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(The most challenging motorcycle sport)

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Words from The President

Hello all, Chris here.

What a great trials the last trials was, the terrain and property is the best spot to finish off the championship rounds. Every year we go there, the sections are always fun and the weather is always amazing, such good vibes from the creeks and green grass. Well done to all the people that helped out with the setting of the event. The sections were well set and gave a few options to how a line could be ridden. Pretty sure I had 3 sections ridden by the time Fent and Woody had even sorted what line they were going to ride on section 5. Like a couple of old ladies bickering at the line/lines. All the grades lost a respectable amount of points, well set to by the setters that's for sure. I think it's good to have access to a property like that, no big rocks or logs, just creeks and turns, a very alternative trials that we need I reckon. Great to see a full line up of observers, as riders we really appreciate the effort that these volunteers go to so that we can enjoy the day and get scored fairly. I must say, my apologies for having to leave the trials early, I had to get home to do a little bit of work. I could see myself enjoying a beer and a yarn after that event.

How about Tom Woodhouse taking out the top class? The boy has skill and ability, he's improving rapidly. Wont be long and he'll be hunting for the state championship trophy in the A+ class. Keep it up Tommy, you are riding well. The A grade class was quite competitive at this trials, it was a lot of fun being a part of the banter and laughs.

I'm very much looking forward to the presentations night, there is going to be some pretty close final results in all classes, B grade has been very exciting especially, A grade has been changing throughout the entire year in that mid range. I also think C+ will have a new standing in the results.. Not much to say about C grade because Mike has dominated very smoothly and consistently all year. It's a credit to you Mike. While I'm on the subject of Mike, I have a little story to tell that some might find a little entertaining or bizarre. So, at lunch break I went over to Mike and I was talking to him about his bike rack that he transports his bike on the back of his car. He had a friend with him (sorry I am unsure of the name of this bloke). Anyways Mike and old mate were sitting on the rack having lunch. The lads stood up so that I could check out the handy work of Mike's. They had a board on the back to fill the holes so they could sit on it and it was also holding up their lunch. I removed the food and the board so I could inspect the design fully..... Any ways, had a good old chat and carried on walking about the pits talking to others. Got up to Nobbies campsite and took a bite of my apple. I said to Kaity, where did you get this apple from, it tastes very different to the ones we have in the fridge at the moment. She told me we never packed apples for the trials? At this stage I was stumped to how I got a hold of this apple, where did it come from because it just seemed to natural that I was holding it and started eating it. At this stage we worked out that I was eating someone else's food. Later on in the day, Mike's mate clicked my card on section one, it was a 5 to just to add to the story. Just as I was about to clutch off away from him. Old mate asks, "you wouldn't have happened to take an apple when you were looking at the bike rack?". All of a sudden it all came to me, how I ended up with this apple, it was on the board and I picked it up and never put it back. Gee did I feel like an idiot trying to explain how I took his apple, and that YES I did eat it. Not knowing at the time, it wasn't mine, but I made it sound like it did know I had stolen it? Is this making sense, I felt like a real food

criminal, this poor bloke went hungry at lunch because of me. I apologised and he understood and laughed it off. Told him how and when I realised the apple wasn't mine. All in good fun, he's a nice enough bloke, I offered him my banana in replacement and he refused. Thanks for the apple, I owe you.

The Christmas break up and presentations night should be a good fun weekend. Everyone is encouraged to camp, bring bikes and make the most of the weekend. There is food for the night organised. Ashlee Lockhart has been organising the numbers for this. If you are yet to make contact and let her know you will be attending then please do so. Cost are very affordable and I'm sure you and the family won't go hungry. Gates to the property are open all weekend so come as early or late as you like. Please mind for two way traffic please.

We will organise a ride and some fun activities for the kids on their bikes, it will be a good fun weekend for all. For the adults we will have a simple trail ride on the Saturday and a shale hill climb for a challenge.

This trail ride will also be kid friendly.

Presentations will be held after dinner.

Most importantly the AGM will be held at 5:00pm on the Saturday evening. People are encouraged to be involved with this meeting. It's an update of the year gone by, and insight to some plans for the 2019 season. All members are welcome to put forward their ideas. We are an open club that likes to take into account all peoples thoughts, ideas and issues. No such thing as a silly suggestion.

We will be electing the new committee and executive committee. We would like helpers in our club, its key to the succession, so if you think you would like to be on the committee then please put your name down on the nominees sheet or put your hand up at the AGM. Same goes for executive committee, if you would like a change in leaders then that's all good and if you would like to be involved then again put your name down or put your hand up... It's a good crew to be a part of I can honestly say.

Anyways that's enough from me. See you all on the 8th and 9th of December. Ps bring drinks and pin the ears back in the evening. One request is no drinking and riding, common sense.

