

Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club

(Two in a month, busy!)



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May 2022 President's report

Well, what a day the Royal George trials was. The weather was very pleasant in comparison to that we usually get on the event day. I must say it would have to be one of my favoured trials events, the terrain is so good. Gives a rider plenty of confidence up the top and down the bottom it can give the same rider some frustration. It's a very diverse property from technical little rocks, to steep, to big hits with plenty of run up.

The trial was well set, it had plenty of diversity. I was saying it had two different riding styles from the top to the bottom. Huge thanks to all the setters who came out and donated their time for the club. It's an absolute pleasure setting sections when we get a good team and it's all done by lunch time. It's nice to be able to have a ride and a yarn after section setting. Huge thanks to Pick for doing a last-minute dash to get some silicone.

Huge thanks to all those who helped pack up the sections at the end of the day, many hands make lite work of it, even if its cleaning markers, slipping them into their box's or rolling up tape. The club trailer needed and little clean up so I was able to do that before packing it away. It's good to have the trailer in a condition where when we go to set it's just a matter of opening the door and everything is good to go.

I'm very excited to see some new names working their way to the top of grades. Our club has some very handy riders that have a lot of potential. Fingers crossed we can get a few of these riders across the water this year to improve their confidence. Don't take the foot off though, there are still of few experienced riders in C and C Plus that know how to turn it up when it counts. Lol.

All in all great trials. Thanks to all the Southern and North West members for making the effort to travel. This one is a long one for you all, well worth it though to ride on these big fun grippy rocks.

Looking forward to the Scottish Trials as a TDN Fund raiser. There's a bit more about it further down, but this event is super casual and well worth attending.

Well that's enough from me, see you all soon.

Baylesy

Newsletterman's report

Just a reminder, which I'll keep putting in for a few more yet... Because Google change their minds, I've had to change the account which presents the online calendar.

Basically, if you subscribe to the calendar on your phone (and you should, it makes it easy for you to see events), you'll need to remove it and readd it from the link below. The current link will work until some point between May and the end of the year, I don't know when. The new link will keep working for considerably

longer:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/ical/8eqo05pe1aa4ro1h1rn4aa0ak0%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics>

As you've probably seen, the Scottish Six Day Trial has been run and won, this time by Dougie Lampkin, his 13th victory. He didn't have it all his own way, the top 5 riders chopped and changed over the course of the event, thankfully it's well covered online with daily results put up fairly quickly. There was a fair dump of rain overnight later in the week and some of the sections looked more like waterfalls than anything else, not the sort of thing we'd ever get to ride here, they made Melrose look like a few small puddles. In a sign of the future, Electric Motion entered two bikes and finished inside the top 20. I'd personally love to know how many battery changes they did each day, the daily loops are well over 100kms, so far they haven't passed on any details.

For those that remember Shelly Hanlon from a few years ago, her and her brothers have a YouTube channel called Some Hanlons. They put up a short video each day showing a couple of sections and Josh Hanlon finished in 26th. If you want to have a look:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjQMtfknAQcyYyaF7cwshRQ>

Connor Hogan flew the Aussie flag as well, he had a couple of issues but finished 76th overall, a decent effort.

The SSDT website (<https://ssdt.org/>) has a heap of results and a daily video, which, for some unknown reason, is played in a player with no casting support, so you can't cast it to your TV. There's also the SSDT Facebook page which has loads of videos and pictures.

Adam Raga's had a bit of a vent about Toni Bou and Honda and that the four stroke has an advantage, it'll be interesting to see if it gets any traction, pardon the pun: <https://trialworld.es/entrevista-a-adam-raga-el-sistema-es-injusto>

It's great to see people entering online without me nagging about it on Facebook or Instagram, so thank you for that, it's a huge help: <https://www.tastrials.org.au/entries/>

Dilston

It's been a while since we've been to Dilston, the last event there was held back in August 2019, we've had an Australian Titles at Mt Joy, an interrupted season and a couple of years of COVID since then! This year we were on the Eastern side of the highway and the forecast looked pretty average in the lead up, but all we ended up having to worry about was loads of cow pats in the car park. At least nobody had to release their inner cowboy like at Mole Creek.

