

The Flypaper



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PIAKO GLIDING CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT CLUBROOMS — 4PM THIS SATURDAY 20TH June 2020

Physical attendance although Zoom link intended to be available for those who can not be present. Zoom link will be sent by email Friday

Colin Kelly about to launch in the club Grob GNI for the first time. 3rd June



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Sarel Venter flying GBA in easterly wave. He managed to get to 12,100ft, but 150m short for his Gold height. 31st May

Patrick Lalor and Bob Gray doing a currency check flight in Puchacz GPC 16th May—Level 2



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The club is finally back flying again. The past few weeks has seen some great winter flying (as per cover page), with many of our club members getting themselves current again. We have been at level 2 since 13th May (mostly solo) and level 1 since 8th June.

A big welcome to new club members Jacob Stead (tow Pilot) and Monty & Rainer Hoeh (son and father).

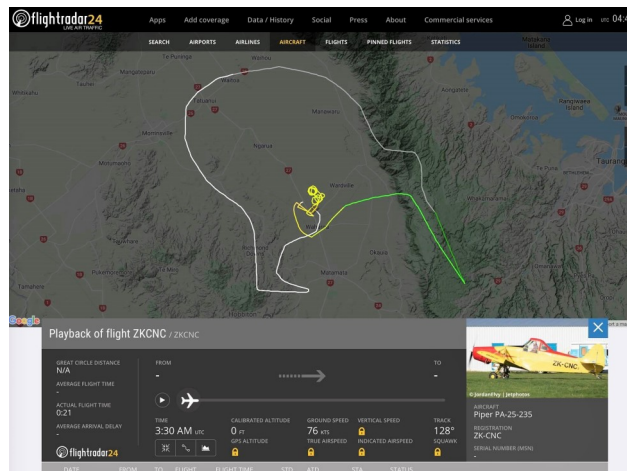
While in lockdown the club ran a series of webinars on various gliding topics. We even managed to entice Terry Delore (gliding legend and multiple world record holder) and Mike Strathern (GNZ airworthiness officer) to contribute. If you go to YouTube and type in Piako Gliding Club you will see the whole series. A really good effort from the club contributors; Dave Dennison, Tim Bromhead, Derek Shipley, David Jensen and Steve Care. Bob Gray also did some lockdown Zoom meetings for some of our training pilots, to keep the training momentum going.

Also under lockdown, several of our pilots have been using Condor 2. It's a gliding flight simulator program that is so realistic, its almost indistinguishable from the real thing. It has a really good landscape of Matamata airfield, all of the trees and buildings. In the regular competitions being run, Mark Shrimpton appears to have done the best (3rd in the interclub championships). Hopefully I will have more info for the next flypaper. Cost for Condor 2 is Euro50.00, but you do need to have a graphics card with reasonable grunt. Initially I thought my computer came up short, until I realised it had a second graphics card. Also a gaming joystick. I picked one up from PB Tech for \$64 and it seems to work well. I have also managed to link x/c soar, from my phone, to it (thanks Dave D); so great for training, practice, contest and task planning.

Steve



Snippets



A maintenance flight was needed for CNC. Last time CNC was laid up, it blew a cylinder (at great expense). After getting special approval from CAA, Chief Tow Pilot Scott Montagu decided to make an interesting trace with the flight, using GPS, on Flightradar24. Flight time 21 mins. It would interesting to know how the turn at the tip of the beak was made? 22nd April

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David Johnson north of Te Aroha on a westerly ridge day. He flew 281km 7th June. Sarel Venter and Patrick Lalor also completed around 200km each.

Colin Kelly (right) on the same day.



Winter fog cut short flying. Only 2 flights on 10th June



A year ago, longstanding Club Member Neil Raymond let us know that he was stepping down from the Club Maintenance officer role. He had been doing it for around 10 years. His engineering background has been more than invaluable and he has saved the club an enormous amount of money by selflessly working countless hours to keep the fleet running. Neil not only worked on the gliders, but was also very heavily involved in spearheading the winch rebuild and subsequent modifications/maintenance.

Because of his farming commitments, he is also stepping down to associate membership; for this year anyway.

We are also saying good bye to Dave Harding, who has been flying 45 years (35 as a tow pilot) and has logged over 10,000 tows. I only know of one other pilot who has ever done as many; so an extremely rare and honorable achievement that none of us were aware of until recently. He has been towing with us for many years, but also at Tauranga, Rotorua and a couple of other gliding clubs further South..



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Alert Level 1 Procedures

- Stay away if you are sick, in self-isolation, or in quarantine.
- Everyone at clubhouse, hangar and/or launch point must sign into contact tracing register at the clubhouse to be available to health authorities on demand.
- QR posters for COVID19 tracer app are available at clubhouse and caravan.
- You must still sign in at the clubhouse.
- Physical distancing encouraged.
- Wash and dry your hands, cough into your elbow, don't touch your face.

