

# Healthy Bastards competition



Kiwis: provide a venue and a challenge, and the nature of this nation comes out.

New member Hayden Williams from Oamaru has a crack at the Landing Competition at Omaka.

Last year a lot of enthusiasts gave it a go, and this year most were back with vengeance – all there to prove that their skills were up there with the best.

Without exception they succeeded. The skill shown by even low hour pilots was outstanding.

Aircraft were prepared especially for the challenge and obviously a great deal of practice had been put in. Could be the lower avgas price helped?

An aging pilot base was not so obvious at this meet and it was great to see some of the young pilots doing so well. Perhaps our thinking has to change to make sure this trend continues. Flying is but another form of sport and entertainment to the younger brigade and we should ensure we make it as interesting, exciting and SAFE as possible.

The event is a great chance to hone skills and develop the next generation of Bush Pilots.

Omaka turned on a slightly damp day that kept everyone a little cooler than last year, but still caught out a few, myself included, who were surprised by how sunburnt we found ourselves at day's end.

As the day went on I found it increasingly difficult to justify my decision not to compete this year. I probably could have found a way around all the good reasons I had prior to going South. Competitive spirit coming out again.

The central location is a great venue that allows for a large turn out of aircraft. Long may it continue. All the volunteers and sponsors need a large pat on the back.

The Precision Landing Competition was won by Jack Griffith in a PA18A-160 (BOY), who hit the mark with a perfect landing. The same aircraft featured with a win in the STOL, Light Touring Category, this time piloted by Nigel Griffith. Also in the STOL

event, the Microlight Category was won by Chris Anderson in a Zenith CH701 (TIA), and the Heavy Touring Category by Nick Rowe in a Murphy Super Rebel (MSR). ✈

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