

Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club inc.

(The most challenging motorcycle sport)



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President's report

Hello all. Here is the report from the last month. It's very safe to say that the last trials at Melrose was an absolute cracking day. The level of section setting was spot on supported by the points dropped in all grades. It's great to ride that creek and hill style of terrain every now and then. The site was a picture with an awesome day (about time we had a nice sunny day for a trials). Well done to everyone that made the day possible, section setters, observers, ladies in the tent and to those who helped out packing up. Everyone chipping in at the end of the trials makes a huge difference. I hope that everyone is looking forward to the Christmas break up and presentation weekend. It will be a good relaxed fun day. The kids will have a blast, and parents, I promise that there will be enough activities to tucker the kids out so you can enjoy a drink or two.

I strongly encourage everyone to do their bit for the AGM, it's every member's club as much as it is anyone else's. So put your hand up or nominate someone, it's a good idea to put your ideas forward to improve the club and bring up issues. If you want to nominate yourself, or someone else, fill in a nomination form on our website and send it back to Ian Gabbedy. There's also the minutes from the last AGM, as well as an agenda for this year's meeting. Check the link here:

http://www.tastrials.org.au/?page_id=946

Other news is that there has been a few demos on the go lately. The demo at the Rhythm X went down a treat, the spectators were chuffed with our rider's skills and abilities. Thank you to all the members that came out and had a ride to put on the display.

Let's not talk about Wildwood, none of the riders want to recall that tricky demanding event? Only joking. We had six members who rode the event on a big bike. From me personally, well done to you all, your results are fantastic and it's a real credit to the lads to finish Australia's toughest three hour enduro. The day started off with the prologue track which are manmade obstacles that included rocks, logs and tyres. Once the prologue was done the three hours of death started... I'm pretty sure everyone got a good dose of arm pump on the first lap. The track was full of hill climbs, super snotty single tracks and epic rock gardens. It's as many laps as you can do in three hours. Well done to Matt Woodhouse for finishing 3rd in the over 35's, top effort. Josh, Daniel, Frenchy (J. C. Bonneville) & Bryce placed very well in their classes. Top job. I was really happy with my placing, although the tricky terrain still made me work hard for the result. Fitness, skill, preparation and a bit of luck definitely play a huge part in this event. Well done boys, let's do it again next year.

That's about it from me. See you all on the 10th. Kick off time will be about 12 midday and the AGM will be at 3pm. With 80-odd people expected, she'll be a fun weekend.

Editor's report

How many individual riders do you think competed in the state rounds, from the first one at Mole Creek, to the last at Melrose? By my count on the big spreadsheet of scores and championship points, we had 85. Remember that doesn't include those who rode at the Tas Titles. With those included we're up over 100. That's a bloody good effort for our relatively small state, and I've no doubt this number will continue to grow over the next few years. The Facebook page reaches a huge number of people, the website gets quite a large amount of hits (even when you exclude the ones coming from Russia... Hi Russia, feel free to come here and have a riding holiday!) and loads of people are seeing the various demonstrations going on around the state. Ashlee just told me between the 18th and 24th of November, 12,390 people saw her photos. That, combined with any photos anyone else takes of "those funny looking bikes with no seats" amounts to a LOT of people seeing our club's activities. Think about that whenever you're on your bike, there's a very good chance a few thousand people will see you representing your club.

If this is my last newsletter because someone else has nominated themselves or someone else to do it... GOOD, TAKE IT, FREE ME OF THIS BURDON! Nah just kidding, it's almost relaxing at times tapping away doing this. It's been a

challenge doing the newsletter this year, mostly due to the little human running around the house. Add to that the website and keeping the Club Championship spreadsheet up to date, preparing the scoresheet for the next event and there's a bit to fit in with the normal day-to-day stuff. Still, it's enjoyable and doing website stuff for fun, rather than because you HAVE to for work. I'll work at giving it a new coat of paint over the summer so the new season has some new colours. I think I said the same thing at the start of this year, oops. Unless, of course, someone else has decided to take over webmaster role, in which case, get your SSH client and two factor app ready and I'll hand it over.

Millie's declared she's going to Clubman, I've heard rumours of two C graders moving up to C+ and a C+ rider moving to B grade, so I'm looking forward to writing about these riders picking up places and doing great things in their new grade. Hopefully 2017 doesn't copy 2016 for me – a DNS with a non-starting bike, a round with a blocked carby causing it to run like poo and a DNF.

