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Presidents Report

Hello all, what an awesome two day event the club put on this year. The weather was cracking and the variation of sections was nice. Yes, riding and setting out on that southern side for the Saturday had its challenges, especially for C+, but like my dad always said, if it's hard for one then it's hard for the rest. That's the best thing about trials, we all face the same stuff. I enjoyed and heard a lot of comments saying it was nice to ride in a different area, that shale is a totally different thing to ride on. Great to see so many new and old riders at the event, we had good numbers. A special thank you for all the mainlanders that put the effort in and made the big trip, we appreciate it. The mainlanders rode well and took a few of our trophies home, only means that we should do the same at their events. Looking at the scores there was some very close and tough competition, placings and results changed from day to day which is healthy for competition that's for sure. There were a few stand out rides and a lot of the up and comers are really stepping it up, there are a number of boys and girls in our club that are progressing fast. Keep it up! As a whole the trials ran very smoothly. There are so many people to thank, Ian's early planning makes it all so easy, all the behind the scenes work that the people like Mick, Kurt, Craig, Neil, Toni and others is absolute incredible and as a club we are lucky to have people like that. Thanks to all the other members that helped out to source odds and ends, toilets, etc. Most of all the setting was a breeze, it's easy work when so many volunteers turn up to help out. Thank you to all who turned up, there must have been about 20 people to set all the sections for two days and still got the chance to practice in the arvo. Packing up was also simple, everyone chipping in and doing their bit really is appreciated. It's great to have the trailer and section gear all ready to go for next time.

A huge thanks has to be said for the sponsors over the weekend, there was so many and it contributes to the event being successful and looking professional.

The Sunday nights bbq down the shed is a great way to chill out and talk about the weekend. It's great to see so many support that. I'm just going to say, so amazing to see so many people standing and having a beer with Uncle Pete, he'd be so proud of where our club is at and especially his two amazing kids. We all miss his cheeky dry comments at the two day that's for sure.

All in all, it was a fantastic weekend and we're looking forward to the next one. Thanks to all those that made it happen, it's a credit to our club to be able to hold such a successful and smoothly run two day title.

Well done

Regards, Baylesy

Tasmanian Titles

Read the following in David Attenborough's voice:

Here we are at Mt Joy. We're here to see the Trials Rider at their yearly congregation, known as the Tasmanian Titles. Riders come from all corners of the state, and some venture across Bass Strait and the Tasman Sea to try and hunt cleans on the shale strewn hillside. Today is Saturday, and the riders, are in

for a hard time. Cleans, especially for C+ riders, are an endangered species, and in one of the designated hunting areas called Section 7, cleans are almost non-existent, seemingly pushed out of their homes by the less desirable threes, and the hated fives. The riders continue on, some feeling defeated, some feeling confident a different method next time will claim a clean.

And that's enough David for this newsletter.

The forecast looked good for taking the dogs to the beach, which isn't exactly ideal for physical exertion on a motorcycle in the bush, or standing around observing and clicking cards. Quite a few people decided to ease themselves into the weekend and avoid an early start by camping Friday night. Kicking back on the hill on a warm evening watching the International Space Station zoom overhead is a great way to start a long weekend.

As eluded to before, Saturday's sections were on the harder side, some causing crashes, some causing tears, some causing riders to question their ability and decisions. There were tight corners, steep rocks, decent logs, steps, everything. And shale. Oh the shale. For those of you who have never ridden on shale, go outside, fill a paddle pool with tennis balls, then try and sprint across them. Still, everyone who got a feel for the terrain is going to have a bit of an upper hand come the 2019 Australian Titles, so it's not all bad hey? Some of the rides between sections felt like sections themselves, so to see a queue at a section let you catch your breath. The kids did an exceptionally great job to get down to the start of, and even into, section 7. A couple of riders reported seeing some slithery reptiles, but thankfully they stayed out of the sections and away from the camping area.

