



MBGC Update
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Weather Forecast – 29/30 January

Situation - A high pressure system will move through Bass Strait on Friday. The high will move over the Tasman Sea during Saturday. The next cold front is expected to move through southern Victoria late on Sunday.

Saturday - Sunny. Light winds.

Sunday - Sunny. Winds northeast to northwesterly averaging 15 to 30 km/h tending west to northwesterly up to 25 km/h by early evening.

Roster

Sat 29 January – Duty Instructor – Ian Cohn

Sun 30 January – Duty Instructors – Mike Pobjoy and Steve Bradbury

Operations

This weeks hints for safe flying:-

Check the wind speed and direction – before deciding your circuit and landing direction. Use the wind sock, ripples on water, and smoke to determine the wind speed and direction.

Safe Speed in Circuit – Use 1.5 times the stall speed (55kt in the IS-28) and add half the wind speed to give you extra stall margin near the ground.

Aircraft in Circuit – Launch crew and winch drivers must always check that there are no aircraft in circuit prior to launching. Especially look down the valley to ensure that there are no powered aircraft on a long straight-in approach.

Clearance for launching – Launch crews should always ensure that there is a 45 degree obstacle clearance from the wing tip of the launching glider to other aircraft or bystanders before authorising the launch.

Radios at the winch – Winch drivers should always ensure that they take both a UHF and a VHF radio with them to ensure that they hear any VHF radio traffic on the CTAF 126.00mhz and maintain traffic situational awareness.

AGM - A reminder that the 2011 AGM will be held on Sunday 30th of January at 135 Simmonds Creek Rd, Tawonga South, commencing at 9:00 am.

Member News

Mt Beauty takes first four Places in Club Class Nationals

#	CN	Pilot	Team	Glider	Total
1.	GMF	Allan Barnes	Qld	LS 1 f	5605
2.	HDL	Tobias Geiger	Vic	LS 4	5450
3.	XOR	Craig Collings	Vic	ASW 20B	5243
4.	XGO	Paul Mander	NSW	SZD 55	5124

Former MBGC member **Allan Barnes** was first, Social member **Toby Geiger** second, **President Craig Collings**, third, and Social member **Paul Mander** fourth in the Australian Club Class National Championships at Benalla that finished last Friday. See <http://www.soaringspot.com/ausclub2011/results>

Hang Glider Accident at Mt Beauty on 26 January

A hang glider pilot who was a visitor from the UK crashed into the Mt Beauty water treatment plant property adjacent to the south end of the airfield while attempting to land into a strong SW crosswind. The hang glider clipped a tree on a low approach and

struck the ground vertically just outside the airfield boundary fence.

The accident was observed by MBGC members Ian Douglas, Andrew Evans and George Vasiliadis and another hang glider pilot who all ran to the scene of the accident.

Ian yelled to the others to call an ambulance as the pilot appeared to be severely injured and was unconscious.

George rang 000 for an ambulance while Ian and the other hang glider pilot commenced CPR on the pilot and Andrew cut the pilot free from the entangled hang glider wires.

CPR was continued until the ambulance officers arrived with the patient resuming breathing sporadically, but unfortunately soon afterwards the ambulance officers pronounced the pilot dead.

Andrew said that the incident highlighted the necessity for all of us to have knowledge of how to administer CPR and first aid. He said that Ian Douglas and the other hang glider pilot did a magnificent job of attempting to resuscitate the critically injured pilot.

Diary

26th January 2011 - GV, OB, IDs, AE, SB, SG, IC, and MBd crewed to fly the IS-28, Pilatus, Astir, Libelle and ASW-19. There were light northwesterly breezes changing to strong south westerly later. Cloud base was variable from 6,500 ft to 8,500 ft. Difficult thermals gave lift to 7,500ft and occasionally to 8,500ft over the higher terrain. Flight time was 15:29 from 12 flights.

25th January 2011 - GV, OB, BT, IC, SG and MBd crewed to fly the IS-28, Mistral, Astir, Libelle and ASK-21. There were light northwesterly breezes with no cloud. Difficult blue thermals gave lift to 5,500ft and occasionally to 6,500ft over the higher terrain. Flight time was 12:37 from 10 flights.

23rd January 2011 - MP, GV, BT, IDy, AE, SG, RH, and MBd crewed to fly the IS-28, Pilatus, Astir, ASW-19 and ASK-21. Flight time was 10:48 from 15 flights.

22nd January 2011 - MBn, GV, BT, RL, and SL crewed to fly the IS-28. Flight time was 3:14 from 10 flights.

21st January 2011 - MP, IC, AE, and MBd crewed to fly the Pilatus, Libelle and ASW-19. Flight time was 5:25 from 5 flights.

20th January 2011 - GV, OB, and MBd crewed to fly the IS-28 and ASK-21. There were light northwesterly breezes and cumulus over the ridges with cloud base around 7,500ft. Flight time was 9:14 from 3 flights.



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