

Welcome to this edition of Flypaper, I unfortunately lack Dave Dennison's sophisticated computer skills so please bear with me as I find my feet as Co Club Captain with Steven Care and endeavour to put out a monthly Flypaper, the week after the Committee meeting. Another issue is therefore due next week, a lot has happened and a lot is planned to happen.



Saturday 5/8/17 over 20 launches on a wonderful winters day to fly, with ridge and thermal lift. Special thanks to Godfrey Larsen who stepped up to be Duty Pilot when someone got their days muddled up and turned up on Sunday instead. All was forgiven when he helped rig PC who is back from her Annuals. More photos on Piako's FB page.

A good contingency from Auckland Club showed up and stayed through till Sunday which unfortunately was cold and the thermals were lacking. However there was still flying and one very keen trial flyer Sunny Hunter. Sarel continues to complete the last of his B syllabus and Ali is making great progress on his A syllabus. Carl performed a functional check flight in NI on Saturday, but she sat in the hangar Sunday. Our new CFI Bob Gray took YL for a jaunt Saturday and I enjoyed a backseat ride for a change. Scott got to experience flying a glider in the morning and the tow plane in the afternoon. Roydon managed to stay aloft in SN for 40min when the thermals were dying, well done. Paul Knight chose the sweet spot to launch for his usual hours aloft. Those that made the effort enjoyed the comradery and promise of some good spring flying after our generally miserable winter.



New Life Member: Julian Mason

For his many years of service to Piako Club, the last 5 years as CFI Julian was nominated and awarded Life Membership at our AGM in June.



Committee for 2017

President: Iggy Wood
Vice President: Nigel Brinkworth
Secretary: Joan Wine
Treasurer: Dave Dennison
Club Captains: Steven Care & Genny Healey
CFI: Bob Gray
Committee: Malcolm Piggott
Tim Bromhead
Tony Davies
Rob Munn

If you have any suggestions or concerns please contact one of the committee members. We want to retain our title from the GNZ Survey of being the happiest Gliding Club in New Zealand.

Committee meeting minutes are available for you to read in the Members section on the Piako Gliding Club web page.

<http://www.glidingmatamata.co.nz/members/>



Annual Club Dinner and Awards

Our Club Dinner and awards was attended by 53 adults and 3 children. Held at the Matamata Club it was a chance for Jan Mace to enjoy the dinner without her and Joan Wine working in the kitchen. Joan's unique warmth and laughter was missed this year due to her helping a friend.



There are more photos available online at Piako Gliding Club's flickr page. www.flickr.com/photos/piakoglidclub

Awards



De Renzy Pot: Sarel Venter

Most improved pilot.

Sarel also received Certificates for his 5hr duration flight and Silver C height gain.

He is now the proud owner of GGD.

GGD was first owned by Dennis Crequer in which he achieved his 3 Diamonds. Then sold to Rainer Kunemeyer and Anna Doerr. It is great to see this glider staying in a Club Members hands and one with the dreams and determination to achieve his potential.



Care 200 Trophy: Bill Mace

200 km speed task.

Speed record of 140.38 kph and the seventh time Bill has won this trophy. Can this man be beaten?

This year many attempted to wrest Bill's grip on the trophy, many flying it more than once. Tony Davies even attempting it three days before the awards when there was a westerly and a very busy day of Wednesday flying. Many flights of over two hours were made that day.

Where were you?



Ken Bartlett Trophy: Tim Bromhead

The most outstanding personal best.

Wow Tim making the NZ Team to the Worlds how are you going to top that?

Our land out king we wish you well as you set your sights even higher.

There were many trophies not competed for and awarded this year. Now is the time to set some goals for the coming soaring season.

I understand Tim, David Jensen and Brett Hunter are planning a flight to Mt Tongariro this season.

What's your goal?



Dave Dennison Cross Country Trophy: Tim Bromhead

The most OLC points.

Tim's passion is gliding. Both as a competitor and giving back as an Instructor and webmaster for Piako and GNZ.

Piako Club's combined OLC points made us second in the North Island and third in New Zealand behind Glide Omarama and the Auckland Club. We flew 24,000km as a Club. David Jensen was second to Tim.

