

Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club inc.

(The most challenging motorcycle sport)

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Vice President's Report

As I write, the Trial des Nations has been run in the Czech Republic, apparently in wild and wet weather. The Australian men's team, last year's winner of the International Division, did not fare so well this time around, finishing 6th. The women's team finished 8th. No doubt we will hear more about the event as the riders and minders return, but the horrendous weather conditions and problems with completing the course on time were apparent from the large time penalties accumulated by some teams, including the winners of the World Division, the Spanish team.

Back home, the recent trial at Melton Mowbray was held in generally fine if somewhat tricky conditions. The sections could be best described as technically difficult in most grades, but not scary. There is more information about this event later in the newsletter.

On the subject of local trials, we have been experiencing a lack of observers in recent events. This is a common problem for trials clubs as the pace of modern life for many is such that it is difficult to find the time to assist at an all-day event. However, observing can be quite enjoyable, as our riders are friendly and courteous and the observer gets very close to the action. The club provides the necessary training in the rules of trials and provides a pack of snacks and drinks to all observers at the end of each event. Observing is also a great way to gain an insight into the sport of trials for those who might be considering taking up the sport. If anyone reading this would like to try their hand at observing or if you know of someone who might be interested in coming along to assist, we would love to hear from you.

Sometimes the rules of trials can be a little complex. One rule that is apparently not understood by many is that a rider must pass through a gate within a section once only. At Melton Mowbray, on section 6, in the C+ grade, a number of riders after passing through a gate as they descended a hill, then rode back through the same gate in the opposite direction on the way up the same hill, thereby bypassing the rock step that was intended to be part of the section. With the wisdom of hindsight, an additional arrow would have eliminated the possibility of misinterpretation, but the rule is clear. Part of the problem on the day was a shortage of observers, with this section being self scored for most of the day, meaning that riders made their own interpretation of the validity of the line they followed. When the problem became apparent towards the end of the event, the Clerk of the Course instructed the event scorer to delete the scores of all riders in the grade in question in order to remove any unfair advantage that those who bypassed the rock step might have gained over those who rode the step. This is the reason for the zeros recorded in the score sheets for all C+ riders in section 6. Please note that there is no insinuation that riders deliberately cheated by riding the line that they did, rather, it was a matter of interpretation of the rules.

We are nearing the end of the 2018 season, with only two more competitive events left (Dilston in October and Melrose in November). However, there is plenty of action going on with many of our members competing in the Victorian Championships over the weekend of 29-30 September and the Australian Championships in Victoria over the weekend of 6-7 October.

In addition, a number of club members will be competing in the New Zealand Trials Championships that incorporate the Oceania Competition, Australia vs New Zealand, over 20-21-22 October. On behalf of the

Club may I congratulate our own Tom Woodhouse who has been selected as the Junior representative for the Oceania event. Best wishes to Tom for a successful ride in Christchurch.

Ken Hosking

Vice President

Round Wrap Ups – Royal George and Melton Mowbray

Yes yes I'm slack, I know, I didn't do a newsletter and write up for a trial I didn't go to. I stayed home because I was hurt from the fact nobody wanted a part two of my wonderful wordplays, and I knew no one was going to bring me scones for a Royal George Royal Lunch. You've only got yourselves to blame.

Actually we stayed at home because of sickness and cold weather, but I did hear that once people were allowed to enter the site after Tas Police had done some stuff, it was a pretty good trial. I'm going to say a huge thankyou to my wife, for going around to Peter Lockhart's house, collecting all the cards, coming home, entering all the scores and sorting out the results sheet, with a sick kid. Good work Ashlee, that's why I married you.

Anyway I can't write much more about Royal George, I'm sad I missed it because it is one of my favourite places to ride, but I can write about Melton Mowbray, so brace yourself, here it comes.

There was no chance of anything melting on anything, let alone melting on a Mowbray, whatever a Mowbray is. Those who were there the weekend before setting sections can attest to the warm temperatures, it was absolutely splendid, glorious sunshine, for the first time ever on Lovely Banks Road, I wore a t shirt. Crazy! And then a week later, normal programming resumed and we were back to normal cold winds. Maybe next year will be different.

Melton Mowbray is a fantastic venue; a level strip of land which falls away to a rock strewn hill. The whole property has loads of riding areas, there's some seriously large boulders and we've only ridden in one small portion. If you get a chance to come along to a Southern practice here, jump at it, you'll have a blast. The only downside for an event is parking, it can be pretty cramped in the car park.

