

Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club

(Semi-normal programming has now resumed)



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President's Report

G day all, Baylesy here. How good is it to ride at a new venue? It's great to have had two new properties up the north west in the past couple of years. We thanked Kurt at the trials for making this happen, he's the person to go back and make an event happen after finding such places. Top job Kurt, the club appreciates your efforts. I reckon that Upper Natone terrain is somewhat similar to Royal George. We'll all be well practised up on granite by the end of this, although last weekend was very slippery, different to the usual granite experience.

Well done to the North West team for setting the trials. There was plenty of helpers by the sounds of it. It's great to see that the North West have a good number of helpers as well as a few venues new and old to choose from. It's a win win for this region, we better keep encouraging these aspects as a club. The only thing is there is a few too many of them on BETA's LOL, one day they might see the light. (only stirring Woody).

The sections were well set, even though they were slippery they were a good all-round sections. Plenty of tight turns and a good mix of the larger obstacles in all grades, enough to keep the riders on their toes. Even our section had some big blasts with a very technical turn off the rock where we were most likely to dab.

Well done to all that made the event happen. Would like to thank the people for helping pack the sections up and clean all the arrows, it was all loaded back into the trailer neatly and is ready to rock and roll for the next setting. Makes it so easy moving forwards.

Another thanks to Ian for instigating the Covid rules and social distancing, it's something we have to do and Pick makes sure we do. Thanks Ian. Another huge thanks goes to Samuel for getting the results tallied up so fast and for putting them on Facebook that night for us all to see. We appreciate the efforts you go to in your own time.

Well thanks about it for me. We have a few things to discuss at our next committee meeting around the end of year Christmas break up. We will also be discussing the idea of Fenton's for the twin shock trials on the Saturday before the Melrose trials. Great idea I reckon.

Also there is a training day coming up for beginners, new club members and kids. Info is further on in this newsletter and on the Facebook page if you are interested

Regards, Baylesy. See you all at the next event. It's great to be back riding a few trials events.

Online Entries

There's not much to say here, except thank you for those entering early, it really does help. So far no one has been able to beat Ian Pickering, he gets his entry in two or three weeks before the event, what a legend! Special mention goes to Jenna, she entered at 6.50am on the Sunday morning, but even special-er mention to Dylan, I got his online entry when I got back into reception on the way home Sunday afternoon, sent at 8.50am.

One slight change, the online entry form has changed to include your mobile number so we can contact you in case of a cancellation or (I am sick of typing this) COVID tracing.

Upper Natone

Fun fact time! According to the 2016 census, 112 people call Upper Natone home, and the township was gazetted reasonably recently, in 1966. The townships boundaries are formed by the Blythe River on the East and the Emu River on the West. Emus used to be common in Tasmania years ago, which is why there's places with Emu in the name, like Emu Bay and Emu Plains, but early colonialists hunted them to extinction. Mega drumsticks must have been tasty.

Did everyone love the Targa stages driving to the site? Those roads were great fun, even in a RAV4 with a trailer and 3 bikes, they'd be even better in the dry. And some of the houses were lovely old-style farmhouses or quirky little designs.

Surprisingly, with all the rain in the days before, the dirt road in wasn't too bad. The same couldn't be said about the track to the sections. 30ish bikes times 7 trips in times 7 times out equals a mess. Parts of the track could have almost been sections and required a bit of caution to keep upright or in a straight line. A few riders didn't heed Kurt's warning and found that a couple of the puddles were actually a lot deeper than they looked. Of course, riding in mud fills up the tread blocks, which then gets dragged into sections, which makes the sections slipperier, or in the case of some sections, the tyres get covered in that sandy tiny pebble quartz stuff, which also makes sections slipperier.

Sections were a fair mix of styles and layouts. Section 1, bit of a W shape with mostly rocks, nothing too major but still enough to smash the airbox of a Thornbury-ridden Gas Gas. Section 2, a couple of logs, rocks, tight turns and tricky exit. Section 3, basically a postage stamp sized layout with a couple of big rocks and a log, followed by section 4, a couple of very tricky turns, easily missed markers and slippery rocks. Section 5 was more open with some decent sized rocks, section 6 almost needed a packed lunch to get around and claimed at least one gear lever, the broken end of it spotted sitting next to the exit gate. Section 7 was a steep blast up a rocky hill and back down, but even the downhill could catch you out and make you go over the bars, proven by Mike Travica. For the Clubman grade, the bit of track from 7 up to 6 could have been a decent little section too.

