



Gliding

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From the Club Secretary March 2016

Hi members

It is Autumn already with another Summer gone. The club has had some great flying days from both Hastings and Waipukurau. Often the soaring conditions were better than they looked with good blue thermals one recent Sunday to over 6,000ft an example of this. Brief reports of club flying activities are on the club website at <http://www.glidinghbw.co.nz/club-news.html> If you have any photos or news etc at any time to add the club web site, please e-mail details to me at info@glidinghbw.co.nz.

Autumn and Winter can give many calm, flat days which are ideal for students as well as good wave and great flying for all. To make the most of your training, you need to come every flyable day and target 2 or 3 flights per day. Look at your training syllabus and talk to your instructor about what you want to work on that day. While not flying, many of the syllabus items can be covered on the ground so if there are instructors around, ask them to take you through some of them.

If you are duty pilot, please review the list of duties in the caravan and ask for any help required. All members need to work together to ensure the smooth operation of flying which is why we are with the club.

The club will be planning a blind circuit and spot landing competition later in the year and there are trophies to be won for both. There is a list of club trophies on the club website and members are asked to start thinking about nominations for the current year.

If you have any suggestions on improving the club and its operations, please feel free to share them with the committee.

The club will be officially 60 years old next year on 21st June so it is not too early to start thinking about how the club should mark this occasion.

Remember also if any of your details change, e.g. mailing address, or are incorrect on the Membership List distributed (e-mail address, cell phone or phone number), please **advise me by e-mail** so the club membership and contact lists can be kept up to date.

We should get some more great soaring days before Autumn ends. Happy flying.

Jason Kelly
Club Secretary