

# Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club

(A quick season is a good season)



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**November 2020**

## President's Report

G'day all,

How good was the final trials of the year? The twin shock trials on the Saturday was a huge success. It was great to see some many new and old faces out and about on their old bikes. Just a very fun casual day. I was standing up about sections just looking down at everyone having a great time. My cheeks were sore from smiling and laughing all day. The sections were set spot on. It's weird looking at how different the section were on the Saturday in comparison to the Sunday. Those old bikes need the room. Do you think Peter Cruse had a good day? I reckon he's missed the sport. Might see him back in the future. Best quote of the day, Fenton goes up to Crusey and says 'when I was young my goals were to beat the 3 Peters, I've got Peter Bayles, Peter Lockhart and today is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Peter hopefully'. Bloody classic. A huge shout out to the fellas who lent their old bikes to other riders to encourage more numbers. Great day, I reckon she'll be an annual event from now on.

Sunday it was on, a few competitive classes where riders had to show who was the best. The grades have been close and exciting to see who comes out on top this year. The sections were well set. I reckon it's good that we have a creek trials, so good riding some creeks for something different. Got to love wet socks by section 2. Although I did hear that some people had more than just wet socks, Bull took a swim so they say. Since this trials I've been saying how good our sport is, we go from Jericho hitting steps and all about big blasts to Melrose where its tight and slippery. So much variety. Melrose is a good back to basics trials, needing to make the room in sections, find the traction and have great clutch control.

There is a few people to thank. Well done to all the North West group for the well set sections, both Saturday and Sundays sections. Once again thanks to the ladies in the tent. Huge shout out to Mick for allowing us to camp and utilise his property for the two days.

Looking forward to this year Christmas do and presentation weekend. She's going to be a casual fun weekend. Same as every other year pretty much. Mount Joy will be open from whenever for those who want to turn up early. Even come Friday night if you are feeling super motivated. Saturday will be a casual free ride and a few activities for the kids all arvo. AGM will be in the afternoon. Dinner will be soon after the AGM. Camping is available for everyone. Then on the Sunday we will do a trial ride around the Joy for those who are needing the hangover ride cure.

Just a quick one from me. Looking forward to seeing everyone this weekend coming.

Cheers Baylesy.

## **Newsletterman's report**

Well, that year was certainly a year, wasn't it? We'd all heard about the new virus sweeping the world and I remember there was talk about it at our own Tas Titles way back in March, we finished those and were keen for the next round, then... that committee meeting, and that Facebook post saying we were off the air until some time later in the year. No one really knew when or where we'd return.

Eventually, we got back into gear, albeit with restrictions but I think all in all we've done pretty well to be able to get in a decent amount of events, and even a bonus Twin Shock event too.

I want to thank everyone who uses the online entry system. The big benefit of our fancy scoring system is in the ability to enter everyone prior to the event, so on the day I can just pick up a scorecard, hit two buttons, pull up your name, type 7 scores and hit enter. It's far quicker than having to look up a rider, select a few options and then enter the scores, or in the case of a new rider, assign them a number, then enter them, then select options, THEN enter their score. There's other benefits which don't apply to me, such as Mick and the financial side of things, and Toni knowing who to write cards for.

All things going well, I should have a membership form online well before the first event of the year next year too.

Speaking of scoring, if ANYONE can help me out next year entering scorecards, even just doing those who have pre entered, it'd be appreciated. Trying to ride, get a kid around her sections and do Cooper's sub junior gear is full on. Next year will be harder, Millie's moving up a grade and Cooper wants to do Junior. I can teach anyone to do the scoring, a wife, girlfriend, teenager, it's a piece of piss. If you're really keen I can even teach you in the off season, remotely.

How many riders do you think participated this year, between the championship season, Tasmanian Titles and Twin Shock events? 74 individual riders completed at least one round of the championship this year. Add in those who had one-off appearances at both the Tas Titles and the Twin Shocks and we had a total of 93 individual riders over the year. Not a bad effort for a shorter season with everything else going on.

The overall championship has been calculated, I'm pretty late with the newsletter so I'd guess the trophies are engraved and ready to go, including the coveted broken bars awards, for the Christmas Dinner presentations. For those of you not attending, fear not! The results will be online on, all things going well, the Sunday night after.

