



Masterton Soaring Club & Wellington Gliding Club & Hood Aerodrome

Invite you to the 2019 Central Districts Gliding Championships at Hood Aerodrome, Masterton

Dear fellow pilot

We invite you to enter the 2019 Central Districts Championships to be held at Hood Aerodrome from Sunday 3rd to Saturday 9th March 2019, inclusive with Saturday 2nd available as a practice day.

This year the event is being hosted by three organizations, the Masterton Soaring Club, the Wellington Gliding Club and Hood Aerodrome (Masterton District Council). It has been several years since the CD's have been held at Hood, and we intend to use the occasion to show off the sport to the public, and enjoy the outstanding facilities the aerodrome offers. The Wairarapa, is well known for wave and thermal and convergences and of course is just up the road from the new Greytown Soaring Centre. Another huge advantage is the uncontrolled airspace.

The competition will be run out of the Wairarapa Aero Club, which is well set up with rooms, kitchen, bar and swimming pool. Camping is available at the club and as well there are plenty of accommodation options available in the towns nearby to suit all budgets. We will be having a couple of barbeques to welcome everyone, both at Hood and down at the Greytown Soaring Centre with its new Training Centre

We intend keeping the same tone to the competition as it has become known for –a good fun contest with an emphasis on helping new pilots gain experience. The Wairarapa is blessed with lots of big paddocks, and quite a few airfields. If you have no crew, that is no problem - others will help as required.

To help with planning of towplanes, early advice of entry is much appreciated. You can save \$40 on the entry fee if you enter and pay on or prior to 31st January 2018. An entry form is attached and also available on the web site www.nzsoaringsolutions.co.nz or www.soar.co.nz. Further information, turnpoints etc will be available at the same sites and will be updated as time progresses.

We are hoping for a great turnout, this competition has seen a revival in the last few years. Please encourage your friends and families and especially new pilots to come and enjoy the safe skies, large paddocks and huge smooth airfield we have here at Hood.

We look forward to seeing you at Hood in March 2019!

Contest Convener
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for the Masterton Soaring Club & Wellington Gliding Club