Regards Baylesy

Melrose wrap up

I've been waiting YEARS to use a particular joke about Melrose. I really wanted a guy or girl by the name of Mel to enter, so I could write something describing how they rode a creek section, about how Mel rose out of the water. Alas, it's never happened, it probably won't, and now I've delivered it terribly, it's out of my system, I can move on.

Mick Rundle's Melrose property is a bit of an oddity on our calendar, but not in a bad way. Huge open flowing paddocks aren't generally great for us, but shove a small gorge through the middle of it, carved out by a flowing creek and you've got yourself some sections. Over to the right, another creek has scored a winding trench down the hill, except this time there's trees and a fairly low foliage canopy. You'd be hard pressed to find a rock bigger than your head (unless you've got a particularly small head) and while we've had sections with big logs before, they're a rarity. I don't recall any logs larger than maybe a foot in diameter. Easy, I hear you say, no logs, no rocks, just some water and some banks. Wrong! We're talking about razor thin lines between holes, turns needing pinpoint precision and every millimeter of steering lock, dirt banks which change shape as soon as the bikes touch it except for the straight up and down ledge on section 6 which somehow didn't change shape at all. Water got deeper, the small logs moved, sides of the creeks got steeper, oh yeah, there was some tricky bits there.

Section 1 was long, there were a few options for lines, pick one and have a go, you'll end up funneled into a tight technical bit between some trees but there's a chance for an impressive launch out the end gates. Head to section 2, the first venture into Leech Gully. Again, tight and technical, a couple of different lines were available for each grade, blast up the bank, turn, brake, turn, in and out of the creek or jump it depending on grade, over the log, double back and out. Section 3, more of the same, surely there's more steering lock than that on this thing? Slippery knobbly tree roots will catch you out. Proceed through an old section to get to the next two, watch for other traffic. It's a tight waiting area and no amount of Vicks will fix that congestion. How many riders briefly lost concentration when they felt the log move under their rear tyre? Someone forgot to spread out the grip on the hill, it was all on a narrow line. Section 5, C+ had loads of options for lines in the first half but it was the silly little slippery log which stole more than a few points. Back out into daylight, over to section 6. C grade had a Scottish style dip, C+ and upwards climbed out of

the water, bounced up a vertical bank, then dropped back in to clean the tyres. Off to section 7, go across, drag water with you to make it worse for the next rider, then come back, slide back in or make a splash, make your way out, on the rear with the front in the air looks specy and helps if you're in C+.

I'm going to mention the energy of the kids observing. I'm certain I saw the same little boy click my card four times in one lap, he was running around everywhere, and the kids at 6 did a fantastic job. At least two of them had the right idea to cool off by sitting in the creek near the end of the day. Thanks guys and girls, and you did a top job packing the trailer up too.

Results time. No experts, Chris decided to punish a TY in A grade instead.

Five riders (FIVE!) in A grade, and each rider was aboard a different brand of bike. That's a rarity. Dylan Bayles finished third on the Vertigo. One point separated the top two, Kurt Pickering finishing second behind Tom Woodhouse. Next year looks exciting already.

Beta grade, it looks like the Woodhouse has been rebuilt stronger than ever after Fenton claimed to have burnt it down at the last trial. Matt won, Daniel finished second, Callum finished third.

C+ was a tight affair at the pointy end. Bryce Caletti and Zak Lunn were separated by just one point but Zak prevailed for the win. Nigel and Jenna tied for third place, but Jenna had more cleans, 19 to 16, to take (I think) her highest placed finish in the grade.

Steady Mike Travica made it easy to enter scores on Sunday, he knows where all the cleans hide and takes them before others can find them. He finished on 9. Ian Gabbedy finished not far behind in second. Third, fourth and fifth were all very close, 21, 22 and 23 points respectively, Jordan McNear took the final spot on the podium.

Jack Salter also knows how to find cleans, he lost just 7 marks in Clubman, and was seen riding some C grade lines at the end of the day and cleaning those too. Watch out next year C grade, he's coming. Ellie Mae finished second.

At the tender age of 3 years 1 month and 5 days, my boy Cooper Lockhart had a crack at Junior and did something I haven't done yet – win. I don't know what he loved more, riding sections or all the attention on him with clapping and cheering when his name was read out. Anyway, he's addicted and will be riding more next year.

Fun website stuff and other bits.

It's not actually fun, it's just a bit interesting if you're a geek and like data. I am both, let me enlighten you! I don't know why, it could be people using Opera with its inbuilt VPN stuff, or other genuine VPN users, but Americans seem to have an interest in our club, about 12% of hits come from there. 43% of people hitting the website are using Chrome, good work, Internet Explorer sucks. The 10% of people using Edge are pretty brave, good on you for being different.

