

# Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club inc.

(The Most Challenging Motorcycle Sport)



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**Section Cleanup:** Section 1 = Clubman, Sections 2+3 = C Grade, Section 4 = C+ Grade, Section 5 = B Grade, Section 6 = A Grade & A+ Grade

*Anyone who can bring observers to a trial please do to help make it a better day, we can't ride without observers.*

## May 2015

As I write, our president Brendan Smith is still in Europe enjoying the sights following his competing in the Scottish Six Days Trial. It seems that the SSDT was even tougher than usual this year, especially in the early part of the week, with Tuesday's circuit being rated by many as being the toughest day in living memory. A combination of a very long circuit (around 100 miles), tough sections, terrible weather and a tight time allowance resulted in substantial time penalties for many riders. Unfortunately for Brendan, after surviving the day, a mechanical failure put him out on the Wednesday morning, but his Victorian riding companion Tim Lewis made it to the finish. Congratulations to both riders for their great efforts. I am sure that the SSDT bug will have bitten them and they will both be back for another attempt in the future.

While the turnout to the recent trial at Royal George was a little lower than usual, those who attended were treated to a glorious sunny day and excellent sections. The juniors has a separate course in this event as a result of the adult sections being set high on the hill above the car park, in an area that was difficult to access on a mini bike. Many thanks to Jenny Gabbedy for looking after the juniors as they rode their sections. The idea of having a separate area for the juniors has been discussed before, and perhaps the Royal George trial could be regarded as an experiment to ascertain how this idea works in reality. The committee welcomes member feedback on this matter.

Most members would have read disturbing reports of several Spanish trials manufacturers having financial difficulties in recent weeks. The Spanish economy has been particularly weak since the GFC and the home market for trials, and indeed other motorcycles, has fallen sharply, as have some export markets. At the same time, two new entrants are about to enter the market, a move that is certain to have an impact on the sales volumes of existing manufacturers. It seems as though the trials scene is about to experience a period of instability, insofar as the manufacturers are concerned, that is eerily similar to past upheavals. Given the relatively small size of the worldwide market for trials bikes, it seems likely that there will be casualties amongst the manufacturers. However, there is optimism that some, or all, of the manufacturers that are under threat at present can restructure and survive. Let's hope that they will survive, as it is good for the sport that competitors have a broad choice of machinery from which to choose.

Don't forget to support Chris Bayles' trials demonstration on 30 May at Cressy if you can.

Ken Hosking

Vice President

## **Upcoming events.**

We're all for getting the word out and the Cressy Pub has offered to host a demonstration. Chris Bayles will be putting on a show and we'll have a couple of the young junior and Clubman riders, plus a couple of ladies riding too, showing that yes, it is a family orientated sport suitable for everyone. This is being held on the 30<sup>th</sup> May and it'll be starting at 2pm and there will be fireworks at 6.30pm. Head along and have a look, answer questions the public will likely have and support local business at the same time.

## **Event wrap up**

Royal George. No, not the famous young offspring of William and Kate, but instead a very small town about 20km south of Avoca and home to the third round of our series. There was nothing royal nor English on Sunday - no corgis to be seen, a distinct lack of scones and the weather was clear, bright and sunny. Instead, we had a very Tasmanian event, complete with a campfire and a very playful puppy by the name of Hazel.

Before I go any further, I discovered that the landowner pushed in the track up to where those fantastic rocks laid waiting, just so we had a great new area to ride and could get observers up in the 4WD without them having to walk. Thank you heaps for that, not many land owners go to that level for us.

So what was at the top of the hill for the riders? Majestic rocks. Heaps of them, all different sizes and shapes, it was almost rock hopper heaven. Regal section setters had done a fantastic job with open flowing sections capable of lulling you into a false sense of security and dropping a silly point. The giant of the sections was certainly section 6, with what can only be described as a bloody big undercut rock. Spectators and riders gathered around near King Chris' launch point to watch him slay the mighty beast, riding first the stop rule, then the non-stop rule. This showed how good Chris is riding in the lead up to the Trials des Nations, and just how rubbish the non-stop rule is.

