km, speeds more than 100 k/h, 2/3 m thermals thanks to 2400 m cloud base... Except for the AAT tasks, the largest ever overland distance flight in Arboga was 173 km. However, the total of 90 outlandings registered in Arboga was NOT a “record”- THAT was established in Romorantin 2007 with 161 but quite less than 2009 in Szeged: total 19. Nevertheless, it was almost a miracle not one single accident was reported, a compliment for the safe flight pattern of all participants –probably also thanks to the advice of the members of the safety committee: Elizabeth Sparrow for club class, Magali De Cachard for standard class, Susanne Schödel for 15 m class.

Gliders well secured in their trailers, good bye kisses to the colleagues “hope to see you in Issoudun”, here was the start for the long column to return home again. Special encouragement for Russian Nina Shalneva for her long 5000 km travel all the way home to Novosibirsk. The last pilot I saw leaving Arboga, was blond Elena Fergnani at the wheel of her 11 m long caravan, pulling her LS1F. “What a length, dear Elena, I wish you the very best”. Her smiling answer: “Oh, it is all right, this is not my first trip!”



Elena Fergnani