

Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club inc.

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President's Report

G'day guys and girls. Chris here just doing my little plug for the newsletter. Not much to be said but by golly gosh is the year off to a good start. I had a feeling that there was going to be a large entry at the first trials, but I never knew it was going to be as large as 52. I've been riding in this club since the age of 8, so 19 years and I've never seen that many riders at a club event. Woop woop! It's great to see so many junior and full classes. It's awesome to see some good strong competition in B and A grade. The one to look out for this year is young Tom Woodhouse, that kid has me nervous, I'd hate to think how nervous his dad is, haha. It won't be long Matt...

Once again well done to everyone who got involved with the trials, the number of setters made setting the trials easy. Well done to the ladies in the tent, observers and the guys and girls that organised entries and memberships that morning. Top stuff.

All is looking good for the year ahead I'd say. The Tassie Titles is our main priority at the moment, Ian has made an action plan (available on the tastrials.org.au website), make sure we keep looking at it and things are organised for a smooth sailing. Also I would encourage members to pre-enter to take the bottle necking and stress of people on the day if possible. (Editor note – \$10 extra charge applies for entries after March 3rd)

The setting of the trials is a big task. If you reckon you can make it to help on the Saturday prior (4th of March) to set then your assistance will be more than appreciated. Even if you have never set a trials before, there are plenty of things to do and plenty of experienced people who can assist you with tasks on the day. It will be a very fun day, usually we have a BBQ for lunch so I'll try make contact somehow prior and organise the meat for enough people. Keep your eyes on the Facebook page for this one.

Looking forward to a good year, we've kicked it off to a good start, let's keep it up. Our club is so much fun and it's fantastic to see everyone doing their little bit and I thank you all for that.

One more thing that people need to know, old Dick Bayles decided to come to a trials for once. Good on him. This will make you laugh. He was good old captain guru the night before, asking me "have you got this, have you got that, make sure that's in place, have got everything organised for this and that, there needs to be..." you can imagine him going on I'm sure. So I gave Dad the responsibility to bring the club trailer??? I go down there to the house just before I left for the trials, Dick and Bel are still in bed. Dad's quote for any day ending in day "Mikey forgot to get up"!!!! She's right dad, I'll organise to take your ute and trailer to the trials seeing as it's the biggest importance at the start of the day. Funny him telling me what needs to be done the night before, all he had to do was set his alarm to do his bit lol. Dylan and myself were very worried about what time Mum and Dad were going to turn up with my ute and our bikes. Good old Dad.

Editor's words

I don't know how anyone else feels, but wow that seemed like a super fast break between our Christmas Dinner and Mole Creek. I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year break and feels ready to take on another season.

First, throwing way back to the Christmas Dinner, a huge thank you to Ashlee for organising KiaOra wood fired pizza, and thanks to the Bayles family for allowing us to camp up at the two day site. Overall it was a great weekend, something different from the normal dinner and presentation and the kids certainly had a blast.

As per last year, if you're after a bike, or selling a bike, email newsletter@tastrials.org.au and I'll include it both in here and on the website. There's a lot of people looking for bikes at the moment so if you've got a spare one or you're looking to upgrade, there's probably someone out there keen to part with some cash.

Event wrap up

Last year, we saw 42 riders at Mole Creek for the season opener. This year, we hit 52 (50 competitors, two extra sign ons for minding and riding) which is a phenomenal way start to the season. The weather wasn't even in our favour, with light rain, heavier rain, sideways rain and some pretty decent wind gusts too. For a group who like the solitude and singularity a section gives, where it's just yourself and a machine, we sure can get very close and cosy under a gazebo to listen to results as the rain comes down.

There were plenty of familiar faces with different plates, showing they were keen to move into A, B, C+, C or Clubman grades. Good luck to those who have decided to progress up the ranks, there's some big learning curves there. Santa had a very large sack for a few people, there were a few riders sporting either brand new or good looking second hand bikes picked up over the break, and some shiny new gear was seen as well. We also had a bunch of new faces who wanted to try riding at a considerably slower speed than they're used to and from all accounts, they actually did enjoy the day and had a heap of fun.

We had two juniors, both on new bikes. Ruby Statton and Billy Berne couldn't be split for the win and both take maximum points.

Five riders piloted their bikes around the green Clubman lines. Oliver and Broc finished second and third just two points apart, while David Quinn won.

Kurt's back on the TY and pushed it hard win Twin Shock.

Twenty one! That's a lot of C graders! There was a whole bunch of new names mixed in there, so apologies if there's spelling mistakes or you're listed as being on the wrong bike. Mike Travica rocked up, picked up his brand new bike and rode it well enough to win. Ian Gabbedy and Shane "Blaze" Bayes (nice plate on the front Shane) were tied for second and third, Ian getting the upper hand with 27 cleans to Shane's 26.

