

OUTLANDING

The Taupo Gliding Club's Newsletter



April – June 2020

Welcome everyone to this, my final, edition of Outlanding

After considerable thought, and due to the current environment, I have decided to stand down as Club Captain. I have enjoyed the role, especially putting the Newsletter together - but as it is not known when I can return to Taupo, there is no way that I can effectively continue in the role of Club Captain.

The last few months have been relatively quiet with the COVID lock down and no activity at the club per say. Sadly, I make mention of the accident where we lost a great friend and colleague, Tony Budd along with Trial Flight Student Kusum Pasha. This loss will be felt for quite some time, but fun memories of Tony together with our strong club comradery - will see us continue on doing what we all love.

Now the shortest day has passed, and our days are getting longer. Before you know it, the Central Plateau Competition will be here and the soaring season will officially start.

The new training syllabus has been accepted by CAA, and over the next couple of years we will see some major changes to the training programme. So - while winter lingers and flying opportunities may be limited, it would be a good time for us all to start using the Moodle platform.

On that note, thank you all, it's been a pleasure - Fly well and have fun!

Hope to see you sooner rather than later,

Cheers Trace.

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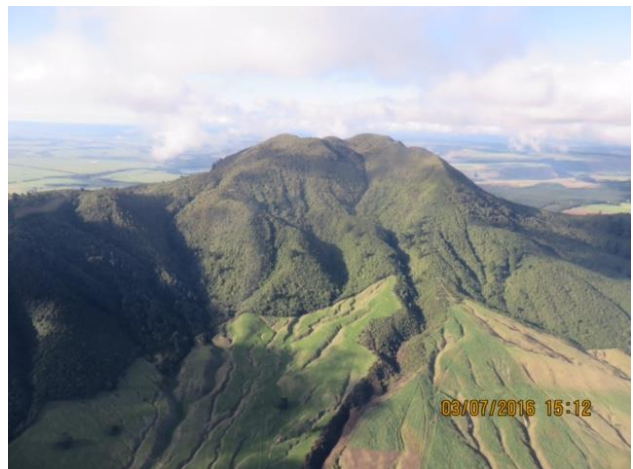
OUT OF LOCKDOWN Yippee. Now that we are at level 1 we are flying again. Things have changed and things will be a little different for a while; with our borders closed and no visitors, NZ will be a little quieter. At our recent Instructors and Committee Meetings it was decided that the club will only operate 3 days a week, Wed, Sat and Sun, our normal club days. This does not mean we will stop other flying but it means we are not going to pull out aircraft and rally personnel for one flight. If we get a

cracker of a day and there are a team of people who want to fly we can arrange it. This should take the pressure off Tom organising tow pilots and Instructors unless required for trial flights and then we should try and schedule for club days. This will carry on through the winter so we can relax a little until we see how the Covid 19 situation plays out.

We have all felt the sad effects of losing a friend and colleague in Tony Budd, let alone a trial flight student Kusum Pasha, what a devastating blow. We have had accidents in the club over the years and lost aircraft, but these can be repaired or replaced but to lose a life is totally withering. Flying around Mount Tauhara will never be the same for most of us, I went up yesterday with Hugh but we had a healthy respect for the Mountain, we managed to find some scruffy thermals to play with and I managed to claw up to 5,000 feet. The club has elected to stop all flying on Mt Tauhara until we review our training around mountain flying and all flying members will need to be signed off as having completed the reviewed training. The first training night will be on the **8th July at the clubhouse starting at 1700**. I will cover the clubs flying rules around flying on Mt Tauhara and review wind effects around mountains and rules/safety considerations around mountain flying. Those that attend will be issued with a loose leaf entry (for their log books) as having attended the briefing and clearing them for flying on Mt Tauhara.

The Central Plateau Competitions in November will go ahead and we look forward to a healthy comp, so keep early November in your calendar as we will need all on board to help out.

Follow the Ministry of Health Guide Lines, wash your hands regularly and keep 1 metre separation at the club with people you don't know. Remember we are not out of the woods yet especially with the events around our borders, it will only take one to trigger the whole event all over again and back to level 4, so don't get complacent STAY SAFE.



Last but not least we have a new CFI, Colin McGrath has stepped up as he is a 'B' instructor but he will need a lot of support as he has been away from instructing for some time but he will be supported by Tom and myself guiding him forward. Welcome Colin and thanks mate; also thanks to you all for supporting me over the last 11 years on the job.

Bill Kendall CFI (ex)

GNZ AGM *by Hugh*

This year the Gliding New Zealand AGM was, for the first time in many many years, going to be held not at the James Cook Hotel in Wellington, but at the Hilton Hotel in Taupo. But then along came the Coronavirus pandemic and no-one could travel or gather in numbers, so the meeting was actually held online via ZOOM. It worked OK, but everyone is looking forward to an actual get-together next year which is again planned for Taupo.

A lot of the meeting was procedural, but there were a few items which will be of interest to members.

- President Steve Wallace extended his sympathy to the Club and to the families affected by the accident on Mt. Tauhara.
- Steve Wallace remains President, but Vivienne Bryner replaces David Hirst as Vice-President.
- The Soaring magazine is no longer financially viable and has been discontinued. Members had been paying a \$75 levy for the magazine so that has been cancelled, but in its place will be a \$25 "communications" levy to cover the costs of compiling online information which would have been in the magazine - a net saving of \$50 to your next GNZ membership fee.
- The new training syllabus has been accepted by CAA and will be introduced over the next two years. Changes are too numerous to detail here, but will be explained over the course of your training. Basically the emphasis will be more on the use of online resources (enabling better "at home" preparation) and clearer explanation of what is required to obtain a pass in each Check-box. Progression through A and B syllabus has been replaced by steps through Solo Pilot, Soaring Pilot, Cross-Country Pilot, Task Pilot, and Alpine Pilot. Both systems will be valid in the changeover period.