Even with a few of the regulars unable to show due to other commitments or unfortunate events, we still had a respectable 36 entries, and those that were unable to show up missed a decent little trial, I don't think I heard a single complaint.

Section 1, right next to the car park, had a big ol' tree trunk for the higher grades, and was going to be an absolute doddle for C grade, a few noticed at least one missing arrow meant C grade could just copy the Clubman line. Colin Woodberry quickly alerted Nigel Munday and the crisis was averted. Still, it wasn't a bad section, just like almost all Dilston stuff, it was more technical than anything else.

Section 2 became easier for some grades as the day went on, the logs slowly disintegrating underneath the tyres, except for the A grade line, that big log looked tough and needed a whole heap of revs, taking off from off camber wet grass. Nice!

Section 3 had some Upper Natone vibes initially, on the little track going in, then we got a bit of our Scottish on, weaving in around the trees then dropping down onto some very round river rocks in the water. A tricky little section, all about momentum. Clubman didn't have to go into the water, but they had one of the tightest turns I've seen for those guys and girls in a while.

Section 4, a large diameter log for all grades except Clubman and Junior, a rock step and a hill climb to the top with some more rocks on the way. Unfortunately, the camera didn't show how steep it was, a few riders didn't walk the whole way and just winged it instead.

Section 5, way back over the other side of the culvert, it had a few different lines for the grades, the C+ line at the start seemed a far nicer ride than the C grade line, nothing too tricky in here unless you were in A grade, scores on this one were a bit higher for them, but I did see a crash or two in the lower grades, and there was a dead branch on the ground sticking up ready to grab your leg.

Section 6 had a couple of decent rock steps and was more of the tight stuff, nothing too dramatic, but those are the ones where you don't want to lose a point.

Finally, 127 meters later, section 7, again a bunch of different lines, it was all very open and flowing but still had the ability to take some points.

It was touch and go for a bit near the end, it clouded over and the wind came up but the rain held off. I'm almost sad about this, unlike Mole Creek, I had my rain coat with me. Maybe I'm the reason it does or doesn't rain?

A familiar face in Ian Gabbedy popped in to say hello, hopefully he comes along sometime soon with his bike!

Results! Meredith and Ned Dillon rode Junior, Ned just beating his sister, both of them riding well on bikes which would be hard to get around the tighter turns like what we had there, good job you two!

Clubman had four riders, Alysha Lunn dropping only 5 points to win ahead of Ossa Academy rider Scott Pickering. Ron Owen finished in third, but was seen riding some C grade lines, practicing for a crack at the blue line soon. Special mention to Cooper Lockhart, that was his first Clubman trial, no easy task on those little 16in wheels, he 'finally got to ride around the big boy arrows' and loved it.

Colin and Alex Woodberry went head to head in Twinshock, Colin winning 20 points ahead of Alex who not that long ago had some broken bones. Once he's back to full fitness and strength, it'll be on again.

Twelve riders in C grade and a big spread of scores too. I nearly did a single-digit score, 10 points was good enough for third place. Bryce Squibb finished in second, just one point behind the surefooted Mike Travica.

Royal George

That had a bit on, didn't it?

I can't remember the last time Royal George had a trial like that, there was some full on stuff in parts of those sections. Even getting to the start of section two was a section within itself. Still, there was a bonus, the weather wasn't rubbish like last year.

Maybe the lure of better weather enticed a few, we had 44 riders sign on, and the clear day meant the view from the top of the hill at section three out towards Avoca was fantastic. For the vast majority of those who entered online, thank you, it helps, especially when you find out about 2pm Friday that the score sheet has a broken bit in it and it can be sorted prior to the event. It also helped Ashlee do almost all the scoring so we could read out the results on site.

