

Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club

(Semi-normal programming has now resumed)



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President's Report

G'day boys and girls, Chris here.

How good was it to get the leg back over the bike and ride a competition? I have been hanging out to ride a section ever since the start of this COVID situation. Firstly, I would like to say well done to the Southern team for setting the trials spot on. It was on the easy side but that was fantastic for the first trials back and especially for the amount of new riders we had. The sections were a good length and had very good diversity. Those loose hills off the track were something else. Looking at the scores its safe to say they were set spot on for what the objective of that trials was. Reviewing the scores, it was safe to say who has been practising and who the old school style riders were. Some of those turns were the old back to basics style of riding. I thoroughly enjoy the property that property for an event, especially when we landed the weather that we did.

It was a good turnout for the event after the break. All the old members looked like they enjoyed being back. Absolutely brilliant to see a good number of new riders and fingers crossed they come back again. The new riders looked like they enjoyed the challenge and joys of riding trials. Might be a good opportunity to do some training with a large number of new riders and kids within the club. Something to think about, get back to me if people would be interested in holding a training day.

I have a few major thanks on behalf of the club to mention. Firstly, is to Ian for all the thought, effort and ensuring the COVID aspect was sorted. Pick instigated the observing and distancing issues that we had to abide by. Top job Pick. The other person who needs a mention is Samuel Lockhart for all the hours put in setting up the online entries, as well as the dedication to getting the results tallied and up online so quick. Not many clubs have results up after a competition as to what our tech man achieved. Thanks fellas for making it happen and for getting the job done.

Just quickly while I'm on the band wagon for thanking. I would like to thank Nobby for coming up over a couple of weekends and helping get the clubs new container in some order. There are now shelves in the back and everything has a spot. All should be easy to manage now when it comes to large events where we need more gear for an event than what's in the trailer. Nobby also gave me a hand to give the trailer a once over and have a big clean out the day before the trials. She's about 2 ton lighter by the feel of it, she pulls fast down the road now. Cheers Nobby.

Anyways that's enough for me. New property for the next event. I've ridden there a few times and safe to say it's worth the drive, it's a pretty trendy little spot. Please drive safe to all those who are traveling long distances.

See you all there. Looking forward to it.

Out, Baylesy.

COVID-19

I can guarantee just about everyone is sick of hearing about it, but it does need to be mentioned.

Chris mentioned it above, I'll expand on it a bit here. Many wouldn't know how much work went on behind the scenes, there were online meetings, loads of emails, phone calls and SMS, all to get the COVID plan written up and formalised so we could get riding again. Co-ordinating an online meeting between people all around the state, with the ability to call in by phone too, isn't as simple as it is in workplaces with dedicated hosted services, but we got there and it worked pretty well. The online meeting software was, ironically, Jitsi, a name which would be familiar to almost any trials rider, albeit missing an e on the end. Ken, Ian, Kurt and Mick did a heap of work there, and my bit as well with the entries. Thank you to all who helped out, participated, gave ideas and all that.

The COVID recovery document is available on our website if you've not seen it:

<https://www.tastrials.org.au/forms/covid19/>

Also, a huge thank you to all those who used the online entry, it was a time saver (and would have been even more of a time saver if the scoring sheet didn't mess it's pants on Sunday night, resulting in me doing it a second time). I've had a couple of reports from people saying they get a message about the date format being incorrect. Don't type in the box, click in the box and select the date from the calendar, it'll work. Safari has some issues with it, that's not something I can test for though. Anyway, we'll keep using it in its current form for the rest of the year, it might change a bit over the off season but I'll keep it super simple. I'm planning on having an online form for club membership ready for the start of 2021 as well, but it's not ready yet. If you've got someone who wants to join the club, there's a 'manual' form to fill out on the website on the entry page.

Melton Mowbray

Gee, been a while since I've done this.

Fun facts: According to the 2016 Census, 65 people call themselves residents of Melton Mowbray. Originally it was called Cross Marsh, but a guy, Samuel Blackwell, moved here from Melton Mowbray in the UK and built the Melton Mowbray hotel. Eventually, the name was changed from Cross Marsh to what we know it as today. That hotel still stands, and about 30 years ago I had a feed there. I can remember, vaguely, what it looked like inside and I might get to see inside it again in the future, there's plans to get it back in operation.

