

OUTLANDING

The Taupo Gliding Club's Newsletter

June 2018

Welcome everyone to this mid-year edition of Outlanding.

The next edition will be at the end of August so if you would like to place an article or notification in the next edition of 'Outlanding' please forward via email to Trace no later than 20th August 2018.cheers, Trace.

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Taupo Gliding Club – Annual Dinner and Awards

The club's annual dinner and awards night was held at the club on Saturday the 16th with the theme of the night being black and white or black or white. There was a good turnout of members, partners and friends and a lot of apologies from those that were unable to attend.



The night kicked off with drinks and a meet & greet in the front room of the club before heading out to the back room for the main event. Once seated, Tom, our trusty manager, informed us the way in which we would be selected to go to get our meals. There was a number under the candle on each table and when your number was drawn out of the bowl you would proceed to get your meal. Ironically the numbers being pulled out of the bowl actually had a clockwise rotating thermal leaving the head table to be drawn last.

Catering for the evening was supplied by 'YUM' and yummy it was! With slow cooked lamb, glazed honey ham on the bone, vegies and a sticky date pudding for desert. The ultimate part of the dinner service was that there were no dishes to be washed, everything was provided for and taken away by the caterers.

After dinner the awards were presented with the following results:

Awards 2017/2018

Most Improved Student – (Taupo Gliding Club)

Ken Hunter (*Ready for solo after six weeks training and study's at home before flying*)

Most Improved Pilot – (Taupo Gliding Club)

Jolyon Reeves (*Solo and QGP in six weeks*)

Land Out – (Norman Marsh Trophy)

Nick Simmonds (*A very good land out after a rope release*)

Tail End Charlie – (Radio Lakeland Trophy)

Ivan Booth (*Helping Tom with accounts and maintain logbooks*)

Club Member's Trophy – (Tom Anderson Trophy)

Martin Jones (*Always available for jobs needed doing, instructing and towing*)

Toilet Seat – (Taupo Gliding Club)

Bill Kendall (*For altering the wing shape of ME with his car*)

Height Gain – (Taupo Gliding Club)

Trace Austin (*Height gain of 7582'*)

Most Meritorious Flight – (Trev Terry Challenge Trophy)

Hugh de Lautour (*day winner at the Central Districts Championships – Waipukurau*)

Tow Pilot Trophy – (Tom Anderson Trophy)

Not awarded this year, no retiring tow pilots

Airmanship and Bombing Trophies - Airmanship - Points scored out of 320 points:

(Buck Jones Trophy)

QGP's

1st Tom Anderson – 283 pts
2nd Hugh de Lautour – 263 pts
3rd Gordon Griffin – 263 pts
4th Rod Milne – 261 pts

(Peter Battersby Trophy)

Students

1st Geoff Thompson – 271 pts

Bombing and Landing Competition:

(Tom Orr Trophy)

	Bomb	Spot	Total
1 st Tom Anderson	35	0	35
2 nd Rod Milne	44	15	59
3 rd Hugh de Lautour	64	0	64
4 th Geoff Thompson	72	35	107

APOLOGY – Unfortunately during the presentation of the trophies there was an oversight and the Peter Battersby Trophy was not presented to the student winner Geoff Thompson. Our sincere apologies for this error. Geoff will receive this trophy when he is next in Taupo.

Taupo Gliding Club - AGM

Our AGM was held in the club rooms on Sunday the 17th with a quorum of 25 members in attendance. The minutes of the last AGM were taken as read and confirmed, and then there were reports from the President, the manager, the CFI and the financial manager. The general feeling of those reports was that the club is in good shape financially, membership and fleet wise. Each report is listed below.



The election of officers resulted in the following appointments.

Patron: Richard Izard

President: Tim Norman

Vice-president: no nominations - will be appointed by the committee

Treasurer/Secretary: Tom Anderson and Lois Taylor

Manager: Tom Anderson

Club Captain: Trace Austin

Committee: John Chittenden, Ivan Booth, Rob Lyon, Brian McLaughlin and Martin Jones.

CFI and Towmaster positions are appointed by the committee - there will be no change to those positions, held by Bill Kendall and Rene Weterings respectively.

On completion of the AGM further discussion took place regarding the training system, taskPilot and also the upcoming competitions that will be held at Taupo over the next two soaring seasons. The major competitions being held are the Club Class January 2019 and the Multiclass Nationals in January 2020

President's Report by Hugh de Lautour

Welcome everyone, and thank you for coming.

I think it's a great idea to have our Club AGM the weekend after the Gliding New Zealand AGM, because I always leave the latter all fired up and enthusiastic about our sport and what we should be able to achieve. This year is no exception - and I now have a new definition of what it is that we should be achieving and delivering - I quote - "gliding experiences delivered brilliantly, with skill and passion"!

That comes from Hamish McEwen - Research, Evaluations and Insights Manager of Sport NZ - who was behind the Voice of the Participant survey which you *all* participated in two years ago - and was passed on to the GNZ AGM by Brian Sharpe who is in a similar role with GNZ. But I get ahead of myself. I will talk more about the GNZ AGM later, but first I must report on our year at the Taupo Gliding Club.

