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U.S. Soaring Team Day Reports & Results

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|  | <p>Thursday, July 24</p> <p>Report 3 Weather better than it looked early, US Team pilots are all home reporting good soaring but a few hazards exist on landing that need attention. More to come!</p> | <p>REPORTS</p> <p>LATEST REPORT</p> <p>JLY 22</p> <p>JLY 23</p> <p>JLY 24 ◀</p> <p>JLY 25</p> <p>JLY 26</p> <p>JLY 27 -Day1</p> <p>JLY 28 -NCD</p> <p>JLY 29 -Day 2</p> <p>JLY 30 -Day 3</p> <p>JLY 31 -NCD</p> <p>AUG 1 -Day 4</p> <p>AUG 2 -Day 5</p> <p>AUG 3 -Day 6</p> <p>AUG 4 -Day 7</p> <p>AUG 5 -Day 8</p> <p>AUG 6 -Day 9</p> <p>AUG 7 -Day 10</p> <p>AUG 8 -Day 11</p> <p>AUG 9 -Day 12</p> <p>CLOSING</p> |
| <p>WGC 2003 – Leszno, Poland, Report for 24 July - Practice Day By John Good</p> <p>It turns out that appearances were deceiving yesterday; at least the view of the sky we had from the ground was. Although the predicted storms were not in evidence at Leszno, they were found over at least one turnpoint for every task. Since it was a practice day, the pilots just skirted the troublesome points. Had it been a contest day, it would have been a real problem (and a good argument for a turn-</p> | | |

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area task). There were some scores, but they were based on distance only. Essentially, it was a meaningless task.

Based on our morning view of the sky and the morning met briefing, the weather today looked like a somewhat improved version of yesterday. It would be good early, with a strong tendency toward overdevelopment and thunderstorms late in the day. We get a very detailed weather briefing sheet each day, and it tends to have detailed and even lurid drawings of the clouds to be expected – quite artistic, really.



Despite the troublesome forecast, the tasks were reasonably long – 300 to 400 km. Once again the weather reality looked a bit better than the forecast. It's 18:00 and all US pilots are home, reporting good soaring (occasionally 8 knots to 7000') mixed with occasional problems, including both rain showers and blue holes.

With the huge airfield at Leszno, "direct" finishes seem to be favored. Tasks could be set with a "ring" (cylinder) finish, but the rules for this are a trifle strange (you must hit the edge of the cylinder between 400 and 600 meters, or suffer a penalty) and rumor has it that this won't be used. The normal finish is a line at one edge of the airfield, and the best technique is a straight-in landing. Redline is no problem – you can easily stop in the available space.



Beep! Beep! - Organizers

But there are some hazards. You might have ten or a dozen other gliders landing at the same time. At Leszno (unlike most airfields) this is entirely possible, but it will keep you on

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27th - Aug 9th

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10th August

your toes. If you land fast and try to turn toward your trailer a bit soon, you may wish you hadn't. This happened to a Ventus today, and the result was a reasonably dramatic groundloop, fortunately without apparent damage (though I expect the main gear will need some close inspection).

Tonight is the official Team Captains' meeting, where we meet with the Stewards and Contest organizers and get to ask questions about rules and procedures. Rick Sheppe and I have spent much of the day compiling a list of contradictions and inconsistencies that need clarification. I hope the officials are not too exasperated with us before we get through our list. (I should also note that we have found a couple of obscure loopholes that we intend to keep quite about, on the off chance they could prove useful later.)

U.S. Soaring Team

| Class | Pilot | Sailplane | Contest Number |
|----------|-----------------|------------|----------------|
| Open | Ron Tabery | Nimbus 4T | YY |
| 18-Meter | Gary Ittner | Ventus 2cx | ZQ |
| 15-Meter | Karl Striedieck | ASW-27b | VW |
| | David Mockler | Ventus 2ax | W |
| Standard | Tom Beltz | ASW-28 | PV |
| | Chip Garner | Discus 2a | CG |

Points of Interest

OTHER TEAM WEB SITES

Visit other teams web sites for their prospective on the championships. And there are some great sites including the [British](#), [French](#), [Italian](#), [Danish](#), [Austrian](#), [Netherlands](#) and [German](#) team sites.

PRE-WORLDS REPORT AVAILABLE

Want the real scoop on the site and flying WCG? Click the [pre-worlds report here](#) provided by team pilot Chip Garner for a detailed pilots eye view of the site, weather and competition.

ABOUT DAY REPORTS

The U.S. Team Day Reports are brought to you by several hard working U.S. Team volunteers. The goal of these day reports are to provide the U.S. soaring community with improved coverage of World Soaring Championships and the U.S. Team's participation in these events.

YOUR SUPPORT - THANK YOU!

All US team members would like to thank those of you who have contributed to make participation in these international events possible. If you have not contributed to the team please consider helping the team financially through a contribution. To see how, visit the U.S.Team Funding page [here](#) and the [Robertson Trust Web](#) here.

U.S. TEAM COMMITTEE

The newly elected U.S. Team Committee has been working to establish a more stable management structure and better resources for our soaring teams. The objective are more transparent, accountable, sustainable and competitive United States soaring teams. See the full information on the new [U.S. Team Committee](#) here.

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TEAM NEWS, HISTORY & ARCHIVE

To catch up on all the news for the U.S. World Soaring Teams see the [U.S. Team News](#). See the U.S. [Team Archive](#) for team background since 1950. As part of the Archive tour see the [U.S. Team History](#) page for a complete listing of US Teams since 1950 or the [World Champions](#) page for a complete listing of champions since 1937.

Contest Site




Leszno is well situated in the western part of Poland in Wielkopolska (Great Poland) between Poznań and Wrocław. Three European capitals: Warsaw, Berlin and Prague are all situated

approximately 300km away from Leszno. Since 1 January 1999 Leszno has been one of the 68 administrative districts. Labor turmoil in 1980 led to the formation of the independent trade union "Solidarity" that over time became a political force and by 1990 had swept parliamentary elections and the presidency. A "shock therapy" program during the early 1990s enabled the country to transform its economy into one of the most robust in Central Europe, boosting hopes for acceptance to the EU. Poland joined the NATO alliance in 1999.

Map courtesy of the CIA. See the [CIA site](#) for a fact sheet on Poland. Click images to expand.

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