Anyway, on to bike things. After waiting since the Tas Titles way back at the start of March, we finally got to compete, albeit slightly differently to normal. No observers and, after milking Kmart dry of clickers, punching our own cards, plus the new normal social distancing stuff. The clicker thing might have altered some of the results, I noticed when doing the scoring that more riders than normal either missed sections, or rode them and forgot to click their own card. There were a couple of cases where more than one score was clicked for the same section. If you stuff up a card, it's ok, just head back to the tent to get a new one, or explain it to whoever is there and they can sort it out. Now that scoring is done after the event, I can't chase people down to see what was going on.

The entrance to the site looked a fair bit different to last time, but the venue itself was the same. That lovely green open area, and the first couple of sections covered in bark. I'd set fire to it if it were my property, but unfortunately, it isn't. Sections were set on the easier side of things, a wise move considering the length of time most people had spent off the bike, and were very well spaced out. There was a bit of everything, some great sized rocks, logs, uphill, downhill, green grass and sandy soil covered in bracken fern. Don't feed too much of that to a goat, I'm told they eat it but it makes them sick. There were a bunch of new riders too, which is great to see, especially in the current economic crapshoot. If you've got a spare bike and want to sell it, now is the time, there's a lot of keen buyers and not many bikes on the market.

Cooper rode the Junior sections and won, but he didn't have it all his own way. Chris Bayles looked like he had it in the bag until he had to put his foot down to get over a log. Rosie Viney also had an unscored ride on these sections, but Cooper assures me he beat her.

Young Max Goodall had a serious upgrade since his last outing, aboard a Gas Gas Cadet, piloting it to third. Millie is loving the smoother power of her Gas Gas 125, finishing in second, behind Stevie Homan.

Mick Luscombe lent his main bike to the semi-mainlander Chris, so we got to see the beautiful Suzuki twin shock in action in, well, Twinshock. He won too.

C Grade was a mixed bag of new riders and old stalwarts. Not much separated the top three, Mike Travica made doing the results easy with only two points lost. Bob Perkins doubled Mike's score to finish in second, and Newsletterman finished third.

You thought C Grade was close? Look at C+! How often do two people drop just 8 points and tie, finishing in 5th and 6th? Nobby Gabbedy finished in third, one point behind Chris Dillon, while Jack Salter made his presence felt with a win.

Scores in B Grade were higher, but they were still close. Zak Lunn had a great win, ahead of John Clapham and Callum Millar.

Kurt Pickering took third in A Grade, behind Matt Woodhouse, Will Thornbury taking maximum championship points.

Two expert riders threw themselves at the big stuff, Tom Woodhouse doing a top job on the green lines finishing second behind Chris.

Pro tip, from me:

If you wash your bike before the event, be a bit careful where you're spraying the WD40 and don't get it all over your brake discs, it takes a LOT of heavy braking and about a lap of sections before your bike stops properly. I won't make that mistake again.

Next State Round events

A new site! Upper Natone! And if you're really keen, go to <http://www.tastrials.org.au/entries> and enter now, it's live, but you don't get a prize for being the first to enter.

I know nothing about Upper Natone, so let's read a bit about it:

The next trial site is at a vein of Granite boulders in forestry land operated by Sustainable Timbers Tasmania. Parking will be on a spur track off the main gravel road just south of the competition area of the trial site.

Access to the competition area is via an existing track previously used for Enduro and cross country riding about 100M from the parking area.

A popular camping area is available at the beginning of the gravel track to the site at the Upper Natone Forest reserve with Lake Kara and The South Riana Dam also nearby for the keen fisherman and campers.

Refuelling is to take place on a plastic mat, either bring your own or a large tarpaulin will be provided, in any case you would be best to arrive with a full fuel tank.

