

AMA Queensland Moto Trials Titles 2021 South Australian Connor Hogan takes outright honours.



On the 1st & 2nd of May SOTA hosted the 2021 AMA QLD Moto Trials Titles at “Erinvale”, a cattle property situated about 20klms north of Toowoomba at Meringandan. Erinvale is owned by the Luck family and boasts some of the best trials country in the region, if not the country.

Section setters are spoilt for choice at Erinvale with many ridges that are covered with rocks and logs being within an easy ride of the camping area. It’s a great location to hold a top level event with the terrain making it possible to create expert through to clubman and open lines within the same sections. This meant the juniors were not excluded from riding any sections the seniors were riding which was fantastic. The sections themselves were absolutely brilliant and the event would not have been as good as it was if not for the Toowoomba crew who spent days out at the property clearing and setting tapes. They deserve all the thanks for making it a successful and enjoyable event.

Whilst on the subject of thanking people, along with the section setters, we also want to thank the observers who gave up their time and in some cases gave up their ride to observe their fellow riders. It was an outstanding effort from all of them and very much appreciated. We also want to thank the ladies who looked after all the scorecards and kept the scoreboard updated, they did such a great job and we appreciate their time. This event would not have been possible without the volunteers who set the course and the volunteers who collectively score the riders.

We also want to thank the Luck family from Bannock Brae Meats in Meringandan for offering the use of their beautiful property for the entire long weekend. They have a very charming cabin on the property that is available for rent so look them up and get in touch with Kieren and Andrea if you would like to visit.

Now to the event itself, we had a good turnout for this event with 93 entries, including 20 juniors. It was very exciting for the local riders to have members of the Australian Mens and Womens TDN squads in Connor Hogan and Kristie McKinnon competing at this event. They both rode exceptionally well and showed spectators and fellow riders what trials is all about. We appreciate them making the journey and would love to see them again at more Queensland events.

In the top level Expert class we had 5 competitors, with South Australia’s Connor Hogan (Australian TDN squad member and international competitor) taking the win on just 4 points for the 2 days. Bruce Le Riche (former South African Champion) took out 2nd place on just 19 points. Kale Reed (former multiple Australian Trials Champion and TDN rider) took out 3rd place on 75 points. If you saw what these guys were riding, it’s an impressive effort to complete the 2 days on such low scores. Thanks also to Bradley Bryant and Billy Gough for giving it their all in the premier class finishing in 4th and 5th places respectively. Well done to all the expert riders!

Division 1 (Red Splits) was a clear win for Mitch Green on 45 points, with Drew Wightman on 93 points and Jake Long on 107 points in 2nd and 3rd places respectively. Jake also took out the Overall Highest Placed Junior for the event so well done Jake!

Division 2 (Yellow Splits) was a close contest after 2 days with Justin Gough 1st on 16 points, Jason Cunliffe 2nd on 21 points and Kristie McKinnon 3rd on 23 points. The highest placed junior in Div 2 and Overall 2nd Placed Junior was Brody Reed on 97 points.

Division 3 (Blue / Yellow splits) was won by Greg Harding on 7 points. Andrew Trezise was 2nd on 15 points and Greg McLennan 3rd on 20 points.

Division 4 (Blue Splits) was won by Tom Rafferty on 2 points with Tony Bax 2nd on 10 points and Tim English 3rd on 17 points.

Division 4 Junior winners were Dylan Long on 41 points, Luke Herrmann on 51 points and Harry Laun on 66 points. Dylan was also awarded the Overall 3rd Placed Junior for the event.

Division 5 (White / Blue Splits) was a close contest over the 2 days with Patrick Whitfield winning on 8 points then Whitney Luft 2nd on 9 points and Neville Derrick 3rd on 12 points.

Division 5 Junior was won by Mason Pugh on 20 points.

Division 6 (White Splits) was also close, won by Barry Pugh on 15 points with Les Juds 2nd on 16 points and Peter Gately 3rd on 26 points.

Division 6 Juniors were won by Yasmin Hijazi on 43 points, Jamie Herrmann on 53 points and Attila Sinkovics on 72 points.

Division 7 (Open Line) was won by George Lewis on 2 points. Bruce Shipp 2nd on 40 points and Donna Woods 3rd on 75 points.

Division 7 Juniors were won by Liam Alford on 20 points, Basima Hijazi on 23 points and Zayn Hijazi on 29 points.

It was another great event for the sport of Moto Trials and we hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to all the winners, place getters and participants for making the journey to make it a fun weekend.

We look forward to all the Queensland clubs putting on some great events during the remainder of 2021.

Cheers and thank you all.

Brad (on behalf of the SQTA Committee)