But as they say, all good things must come to an end, all scorecards were handed in, results for day one tallied, everyone kicked back and had a relaxing night either at the Joy, or down in Longford. Except Neil Berne. Neil jumped in a Gator and took off, going over every section for Sunday, changing, analyzing, amending all grades, plucking arrows out to make Sunday far less full on. Neil spent a good few hours on that hill and went above and beyond to make day two as enjoyable as possible. You're a legend Neil.

Sunday arrived with a heavy dew and a cool start, but once again, the heat rose fairly quickly. Sections were set easier than the first day for all grades, which can be a double-edged sword; an "easier" day, but a drop in concentration for even a moment can cause a couple of points to be lost, and suddenly you're way down the results sheet. Riders made their way around the more familiar clockwise track across 9 sections, a mix of two sections from Saturday, altered sections from previous years and a couple of new bits as well. A full field of observers and riders helping with clicking kept queues to a minimum, and most riders seemed to get through their laps fairly fast.

Onto the results!

Chris took the Experts trophy home, getting in some excellent practice for the rest of his year's commitments.

The first time a TRS was ridden on the world stage was at the Sheffield Indoor trial, and won on debut, ridden by Adam Raga. The first time a TRS was ridden in the Tasmanian Titles, it also won on debut. Does that make Dean Nuttall basically Australia's Adam Raga? Who knows, but Dean took the A grade trophy back over the ditch to the mainland. Kurt Pickering from the Ossa Academy (more on that later) finished second place, ahead of Dylan Bayles.

B Grade was a Beta 1, 2, 3. Daniel Fenton improved dramatically from Saturday to finish third place. Father and son battled it out for the top two positions, but Matt Woodhouse retained the upper hand, only five points ahead of Tom.

Check the C+ scores for Saturday, there's some bigger numbers there, except for Scott Stevens who put on an excellent display of riding over both days to claim the win. Callum Millar was an example of consistency, finishing third on both days which resulted on second overall. Will Thornbury must be his harshest critic, he told me he wasn't riding well, but still picked up third place overall.

Everyone forgot to tell Mike Travica the sections were tricky, he was again the star of C Grade, easily putting the Sherco on the top of the metaphorical podium. It was super tight on both days between the

Ossa Academy/boat person Trevor Bennett and newsletterman (the most boring super hero ever) Samuel Lockhart, but after 72 sections Trevor finished third, just one point behind... me... in second.

Twin Shock, everyone gets a prize! Peter Ingram Jones borrowed a Honda from what I can only assume what will soon be announced as the Nobby Academy, and takes a third place trophy back home. Nigel, sporting very cool old Fantic tops, finished in second place behind the founding director of the Ossa Academy, Ian Pickering, who was not on an Ossa but instead aboard a Fantic.

She came, she saw, she conquered, Bridie Sutton brought her former Tasmanian Gas Gas back to stamp her authority all over Clubman, dominating the class. Jack Salter hasn't been riding long but knows how to steer his Gas Gas and picked up a second place trophy. Broc Gabbedy rode very well on Sunday and placed third overall.

The Ossa Academy (OA) Tassie Titles Report Ian Pickering

Warning - some parts of this article are serious!

The Ossa Academy has a long history of uncovering hidden talent, a couple of years ago we picked up Leo Rochfort from the UK, who mixed it with the top end of the A Grade riders. (Editor – I think Leo was anything but a hidden talent in the UK!)

Last year there were a couple of guest riders that came out of the Ossa Come and Try program who podiumed in Clubman.

This year the planning for the 2018 Tassie Titles Raid started several months ago with a hunt for a suitable overseas works rider. They needed to have a track record of success and potential to improve under the guidance of the Ossa Academy Coaches for technique, diet & sports psychology.

After a worldwide search, ex Yamaha works rider Trevor Bennett was selected. Trevor had recently resigned from his job as right hand man to the Prime Minister in Canberra - to follow his dream of becoming a works rider. He went on a world tour, but was sadly rejected by all the other top teams in Europe. The Ossa Academy could see Trevor's potential and snapped him up. Trevor was surprised and honoured to be offered such an opportunity from the prestigious Ossa Academy.

