



## FAI/SGP news January 2017

- 8<sup>th</sup> Series has started
- World FAI/SGP Final in Chile January 2018
- Bids for 9<sup>th</sup> series.

**The 8<sup>th</sup> series** FAI/SGP series started with six great races at Horsham in Australia, the winner was Geoff Brown from Australia in his JS1. Geoff is the first pilot to qualify for the next World Final along with Mark Tingey from New Zealand in second place narrowly beating Sean Fidler from USA.

Full results at <http://www.sgp.aero/australia2016/results-sgp/results>

**Great World final deal** for pilots qualifying in one of the 2017 national events. The organising club at Viticura in Chile has arranged sponsorship to transport all qualifying pilots sailplanes from Europe to Chile. This is a great prize for winning pilots who dream of the opportunity to fly in the Andes, especially as it will provide an opportunity for flying in this beautiful region before and after the contest. The dates and venues for the 8<sup>th</sup> series are now finalised and listed below.

### Current SGP Series 2017

	Australia	Horsham	14 Dec-20 Dec, 2016
	USA	Orlando	26 Mar-1 Apr, 2017
	South Africa	Magaliesburg	17 Apr-22 Apr, 2017
	Spain	Santa Cilia	7 May-14 May, 2017
	Poland	Wrocław Szymanów	27 May-3 Jun, 2017
	Italy	Varese	10 Jun-17 Jun, 2017
	France	Buno	25 Jun-1 Jul, 2017
	Slovakia	Partizánske	29 Jul-5 Aug, 2017
	Slovenia	Celje	19 Aug-26 Aug, 2017
	World Final	Viticura	1 Jan-31 Jan, 2018

The next event in this series is in Orlando Florida a great opportunity to fly an early contest in March to kick off the 2017 season. <http://www.sgp.aero/usa2017>

**The 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2017** is the approval date for the next series of FAI/SGP races.

The SGP web pages contain notes for prospective bidders and bid forms for the 9<sup>th</sup> series. Bids are welcomed from any organisation who are motivated to organise an FAI/SGP event and promote the great sport of sailplane racing. The IGC SGP management team will provide back up and guidance in promoting and organising each National FAI/SGP event. The organisers will benefit from International coverage including the FAI/SGP social media channels, established tracking presentation and fully branded support.

Bid documents are available at <http://www.sgp.aero/about-sgp-racing/bid-for-future-events>