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Seven Day Week Operations

Our summer instructor Lucas Bottin has arrived and seems to have recovered from jet lag, so should be available for booking.

Our visiting German pilot Stefan Langer has posted more good videos on his flying with us:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSeYIP0AtMA>

Lucas, Stefan and Tim Bromhead came for fish and chips last Friday night: all of them nice company and very approachable. Tim flies BA and has the white van.



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The unremitting wind has meant that vertical surfaces such as the Kaimais and the West Coast have been used to ensure good lift.

Last Saturday we decamped to Thames airfield and launched from there, with the goal being the longest straight-line run, plus points for pushing out from the Kaimais to turn points.

It was a great little excursion, one which I think we could easily do on another day.

It's about an hour's drive, plus rigging time.



Results are on-line, at:

https://www.soaringspot.com/en_gb/auckland-soaring-championships-drury-2020/results/open/task-4-on-2020-01-08/total

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Overall results for Enterprise after task 4

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Task Meteo Daily **Total**

#	OP	CN	Contestant	Glider	Total
1		VZ	Patrick Driessen	JS 1c	1,988
2		BA	Tim Bromhead	DG300	1,829
3		BI	Stefan Langer	Discus 2b	1,804
4		KT	Steve Wallace	Mosquito	1,432
5	^ 3	BF	Simon Gault	Arcus M	1,044
6	^ 1	OZ	Anton Lawrence	DG 300	1,041
7	^ 3	BH	Ross Gaddes	Ventus 2a	883
8	v 3	HM	Dane Dickinson	Libelle	810
9	v 3	DK	Derek Kraak	ASG 29	790
10	^ 1	RT	Russel Thorne	ASG 29	766
11	v 3	DX	Schofield & Derold	Duo Discus	703
12	^ 1	ML	Derek Shipley	Std Jantar	581
13	v 1	BZ	David Todd	Ventus 2Cxt	559
14	^ 4	GB	Nigel McPhee	ASW 27	495
15	^ 1	SP	Neil Harker	Ventus bT	468
16	v 2	BL	Matt Findlay	ASW 20BL	342
17	v 2	XY	Callum Dodds	PW-6	300
18		NR	Graham Player	Apis 13	286

Rob and the PW-5 fell off the bottom of the page, but good on him.

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Emma's Youth Glide camp report

Omarama 2019 was quite the experience. Unlike last years camp, I was able to properly appreciate the scenery, the beauty of it and what it does for us instead of worrying about my (at the time slightly questionable, oops) circuits. Though the unfortunate weather stumped flying time, i still had a handful of amazing flights. The amount i've learned from these varying conditions is insane as there was never a day even remotely similar.

2 days that stood out the most consisted of a day with a 25kts SW crosswind and strong wave along with rough rotas with a climb rate of roughly 15000/2000 ft a minute; and a very strong ridge day, weak and chopped up thermals with heavy sink and the wave dumping on us with convergence too.

These days were one of the most challenging ones as the weather was difficult to read and changed very quickly. I was practicing my simulated paddock landing out on riverside as we decided this day would be perfect to do so. We set off after having a ground briefing and took off expecting a few thermals here and there as it was still early morning. However, when we released we instantly shot up into the sky as we had been released in wave! It was an incredibly smooth ride and we ascended like a rocket. This was great on any other day, yet we were trying to go down instead of staying up. The wave ended up helping as we struggled immensely trying to find the paddock. After finally finding it we completed our 6 S checks and downwind checks and headed in to land after deciding to descend on the right hand side. I realised only on base that we had chosen the wrong side and got caught in a bit of a pickle. We were undershooting and being blown off too far to the left due to the crosswind and wind gradient. This was the most noticeable one i had ever flown in and was quite the experience. We managed to land as best as we could on a very narrow (small car width) and rocky strip with rabbit holes and prickly bushes adorning the area.

My favourite flight, possibly ever was very interesting. Earlier in the day I went up and flew along the very busy Buscot Ridge. The lift on the ridge was the best I could find as the thermals earlier on were chopped up and very weak with heavy surrounding sink. The strength of lift and cloud formations along with wind direction were regularly changing. I later took off again in the evening around 18:30 to find this flight to be one of the most beautiful and difficult, ever. The golden sun was piercing through the mountains and oozing through the valley. The sea breeze was beginning to creep in, and as we took off the thermals had already died away but the convergence was still slightly working, We struggled, barely hanging in the thermals, climbing slowly with a high of 3 kts. It must've been the hardest I've ever worked to stay up but one of the most beneficial and beautiful flights. We fought hard, travelling over to the ridge looking for scraps or small thermals. With a whole lot of luck, motivation and excitement for dinner (especially dessert, Kim's famous brownies) we managed to stay up for just over an hour.

