

OGC 2009 Winter Newsletter



First of all our thoughts are with Hugh Turner who is currently seeking new directions in his life. We certainly wish Hugh all the very best. At this stage it is not certain whether we will see Hugh back at Omarama or not. Hugh has been a great asset to the Omarama Gliding Club – initially as its CFI, an instructor, an active Executive member and someone who always had the interests of the club at heart and was always willing to help its members.



To Hugh - Please accept our heartfelt thanks for all your efforts on behalf of the Omarama Gliding Club. We do hope we see you around Omarama in the future but in the meantime we hope you find happiness and an enjoyable, rewarding and satisfying life wherever your journey takes you.

Gliding New Zealand – Conference

Phil Plane, our CFI, will be the official Omarama Gliding Club delegate to the GNZ Conference/AGM to be held next month. We understand Phil will be doing a presentation on the SPOT tracking programme he set up at Omarama. We are delighted Phil's efforts have been recognized as a huge contribution to safety in our sport. If you have any topic you would like discussed/raised at the AGM or at the President's forum do let Phil know.

SI Regionals

Any members who are interested in hiring OGC gliders for the week along SI Regional contest commencing 14th November should let the Executive know of their interest as soon as practicable. The Executive will consider all applications received and allocate the gliders enabling our competition Pilots to make their on-line bookings sooner rather than later.

Jerry's X-C and Mountain flying course

Jerry's club orientated X-C course has become very popular and club members wanting to hire club gliders to participate in this course commencing 9th November to 13th November at Omarama should let us know as it may be necessary to allocate gliders and if necessary organise gliders to be hired on a shared basis but it will be necessary to book gliders soon for this week. Please send your expressions of interest in hiring club gliders for either of these events to Yvonne Loader at loaders@clear.net.net.

WINTER SOCIAL ACTIVITY

Do you wonder what happens over winter? Here is a group of glider pilots (7 of which are Omarama Gliding Club members) by-passing the winter blues at a luncheon held at the West Coast experience in Christchurch last week.



From left - Eion Coutts, Neil Ayrey, Don Howard and his Wife, Yvonne Loader, Max Stevens, Roger Read, Craig Keenan, Stewart Cain, Ashley, Ross Marfell, Roger Harris, Graham Erikson and Wayne Wilson.

If you wonder why you weren't invited this regular get together is for retirees who are still actively flying but as you can see it is "gate-crashed" by a few who can't wait for retirement!!

PRE PAID SCHEME CHANGE

There is an amendment to the pre paid scheme. On application to the Executive OGC Members can now purchase a new pre paid two months prior to the 1st July that will have a validity period to the 30th June the following year (eg 14 months validity period). This is to cover the gap where OGC pilots have used up their pre paid, still want to fly and there is no point in waiting to the 1st July before they can purchase another PP while our gliders sit on the ground.

WINTER FLYING

Flying at Omarama has now ceased until the Spring but Yankee Foxtrot is at Hororata for those who wish to fly over the winter during the weekends.

TREASURER

We are still looking for someone willing to take on the role of Club Treasurer. The role is not an onerous one as Sally Saunderson does all the club members accounts, monthly financial reporting to the Executive and the Annual Accounts. Anyone willing to take on this role is asked to contact Yvonne.

Your membership renewals will be in the mail next month. If you do not intend renewing please let me know so your resignation can be processed effective the 30th

June. loaders@clear.net.nz

Your opinions, ideas, comments and what you would like to see happen are always welcome!



ENJOY THE JOYS OF WINTER

Warmest regards to all

Yvonne