

Hello all,

Welcome to the Summer/Autumn newsletter,

It's been a mixed summer for us here weather wise, with plenty of rain around (which has played havoc with our fishing clients) and some really hot days.

On the hunting side, we have signed a lease for the Needles Block, which many of you will know. There are 2 huts in there at this stage, Cathedral and Patutu, so if you are looking for some new fly in options either of these would be worth a visit.

We still have a few spots left in April, including in the Needles, so get in touch if you are looking for a roar hunt.

As this newsletter goes out, we have just received our new Air Operators Certificate from the CAA. It was a very extensive audit process and we have had to make some operational changes to continue to operate within the changing CAA requirements. A couple of these will affect our clients:

- We can not have any unsecured baggage in the front of the Squirrel any longer. This means we will have to impose a maximum chilli bin size of 60 litres and only 1 per load. Basically, it has to fit in either the pod or the boot. We will look at this again once we have found an acceptable means of securing cabin baggage, but in the meantime, it will also apply to the H500.
- Longer flights will have a reduced max weight limit due to the increased weight of the Squirrels new tail boom, this limit will range from the current 580 kgs down to 550 kgs for blocks that are further away from our base. Please ask for details.
- In addition to declaring what dangerous goods, we need to know what quantities you have, so if you know what Dangerous Goods you have when you turn up without having to unpack all your gear, that would speed things up!

In other news, the draw for the \$500 voucher will take place on March the 20<sup>th</sup>, so if you have handed in a Customer Feedback Questionnaire, you are already in to win! Email us at [info@helisika.co.nz](mailto:info@helisika.co.nz) if you would like to receive a questionnaire and to go into the draw.

Some of you have already seen our updated website, we will continue to work on it through the winter, so keep an eye out for new content on there and also our Facebook page and Instagram page.

Please remember, when you arrive at the hanger to have the bolts removed from your rifles and please do not enter the chained off areas around the hanger and do not enter on to the apron unless accompanied by Helisika staff.

We look forward to seeing you over the next few months.