However, the Tassie Titles was on the same date as his 40th wedding anniversary, which was very important to Trevor. Trevor discussed this issue with the OA's Sports Psychologist to create a successful strategy to suggest spending their wedding anniversary at a trials event - honesty being the best policy. Let's just say Cheryl is a very understanding wife! She would not stop him taking up the offer of a Works Ride with the Ossa Academy.

Next, the development plan was handed over to the technical department to select a suitable bike from the fleet. One that would suit Trevor's riding style while providing the opportunity for improvement. The 2012 Factory was considered, but after considering all possible variables, the 2011 Ossa was selected. It then went through an intensive preparation to make it fit Trevor like a glove. Kurt Pickering was issued a standard 2012 Ossa, not the 2012 Factory variation as it was considered he was not ready for the sharper response available on that model. Ian Pickering was issued with the Fantic 241 Prog2 - which has been a project bike for the last 2 years at the Ossa Academy to be used as a mark of respect to the now defunct Fantic Trails factory. The Fantic has a motor designed specifically for trials, like the Ossa. Some further development had been completed and was ready to be tested. Improved front and rear suspension and a front drum brake from a Honda that actually worked!

Back to our new works rider - Trevor was then put on a training plan to increase his fitness level. You may have noticed on Facebook that Trevor was completing weekly park runs.....

The sports psychologist had the most difficult task - preparing Trevor for the inevitable success that would come his way. After so many years raising a family and not being a sponsored rider, Trevor needed to learn how to relax, while experiencing unexpected success i.e. not choke.

We were sure that Trevor was made of the right stuff - and as he eventually did - would thrive on the pressure.

Friday location scoping was interrupted by Trevor being distracted by, and talking to his adoring fan base. We finally signed all the autographs and inspected all the sections for Day 1 of the Tassie Titles. We constructed the "Cone of Excellence" (our sun shelter) for our corporate sponsors and the rest of the Ossa Academy's use. Usually we would have a tape to keep the fans away from the Cone of Excellence, but we decided to rely on the excellent event security for this task. On the way home we received a phone call from the Dietician advising us to "carbo load" for the following day so we picked up Fish and Chips for tea.

Day 1 of the Tas Titles - After completing our sponsor commitments, the 3 rider Ossa Academy Team consisting of Ian Pickering, Kurt Pickering & Trevor Bennett gathered at the Cone of Excellence for one last pep talk by the Sports Psychologist. The dietician made sure we had sufficient water, snakes and chocolate to snack on. It was decided that Ian and Trevor would ride together as they were both on the blue arrows in Twin Shock and C Grade and Kurt would ride with the A Grade group. So we were off to Section 1 - the logs which was a bogey section for Trevor on his last visit to the Tas Titles. But this year with the guidance of the Ossa Academy Coach he cleaned it! The Ossa Academy's Sports Psychologist quickly stepped in to reinforce this early success and set Trevor up for a fantastic day.

Section 4 was the deciding section for the day, a very tight left hand turn on shale around a tree then a right hand climb on the limit of traction followed by a tight left turn around a rock. Trevor listened to the coaching and used his clutch around the tree - to become only the 2nd person for the day to clean that part of the section and with a single dab at the left turn finished with a very creditable 1.

However at section 6 Trevor had a metal block with the drop-off into the section - baulking and dropping 1 to 2 points each time. Unfortunately, after doing this again on lap 2 - after he had been coached and given a KPI of not baulking - Trevor baulked again! This needed to be corrected quickly or it could have put his future international career at risk! Trevor was put on a Performance Plan, with additional coaching and a consultation with the Sports Psychologist.

Trevor improved over the day gaining new found confidence in his riding skills - the culmination of all the efforts of the different departments of the Ossa Academy. At the end of Day 1 the Ossa Academy were 2nd in A Grade, 1st in Twin Shock and 2nd in C grade - so far so good.