I left Omarama with with more than I ever imagined possible! An experience to remember.

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Btraced Tracking Phone App *– useful for all pilots*

Competitors et al,

As we make preparations for the AE2020 Championships, a word about the Flight Tracking to be used as the primary facility to enable those on the ground, particularly the contest volunteers, to view your real time progress through the flight, and keep you safely in touch, when outside of VHF coverage from Drury.

Recently proven during the GrandPrix@Matamata, you need to setup the phone app Btraced and securely mount the phone in the glider, normally with a suction rig that provides a good signal, clear of carbon fibre, to the mobile phone network.

Tell your crew, partner, friends and family the tracking website is www.gliding.net.nz/tracking which priorities the signals from Btraced/Spot/FLARM. This app is free to iPhone users and \$2.69 for Android fans from the App store.

Our cherished Glider Technologist and Van Expert, Tim Bromhead, has setup instructions here <http://gliding.co.nz/how-to-set-up-cell-tracking/>

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ROSTERS – DUTY PILOT

DUTY PILOT ROSTER Ed 7 OCTOBER 2019 to JANUARY 2020 iss. 24/09/2019					
		Duty Pilot	Cycle	Helper	Cycle
Sat	5-Oct	Gerard Robertson	3		
Sun	6-Oct	Jason Williams	3		
Sat	12-Oct	Peter Himmel	3		
Sun	13-Oct	Rob Meili	3		
Sat	19-Oct	Tony Noble	3		
Sun	20-Oct	Caleb Rosvall	3		
Sat	26-Oct	Peter Wooley	3		
Sun	27-Oct	John Robertson	3		
Sat	2-Nov	Pat Driessen	1	Bourne Buchanan	H-3
Sun	3-Nov	Nigel McPhee	1	Geraldine Dumas	H
Sat	9-Nov	Murray Wardell	1	Lawrence Allen	H
Sun	10-Nov	Callum Dodds	3	Noah Bullen-Smith	H
Sat	16-Nov	Paul O'Neill-Gregory	1	Nathan Montano	H-3
Sun	17-Nov	Ross Gaddes	1	Stephen Barfoot	H-3
Sat	23-Nov	Ross J Taylor	1	Bourne Buchanan	H-3
Sun	24-Nov	Russell Thorne	1	Geraldine Dumas	H
Sat	30-Nov	Roy Innes	1	Lawrence Allen	H
Sun	1-Dec	Seamus Breen	1	Noah Bullen-Smith	H
Sat	7-Dec	Allen Pendergrast	3	Nathan Montano	H-3
Sun	8-Dec	Brian Ruddell	3	Stephen Barfoot	H-3
Sat	14-Dec	Bruce Barber	3		
Sun	15-Dec	Isaac Bell	3		
Sat	21-Dec	Dylan Watson	3		
Sun	22-Dec	Geof Green	3		
Sat	28-Dec	Gerard Robertson	3		
Sun	29-Dec	Greg Balle	3		
Sat	4-Jan	In Cheol Kim	3		
Sun	5-Jan	Jason Shields	3		
Sat	11-Jan	Lois Kok	3		
Sun	12-Jan	Matthew Williams	3		
Sat	18-Jan	Jason Williams	3		
Sun	19-Jan	Josh Park	3		
Sat	25-Jan	Peter Himmel	3		
Sun	26-Jan	Lal Busher	3		

