

Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club

(We should be an Olympic sport)



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July and August 2021

President's Report

G day all.

So it's been a while since the last trials. Samuel has been onto me about getting this President's report done. My apologies on the delay.

Once again the Southern team set a fantastic trials. The conditions were prime and the style of sections were great. It's a close lap with similar up and downs with rocks but the sections had a great variety. The sections were well set and scores were close, a well-done trial. This venue is great, it really works a rider's back to basic skills and techniques. Sandy turns on hill with a few loose rocks just to put you off line. It's easy to be pushed off line and sledge the front or even take to weight off the back when powering on out of a corner which always takes a point or two. My comment above is supported, look at our one and only Ian Pickering's result in C+. Pick is always practising and is very good at making sure he has the basics sorted.

There were good numbers at the Melton Mowbray trials and we nearly had observers on most sections. It's very exciting and enjoyable to see some new faces at every event that we hold. Fingers crossed they enjoy what we have to offer and these new riders keep returning. There are great numbers in all classes, especially in the lower and higher classes.

Anyone know if Mat Woodhouse is still about? Dare say that Pick will have to teach him a few basics for his return into trials. Better lock that spot in for the training day at the end of the month Pick.

Seeing as my little cousin set that massive stump in section two and then decided not to turn up and ride. I did question what he was thinking when I next saw him. He saw the funny side of it. It was a good challenging line. Never would have looked at it until it had those green arrows on it.

All in all the Melton trials was great, nice to get back to that side of the property for a competition. Well done Southern team. Bring on the next trials.

This year's Scott Trial and TDN fundraiser was a little different, we went to a new property. I had a boys agbike ride across this property a year or so ago and thought to myself, this would be good for the Scott trials. Anyway we put the idea forward to the Morrison's and they were very welcoming for us to use the property. Plans did change due to lambing but their property is extremely large so we had plenty of options up our sleeve.

Firstly I would like to thank Kurt Pickering, Steve and Jack Salter and Nobby for helping set. We set it on the Saturday before the event. Top effort to Steve, he wasn't feeling too good and the day for setting was windy and wet, cheers old mate. Thanks to Rob and Nobby for running around after us and packing all the sections up. Thanks to Kaity for the Soup, and thanks to Pick for warming it after his day of riding.

This trial is a good opportunity to get the old bikes out of the shed. It was good to see a lot of riders riding something different to the norm. All trials bikes of course. It's enjoyable seeing a few younger riders now having a bit of interest in the older bikes.

The point of this day is to raise a bit of money. This money from the event every year usually goes towards the TDN team. Unfortunately, due to Covid we have another year off TDN. Shame, where its being held this year us Aussies would have liked, it's in Portugal where there are big grippy rocks. The club managed to raise around \$800 less a few costs. The Australian TDN team was very appreciative to see Tassie still assisting event though there isn't a team this year.

As we have seen, the Covid issue on the mainland is growing and its very unstable. The Victorian Titles have been postponed. There were a number of Tassie riders going to represent but we will all have to wait and see what the proposed new date is.

In regards to the Aussies I'm not 100% sure what is going on there. I dare say we will hear very soon if its not happening or being postponed. Don't change your plans until we hear from the event organisers though.

Anyways, that's enough from me. Keep on practising, we're bloody lucky to be able to still ride, train and compete. Most of Australia doesn't have the same privilege at the moment.

See you all at the next trial.

Regards Baylesy

Digital report

Straight up, I haven't had time to see if these are any good but I stumbled across these via Facebook, Gas Gas trial guides, presented by Albert Cabestany. I'm told they're a great resource and well worth checking out. It's great to see a manufacturer putting some effort in and producing these.

<https://www.gasgas.com/en-au/get-on-the-brand/trial-guides.html>

I've seen photos of the proposed stickers for the trailer. It's got loads of things on it and you should see it at an event soon. Speaking of stickers, stickers for your car, trailer, fridge, stomach of your child, whatever, are also on the way, we'll get the club name out by hook or by crook.

Online entries have been down for the last two events. Royal George entries are now open, please enter online, it takes less than 30 seconds.

