

## Proposal to present the Eppler Trophy to Gerry Carter – BARCS AGM 9 Dec 2020

**GliderScore** program and Gerry Carter the developer and author of it.

Although GliderScore was first put on the web around ten years ago it was in 2013 before we in the UK seriously looked at it.

By 2014 CD's after a short learning curve turned to **GliderScore** as the best way to run RC glider competitions and they happily left behind reference matrices, lot's of paper, spreadsheets, and calculators as well as the additional time to create and use them.

### **GliderScore is a stand-alone program for multiple competition formats**

- creates an excellent draw
- produces draw reports, scoring sheets and score cards
- allows easy entry of flight data and instantly calculate scores
- produces up to date competition results at any time
- allows emailing of draw reports and final results to all competition pilots
- allows for any last minute changes on the day and during the competition
- integrates audio, timing and digital clock display to run the competition
- has a built in eScoring system to submit scores using smart phones.

This last function went unused until the spring of 2020 when Covid-19 brought about restrictions of distancing and elimination of contact.

CD's needed to resolve these challenges and recognised this was significant part of the solution. Thanks go to Tony Merritt for F5J and Paul Robinson for F3K in pioneering its use in the UK.

Since inception Gerry has used the feedback from enthusiastic users and his own initiative to continuously develop GliderScore adding functions. Taking it from desirable to essential and done an incredible job making the system as easy to use as possible.

His ability to promptly answer questions raised from countries around the world more often than not in a different time zone to his, in Melbourne Australia, puts him among a select few that have enabled so many to reduce the workload, efficiently organise and better enjoy their sport and hobby.

The Eppler Trophy is presented for "Innovation" that is, the introduction of new things, ideas or ways of doing something.

I therefore propose that Gerry Carter is a worthy choice and be awarded the Eppler Trophy.

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**The Eppler Trophy**  
for Technical Achievement