

WARM AIR 2 Mar 2024

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Saturday 2 Mar	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	(No Flying)
Sunday 3 Mar	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	S Wallace G Cabre C Best

MEMBERS NEWS

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

Club News

Parachute Operation – Every Saturday – Gliding at NZWP Cancelled on Saturdays only

The Air Force will be conducting Parachute Operations every Saturday throughout Feb and March. Based on current information these ops will continue through till 15:30 most Saturdays and this will preclude Glider flying activities. So, Saturday Gliding is now cancelled, unless Parachute Ops are not taking place and we are informed in time.

Sunday Gliding operations will continue as normal.

We will keep you posted if this changes.

Security - The Fire Gate

The club has received **instructions** from **Base Security** to ensure the outer **White Access Gate** is closed and latched at all times during our gliding activities. Please close immediately after use of vehicles and people. It does not need to be padlocked but put the hook through. Ensure this is the case from now on!!

Weekend Reports

Duty Instructor Peter Thorpe reports for Saturday Feb 24

Saturday was to be a no gliding day due to Air Force parachuting activities but both Derry and I were due for power BFRs, so RDW was busy from 0900. Tony Prentice, Craig Best, Phil Scarborough and Irys-ivie McGeedy were also present. Tony went home and then we were told the parachuting would finish at midday and we could go gliding if we wished. Ray Burns was keen to try out his new tow rating, so I agreed to be duty instructor since both Craig and Phil wanted to do BFRs. Craig went first and we did the usual boxing the tow and a spin which got a little exciting as it pitched passed the vertical and recovery saw better than 120 knots, which is little faster than we like. We decided to repeat the boxing the tow exercise (but not the spin J) to give Craig a chance to feel more comfortable flying out of position on tow and we then did some lazy eights and a well flown no brake landing. A low level rope break followed and Craig was good for another two years. Phil was next and he is getting back into flying practise after a couple of years of very little flying. He demonstrated that he

has not lost the touch and must have been well trained back in the days at Hobsonville as we covered steep turns and lazy eights followed by a very good no brake approach and landing. Another low release practise and Phil is also back in the game. I then took Irys for her second ever glider flight. She is still getting comfortable with being in the air so we just enjoyed the view and the sensations for a 17 minute flight. Ray rushed away to practise for his up-coming power BFR while we packed up and went home by 1630. Six glider flights on a no flying day was not too bad.

Cheers,
Peter

Duty Instructor reports for Sunday Feb 25

Weather was inclement and no flying took place

Duty Roster For Jan, Feb, Mar

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Mar	2	R BAGCHI	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE
	3	C BEST	S Wallace	G CABRE
	9	S CHAND	L PAGE	P THORPE/ R BURNS
	10	S FOREMAN	S WALLACE	D BELCHER
	16	B GAMBARO	A FLETCHER	G CABRE
	17	B HINDS	R BURNS	P EICHLER
	23	K JASICA	I BURR	R HEYNIKE
	24	I KHRIPUNOV	I WOODFIELD	R CARSWELL