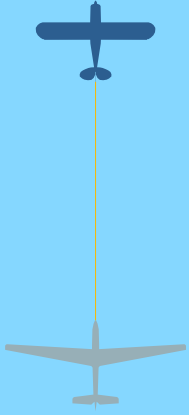


# The Flypaper



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View of Port Jackson from David Johnson flying VM in October,



James Godwin first solo. Here with instructor John Currie.

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**Aiden Cartwright now flying GNI**



Regional Champion Bob Gray receiving the trophy from CD John Etches. Bob flew our club glider PK with an array of student pilots. Dave Johnson won the Open Class. See page 9.



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It's summer at last and some big flights have happened over spring: three 500km plus flights, four 300km thermal flights and many 200km plus flights. Dave Johnson has a 500km diamond, and Ross Hyndman a 300km diamond. Neil Ramond nearly had a 500km diamond, but an FAI rule affecting power gliders thwarted an otherwise spectacular flight.

Tim Bromhead, Charlie Irvin, Derek Shipley, Brett Slater and Bob Gray have all been charging around the sky at Omarama, Tim has done one flight over 500km and multiple 3 and 400km flights.

Aside from the big flights, there have been other milestones for the club books. A first solo by James Godwin and conversion to NI by Aiden Cartwright. NI was due for its 3,000-hour inspection recently and Aiden had to await its return. A 3,000-hour inspection is quite an expensive exercise to complete. However, NI is in outstanding condition and fills a niche no other glider can fill.

The club has hosted several groups over the last couple of months. Young Eagles Hamilton, ATC Tokoroa/Morrinsville and a Pt Chevalier Scouts. They have all enjoyed flying with us and several new members are in the pipeline.

The club is again departing to Taupo during the Walsh. Departure is 5th Jan and return about the 22nd Jan depending on weather and availability of someone willing to tow a trailer back. The Club Class championships start at Taupo on the 18th, so any club flying will be at the behest of the Contest Director.

We have been running a bit short on duty pilots. Many are being rostered frequently and some fatigue seems to be setting in. The committee has decided to go back to running Wednesdays without one. This means everyone needs to chip in to make it work (especially if the day turns out busy). We will try to organize someone if it is heading that way. Also, we need duty pilots during the Christmas camp at Matamata (26th Dec to 5th Jan). If you can help, contact Genny or Steven (ph 021 973167 or 027 3491180).

Since the last Flypaper we have had 2 new tow pilots join the ranks. Big welcome to Colin Grounsell and Pawan Kumar. Also new member Elija Chapman.

Merry Christmas and lets look forward to some wonderful summer achievements.

Steve



Nice to see our old tug CNC flying with Colin Kelly at the controls.

Tracey Gore flying TOW. As well as being one of our tow pilots, Tracey has recently been appointed CFI of the Waikato Aero Club.

Well done Tracey!



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Winch drums readied by Neil Raymond several months ago to put back on the winch. Hoist on the right I think was donated by Paul Castle. Over many years it has proved invaluable for major refurb.

Vintage Kiwi have finished the rebuild of ASK13 GFX.

Roger Brown and Derry Belcher overlooking the final Service to Release.





## Mid Winter Dinner and Annual Prize Giving



Paul Blackmore winning the Les Reisterer Trophy



Bob Henderson receiving the Catlin Trophy

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Tom Martin Trophy

First time given to joint recipients Colin Kelly and Neil Raymond



Phil Rees with the Bill Mace Trophy for the most OLC points from Matamata airfield.

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Stacey Hart receiving the De Renzy Pot for the most improved new pilot.



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Brett Slater with the Ken Bartlett Trophy for the most outstanding personal best.



Tim Bromhead with the Presidents Pot for a huge flight from Matamata to past Taihape and nearly back to Matamata. He also won the Care 200 trophy, Valley 150 and X/C OLC trophy.



Not a club trophy, but the 2024 Grand Prix trophy. Steven Care winning the Racing Class handing it over for the next 6 months to the winner of the Open Class Brett Hunter.

