

Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club inc.

(The most challenging motorcycle sport)



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November (End of year!) 2017

Presidents Report

Well what an awesome event to finish off a great year. Our last trials was as strong as ever. It's so good to see full classes still at the end of the year. It's also great to see the new riders that came into new grades over the year are developing rapidly. Our club has a number of very handy trials riders in the making. Well done to all organised in setting this event, it ran very smoothly. It was well set in regard to grading by the look of the scores. Thanks to all observers, it's such a pleasure riding with a full line up of observers. The observers make the day that's for sure.

I like that event as the last event, we always get great weather and the property with its green grass and creeks just sets the best atmosphere. It even supports a good debrief after the day is done, laughing and enjoying a few stories. The style of terrain is also good to finish in, it's a different challenge in itself riding there. It can really throw a spanner in the works in regard to championship points I reckon. I love riding rocks, I can tell you I need to work on my skills in the unpredictable creeks and banks.

Looking forward to this year's Christmas break up. It will be a fun casual event, last year was fun. A bloody good laugh. See you all there.

Regards Baylesy

Vice President's report for 2017

It is my view that 2017 has been a very good year for Tasmanian trials. Event entries have been good, attendances at come-and-try days have been excellent and we have welcomed a number of new riders during the season. I have reason to believe that we have several more new riders waiting in the wings, either having recently purchased a bike or looking to obtain a bike. The outlook for 2018 appears to be very promising.

President Chris Bayles has kept us well informed on trials matters in his reports throughout the year, but I would like to focus my end of year report on a particular activity that has resulted in a number of people, young and old, being introduced to the sport of trials.

I refer to the come-and-try days that were held in May and August. Matt Woodhouse set the standard with the day that he organised on his own property near Penguin. He set several sections with C and C+/B grade lines, organised to have members' bikes available to test ride and provided tuition to newcomers to trials. The event was well attended and the participants were very enthusiastic about the event. Congratulations Matt. You devised a great concept and followed through with superb organisation.

Following Matt's event, the southern riders banded together to organise an event in the south, held at the property that is used by the Southern Junior Dirt Bike Riders Club. The terrain was similar to that used at Matt's property, in that a grassy valley was used as the location for four sections, again marked out with C and C+/B grade lines. Grassy valleys are thought to be the ideal terrain for introducing new riders to trials,

providing a soft landing in the event of falls and thereby lessening the chances for injury to riders and damage to the bikes. Despite the arrival of the occasional shower, the southern event was as successful as its predecessor.

On behalf of the TMTC, I thank all those involved in the organisation and running of the event. Special thanks are due to Chris Bayles for providing expert tuition and for demonstrating his riding skills at both events. Some members of the club travelled from the far corners of Tasmania to support the events and this dedication is greatly appreciated. In particular, those who provided their bikes for use by participants in the come-and-try days are to be congratulated. It is not easy watching one's pride and joy being ridden away by someone whose riding skills are unknown.

Motor Cycle Trial is far from being a mainline sport and we cannot rely on the media or other external bodies to generate interest in what we do. If we are to publicise the sport and ensure that there is a constant flow of new entrants into the sport we need to step out of our comfort zone and continue to be involved in activities such as come-and-try days, demonstration rides and similar events.

Best wishes to all members for Christmas and the New Year.

Ken Hosking

Vice President

Editors report

I put the newsletter together so I'll do one too!

I won't lie, I've struggled to get newsletters out in a prompt manner this year, but considering the personal stuff going on taking up a LOT of free time, getting them out at all has been an achievement. Missing events entirely due to things (like moving out of one house, into a temporary house, then from there to the new purchase) made it tricky but thankfully, a couple of people helped out with ride reports. Slapping a keyboard and coming up with a different arrangement of 26 letters each month can be a bit of a tough ask, so hopefully people got a laugh from some of the creative juice dribbling through. I personally rate the James Bond theme as my highlight of the newsletter year.

It's been a good year for the club, both locally, interstate and internationally. Being able to inform people about it, both through the newsletter and on Facebook, has been great and has made the clubs online profile grow considerably. Every time you like a Facebook post, or tag someone in a photo, it will get a better chance of popping up in the face of one of your friends.

Checking out the website analytics shows some cool stuff if you're one of those sad geeky people like myself. The average desktop/laptop person is using Google Chrome on a Windows machine, on a Telstra connection. Surprisingly, there's more Microsoft Edge users than Firefox users, and 3% of hits came from a Tasmanian Government connection.

The average mobile user hits the site from a Telstra connection, using an Apple device. More than two thirds of mobile hits are from iPhones or iPads, the rest are almost all Androids, with just a few Windows Phone users clinging on.

For those not coming to the Christmas dinner and wanting to know who won what in the overall championship, the website has a list of all champions in each grade going back to 1992, so check https://www.tastrials.org.au/?page_id=958 a week or so after the dinner and I'll have it up to date.

I said it last year but I'll say it again, I enjoy doing the newsletter and website but if anyone wants to have a go at either, that's cool, go for it. For the website you'll need to be able to use 2FA, SSH, SFTP and have a DNS host to transfer records to. You'll also have to sometimes annoy Chris for a Presidents report, and sometimes

he sends them via SMS (that's dedication!) so a way of getting it from your phone to your laptop would be handy.