Interestingly, some of those who have ridden there before all told me the same thing. They all said it's a really great place to ride. Then they quietly added "when it's dry" at the end.

Scorecards were much better than Melton Mowbray, errors were either fixed or reported to Toni who fixed them up, everyone is getting the hang of it. Hopefully soon we'll be able to go back to the old days of observers clicking. Just as long as we don't go to the really, really old days of sheets of paper, clipboards and pens on each section, they were a nightmare if it rained.

Clubman had five starters, young Will Delanty getting third place. Millie Lockhart finished second on 45 points (more on that later) and rode a couple of C grade sections after she'd finished, a hint for next year perhaps. Stevie Homan won the grade.

C grade had a big spread of scores. Mike Travica finished on a lowly 20 taking yet another win. I copied my daughter by finishing second on 45 points, I better get her training to win on 5 points or something, I might copy that too. Third place was Bob Perkins, with the magical self healing Sherco. Honesly, that engine knock didn't sound great, but then it vanished. Spooky stuff.

The Ossa Academy took out C+, but I'll let him blow his own trumpet later on in the newsletter. Only joking Ian, it was a very good ride. Second place was Nigel Munday, how does he finish his sections so fast, is he training for enduro events? Chris Dillon wasn't far behind in third.

Another win for Zak Lunn in B grade, he's making a habit of that and must surely have an eye on the trophy now. Sam Wells finished second, Kalam Langworthy third.

A grade, conspiracy? Kurt, the guy that found the venue, sorted the paperwork, got permission and organised it all, wins the grade? Nah, Kurt rode very smoothly and barely put a foot wrong. Jordan, the only rider who starts off the day looking like a construction worker in the high vis gear and finishes the day looking like a world pro in the branded, sponsored gear, picked up second. Third was Will Thornbury on the hybrid Gas Gas, having nicked the airbox and rear guard off his spare bike. Special mention to Daniel

Fenton having a go at the red lines on an unfamiliar, snappy, big bore Chris Bayles Gas Gas while also minding Rosie in Clubman, that's not an easy day.

Expert, Chris and Tom put on some fantastic displays on some big stuff, Chris taking the win.

Bits from Ian Pickering Funny Bits

Ken Hosking was visiting friends in Ulverstone and using Google maps for directions. He forgot to change the setting from walking to driving... Ken had trouble going through the underground walkway under the bass highway, just a bit tight for the ute he was driving!

Ossa Academy Report

There was some concern in the Ossa camp when promising team rider David Parker suffered a leg injury, while walking the section.

To protect this rising star, the team physio advised David to retire and apply an ice pack to the leg injury, to ensure he would be available for Royal George.

David was riding very well and may well have been in a podium position at the end of the day.

Although it was difficult, the rest of the team maintained focus at the trial and came away with another win in C+ to add to the Ossa Academy's long list of successes.

Celebrations will continue this week and a letter from the Ossa Factory is expected.

Another interesting result was a rider trained by the Ossa Academy and currently on loan to Honda to assist them with their development, came 1st in A Grade.

Learn the Basics - Training Day – Mt Joy

To assist new riders we will be providing training day on Sunday 30 Aug 11:00am at Mt Joy.

This will be for learning or reinforcing the basics of technique and bike setup and will be for both juniors and adults.

Things we'll cover include:

- Rider position on the bike
- How to turn the bike on a slope
- Slipping the clutch in turns.
- How to practice the figure 8, on the flat, on a slope.
- Weighting of pegs
- Bike setup, levers, tyres, etc

It will be around the homestead at Mt Joy as the sheep are lambing at the moment.

We will have some grassy slopes to practice on and some of Chris Bayles practice obstacles to ride around.

Please call Ian Pickering 0418131341 if you are interested.

Bring out your twinshock!

We know there's plenty of twin shocks out there. Daniel Fenton is proposing a Saturday Twinshock Trial on the 14th of November, the day before the last trial of the season at Melrose on the 15th of November.

This would be a good chance to drag a twinshock out of your shed, or even better, encourage new riders with an old bike in the shed for a ride. Getting a former rider out on their old bike would be perfect.

We could use some of the section lines already set for the championship trial on the Sunday.

We would set a very easy line to cater for new riders eg Clubman, plus a couple of other lines perhaps C and B Grade.

A counter meal on Saturday Night to chew over the results, crashes and breakdowns etc.

If you're interested, let us know and keep an eye and ear out, more details (possible camping etc) will be floating around soon.

