

Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club inc.

(The Most Challenging Motorcycle Sport)



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Section Cleanup: Section 1 = Clubman, Sections 2+3 = C Grade, Section 4 = C+ Grade, Section 5 = B Grade, Section 6 = A Grade & A+ Grade

Anyone who can bring observers to a trial please do to help make it a better day, we can't ride without observers.

November 2013 Newsletter

Future trials dates to be advised on Facebook when 2014 calendar has been finalised

Prez Fezz November

Well it's the end of another wonderful trials season with many new members and even more trials friends. Yes that is the greatest thing about our sport, no matter what you ride or what level you ride at we are all friends in the TMTC and this can only make our club stronger.

To recap the year we again pulled off an excellent Tas Title two day event at Mt Joy, thanks to the hard work of our club members, many of who went beyond the call of duty erecting signs, mowing grass, building sections and picking up toilets. As usual the feedback from our mainland friends was that this is one event not to be missed - bring on the 2014 two day which I am sure will have a record number of entries with riders coming down to case out the joint for the Aussie next year.

The stand out event of the year would have to be the inaugural Brass Monkey Ride hosted by Tim and Vonette Mead at the wonderful Moina country side retreat of the Mead family. For those who missed out, this weekend really opened our eyes to how much fun can be had on a trials bike outside of trials. Be sure to catch one of the trials ride fun days next year (believe me once you try this you will be hooked).

We also pulled off a wonderful club series held across the state, so well done to our section setters and club members for all your hard work making one Sunday a month enjoyable. The big plus for me this year has been the number of new riders joining our club and seeing the number of junior riders increase. Hopefully we can keep the numbers growing as the juniors are the future of our sport.

To all our wonderful Observers thank you, because without your help and efforts throughout the year we would not have a trials series.

To our scorers and tent people - without your smiling faces and help we would be at loss and unable to hold trials in this state.

On a personal note I wish to thank the members and committee for all their help and support throughout the year and for helping make my job more pleasant and enjoyable. Also to my tolerant wife Julie, for all her help through the year with sourcing observer prizes and helping

in the tent, which just goes to show that trials is a family sport. Finally sincere gratitude to our Land Owners, without who we would have nowhere to ride.

Be sure to enjoy your off season and please be safe over Christmas as we look forward to seeing you all in a huge 2014 for the TMT. Meanwhile, I hope to catch up with everyone at our Christmas dinner.

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NB. Cheers to you too Craig for your enthusiasm, dedication, commitment, and regular contributions to this newsletter!

This newsletter is posted on the Trials Australia site. We can also send a copy of the monthly newsletter direct to your email address - If we don't have your email address, let us know at onthecut@hotmail.co.uk.

Important! 2014 Australian Titles: Next committee meeting to be held at Enzed, Launceston (corner of Gleadow Street & Holbrook Street, Invermay) starting at 7:00pm on Monday 25th November. Thanks to David Catt for making a room available for this meeting.

Annual Dinner & Trophy Presentation Night: Archers Manor, Newnham on 7th December. Pre dinner drinks from 6:00pm, with meal to start around 7:00pm. Cost is \$30.00 per head & includes a two course dinner (combo roast main & pav/pud desert). Phone Mick Luscombe during work hours on 6330 1058 to book your place. Please note that unfortunately this event clashes with the Toy Run!

Oatlands – 17th November 2013 (Tas Championship Round 10) Report, Results & Photos

Many thanks to Jenny Berne for doing the results at Oatlands. Unfortunately there was no computer available on the day, but Jenny boldly stepped in to show that things can still be done the quaint old fashioned way. So no flashy spreadsheet results this month, but the impromptu hand written score sheet tells the same story.

A Grade: Well done to Peter Lockhart for taking out the win and his score of 40 was a great effort considering the tough sections. Brendon Smith was once again the only A+ rider and his score of 85 belies the tricky conditions – trying to get a good launch off wet grass to tackle big rock steps would be enough to shatter a lesser man's confidence!

B Grade: Once again there were only two starters, but not the usual couple. Dylan Bayles stepped down from A grade for the day (as he hasn't done a trials for months due to his Architectural studies) & Mike Amey put himself up from C+ for the day! Maybe the break has been a good thing for Dylan as he looked so composed and appears to have turned hopping into a nonchalant art form.

