

# WARM AIR 19 March 2022

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

### THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday	Instructing:	Lionel Page
	Towing:	Fletcher McKenzie
	Duty Pilot	Krishna Pillai
Sunday	Instructing:	Andrew Fletcher
	Towing:	Gus Cabre
	Duty Pilot	Kishan Bhashyam

### MEMBERS NEWS

*In Warm Air this Week;*

- *Club News*
- *Weekend Reports*
- *Roster and New Roster*

*Thank you for the contributions from members.*

## Club News

Andrew Fletcher (Dash) and Steve Foreman (Hawkeye) are competing in the NZ Grand Prix & MSC Contest at Matamata. They are doing well. Hawkeye had bagged two firsts and Dash two third placings. The competition is very close, and strategy is playing a big part. Well done guys.

You can follow them on

Soaring Spot

[https://www.soaringspot.com/en\\_gb/nz-grand-prix-msc-contest-march-2022-matamata-2022/](https://www.soaringspot.com/en_gb/nz-grand-prix-msc-contest-march-2022-matamata-2022/)

and

[Gliding New Zealand](#)



### Two successful 50K's

Congratulations to Craig and Kazik who have successively completed their 50km X-country attempts out of Matamata to Thames. Not satisfied with that, they did a return to Matamata. You don't get a badge for that bit, but a bloody big smile. Well done chaps. We look forward to hearing in detail.

### Membership and Tow Fees

A reminder to members to check that you have paid for your annual membership fees. There are several members who have either not paid or are overdue to pay their second instalment.

Also, there are some outstanding Aertow fees for some. Our treasurer will be in contact, but in the meantime please check your accounts and make the payments.

### New Roster

The New Roster is attached at the end of the Newsletter.

## Weekend Reports

### Saturday – Ivor Woodfield reports

Blue skies met us as we arrived on Saturday, but low cloud started slowly rolling in almost immediately. Wind was forecast to be light and from the west. In the event, the wind was light and also variable, leading us to start on 26, move briefly to use 08 and then consider changing ends again until the lowering cloud base lead us to stop flying altogether.

We had a small group assembled at the start of the day, including Gus Cabre who was towing, Jonathan Pote, Alex Michael and two more, Craig Best and Kazik Jasica who were wanting to derig GVF into its' trailer ready for a flying trip to Matamata.

Together, the three aircraft we would be using, GMP, GNF and RDW, were all checked and made ready at the 26 threshold, while the caravan was stocked and loaded into place. The wind was quite light, but also variable, meaning that we were seeing a variety of cross and tail winds as well as a gusty headwind. The first flight was a standard circuit with Jonathan, which all went after quite a shallow climb out. He was then going to take a 2000' launch but opted for another 1000' circuit due to the changing conditions.

In the meantime, Craig launched in GMP but could find little or no lift and was soon letting the tower know he would soon be landing. At this stage the wind was 10kts from NE, and he asked for a 08 landing, which was agreed to. Jonathan had taken off on 26 and was near the top of the tow, so agreed to also plan for a 08 landing. Over the next few minutes all three aircraft joined the circuit and landed long to arrive back at the caravan.

We decided to take a brief lunch break at this point to see what the weather would do. The wind remained quite variable, and the cloudbase was lowering slowly, with about 80% cover. Alex decided he would take a launch from 26 in GMP, so after a quick check with the tower to confirm they were Ok with the slightly downwind launch he took to the sky. While they were climbing, the wind on the ground came round more to the NW, at least for a while, so RDW was able to fly a standard circuit. Alex managed to find a few light lines of lift, although not enough to extend his flight a great deal, and as no one else was keen to fly we started preparing to pack away.

Alex landed after a good 30 mins of working the weak sky, and we were packed away and locking up by around 1530. Just four launches for the day, with everyone looking forward to better skies in the days ahead, especially for those heading down to Matamata for a week of flying and competition. All the best to all concerned.

### **Sunday – Ray reports on a Flat Day at the club**

A very quiet day. It started with identifying that the front tyre in GNF was a little soft and needed air. Need I go on? Suffice to say about an hour later (after trying every pump ever invented and every valve extender ever made ... including one we modified on the field ... ) we decided the tyre must have a puncture and declared the aircraft u/s and put it away.



I am convinced there is a little-known course that every glider designer goes on. I am sure there are papers at stage 1,2 & 3. The entire purpose is to ensure that no glider designer ever passes the course without understanding the need to make every aeroplane nigh on impossible to maintain. (What is it with these guys?). I think they start with tyre valves and work their way up to unheard of gubbins buried in wings.

With VF out of action there was only one other taker for GMP and he very graciously decided that it was not worth the effort getting everything ready for just one flight so we called it a day.

GMP was de-rigged and Kazik and Craig departed for MA to try for their 50km flights. Craig managed it on Monday and Kazik on Tuesday.

**A big congratulations to you both**

## Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Mar	5	R BAGCHI	P THORPE	G CABRE
	6	T O'ROURKE	S WALLACE	P EICHLER
	12	M MORAN	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE
	13	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	R CARSWELL
	19	K PILLAI	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE
	20	K BHASHYAM	A FLETCHER	G CABRE
	26	T PRENTICE	P THORPE	D BELCHER
	27	C BEST	R BURNS	P EICHLER

## Duty Roster For Apr, May, Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Apr	2	E LEAL SCHWENKE	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE
	3	R MCMILLAN	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE
	9	A MICHAEL	A FLETCHER	G CABRE
	10	R WHITBY	S WALLACE	F MCKENZIE
Easter	15	C DICKSON	L PAGE	D BELCHER
	16	K JASICA	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL
	17	J DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE
	18	S HAY	A FLETCHER	R CARSWELL
Anzac Weekend	23	R BAGCHI	S WALLACE	G CABRE
	24	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	P THORPE
		M MORAN	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE
	30	I O'KEEFE	P THORPE	R CARSWELL

May	1	K PILLAI	A FLETCHER	D BELCHER
	7	K BHASHYAM	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE
	8	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	P EICHLER
	14	C BEST	R BURNS	G CABRE
	15	E LEAL SCHWENKE	L PAGE	P THORPE
	21	R MCMILLAN	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE
	22	A MICHAEL	A FLETCHER	P EICHLER
	28	R WHITBY	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER
	29	C DICKSON	S WALLACE	F MCKENZIE
Queens Birthday	4	K JASICA	R BURNS	R CARSWELL
	5	J DICKSON	L PAGE	G CABRE
	6	S HAY	P THORPE	D BELCHER
	11	R BAGCHI	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	12	T O'ROURKE	I WOODFIELD	P EICHLER
	18	M MORAN	R BURNS	D BELCHER
	19	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	F MCKENZIE
Matariki	24	K PILLAI	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	25	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE
	26	T PRENTICE	A FLETCHER	P EICHLER