# On Line Competition (so far)

## The World

3<sup>rd</sup> 32,815 points Piako Gliding Club

## Australasia

1<sup>st</sup> 40,622 points Beverley Soaring Society 145 members

2<sup>nd</sup> 32,815 points Piako Gliding Club

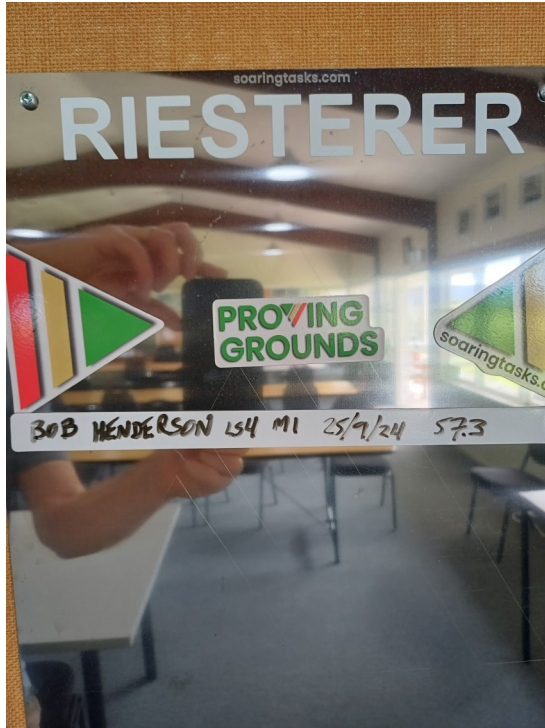
## New Zealand

1<sup>st</sup> 32,815 points Piako Gliding Club (1<sup>st</sup> place for 4 successive years)

2<sup>nd</sup> 8,287 points Auckland Gliding Club

	Flights	Hours	Points
<a href="#">Tim Bromhead (NZ)</a>	15	62	5262
<a href="#">Sarel Venter (NZ)</a>	23	73	5039
<a href="#">Philip Rees (NZ)</a>	21	71	4975
<a href="#">Brett Slater (NZ)</a>	20	64	4540
<a href="#">David Johnson (NZ)</a>	10	40	3257
<a href="#">Bob Gray (NZ)</a>	9	31	2311
<a href="#">DP Jensen (NZ)</a>	5	16	1526
<a href="#">Charlie Irvin (NZ)</a>	9	19	1376
<a href="#">Ian Wood (NZ)</a>	10	25	1162
<a href="#">Ross Hyndman (NZ)</a>	6	15	936
<a href="#">Royden Hooker (NZ)</a>	9	12	907
<a href="#">Bob Henderson (NZ)</a>	3	6	438
<a href="#">Paul Blackmore (NZ)</a>	5	9	430
<a href="#">Steven Care (NZ)</a>	1	3	267
<a href="#">Steve Thrupp (NZ)</a>	2	4	264
<a href="#">Colin Kelly (NZ)</a>	1	2	126

# CLUB TROPHIES (SO FAR)





## GNZ NORTHERN REGIONALS 24TH TO 30TH NOV 2024

### OPEN CLASS

#	CN	Contestant	Glider	Total
1	VM	David Johnson	Discus 2b	3,535
2	KT	Steven G Wallace	Mosquito	3,506
3	FE	Frank Excell	Discus 2c FES	2,981
4	FS	Michael Cooper	LAK-17B FES	2,897
5	BE	Neil Raymond	Ventus-3F	2,239
6	SP	Derek S Wagstaff	Ventus bT	2,209
7	BI	Steve Foreman	Diccus=2b	1,778
8	CW	Sarel Venter	ASW 27-18E	1,348
9	CK	Neil Harker	Ventus-2cT	994



David Johnson over the moon winning the Regionals by the slimmest of margins. It came down to the last day. David has been on the podium before but this would be the first win.