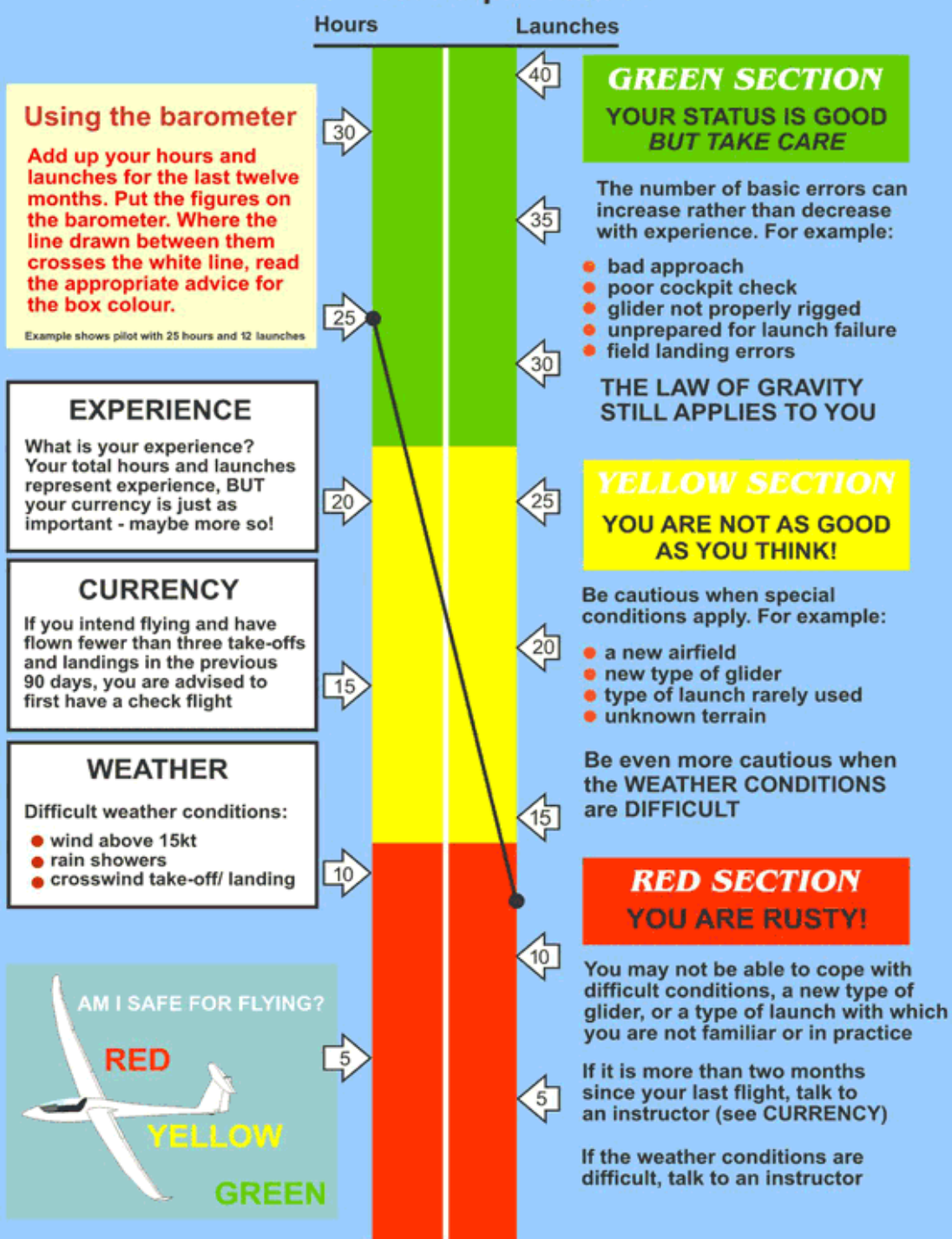


Club op's off 04 on 3rd June. Unusual, in that we rarely get to use this runway. There is now a quite large tree growing on the farm across the road (Hi-way 27) that we have to be mindful of.

SAFE FLYING!

PILOT CURRENCY BAROMETER

How safe a pilot am I?



Note—CAA special exemptions inc BFRs' & Medicals end on 23rd June

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	Points	Club	km	Flights	Pilots
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1	45,941.33	Piako Gliding Club	44,647.04	246	14
2	39,489.82	Auckland Gliding Club	38,842.90	139	12
4	26,319.02	GlideOmarama.com	25,712.38	92	6
7	11,665.41	Taranaki Gliding Club	10,163.57	101	8
9	8,281.71	Gliding Wellington	9,059.78	14	2
10	6,517.93	Central Otago Flying Club	6,267.93	34	3
11	5,049.74	Auckland Aviation Sports Club	4,767.59	23	4

Yes, we are still there after lockdown! Number 'one' club in New Zealand for cross country flying. Collectively we have glided more than the circumference of the earth on nothing but the power of the sun and wind; 44,647km since late October last year. Longest individual single flight is Tim Bromhead 699km (flying from Raglan) with David Jensen not far behind on 641km (from Matamata).



Another view of Sarel's wave flight while at 10,300ft
31st May.

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CATFISH !!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 20th June PGC AGM

Date unknown Club mid winter dinner and prize-giving

PIAKO GLIDING CLUB COMMITTEE 2019/2020

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President:	Iggy Wood
Vice President:	Julian Mason
Secretary:	Patrick Lalor
Treasurer:	Dave Dennison
Jnt Club Captains:	Genevieve Healey
	Steven Care
Chief Flying Instructor:	Bob Gray
Chief Tow Pilot:	Scott Montagu
Bar Manager:	Sarel Venter assisted by Derek Shipley
Committee:	Malcolm Piggott
	Tim Bromhead
	Gareth Cartwright
Maintenance Officer:	Neil Raymond