

WARM AIR 18 March 2023

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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| Saturday 18 th March | Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot: | P Thorpe R Carswell K Jasica |
| Sunday 19 th March | Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot | L Page R Heynike R Bagchi |

MEMBERS NEWS

In Warm Air this Week;

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

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

Club News

New Roster

Please note a **New Roster** has been produced and is at the back of the Newsletter. Please check and lock into your diaries.

The Great NZ MSC Grand Prix

Starts this weekend and we have the Mosquito Squadron of Andrew Fletcher & Craig Best and Steve Foreman in the mighty Discus 2cT competing. So keep a lookout on the Soaring Spot and Glider Tracking etc to see the flights in action. Good luck chaps.

Weekend Reports

Saturday 11th March - Steve Wallace Reports

The forecast was a 25kt SSW wind and good instability. There had been murmurings of a coast run earlier in the week but with the wind direction looking marginal the call was going to have to be made on the day. So upon arriving the Holfuy App was consulted, RASP was looked at, the ATIS was listened to and we even looked at the sky! With the wind at 220 degrees it was a definite goer so preparations were started. However in the 2 hours it took us to get ready the wind started to trend around to its forecast direction of 210 and then even further to the South. Just as we ready to launch readings of 205, 199 and then even 188 made the final decision easy, the wind and the trend were too far south to risk being out on the coast so we reverted back to Plan B which was local training flights.



The small number of students and active sky however meant each student got as long as they wanted in the air. First up was Ben ready to test out his thermalling and general flying skills on a strong wind day. We returned to the field over an hour later and used a 3 turn spin in the twin to get down from 2,000' to the 1,000' circuit starting height.

Next up was David McGowan who had a nice one and a half hours in the twin to get his thermalling skills very current. Andrew and Kazik then took the twin away for an hour before Ben finished the day by getting the last of his To Solo exercises signed off. Low acceleration on take-off correctly handled before getting low to the south of the airfield saw Ben again making the correct decision and electing to join a left hand downwind for 26 rather than trying to make the usual right hand circuit for 26. So, while not many flights for the day it was still a full day with nearly four and a half hours flying done.

Steve



Sunday 12th March – Andrew Fletcher Reports

Sunday looked like being a soarable but not spectacular day, the hangar was unpacked, aircraft DI's completed and the launch point set up for grass 26. The plan for the day was for Ben Gambaro to complete his first solo.

I spoke with Steve Wallace the previous day and Steve agreed to come over to supervise Ben's first solo. A short check flight for Ben and he was off on his own for the first time for some limited soaring and a well flown return.



Blake Hinds was next up for some soaring and stalling practice, the clouds were now working so we soared for 43 minutes up to around 3000 feet in broken thermals. Blake handled the inconsistent thermals well which enabled some basic stall and wing drop stall practice before returning, resulting in a flight time of 43 minutes.

The experts were now on the scene, well expert, there was only one. Alex Michael in GMP took a launch and stayed away for 1:28 making his way North to Orewa for a semi local flight.



Marley Kuys was next up, this was only the third flight for Marley so I flew the tow to 2000 feet. We established ourselves in the broken thermals, Marley flew well making some good gains in altitude. Turn coordination was the goal so we played a game of too little, too much or just the right amount of rudder to finish the flight, 36 minutes for Marley.

Next was Ben for his second solo, he launched into a not so great looking sky. However Ben showed some skill scratching in the scrappy thermals achieving 37 minutes and over 3000 feet, well done Ben!

Last flight of the day went to Marley, the sky had improved so we were able to soar for 1:14. The flight finished with stalls and then a circuit all flown by Marley, nice work!

So, another instructing day over, Alex took the longest flight and highest altitude with 1:28 mins and 4000 feet. However, I think the achievement of the day quite rightly goes to Ben Gambaro for first solo, well done Ben!!!



Definitely a big thumbs up for Ben. Well done indeed.

Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

| Month | Date | Duty Pilot | Instructor | Tow Pilot |
|-------|------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Mar | 18 | K JASICA | P THORPE | R CARSWELL |
| | 19 | R BAGCHI | L PAGE | R HEYNIKE |
| | 25 | T O'ROURKE | S WALLACE | P THORPE |
| | 26 | I O'KEEFE | I WOODFIELD | D BELCHER |

New Roster

Duty Roster For Apr, May, Jun

| Month | Date | Duty Pilot | Instructor | Tow Pilot |
|--------|------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Apr | 1 | K BHASHYAM | A FLETCHER | D BELCHER |
| | 2 | T PRENTICE | L PAGE | G CABRE |
| Easter | 7 | S CHAND | I BURR | R CARSWELL |
| | 8 | N VYLE | S WALLACE | P THORPE |
| | 9 | D MCGOWAN | I WOODFIELD | D BELCHER |
| | 10 | C BEST | L PAGE | G CABRE |

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| | 15 | R MCMILLAN | P THORPE | R HEYNIKE |
| | 16 | A MICHAEL | R BURNS | G CABRE |
| | 22 | R WHITBY | S WALLACE | R CARSWELL |
| | 23 | K JASICA | I WOODFIELD | P THORPE |
| Anzac Day | 25 | R BAGCHI | A FLETCHER | D BELCHER |
| | 29 | T O'ROURKE | R BURNS | G CABRE |
| | 30 | I O'KEEFE | S WALLACE | R HEYNIKE |
| May | 6 | K BHASHYAM | P THORPE | P EICHLER |
| | 7 | T PRENTICE | I WOODFIELD | R CARSWELL |
| | 13 | S CHAND | L PAGE | P THORPE |
| | 14 | N VYLE | A FLETCHER | D BELCHER |
| | 20 | D MCGOWAN | R BURNS | R HEYNIKE |
| | 21 | C BEST | S WALLACE | P THORPE |
| | 27 | R MCMILLAN | P THORPE | R CARSWELL |
| | 28 | A MICHAEL | I WOODFIELD | P EICHLER |
| Kings Birthday | 3 | R WHITBY | L PAGE | P THORPE |
| | 4 | K JASICA | A FLETCHER | R HEYNIKE |
| | 5 | R BAGCHI | R BURNS | G CABRE |
| | 10 | T O'ROURKE | I WOODFIELD | P EICHLER |
| | 11 | I O'KEEFE | L PAGE | R CARSWELL |
| | 17 | K BHASHYAM | S WALLACE | D BELCHER |
| | 18 | T PRENTICE | P THORPE | G CABRE |
| | 24 | S CHAND | A FLETCHER | P THORPE |
| | 25 | N VYLE | R BURNS | R CARSWELL |