



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL**

**LOTS OF CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER AS MUCH HAS BEEN HAPPENING!!**

**Gavin Wrigley – 2019 National Club Class Champion. Well done Griz!**



**Contest Director, Vivienne, presenting the Club Class Champion trophy to Gavin**



**Sabrina Schels** flew a flight that qualified for many goal badge achievements including the 500km but more importantly surpassed Yvonne's 300km Out and Return NZ Feminine record set in 1981.

**Trevor Mollard and Les Vorosmarthy** who flew the DUO in the South Island Championships winning the trophy for the highest scoring club owned glider.



### **South Island Championships 2019**

Another great 'fun' contest run by the Omarama Gliding Club organised by Nigel Davey. Profits made from the contest, fines and donations will be donated from the Omarama Gliding Club to the Youth Glide winch project.



**NIGEL WITH JAN RAE**



**Phil Plane**





ALEX BOYES AND GRAHAM ERIKSON READY TO LAUNCH



**A BIG WELCOME to new members:**

Richard Johnson, Timaru  
 Sabrina Schels, Omarama  
 Brad Pattison, Gig Harbour, USA  
 Cameron Wayne, Christchurch  
 Malcolm King, Sydney  
 Remy Vicedo, Omarama  
 Stefan Uher, Czech Republic  
 Jonathon Wardman – rejoin.

**HOT NEWS:** Jonathon is about to qualify as an Air Traffic Controller and will be working at Invercargill Airport. Well done Jono – hope you enjoy a long and very rewarding career!!

**Thanks to The Southern Trust for granting \$3,000 towards the purchase of a Trig TT22 transponder for UO.** Most of you will be aware of the CAA requirement to upgrade transponders to ADS-B IN-OUT by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021. As the transponder in UO was not currently serviceable the decision was made to purchase a new compliant model now. The contribution by The Southern Trust was received with our grateful thanks.



## Yvonne's Queen's birthday Honour Award Investiture



Attending the very elegant Government House in Wellington for my Queen's birthday Honours Investiture in September was a once in a lifetime experience. The Citation detailing my aviation service, and in particular to gliding, was read out before I was presented with the Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit medal by the

Governor General, Dame Patsy Reddy - a very special and memorable occasion.



Marking 50 years since the Moon landing, NASA astronaut, Dr Anna Fisher, gave an insightful and inspiring Lecture at the University of Canterbury.

Dr Anna Fisher spoke of her desire to be an astronaut when she was 12 years old but with no females being accepted into the space programme it wasn't an option when she left college so she took up medicine specialising in emergency medicine and gained a BA in chemistry. It was when NASA changed their programme to include 'specialist astronauts' that the door opened for female astronauts.

Now retired, Dr Anna Fisher is one of the first female astronauts selected by NASA in January 1978. After a year of training and evaluation she was a mission specialist on STS-51A launched 8<sup>th</sup> November 1984 becoming the first "Mum" in space as the flight followed soon after the birth of her first Daughter. During the mission the crew deployed two satellites and retrieved two for return to earth completing 127 orbits and logging a total of 192 hours in space, landing at Kennedy Space Centre on the 16<sup>th</sup> November 1984. During her career Dr Anna Fisher worked on the Space Shuttle Program, the International Space Station, and the Orion capsule that is being

developed for NASA's future Space Launch System. Additionally, she was a crew representative to support space shuttle integrated testing and payload testing. During the early phase of building the International Space Station, she was the chief of the Space Station branch.

We were given a glimpse into the future with Space Stations being established on the Moon and Mars and the new era launching capsules currently under development. I felt very privileged to meet her.

### **SOMETHING SPECIAL HAS HAPPENED**

Billy Walker's Prefect vintage glider has found a new place to be displayed. The mounting project happened the last day of the SI Championships, when the last task day was cancelled due adverse weather, providing an entertaining afternoon.



Nick, Josh, Alex, Nigel A, Terry & Sheena provide a lifting hand





**ZK-GAB in its special place**

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**The Omarama Gliding Club (Inc) Annual General Meeting will be held Saturday the 28th December at Omarama.**



At the AGM a Motion will be put forward by the Executive that the Omarama Gliding Club (Inc) donates \$2,000 towards the Youth Glide winch as having the winch based at Omarama will benefit our members and help to reduce their launch costs. This is separate from the South Island Championship donation which has been raised from the contest pilots.

**HAPPY AND SAFE SOARING – YVONNE**