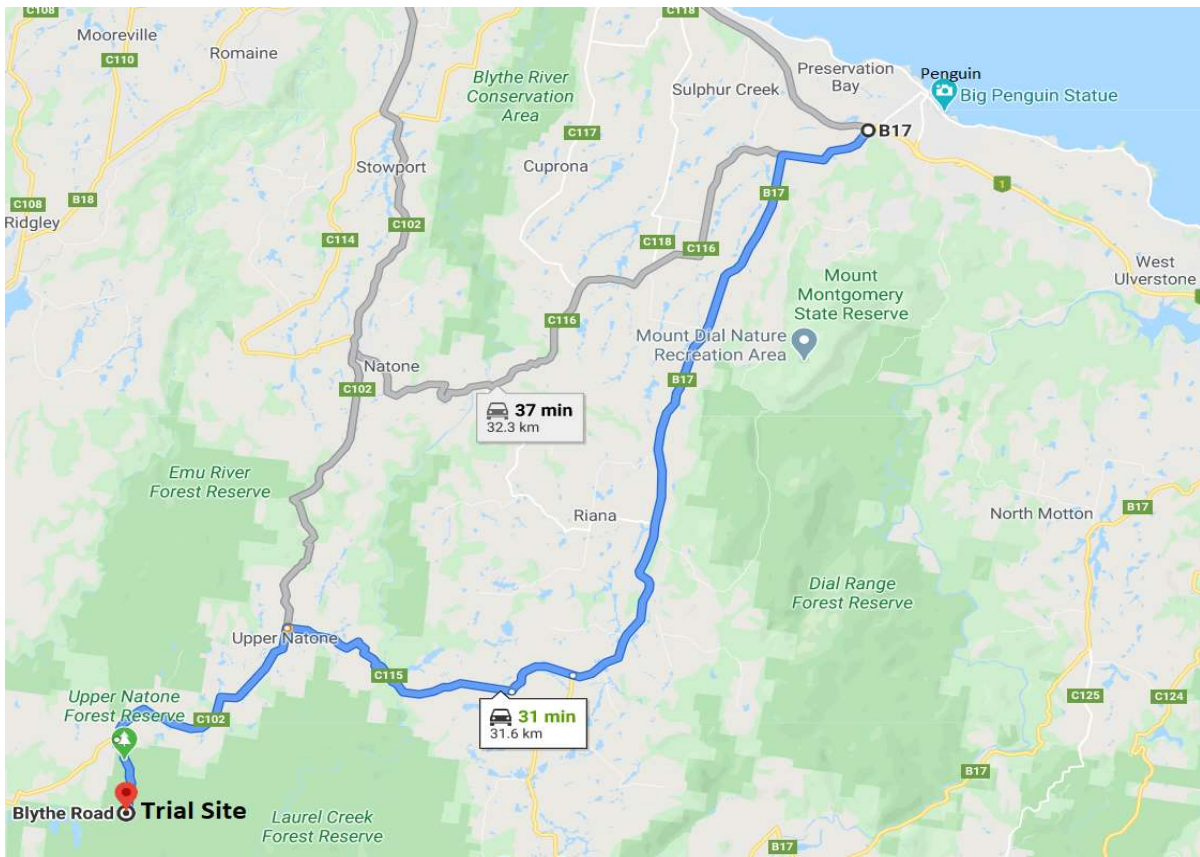
There is button grass plain at the Trial site that we are not allowed to ride on, a photo of which is included here.

How do you get there?

GPS coordinates for site is -41.2817, 145.8555.

DIRECTIONS – Go towards Penguin on the Bass Highway, Take the B17 exit towards Penguin & Riana. Turn right off the exit and immediately left onto Pine Road and head south on B17 for approx 2km before making a left turn to stay on Pine Road.

Follow Pine Rd for approx 15km until you reach the South Riana store where the road becomes C115 South Riana Rd. continue on South Riana Rd for approx. 10km. Turn left onto C102 Upper Natone Rd and follow this for approx. 5km before turning left into Blythe Rd. Continue past the camping area and travel along the gravel road for approx. 5km before turning left into the parking area for the trial.



Button grass. Do not ride on this.



Other stuff

Due to bloody COVID, the Scottish Six Day was cancelled, and the Scott trial has also met the same fate this year. TdN has been cancelled, but World Trials starts back up in a shortened four round series, starting on the 4th of September and finishing on the 11th October. X-Trial starts up on the 24th of October and consists of three indoor rounds in three weeks. Last season, the events were available on YouTube as a 30 minute highlight package. If it's available, you can be sure it'll be linked here and on Facebook.

The Australian and South Australian titles are still scheduled to go ahead as this is being written, but the Aussies are under review by MA and a statement on the MA website (<https://www.ma.org.au/ma-championship-events-update/>) mentions that a decision on this event will be made on the 17th of August.

Hopefully this isn't a sign of things to come. Vertigo ended their contracts with Miquel and Aniol Gelabert, both of whom were meant to compete in TrialGP and Trial2, and the Spanish Championship, because of that bloody C word I'm sick of typing. Both riders weren't unemployed for long, they were snapped up by other manufacturers, Miquel with Gas Gas and Aniol with TRS within a day or two.

In case you haven't seen it, Toni Bou did a video very early on in the pandemic, riding around inside his house: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2UUX91wI0M>
I'm probably most impressed by the fact he's got his own lift in his house.