The typical website user on a desktop or PC is using Windows and has a Telstra connection, and the typical mobile user is on IOS (ugh) and again, using a Telstra connection. That's not surprising, Telstra dominate down here. What IS surprising are the four individual souls with Windows phone, there's not many of those about.

Hello to the 18 Tasmanian Government users accessing the website at work! It's ok, we won't tell anyone. The most popular time to access the site? 2pm on a Saturday, followed by 10am Monday and 9am Wednesday.

All in all it's a pretty small website, for a small club with a niche sport, so to get near on 5000 individual page views in a year is a decent effort. It's also pretty tricky to update it at home of a night, Fixed Wireless NBN is absolute crap if you're on a congested tower.

There's been 75 individual riders this year ranging in age from a smidge over 3 to a bit over 65, all entered into the end of year results sheet which will be on the website after the Christmas dinner. I'm not giving out any hints for who finished where but there were some very tight finishes and the 'drop the worst two rounds' rule changed the results in a couple of grades.

I'm going to assume I won't be subjected to a classic Survivor style blindside at the Christmas dinner, my reign of newsletter production usurped by some up and coming whippersnapper, but if it happens so be it. Enjoy your Christmas break, give your bike the gift of maintenance or convince Santa you deserve an entirely new one, thank you for reading my wordpuke each month, I look forward to coming up with a new arrangement of 26 letters for you next year.

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:

\$27.90 per adult (\$25, the club is paying the \$2.90 per person)

Half price for kids under ten

Kids under 4 free.

If you're intending on coming, let Ashlee know via Facebook, email (photography@tastrials.org.au), in person, or through the TMTTC Facebook page. She'll need to know how many of you are coming. Please get in touch with her ASAP or you'll miss out!

Next State Round events

Bad news. It's next year.

Good news, it's the limestone erosion capital of Tasmania (limestone erodes, creates caves, geology isn't my strong point, but I think that's close enough), Mole Creek!

February next year, the calendar hasn't been confirmed so more details will come out later. Anyway, you'll have a couple of months to burn off the Christmas cheer.

In the words of the late great Darrell Eastlake, next year's GUNNA BE HUUUUGGGEEEE. There's normal state rounds, there's the Tasmanian Titles and there's the Australian Titles too.

SMS Alerts

A bunch of people have signed up, but if you haven't, here's 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

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Also coming soon: 2017 Evo 300 Super Smooth

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Price **\$6,500**



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DATE: 28/11/2018

Expert	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
A Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Tom Woodhouse	0	2	7	4	5	4	7	29 Beta	1
Kurt Pickering	5	0	6	10	3	1	5	30 Montesa	2
Dylan Bayles	11	2	6	9	5	6	5	44 Vertigo	3
Chris Bayles	25	3	8	2	1	0	7	46 Yamaha	4
Jordan Perkins	12	4	3	10	10	3	6	48 Gas Gas	5
B Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Matt Woodhouse	7	0	0	2	0	5	0	14 Beta	1
Daniel Fenton	7	3	0	2	2	4	0	18 Beta	2
Callum Millar	15	15	10	10	14	20	6	90 Beta	3
C+ Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Zak Lunn	7	0	2	1	1	3	6	20 Beta	1
Bryce Caletti	2	3	4	4	2	0	6	21 Sherco	2
Jenna Lupo	5	2	3	5	2	6	9	32 Gas Gas	3 (19x0)
Nigel Munday	4	2	3	4	13	2	4	32 Sherco	4 (16x0)
Will Thornbury	5	3	8	9	1	5	7	38 TLR 250	5
Ian Pickering	9	5	6	1	3	5	18	47 Ossa	6
Mick Luscombe	6	8	3	3	20	5	9	54 Sherco	7
Samuel Lockhart	16	6	8	7	18	13	11	79 Gas Gas	8
C Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Mike Travica	2	4	1	2	0	0	0	9 Sherco	1
Ian Gabbedy	5	5	0	1	2	0	3	16 Beta	2
Jordan Mcneair	1	4	0	1	7	0	7	20 Gas Gas	3
Peter Ingram-Jones	7	1	1	2	7	0	3	21 Montesa	4
Brennan Mcneair	4	8	1	5	4	0	0	22 Gas Gas	5
Craig Ferrall	8	15	1	8	7	0	9	48 Gas Gas	6
Bob Perkins	8	10	3	6	11	0	13	51 Sherco	7
David Parker	15	21	18	10	14	2	6	86 Ossa	8
Twin Shock	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Clubman	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Jack Salter	0	2	0	0	1	0	4	7 Gas Gas	1
Ellie-Mae Evans	15	16	13	19	20	5	17	105 Beta	2
Junior	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Cooper Lockhart	25	20	25	25	1	2	0	98 Oset	1

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