Similar to last year, we had two sections down the bottom, section 1 was very similar to last year but in the other direction. C grade wasn't too bad, B grade and up looked a bit hairy coming back down the big rock, but the section overall didn't cause many dramas. After a quick blast up a big rock, which was 'full on hard enduro' according to Cooper, you got to section 2, which had the widest starting gate I've ever seen. Not

much of this section was easy, points were lost even before getting to the obstacles, and large rocks moving kept you thinking (or stopping and getting a 5) every time you rode it.

Ride back through the car park and up the hill, which according to Ashlee, isn't fun to walk up. Duh, that's why we ride... Anyway, section 3, just a field of rocks, a bit of a line did form after a while avoiding the worst of them to get down the hill, though some loose rocks changed a couple of things, then a couple of tricky turns and rocks up to the top again, across the rubble and out. Section 4, well... Did anyone like it? Expert looked scary, I think at least one A grader just took the 5s, it was the highest points taker for the B graders too and Clubman didn't like it much. Section 5 was a good example of making the most use of the terrain and had a few different lines. Section 6 was another one with different options, I watched at least 5 different C graders ride the first half five different ways. Section 7 would have been a doddle if it weren't for that tight turn up your own exhaust pipe near the end, someone must have put a bike there to measure it when they made that one.

All in all, yes the scores were high, but that's why we do this sport, and it mixed things up a bit too.

Clubman had three riders, Scott Pickering finished ahead of Will Delanty, Cooper Lockhart in third.

Colin Woodberry put in a great ride which would have been good enough for 6th in C grade, to win Twinshock ahead of club beanpole Alex.

C grade and I don't have to type Mike Travica's name, except for just then, that's the first time in a long time that he hasn't been on the podium. I swore a lot (sorry) and finished third, David Catt and Bryce Squibb tied but Bryce had 18 cleans to 17, for his first win.

Someone forgot to tell Jarrod Chivers it was a harder trial, he only lost 20 points in C+, well less than half of Nigel Munday's score. Sam Calow and Nobby Gabbedy tied for third, Sam had more cleans, 10 to 9.

Four riders in B grade, Callum Millar in third, Jenna Lupo in second, Jack Salter taking the win.

A grade, Will Thornbury kept one hand firmly attached to, well, his handlebars obviously, but metaphorically attached to the championship trophy with a win. An electrifying ride from Brendan Smith saw him charge into second and let me write at least two puns about it. Kurt Pickering finished third.

Top Naas report

So last weekend Nobby and myself (Chris) jumped in Nobby's van and headed for Canberra to ride the Top Naas two day trials. It was so good to get traveling with the bikes and van on the mainland again. Last time was the 2018 Australian championships we think. Too long ago anyway.

We gave ourselves a day either side of the event to travel up and back. The weather traveling was wet the entire way. Friday night the rain was pretty heavy all the way into Saturday morning, we were definitely expecting to get wet riding. Once us two excited little kids pulled up in the car park of the event the rain stopped and it was sensational for those two days of competition! The rain made the creeks flow which gave it a very Scottish Six Day vibe. The terrain of the event was somewhat awesome, grippy granite rocks, big, long stony creeks, steep sections and a mega wall of a rock.

The sections were long with 4 splits for each grade in them with a total of 4 grades (white, blue, yellow and red lines). On the second day the sections were reversed. It was a very long lap of 24 sections that we had to ride twice. The lap was a figure 8, 12 sections to either side of the figure 8. Keeping on moving was the key to finishing on time. Nobby and I moved fast on the first day and we still only finished with 14 or so mins remaining on the clock. With 80 odd riders, we were all paired up and had start time 2 mins apart. Two groups left on the start time one group to the right of the figure 8 lap and one to the left.