C+ had a decent turn out of 13 riders as well. Nobby Gabbedy picked up third place. Nigel Munday and young Tom Woodhouse duked it out and both finished on 11 points, Nigel winning with 30 cleans. I reckon this battle will go on all year, old v young, but who will come out on top?

Daniel Fenton and Mike Amey finished tied in B grade for third place, but Mike got the podium, both riders getting 15 cleans but Mike had 9 1's to Daniel's 7. Josh Malcolm made a great start to his first B grade trial picking up second, and Matt Woodhouse won the day.

Jordan Perkins took on A grade for the first time, against Dylan Bayles who returned to the grade. Dylan came up trumps on the day, but I can see Jordan taking maximum points in the future.

Chris bounced around in readiness for X Trial and won Expert.

I apologise for the hard to read score sheet at the end of the newsletter, it's hard fitting all those riders on, I'll have to start splitting it over two sheets if the big numbers continue. Also, it'd be great if you know you're going to tie with someone, just put your foot down a few times or reach out and push them off the bike mid section please, it's pretty time consuming fixing the score sheet so everyone can see who got more cleans and/or dabs. Thanks! (Yes, my tongue is firmly in my cheek there)

X Trial

Chris ventured over to Perth for X Trial this weekend (18th February) to have a go at some huge indoor obstacles. For those who didn't get to go over, Trials Australia did a fantastic job tweeting and Facebooking the event, while also taking photos and videos. Chris finished third overall, and no doubt he's got a few stories from the night, so we'll look forward to hearing about them.

The 2017 Ihatove Trial, Nelson, New Zealand

The seventeenth New Zealand Ihatove trial was held at Punawai in the 88 Valley near Nelson, New Zealand over the tenth, eleventh and twelfth of February 2017. The event takes its name from a Japanese trial that was established following a visit to the Scottish Six Days Trial by a group of Japanese trials riders and which has the common aim of providing a long distance trial along the lines of the SSDT. The event is held over three days with day one being a practice day that this year included a short trial (two laps of 13 sections). The trial proper is held over the Saturday and Sunday and each day includes a number of sections around parc ferme plus a long loop into the foothills of the Southern Alps on each day. Saturday's loop was the longer of the two and it takes around three hours to ride, including eleven sections that are spread out over the route. The views are spectacular. Sunday's loop was shorter but equally spectacular. Riders are asked to ride in groups of at least three and each group must carry a fire extinguisher, as the fire danger on the hills around Nelson is always high at that time of year.



The choices of lines are red for experts, yellow (similar to our B Grade), green (a cross between our C and C+), blue (similar to C grade but a little easier) and white (similar to our Clubman). There are also sub divisions within the main lines, especially the blue, to accommodate twin shock machines and age related competition.

My brother Pete and I rode the green line. This was an extension of the blue line, taking deviations as indicated by additional green markers in much the same manner as our C+ lines work. The 13 sections near home base were set in and around the stream that runs through the property and there were plenty of slippery rock sections as well as climbs, muddy patches, tree roots and rock steps. The best section of that group, and of the whole trial, in my opinion, was a long ride up a rocky creek that was overhung by native bush. We called it the Scottish section, as it strongly resembled some of the sections from the Scottish Six Days Trial. The photographs show Pete and I emerging from this section. The rocks were very slippery at first but became less so as the event progressed. In all we rode the 13 home base sections six times (twice during the practice trial and four times over the other two days).

As is usual with this trial, the sections on the loops were critical in determining the outcome of all grades as with those sections only one

attempt was allowed.



At the end of the first day, Alan Boot, Auckland, Honda 4RT, was leading on the green line with 9 points lost, I was one point behind on 10 on my 250 Beta and Peter Hosking, Christchurch, riding a borrowed Sherco 250 (he had sold his 200 Beta and was waiting for a 2015 Beta Factory 250 to be shipped to Christchurch) was 2 points behind me. It was evident that the next day would see a close battle for the podium in this grade.

On the second day a different, slightly shorter loop was used. The format was the same as for the Saturday, in that the 13 sections near parc ferme were ridden, followed by the loop and then the 13 sections were ridden for a final time.

At the end of weekend, I had lost 13 points, Alan had lost 16 and Peter had lost 17. On the yellow line, Joel Scott from Whakatane, coincidentally riding a 2010 250 Beta identical to mine, finished first. The finishing positions are downplayed somewhat at the Ihatove, with the emphasis being on enjoying the event. This does not preclude competitiveness however, and close battles for the podium positions were evident in all grades.

