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## *JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER*

Greetings everyone. I have agreed to take on the newsletter from Len Thompson. Firstly, I would like to thank Len for all his efforts in producing the newsletter in the past. I don't promise to be as good as Len but I do promise to try.

For those that don't know me, my name is Myles Taylor and together with my son Heath, have started flight training in MBN.

This month the newsletter is a bit brief. I am getting my head around how it all works. Will produce a much more polished effort next month. This will probably mean I will be pestering many of you for future contributions. If you have any items you wish to contribute, my email address is [mtaylor@northernrfa.org.nz](mailto:mtaylor@northernrfa.org.nz) please feel free to drop me a line

### **Recent Events**

On Sunday 29th January members of the club assisted the organisers of the North Shore Aero Club to park the participants in their Great Northern Air Race who were leaving their aircraft on Kerikeri airfield overnight, whilst enjoying hospitality and accommodation in Paihia.

Sixteen assorted aircraft, Microlight, GA, Twins, and a couple of Yak Warbirds arrived between 4.15pm and 5.30 pm.

The Airport Management requested that they all park over on the other side of the field, near the threshold of runway 20, and this made it difficult for crew and passengers to access our clubroom, which in fact was not used.

All aircraft departed on Monday for the next leg of their race, and I believe they then stopped at Kaitaia for lunch before completing the course, which is their Annual Auckland Anniversary Weekend activity.





## Games Evening

The games evening was a success and in addition to Pool and Darts we had a game of Double Nine dominoes. Scoring made John's head hurt, but he managed to work it so that he won.



**Forthcoming events:**

Club flying competition Feb 12th 14:00.

This is open to all club members. Kaitaia aero Club and Swanair will be invited to take part too. It will involve several sections.

1. Aircraft check out: a time limited walk round of an aircraft that has some introduced faults of an obvious nature.

A short flight comprising

2. Climbing to 4000' cloud base permitting, deploying a streamer and seeing how many times you can cut it with the propeller by the time you get to 2000'

3. A bombing run to drop a flour bomb on a target.

4. A spot landing using power and flap as required but not in such a way as to put the aircraft at risk.

There will be a prize for the winner.

Club instructors will be available to sit with you if do not have a licence - so anyone interested can have a go.

A licenced pilot may take part alone or with a passenger to assist in streamer & bomb deployment.

Aircraft owners may use their own aircraft for the flying sections