It was just a fun casual event but well worth the trip up there. One of the most enjoyable low-key events Nobby and I have ever done. We will most definitely be back next year. So much fun blasting through the trails and riding the sections in such a pretty part of the world, the view up the valley was amazing, even

Nobby was being a Japanese tourist taking photos. So many elements of surprise with the water flowing from the overnight rain.

Nige, Pick and Kurt did this event last year on hired bikes and they said it was a hoot also. One thing I would like to know is how the hell does Pick finish this event on time lol, he's always last to finish at a club trials? Can certainly imagine Nige finishing it with plenty of time up his sleeve though the way he moves. Next year we will certainly be encouraging other Tassie riders to participate. It was such a good short enjoyable trip. Best way to describe it is that It's similar to our Scottish event but on steroids. It was great to catch up with the trials family and community again. Thanks to all the Canberra trials club members for making sure we had a good trials. Every single aspect was spot on. Great to see other state riders traveling both up from Vic and down from NSW.

Regards Baylesy

Next events

The Scottish trial and Trials des Nations fundraiser! Last year this was a great bit of fun, a huge loop with some awesome views, riding above the gas and fibre pipeline which runs from north to south, some deer and a few sections too. As mentioned previously, it's super casual and it's a great chance to get the old bike out of the shed and have a little poke about on it. Sections are set at a C grade level, but Clubman level riders will still get about the sections, it's just a fun day. Sections are set wide so you can push yourself and hard or a little as you like. The lap is around 12-15 Km. We'll have a fuel stop if needed. Lunch is provided, it's most likely going to be pumpkin soup and sabs. The location is Anthill Ponds, "Middle Park", just near St Peters Pass (slightly after for the Southerners, slightly before for the Northerners) Section setting is the Saturday before the event, and you can get your entries in now!

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

Speaking of TdN, there's a raffle on:



Trial des Nations Team Australia

26 May at 08:38 · 🌐

Team Australia needs your help for the upcoming Trials des Nations in Monza Italy on the 24-25/9/22. Once again we will be running our TdN raffle. With great support from Alpinestar, Dunlop, The Hell Team, Michelin, Trialsbike and Global Racing Oil. We also have a bonus prize of a GasGas gear Bag, GG umbrella . GG Water bottle and GG hat which have been donated from GasGas. and There's a couple of ways you can purchase tickets. Team members will have tickets at events, you can contact Phil Whittle for purchasing full books @ \$40 and he will fill the book out for the purchaser. Keep an eye out for upcoming events in your state. If would like to make a donation to the 2022 [Trial des Nations Team Australia](#) please contact Phil Whittle.



The image shows a 'TRIALS DES NATIONS TEAM RAFFLE 2022' ticket form. The form includes fields for Name, Address, and Phone. It lists 10 prizes with their respective values and sponsors. The prizes are:

- 1st Prize: Alpinestar Tech 1 Boots, Monza Imports Value \$499
- 2nd Prize: Dunlop Front and Rear Tyres, Ficeda Value \$350
- 3rd Prize: Mott's Riding Pants and Top set, The Hell Team Value \$315
- 4th Prize: 53 Riding Pants and Top set, The Hell Team Value \$295
- 5th Prize: Michelin X-Lite Rear Tyre, Gas Imports Value \$265
- 6th Prize: \$250 Store Voucher, Trialsbike (Moto Central) Value \$250
- 7th Prize: Acerbis Jet Helmet, The Hell Team Value \$125
- 8th Prize: Global Racing Oil Pack, PTR Imports Value \$100
- 9th Prize: Global Racing Oil Pack, PTR Imports Value \$100
- 10th Prize: Global Racing Oil Pack, PTR Imports Value \$100

At the bottom, it states: 'TICKETS \$2 EACH - DRAWN FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022'. There are logos for Alpinestar, The Hell Team, Gas Imports, Global Racing Oil, and Dunlop. The ticket number '0001' is printed in red at the bottom right.

