

## Decentralised Competition Results 2008-2009 Summer Season

There were 1,258,224 kilometres flown on the OnLine Competition (OLC) from 1 October 2008 to May 2009. The participation in the DCE in the 2008-09 Summer season (October to 31 March) included:

- 21 pilots in Category 1 - Top 50 Category (from 15 in 2008),
- 186 Pilots in Category 2 - More than 200 hours Solo (from 115 in 2008),
- 3 entries in Category 3 - Club Two Seater (same as last year),
- 32 pilots in Category 4 - Less than 200 hours solo (18 in 2008), and
- 130 Guest overseas pilots (104 in 2008).
- 10 Women pilots and 10 Junior pilots are included in the numbers above.

The 2009 season numbers represent an overall 46% increase in participation in the OLC in Australia (for both overseas and Australian pilots). In addition to the previous existing categories, this season we created an award for the longest FAI Triangle, a Junior Certificate, and Women's certificate.

The longest flight was by Michael Sommer -1137kms in a Nimbus 3T, and the longest handicap flight was by Terry Cubley – 1056kms in his LS3, which also qualified Terry for the Baron Hilton Cup.

The Winners for the season are as follows:

- Overall Winner – Australian Gliding Trophy – Terry Bellair – Bendigo Soaring Club – 4543 pts
- Runner-up – Sportavia Trophy – Allan Barnes – Darling Downs SC – 4358 pts
- Bathurst Soaring Club Trophy – Tobias Geiger – GCV - 3967 pts
- NSWGA Shield – Roger Druce – VMFG – 4110 pts
- Best Club National Two-Seater – Lake Keepit GC – 1481 pts
- Corfu Accommodation Shield (Less than 200 hrs solo) – Craig Collings – 2527 pts
- Women's Certificate – Jo Davis – Darling Downs SC – 3012 pts
- Junior Certificate –Liam Donald – Kingaroy Soaring Club – 1332 pts
- OLC FAI Triangle – Terry Cubley – 1043 kms FAI triangle

The following tables show some of the top entries for the competition and other gliding statistics.

<b>No</b>	<b>Airfield</b>	<b>Kilometres</b>	<b>No. Flights</b>
1	Corowa VIC	502,211	901
2	Benalla VIC	288,095	743
3	Narromine NSW	88,391	234
4	Jondaryan Qld	79,304	224
5	Lake Keepit NSW	59,376	215
6	Tocumwal VIC	53,933	136
7	Kingaroy Qld	43,552	146
8	Beverley WA	34,975	123
9	Southern Cross WA	26,781	67
10	Temora NSW	25,370	80

**Table i Ten Most Active Gliding Fields**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Kilometres</b>	<b>No. flights</b>	<b>No. Pilots</b>
1	Gliding Club of Victoria	122,882	325	38
2	Darling Downs Soaring Club	101,406	309	32
3	Kingaroy Soaring Club	63,775	181	25
4	Beverley Soaring Society	59,778	192	25
5	Murray Valley Soaring Club	57,271	111	12
6	Lake Keepit Soaring Club	43,405	158	30
7	VMFG	42,438	111	14
8	Gliding Club of WA	29,343	80	8
9	Geelong GC	26,974	103	8
10	Bendigo Gliding Club	22,317	54	4
11	Southern Cross GC	21,481	82	13
12	SportAviation Tocumwal	16,771	56	14
13	Grampians Soaring Club	16,040	42	2
14	Bathurst Soaring Club	16,857	56	8
15	Adelaide Soaring Club	14,694	47	13
16	Narromine Gliding Club	14,231	38	7
17	Hunter Valley Gliding Club	8,267	28	3
18	Mt Beauty Gliding Club	8,065	25	3
19	Boonah Gliding Club	6,016	24	6
20	Wagga Wagga GC	5,450	19	3
21	Temora Gliding Club	5,293	19	2
		<b>702,755</b>	<b>2060</b>	<b>268</b>

