

# Thermal

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*Front Cover: Pictured are the fences in close proximity to Piper’s Field. Beware if you experience a low level rope break!  
Picture supplied by Alan McGowan*



*Piper’s Field*

# BSC Officers & Delegates

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Ground Engineer	Mike Perry
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Member	Keith Gateley
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BSC Website Co-ord.	Serge Lauriou

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Aaron Stroop (CFI), Paul Drew, Keith Gateley, Bob Hall, Peter Hanneman, Ray Humphrey, Phil Jones, Nick King, Armin Kruger, John Leonard (AEI), John Maggs, Alan McGown, Lyle McLean, Matthew Minter, Eddie Pahic, Brett Suttcliffe, Eric Sweet, David Wilkins

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### Cross Country Coaching Co-ordinator

Armin Kruger

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### Maintenance Panel – Aircraft Captains

**Glider Maintenance Co-Ordinator:** Peter Newcomb

**IS28:** John Rappell, Peter Gore

**JUNIOR:** Nigel Gray, George Mortensen

**ASK 13:** Kathleen Mason, Matthew Minter

**LIBELLE:** Richard Bull, Robert Bull,  
Rod Wellington

**DG 300:** Vacant, Peter Newcomb

**PUCHACZ:** George Marbot, Bhup Mistry

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### Other BSC members active in the gliding movement

Kerrie Claffey: NSW GFA Delegate

Bob Hall: President of GFA

Armin Kruger: CFI NSW Air League Gliding

Rod Leonard: Group Captain NSW Air League Gliding

Aaron Stroop: NSW GFA Councillor, NSWGA Vice President, GFA Radio Officer

Eric Sweet: NSW Gliding Association President

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All contributions welcome. Please send articles to the editor.**

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# Notes from the Ed

**S**ummer's over, and I think most of you had a better season than last year. Narromine didn't start off too well, and the Xmas Camp was nothing to write home about either, but Temora was great.

If you weren't there, you missed a camp reminiscent of the drought season. Some said they had 9 straight days of good x'country conditions. When's the last time you had that?

Temora followed on from the Club Class Nationals, and Colin Turner has provided a good report for Thermal selling the virtues of this competition and also the advantages of the popular Assigned Area Task system. We are attempting to incorporate this as best we can for the Piper's Shield Comp.

We should also point out that Colin was the sole BSC member competing at Temora – that's a far cry from when BSC used to make up 30% of the competition field. What's the solution?

John Maggs tells of his Temora experience this year and in particular that great day we flew 600. What we wouldn't do for more days like that! And, what a great experience flying a big task with a whole bunch of other club members.

Kerrie Claffey tells us how to fly a 750 – wish she'd come back and fly with us.

And Alan McGown has contributed an article about the fences around Piper's, which makes quite good reading.

We already have some good material for the next issue of Thermal including an article from Peter Newcomb about the old aeroplanes and airshows he visited in England last year.

Leigh Youdale has been quite busy preparing an equitable scoring system for the Piper's Shield Comp, and we expect to have the final results available soon. There is no truth in the rumour that I have made contributions to the Youdale holiday fund (some people are so unkind).

If you haven't entered your flights yet for the Piper's Shield Comp, I suggest you do so very soon. There is no limit to the number of entries or the distance or speed flown, as each flight is scored based on other performances on the day, and our pilot handicaps are designed to help level the field a bit.

If you're still unsure how it all works, Leigh or I will be happy to explain it to you.

By the time you receive this copy of Thermal, we hope to have secured a volunteer to run the Easter Comp this year and also for the Ridge Camp over the Anzac Day period – stay tuned, or better still step forward, these events won't happen on their own.

Thanks again to all who have contributed to Thermal.

See you at Piper's...

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# From 'El Presidente'

**F**rom reports I hear (and having been at Temora myself) those members attending camps and comps have been well pleased with the flying during this past summer. I know there were quite a few early cross-country pilots who ventured out on tasks for the first time. Congratulations to them and to those who completed badge flights.

Temora was again well attended with 15 BSC gliders in attendance and an equal number from other clubs. The weather was kind with only one non-flying day during the two weeks. A number of 600, 500 & 300K's were completed by BSC members.

Back in early December, Santa magically appeared and glided in as he usually does. The Clubhouse was the venue for the Children's Christmas Party

and later in the evening a pleasant BBQ for the members. Thanks to everyone who assisted.

As many are aware, the IS28 was un-serviceable for a period of 5 weeks early this year. This occurred because we couldn't obtain a suitable tube for the mainwheel. The Club maintains an inventory of important spares so that instances such as this are avoided. It is vitally important that when spares are used, the fact be communicated to Peter Newcomb, so that he can organise replacements.

The same procedure should be followed when there are instances of any of our equipment going u/s, or requiring maintenance. If you are uncertain whom to contact, tell me and I'll pass it onto the appropriate person.

Over the next few months there are a few club projects planned. If you can assist please contact the co-ordinator.

- Pie cart: tropical roof & internal repairs (John Leonard).
- Briefing Room: to be finished off (Margaret Jones).
- Tug engines: PPC's to be replaced soon. TNE's in about 6 months (John Carr).

But let's keep flying as well. Autumn at Bathurst can be very pleasant.

Safe flying  
Bill Tugnett



Above: Bill Tugnett and Bob McDonald in front of the DG500 at Temora