i) World Paragliding Test Event – Sopot, Bulgaria.

Date: July 14 to 21, 2012.
Steward: Leonard Grigorescu

Prior to the event, there was a change of organizers. The Bureau had concern about the viability of the championship and its test event, so we organised a meeting with the NAC and new organizers. We decided to go ahead with the test event. The test event gathered only 30 pilots. Overall, the Steward states that it was well run. Still, there were some concerns raised in a number of areas, including safety, and a long list of things to do. The Bureau met the Meet Director in September and emphasised the importance that the Steward recommendations are followed. The Bureau and Steward are following up closely on the preparations for the 2013 championships.

ii) World Games PG Accuracy Test Event – Cali, Colombia.

Date: August 7 to 11, 2012.
Steward: Louise Joselyn.

The test event was successful in that it demonstrated the complementary nature of PG Accuracy and Parachuting Canopy Piloting, running concurrently from an airfield. Some of the specially ordered equipment did not arrive in time (winches, electronic target), which caused some additional problems. The organisation was enthusiastic and responsive to suggestions to improve the running of the event for next year. Due to late confirmation of the test event, and its location, only 22 pilots of a maximum 36 competed, with only 3 international entries. However, this was enough to demonstrate the viability of the event.

iii) World Paragliding Accuracy Test Event – Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Date: August 23 to 26, 2012.
Steward: Nikki Bodill.

Report not yet submitted.