Sections had been, to put it bluntly, trashed by the local livestock. After some hasty work by section setters and checkers, repairs were made, lines were altered and we were underway.

The word of the day was cold. And wind. And technical. Also, rocks, powdered dust and slippery washed out dusty turns on rocks. Ok, that's many words, but it needed that many words to sum up the day. Sections had been backed off a bit from the initial configuration but were still very easy to lose points on. Sections 2, 4 and 7 were some of the higher points scoring layouts, while section 6 was excluded from C+ results due to different interpretations of the section. I don't recall a time where this has happened before and removing the section did change the overall scores a bit. Anyway, sections on the tougher side may have helped overall for those attending the Victorian, Australian and Oceanic championships, as well as our TdN representatives. Our club is punching well above it's weight on the national and international stage, we're putting Tasmania on the map. Top work!

Of course, big rocks and big sections mean... big stacks. Mike Amey's incredible launch in section 1, complete with Mike in full rag-doll mode being dragged behind a runaway Sherco was something those who saw will remember for a very long time. Thankfully, Mike was ok, but importantly the bike received only minimal scratches. Unfortunately there's no photographic evidence of the crash in progress, but there's a couple of shots of the aftermath. Remember, The Broken Bars Award is still up for grabs so if you feel like you're going to have a mega off, please let Ashlee, Glennys or anyone with a camera know so they can capture you in full flight.

Chris won Expert. I'm entirely convinced I'll be adding names to this class within two years.

The gorgeous sounding Montesa of Kurt Pickering burbled effortlessly over the rocks to win A grade. Bradley Shadbolt dusted off the gear to throw his Gas Gas around to pick up second. Dylan Bayles,

aboard a new ride, which I have a massive crush on, because it is one sexy piece of bright green Dougie Lampkin designed gear, finished third. Only five points covered first to third.

So many B graders! 10 riders total between A and B grades shows the future is bright. Again, the top three were very close on points. Tom Woodhouse finished in third, only one point behind Peter Lockhart on 28. Matt Woodhouse finished first on 25 points. I am guessing at least one more Gas Gas will progress up to B grade next year to attempt to end Beta's domination.

The young gun does it in C+, again. Will Thornbury marches onwards and upwards towards a trophy, losing just 9 points all day. Fourteen points behind, Zak Lunn rode a steady calculated ride for second place, while Josh Statton finished in third place.

Mike Travica romped home in C grade, making short work of the sections. Not too far behind, Brennan and Jordan Mcneair took the sibling rivalry to the next level, finishing in 2nd and 3rd respectively, just two points between them. That would have been an interesting car ride home.

Finally, Ellie-mae Evans won Clubman.

Trials des Nations

First, a quick note I received from Peter Arnold:

Together we raised \$9,462.50 for the 2018 Australian Trials des Nations Teams. A total of 272 riders and passengers participated in the 2018 National Trials Day. What a fantastic result for Australian Trials not only raising that amount of money but doing it by doing what we all enjoy.

As I type this, our Tasmania reps are in Dubai, on their way back home.

Fun fact: People in Dubai don't like the cartoon classic The Flintstones, but the people in Abu Dhabi do.

Ken mentioned the results earlier, and I'll reiterate, it looked tough. It was wet, it was muddy and it was STEEP. I'm looking forward to getting a full report for the next newsletter from one of our riders or minders (hint hint)

Christmas Dinner

It's getting near that time of year again, and it's the Southerners turn to organise it. Ashlee has done some work and booked Coast to Coast The Golden Roast and they'll be serving a feast on the 8th of December at Mt Joy. The menu will consist of 3 different types of meat (roast beef, roast lamb, hot ham), a selection of salads and vegetables, hot roast spuds and dessert (French vanilla cheesecake, fresh fruit salad, pavlova, chocolate mud cake, all served with fresh cream). Prices are as follows:

\$26.90 per adult
\$13.50 for kids under ten
Kids under 4 free.

Like previous years it'll be a camping weekend, although if you don't want to camp, that's fine. Bring your bike, we'll be having a ride on the Saturday instead of the Sunday for those who get stuck into the Christmas spirits. Bring your kids, wife, girlfriend (unless you've already got a wife because that'll get messy), whoever, and have a top weekend.