<https://tastrials.org.au/entries>

Melton Mowbray

Lovely Banks Road. What a venue. Obviously, no site is perfect, but for spectators, you can't beat this site, and we had quite a few turn up for a look. The car park is a cramped affair, but having a reasonably flat strip with sections either on it or falling away from it makes it a) easy for spectators and b) easy for the kids to get around.

As for stuff to ride on, well, there's heaps. Logs are few and far between but there's rocks. Lots of rocks. Little wobbly wheel catchers, big flat rocks, decent sized triangles, huge blocks which look like they've been deliberately cut into cubes, everything. And, watch where you're riding, there's a couple of areas which are all glass and metal scraps.

I'll be honest, I'm a bit late writing this so my memory of sections isn't that great, so I might be a bit off. Section one though, a long entry, a log and a bunch of rocks, a bit of a ride over some neutral territory to get to the rocks at the end. Section two, made tighter at the start to avoid a bit of a rubbish pile, a couple of 'get it spot on or else' bits, one for A grade and the tall tree stump for Expert. Come out of there, go to three, ride in, choose from a bunch of different lines to get down the bottom, climb back up to get out. Four, start down the bottom, blast up the hill, it's pretty technical through the middle of the section, especially that tiny kink for C grade over a rock you wouldn't think twice about, Expert had some big blocks too, then ride out. Section five looked fairly harmless but that little ride beside the big bar-catching rock took a fair few points. Nigel Munday had a huge off in this section, he almost missed a marker, pulled it back, made it then went fair over the bars and went for six, blood coming out some cuts on his nose and in a fair bit of

pain. Hopefully you're feeling better now though. Section six, nothing big, more technical stuff, pretty similar to section four in terms of layout in a way. Finally, seven, that C grader rock at the start and the couple that followed, if it flowed it felt heavenly, nothing huge in this one, it's almost all back to your basic techniques for turning.

We had one Junior rider, Cooper Lockhart, he rode well and keeps telling me he's doing Clubman next year. I'm not sure if that'll happen, but if it does I might get a break from the 'I won Dad, you didn't, I must be better than you' that I hear after each event.

Clubman was tight. Rosie Viney in third, one point ahead of Will Delanty, the master of the momentum building run up for sections which start on the side of a hill. Braith Lunn lost two points, only one less than Alysha Lunn in second. Look out C grade, it won't be long.

No twin shock riders, the Woodberry's bikes had a case of the 'don't wannas' and caused both riders to DNS.

Third to ninth was covered by just 8 points in C grade, so any errant foot could have dropped you down the order pretty fast. Mike Travica doesn't have to worry about that, comfortably winning ahead of returned rider Daniel Butterworth. Samuel Lockha...oh, me, yeah, I finished third.

C+. Making my scoring spreadsheet and championship scoring difficult, Simon Langworthy and Chello just copied each other, unsplittable scores, I'm begging you all, please don't do this. If you think you're going to be the same as someone else, just put your foot down and take one for the team. Anyway, I hear a rumour that a young C+ rider will be on a brand new bike very soon. This rumour came to me from the young rider in question, so I'm confident it's correct. Jack Salter finished third, only just behind Shane Bayes. Ossa Academy star Ian Pickering put on an absolute blinder and lost just four points to take the figurative gold medal.

Scores were a bit more spread out in B grade. Kalam Langwothy finished third, Peter Lockhart finished second while Zak Lunn just keeps on dominating, cruising to a win.

I barely saw any A graders ride. I know Daniel Fenton buggered his knee, hopefully that's recovered. Jordan Perkins blitzed the field, comfortably taking the win ahead of Will Thornbury and Kurt Pickering.

Expert, they had some hard stuff. Tom finished second, Chris looking comfy on the TRS for the win.

I just realized, if I got Dad to ride an event, we could have five Lockharts riding. Does anyone know the record for most family members? Bayles or Langworthys would be front runners for that, surely.

Scottish Trial, Middle Park, Antill Ponds

We had a very short turn around between Melton Mowbray and our Scottish event, due to lambing at the Antill Ponds property. These events are meant to be fundraisers to get our guys and girls over to the Trials des Nations events, but, you know, global problems with a virus and all, they're not going this year.