C+ Grade: Well done again to Bradley Shadbolt for another great win. He looked head & shoulders above everyone else and the scores reflect that too. The rumour mill is already running hot that there could be a yellow plate on this bike next year!

C Grade: Mike Travica scored another win, but credit must go to John Barber for tying 2nd place with Ian Gabbedy after being out of the sport for a good while with his wrist injury.

Clubman: Clear cut winner was Chloe Bayles, who like Dylan was looking very confident (is there some secret practice going on that we don't know about?).

GRADE	NAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	FINAL SCORE				
3 RIDERS	1. PETER Lockhart	9	7	16	17	18	3	6	40			
	2. KURT Pickering	10	12	22	12	21	9	19	62			
A. GRADE	3. Dylan Bayles											
B. GRADE	Breudon Smith	25	12	37	17	25	10	23	85			
B. Grade	2. Mike Amey	16	19	35	14	23	37	13	16	29	101	
2 RIDERS	1. Dylan Bayles	11	6	19	5	3	8	1	0	1	28	
C+	8. Mike Hull	26	20	46	19	23	4	2	19	15	34	122
20 clears	4. John Denison	17	1	18	6	5	11	7	11	18	47	
	2. Nigel Munday	8	7	15	5	3	8	0	0	0	23	
	3. Damian Langworth	12	13	25	15	16	31	9	9	18	74	
8 Riders	5. Neil Berne	10	10	20	1	1	2	9	8	17	39	
	6. Mick Luscombe	13	9	22	4	8	12	7	6	13	47	
	1. Bradly Shaddad	8	1	9	2	1	3	1	1	2	14	
	6. Ian Pickering	18	13	31	10	3	13	1	6	7	51	
C. grade	Ken Haskin	10	9	19	11	5	16	8	11	19	54	
7 Riders	5. Samuel Lockhart	11	9	20	5	6	11	10	8	18	49	
	1. Mike Travica	4	11	15	2	3	5	8	1	9	29	
9/15	3. Ian Gabbedy	14	6	20	2	7	9	8	6	14	43	
	4. John Barber	14	10	24	2	2	4	11	4	15	43	
	2. Steve Harris	10	5	15	13	2	15	4	7	11	41	
	6. David Carr	13	8	21	5	5	10	15	4	19	50	
Clobman	1. Chloe Bayles	2	3	5	1	1	2	1	1	2	9	
5 Riders	5. Kieran Gabbedy	14	18	32	20	19	39	17	21	38	109	
	3. Broc Gabbedy	11	16	27	7	12	19	13	11	24	70	
	2. Jack Burdon	9	3	12	2	6	8	1	0	1	21	
	4. Will Thornby	14	18	32	7	13	20	9	13	22	74	



Brendon Smith might have been only competing against himself in A+, but he worked hard all day trying to overcome the combination of slippery take offs & big obstacles.



Mike Amey shows that he can still come up with the goods in B grade.



Damian Langworthy now at the end of his first season in C+ & showing that he is really coming to grips with the bigger obstacles.



Dylan Bayles casually launches into space from one of the many drop-offs.



After patiently waiting months to get his dead Gasser revived John 'Strop' made a welcome return to trials just beating Mick Luscombe for 5th place in C+ after a count back. John may not be that well known to some, but he was one of the first riders to start riding trials again when this club held its first trial in February 1991 at Lilydale. He is also the only current rider that competed in the ill fated Australian Trials championships in 1985 & there is video evidence somewhere of him abandoning his Italjet down a fast flowing flume of water & retrieving it at the bottom. For those that don't know the history, the trial was run by the Launceston Motorcycle club up Spreyton way (I believe) and there was torrential rain that wreaked havoc. There was so much fallout following the event that the Launceston Motorcycle club totally lost interest in trials. After one attempt to get things going again with a low key event run in 1986 (Peter Bayles was there on his TLR250) there were no more trials in Tassie until 1991. Maybe we will take up the story of the clubs early days in a future newsletter.....

Mr November – Ian Gabbedy

Don't mess with Burnie boy Ian Gabberdy, he has a black belt in Karate, but it took wife Jenny to dob him in! How did he find time in his busy life for the discipline and hours of dedicated training to achieve that? Who knows, but here are a few other insights into what makes Ian tick....

Ian was born in 1969, and by the age of 5 was having fun with his brother, sister and cousins riding a Z50, instilling in him the good times to be had on 2 wheels. He continued riding until he moved to Hobart to attend Uni where he met trainee-teacher Jenny, and lived there from the age of 17-20, gaining a Science degree and majoring in Chemistry.

