

WARM AIR Easter 2024

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Friday 29 Mar	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	S Wallace P Thorpe Some one help out
Saturday 30 Mar	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	P Thorpe D Belcher C Hayward-Slattery
Sunday 31 Mar	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	I Burr R Carswell A Javaremi
Monday 1 April	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	I Woodfield D Belcher M Kuys

MEMBERS NEWS

In this edition of Warm Air

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

Club News

Duty Pilot Corner

Hi, all awesome members that are doing their duty on the days rostered.

Since the onset of the new logging system you all have been doing a fantastic job keeping on top of getting all the flights logged.

Please note that once the glider has landed there is a **Dollar sign** at the bottom of the flight window that will open the **finance window**, just push the **calculate button** and ensure that the **pilot / person paying - Full Name** is correct at the top of the window, the **amounts charged** are correct and the **payment type** correct then **tick**.

From now on you will notice that the flight line on the main window will be **Red** when the aircraft lands, until all information has been completed including the finance side, this is just a reminder for us to complete all the required sections.

If you have any questions with regard to the operation of the flight log system, require a log in or with regard to your duties please reach out to me. Please also note there is an A5 booklet on the desk that describes how to do everything.

Remember that you are the valued right hand to the instructor of the day, and you are the person in charge of the ground operation therefore to keep the operation running smoothly.

We Need You !

Happy flying

Kind Regards Craig

Duty Pilot Swaps

The following members are seeking a Duty Pilot Swap.

29th March – Fedor Fox

6th April - Phil Scarborough

13th April – David McGowan

If other members can assist with making the swap for another day or weekend, they would be grateful. Please contact the members above via the ASC Website Members Contact list, or if struggling to access the website contact Warm Air directly and we can assist with getting you access and contact.

If you know ahead of time that you will not be able to do your duty, please directly contact other members to make that swap and then let us know in Warm Air so we can update the roster / newsletter. Please note that Duty Instructors, CFI, Warm Air and committee members are not in a position to organise the duty pilot swaps on your behalf.

Easter Flying

Thunderbirds are go, for the Easter Break. So hopefully the weather participates.

Weekend Reports

Duty Instructor Izzy reports for Saturday Mar 23

No flying due to inclement weather. However a great time to remove accumulated rubbish. Big thanks to Craig, Kazik and Izzy.



Duty Instructor Ivor Woodfield reports for Sunday Mar 24

The day started with a Puriri Cafe breakfast while looking out at some grey but calm looking weather.

I opened up the field to a low looking cloudbase with some light passing showers.

Over the next little while several people arrived, including Kazik, towie Rex, duty pilot Igor, Craig, Roy, Neville and youth pilots Emerson, Serena and Catherine.

Although the cloud height overall was not great, there were big patches of blue sky appearing, and the breeze was very light and favouring the 08 runway, so we got the tow plane and twin glider ready for flying and moved everything to the far end of the field ready to start gliding.

First up was Emerson. While not having done many glider flights, he is learning fast. We towed to 2000' and quickly found the cloudbase was generally below 2500'. With very little thermal activity the flight was not a long one. However, Emerson flew most of the flight, showing some good skill and ending up with a good approach back onto 08. Next up was Serena, again very early in her training and very keen to progress. She showed some good handling skill although with no lift we were back on the ground all too soon. She was followed by sister Catherine, who has similar gliding experience. However, soon after release we were fortunate to find perhaps the only working thermal of the day, and she was able to gain height for a while before the cloudbase restricted further thermalling. From there Catherine got some good time on the controls, working through various handling exercises before joining back into the circuit.

By now the light breeze was swinging round to the north, meaning a longer take-off roll for Igor, who was wanting to fly a circuit to focus on his launch and landing skills. He flew a high circuit, managing to judge it to make a reasonable approach to his chosen aiming point. A very short but useful flight. At this point Serena opted to fly again, despite the weather not looking great. We released at 2000' and although finding no lift at all, Serena showed she had learned well from the earlier flight, demonstrating some good handling skills right through, handing back to me for the landing.

The final flight of the day was for Igor, again choosing to fly a circuit with clouds rolling back in. This time the circuit height was well judged, and the circuit planning went well. We were making a long landing to return the glider to the hanger end, and Igor controlled the glider well throughout much of the final approach, just drifting sideways slightly towards the end, meaning I took over for the final touchdown.

Overall, and considering the marginal look of the weather, not a bad day of gliding. Thanks to all those who helped out by running things on the ground while we went flying :)

Duty Roster For Apr,May,Jun

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Easter	29	F FOX Swap needed	S WALLACE	P THORPE
	30	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	P THORPE	D BELCHER
	31	A JAVAREMI	I BURR	R CARSWELL
	1	M KUYS	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER
	6	P SCARBOROUGH Swap needed	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE
	7	M Weyna	S WALLACE	P EICHLER
	13	D MCGOWAN Swap needed	S WALLACE	R BURNS
	14	K BHASHYAM	A FLETCHER	G CABRE
	20	I O'KEEFE	A FLETCHER	G CABRE
	21	T O'ROURKE	I BURR	D BELCHER
Anzac Day	25	T PRENTICE	I WOODFIELD	R BURNS
	27	C BEST	L PAGE	R HEYNIKE
	28	S CHAND	S WALLACE	G CABRE
May	4	S FOREMAN	P THORPE	R CARSWELL
	5	B GAMBARO	A FLETCHER	R BURNS
	11	B HINDS	R BURNS	P THORPE
	12	K JASICA	I BURR	R HEYNIKE
	18	I KHRIPUNOV	I WOODFIELD	R BURNS
	19	F FOX	L PAGE	P EICHLER
	25	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL
	26	A JAVAREMI	I BURR	R BURNS
Kings Birthday	1	M KUYS	R BURNS	G CABRE
	2	P SCARBOROUGH	I BURR	P THORPE
	3	M Weyna	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE

	8	D MCGOWAN	L PAGE	R BURNS
	9	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	P EICHLER
	15	I O'KEEFE	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL
	16	T O'ROURKE	R BURNS	D BELCHER
	22	T PRENTICE	I WOODFIELD	R HEYNIKE
	23	C BEST	L PAGE	G CABRE
Matariki	28	S CHAND	S WALLACE	G CABRE
	29	S FOREMAN	R BURNS	R CARSWELL
	30	B GAMBARO	I WOODFIELD	D BELCHER