

# WARM AIR 15 October 2022

## Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

**THIS WEEKEND:** [www.ascgliding.org](http://www.ascgliding.org) [ASC Gliding | Facebook](#) Bank Acct 38-9014-0625483-000

Saturday	Instructing:	S Wallace
	Towing:	R Heynike
	Duty Pilot	I O'Keefe
Sunday	Instructing:	R Burns
	Towing:	D Belcher
	Duty Pilot	K Pillai

### MEMBERS NEWS

*In Warm Air this Week;*

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- Roster

*Thank you for the pictures, stories and contributions from members.*

## Club News

### Annual General Meeting & Season Soaring Brief This Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 9:30Am – Club Rooms

The Annual General Meeting shall take place this Saturday. All members are invited and encouraged to attend the AGM. This is an important opportunity to hear and ask questions from the club committee on the achievements, the direction, the financials and fleet status of your club. We would also encourage members to join the committee. If you are interested in looking at last year's minutes, which will need to be approved at this year's meeting, they can be found on our website [Aviation Sports Club - Gliding](http://www.aviationsportsclub.co.nz). Under the 'Members' tab, click on 'Member Information', and in there go to the 'committee minutes' folder, then 'AGM' and look in the 2021 folder for "Draft AGM Dec 12 2021 minutes.pdf". Otherwise email our Secretary Ivor Woodfield and he will assist.

**Season Soaring Safety Briefing** – In conjunction and following the AGM, the Season Soaring Safety Briefing will also take place. This is an important safety briefing for all. So, if you are intending to go soaring this season, please be there for both these important fixtures.

**Labour Weekend Matamata Camp** – The club will be making its annual pilgrimage to Matamata for the long weekend. So, if you wish to do some magnificent soaring, run the Kaimai ridge, experience different scenery and share good company, come on down for the weekend or even a day.

Now could you please let Club Captain know your intentions and can you take a glider trailer (to or from Matamata), will you be there for the weekend? And former ASC member Genny has offered and mentioned a dinner at the Piako club should we be interested and have enough members. Please contact Kishan ASAP via email [kishan@bhashyam.co.nz](mailto:kishan@bhashyam.co.nz) and let him know. This will help greatly with logistics and planning. Kishan will be trying to finalise numbers and logistics this Saturday and the singles will need to be de-rigged Sunday after flying.

## Weekend Club Reports

### Saturday – Peter Thorpe Reports

I arrived at the gate to find quite a queue of keen members waiting. It seemed the long-winged brigade had decided the conditions were ripe for a cross country foray up north so were wanting to rig. Tow pilot Paul Eichler and duty pilot Thomas O'Rourke were waiting along with Tony, Izzy, Shiv and Alex. It was great to see Thomas looking fit after his recent shoulder surgery.

The cloud base was around 3,000ft and the wind was varying from NW to NE so there was the usual discussion regarding which vector to use but as the power aircraft were using 08 we also decided to follow suit.

We left Ian O'Keefe, David Todd and Hawkeye assembling wings and things and headed for the far end.

Shiv wanted a dual check before he could go solo so we launched at 1130 for a quick check to 1,500ft which was nicely flown so I approved him to go solo later. Next was Izzy who had not flown for a while (about 2 months while she claimed university work took priority or some such lame excuse). A front seat ride for me where I could sit back and enjoy the flight. We planned on a quick 1,500ft flight but the thermal gods were already working and we spent a very pleasant 39 minutes exploring the local area and doing some lazy eights.

During this time all three high speed pursuit ships had launched and were sniffing around the local thermals before heading north. Tony Prentice went off in his PW5 and Alex followed in MP, both enjoying well over an hour.

I then had an instructional flight with Nick Vyle. We planned to look at spinning and spiral dives but our weight combination was such that NF refused to spin and went into a spiral dive after half a turn. We made four or five attempts and then found to our surprise that we were 500ft higher than when we started – there was a humungous thermal over Riverhead that sucked us up to 4,500ft with ease. We then headed out of the lift and tried some stalls with airbrakes open just because we could and to get rid of some of the height. After 34 minutes we returned the aircraft to Shiv who was keen to try the conditions solo. I spent some time briefing Igor and signing off some items on his training record but unfortunately, he had to leave before we could fly. Izzy in MP and Shiv in NF scored 41 and 50 minutes respectively to finish off a very pleasant day. The cross-country warriors returned after about 2 ½ hrs each and we were all packed up by 1630 in time for a quiet drink and chat before heading home.