Tim could give you a tutorial on setting up an OLC account, for a chocolate fish, he also has a very good online log book. When I find mine again I'll be using it in tandem!

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Tom Martin Trophy: Malcolm Piggott

Awarded to the Club Member who has provided outstanding friendship and service to the Club in the past year.

Nicknamed the "snowman" Malcolm undertook the mammoth task of coordinating the sanding and re-polyurethaning of NI's wings. This saved the Club over \$20,000. It took over 200 man hours and many Club Members joined the party. Special mention must be made of David Cleverley and Sarel Ventor who also spent many days and hours covered in dust. Not completed before the first calf dropped, we appreciate a man of action who did what had been talked about at Committee level for five years. He is making plans to do the fuselage next May. Thank you Malcolm and helpers you guys rock.



Malcolm has many other skills too, including making a great video of the Piako Snowmen.

View this, you may see yourself and some of Malcolm's other videos on the Piako Gliding Club's Face Book Page.

If you have any great photos of your days flying we would love to share them.

As Members of a Club we all have different skills and knowledge it is great when we can share and use our knowledge and expertise to improve and optimise the Club, it's equipment and facilities.

Our next major project will be bird proofing, or attempting to, the hangar.



Les Riesterer Short Course Trophy: Dave Dennison and Bob Gray.

This is a short course designed for newish pilots to be in glide range of the Airfield. However there were no other contenders this year.

Trophies not awarded this year.

Caitlin Trophy 100km Task

Dave McPherson Trophy 300km Task

President's Pot A truly meritorious flight



The committee has listened to the club members' desire to remain with a Pawnee PA25-235 as a tow plane. The options of having BZA repaired or purchasing CNC were evaluated. These costs have been projected over the next five years and consideration has been given beyond that time as well. The evaluation indicated that the purchase of CNC will be a lower cost option to the club.

Our offer to purchase CNC is conditional upon our licenced aircraft maintenance engineer's pre-purchase inspection being acceptable to PGC. If all goes to plan, CNC should be with us about the second week of September 2017. Until then, we are most grateful to Tauranga Gliding Club for the use of PNE.

For a bit of history - BZA was registered new in NZ on 12 November 1962 and was registered to the Piako Gliding Club on 9 April 1968. BZA has nearly 13,000 hours TTIS 49 years' service as a tow plane with PGC. CNC is 1980 model, first registered in Italy as I-SLAM and used as a sprayer. The move to Switzerland was in 1993 as a glider tug registered as HB-PNV. CNC was imported to NZ in 2014 and has 3000 hours TTIS.



From the CFI - Upcoming ops events

Advanced and QGP B Cert students.

Saturday 19 August 2017 from 9.30am to 11.00am.

We're doing a special briefing session to deal with all those problematic syllabus topics like "air sickness", "midair collision" and "bale out". I'll make sure we have buckets to practice being sick into, and we can run around the clubhouse and bump into each other and fall over to practice baling out.

We'll have a few instructors present and do various topics concurrently, depending on who needs what. So it would be good if you could let the CFI know ahead of time that you intend to join us and what particular topics you want covered. Email to bgray@xtra.co or txt 021 949145.



Radio Refresher for all Pilots

Date to be confirmed, sometime in the next month or so. Going for a Wednesday evening session of interactive radio talk to raise the standard of all of us when dealing with ATC. Might get some laughs!

Start of Season Briefing

Saturday 30 September 2017

Reserve the date. As has been done in previous years, this is the information and safety briefing for all Club pilots to attend. A short packed morning to inform, motivate and remind all you eager Glider pilots about health and safety. **It's all about having fun in the sky in the safest way.** More detail closer to the date.

Official Observers (OOs)

Wednesday 11 October 7.00pm

Edouard Devenoges has agreed to run an OO session for those wanting to become Official Observers and any current OOs needing a refresh. All claims for those highly sought after badges and records that you struggle to achieve must be endorsed by an OO.

(To be an official observer you do not need to be a QGP pilot, but you do need to be a member of GNZ. The newly married Mrs Kim Kamp is supporting Will by planning on doing the course. Genny)

Edouard is the GNZ Awards officer and is the guy that decides whether your claim is good or not, so it's a good idea to please him. He has a vested interest in getting all claims in the right order and being a competent OO is key to that.