Christmas dinner

Well, lets be honest, it's not been the best year, so a night away camping at Mt Joy on the 5th of December, with a feed provided by Coast to Coast The Golden Roast sounds pretty appealing to me.

They're cooking roast pork, ham and roast beef, we'll be doing our normal trophy presentation and AGM and I'll guess there will be a trail ride of some sort on Sunday.

It'll be \$30 per adult, \$15 for kids between the ages of 4 and 10, kids under 4 free. Please be aware that payment and booking MUST be done by Melrose at the absolute latest. If you haven't paid by then, you won't be able to have a feed. Payment can be made in cash any time from now, or paid into the club's bank account. Contact Alysha or a North West person to book and pay.

Next State Round events

I love this event. Polish the crown jewels, whatever that means, wash and trim the corgis, get the scones and tea ready, have a messy break up with your family because you married someone who isn't a blueblood, it's time to get Royal, it's Royal George! The place, not Prince William's son.

Head to Avoca and follow the signs, it's easy to find and there's some huge rocks, the event itself is the 20th of September, section setting at this stage is the Sunday prior but keep an eye on Facebook or speak to a Northerner to make sure.

Classifieds

If you want to sell a bike, or buy a bike, we can put an ad up on the website. There's a LOT of interest in trials currently, so if you're wanting to offload one, now is the perfect time to do it. At the moment, there's a 2010 Scorpa for sale.

<https://www.tastrials.org.au/classifieds/2010-scorpa/>

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	Expert	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Chris BAYLES	4	10	5	2	1	22	22	22	8	3	1	1
2	Tom WOODHOUSE	17	21	14	15	15	82	82	6	9	5	6	9
	A Grade	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Kurt PICKERING	4	3	4	3	5	19	19	25	5	1	4	0
2	Jordan PERKINS	12	4	5	2	5	28	28	16	11	7	1	0
3	Will THORNBURY	18	1	6	3	5	33	33	17	11	3	2	2
4	Matt WOODHOUSE	13	17	9	6	8	53	53	12	8	8	3	4
5	Daniel FENTON	15	17	11	11	16	70	70	7	5	8	13	2
DNF	Dylan BAYLES	27	30				57	DNF	1	2	0	0	11
	B Grade	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Zak LUNN	10	1	2	2	2	17	17	22	12	0	0	1
2	Sam WELLS	9	12	3	3	7	34	34	14	14	3	3	1
3	Kalam LANGWORTHY	17	15	9	10	17	68	68	4	14	1	14	2
4	Jenna LUPO	20	17	16	18	15	86	86	4	5	7	14	5
	C Plus	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Ian PICKERING	5	3	2	3	4	17	17	26	5	2	1	1
2	Nigel MUNDAY	7	4	4	3	1	19	19	21	10	3	1	0
3	Chris DILLON	8	3	6	2	5	24	24	21	10	0	3	1
4	Nobby GABBEDY	7	10	6	4	5	32	32	20	5	5	4	1
5	Simon LANGWORTHY	8	7	3	7	9	34	34	21	3	6	3	2
6	Ken HOSKING	12	9	14	7	10	52	52	12	9	5	6	3
7	James SAWARD	17	15	12	12	12	68	68	5	11	6	10	3
DNF	David PARKER	8	22				30	DNF	4	3	2	1	4
	C Grade	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Mike TRAVICA	9	2	5	2	2	20	20	26	4	3	0	2
2	Samuel LOCKHART	15	8	7	10	5	45	45	15	9	3	5	3
3	Bob PERKINS	15	10	14	8	10	57	57	16	6	4	1	8
4	Andrew SQUIBB	22	24	25	24	20	115	115	1	2	3	19	10
5	Matt BESSELL	26	29	23	22	15	115	115	1	1	5	18	10
6	Kevin GOODALL	29	27	22	26	21	125	125	0	0	2	22	11
DNF	Rowan ELLERY	27	27	25	27		106	DNF	0	1	0	15	12
	Twinslock	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Mick LUSCOMBE	11	5	16	7	8	47	47	14	9	2	8	2
	Clubman	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Stevie HOMAN	3	8	4	2	0	17	17	26	5	2	1	1
2	Millie LOCKHART	14	14	8	5	4	45	45	12	11	4	7	1
3	Will DELANTY	20	23	16	15	9	83	83	4	6	6	15	4
DNF	Rosie VINEY	18	17				35	DNF	2	2	3	4	3
DNF	Max GOODALL	33					33	DNF	0	0	0	1	6
	Junior	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
DNS	Cooper LOCKHART						0	DNS	0	0	0	0	0

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