This is a great trial for Tasmanians, and indeed any Australians to enter. Hire bikes are available and the event is privately run outside of MNZ and the FIM, meaning that competition licences are not required. The event does not usually conflict with TMTC events, although this year the movement of the date of our first event in order not to clash with the

Australian X-Trial Championship did result in my having to choose between Mole Creek and the Ihatove.

The Nelson area is among the most attractive parts of New Zealand, with spectacular scenery, numerous wineries and boutique breweries, good restaurants and cafes and a multitude of opportunities for bushwalking, water sports and climbing. A visit to the Ihatore trial followed by sightseeing in the Nelson and Marlborough areas is highly recommended.

For Tasmanians, Hobart-Melbourne-Wellington-Nelson flights are the best option for travelling to the trial. Numerous rental car operations have desks at Nelson Airport and in the City of Nelson. Accommodation near the event is available in the Wakefield/Brightwater area and the trial is close enough to the city of Nelson to consider staying there. For post-trial tourism, the greater Nelson area to the northwest of Nelson city is recommended, as is the Marlborough area to the east of Nelson.

Ken Hosking

Tasmanian Titles

It's happening, it's going to be huge, and you don't want to miss out. Australia's number 1 and number 2 ranked riders Kyle and Chris will be there, get the word out to your mates, force them to come along, dust your bike off, fill in the paperwork and get to the Joy. Remember, camping is available, but no pets are allowed.

As Chris said, section setting is the Saturday before, on the 4th of March, and the more the merrier, there's never too many people for this.

Entry forms are available on the website: https://www.tastrials.org.au/?page_id=137

Next State Round Events

Our normal 'third Sunday of the month' doesn't apply to April, due to a rabbit sneaking into your home and delivering foil wrapped egg shaped chocolates. We've moved it forward to April 9th, the second Sunday, and we'll be descending upon the big stuff at Jericho. Section setting will be on April 2nd, and this is also a come and try day. If you're interested, or know someone who is, in the come and try day, get in contact with Ian Pickering or the TMTC Facebook page.

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For sale: 2016 Beta Factory 250

As a result of my ordering a 2017 Beta, my year-old Beta 250 Factory 250 is for sale. I would really like to see this bike stay in Tasmania rather than it be sent to the mainland as a trade-in. This bike is easily the best trials bike that I have ever owned and it has been maintained in excellent condition using only genuine Beta parts. The bike comes with white frame, front fork and swinging arm protectors and has all of the usual Factory options including magnesium crankcase, titanium exhaust, red anodised cylinder head and wheels and the traditional red, blue and white colour scheme on the plastics. Even though this is the factory model, it is very smooth at low rpm and has a progressive power band right through the rpm range, making it suitable for riders in all grades, apart from expert where the 300cc machines are favoured. Naturally, it has the acclaimed Beta reliability as demonstrated in tough events such as the Scottish Six Days Trial.

The bike will be available following the Tasmanian Two Day Titles in March.

Price \$8,000 with free delivery within Tasmania (new price was \$10,500). The bike is located in Southern Tasmania (Kettering area).

The bike will be available for inspection at Mt Joy for the section-setting day on 4 March and will be competing at the Tasmanian Two Day Titles the following weekend.

Telephone Ken Hosking on 0418 122 009, or contact by email ken@betaracingtasmania.com.au



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State Rounds and Tasmanian Titles dates

- February 5th – Section setting, Mole Creek
- February 12th – Round 1, Mole Creek (NW)
- March 4th (and if required, 5th) – Section setting for Tasmanian Titles, Mt Joy
- March 11th and 12th – Tasmanian Titles, Mt Joy (N)
- April 2nd – Section setting, come and try day, Jericho
- April 9th – Round 2, Jericho (S)
- May 7th – Committee meeting, Jericho (venue subject to change)
- May 14th – Section setting, Carnarvon
- May 21st – Round 3, Carnarvon (N)
- June 11th – Section setting, Royal George
- June 18th – Round 4, Royal George (N)
- July 9th – Section setting, Oatlands
- July 16th – Round 5, Oatlands (S)
- August 6th -Section setting and come and try day, Mt Joy
- August 13th- Round 6, Mt Joy (N)
- August 19th and 20th – Victorian Championships
- August 27th – Committee meeting, Mt Joy
- September 10th – Section setting, Melton Mowbray
- September 17th – Round 7, Melton Mowbray (S)
- September 30th and October 1st – Australian Titles, Menglers Hill, South Australia
- October 8th – Section setting, come and try day, Dilston
- October 15th – Round 8, Dilston (N)
- November 12th – Section setting, Melrose
- November 19th – Round 9, Melrose (NW)

The Christmas Dinner will be held in the North West, date and location to be confirmed later in the year.

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