

OUTLANDING

The Taupo Gliding Club's Newsletter



April – May 2019

Winter is coming! Or should I say, "it is here"! Either way, the days are getting shorter and the flying conditions have deteriorated. Therefore, it is now time to get stuck into the winter maintenance. Over the next couple of months we need assistance to clean and polish gliders as well as the odd jobs. Watch out for the flyers.

If anyone has an article or notification to be included into the next newsletter, please have to Trace by 20 June 2019.

Fly well and have fun!

Cheers, Trace

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Well folks another Newsletter and winter edging in and we are seeing a down turn in club flying. Last Sunday was quite an exciting day with those that turned up spent the afternoon doing the BOMBING competition and every one hitting the airfield with a few actually very close to the target (within 9 paces). So you will have to come to the Annual Dinner to see who gets the prizes. Come on out and participate in the Competitions, we need a lot more of you

to get involved, its great fun.



A very big congratulations to Tony Budd on being issued with his 'B' CAT instructors rating and we will look forward to his input to our club training when he returns to NZ in October. Also we have Martin Jones who is working hard to complete his 'B' Cat instructors rating in the very near future; this is great news for our instructor base. These instructors can work with and encourage QGP pilots who are putting their hand up to work towards instructor qualifications ('C' CAT). There is an instructor's course being run by David Hirst at Central Region on the 6 – 8th September 2019 with a wet weather contingency date of the 13 – 15th September 2019 for those interested. Good to see Gordon Griffin back on deck and recovered well from his fall at the club. Which brings me to the point that even around the club please be careful. Remember from the last Newsletter SITUATIONAL AWARENESS, **LOOK – THINK – ACT**

We have also had visiting pilots from other clubs and a solo in a week from Hong Kong all of whom did well and the training really put a stain on the few tow pilots and instructors who put in the time, namely Tom Anderson and Martin Jones. A huge thank you to you both.

Congratulations to Mathieu Turquier has also achieved his QGP and now flying GSS (ASW 28), it's been a long time coming but he has finally achieved his goal, WELL DONE MATE our next cross country pilot.

Just a reminder for all Flying Members the pre-flight mnemonic has changed (**Canopy Last**) and also when you approach the glider you are about to fly remember to do your ABCDE's

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| A = Airworthy | If already flown today this could be a brief walk-around check. Before first flight of the day check maintenance release and DI signed. Seat cushions adequate and not compressible. Parachutes (if used). |
| B = Ballast | Glider loading is within placarded limitations and trim ballast, if required, is secure. |
| C = Controls | Check all controls, including airbrakes and flaps, for correct sense and full deflections. |
| D = Dollies | All dollies and ground handling equipment removed. |
| E = Expectations | What might be encountered in the first part of the flight? Wind speed and direction, likely turbulence or crosswind, where you want to be towed to (aerotow), or where you will fly to after release (winch). |

We are still working on radio problems with GSD and are waiting on a new MIC to eliminate that possible source and if it's not that then we will look at buying a new radio; the MICROAIR are problematic. TPO's radio seems to be OK now with some minor adjustments to be done to the radio itself.

That's it members, stay safe and keep a GOOD LOOK OUT.

Manager's Report by Tom Anderson

We finished the last financial year with 46 full flying members.

This year to date 33 members have rejoined with 13 still to decide on full flying or to stay on as a social member? (Please email your intentions.)

I would also like you to remember to pay for all flying on the day – No exceptions.

The Annual Dinner is set for the 15th June 2019 and the AGM 16th June 2019

Both will be held in the club rooms. No theme this year just casual smart.

We will need to have Names by the 14th June for catering, also nominations for committee by the 8th June 2019.

We have had very good working bees, so all areas are looking very good, the exterior of the club house needs a tidy up to fix the stairs and handrails to meet safety requirements.

Flying members also check your Medicals and BFRs - some are out of date?

See you at the Dinner.

TGC's GNZ Audit Report

A Gliding New Zealand General Operations Audit was conducted in October 2018 by David Hirst and the report has been received by the club. Overall there were no non-conformances and only a few minor recommendations made by the auditor.

It was noted that: The Taupo gliding club is a medium sized, vibrant and hospitable club that operates off a good airfield, in a good flying site and with good facilities of which the membership can be rightly proud. The club is an exemplar of best practice record-keeping and in proactive monitoring of its members flying currency. It maintains a good safety record and has run several national competitions effectively and safely.

Let's keep up the good work.

Competition Glider Hire

The current glider hire pricing for competition flying was a flat \$50.00 per day which has been reviewed. As the hirer has exclusive use of the glider, be it at Centennial Park or away, the following pricing is now in effect for the duration of the reserved dates of hire:

- \$50.00 per day, payable whether flown or not up to a maximum of \$250.00 per week, plus,
- \$0.50 per minute flown.