Anyway, for those that aren't aware how these things work, it's pretty simple. Those from the old days would remember that we didn't have little coloured triangles, we had what were basically garden stakes with painted tops to mark the gate to go through, white for the left, red for the right. It's the same idea, albeit modernized, wire with cool flag plastic flags on top, section entrance shown with green markers. Ride in, pass through the gates, done. Sounds simple and for the Scottish, it could be as easy or as hard as you want, you can challenge yourself and ride the big rock step, or take the simple route around it, as long as you're between the flags you're ok. You'll still lose points the regular ways but with only 15 sections total, you probably don't want to lose too many.

We started the day, some driving further than others after missing the turn off, by splitting into two groups. Kurt guided the first group, Chris the second. You couldn't really head out by yourself like normal, the loop was 20 kilometers and they'd set the sections so obviously they knew where they were. None of the sections were big, they were all C or C+ level but like I said before, you could make it hard if you wanted.

Sections varied a lot, some were moss covered rocks and tree roots, there was a great little creek section, a literal drain up the side of the track, jumbles of fist to small dog sized rocks (it's a new unit of measurement I just invented) in paddocks, lumpy ground with tight turns and finishing off with a hillclimb covered in those sorts of things. Hillclimbs mean a bit of hard work to walk the section, Mick Luscombe yelled out from about half way up to the guys at the top and asked if they were at the end, they yelled back that they were, wicked, stuff walking, it's easier to ride.

If we're back here again, I can highly recommend it, although standing up for 20km wasn't exactly the best for a sprightly start to Monday morning. Yes, the sections are great, but the different landscapes and the views were great. From the open paddocks to plantation forest, complete with herd of deer (of course I've heard of deer, look, there's a group of them there), there was heaps to see. The view especially, seeing the side of the Central Highlands, all the way around to somewhere way out to the east, bloody beautiful. And as a complete treat for the geek in me, we rode along and saw warning signs, directly below us was the gas pipeline which runs north to south, which also has the fibre optic cable buried with it. If you were in Southern Tasmania doing anything online on Sunday 1st of August at about 2pm, there were trials bikes riding above your data packets.

I didn't see anything of the second group, but I do know there was a very healthy rivalry between Daniel and Chris, so much so that Daniel entered initially on a Honda Bayleseeaster 125, although he actually rode an older Beta on the day. Our own group had a lot of fun, and a heap of laughs and I've gotta say there were some unreal examples of riding from young Will Delanty, and some excellent rolling drag races between him and Millie. Ned Dillon was, I think, the only bike casualty for the day, a snapped chain, the little TTR50 must be pumping out some big grunt! It's also pretty interesting to know that everyone except one, the shared Sherco riding each section twice by the Clarks, rode the entire event on just one tank of fuel. Decent effort and I'm going to guess my bike wasn't the only one with absolutely stuff all left in the tank. Even Will's little 50, revving its head off all day, still did it on just one tank.

Anyway, results are further down the page, and while going over this just now before publishing the newsletter, I've noticed that 15 and 14 aren't in the right order but I've been away from home for the last two nights working in Launceston, Devonport and Burnie, I want to get this newsletter out so I'm not fixing it.

All in all, brilliant event, come along to the next one, you won't regret it at all.

Brass Monkey Ride – 7-8th August 2021

This year's addition the 7th after a break last year was another fantastic weekend hosted by Tim and Vonette Mead at their ever-expanding property in Moina. Tim is currently in the midst of constructing a new southern wing.

It was a weekend of a few firsts at the Brass monkey ride: Firstly, the absence of Ian Pickering was immediately noticeable after doing all of the organizing for the event he was brought down by a severe case of the Man Flu at the final hurdle. It was noted that the promised Spreyton Cider samples were still in his possession however.

Secondly, we managed to go all weekend without any breakdowns or rescue efforts. One of our usual stalwarts Harvey Wynne was busy repairing his IT175 after ejecting a ring from the piston out the exhaust port of the Yamaha at the track clearing weekend and Jordan Perkins left the Italjet T350 firmly/heavily on his trailer favouring the TRS for reliability.

