

WARM AIR 17 Feb 18

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:	Club Cellphone 022 357 6731	www.ascgliding.org
Saturday	Instructing: Ivor Woodfield Towing: Fletcher McKenzie Duty Pilot: Thomas O'Rourke	Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000
Sunday	Instructing: Lionel Page Towing: Peter Thorpe Duty Pilot: Rahul Bagchi	

MEMBERS NEWS

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

It looked like this, both days and all day. You will all be surprised to learn there was no flying.

FROM THE TREASURY....DEMANDS WITH MENACES

On a more serious note - just a reminder that the final installment for subs are due by the end of this month (February) and the flying privileges will be revoked if they fall overdue - no payment - no flying. (We need to do this as we really do not want to be chasing subs.) Any queries - please contact Lionel (lionelpnz@gmail.com or 021 534103)

THE NATIONALS *Steve Wallace competed and sent in this report:*

The Multiclass Nationals were held in Matamata from Jan 27 to Feb 10. This year we had two ASC members competing with myself in the Open Class and Steve Foreman in the Racing Class. Under the new rules the two classes tend to divide into either long wing high performance gliders in the Open and shorter wing medium performance gliders in the Racing (normally what happens in the South Island) or 'Advanced' pilots in medium to high performance gliders in the Open and 'Intermediate' level pilots in medium to low performance gliders in the Racing Class (normally what happens in the North Island - which was the case this year).

We had 9 days flying out of a possible 14 in moderate to weak weather but we did get fantastic variety in the flying. On some days we flew to the South West down the western side of Lake Taupo to as far as Turangi, we flew to the South East as far as Murupara on the far side of the Kaiangaroa Forrest, we flew North as far as Thames and North West as far as the West Coast Coast between Raglan and Port Waikato. Winning distances were as low as 166km and as high as 427km with winning speeds usually over 100kph and as high as 146kph. We flew in thermal, convergence, ridge and wave; often utilizing two or more of these forms of lift in one flight. Every day was a



weather puzzle that the contestants had to piece together in conjunction with correctly aligned competition tactics if one was to do well and get home.

Meals were hosted in the clubhouse every evening and a number of evening lectures were also provided by multiple world junior and Australian National champion Matthew Scutter on topics as diverse as weather forecasting (Matt is lead developer for SkySight.io), MacReady theory, team and gaggle flying.

Both Steve Foreman and myself finished up third in our respective classes which I believe to be credible results given the caliber of the pilots we were flying against. All winners were well deserved and it was especially pleasing to see two youth-glide pilots, Campbell McIver and Alle Thompson take out the national Racing Class title and trophy.

You can see related photos by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/piakoglidingclub/sets/72157665607395718>

NZ NATIONALS RACING CLASS *Steve Foreman competed*

Practise day was a slow day i seem to take forever to get ready and was in the air around 2pm. After that each day was faster down 30 minutes to get ready some days with water and all before the 10am briefing each



morning tasks, weather and placings for the previous day, and on the grid at 11am with first lunacy around 11.45 - 2pm.

It was a great comp again with lots of variety thanks to the weather, we had thermal days altho not great strengths, we had 1 wave day which I had got home way to early which in the end reduces your points for the day. Another wave day on the last day turned out not to be a wave day

We had a couple of ridge days of which ASC had 2 day winners Steve W and myself (my only day win for

the comp), we had 8 days of taskable conditions

I keep up the out landing practise at the comp with 4 great paddocks, one paddock that I returned to twice 16km short of the finish after more than 200km each time. Another one 20km after the start. The last one on the last day after the 3rd launch because I was chasing Steven Care for 2nd place which ended in a no scoring day





What I learnt from this comp is be ready from day one and a few points here and there can make a huge difference in the end, one never knows when the weather will turn to custard which it did the last few days which were cancelled,

It was competitive flying against the Duo Discus, longer glides to get to the better clouds without stopping. In saying that you have to have the skills to match

Campbell McIvor (22) and Allie Thompson (15) won the Racing

Class with a comfortable lead approx 1000 points ahead of 2nd Steve Care and 3rd myself trailing by 49 points





Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar 2018

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot	Notes
Jan	20	S HAY	S WALLACE	J WAGNER	
	21	T THOMPSON	P THORPE	F MCKENZIE	
Auckland Anniversary	27	R WHITBY	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE	
	28	K BHASHYAM	R CARSWELL	C ROOK	
	29	R STRUYCK	L PAGE	D BELCHER	
Waitangi Weekend	3	S FOREMAN	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	
	4	C DICKSON	L PAGE	G LAKE	
	6	B MOORE	R CARSWELL	R HEYNIKE	
	10	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	J WAGNER	
	11	I BURR	P THORPE	C ROOK	
	17	T O'ROURKE	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE	
	18	R BAGCHI	L PAGE	P THORPE	
	24	J POTE	S WALLACE	G LAKE	
	25	R STRUYCK	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE	
Mar	3	R WHITBY	I WOODFIELD	J WAGNER	
	4	C DICKSON	R BURNS	R CARSWELL	
	10	I BURR	P THORPE	D BELCHER	
	11	S HAY	R CARSWELL	C ROOK	
	17	T THOMPSON	S WALLACE	F MCKENZIE	
	18	S FOREMAN	L PAGE	D BELCHER	
	24	K BHASHYAM	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE	5 Sqn ATC
	25	R STRUYCK	R BURNS	G LAKE	