

# OUTLANDING

## The Taupo Gliding Club's Newsletter

**April – June 2017**

*Welcome everyone to another edition of Outlanding. As we know it is winter and not a lot is happening regarding flying so make the most of those good days that are available.*

*Being winter the next edition won't be out until the end of September, so if anyone has an article or notice that they would like to be included please have it to Trace by 20 September 2017. Cheers.*

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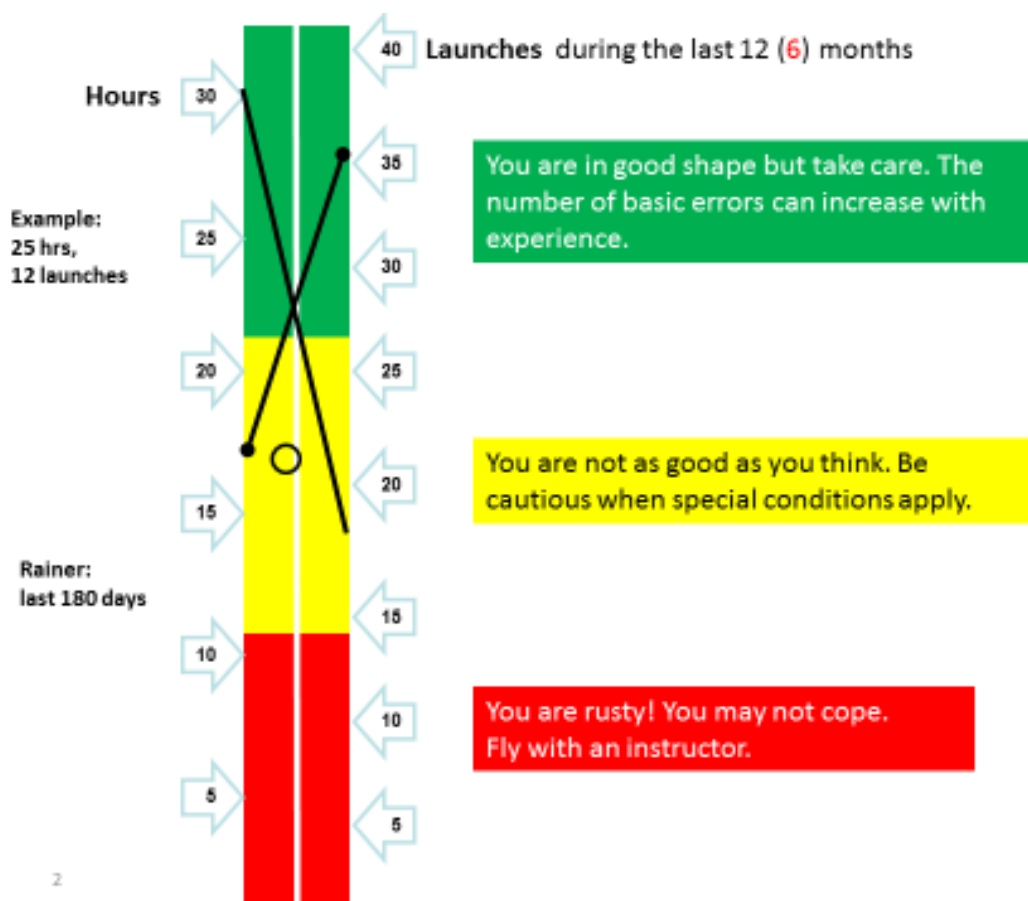
Well winter has set in and it is obvious that this has dampened members will to come out to the club, let alone fly. It's cold and wet thus not a lot of flying being done, GSS has sat in the hanger for over two months and the PW5's and GME not far behind.

This brings me to the topic for this Outlanding issue; CURRENCY. If you have read the latest Soaring NZ magazine please refer to Steve Care's blog on CURRENCY on page 46. Steve has published a chart to give pilots a guide as to where they fit in terms of currency and it is up to you to take a check flight if necessary.

The club rules say that if QGP pilots have not flown for 90 days then they need to take a check flight prior to going solo or carrying passengers and student pilots need a check flight if they haven't flown for 4 weeks (i.e. pre QGP). Below is a barometer which is used in Europe, England and the USA, this also aligns with the figures in Steve's table.

Low hour pilots need to take a check flight more often than high hour pilots, but in saying that high hour pilots are the one pushing the boundaries and having the accidents. Also high time pilots can form bad habits that need to be corrected. Looking at some of the accident statistics it's the high hour pilots that are having the accidents.

So come out and fly, it doesn't have to be a great day just take a flight or fly with an instructor and practice an exercise that you need brushing up on, it's an opportunity to check your pre take off checks, your HASELL check and basic airmanship along with LOOK OUT skills etc.



Congratulations to all award recipients at the Club Dinner and awards nights well done and well deserved. The Awards Dinner was a good night out with excellent fellowship and Club comradery along with lots of tall aviation related stories.

Also congratulation to Nick Simmons for achieving his QGP and look forward to him attending a cross country course and his start to cutting the ties to the Centennial Park's windsock.

Just a reminder to all member to take advantage of the cheaper rate for flying GME (the Twin Astir) she is polished and ready to fly post her 2017 Annual. Only 50c a minute, that's \$30 an hour. If you haven't got a type rating then get one. She is not that bad to fly, if you remember Alex Thompson she went solo in a Twin Astir at age 12, she is now QGP at 14 ½ well done Allie look forward to seeing you back at Centennial Park.