I don't know how history will record our 2017/18 year, but I think it could be a significant one. I think it could be when our fortunes take a turn for the better, and the curve starts trending upwards. Membership, after many years of declining numbers, has stopped declining - we have six new members to counteract those who have not renewed their membership - we are getting new initiatives in place for training and advertising, the fleet has been rationalised to provide a higher performance glider alongside our two 2-seaters and the PW5 basic trainer, our finances are sound, and we have people like you who are our lifeblood and our stable base upon which we are starting to rebuild. We have a good reputation, both throughout New Zealand and overseas, as a good, safe and friendly place to go gliding, and it is all of you, along with our great volunteer force of instructors and tow pilots who have established that. Overseeing all of that, of course, is our very special Manager Tom Anderson and his teammate Lois Taylor who are the reason we can be a 7-day/week operation and one of the few prosperous gliding clubs in the country. Thank you, Tom and Lois, for all you do for me personally and for the gliding club.

My other main helpers at the club over my two years as President have been Bill Kendall as CFI, Trace Austin as club captain, and Martin Jones as my trusty and hard-working vice-president, and I extend a heartfelt thank you to those three, as well as committee members Bill Dawson, Tim Norman, René Weterings and last but certainly not least, Simon Peterson who as our liaison with YGNZ has stepped up and taken a load off my shoulders, as well as continuing with his and his family's outstanding everyday help around the club. Other Honorary Life Members Gordon Griffin and Trev Terry also deserve recognition for the work they put in behind the scenes - Gordon puts in endless hours on the tractor keeping our runway looking great, and Trev also contributes to the mowing department as well as organising our competitions. I will leave the reporting of details of member numbers and flying hours to the Manager's and the CFI's reports.

On a sadder note, I would like to record the club's recognition of committee member Tim Norman's wife Darryl who passed away just two months ago after a long battle with cancer. Darryl was always a welcome visitor to the club, and in fact I believe she holds the distinction of being the only non-member to have received a club award - perhaps not surprisingly the Stirrer's Award - a couple of years ago. Our condolences go to Tim and his family.

So as I have said, I believe the club is in good heart, and I think the time is right for me to hand over the presidential reins. I wish the incoming president and committee all the best. However our continued success will depend on each and every one of us doing our bit to delivery that "brilliant experience, with skill and passion". PLEASE make our new members welcome and make them feel that they are what they are - the future of the club. It can be done. Total membership of GNZ has increased this year (over the previous year) for the first time in five

years. Fielding have recently had a big upsurge in membership, and Wellington have so many new students that they cannot satisfy the demand. We can be in that situation as well. The economy is sound, so there is still a certain amount of discretionary dollar out there, and the sport of gliding is gaining a more prominent profile each year, so let's get on the bandwagon and be a leader in the sport for our area. It is in our hands - GNZ have put out good initiatives and suggestions - it is up to us to make them work. Some of those initiatives, which came out at the recent AGM are worth a quick mention here so that you will know what to expect. In no particular order;

1. The Soaring magazine will continue to be a compulsory part of your subscription. Thank you to those of you who made your feelings felt to Trace and myself as delegates - we did take those on board, but in the end the vote was an overwhelming 37 to 4 to retain the compulsory aspect of the magazine. Concern from the membership was noted and changes and improvements are promised, but at the moment the majority of opinion was that it is still an important part of the gliding community, being interesting, informative, and a good promotional tool.

2. QGP holders can now apply to CAA for a PPL (Glider) under certain conditions.... (CAA Part 61.153)

(c) A person who holds a current glider pilot certificate issued by a gliding organisation under delegated authority from the Director is eligible for the issue of a private pilot licence (Glider) if the person— (1) is at least 17 years of age; and (2) holds a flight radiotelephony examination credit; and (3) holds at least a current class 2 medical certificate issued under the Act.

3. A "Membership Development Committee" has been established.

4. A series of "Hangar meetings" has been scheduled for the next 18 months to share knowledge and best practise between clubs.

5. The monthly newsletter from GNZ will be continued and refined.

6. The revised Training Program has been, and is being, trialled by Wellington and Canterbury clubs. By and large they love it. As it is completed and tweaked it will be introduced nationwide, but in the meantime please note that the existing requirements of the MOAP are still what we have to work to. For those of you who don't know about the "new system", I think it would be appropriate for me to take just a little bit more of your time to give a very quick summary of what it is all about, as it may be that some students, and hopefully some instructors, will start dipping into it in parallel with their existing training program. That is not only OK, but to be encouraged.