GNZ Conference and AGM

The Gliding New Zealand annual conference and AGM will be held in Wellington during 8-9 June 2019. Hugh and Bill will be going as the club's representatives.

As required by Constitutional Rule 37(c) this is to inform you that the **Gliding New Zealand 2019 Annual Report** is now available for viewing on the GNZ web site at: <http://gliding.co.nz/event/gliding-nz-annual-general-meeting/>

If you wish to attend, the **registration form** can also be downloaded from the above link – please register as early as possible, certainly no later than 4 June so they can finalise catering.

Dog Resolution

At the last committee meeting it was recognized that the number of dogs running loose at the Club is an unacceptable risk, and that we need to mitigate that risk.

Therefore the committee wishes to remind all club members of the existing rule (as expressed on the sign at the gate) that ALL dogs (including Toby!) must be restrained during flying operations.

“Restrained” means either tethered, or on a handheld leash or otherwise suitably secured (e.g. in a vehicle or a kennel or cage).



“Flying operations” encompasses the period from the preparation of aircraft for the first flight of the day to the cessation of flying for the day.

This is not an anti-dog measure, rather a reiteration of the safety measure under the practice of Threat and Error Management which is already in place on this airfield.

The committee hopes that this does not cause any of our members any major inconvenience, and thanks you all for your cooperation. We look forward to meeting and greeting your dogs over a refreshment once gliding is done for the day

Club Car

The starter motor has been renewed in the club car and it now starts easily. One thing must be remembered with the club car and that it has a diesel engine, therefore, you must wait until the glow plug light has gone



OUT before you crank the engine. Excessive cranking has been one of the major factors as to why the starter motor failed in the first place.

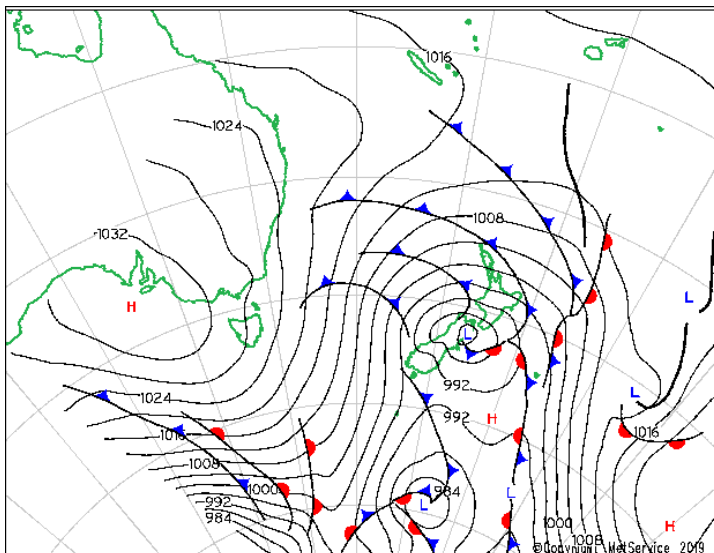
86 Years' Young

On the 29th of May we celebrated Tom's 86th birthday with a couple of drinks and nibbles at the club. On behalf of all club member's, Hugh gave a short speech, appreciating all the time and effort Tom puts into the club for the benefit of all of us. It was a great little get together and a HUGE thank you to Tom for providing the drinks. Tom's next big bash will be his 90th.



Training Night

We had an excellent 'Meteorology' presentation by Rob Lyons with input from Trev Terry at our latest training night which was held on the 15th of May. There was a very good turnout of club members and much was learnt by all present.



New Members

We would like to welcome to the club the following new members:

- Ross Scholes
- Gary Parata
- Logan Hoskin
- Sandy Bruford

Achievements

During the last couple of months there have been a number of achievements. Congratulations to:

Gerold Kretschmar – Gerold did his Landout at Matuschka Strip and received his 'B' Certificate from Martin Jones.



Gary Parata - Went Solo. Ross Scholes a B cat gliding instructor with Tauranga Club sent Gary solo in ME

Picture left –Tom, Gary and Ross with 'A' certificate for Gary.

William Keedwell – Went Solo. William is from the Wellington club and has only flown from the winch before arriving in Taupo.

Pictured here with Martin receiving is 'A' Certificate



Logan Hoskin. Logan is a youth Glide Student age 15 years with the Manawatu Club and soloed in our ASK21 & Twin Astir

AND, Congratulations to **Mathieu Turquier** for obtaining his QGP

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Upcoming Events

- GNZ Annual Conference and AGM, 8-9 June 2019
- TGC Awards night and AGM, 15-16 June 2019
- Hobby Expo, 13-14 July 2019



-Relax David it's just a small surgery, don't panic.

-But doctor my name isn't David...

-I know I am David