Classifieds

If you want to sell a bike, or buy a bike, we can put an ad up on the website. At the moment, there's a 2010 Scorpa for sale.

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

TMTTC Round 2 Melton Mowbray
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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	9	6	3	2	7	27	27	23	7	1	1	3
2	Tom WOODHOUSE	20	17	13	11	15	76	76	13	5	4	1	12
A Grade		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Will THORNBURY	10	4	2	2	3	21	21	22	10	0	2	1
2	Matt WOODHOUSE	7	5	5	5	3	25	25	19	8	7	1	0
3	Kurt PICKERING	9	7	3	6	7	32	32	21	5	2	6	1
4	Jordan PERKINS	5	14	9	13	9	50	50	15	8	4	3	5
5	Daniel FENTON	15	9	7	8	14	53	53	10	13	6	1	5
DNF	Dylan BAYLES	24	11	35	35	35	140	DNF	3	3	2	1	26
B Grade		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Zak LUNN	10	5	4	3	4	26	26	25	2	2	5	1
2	John CLAPHAM	10	4	5	2	15	36	36	19	9	0	4	3
3	Callum MILLAR	13	7	3	11	3	37	37	15	11	5	2	2
4	Sam WELLS	17	9	6	5	1	38	38	20	5	5	1	4
5	Kalam LANGWORTHY	20	12	7	4	18	61	61	10	10	4	6	5
6	Mike AMEY	20	23	5	9	8	65	65	12	9	2	4	8
7	Jenna LUPO	24	15	12	16	13	80	80	9	8	4	3	11
C Plus		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Jack SALTER	1	1	0	0	1	3	3	32	3	0	0	0
2	Chris DILLON	1	2	0	1	1	5	5	30	5	0	0	0
3	Nobby GABBEDY	3	0	0	2	1	6	6	31	3	0	1	0
4	Shane BAYES	2	1	1	0	2	6	6	29	6	0	0	0
5	Chris CHELLAS	8	0	0	0	0	8	8	33	0	0	1	1
6	Nigel MUNDAY	4	3	1	0	0	8	8	30	3	1	1	0
7	Ken HOSKING	6	5	2	3	2	18	18	23	7	4	1	0
8	Ian PICKERING	10	1	0	5	5	21	21	28	2	2	0	3
9	Simon LANGWORTHY	8	7	1	3	2	21	21	24	6	2	2	1
10	David PARKER	5	6	6	2	3	22	22	24	2	7	2	0
11	Anton ROSENZWEIG	4	4	1	8	6	23	23	23	6	3	2	1
12	John DENNISON	4	5	10	5	3	27	27	23	5	3	2	2
C Grade		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Mike TRAVICA	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	33	2	0	0	0
2	Bob PERKINS	3	0	0	0	1	4	4	32	2	1	0	0
3	Samuel LOCKHART	2	1	1	3	0	7	7	30	4	0	1	0
4	James SAWARD	10	1	6	1	0	18	18	26	5	1	2	1
5	Mike HULL	6	2	2	5	3	18	18	25	3	6	1	0
6	Ricky LETHBORG	10	6	7	2	1	26	26	25	6	0	0	4
7	Bryce COSTELLO	10	12	3	8	2	35	35	19	8	3	2	3
8	Andrew SQUIBB	3	7	10	8	8	36	36	17	11	2	2	3
9	Matt BESSELL	20	14	19	14	9	76	76	11	4	4	8	8
10	Kevin GOODALL	23	26	20	17	11	97	97	4	5	2	16	8
DNF	Rowan ELLERY	23	33	35	35	35	161	DNF	0	2	0	3	30
DNS	Rylan EUSTACE						0	DNS	0	0	0	0	0
DNS	Dave KOLABINSKI						0	DNS	0	0	0	0	0
Twinslock		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Mick LUSCOMBE	9	3	4	1	5	22	22	24	7	1	1	2
Clubman		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Stevie HOMAN	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	34	0	1	0	0
2	Millie LOCKHART	6	8	3	1	6	24	24	26	3	1	3	2
3	Max GOODALL	35	30	30	35	35	165	165	2	0	0	0	33
DNF	Krystina HOMAN	35	35	35	35	35	175	DNF	0	0	0	0	35
DNS	Will DELANTY						0	DNS	0	0	0	0	0
Junior		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Cooper LOCKHART	18	8	11	7	10	54	54	10	9	3	13	0
DNS	Emerson VINEY						0	DNS	0	0	0	0	0

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