Anyway, enough geek rubbish. Hopefully Santa can fit a new bike in his sack, and it just so happens I can help out. Check further down the newsletter for a couple of kids bikes for sale, one of which was what I wanted the fat man to bring down the chimney when I was a little kid. Unfortunately it never happened, but you can make a kid's Christmas morning with an Alvin, or for the smaller kid, an Oset 12.5. Have a great summer break and see you either at the dinner, or next year!

Samuel Lockhart
Wannabe Journo

Melrose wrap up

We like to hold events at Melrose,
In winter it bloody near snows.
The committee changed the date,
"Good idea, it'll be warmer mate!"
Now it's almost too hot to wear clothes.

Ok that was rubbish, it's very hard to rhyme with Melrose unless you completely ruin a roughly similar sounding word, but you get the general idea that it was hot on Sunday, just like last year. Section 5, the section setters take on a Scottish Six Days section, was a prime opportunity to cool down. Getting back out of the creek proved difficult for some, with some front-wheel swallowing holes ready to stop the bikes forward momentum faster than the rider can stop their own momentum. Hopefully the bruising down there wasn't too bad Nigel! Section 3 was probably the toughest section as the day wore on and the creek banks wore away. Observer Stacy commented before lunch that she'd not punched out many zeros on scorecards on that section. It's worth pointing out the large numbers of spectators who came along, there seemed to be a good turnout of family, friends and inquisitive persons. Not bad considering it was an International event and there was almost no advertising. Next time Peter Hosking visits we might need to cash in on a trans-Tasman rivalry.

Chris was listed as Expert but he rode A grade lines (I think) on an old monoshock TY, giving it absolute hell. His score was impressively low against the A graders but Rosanne said his score doesn't count.

The scores were very close in A grade, Jordan finished just two points ahead of Dylan.

Tom Woodhouse decided to step up to B grade and put in a very impressive performance to get 3rd place. Look out Matt, he's coming! Daniel and Kurt tied for first but Kurt won on countback, 27 cleans to 26.

There were some different names at the top of the table for C+ and only one point between first and third. Connor Evans took the win on 25, while Anton finished second, tied with Callum but winning on countback 22 cleans to 19.

The exceptionally close scores weren't part of the C grade top three. Scrutineers may need to check Will Thornbury's boots for glue in future, he dropped just four points all day. Second place went to Neil Berne, Mike Travica finished third.

Harvey Wynne piloted the Montesa around in twin shock, picking up first place.

Chloe Bayles had to leave the familiar yellow Gas Gas at home, it decided it didn't want to spend a day at Melrose so she borrowed a Beta and finished in third place. Jack Salter rode well for second place, and Curtis Mead rode just a bit better to win.

There's talks of riders moving up grades next year, so if you're one of those, keep an eye and ear out for some practice days, or organise one yourself and let us know, the more the merrier and all that. And remember, it's Christmas, give your bike the gift of fresh oil and grease!

Tasmanian Titles 2018

IMPORTANT! Get the word out now to all the mainlanders and internationals, the Tasmanian Titles will be held at Mt Joy on the 10th and 11th of March 2018, the normal long weekend in March. The boat has been pretty full for the last couple of years so encourage everyone to get in early with travel and leave bookings. It's always a ripper of an event and with word getting out much earlier than normal, 2018 could be a huge one.

Next State Round Event

February 2018. That gives you loads of time to train! Check the usual places closer to the date.

Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas break up is going to be another hoot. Bring your camping gear, bike, kids, nibbles and grog, the 9th and 10th of December is going to be a fun weekend.

3:00 on Saturday we'll get the AGM under way. Everyone is welcome to bring up issues or aspects that you think need addressing. If you think you would like to take on a role on the committee then that's great, fill a form in for nominations (attached to this newsletter, or available on the website). All issues are talked about openly and there is no such thing as a silly idea.

After the AGM we'll have kids activities and a free ride for the adults if they aren't already on the beers.

Dinner and presentations from around 5:30, 6ish. Dinner is a Christmas style roast and dessert. The committee decided at Melrose that the club will chip in \$12.90 per member, so members need to pay \$20. Non members pay \$32.90. For further information contact Rosanne Langworthy.

There will be toilets on site, no power and no water.

Mount Joy will be open all weekend so come and go as you please.

Be mindful of two-way traffic please, and remember that it's a high fire risk area up the bush at the moment so please keep that in mind as well. We will have some firefighting gear up there, but we would rather not have to use it.

Strictly no drinking then riding.

Sunday will be a fun ride with a few tricky tapes areas. One or two grades but everyone should be able to have some fun with it.

Private Adverts

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New front tyre, rear could do with replacing

Good chain and sprockets

Always maintained/Service

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Alvin Mecatecno

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Oset 12.5

Great kids bike, suits 3yo+, needs new batteries (available from battery shops or online), \$500.
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If you're after a bike or have a bike for sale, email newsletter@tastrials.org.au and we'll advertise it for you.