Round 3 Royal George
Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club Inc
22 May 2022

Trialsport Scoring System

Place	Expert	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Chris BAYLES	3	3	1	9	21	12	5	54	16	7	1	5	6
Place	A Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Will THORNBURY	0	1	2	12	6	2	6	29	22	7	2	1	3
2	Brendan SMITH	0	10	2	11	3	5	8	39	16	10	2	5	2
3	Kurt PICKERING	1	1	1	25	8	0	4	40	21	6	2	0	6
4	Daniel FENTON	5	12	4	15	7	8	12	63	6	9	8	11	1
5	Zak LUNN	12	10	2	19	11	10	17	81	5	6	5	15	4
Place	B Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Jack SALTER	1	7	3	14	6	5	3	39	15	9	5	5	1
2	Jenna LUPO	3	15	2	18	12	3	6	59	11	8	5	7	4
3	Callum MILLAR	4	7	5	19	10	6	12	63	7	10	9	5	4
4	Chris DILLON	9	20	12	25	19	17	19	121	3	2	1	14	15
Place	C Plus	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Jarrold CHIVERS	0	6	0	4	1	3	6	20	19	13	2	1	0
2	Nigel MUNDAY	7	7	6	18	7	2	8	55	15	6	7	0	7
3	Sam CALOW	4	8	5	12	1	11	15	56	10	8	5	11	1
4	Nobby GABBEDY	12	14	2	9	2	6	11	56	9	7	10	8	1
5	Ian PICKERING	10	15	1	15	4	6	12	63	10	6	6	10	3
6	Damien FREEMAN	7	17	6	11	1	8	19	69	10	5	8	6	6
7	John DENISON	10	18	3	16	7	10	14	78	7	6	6	10	6
8	Ken HOSKING	15	15	10	17	8	13	15	93	1	7	1	23	3
Place	C Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Bryce SQUIBB	0	5	3	7	1	4	4	24	18	13	3	0	1
2	David CATT	0	8	2	6	0	2	6	24	17	14	2	2	0
3	Samuel LOCKHART	0	14	0	7	3	0	5	29	21	7	3	2	2
4	Neil BERNE	1	13	4	5	0	2	5	30	23	6	0	3	3
5	Mike TRAVICA	1	6	5	9	0	1	10	32	20	7	5	0	3
6	Andrew ROYCROFT	8	15	6	12	1	2	12	56	11	6	8	8	2
7	James FISH	2	19	7	6	9	6	9	58	8	15	3	4	5
8	Millie LOCKHART	2	15	5	19	7	4	11	63	8	13	2	7	5
9	Conrad BROWN-THOMAS	0	19	13	12	6	10	12	72	8	6	5	12	4
10	Andrew SQUIBB	8	17	7	14	4	7	17	74	5	6	8	14	2
11	Ron OWEN	9	12	12	14	4	9	14	74	4	7	9	13	2
12	Grant TAYLOR	6	15	11	19	9	7	13	80	4	10	3	13	5
13	Alysha LUNN	7	19	19	16	2	9	17	89	5	5	3	16	6
14	Terry WILLCOX	7	15	13	12	19	12	13	91	1	4	9	18	3
15	Matt BESSELL	15	25	16	19	7	10	12	104	3	6	4	10	12
16	Con BROSNAN	13	18	14	20	11	21	17	114	0	0	11	14	10
DNF	Rosie ENNISS	1	3	3	3	0	3	3	DNF	1	1	0	5	0
NC	Mick LUSCOMBE	0	14	4	3	1	5	7	34	17	8	4	6	0
Place	Twinshock	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Colin WOODBERRY	1	15	2	8	1	1	8	36	16	11	1	6	1
2	Alex WOODBERRY	3	19	5	17	5	1	13	63	15	4	1	9	6
Place	Clubman	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Scott PICKERING	6	1	13	13	0	0	0	33	22	6	0	4	3
2	Will DELANTY	14	1	21	15	0	0	0	51	19	1	1	11	3
3	Cooper LOCKHART	15	12	15	17	9	10	4	82	6	2	3	23	1

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