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By TELEFAX on nr 00-41-21-345-10-77

Re: The Pelagia Majewska Gliding Medal
Nomination of Mrs Gill Van den Broeck

Dear Mr BADAN, Secretary General,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the "Aéro-Club Royal de Belgique" (ACRB) (Royal Belgian Aero Club) we have the honour in presenting the nomination of Mrs Gill Van den Broeck for the Pelagia Majewska Gliding Medal.

Attached you will find the letter (and his annexes) prepared in September 2011 by the "Fédération des Clubs Francophones de Vol à Voile" (Federation of Gliding Clubs in the French-speaking part of Belgium) but transmitted to our Aero Club from the moment the Federation realized that such nomination has to be presented by the NAC of Belgium. We confirm the terms of this letter and its annexes dated from the 21st of September 2011.

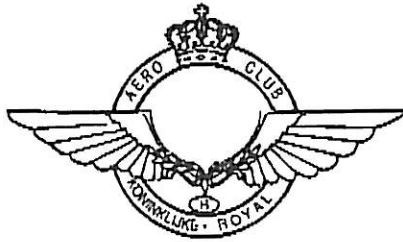
We hope that the nominee could obtain in this way the acknowledgement of her large merits.

Yours faithfully.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,

V. WIEME, President ACRB





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Spy, 21 september 2011

*Fédération des Clubs Francophones
de Vol à Voile (A.S.B.L.)*

Mr. Stephane Desprez
Secretary General
Fédération Aéronautique Internationale
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CH - 1005 Lausanne

N/Réf.: CR/ac/11/022

The Pelagia Majewska Gliding Medal

Dear Mr. Desprez,

With this letter, and on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Soaring Federation of Belgium, we wish to nominate Ms. Gill Van den Broeck for the Pelagia Majewska Gliding Medal.

Gill Van den Broeck-Gebhard is one of the most well known and influential women in the European and international gliding community, especially in European and World Female Gliding Championships. Not only has she been team member and team leader for Belgium but also, and perhaps more importantly organiser and Judge.

Gill got her A license in 1954, her B in 1956, C in 1961, D in 1964, aerobatics and E (altitude) in 1965. She began making a name for herself and breaking records as early as May 1964 in Belgium, with a solo flight in a Mucha, flying for 7 hours and 29 minutes. December of 1965 she achieved the most altitude gain (4050m) to an absolute altitude of 4850m this time in a Ka8. On the same day in the tandem glider Bijave WA30 with Mme G. Delfosse as co-pilot she gained 3080m to an absolute altitude of 4080m, again a record. Gill continued her record flights between 1969 to 1994 in duration, speed triangle over 100km, speed triangle over 300km and free distance in various gliders K7, Twin Astir and Janus B. Gill's involvement with gliding goes beyond the pure joy of flying. She directed and organized 30 times the annual International « Concours des Ardennes », 5 of which were official Belgian Championships, she was secretary general of Aero Club des Ardennes for 36 years, organized many outreach sessions to future women glider pilots and school children, she has written many articles and is also an interpreter. In 2005 she received the « Golden Wlitch » Award from the German Aero Club.

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Gill has been representative of Belgium in IGC from 1987 till 1991.

She currently holds the record for Belgium (with Georgette Litt) of the Out-and-return distance – 321km, the 05.07.1984.

The medal "Pelagia Majewska (who was a friend of Gill and she greatly admired) would surely great pleasure and great honor. Thank you for this opportunity to provide a nomination for this Important award.

Ro. Honoré

With kind regards,

Philippe HONORE,
President.

AERONAUTICAL CURRICULUM VITAE

GLIDING

GILL VAN DEN BROECK-GEHARD

Belgian Records Flights:

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All categories Dual Seater as passenger of Baudouin Litt:

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Feminine Double Seater as passenger of Georgette Litt:

Duration:	June 14, 1969	5h14, Ka-7
Distance on Out & Return:	June 15, 1969	132 Km, Ka-7
Speed on 100 Km FAI Triangle:	April 22, 1982	43.9 Km/h, Ka-7
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International Activities:

Management:

1970: Deputy Team Manager Belgian Soaring Team at the World Soaring Championships in Marth Texas (US)
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 1997: Assistant Chief Scorer at the World Soaring Championships in Saint Auban (Pr)

For which she received the French Soaring Federation recognition diploma

Representatives:

Of the Belgian Soaring Federation at the annual meetings of the CIVV (Commission International de Vol à Voile) and IGC (International Gliding Commission): 1987 at Frankfurt (D), 1988 at Vienne (Austria), 1989 at Paris, 1990 at Paris, 1991 at Queenstown (NZ) and at Berlin-Schönhausen (D)

Feminine European Soaring Championships (1979 till 1999) and Feminine World Soaring Championships (2001 and up):

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Remarks:

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(Jill van den Broeck - Gentiam)

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It was in Klix 2005 that together with Angelika Machinek, regretfully disappeared in 2006 after a deadly flight accident, we asked Gill Van den Broeck to translate the book she had written in German about the History of Women Gliding Competitions and to publish it. Gill was conscious that it would have been hard, but she finally agreed and it is for this reason that I really want to thank her.

"You've been Great!, Gill"

And now plenty of people will be able to know, see and understand through the words of an eyewitness, the way women gliding competitions were born and developed.

*Thank you Gill!
Margot 57*

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Meet a WSPA member Gill Van den Broeck, Belgium

November 2006

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Whispering palm-trees... by Gill Van den Broeck

High, higher, highest in Bitterwasser - Namibia

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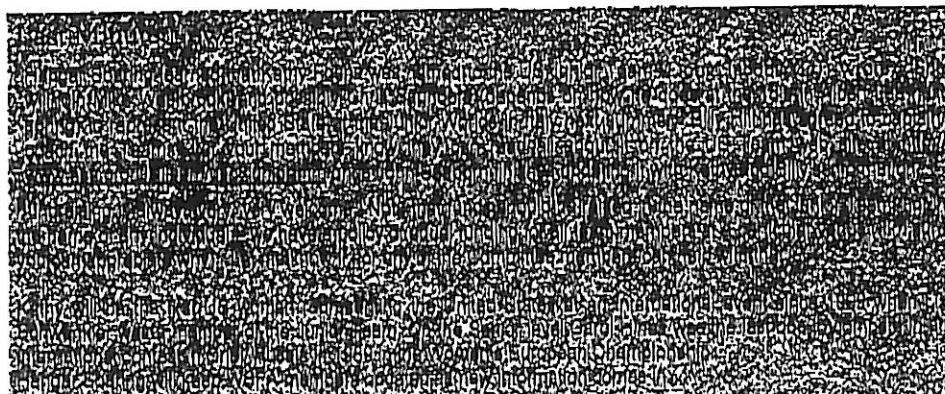
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O.L.C. from page 2)

Christine Schmelzer, ASW27
705.08 km
Grace Higgins, Grob 102
361.12 km
Sarah Kelly, Ka7
213.37 km
Valeria Paget, PW5
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