Saturday's ride took us along the Van Diemens Land company track and down the long descent to the Dove river mine and back past lake Cethana and up the Five Mile Rise back to Tim's property. Special mention to Nigel Munday who decided to take himself and his Fantic 240 for a swim in the creek on a reasonably brisk winters day.

We also had one attempted maiming on the ride with Ellsie Mead using her GasGas to throw up a fallen branch for the following Conor Bird to drive into the rear wheel of his bike. The KTM 500 powerful enough to break several spokes before both bike and rider had a short period of failing to proceed.

Sunday morning was kicked off with a fine breakfast from the multi-talented Mick Luscombe ably assisted by Tim. With energy stores replenished we then headed for a ride past Lake Cethana, Erriba, crossing the Wilmot river and back over the Bald Hill and past Lake Gairdner.

It's always worth asking the locals when travelling for the hot tips and if you're in the Moina area both Tim and Vonette highly recommend the Cradle Forest Inn located in the Moina township proper for a feed at Feathers bistro and a few local vinos. Freshly made Rissoles and the Hawaiian Parmigiana are top picks on the menu.

Our only Mainlander entrant Chris Chellas said he would describe the event as follows to anyone who asked: Terrible scenery, poor tracks, barely edible food and poor accommodation.

An accurate summary I think for anyone who might be considering joining the Brass Monkey Ride's next addition.

Next State Round events

Oh no, he's going to make more lame royalty jokes and carry on about scones and Corgis again isn't he?

Probably.

Royal George! Always a great trial and you'll love it even more seeing as it's such a HUGE gap between the Scottish and the George.

Training and come and try day

Ian Pickering has organised a combined training and come and try day for Sunday 29th August. It'll be at Mt Joy at the first quarry, if you're interested let him know via Facebook or give him a call to book it in on 0418131341.

Christmas Dinner

We're booked in, Coast to Coast for December 4th, at Mt Joy. Shove it in your calendar (it's already there if you subscribe to the digital one) and there will be prices and booking things later in the year.

Round 4 Melton Mowbray
Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club Inc
18 July 2021

Expert		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Chris BAYLES	11	5	2	0	11	29	29	27	2	1	0	5
2	Tom WOODHOUSE	18	19	18	14	7	76	76	9	7	4	7	8
A Grade		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Jordan PERKINS	11	11	3	3	1	29	29	18	11	2	3	1
2	Will THORNBURY	12	12	9	4	7	44	44	13	8	8	5	1
3	Kurt PICKERING	9	7	11	14	11	52	52	16	6	3	5	5
4	John CLAPHAM	31	24	26	23	27	131	131	1	0	3	15	16
DNF	Daniel FENTON	22	17	18			57	DNF	1	2	5	10	3
B Grade		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Zak LUNN	6	6	3	2	3	20	20	21	9	4	1	0
2	Peter LOCKHART	7	6	5	5	7	30	30	14	14	5	2	0
3	Kalam LANGWORTHY	9	10	8	4	4	35	35	15	15	1	1	3
4	Jenna LUPO	22	9	15	12	14	72	72	8	5	7	11	4
5	Callum MILLAR	14	19	17	16	8	74	74	8	4	7	12	4
6	Mike AMEY	23	19	13	22	21	98	98	4	5	3	14	9
C Plus		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Ian PICKERING	1	2	0	0	1	4	4	31	4	0	0	0
2	Shane BAYES	8	0	0	1	0	9	9	31	2	1	0	1
3	Jack SALTER	3	2	3	1	1	10	10	27	6	2	0	0
4	Nigel MUNDAY	6	2	1	0	3	12	12	29	4	0	1	1
5	Simon LANGWORTHY	11	2	1	2	1	17	17	27	3	3	1	1
6	Chris CHELLAS	9	2	0	1	5	17	17	27	3	3	1	1
7	David PARKER	10	9	10	4	9	42	42	15	9	2	8	1
8	Ken HOSKING	17	17	8	14	9	65	65	6	11	8	6	4
C Grade		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Mike TRAVICA	2	6	3	0	0	11	11	30	2	2	0	1
2	Daniel BUTTERWORTH	6	4	3	1	2	16	16	22	11	1	1	0
3	Samuel LOCKHART	8	1	6	3	2	20	20	23	8	2	1	1
4	Bob PERKINS	5	6	2	7	2	22	22	22	9	1	2	1
5	Bryce SQUIBB	1	5	3	4	10	23	23	27	3	1	1	3
6	Mick LUSCOMBE	12	4	0	3	5	24	24	25	2	4	3	1
7	David CATT	4	4	7	9	1	25	25	23	7	1	2	2
8	Charlie HUMPHRIES	8	6	5	5	1	25	25	20	11	0	3	1
9	Mike HULL	8	10	3	4	2	27	27	20	9	2	3	1
10	Scott DUGGAN	5	9	15	14	8	51	51	12	10	6	3	4
11	Lachlan LANGWORTHY	12	7	14	15	12	60	60	12	9	3	5	6
12	Matt BESSELL	16	11	10	17	10	64	64	14	7	1	5	8
13	Millie LOCKHART	11	20	17	13	13	74	74	7	9	6	6	7
14	Edrei STANTON	22	23	20	29	23	117	117	1	4	5	11	14
DNS	Elliott SALTER						0	DNF	0	0	0	0	0
DNS	Robert CLAPHAM						0	DNF	0	0	0	0	0
Twinschock		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
DNS	Alex WOODBERRY						0	DNF	0	0	0	0	0
DNS	Colin WOODBERRY						0	DNF	0	0	0	0	0
Clubman		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Braith LUNN	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	34	0	1	0	0
2	Alysha LUNN	2	1	0	0	0	3	3	32	3	0	0	0
3	Rosie VINEY	1	5	1	2	3	12	12	28	5	1	0	1
4	Will DELANTY	8	0	0	3	2	13	13	29	2	3	0	1
Junior		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Cooper LOCKHART	9	8	8	8		33	33	8	6	3	7	0

