

BELGIAN REPORT

by A. VAN ISHOVEN

It has been decided by the "Section Centrale du Vol à Voile" of the Royal Belgian Aero Club, that two Belgian glider pilots will compete in the International Championships to be held in Britain this year. These will be Willy Witter of Antwerp Gliding Club and leading pilot of the "Competition Nationale Permanente," an annual classification of the best glider pilots for the current year, and Cartigny of Verviers Aviation, holder of the Belgian Distance Record. Both pilots will fly their club's Czech-built Sohaj.



Photo, A. van Ishoven

W. Witter in a Sohaj. Both belong to Antwerp Gliding Club.

Our National Contest will be held at the National Gliding Center at TEMPLoux, near NEMUR, from May 31st to June 7th inclusive. The tasks will consist mainly of out and return flights, and flights around triangular courses.

Sabena, the Belgian Airline, has helped our gliding movement by buying two German-built Spatz gliders which will be based initially at the National Glider Center. Sabena has also made available two prizes consisting of two return tickets to the Belgian Congo. The prizes will probably be awarded for the best out-and-return and the best triangular course flights in 1954.

Sailplane Inventory

The inventory of all (or most) sailplanes in the U. S. has been completed and is for sale by the Society, Box 71, Elmira, N. Y., \$1.00. Get it to learn of ships in your area, ships for sale, etc.

SEEDING REPORT

for Pilot Entrants in 1954 Internationals

by F. B. COMPTON, CHAIRMAN

The final ballot has now been received and results have been tabulated. The system of scoring candidates was as follows:

Each candidate's marks were totaled, and then divided by the number of such marks. In a few cases, a candidate was not given a mark on a particular ballot, and in such cases his total of marks were divided by 4 instead of 5. One ballot did not delete Bikle and Nelson. Such deletion was made by the Chairman, and all choices after Bikle and Nelson on this ballot were renumbered, still in order of the committeeman's choice, but with consecutive numbers. A tabulation of the full scoring of all candidates is given below, in order of seeded position.

SINGLE PLACE

Seeded Position	Name of Candidate	Ballot Marks	Total Marks	Average Mark
1	Paul B. MacCready, Jr.	1- 1- 1- 1- 1	5	1
2	Stanley W. Smith	2- 3- 2- 5- 2	14	2.8
3	Paul A. Schweizer	3- 7- 3- 4- 3	20	4
4-tie	Clarence See, Jr.	6- 2- 7- 3- 6	24	4.8
4-tie	Wally Wiberg	8- 6- 4- 2- 4	24	4.8
5	S. J. Bennis	4- 5- 8- 7- 5	29	5.8
6	Wm. C. Beuby	7- 4- 6- 8- 9	34	6.8
7	Leslie R. Arnold	11-10- 5- 6-10	42	8.4
8	Lawrence Gehrlein, Sr.	12- 8-10-10- 7	47	9.4
9-tie	Robert C. Kidder	5- 9-11-12-12	49	9.8
9-tie	R. A. Young, Jr.	9-11-12- 9- 8	49	9.8
10	Howard E. Burr	10- 0- 9-11-11	41	10.25

MULTI-PLACE

Seeded Position	Name of Candidate	Ballot Marks	Total Marks	Average Mark
1	Stanley W. Smith	1- 2- 2- 5- 2	12	2.4
2	* Paul B. MacCready, Jr.	10- 0- 1- 1- 1	13	3.25
3	Clarence See, Jr.	2- 1- 7- 3- 5	18	3.6
4	* Paul A. Schweizer	7- 0- 3- 4- 3	17	4.25
5	Wally Wiberg	9- 4- 4- 2- 4	23	4.6
6	Wm. A. Beuby	4- 3- 5- 8- 9	29	5.8
7	S. J. Bennis	6- 7- 8- 7- 6	34	6.8
8	Leslie R. Arnold	5- 9- 6- 6-10	36	7.2
9	Robert C. Kidder	3- 5-11-12-12	43	8.6
10	R. A. Young, Jr.	8- 8-12- 9- 7	44	8.8
11	Lawrence Gehrlein, Sr.	12- 6-10-10- 8	46	9.2
12	* Howard E. Burr	11- 0- 9-11-11	42	10.5

* Have stated they will not fly as second pilot.

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The attitude basically needed by the present members of these groups is not "what facilities, services and social activities do I want and need," but rather "what facilities, services and social activities are needed to attract and hold the new members we need."

The "yacht club approach" may well be the answer for many of our soaring groups.

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But in spite of the erratic habits of English weather, the chances are all in favour of a satisfactory proportion of good soaring days with which to greet our American visitors. And if not all our thermals come up to scratch, our prevailing wind is west, so you can tack to and fro over Bradwell Edge till something turns up to suit your taste.