Safe Flying Everyone keep a GOOD LOOK OUT and remember to be vigilant in the MBZ (remember the RED ZONE). **KEEP THE HOURS UP and STAY CURRENT**

## GNZ AGM *by Hugh de Lautour*

Three Taupo Gliding Club members attended the Gliding NZ AGM in Wellington last weekend on your behalf - myself and Trace Austin as delegates, and Trev Terry as our voice of experience and rep for the Sailplane Racing Committee.

Like last year, it was a very worthwhile experience - not only to keep our club profile up there and renew acquaintances from all over the country, but also to hear about the continuing initiatives coming out of GNZ. One of those initiatives was the VOP (Voice of the Participant) Survey which was undertaken by Sport NZ across the whole spectrum of sporting codes and clubs, and this year we were given access to the collated results. Very interesting! Gliding in general, and the Taupo Gliding Club in particular, came out very well, as I outlined in more detail at our club AGM. Thank you to those who took part.

Other things to come out of the AGM were improvements to our training program, and greater access to a new GNZ website which will improve our ability to communicate more effectively with our members and (eventually!) lead to an online booking system which will hopefully reduce frustrating waiting times.

There has also been a new online contest program developed which is designed for newer pilots to be able to participate in a real contest, but remain within their comfort zone. It will introduce the solo pilot to what glider contests are all about - how to programme a task into an electronic device, how to navigate your way around that task, and how to score that task when completed (or not!). Part of the same program is a club "ladder" so you can see how you're doing against other club members.

So to summarise, expect a few changes around the place as we try to keep improving the whole experience of gliding in general and being part of the Taupo Gliding Club in particular, and keep spreading the word and inviting your friends to share the magic of soaring.

## Awards Night

The annual awards night was held on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of June followed by the AGM on Sunday. The awards night dinner was a very pleasant affair with 32 members and partners attending. The night kicked off with a few pre dinner drinks, issuing of awards by the President followed by the dinner. There was also another agenda for the evening so the plan was to have the dinner finished before the rugby started on the free to air for those diehard fans to watch in the sports bar (front room of the clubhouse).

## TROPHIES FOR 2016/17

<b>Most Improved Student:</b> (Taupo Gliding Club)	Ivan Booth “Solo” Just over 70 years of age
<b>Most Improved Pilot:</b> (Taupo Gliding Club)	Nick Simmonds QGP before Europe trip
<b>Height gain:</b> (Taupo Gliding Club)	Trev Terry & Rob Lyon Height Gain 15709 Feet
<b>Most Meritorious Flight:</b> (Trev Terry Challenge trophy)	Trev Terry & Rob Lyon 531.9km Omarama
<b>Wooden Spoon: for Stirring:</b>	Brett Cameron
<b>Land outs:</b> (Norman Marsh Trophy)	Brett Cameron CPC Landouts all successful
<b>Tail End Charlie:</b> (Radio Lakeland Trophy)	Trace Austin Engineering
<b>Club Members Trophy:</b> (Tom Anderson Trophy)	Gordon Griffin Who is always available when called on
<b>Tow Pilot Trophy:</b> (Tom Anderson Trophy)	Not awarded
<b>Toilet Seat:</b>	John Chittenden Aero tow upset trying to get rid of Tom

### AIRMANSHIP AND BOMBING TROPHIES

	Buck Jones Trophy		Peter Battersby Trophy	
Points scored out of 320 points	Q.G.Ps	Points	Students	Points
<b>Airmanship comp:</b> (Buck Jones Trophy)	1 <sup>st</sup> Gordon Griffin	292	1 <sup>st</sup> Akira Peterson	221
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bill Kendall	287		
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Mathieu Turquier	286		
	4 <sup>th</sup> Tom Anderson	276		
		Bomb	Spot	
<b>Bombing &amp; Landing Comp:</b> (Tom Orr Trophy)	1 <sup>st</sup> Rod Milne	56	0	= 56
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Martin Jones	60	1	= 61
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Brent Griffin	100	0	= 100
	4 <sup>th</sup> Bill Kendall	100	½	= 100.5



# A Few Snaps



## AGM

There was a good turnout for the AGM which was held on the Sunday after the Awards night. The president's report along with the reports from the CFI and Club Manager indicate that the club is doing well and is in good spirit. It was reported that our new mower is on the way and thanks to a lot of effort from the few, it will only cost the club \$300.00 the rest has been sourced through grants. Well done!

Members were advised that the tow plane will be having a major inspection during the first week of August, therefore, tows will be conducted using the Robin during TPO's absence.

After the general business the nomination of office bearers were accepted and elected with the following:

**Patron:** Richard Izzard

**President:** Hugh de Lautour

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

**Treasurer:** Tom Anderson

**Secretary:** Lois Taylor

**Manager:** Tom Anderson

**Club Captain:** Trace Austin

**Committee:** Simon Peterson, Tim Norman, Bill Dawson, Martin Jones and Rene Weterings.

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

## Honorary Life Members

During the AGM, two life memberships were awarded. Hearty congratulations go to Trevor Terry and Sid Gilmore. Over the years both members have contributed a lot to the club and continue to do so. Many thanks for your time and effort.

Trevor has been coming to Taupo since 1967 and has been a member of TGC since 1976. Over the years he has instructed, mentored and arranged the Central Plateau Soaring Competitions and is one of the country's finest soaring pilots.

Sid has been coming to Taupo for his yearly summer pilgrimage for the last 15 years where his contribution as an instructor is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to you both for this well-deserved honour!

## Achievements

Congratulations go out to Nick Simmons for achieving his QGP – Well done Nick!

## Upcoming Events

Just a quick reminder about the following events.

- Hobby Expo – 15-16 Jul 17
- Training nights will be announced and will be at the beginning of each new month.
- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 21-22 Oct 17

Humour



Q. Did you know that there are more aeroplanes in the sea than there are submarines in the sky?

And around the club!

