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# Irish Parachute Club



Freddie Bond, Founder & Chief Instructor of Irish Parachute Club in 1956

Lakelands Region No.8 is again focus of attention; the Irish Parachute Club in Clonbullogue, Co Offaly held its annual 'Boogie' in July/August. This year five new records were achieved; indeed the aerial free-fall formation Irish record was broken twice (July 28th by a team of 36 & on July 30th by a team of 51). On July 30th an Irish women's aerial formation record of 13 was established. At the Club boogie there was air of excitement. Enthusiasts being briefed;

aircraft take off & landing with astonishing frequency; parachutists circling over the field like swarms of bees before landing in precisely designated areas. Some of the landings were in tandem for those who needed the comfort of an experienced parachutist.

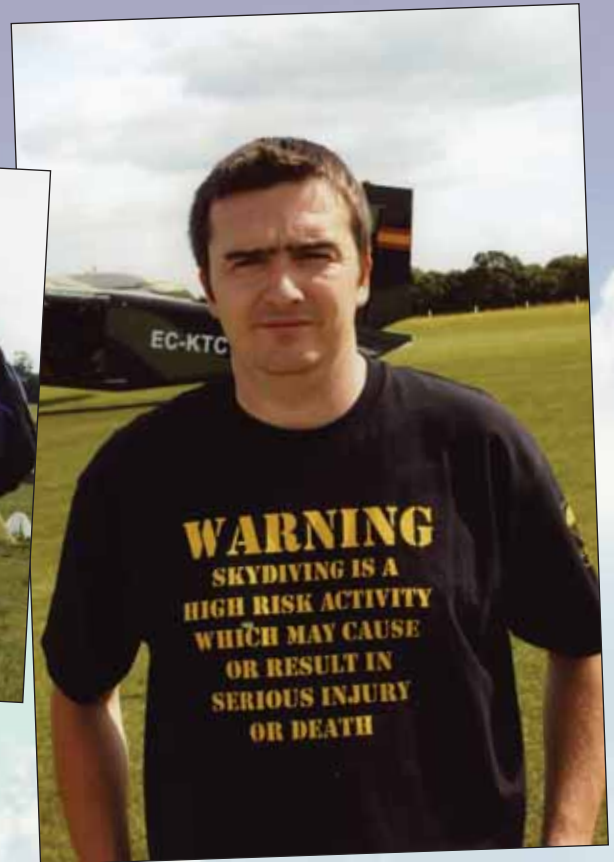
The Irish Parachute Club was founded in 1956; it was finally established near Clonbullogue in 2000 where it has extensive facilities; club rooms, restaurant, hanger, offices and a parking/camping area. The Founder & Chief Instructor, Freddie Bond, was an experienced war time veteran who survived many death defying raids. The present Chief Instructor is Colman Brouder who may be contacted at [info@skydive.ie](mailto:info@skydive.ie) or 1850 260 600. The cost of training and first jump is €320.00; subsequent jumps cost €40.00. Charity fund raising events are frequently arranged.



Entrance to the Club House



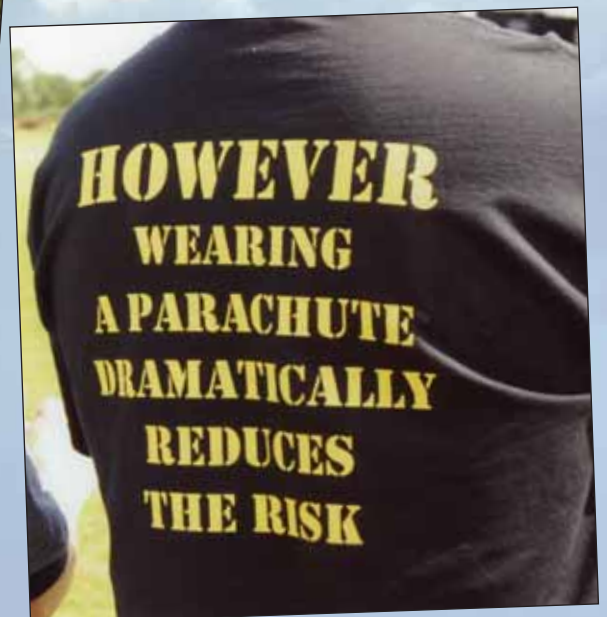
Pre flight briefing



Mark Brereton's T-shirt WARNING



Many happy returns



The REMEDY!



Pre flight formation briefing



Safe landing in tandem



Ecstasy, we made it!