



OMARAMA CLUB NEWSLETTER JULY 2016

Here we are half way through winter which, so far in Canterbury at least, has been a mild one. Not so good for the keen skiers and there is more snow in the picture above than present on the ski fields right now, but hang in there - more frequent southerlies are predicted for August!



Congratulations to Yvonne Loader, Roger Harris and Gavin Wills on being made the first honorary members of Youth Glide New Zealand in recognition and acknowledgement of their valuable contribution to Youth Glide activities.

Thanks Guys! I personally was extremely 'chuffed' to receive such an honour and I am sure Roger and Gavin were too.

GNZ FEE CHANGES

As outlined in the Booklet/ Agenda for the GNZ Conference there was a remit for the GNZ basis of fees to be changed. The Remits were passed at the Gliding New Zealand Conference held last month and this affects us all.

Glider Fee

A \$95 annual Glider Fee has been introduced to recognise there is a cost to Gliding NZ in administering the glider fleet. With the introduction of this new charge, the Flying member Annual Subscription is then reduced to \$95. This was considered to be a fairer way of distributing GNZ's costs, by one fee struck for each glider as well as each member.

Juniors - The following remits were passed:

- 1. All GNZ junior members automatically become YGNZ members, with the YGNZ membership fee being administered by GNZ.*
- 2. YGNZ members pay for their own Soaring NZ magazine, administered by GNZ.*
- 3. YGNZ members' under the age of 26 who are in full-time study have their annual GNZ subscription waived.*
- 4. YGNZ members working full-time pay the normal GNZ annual subscription for full flying members, less the YGNZ membership fee.*
- 5. That individual club membership and flying fee concessions to juniors be determined by the clubs themselves.*

In summary, GNZ have removed the onus on clubs surrounding concessions to Juniors, while retaining subsidies from GNZ. Extended the qualifying age but reduced the subsidies by requiring Juniors' to pay for their magazine. Changed the criteria for 'Juniors' to "in full-time study", while still providing a small subsidy for YGNZ members in full-time work. GNZ collect Youth Glide flying subs on behalf of YGNZ to assist with their administration - all YGNZ subs collected will be passed on to YGNZ in full.

Youth Glide NZ is a not-for-profit organisation run by volunteers. The \$30 YGNZ sub allows a person under 26 to attend YGNZ events. This is the gateway to accessing grants, donations, subsidies and discounted rates received by YGNZ.



Summary of Fees

GLIDING NZ				<i>"Family"</i>	
Annual Subscriptions 2016-17				<i>Members</i>	
				<i>Exempt</i>	
Membership Type	Criteria	GNZ Sub	YGNZ Sub	Soaring NZ mag	Total Subs
Glider	on NZ register @ 31 Oct	95	-	-	95
Flying	on GNZ register @ 31 Oct	95	-	75	170
Junior	Under 26 & in full-time study	-	30	75	105
<i>Under 26 & working full time pay a full Flying membership but GNZ will pay their YGNZ sub - this will happen automatically</i>					

The OGC Membership renewals will be sent out shortly with the newly implemented GNZ charges above being applicable plus the OGC membership fees for 2016/2017 being:

Full flying membership Primary and Associate (including under 26 year olds in full time work) - \$230.00

Full flying membership Primary and Associate for those under 26 in full time study - \$115.00

Private glider owners will have the glider charge of \$95.00 billed to their OGC membership renewal accounts. Bruce Graham will be in touch with glider syndicate owners to establish how they want the GNZ glider charge to be billed.

Social membership is unchanged at \$50.00. (*For new members joining after 1st February the usual half yearly discounts apply*).

Whew!! Fortunately our Accounts person, Sally, is “on to it” and working on getting the accounts out to you in the next week or so. If on receiving your account you have any queries please refer these to Bruce Graham in the first instance.

Your prompt response to paying your Membership renewal would be greatly appreciated.



Membership changes:

CJ (McCaw) has changed his membership status to Primary full membership and although Alex McCaw has just resigned his membership of the OGC pending a planned couple of years in the UK, we would take this opportunity to wish him all the best for competing successfully in the Lithuania World Club Class competition alongside Nick Oakley of the CGC.

What is happening currently?

- Please let us know if you wish to fly OGC gliders in the SI Regionals *as soon as possible*.
- Ventus DR is at Springfield for the winter months.
- With the S80 vario in DR proving so popular your committee is in the process of applying for grant assistance to purchase another S80 for ZS – the outcome of which is yet to be determined.
- The Executive will be discussing establishing the demand for the club single seaters as utilisation will need to increase if we are to keep 2.
- The first Executive meeting of the new season will be held in October if any member has something they wish to have discussed.



KEEP YOURSELVES WARM - YVONNE