Day 2 of the Tas Titles - It is a two day event so we needed to maintain our focus and effort for the 2nd day. As well as the pressure of being a front runner, Trevor had to deal with the growing spectator gallery of his fans. Would the work done by the Ossa Academy Sports Psychologist be enough to keep Trevor focused? Things were going well until the handlebars on Trevor's personal coach's bike rolled forward slightly, on the last rock of section 7 - his coach had to return to the "Cone of Excellence" to reposition the bars. While his coach was away repositioning the handle bars, Trevor continued on his own. This was a test for Trevor to see if he would continue riding in the Ossa way..... Trevor however decided to try a couple of lines of his own and to drop down to 1st gear in a section where he had been trained to use 2nd gear - and lost several points on lap 2. This happens quite often with our newer riders, and is a lesson that must be learned through practical experience. Trevor returned to the Ossa way and continued to ride well for the rest of the day, actually cleaning section 1 & 2 over the logs and eventually cleaning Section 3 with a tight right turn using his newly refreshed skill of slipping the clutch. Meanwhile Ian & Kurt Pickering were having a good day also, several clean cards for Ian and Kurt was consolidating his 2nd position in A Grade. At the end of the two days of riding, the Ossa Academy experienced success for all its riders. Three bikes entered, 100% reliability, 3 podium positions. Kurt Pickering was 2nd in A Grade, Ian Pickering 1st in Twinshock, Trevor Bennett 3rd in C Grade.

The Ossa Academy would like to thank the Ossa Factory, its corporate sponsors, its coaches for technique, diet & sports psychology, its fan base and its riders for their support at this event. Many thanks to the observers who gave up a day or even two days to observe at this prestigious event.

NEWS FLASH

On the back of his outstanding improvement over the short time he has been under the Ossa Academy's guidance Trevor has been granted a new role at the Ossa Academy. Trevor has accepted the Talent Scout position with the Ossa Academy. Trevor has agreed to travel far and wide, attend as many trials events as he can, to find the Ossa Academy's next talented recruit.

Photo credit to Ashlee Lockhart



Next State Round event

Heigh-ho, heigh-ho, it's off to Jer-i-cho, with grippy rocks and not many logs heigh-ho heigh-ho heigh-ho heigh-ho.

I'm honestly sorry for that.

It's no Disney fairy tale, it's the real deal, you'll be Happy to know Jericho is the next stop on our calendar. Round 2 is on the 22nd of April, so get a good sleep so you're not Dopey or Sleeoy. Section seeing will likely be the 15th but check with a Southerner to find out more. We'll make sure they're not set too hard, we don't want you having to see the Doc.

I've almost run out of puns, see you there or I'll be Grumpy!

Training day

25th of March, come and get some coaching and learn how to ride clean around the sections you had trouble with at the Tassie Titles!

So we can plan for you, please call or SMS 0418131341 if you are going to attend.
Learn some new techniques and set up the rest of your year !

Australian X Trial

I don't have a huge amount to report on, maybe Chris or Daniel (subtle hint) will do a report for the next newsletter, but the top three in order consisted of last years TdN winners – Kyle first, Chris second, Connor third. The sections looked very tough, so well done Chris!

Trial des Nations

There's nothing like a mainlander revving up our riders to get us to hand over money for the TdN raffle, and Bell Bayles certainly helped the cause too. Phil Whittle probably weighed the boat down carrying all that cash back over Bass Strait, but if you've still got some money to donate to the Aussie assault overseas, get in touch with him on Facebook and he'll trade cash for raffle tickets.

