

WARM AIR 17 June 2023

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

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Saturday 17th June	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	S Wallace D Belcher K Bhashyam
Sunday 18th June	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	P Thorpe G Cabre T Prentice

MEMBERS NEWS

In Warm Air this Week;

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

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

Club News

Well, some reasonable soaring took place over last weekend. Sorely needed and nice to see members get out into the crisp but bubbly skies.

*Now there is a **new roster** been issued at the end of this fine publication. So please check and note in your diary, device, AI doofer etc.*

Weekend Reports

Saturday 10 June – Ivor Reports

I met up with Ray and Lionel early for breakfast at the cafe, after which we opened up the field. A cloudless sky made for a very chilly start. The tow plane was still at Parakai, although the good news was that it was all ready to return. Before too long Craig was running Paul out to Parakai, from where he flew it back, and proceeded to do a few circuits to be fully current. By this time a small group had assembled, and we had things ready to go at the 08 end of the field.

First flight of the day was a solo circuit by Ben in GNF to prepare himself for going solo in our PW5. As expected, the cold air was very stable, and he was soon back after a well-executed flight. He then spent the next while under the watchful eye of our CFI getting himself comfortable and ready in GVF. Next flight was with Igor in GNF. The air was unusually smooth, with no lift to be found. Igor managed a good aerotow, hunted without luck for lift and was soon returning for a good landing, happy with the flight.

Next up was Ben in GVF. He flew a good flight throughout, staying aloft for around the same time as others had while including some exercises such as stalls and steep turns as he became familiar with the aircraft, and finishing off with a good landing. Congratulation to Ben on this first flight in a single seater.

Next up looking for lift was Izzy and Shiv. Sadly, for them there was still none to be found, and after the day's average flight time of 14 mins they were landing back at the field.

Next to try his luck with the calm weather was Tony in GBU. Despite his experience in the aircraft and the flying area, he too was unable to find anything but exceptionally stable air and was soon landing back after a "very smooth flight". While he was flying, David took off in GNF. He had not flown for

several weeks and was looking to get some airtime. He flew the entire flight, from launch to landing, flying well throughout and demonstrating that he had not lost any of his skill. Nonetheless, with no useable lift to be found he too was back on the ground in around 15 mins. Next to pit his skills against the weather was Ray, who had not flown for some time and was wanting to regain currency in GNF. Following a flawless aerotow and demonstrating some really smooth flying, Ray achieved easily the longest flight of the day, quite an achievement in the smooth still conditions.

The final flight of the day was with Michal, who has recently taken up gliding with us and is progressing well. He managed to fly much of the aerotow and spent a while practising balance in turns before we were back into the circuit. With Michal at the controls we worked our way through a full circuit and set up for a long landing to return the glider to the hangar. Michal controlled this event well, bringing the glider to a smooth halt at the threshold of 26 as planned.

There was then a brief period of packing away the various gliders and closing things down while Ray took RDW for some currency flights. The day ended around 1630 after a total of 8 glider flights in some wonderfully smooth skies. As it was getting very chilly by this time there was no enthusiasm for storytelling, so we locked up the field and went our separate ways.

From a tow pilots' perspective: Paul Eichler enjoyed smooth flying

Saturday got off to a somewhat confusing start, as I turned up only to be asked who's getting the plane from Parakai?

After we figured out the confusion, and confirmed the serviceability of the tow plane Craig gave me a ride to Parakai to fetch RDW.

I couldn't have asked for a nicer day for flying to bring RDW back, with light winds, clear skies and great views.



After some currency circuits upon my return, I landed and let all the budding glider pilots know the bad news.

It was still. And I mean very still. Zero lift, anywhere. Of course, they didn't believe a tow pilot so all lined up to have a crack, and all landed back down again shortly afterwards!

So overall a pretty good day for me, not so good for gliding! But did I mention how epic the views were?!



Sunday 11 June – Lionel Reports

A beautiful day - starting with breakfast with the right honourable Ray Burns and Mr Craig Best. Ray had kindly navigated the key collection and we were ready to brave the field at 9:30am.

Ray took RDW for a flight to North shore and the city and returned once we had set up and we ready to start flying.



First up was Robin after a small break - and soon got up to play with flying GNF. Next up was his sister Antonia who also was quick to get back into it after a break. Craig aired GON for a shorter than expected flight which came with much *ribbing* throughout the day. *Too much negative flap and not enough hot air from the caravan*



Ben got his second flight in GVF which was longer than his previous attempt. Finished with another great landing.



Ray assisted with a flight with Michal to give me a rest (thank you)

My final flight was with Kazik to get a little more dual in. (Not that he needed it.) *41 Minutes*

Ray had the last flight of the day with Nick.

All packed up and heading home by about 4pm after a great winter flying (and for a few, a great soaring day.)



Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
June	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

New Roster

Duty Roster For Jul,Aug,Sep

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Jul	1	R BAGCHI	S WALLACE	P THORPE
	2	C BEST	A FLETCHER	D BELCHER
	8	S CHAND	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	9	S FOREMAN	R BURNS	P EICHLER
Matariki	14	B GAMBARO	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE
	15	B HINDS	P THORPE	D BELCHER
	16	K JASICA	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	22	I KHRIPUNOV	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE
	23	D MCGOWAN	S WALLACE	P THORPE
	29	R MCMILLAN	A FLETCHER	G CABRE

	30	N VYLE	I WOODFIELD	P EICHLER
Aug	5	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	R CARSWELL
	6	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE
	12	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	D BELCHER
	13	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	P THORPE
	19	R WHITBY	A FLETCHER	G CABRE
	20	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL
	26	C BEST	R BURNS	D BELCHER
	27	S CHAND	S WALLACE	P EICHLER
Sep	2	S FOREMAN	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE
	3	B GAMBARO	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	9	B HINDS	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	10	K JASICA	R BURNS	G CABRE
	16	I KHRIPUNOV	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
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