Probably the biggest difference you will notice is the amount of work you will be able and required to do off airfield. As you work your way through the new progression of Solo Pilot - Soaring pilot - Cross-country pilot - Task pilot and Alpine pilot, you will have your own copy of the syllabus - whether electronic or hard copy or both - so you will know exactly what is coming up on your next lesson, and you will have been expected to prepare for it. All the material you need will be provided to you, a lot of that being links to existing websites or articles or manuals or even YouTube clips. There will still be check boxes to be filled in, but there are notes associated with each one, so you will know what is required to get a pass mark for each. There is a lot more I could tell you, but now is not the time or place. Let me just say that with the new training program and a new attitude of pride, passion, and positivity around our sport, I am excited about the future. Oh - there is one thing more I didn't say, and I didn't say it for a reason. I didn't say "professionalism" amongst all those "p's" - it was also mentioned at the AGM that we should not ever lose sight of why we all are here as glider pilots in the first place. Why do we do it? We do it FOR FUN! We are not going to turn the gliding clubs into military colleges. We are not professionals - let's have fun along the way, and let's encourage the guy or girl, 12 or 102, who just wants to learn to fly a glider well enough to take his or her mate

for a jaunt around Mt Tauhara, to do just that. That's great - that's what it's all about - it's about getting as much enjoyment as you want and going just as far as you want. It's just that when you think you might be ready to go that little bit further, the system - the club - will be there to support you to do it safely and enjoyably. And believe me - it IS worth going that little bit further!

So thank you all for your support over the last two years, let's go from here today united in our love of gliding, united in our support for all our fellow glider-lovers - ready to help with a friendly word or a helping hand, proud to be the Taupo Gliding Club, and ready to deliver

"gliding experiences brilliantly, with skill and passion"!

Thank you.

Hugh.

Manager's Report by Tom Anderson

We finished the last financial year with 45 members. This year we have 47 registered with two still to pay so at present we have 45 financial members - we signed up six new members during the year.

Again we welcomed the Rotorua ATC who came for a weekend in December with 15 cadets taking a Trial Flight, also 12 Tauhara College students came for Trial flights in December - both of these groups have now become an annual event.

The 13th Central Plateau Competition was held in November and this was very successful - we are looking forward to hosting again in November 2018.

Our facilities are starting to attract other flying clubs – last weekend we had a visit from the Para-motor Club of Auckland with 18 members who came for a visit to see what we have to offer – the weather was not the best with total fog on both days but some did get airborne - all enjoyed our facilities also their time here and will return again.

The club's 50th Anniversary 21st October 2017 was well attended with over 80 in attendance. The weather was not kind to us for the Sunday flying displays.

On July 15th 2018 we will take part in the annual Hobby Expo. This being 18 years that we have been involved with this event and once again we will need volunteers.

I would like to thank the current Committee and all members for your support during 2017/18 and will continue to serve the club for as long as I am able.

CFI's Report by Bill Kendall

Another year has gone by and all in all we have had a good year. There has been a down turn in flying hours overall but this has been mainly weather generated. The Central Plateau Competitions was well attended but again about half the days were disrupted due to conditions. During the competitions we had one moderate accident with injury to the pilot and aircraft damage on an out landing. Overall the club has been accident free with only ground handling damage being done to a glider. It is also good to see club members supporting other regional competitions.

Congratulations to you all but don't let your guard down PLEASE maintain a strong safety spirit and culture. We have developed a good relationship with some of the ANZ Link crews with

some now giving radio calls on the CFZ frequency informing us of their arrivals and combined with our awareness in the red zone has also eliminated occurrences so no need to answer to reports at the Taupo Operational and Safety Committee Meetings. A very positive outcome for Taupo flight safety.

I feel that the club is in a very good position aircraft wise with two twin gliders fulfilling training, trial flight and member passenger needs, also two single seat gliders for post solo single seat transition (PW5) and a performance cross country / competition glider in the ASW 28. I feel the committee has achieved the mandate laid down at last year's AGM in rationalising the fleet. If in the future membership increases and there is a demand for another twin we may review the fleet again by selling the Twin Astir and buying a Duo Discus or a DG1000. Maybe!

Night training lectures have begun again and with very good member numbers attending. Please keep supporting these nights as presenters put a lot of time and effort to make the happen.

Many thanks to the Instructors and Tow Pilots for the outstanding effort in filling the roster, without this team work we would not be as successful as we are in being able to fly seven days a week.

Every year there is one man in particular that is outstanding in his support of me in my role as CFI and of course you know its Tom Anderson. Tom thank you for being there on a day to day basis; it makes my job just so much easier.

It is a wait and see with the new NOO and ROO as to how they fill the jobs and we should see a Club Audit in the near future. Which brings me to another point; PILOTS you are responsible for keeping an eye on your BFR's and medicals as well as currency, you know if you need a check flight when not flown for 90 days. PLEASE help us be compliant.

It is good to see in influx of new and young members, this is a good sign and we need to support them as a club. Thanks to Akira's dad Simon Peterson who as a non-flyer supports his son and is a great club member. When out at the club works very hard as ground crew supporting us all.

Well that's it from me, here is to a SAFE and Successful 2018 – 2019

Achievements

Congratulations to:

- Geoff Thompson. Geoff is one of our new students and has gone solo and obtained his 'A' Certificate. Well Done! Now the learning begins.



- Anja Runge. Anja has been visiting from Wellington to obtain an aerotow rating and to complete her 25 hours as PIC with which she has completed both. Well done!



A Night of Pics