Jobs were scarce on the island, (seems nothing changes!) for a keen newly-qualified newly-married graduate so it was off to G.E. Plastics in Dandenong Victoria where there were greater opportunities in product technology, quality control, process, redesigning, safety procurement, and engineering thermo-plastics. It was in the early

'90s and the pay must have come in handy as Ian got back into biking, buying a ZZR250 road bike, followed by two VFR 750 in quick succession (having crashed the first); undaunted a TL1000S came next.

1996, and still in Victoria, the road-racing bug bit, and at club-level with the Hartwell Club he raced a Supermono for 3 years in support races for superbikes, one of life's memorable highlights being able to compete on Phillip Island. This resulted in some 3rd placings and a very respectable best lap time of 1 minute 46 seconds. For the 2 seasons of 1999-2000, the weapon of choice was a TZ250GP – 13 years later Ian clearly remembers the disappointment of being half way around lap one when he overshot Honda corner, went up the escape road, stalled trying to turn, and couldn't restart! Jenny recalls that these were the years of being woken in the middle of the night by her shoulders in a firm grip as Ian 'changed gear' in his sleep, and notched up his quickest laps ever, in dream-world of course! The road-racing stopped at the end of 2000, he left GE Plastics and went into trading the Financial Markets, initially for himself, then for a Geelong company who 'went belly-up'.

Looking for wheels again, Ian watched a couple of trials with Sporties Geelong MCC, re-entering the sport in Victoria in 2002 on a Sherco 290cc. He knew Mal Loone and a group of other riders very well, his brother and cousin also got into it and a hilarious time was had by all with (his words not mine!) "plenty of bagging and piss-taking, it was off the show and we had a ball!"

Ian and Jenny returned to Tasmania when the search for work resulted in a position as Technical Manager for National Foods Cheese at Kings Meadows, then after a company merger with Lion, OH&S was his responsibility. He's still there, but a recent amalgamation with Boags brewery would seem to be heading towards a dream job as a taste-testing Technical Manager with a weekly beer allowance!

In 2006 a slightly second-hand 250 GasGas was bought back in Tas but was stolen from his garage at the end of 09, so keep your eyes peeled folks. An 05 Gasser followed, then an 07, but today's trial at Oatlands saw Ian's debut on his new OSSA.

Broc and Kiera started on balance bikes before the age of 2, and Broc was independently riding a B Osset 12' (now with Mick Luscombe's grandson) before his 3rd birthday. With Broc aged only 5, Kiera 7, Ian and Jenny spent all last year chasing around & minding them through sections so I don't think Ian has had the chance to relax and reach his potential. In fact after a few crashes in C+, he downgraded and has had 1sts, 2nds, and 3rds in C grade.



Other bike connections include an imminent re-registering of a newly-restored 1929 BSA that has been in Jenny's family since new. Ian's most recent biking adventure was to join 49 others (including Ian Pickering and Scott Wellman) in an incident-packed East-West off-road crossing of Tasmania on his Husky TE 449, the hilarious highlight of which was extricating Pick and his drowned machine out of a large bog-hole. Having seen the video of this event, it definitely was not for the faint-hearted, especially when a strong incoming tide trapped the riders against the insurmountable Ocean Beach sand-dunes!

So, apart from the Karate, it's been wheels and more wheels.

Favourite food?...Thai.

Favourite drink?...Boags of course! Wizard Smith or Little Creature Bright Ale.

Travel has taken Ian to Asia and USA with work, and NZ for pleasure.

For the future, Ian is content to attend trials with the family, and will stay in Tassie for the foreseeable future with work. And for all you members who take the trouble to relate to the very junior members, these were Ian's touching spontaneous comments when asked what the club meant to him....

"It is fantastic, I really enjoy the mateship and social side. It's a safe environment for the kids both with the riding, and their interaction with adults. Broc and Kiera know most people here by name and are having a ball."

Private Adverts

For sale:
2005 Beta REV 50 full auto clutch
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Excellent juniors first bike
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GasGas for sale: Contact Ian Gabbedy

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2nd hand bikes available, various makes. Trade-ins considered and photos of bikes are available, bikes can be freighted into Tassie if interested.

2012 Sherco 290 for sale

(This is the bike that Nigel has ridden to several C+ grade wins this season)



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