If you're intending on coming, let Ashlee know via Facebook, email (photography@tastrials.org.au), in person, even though the TMTTC Facebook page. She'll need to know how many of you are coming.

Victorian and Australian Titles

This weekend the Victorian Titles will take place, and the following weekend the Australian Titles will be held in Bendigo. There's a large Tasmanian contingent going over to try and bring some silverware back across the ditch, and there will (hopefully) be a report on both events in the next newsletter.

Next State Round events

Busy October! Section setting at Dilston on probably the 14th of October (but check with a Northerner) with the event itself on the 21st of October. It will be fantastic, because it always is, regardless of which side of the highway it's on, and there's usually a decent spectator component too. Bring your hats, it'll start warming up by then.

SMS Alerts

Just a reminder, if you want to be informed in case of a cancelled trial or some other important situation, send your name and number to newsletter@tastrials.org.au and I'll add you to the notifications. Hopefully it'll never be used, but it's there just in case.

Private Adverts

WANTED

Beginners bike, probably 50cc for a 9 year old girl with minimal experience on a bike. Probably an auto at this stage. Budget is \$1000-1500 or thereabouts.

Bike for myself. Looking at a 250 but happy to look at a 300. Budget of around \$4000

If anyone has anything available for sale that would be suitable please call Brad on 0418142038 or email on brad.withers@lionco.com

For Sale

2011 Beta Evo 290

Excellent condition, new main bearings and rings fitted 2016, serviced and ready to ride. Lanyard cut out switch, protectors on forks, frame and exhaust. Nothing to spend on this bike.

\$5,000.00



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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: Melton Mowbray
DATE: 15/09/2018

Expert	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Chris Bayles	0	4	1	7	2	5	6	25 Gas Gas	1

A Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Kurt Pickering	12	6	0	14	3	4	9	48 Montesa	1
Brad Shadbolt	3	3	2	9	6	14	13	50 Gas Gas	2
Dylan Bayles	5	16	9	7	7	3	6	53 Vertigo	3
Jordan Perkins	10	15	5	11	2	9	7	59 Sherco	4

B Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Matt Woodhouse	2	0	8	6	4	2	3	25 Beta	1
Peter Lockhart	12	5	0	6	0	3	2	28 Gas Gas	2
Tom Woodhouse	0	3	0	13	1	3	9	29 Beta	3
Daniel Fenton	2	5	10	15	15	6	11	64 Beta	4
Callum Millar	17	15	15	15	11	22	23	118 Beta	5
Mike Amey	25	21	21	23	18	25	23	156 Sherco	6

C+ Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Will Thornbury	4	0	1	3	1	0	0	9 Gas Gas	1
Zak Lunn	2	4	0	5	4	0	8	23 Beta	2
Josh Statton	1	1	1	13	4	0	13	33 Gas Gas	3
Anton Rosenzweig	1	14	0	9	7	0	13	44 Sherco	4
Nigel Munday	1	9	6	9	10	0	10	45 Sherco	5
Mick Luscombe	2	13	0	15	3	0	16	49 Sherco	6
Shane Bayes	3	21	0	15	9	0	15	63 Beta	7 (8x0)
Ken Hosking	3	16	10	14	5	0	15	63 Beta	8 (5x0)
Jenna Lupo	11	15	5	15	13	0	22	81 Gas Gas	9 (3x0, 7x1)
Samuel Lockhart	5	19	4	18	14	0	21	81 Gas Gas	10 (3x0, 6x1)
Mike Hull	11	19	12	19	12	0	23	96 Gas Gas	11

C Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Mike Travica	0	0	1	5	3	1	5	15 Sherco	1
Brennan Mcneair	0	2	3	8	6	2	9	30 Gas Gas	2
Jordan Mcneair	0	0	1	11	6	1	13	32 Gas Gas	3
Peter Ingram-Jones	5	2	3	14	9	4	10	47 Montesa	4
Bob Perkins	2	1	6	14	10	2	13	48 Sherco	5
Ben Hibbs	1	0	11	12	8	8	11	51 Sherco	6
James Fish	0	0	11	15	12	7	9	54 Gas Gas	7
David Parker	4	2	11	17	15	9	15	73 Ossa	8
Ron Leistra	1	2	10	17	16	16	14	76 Scorpa	9
Steve Brezinscak	13	6	17	17	17	15	17	102 Beta	10

Twin Shock	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
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Clubman	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Ellie-mae Evans	15	25	0	23	9	6	15	93 Beta	1

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