Chris Bayles was our only Expert rider, taking first place.

A was won by an injured Peter Lockhart.

B Grade unfortunately had no riders due to injury or other commitments.

C+ Grade had a good turn out and was won by Peter Bayles. Second place was taken by an up and coming Josh Lockhart, followed by Nigel Munday.

C Grade had some very close scores through the whole field. The ever steady, ever composed Mike Travica won with a total of just 9 points, followed by me (Samuel) on 19 with 25 cleans and Kirk Costello taking 3rd with 19 and 21 cleans.

Clubman had one rider, David Quinn, who unfortunately couldn't finish the day. David seemed very enthusiastic and was thoroughly enjoying himself so I reckon we'll see him back some time soon.

Broc Gabbedy took the win in Sub Junior from the enthusiastic Ruby Statton.

Hopefully our large mix of broken riders and bikes dwindles soon and they're back riding with us. Along the same lines, if you know someone there who is hiding a perfectly good trials bike away from the world, either convince them to come along or steal it and let a willing participant have a go.

Note – we don't condone stealing trials bikes, or any bikes for that matter. The point is, get the bikes out there.

Just as a gentle reminder, observers are volunteers. Please wait at the start gate until they call or wave you through, and be courteous, throw a thank you their way. We don't really want to get them off side, we need them.

## **Next Event**

You're about to have a sense of déjà vu. It's ok, I copied and pasted this from the last newsletter. Our next event is at Melrose. There's a come and try day scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> of June which will also be the day of section setting, and the event proper is to be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June. The location is 67 Bellamy Road. The come and try day will be run by Ian Pickering, keep an eye on Facebook and the website for any additional information. Melrose is a great little trial, just be cautious of washing your bike off in the creek after the event. This isn't so much an environmental issue, the creek has sufficient depth in parts to swallow an entire Sherco. If you're concerned, ask Mick Amey where not to ride, he's well aware of the problem area.

Jack Costello aboard his Gas Gas.



Chris and the rock.





Shelly Hanlon aboard her borrowed bike.



Andrew Rouse and the great sounding four stroke Beta



## Results

### 2015 Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club, Club Championship, Round 3

Venue: Royal George	Lap	Lap	Lap	Lap	Lap	Lap	Lap	Total	Place	Notes
<b>Expert A+</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>			<b>One starter</b>
Chris Bayles	4	8	2	1	6	1		22	1	
<b>A Grade</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>			<b>One starter</b>
Peter Lockhart	30	30	30	30	30	30		180	1	
<b>B Grade</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>No starters</b>
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<b>C+ Grade</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Seven starters</b>
Peter Bayles	7	1	2	4	0	0		14	1	
Josh Lockhart	5	2	8	5	6	2		28	2	
Nigel Munday	8	8	4	6	8	7		41	3	
Ian Pickering	10	6	10	10	4	9		49	4	
Jordan Perkins	14	10	7	3	9	9		52	5	
Mick Hull	12	13	10	13	11	10		69	6	
Brooke Lendvay	17	16	15	12	15	12		87	7	
<b>C Grade</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Eleven starters</b>
Mike Travica	5	0	1	1	1	1		9	1	
Samuel Lockhart	9	2	3	2	1	2		19	2	25 cleans
Kirk Costello	4	2	4	3	5	1		19	3	21 cleans
Ian Gabbedy	5	4	6	6	1	3		25	4	
Craig Ferrall	10	2	7	6	2	1		28	5	
Ken Hosking	9	7	5	4	4	1		30	6	
Andrew Rouse	14	6	2	1	4	6		33	7	
Shelly Hanlon	1	5	16	1	6	5		34	8	
David Catt	6	8	11	4	6	3		38	9	
Jack Costello	12	5	9	8	6	7		47	10	
Ron Leistra	17	14	16	13	30	30		120	DNF	
<b>Clubmen</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>One starter</b>
David Quinn	18	6	16	30	30	30		130	DNF	
<b>Junior</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Two starters</b>
Broc Gabbedy	6	4	8	3	6	3		30	1	
Ruby Statton	20	21	14	15	11	10		91	2	



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