

WARM AIR Oct 26 2024

Aviation Sports Club Gliding Newsletter

THIS WEEKEND:

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Labour Weekend – Matamata Flying only

Saturday 26 Oct	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	L Page R Burns I O'Keefe
Sunday 27 Oct	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	S Wallace R Heynike T Prentice
Monday 28 Oct	Instructing: Towing: Duty Pilot	L Page P Thorpe C Best

MEMBERS NEWS

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

Club News

A successful AGM and Season Safety Brief on Saturday and some good soaring on the Sunday last weekend. And this Weekend off to Matamata for hopefully some great soaring, fingers crossed.

Membership Forms

If you are hoping to fly this weekend or the coming month you need to pay your annual subscription and submit the membership form.

You can download the form at this link

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1bUn3T567NYcakKw9upQBeivOOTb85Dbs/view?usp=drive_link

So off you go, download, write up and cough up the dosh for fun, adventure and freedom.

Labour Weekend 26th – 28th October 2024

Well, it's arrived! The club will be offsite at Matamata this weekend and back at Whenuapai the following. The club captain has everything organised (well he is hoping he has), with tasks assigned to everyone. Many hands will make light work with the logistics, allowing you to focus on the fun aspects. A briefing from the Piako CFI will take place at 11 a.m. in the Piako club rooms.

Weekend Reports

Saturday – Ian reports

Unfortunately, it was a no-fly day, but it provided the perfect opportunity to complete the AGM and Season Safety Brief. Thank you to all members for their excellent attendance and engagement. A special thanks to those who play crucial roles in keeping the club running smoothly—from flight operations and training, to fleet, hangar, equipment and trailer maintenance, as well as financial management and club activities. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

The AGM offered a chance to discuss various topics, including fleet replacement—a challenging issue. If you happened to win \$30 million in Lotto last night, we'd love to chat! Rest assured, this matter is at the forefront for every committee member, and we're continuously exploring options within our constraints.

We also took the time to recognise members' achievements over the past year with Club Awards for their soaring explorations. So, congrats and well done to the following the club members.

Vic Foster Cup – most meritorious flight in the PW5 -

Cross Country Endeavour Cup

Soaring Pilot Cup –

For the most meritorious soaring flight by a student pilot

Achievement Cup –

CFI award to the student having made the most progress throughout the year **Ben Sly**

Alex Michael

Kazik Jasica

Ben Gambaro

Landout Cup also known as the (Pugsy Award) which exchanges hands from the last pilot who landed out to the next. Well this was going to go to **Andrew Fletcher** for the recent **West Coast** land out, however it was passed onto **Alex** who landed out 5 minutes after Andrew. Well, there you go with life.



Kazik Jasica



Ben Gambaro



Ben Sly



Alex Michael (he even had a haircut for this occasion)

The Season Safety Brief featured an excellent presentation from Ray Burns (CFI), Peter Thorpe (Tow Pilot Tug Master), and Steve Wallace on Ridge Soaring etiquette. Steve's segment even included some engaging interactive "folk dance" moves. And nice to have Adam from Air Traffic Control attend and chip in (greatly appreciated). Well done, everyone, and thank you for keeping these important topics at the forefront as we enter the soaring season.



Sunday – Andrew Fletcher reports

Sunday looked like it would be a reasonable day with broken thermals due to some wind.

The first launch was away by 0945, the thermals were already out of bed. I had six Cadets to fly before starting on the club members. With the Cadets flown by 1215 it was on with the club members; Ray very kindly gave me a break by taking Al and Craig for a check flight. After his check flight Craig launched in GON, he was gone for a while I heard a few position reports indicating that there were some climbs to be had.

Al also launched in the two-seater for a solo consolidation returning after around 25 minutes.

For me the next trainee was Ben Sly, spinning and stalling followed by a simulated paddock landing. Ben's first spin flown from entry to recovery, a good two turns before initiating the recovery.

Emily and Sophie Howcroft were next up, first flight for Emily in a glider. Some photographs and some time on the controls before returning. Sophie up for her second flight, so effects of controls and turn coordination were our topics for practice.

Ryan was next for a couple of circuits for landing practice, releasing at 1000 feet we followed RDW into the downwind to execute our approach and landing onto the grass vector.