The last couple of years I included how many hits the website received over the year. I can't do that because I turned analytics off when I was testing something and forgot to turn it on. But it's had a lot of traffic this year, Facebook has had loads of interactions, new likes, shares and all that too, so in a digital sense the club's doing pretty well.

## **Twin Shocks at Melrose**

Well what an afternoon that was. Former stars returning, old bikes dragged out of sheds, current stars seeing just how hard they can push drum brakes and old tech suspension instead of disc brakes and new Tech suspension (that's a pun for the guys who know the brand names of the tech bits and it's hilarious, trust me), and a helluva lot of laughs were had. It's possible the riding was secondary to the jokes during the day and exaggerations afterwards.

Three lines were created, one each for A, C and Clubman. Nobby partially emptied his shed and bought along a great collection of Honda machinery, we had an Italjet, a Fantic, a bunch of Yamahas including a wannabe trials bike in the form of an AG, a couple of Montesa and Bultaco examples, an SWM, a Kawasaki and an RTX, whatever that is, even Pick had never heard of it.

Five sections ridden four times each would prove to be quite enough, the effort required to get some of the well-aged machines around took its toll, even though their bikes handled it well. Some riders still managed to bounce and bunny hop their way around the sections, while others were erring on the side of caution.

The logs of section 5 included something we rarely see in events, a bit of an optional balance test for the A graders in the form of a long log. Some riders erred on the side of caution while others rode the length without a worry. Maybe this style of obstacle will catch on for future events? Something I hope doesn't catch on is David Parker's new riding technique, mounting the bike back to front and riding forwards while facing backwards.

In Clubman, under the expert guidance of Colin, Alex Woodberry rode his first event and lost just a single point, taking the win. Terry Wilcox rode well for second, Andrew Squibb had a couple of mechanical issues and finished third, which also won him the "Mechanical Trouble" trophy. Brett Langworthy claimed this for himself, as it was his bike, Andrew was just borrowing it.

C grade was a close affair, Nobby the Honda collector finished on 4 points for third. Ian Pickering dropped 2 points to finish second, on a Fantic which I'm told is a beautiful bike to ride. Peter Lockhart knew the event started at 1pm, turned up at 3pm for an event scheduled to finish at 4pm, rushed around like a madman, didn't drop any points and won.

A grade was won by none other than the current Australian twin shock champion, Kurt Pickering, on the SWM. Will Thornbury wasn't far behind in second, Tom Woodhouse edged out Chris Bayles (and was pretty stoked about it) by one point to get third.

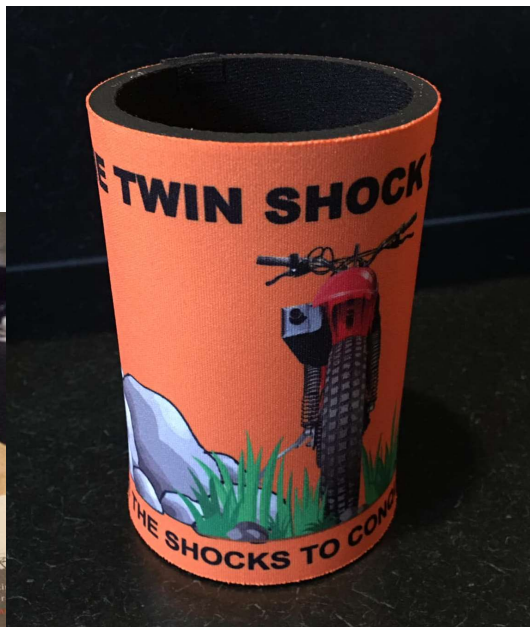
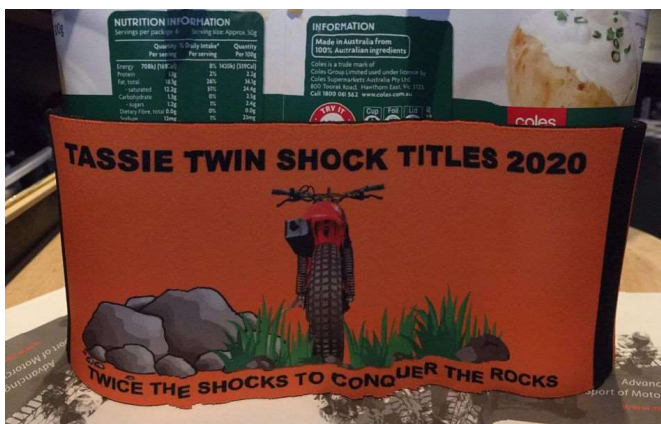
There were also handicap results, where your score had extra points added depending on your grade, 8 points to A Grade, 6 Points to C Grade and 4 Points to Clubman

