

Parachuting fanatic is back in the harness to prove a point!

Les needs sponsorship as he trains for the World Parachute Accuracy Championships after securing his place in the British Team at the age of 60, having retired from the sport in 2001.

Les Carrol has a passion for precision parachuting, and is a multiple national champion with appearances at nine world championships spread over two decades.

In 2017 he achieved second place in the British National Championships in Accuracy in Swansea. He was placed second, just 1 cm away from the gold medal top spot.

This achievement automatically qualified him for the British Team at the World Accuracy Championships which take place in Bulgaria, August 2018.

Les needs help to find sponsorship to fund this phenomenal opportunity to represent his country and achieve his dream.

He is now in training with the British Team competing with the high performing professionals, which in some cases are decades younger than him. He is the former British record holder of 1989, with a score of only 0.02cm over 10 jumps. This has been achieved on several occasions.

Accuracy skydiving involves jumping from a plane at 3,500 ft as an individual or part of a team, controlling your jump with the aim of landing your heel on a 2cm dead centre (0.00). Maximum score on each jump 16cm. Each competitor has 8 – 10 jumps and the distance away from the dead centre on each jump is accumulated. The lowest score is deemed the winner. The scoring target is an electronic pad with readout for spectators to see.

Such is Les's determination he has self-funded his training programme along with other out of pockets expenses like food and accommodation to ensure he and the GB team get the best possible coaching and training facilities to give them the competitive edge.

Les also competes at The World Cup Series, which is open to 45 teams from across the world with five men in each team in six different countries, Croatia, Slovenia, Germany, Italy, Austria and Switzerland. Les is setting himself a goal – a top 10 overall place in the World Cup Series. This competition is self-funded and Les competes as an individual (invited to join other teams) Les needs to compete at this level to be able to improve his competitive preparations.



Although there is some funding available from the British Parachute Association (BPA) for the World Championships, it falls short of the total spend needed to compete at this level.

Les trains locally at Dunkerswell Aerodrome near his home town of Tiverton and attends Petroc Gym with his son, Luke aged 27 who has planned his Gym programme to get him into shape for the mammoth task ahead.

The British Championships are in April 2018 so time is tight to get all the training in and hold down his full-time role as project manager with LCM Environmental Limited, Uffculme Devon. His goal is to be British Champion and regain his British Accuracy record.

Les commented; "The Company have been extremely supportive in allowing me time off to attend these competitions. I ensure that I put in the hours and give 110% in respect of their flexibility.

"My family have also been great as this has taken over my life now and become my focus. I am extremely grateful to them for their continued support and understanding. This means a great deal to me to prove, not only to myself that I can do this and compete with today's elite, hard-core skydiving professionals, but also to others that it's never too late to give up on your dreams."

"If I can achieve my goal this year then 2019 goals will be 2019 British Champion for the consecutive year, World Cup Series Medallist, World Cup Championships Argentina, Champion."

If you want to get behind and support the GB Team and help with sponsorship please contact Les via email lesclasscoaching@hotmail.com All sponsorship money will be spent on the training and coaching. Visit www.lescarrollskydiving.wordpress.com/about/ to find out more about what you get from your investment.

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