TMTC Scottish Trial
Middle Park, Antill Ponds
1st August 2021

Position	Rider	Bike	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Chris BAYLES	TLR 250	1	14	1	0	0	0
1	Daniel FENTON	Beta Techno	1	14	1	0	0	0
3	Mick LUSCOMBE	Montesa 300RR	2	13	2	0	0	0
4	Will THORNBURY	GasGas 250	8	9	5	0	1	0
5	Shane BAYES	Beta	9	9	4	1	1	0
5	Ken HOSKING	Beta	9	9	4	1	1	0
7	Kurt PICKERING	SWM TL320	10	13	0	0	0	2
8	Ian PICKERING	Ossa 280i	10	11	1	2	0	1
9	Matt BESSELL	Beta 250	10	8	5	1	1	0
10	Mike TRAVICA	Sherco 300	11	9	2	3	1	0
11	Bryce SQUIBB	Beta 250	13	8	4	2	0	1
12	Samuel LOCKHART	Gas Gas 250 Racing	13	7	6	1	0	1
13	Millie LOCKHART	Gas Gas 125	13	6	6	2	1	0
15	Scott DUGGAN	Gas Gas	14	11	0	0	3	1
14	Chris CHELLAS	Sherco	14	7	5	2	0	1
16	John DENNISON	Beta 250	17	8	3	2	0	2
17	Andrew SQUIBB	Beta 250	18	5	5	2	3	0
18	Simon LANGWORTHY	EVO 250	26	5	4	0	4	2
19	Chris DILLON	Beta 250	27	5	2	3	3	2
20	Anthony CLARK	Sherco	28	6	1	1	5	2
21	Edrei STANTON	Gas Gas	31	6	2	0	3	4
22	Will DELANTY	Gas Gas	36	2	1	3	8	1
23	Dylan BAYLES	Vertigo	37	2	1	0	12	0
24	Lindsay CLARK	Sherco	37	5	1	1	3	5
DNF	Ned DILLON	TTR50		0	0	0	0	0
DNF	Meredith DILLON	Suzuki 50		0	0	0	0	0
DNS	Daniel BUTTERWORTH	Beta 300		0	0	0	0	0

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