### RACING CLASS

#	CN	Contestant	Glider	Total
1	PK	Robert Gray	DG-1001 Club Neo	3,647
2	GJ	Philip Rees	Standard Libelle	3,513
3	VA	Stewart Barton	DG-400	3,260
4	NM	Trace Austin	Discus CS	3,133
5	LL	Derek Shipley	LS 3-a	2,913
6	ML	Brett Slater	SZD-48-1 Hantar standard 2	2,832
7	XP	Ian Wood	Discus b	2,759
8	SS	Craig Hunter	ASW28	2,335
9	KW	Ross Hyndman	ASW27	1,906
10	SW	Gerard Robertson	Ventus cT	911
11	SL	Steven Thrupp	Discus B	834
12	ET	John Tullet	Ka6E	680
13	YT	Peter B Cook	Discus a	539



Phil Rees was winning after day 4, but the last 2 days Bob managed to sneak ahead. He flew with club members Rob Richardson, Nick Odom, Stacey Hart, Robin Britton and possibly James Godwin. Ross Hyndman flew incredible well in his first contest, with a win on the first day and a second on day 2. Brett Slater (also 1st contest) finish 6th and Steven Thrupp (again 1st contest) flew only 1 day for an 8th placing.

## CENTRAL PLATEAU CONTEST TAUPO

2ND TO 9TH NOV 2024

Unfortunately this contest was plagued by bad weather, but they at least managed 2 days. David Jensen managed 2nd place and Neil Raymond 5th out of 7 in the Open Class. Derek Shipley (our only representative in the Racing Class) managed a podium



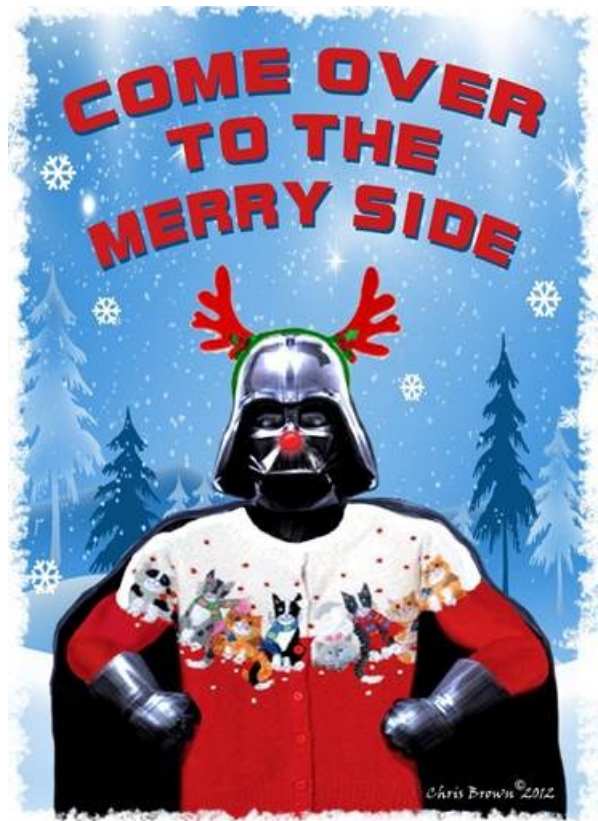
Ross Hyndman in his ASW 27 KW



Dennis Crequer in the back seat of PK



YL on the ridge.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

9th to 13th Dec	National ATC Course (Matamata)
16th to 22nd Dec	YouthGlide Camp (Matamata)
26th Dec to 5th Jan	Matamata Christmas Camp (includes mid week)
7th to 21st Jan	Walsh Flying School at Matamata Airfield
5th to 22nd Jan	PGC to Taupo during Walsh
13th to 17th Jan	Juniors and Novice event Taupo (recent)
18th to 26th Jan	GNZ Club Class Championships
1st to 9th Mar	MSC Grand Prix (Matamata)

### PIAKO GLIDING CLUB COMMITTEE 2024/2025

President:	Iggy Wood
Vice President:	Tim Bromhead
Secretary:	Charlie Irvin
Treasurer:	Sarel Venter
Club Captain	Steven Care
Chief Flying Instructor:	Norman Duke
Chief Tow Pilot:	Phil Rees
Bar Manager:	Sarel Venter assisted by Derek Shipley
Maintenance Officer:	Colin Kelly
Committee:	Genny Care, Phil Rees, Gareth Cartwright, Colin Kelly
Seconded	Bob Gray
User Group Rep:	Dave Dennison
Winch Master:	Neil Raymond