Handicap results were as follows:

- 1 + 4 = 5 points 1<sup>st</sup> Alex Clubman
- 0 + 6 = 6 points 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Lockhart C Grade
- 2 + 6 = 8 points 3<sup>rd</sup> Ian Pickering C Grade

Mick Luscombe won the best crash award. I didn't see either his crash in the section, or his crash between sections, but by all accounts the latter was far bigger than the former.

Each rider got a moment in the form of a stubby holder, thanks for organising these Nobby!



If you missed out on this event, don't worry, there was a lot of enthusiasm and I'm pretty sure there will be another one in 2021.

While we're on the topic of twin shock bikes... It's probably a bit late for Christmas but I found these online, for those who can't find a real twin shock or a present for someone who loves them:

<https://www.yoomee.co.uk/product-category/trialreplic/>

## Melrose

Possibly named after a surveyor working in the area in 1853, George Melrose, who named the creek after himself, Melrose used to be a wild, untamed, rugged area covered in tall timber, the local population of the time making money hauling out logs with bullock teams. There were no roads and from what I've read, a lot of mud. I'm wondering if they hauled out rocks too, because there seems to be very few of those on the property we're allowed to use.

If someone said "yeah look you can use my property, there's like, 5 rocks, a creek, a log and some banks" you'd probably wonder if you could get a decent trial out of it. Well, you can. Time and time again we have events here and each time, we get a cracking event. This one was no different, we had three tight, technical sections utilising the banks and contours of the dark, jungle-like area to the right of the car park. From here, we got a taste of the Scottish down at section four, the creek claiming a couple of bikes and getting the boots a bit wet. Section 5, very long by Melrose standards, used a strangely textured log, some mud and a steep bank, but hanging from a branch while walking the section was purely optional, only Kalam Langworthy choosing to do this. Get over to section 6, and the Scottish feeling is back, get your socks wet, there's a tricky climb back out of the water, and a pretty spectacular jump over the creek for the upper grades. Finally, section 7 had a couple of big ups and downs, and tractor tyres for the Experts, and seemed to be the favourite for the spectators. As Chris mentioned earlier, Melrose is all about technique, it's tighter and it's slippery. A technical trial to finish the year on, knowing that the championship results were already very close in a couple of grades, and some riders having already had a hard afternoon on a twin shock the day before made it even more interesting.

Chris and Tom put on an excellent display, Chris winning Expert.

It was tight at the top of the red line, two points separating first place Will Thornbury from second place Kurt Pickering, Matt Woodhouse in third.

B grade was also tight, John Clapham finishing third, one point behind Zak Lunn. Kalam Langworthy turned it on and had (I think) his first win in the yellow lines, good stuff! That makes me think, an IT related person could write a database of results like Champion Data does for AFL stats. Hmm, I'll see how inspired I get.

Nigel Munday hasn't had a lot of free time of late, he's been very busy, and he only got his shiny new factory replica Sherco on the Friday before the event. Doesn't matter, still won, just ahead of Ian Pickering, Simon Langworthy finished third.

You know, there's a couple of times writing the newsletter is tricky. First is waiting on Chris to send you a Presidents report, he's flat out all the time, the joys of being a farmer and all that. The second tricky, but good, bit is writing about a grade you won without sounding like a brag. Anyway, the top three were close, I finished just ahead of Mike Travica, David Catt wheeled the Sherco out for third, hopefully we see some more of him next year.

Mick Luscombe won twin shock, Alex Woodberry finished second and hopefully continues to come along to more events.

Clubman had six riders, a good end to the year. Rosie Viney is getting to grips with her new Beta, being coached around the sections by Daniel Fenton and finished third. Second place was Stevie Homan, while Millie Lockhart lost just three points for the win.

The Juniors risked drowned bikes, those creeks are big when you've only got little wheels, Meredith Dillon won and got bragging rights over her brother Ned.

He had a teary start to his sub-junior sections, we'd had a busy couple of days and lets be honest, I don't think he's the first to be upset looking at where he's meant to go, but he recovered well and won his grade. Junior next year little dude, you'll be fine.

