

# OUTLANDING

The Taupo Gliding Club's Newsletter



**June 2019**

*Hello everyone, welcome to this edition of Outlanding. Well, winter is here! But on the bright side of things the shortest day of the year has been and gone and summer is just around the corner ☺*

*This midyear edition of Outlanding is focussed on the Awards Night and AGM which was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.*

*The next edition will come out at the end of August so if anyone has an article or notification to be included into the next newsletter, please have it to Trace by 20 August 2019.*

*Keep warm and have fun!*

*Cheers, Trace*



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## President's Report Club year ended 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Welcome and thank you for attending the AGM.

I am pleased to report that the club is in good shape financially. During the year we have increased the net operating cash surplus by some \$14,000, we have no debt and we continue to have a healthy amount in the bank in the trading account and on term deposit. A principle reason for this improvement was the success of the competitions held during the year and the close watch by our manager and the committee on costs. So even though we had the large expense of the repaint of TG, with tow plane revenue up markedly and glider revenues flat the net revenue was up.

Membership is static at around 42 members. However that is not the main issue here, rather the aging nature of our membership. We sorely need younger members to pick up the running of the club from the older. We obviously don't have a solution to this problem and it continues to be a topic for GNZ discussion. One avenue is Youth Glide and we have had a number of Youth Glide activities during the year as well as local school and the Rotorua ATC visits.

As mentioned above the issue we face year after year is our ageing membership and succession planning. We don't have enough instructors, tow pilots or people who want to take an active role in running the club. We are only a poor health event away from exposing the huge reliance we have on just a few individuals to keep the club gliders in the air. I would like to repeat a plea I made some time ago regarding the need for a club historian or archivist to keep our rich heritage intact. If anyone has an interest in doing this job please let us know.

On the competition front we held the Central Plateau Soaring Contest in November and the Gliding New Zealand National Club Championships in the New Year. The Club Nationals in particular were a large event, we had good weather, and in conjunction with the Matamata Soaring Centre Contest, the attendance of World Champion Sebastian Kawa as a significant draw card. The club stepped up to manage and run a smooth operation with a lot of good feedback from contestants. Thanks to John Etches as contest director, and the club members who gave up a lot of time to get the contestants flying, watered, fed and entertained. Special thanks again to Trevor Terry for all the background work with CAA, Airways and the GNZ Racing committee. Special thanks for the generous support of the people in the kitchen preparing meals, teas and snacks for all the hungry attendees. We can't operate without you.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their support and work during the year. It is often these people who also do the lion's share of the maintenance and other work around the club. Special thanks to Thomas Anderson in his role as manager, tireless this year again and to Bill Kendall for all the work as CFI, much of which is in the background.

Not to forget the members, the partners of members and other non-club volunteers who often make the difference between success and failure of the events we hold. Your efforts are much appreciated.

I would also like to make mention of the work Hugh de Lautour has done in successful applying for funding from various charitable trusts. This money makes a big difference to enable major purchases, such as the repaint of TG and the purchase of the ride-on mower this year.

Thank you for your attention. I submit the report to the meeting.

Tim Norman

President, Taupo Gliding Club, 15 June 2019

## Committee 2019/2020

Patron	Richard Izard
President	Tim Norman
Vice President	Hugh de Lautour
Club Captain	Trace Austin
Manager	Tom Anderson
Secretary	Lois Taylor
Committee	Ivan Booth - Martin Jones – Nick Simmonds – John Chittenden - Rob Lyon
C.F.I	Bill Kendall - for 1 more year only.

## Awards 2018/2019

**Most Improved Student** – (Taupo Gliding Club)

**Gerold Kretschmar** (On gaining solo status, Gerold has gone on to flying the Twin Astir which has become his aircraft)

**Most Improved Pilot** – (Taupo Gliding Club)

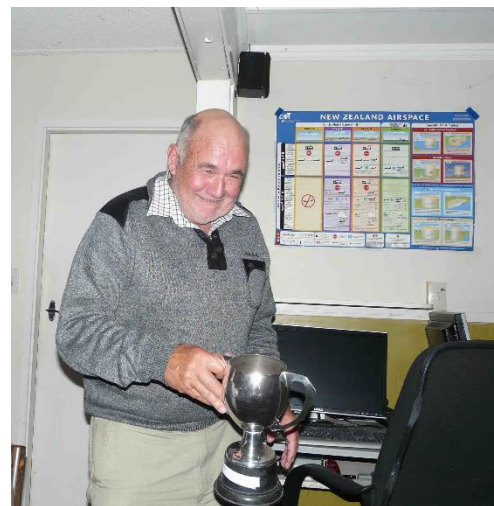
**Mathieu Turquier** (After six years Mathieu gained QGP and is progressing very well with his flying)

**Land Out** – (Norman Marsh Trophy)

**Gerold Kretschmar** (The first member to land in the Motorsport Park with no injury or damage)

**Tail End Charlie** – (Radio Lakeland Trophy)

**Phil Overall** (A very good member coming out on most flying days and giving a hand.)



**Club Member's Trophy** – (Tom Anderson Trophy)

**Ivan Booth** (Ivan has been a great help to the manager, especially with accounting skills)







**Toilet Seat** – (Taupo Gliding Club)

**Martin Jones** (For losing the fuel cap off TPO and not coiling the tow rope. Whereby, the rope was run over by the tractor when he called the driver over to see if the tractor fuel cap would fit TPO)

**Height Gain** – (Taupo Gliding Club)

**Trace Austin** (Height gain of 7835')

**Most Meritorious Flight** – (Trev Terry Challenge Trophy)

**Trace Austin** (Again Trace shows how it is done)

**Wooden Spoon**

**Ivan Booth** (Stirring up the committee to do something about the insurance which he finally got sorted out with Aon.)



**Tow Pilot Trophy** – (Tom Anderson Trophy)

Not awarded this year, no retiring tow pilots

## Airmanship, Bombing and Landing Competitions 2018/2019

**Airmanship** - Points scored out of 320 points:

(Buck Jones Trophy)

**QGP's**

1<sup>st</sup> Nick Simmons – 300 pts

2<sup>nd</sup> Martin Jones – 293 pts

3<sup>rd</sup> Trace Austin – 275 pts

4<sup>th</sup> Gordon Griffin & Colin McGrath – 272 pts

(Peter Battersby Trophy)

**Students**

1<sup>st</sup> Ivan Booth – 260 pts



**Bombing and Landing Competition:**

*(Tom Orr Trophy)*

	Bomb	Spot	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> Gerold Kretschmar	6	0	6
2 <sup>nd</sup> Phil Overall	9	0	9
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tom Anderson	29	5	34
4 <sup>th</sup> Rod Milne	59	5	64

**Humour**



*“Pee on the electric fence” they said....  
“It’ll be fun” they said . . . .*

As much as Pooh missed Piglet, he really did enjoy that bacon sandwich.