The Pilots Meeting was also held via ZOOM the following day, and the Taupo Gliding Club had applications for competitions approved as follows -

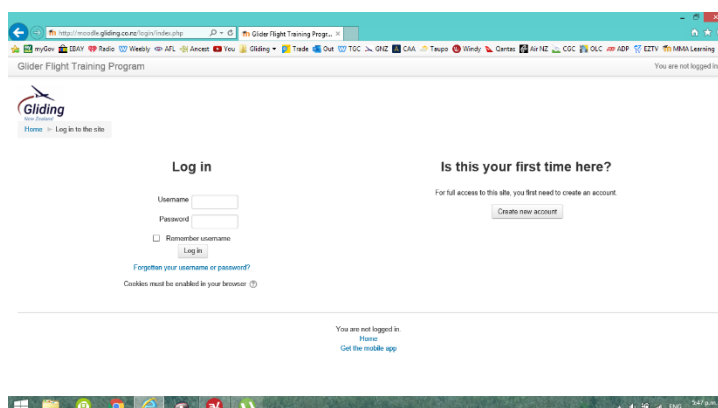
- Central Plateau Champs October 31st - November 7th 2020
- Central Plateau Champs October 30th - November 6th 2021
- Northern Regionals Sat 5th Feb – Sat 12th Feb 2022, and contingent that if the South Island turns down Club Class Nationals – Club Class Nationals Bid from Taupo will run in conjunction with the Northern Regionals.

Moodle Training

As advised above, the new training syllabus will be rolled out over the next two years. As such, you will need to do online studies to progress. Moodle training is not just for students so if haven't already signed up for Moodle training the link is:

<http://moodle.gliding.co.nz/login/index.php>

This will bring up the following page, register and away you go.



Awards 2019/2020 *by Nick*

Hi All, As Trace is stranded in Australia he has requested that, together with photos from the illustrious Jen Austin, that I write a few words, covering the clubs annual dinner on Saturday.

On a wet and very soggy evening, you may be disappointed to know there was no dancing or singing on the tables, and no inappropriate clothing was removed.

It was though, a good turnout of 36 people, fed by way of bring a plate and organised by Lois who led the charge in the kitchen (WE DID NOT GO HUNGRY).

Tim made a stirring speech mentioning the loss of Tony. We were all humbled by the attendance of Suzanne who came to the dinner and also presented the awards. Which leads me on to a list of the recipients.

Most Improved Student – (Taupo Gliding Club)

***Bec Simmonds** – well deserved, but then I am biased, this was an awesome result as we were running low on trophies at home.*

Most Improved Pilot – (Taupo Gliding Club)

***Phil Overall** –He also gained his QGP at the young age of 70, but still didn't buy me a drink.*

Land Out – (Norman Marsh Trophy)

***Bill Kendall** -Our retiring CFI Bill Kendall – landing safely on the Kinloch golf course.*

Tail End Charlie – (Radio Lakeland Trophy)

***Ivan Booth** - For his incredible work on the insurance policies.*

Club Member's Trophy – (Tom Anderson Trophy)

***Colin McGrath** - For helping to level and sort out runway 07*

Toilet Seat – (Taupo Gliding Club)

***Bhrent Guy** - For returning another trophy after having it for seven years at home.*

Height Gain – (Taupo Gliding Club)

***Trev Terry** - A whopping gain of 7126 feet*

Most Meritorious Flight – (Trev Terry Challenge Trophy)

***Trace Austin** - For winning at Waipukurau (I'll look after it for you Trace)*

Wooden Spoon

***Phil Overall** - Stirring string up the manager; rather you than me Phil!*

Tow Pilot Trophy – (Tom Anderson Trophy)

***Tom Anderson** – A young Tom Anderson retiring after 10,860 tows. I think he started about the same time as the Wright Brothers and **Tony Budd** 320 tows*

For those that didn't attend the AGM, information will be out in due course from Hugh detailing all the events discussed.

Let's get in the air and fly as soon as the weather allows.

Committee 2020/2021

Patron	Richard Izard
President	Hugh de Lautour
Vice President	Rob Lyon
Club Captain	Nick Simmonds
Manager	Tom Anderson
Secretary	Tom Anderson
Committee	Ivan Booth – Neil Harker – Geoff Thompson – John Chittenden
C.F.I	Colin McGrath

New Instruments *by Trace*

When our new glider arrives later in the year it will have totally different instrumentation compared to GTG. Before the glider arrives I will put together Pilot Notes on the operation of the S7 Vario, Flarmview57 and the Trig 22 Transponder. These notes will be located on the club's website and I will also email them out to members.



Achievements

- CONGRATULATIONS Matt Pepper for going Solo and attaining your 'A' Certificate



A Night of Pictures.



DATE	NAME	TOWNS
1998	D. EDGAR	788
1999	J. CURTIS	4-498
2000	A. MILNE	3169
2001	D. BOUMA	3000
2006	J. CURRIE	552
2007	P. WORTH	110
2008	T. ISRAEL	3352
2011	A. LAND	7000
2018	T. ANDERSON	10850
2020	T. BUDD	320





Humour