VENUE: Melrose

DATE: 19/11/2017

| Expert | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | TOTAL BIKE | PLACING |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|------------|---------|
| Chris Bayles | 6 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 29 Yamaha | 1 |

| A Grade | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | TOTAL BIKE | PLACING |
|----------------|----|---|----|---|----|---|---|------------|---------|
| Jordan Perkins | 8 | 8 | 19 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 8 | 61 Sherco | 1 |
| Dylan Bayles | 17 | 3 | 19 | 5 | 10 | 2 | 7 | 63 Gas Gas | 2 |

| B Grade | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | TOTAL BIKE | PLACING |
|----------------|---|----|----|---|---|---|---|------------|----------|
| Kurt Pickering | 0 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 14 Honda | 1 (27x0) |
| Daniel Fenton | 0 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 14 Beta | 2 (26x0) |
| Tom Woodhouse | 1 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 25 Beta | 3 |
| Josh Malcolm | 0 | 5 | 13 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 34 Sherco | 4 |

| C+ Grade | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | TOTAL BIKE | PLACING |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|------------|----------|
| Connor Evans | 2 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 25 Gas Gas | 1 |
| Anton Rosenzweig | 5 | 5 | 10 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 26 Sherco | 2 (22x0) |
| Callum Millar | 2 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 26 Beta | 3 (19x0) |
| Zak Lunn | 9 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 34 Gas Gas | 4 |
| Ian Pickering | 9 | 10 | 9 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 38 Ossa | 5 |
| Josh Statton | 2 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 13 | 2 | 2 | 39 Gas Gas | 6 |
| Peter Hosking | 7 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 42 Beta | 7 |
| Nigel Munday | 8 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 15 | 5 | 1 | 45 Sherco | 8 |
| John Denison | 10 | 13 | 12 | 2 | 13 | 1 | 0 | 51 Gas Gas | 9 |
| Shane Bayes | 12 | 13 | 15 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 54 Beta | 10 |
| Ken Hosking | 14 | 7 | 14 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 55 Beta | 11 |
| Brooke Lendvay | 11 | 9 | 16 | 4 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 57 Sherco | 12 |
| Jenna Lupo | 11 | 13 | 15 | 1 | 15 | 2 | 6 | 63 Gas Gas | 13 |
| Mike Hull | 23 | 15 | 15 | 11 | 16 | 11 | 6 | 97 Gas Gas | 14 |
| Mick Luscombe | 20 | 22 | 23 | 17 | 23 | 21 | 15 | 141 Sherco | 15 |

| C Grade | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | TOTAL BIKE | PLACING |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------------|---------|
| Will Thornbury | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 Gas Gas | 1 |
| Neil Berne | 0 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 27 Beta | 2 |
| Mike Travica | 0 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 30 Sherco | 3 |
| Samuel Lockhart | 0 | 0 | 12 | 5 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 31 Gas Gas | 4 |
| Bob Perkins | 5 | 8 | 17 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 37 Sherco | 5 |
| Samuel Evans | 0 | 6 | 17 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 39 Gas Gas | 6 |
| Phoebe Woodhouse | 4 | 12 | 17 | 10 | 11 | 19 | 0 | 73 Beta | 7 |
| Alex Woodhouse | 5 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 23 | 21 | 0 | 104 Beta | 8 |
| Ian Gabbedy | 17 | 20 | 23 | 20 | 22 | 21 | 15 | 138 Beta | 9 |
| Damain Langworthy | 16 | 20 | 23 | 20 | 21 | 25 | 21 | 146 Gas Gas | 10 |

| Twin Shock | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | TOTAL BIKE | PLACING |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|---|----|---|-------------|---------|
| Harvey Wynne | 11 | 19 | 23 | 15 | 8 | 22 | 3 | 101 Montesa | 1 |

| Clubman | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | TOTAL BIKE | PLACING |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------------|---------|
| Curtis Mead | 0 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 25 Gas Gas | 1 |
| Jack Salter | 0 | 11 | 17 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 40 Gas Gas | 2 |
| Chloe Bayles | 1 | 8 | 15 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 43 Beta | 3 |
| Elliot Salter | 0 | 13 | 19 | 5 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 53 Gas Gas | 4 |
| Ruby Statton | 0 | 17 | 18 | 12 | 14 | 14 | 11 | 86 Beta | 5 |
| Broc Gabbedy | 15 | 23 | 25 | 20 | 23 | 25 | 15 | 146 Gas Gas | 6 |

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Nomination form for club office bearers

The club requires active participation by volunteers – please consider helping. This is your chance to have your say in your club’s future.

I (name), would like to nominate for the following positions

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Secretary

Public Officer

Newsletter & web officer

General Committee

Please tick all of the positions you are interested in
(note office bearers are automatically committee members)

Multiple interests in the same position will go to a vote by show of hands by the club members.
Please complete the form & hand to Ian Gabbedy or Chris Bayles – the morning of the Christmas breakup is fine (before the AGM starts).

Alternatively email your interest to Ian (ianjen@inet.net.au) or Chris (president@tastrials.org.au) before midnight Thursday 7th December.