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DUTY PILOT ROSTER Ed 1.0 Feb 2020 to May 2020					
Day	Date	DUTY PILOT	Cycle	HELPER	Cycle
Sat	1-Feb	Allen Pendergrast	3	Noah Bullen-Smith	H
Sun	2-Feb	Brian Ruddell	3	Dylan Perry	H
Sat	8-Feb	Caleb Rosvall	3		
Sun	9-Feb	Callum Dodds	3		
Sat	15-Feb	Colin Bryan	3		
Sun	16-Feb	Dylan Watson	3		
Sat	22-Feb	Geof Green	3		
Sun	23-Feb	Geraldine Dumas	3		
Sat	29-Feb	Gerard Robertson	3	Noah Bullen-Smith	H
Sun	1-Mar	Greg Balle	3	Dylan Perry	H
Sat	7-Mar	In Cheol Kim	3		
Sun	8-Mar	Jason Shields	3		
Sat	14-Mar	Jason Williams	3		
Sun	15-Mar	John Robertson	3		
Sat	21-Mar	Jolyon Reeves	3		
Sun	22-Mar	Kate Farrant	3		
Sat	28-Mar	Keith Malkin	3		
Sun	29-Mar	Lois Kok	3		
Sat	4-Apr	Lal Busher	3	Noah Bullen-Smith	H
Sun	5-Apr	Matthew Williams	3	Dylan Perry	H
Sat	11-Apr	Peter Himmel	3		
Sun	12-Apr	Patrick Brennan	3		
Sat	18-Apr	Stephen Barfoot	3		
Sun	19-Apr	Rob Meili	3		
Sat	25-Apr	Ross Jones	3		
Sun	26-Apr	Nathan Montano	3		
Sat	2-May	Tony Noble	3	Noah Bullen-Smith	H
Sun	3-May	Vincent Vingerhoeds	1	Dylan Perry	H
Sat	9-May	John Bayliss	1		
Sun	10-May	Andy Campbell	1		
Sat	16-May	Anton Lawrence	1		
Sun	17-May	Bradley Greer	1		
Sat	23-May	Campbell McIver	1		
Sun	24-May	Christian Derold	1		
Sat	30-May	Conal Edwards	1		
Sun	31-May	Dale Maxwell	1		

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ROSTERS – TOW PILOT



Auckland Gliding Club Towing Roster (191106)

		0930-1330	1330-1800
Sat	12-Oct-19	Currency	Graham Cochrane
Sun	13-Oct-19	Wayne Thomas	Wayne Thomas
Sat	19-Oct-19	John Bongrain	
Sun	20-Oct-19	Ron Burr	Currency
Sat	26-Oct-19	Currency	Currency
Sun	27-Oct-19	Pat Driessen	Currency
Sat	2-Nov-19	Currency	Currency
Sun	3-Nov-19	Currency	Graham Cochrane
Sat	9-Nov-19	John Bongrain	Tim Dennis
Sun	10-Nov-19	Ron Burr	
Sat	16-Nov-19	Wayne Thomas	Wayne Thomas
Sun	17-Nov-19	Pat Driessen	Graham Cochrane
Sat	23-Nov-19	Currency	Currency
Sun	24-Nov-19	Andy Campbell	Graham Cochrane
Sat	30-Nov-19	John Bongrain	Tim Dennis
Sun	1-Dec-19	Ron Burr	Wayne Thomas
Sat	7-Dec-19	Wayne Thomas	Wayne Thomas
Sun	8-Dec-19	Pat Driessen	Graham Cochrane
Sat	14-Dec-19	Wayne Thomas	Wayne Thomas
Sun	15-Dec-19	Pat Driessen	Graham Cochrane
Sat	21-Dec-19	John Bongrain	Tim Dennis
Sun	22-Dec-19	Ron Burr	Wayne Thomas
Sat	28-Dec-19	Currency	Currency
Sun	29-Dec-19		Graham Cochrane
Sat	4-Jan-20	Currency	Currency
Sun	5-Jan-20	Andy Campbell	Graham Cochrane
Sat	11-Jan-20	John Bongrain	Tim Dennis
Sun	12-Jan-20	Ron Burr	Wayne Thomas
Sat	18-Jan-20	Currency	Currency
Sun	19-Jan-20	Pat Driessen	Graham Cochrane
Sat	25-Jan-20	Currency	Currency
Sun	26-Jan-20	Andy Campbell	Graham Cochrane
Sat	1-Feb-20	John Bongrain	Tim Dennis
Sun	2-Feb-20	Ron Burr	Wayne Thomas
Sat	8-Feb-20	Currency	Currency
Sun	9-Feb-20	Pat Driessen	Currency
Sat	15-Feb-20	Currency	Currency
Sun	16-Feb-20	Andy Campbell	Graham Cochrane
Sat	22-Feb-20	John Bongrain	Tim Dennis
Sun	23-Feb-20	Ron Burr	Wayne Thomas
Sat	29-Feb-20	Currency	Currency
Sun	1-Mar-20	Pat Driessen	Currency