**Table ii Australian Clubs (1/10/08 – 10/5/08)**

<b>No</b>	<b>Pilot</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Total Points</b>
1	Terry Bellair	Bendigo Gliding Club	4543
2	Allan Barnes	Darling Downs Soaring Club	4358
3	Roger Druce	VMFG	4110
4	Tobias Geiger	Gliding Club of Victoria	3967
5	Terry Ryan	SportAviation Tocumwal	3962
6	Ingo Renner	Murray Border Flying Club	3830
7	Graham Garlick	Gliding Club of Victoria	3796
8	Roger Solomons	Narromine Gliding Club	3785
9	Justin Fitzgerald	Beverley Soaring Society	3725
10	Swain Johnson	Gliding Club of WA	3626

**Table iii Top 10 Pilots - DCE (More than 200 hrs solo, including Top 50)**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Craig Collings (NZ / VIC)	Mt Beauty Gliding Club	2527
2	Wayne Hadkins (AU / NSW)	Wagga Wagga GC	1996
3	Matthew Atkinson (AU / NSW)	Lake Keepit Soaring Club	1642
4	Adam Webb (UK / VIC)	Geelong GC	1618
5	David Nash (AU / QLD)	Darling Downs Soaring Club	1522
6	Liam Donald (AU / QLD)	Kingaroy Soaring Club	1332
7	Eric Stauss (AU / SA)	Balaklava Gliding Club	1277
8	Dave Holbrook (AU / QLD)	Darling Downs Soaring Club	1233
9	Bob Merkenhof (AU / NSW)	Southern Cross Gliding Club	1131
10	Mark Barnfield (AU / NSW)	Southern Cross Gliding Club	1110

**Table iv Top 10 Pilots from Category 4 - Less than 200 hrs solo**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Pilot</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Points</b>
1	Daan Pare (NL / )	Amsterdamsche C v Zweefvliegen	5067
2	Hans-Juergen Lange (DE / RP)	LSC Westerwald	4813
3	Harry Wondergem (NL / )	Amsterdamsche C v Zweefvliegen	4774
4	Hans Chr. Hoeck (DK / VIC)	Murray Valley Soaring Club	4761
5	Berry Fennis (NL / )	Amsterdamsche C v Zweefvliegen	4753
6	Jurgen Thomsen (DK / VIC)	Murray Valley Soaring Club	4669
7	Michael Sommer (DE / BY)	FSC Move Obernau	4578
8	Peter Zander (DE / BY)	FSG DaimlerChrysler	4529
9	Bob Nicholls (UK / VIC)	Gliding Club of Victoria	4518
10	Ernst-Otto Dumke (DE / BY)	FSC Aschaffenburg	4423
11	Richard Aldous (UK / BW)	Fliegergruppe Wolf Hirth	4382
12	Lubor Kuvik (SK / SK)	Air Sympatia	4378
13	Manfred Kasten (DE / BW)	LSG Sudwest Herten-Rheinfelden	4371
14	Jonathan Walker (UK / )	The Soaring Centre	4329
15	Reinhard Pankow (DE / HH)	HAC Boberg	4304
16	Alojz Maros (0 / SK)	Prievidza	4232
17	Pepe Gresa (ES / )	Cl. Vol a Vela Igualada	4214
18	Ruedi Herzog (CH / )	SG Lagern	4193
19	Jozef Snirc (SK / SK)	Prievidza	4193
20	Vincent Dolfin (NL / )	Amsterdamsche C v Zweefvliegen	4121

**Table v Top 20 Pilots from Visiting Pilots Category**

There are still a fair number of pilots whose registration is not correct (mostly not in the correct GFA-DCE category).

To update your own registration, log in, and go to Contest Registration Update. The major area to check is to ensure you are logged into a GFA DCE category. If not, you will default to being a "guest" competitor".

Don't forget the Winter competition is still running till Sept 31 so get those entries going and keep checking the GFA website for updates.

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