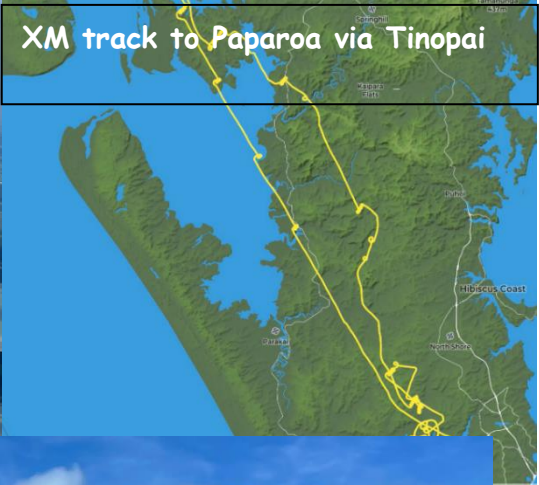
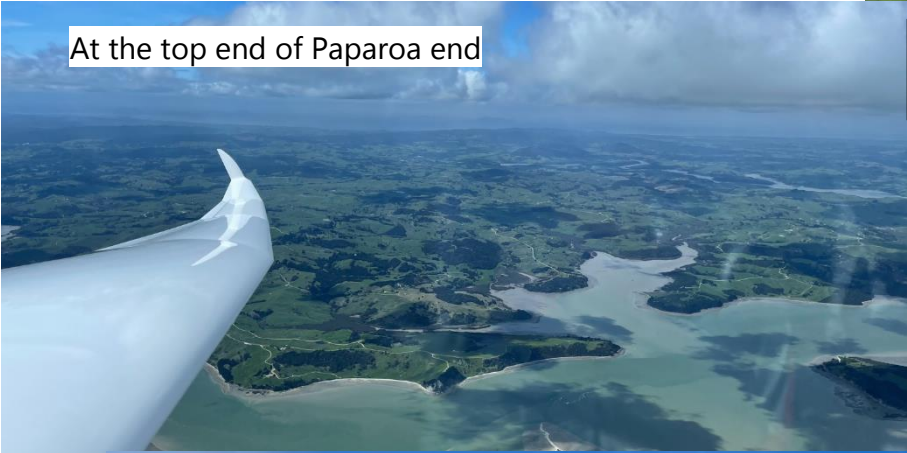
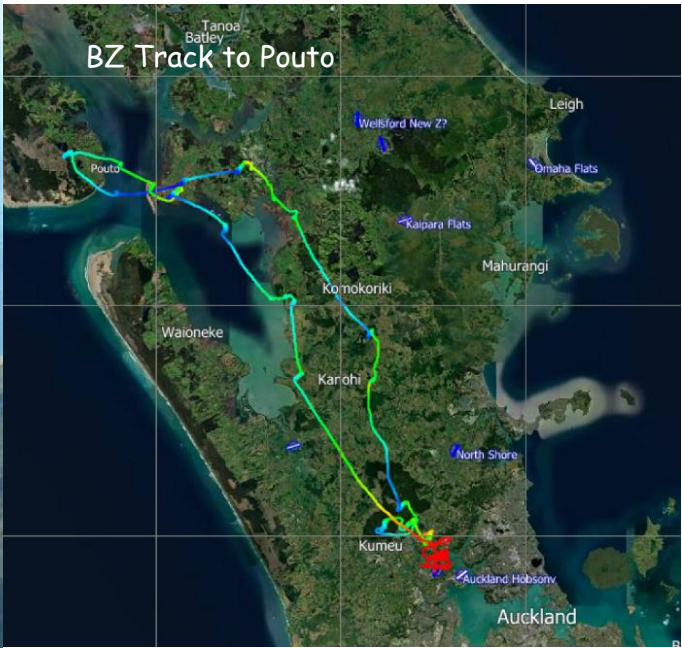


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### Sunday – No Flying Activity



The High-Speed Pursuit Ships Headed North – Soaring in the Kaipara







Mike Papa modelling & posing with its jockeys.



"HU" is that? .... Yes, the mighty Kestrel has been repaired & those long wings will be gracing our skies after her annuals. Kishan will be very happy....

## Duty Roster For Oct,Nov,Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Oct	1	S HAY	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	2	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE
	8	T O'ROURKE	P THORPE	P EICHLER
	9	M MORAN	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	15	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	16	K PILLAI	R BURNS	D BELCHER
Labour W/E	22	K BHASHYAM	L PAGE	P THORPE
	23	T PRENTICE	R BURNS	P THORPE
	24	N VYLE	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	29	D MCGOWAN	A FLETCHER	R CARSWELL
	30	C BEST	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE
Nov	5	R MCMILLAN	P THORPE	D BELCHER
	6	A MICHAEL	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	12	R WHITBY	R BURNS	P THORPE
	13	C DICKSON	A FLETCHER	P EICHLER
	19	K JASICA	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	20	J DICKSON	I WOODFIELD	F MCKENZIE
	26	S HAY	P THORPE	D BELCHER
	27	R BAGCHI	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
Dec	3	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	G CABRE

	4	M MORAN	A FLETCHER	P EICHLER
	10	I O'KEEFE	I WOODFIELD	G CABRE
	11	K PILLAI	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	17	K BHASHYAM	L PAGE	F MCKENZIE
	18	T PRENTICE	P THORPE	G CABRE