I finished off with Ben Sly, this time it was spiral dive recovery and lazy eights plus another simulated paddock landing, we paced out the landing distance once we were out of the glider, 130m, not bad at all well done Ben.

Well, another day done in the back seat of GNF, see you next time.

Useful Links

[Preflight - NOTAMS](#) Anyone can register and get useful NOTAMS and AirSpace Information



Upcoming Events

[Gliding Events Coming Up](#)

Matamata Soaring Centre Aircraft Members Tracking Waypoints Events Flying Days BFR & Medicals

Matamata Soaring Centre Events

Summary List Calendar Past Upcoming

MSC cross country course
Sat 26th Oct 2024 - Wed 30th Oct 2024
📍 Course Gliding New Zealand Matamata
Saturday 26th - Wednesday 30th October
[Full Details >](#)

Labour Day
Mon 28th Oct 2024
📅 Other Gliding New Zealand
[Full Details >](#)

Central Plateau Soaring Contest 2024
Sat 2nd Nov 2024 - Sat 9th Nov 2024
🏆 Competition Taupo Gliding Club Centennial Park - Taupo
[Full Details >](#)

2024/2025 SI Regionals
Sat 16th Nov 2024 - Sat 23rd Nov 2024
🏆 Competition Gliding New Zealand Omarama
Day Entries available @ \$40.00 per day Aerotow Fees est @ \$150 to 2000 ft AGL.
[Full Details >](#)

2024/2025 Northern Region Gliding Competition
Sat 23rd Nov 2024 - Sat 30th Nov 2024
🏆 Competition Matamata Soaring Centre Matamata
[Full Details >](#)

Springfield Enterprise Week
Sat 30th Nov 2024 - Sat 7th Dec 2024
🏆 Competition Gliding New Zealand Springfield
A Enterprise Competition designed as Competitive Fun for all levels especially first-timers. We plan to build on the historical success of this event with another great week of soaring, learning, good company, food and great memories. This is also perfect for introducing aspiring pilots of the next step in their sport and evolving their capabilities.
[Full Details >](#)



Central Plateau Comp.

2024 – Centennial Park, TAUPO

It is almost time to kick off the soaring season! Come and join us at Centennial Park for the Central Plateau Soaring Competition. Whether you are a novice or an experienced competition pilot there will be tasks to suit everyone.

Saturday 2nd November – Saturday 9th November
Practice Day – Saturday 2nd
Start date – Sunday 3rd

Contest Director: Hugh de Lautour

Early Bird Entry Closes – 25th October 2024

Camping and Accommodation available.

For more information contact **Trace Austin** on
0220 289 842 or traceaustin@hotmail.com

Taupo – located in the heart of the North Island. It is a playground, not only for soaring pilots but the whole family.

Attractions:

Skydiving
Bungy Jumping
Golf
Fishing
Water Sports
Shopping
Tramping, plus lots more.....

Bring the whole family.

Early Bird – Get your entry in and paid for by the due date and enter the draw for Supercar Tickets.



Duty Roster For Oct,Nov,Dec

Month	Date	Duty Pilot	Instructor	Tow Pilot
Labour Weekend	26	I O'KEEFE	L PAGE	R BURNS
	27	T PRENTICE	S WALLACE	R HEYNIKE
	28	C BEST	L PAGE	P THORPE
Nov	2	S CHAND	I BURR	R CARSWELL
	3	S FOREMAN	A FLETCHER	P THORPE
	9	B GAMBARO	I WOODFIELD	R BURNS
	10	A MICHAEL	A FLETCHER	G CABRE
	16	G STANFIELD	P THORPE	R HEYNIKE
	17	K JASICA	S WALLACE	R CARSWELL
	23	I KHRIPUNOV	L PAGE	G CABRE
	24	C HAYWARD-SLATTERY	R BURNS	R CARSWELL
	30	A JAVAREMI	I BURR	R BURNS
Dec	1	M KUYS	I WOODFIELD	P THORPE
	7	P SCARBOROUGH	A FLETCHER	R HEYNIKE
	8	M WEYNA	S WALLACE	G CABRE
	14	D MCGOWAN	L PAGE	R CARSWELL
	15	K BHASHYAM	P THORPE	R BURNS

	21	I O'KEEFE	R BURNS	R HEYNIKE
	22	T PRENTICE	I BURR	G CABRE