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Tasmanian Titles 2018 - Mt Joy

Expert	BIKE	Sat. Total	Sat. Placing	Sun. Total	Sun. Placing	Total points	OVERALL PLACE
Chris Bayles	Gas Gas	42	1	28	1	70	1

A Grade	BIKE	Sat. Total	Sat. Placing	Sun. Total	Sun. Placing	Total points	OVERALL PLACE
Dean Nuttall	TRS	35	1	18	1	53	1
Kurt Pickering	Ossa	56	2	40	3	96	2
Dylan Bayles	Gas Gas	70	3	35	2	105	3
Jordan Perkins	Sherco	82	5	48	4	130	4
Peter Lockhart	Gas Gas	73	4	65	5	138	5

B Grade	BIKE	Sat. Total	Sat. Placing	Sun. Total	Sun. Placing	Total points	OVERALL PLACE
Matt Woodhouse	Beta	32	1	12	3	44	1
Tom Woodhouse	Beta	38	2	11	1	49	2
Daniel Fenton	Beta	55	4	11	2	66	3
John Rees	Sherco	47	3	23	4	70	4
Mike Amey	Sherco	114	6	85	5	199	5
Pat Sutton	Gas Gas	109	5	91	6	200	6

C+ Grade	BIKE	Sat. Total	Sat. Placing	Sun. Total	Sun. Placing	Total points	OVERALL PLACE
Scott Stevens	Gas Gas	19	1	4	1	23	1
Callum Millar	Beta	45	3	8	3	53	2
Will Thornbury	Gas Gas	54	4	7	2	61	3
Zac Lunn	Gas Gas	45	2	21	6	66	4
Josh Statton	Gas Gas	63	5	10	4	73	5
Jenna Lupo	Gas Gas	78	8	16	5	94	6
Nobby Gabbedy	Gas Gas	65	6	33	9	98	7
Peter Hosking	Beta	68	7	32	8	100	8
Mick Luscombe	Sherco	91	12	31	7	122	9
Ken Hosking	Beta	83	9	53	10	136	10
Brooke Lendvay	Sherco	87	10	56	11	143	11
Shane Bayes	Beta	87	11	300		387	12
Phill Whittle	Gas Gas	141	13	300		441	13
Anton Rosenzweig	Sherco	142	14	300		442	14

C Grade	BIKE	Sat. Total	Sat. Placing	Sun. Total	Sun. Placing	Total points	OVERALL PLACE
Mike Travica	Sherco	24	1	7	1	31	1
Samuel Lockhart	Gas Gas	39	3	14	3	53	2
Trevor Bennett	Ossa	38	2	16	5	54	3
Trent Wilkin	Gas Gas	49	6	8	2	57	4
Craig Ferrall	Gas Gas	40	4	19	7	59	5
Ian Gabbedy	Beta	53	7	24	8	77	6
Ben Hibbs	Sherco	65	9	30	10	95	7 (31x0)
Brennan McNear	Gas Gas	63	8	32	11	95	8 (30x0)
Aaron Groenewold	Beta	73	11	30	9	103	9
Jordan McNear	Gas Gas	68	10	48	13	116	10
Samuel Flowers	Sherco	88	12	48	12	136	11
Nathan Sutcliffe	Gas Gas	141	13	62	14	203	12
Samuel Evans	Gas Gas	300		15	4	315	13
Phil Whittle	Gas Gas	300		19	6	319	14
John Clapham		46	5	300		346	15
Ron Leistra	Scorpa	154	14	300		454	16

Twin Shock	BIKE	Sat. Total	Sat. Placing	Sun. Total	Sun. Placing	Total points	OVERALL PLACE
Ian Pickering	Fantic	20	1	1	1	21	1
Nigel Munday	Fantic	35	2	5	2	40	2
Peter Ingram Jones	Honda	133	3	39	3	172	3

Clubman	BIKE	Sat. Total	Sat. Placing	Sun. Total	Sun. Placing	Total points	OVERALL PLACE
Bridie Sutton	Gas Gas	0	1	11	1	11	1
Jack Salter	Gas Gas	35	2	15	2	50	2
Broc Gabbedy	Beta	46	3	16	3	62	3
Elliot Salter	Gas Gas	46	4	27	4	73	4
Oliver Groenewold	Beta	49	5	36	5	85	5
Danny Sutton	Gas Gas	78	6	39	6	117	6
Steve Brezinscak	Beta	131	7	67	8	198	7
Ruby Statton	Beta	157	8	300		457	8

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