### **AGM/Christmas feed/presentation**

Well, the hint is in the name, Annual General Meeting. We had one last year, we'll have another this year. There will be a few things to discuss, and there will also be the chance to nominate for different club roles: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Public Officer, Newsletter/Web Officer or General Committee.

If you think you want to have a go and take on a role, go for it, we do have regular online meetings where we can discuss whatever needs to be discussed. A nomination form is included at the end of the newsletter and there's one on the website too.

Chris Dillon said he'd have scallops at Mt Joy unless he couldn't get any, in which case he'd get something else. Who knows, it might be KFC nuggets, they're a bargain at \$10 for 24, and on that note I've had an idea for next years dinner when the Southerners organise it.

So, big meeting, catered feed, hand out a bunch of trophies and no doubt discussion about the years events, Santa should be making an appearance, I'm looking forward to it, see you there!

### **Next State Round events**

We'll let you know!

There's also the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion of the Tamar Valley Trials Club, later to become the TMTC, where we'll be able to talk about the old days. Things were different back then, observers had a clipboard, pen and a sheet of paper with all the riders names on it. Honestly, that method worked great until it rained, I remember an exceptionally wet Flowery Gulley mudpit/trial where Mum had just about given up writing scores down on saturated paper. Section markers were often bits of old fence palings with red or yellow paint on the top, which would have likely gone through you if you landed on it, bits of cardboard with arrows drawn on them for different grades. Newsletters were done on typewriters or very early computers and posted (snail mail, not email) out to people. And we found events without using GPS! Anyway, more information will come out about this event shortly.

Have a ripper of a Christmas and a great New Years, see you in 2021!

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A Grade		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Sat	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Kurt PICKERING	3	2	0	0	5	5	17	1	2	0	0
2	Will THORNBURY	7	1	0	0	8	8	16	3	0	0	1
3	Tom WOODHOUSE	7	4	1	3	15	15	10	8	1	0	1
4	Chris BAYLES	5	6	5	0	16	16	16	1	0	0	3
5	Matt WOODHOUSE	10	2	4	1	17	17	12	5	1	0	2
6	Jordan PERKINS	7	4	5	4	20	20	6	11	2	0	1
7	Daniel FENTON	10	5	10	4	29	29	5	6	6	2	1
8	Zak LUNN	15	10	11	7	43	43	5	2	2	9	2
C Grade		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Sat	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Peter LOCKHART	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0
2	Ian PICKERING	1	1	0	0	2	2	18	2	0	0	0
3	Nobby GABBEDY	3	0	1	0	4	4	17	2	1	0	0
4	Chris CHELLAS	0	5	1	0	6	6	18	1	0	0	1
5	Neil BERNE	1	4	0	1	6	6	16	3	0	1	0
6	David PARKER	3	6	1	1	11	11	13	6	0	0	1
7	Peter CRUSE	10	1	0	1	12	12	16	2	0	0	2
8	Colin WOODBERRY	5	11	1	0	17	17	15	2	0	0	3
9	Adrian DIXON	10	5	0	2	17	17	14	2	1	1	2
10	Simon LANGWORTHY	5	7	3	2	17	17	8	9	1	2	0
11	Ken HOSKING	9	4	3	3	19	19	9	7	2	1	1
12	Jack SALTER	7	7	6	3	23	23	10	5	1	2	2
13	Brett LANGWORTHY	7	9	3	7	26	26	6	6	4	4	0
14	Jack COSTELLO	15	10	4	3	32	32	6	7	2	2	3
15	Mick LUSCOMBE	13	5	11	7	36	36	9	3	1	2	5
16	Harvey WYNNE	13	10	19	6	48	48	3	3	7	2	5
17	Peter DIXON	15	10	13	14	52	52	7	1	1	3	8
Clubman		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Sat	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Alex WOODBERRY	0	1	0	0	1	1	19	1	0	0	0
2	Terry WILLCOX	1	3	2	0	6	6	14	6	0	0	0
3	Andrew SQUIBB	1	1	8	0	10	10	15	3	1	0	1

Round 6 Melrose  
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15 November 2020

Expert		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Chris BAYLES	5	2	1	4	1	13	13	25	8	1	1	0
2	Tom WOODHOUSE	20	9	15	12	5	61	61	12	7	6	4	6
A Grade		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Will THORBURY	7	3	4	8	3	25	25	27	1	1	4	2
2	Kurt PICKERING	11	6	3	4	3	27	27	24	5	0	4	2
3	Matt WOODHOUSE	11	9	6	4	7	37	37	19	9	1	2	4
4	Jordan PERKINS	9	11	11	12	5	48	48	11	12	4	6	2
5	Dylan BAYLES	15	10	17	10	11	63	63	12	6	4	8	5
B Grade		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Kalam LANGWORTHY	6	3	0	4	1	14	14	23	10	2	0	0
2	Zak LUNN	1	3	7	4	3	18	18	23	8	2	2	0
3	John CLAPHAM	11	5	1	2	0	19	19	26	3	4	1	1
4	Sam WELLS	8	6	1	3	2	20	20	21	10	2	2	0
5	Nathan PURTON	17	9	10	6	2	44	44	13	8	10	2	2
6	Jenna LUPO	16	19	13	9	12	69	69	11	6	5	6	7
DNF	Peter LOCKHART	8					8	DNF	4	1	1	0	1
C Plus		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Nigel MUNDAY	2	1	2	2	0	7	7	29	5	1	0	0
2	Ian PICKERING	3	2	2	0	3	10	10	28	4	3	0	0
3	Simon LANGWORTHY	3	2	1	2	5	13	13	27	6	1	0	1
4	Jack SALTER	4	7	2	2	2	17	17	26	4	4	0	1
5	Nobby GABBEDY	6	3	7	2	5	23	23	20	9	4	2	0
6	Jarrold CHIVERS	12	5	1	0	6	24	24	26	4	1	1	3
7	Chris DILLON	9	3	3	5	9	29	29	23	5	3	1	3
8	Ken HOSKING	12	9	8	11	6	46	46	7	17	6	4	1
9	James SAWARD	17	13	12	6	3	51	51	11	9	7	6	2
10	David PARKER	19	11	10	5	12	57	57	13	6	3	10	3
DNF	John DENNISON	12	7	7			26	DNF	10	4	3	2	2
DNF	Chris CHELLAS	5					5	DNF	6	0	0	0	1
1	Samuel LOCKHART	4	6	3	5	3	21	21	21	9	3	2	0
2	Mike TRAVICA	4	4	11	2	2	23	23	22	9	2	0	2
3	David CATT	7	5	4	6	3	25	25	20	9	4	1	1
4	Bob PERKINS	8	2	2	6	13	31	31	18	13	0	1	3
5	Mike HULL	9	4	7	8	9	37	37	15	12	3	3	2
6	Joel WRIGHT	12	8	6	3	12	41	41	20	5	4	1	5
7	Lachlan LANGWORHY	13	6	8	8	9	44	44	13	10	4	7	1
8	Brett LANGWORTHY	14	17	12	12	14	69	69	8	7	4	13	3
9	Bryce SQUIBB	18	9	16	12	18	73	73	8	9	4	7	7
10	Andrew SQUIBB	18	19	18	11	16	82	82	6	4	7	13	5
11	Jorden DISTILL	25	26	22	19	18	110	110	3	4	4	11	13
Twinshock		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Mick LUSCOMBE	13	15	14	18	14	74	74	7	10	4	7	7
2	Alex WOODBERRY	25	23	21	18	21	108	108	6	3	5	5	16
Clubman		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Millie LOCKHART	0	2	0	1	0	3	3	33	1	1	0	0
2	Stevie HOMAN	3	0	3	5	1	12	12	31	1	0	2	1
3	Rosie VINEY	11	9	4	2	3	29	29	20	8	4	1	2
4	Ian HOARE	13	6	9	2	3	33	33	18	8	4	4	1
5	Braith LUNN	16	7	3	5	10	41	41	24	3	0	1	7
6	Will DELANTY	20	9	7	2	3	41	41	20	3	4	5	3
Junior		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Meredith DILLON	20	15	14	11	13	73	73	8	4	8	11	4
DNF	Ned DILLON	26	23				49	DNF	2	1	1	2	8
Sub Junior		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Cooper LOCKHART	10	0	6	11		27	27	14	2	1	6	1

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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 Chris Bayles – the morning of the Christmas breakup is fine (before the AGM starts).  
Alternatively email your interest to Chris ([president@tastrials.org.au](mailto:president@tastrials.org.au)) before midnight Thursday 3rd December.