Thanks heaps to the Junior observers/helpers for getting the kids through an event. Having the kids doing separate lines has been great, they're usually finished by lunchtime and they don't have to spend the day riding all over the countryside trying to get to sections.

We had a fair bit of water about this year. Rain at Mt Joy, loads of rain before Oatlands and just as much before Melrose. Obviously with such high numbers of riders at these events, there's a lot of cars and bikes which could really make a huge mess of the paddocks we're given the privilege of riding on. Thanks everyone for resisting the urge to do mad skids or whatever the kids call them and generally not ripping up the area.

For those going to the end of year dinner, I'll see you there. For those who aren't, have a very merry Christmas and see you next year.

Melrose

Here's some things which go together, pick the odd one out:

- a) Summer and BBQs
- b) Ice cream and chocolate topping
- c) Melrose trial and sunburn

Now prior to Sunday you'd choose option c every time. Normally you're more likely to get frostbite at Melrose, but remember this is 2016, everything is back to front and crazy. Heavy frost, icy damp sections under the trees and positively freezing creek water became a distant memory, replaced with lush green grass, bright sunshine and refreshingly cool creek water. The reason for moving Melrose to the end of the year was to cut down on the digging up of wet paddocks, and while the rain certainly did come down the weekend before, the sun dried it them out nicely.

Not only was the weather turning it, it was dragging the riders out too, over 50 guys and girls came out to play in Mick Rundle's back yard, and what a great back yard to play in. Section setters had done a marvellous job and really mixed it up. We had an interesting technical second one and three winding slippery sections under the familiar trees of years gone by. A short blast across the paddock and you get some steep accents and descents on section 5, complete with hungry tractor tyres ready to nibble at, and in some cases chew off, fork guards. Next was the miniature SSDT creek based section to cool your wheel bearings and boots in, while cleaning off some mud. Finally, there was the tricky steep hill for section 7, complete with a big log for the upper grades. I don't think anyone had any complaints and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves.

As usual, thanks heaps to the observers who stood around letting us do our thing, as they've done all year.

The kids were out in force again in Junior. These kids have been riding hard all year and whoever set their sections for this event did a great job. They had a nice simple one, a slightly tougher one and a very tight twisty zig zag section, all ridden 6 ways one way then 6 ways the other. Jack Salter came along to his second ever trial and picked up another win. Billy Berne rocked up a bit later in the morning and finished second, while Millie Silk picked up third place. Ruby Statton finished in fourth place, while very young Louis Southwell has upgraded from his little Honda to a bigger Thumpster, finishing fifth.

There's some talent brewing away in Clubman, and they were showing what they've got on Sunday. Gracie-Mae Evans won narrowly from the super confident Will Thornbury. Chloe Bayles made a welcome return to the podium in third place.

Even though two of the three twin shock riders were working away on their bikes right up until the riders briefing, all three bikes finished the day. Nobby Gabbedy picked up third place. Let the record show that Mr Ian Pickering did beat the

Australian number 2 rider Chris Bayles in a trials competition. Leave the fact that Chris was punishing the little Honda by throwing it around B grade lines off the record. Ian, you won fair and square, well done.

C Grade was a tight affair, only 8 points separated the top 6 places. Just to make the score printer person's life a bit harder, three pairs of riders tied and had to have countbacks. Mike Travica finished the day on a score of 8 in third place. Andrew Rouse wore a Garry Rogers Motorsport Volvo Supercar shirt, so I fully expected him to get belted off his bike by an overly keen rival and be unable to finish the event with a lap or two to go, but thankfully this didn't happen and he finished in second place. Dean Medwin dusted off the Montesa and kept the feet on the pegs to win with a score of 5. Watch out, the young kids are coming. Young Tom Woodhouse climbed on a borrowed bike and tied for second place with C+ stalwart Nigel Munday, Nigel pipping him at the post on countback. Josh Malcolm likely rode his last C+ event before taking on B grade and finished it in style with a win.

Josh Lockhart filled his boots with water but still managed to finish third in B Grade. Peter Lockhart dropped back from A Grade and finished second, while Dylan Bayles comfortably picked up first place.

As a side note, at Melrose we had seven female riders. This might be some sort of record?

Christmas Dinner

Give us your money! If you've said you're coming, please email photography@tatrials.org.au or have a chat to Ashlee via phone or Facebook or even rock up to our home to find out how to pay. Quite a lot of people have paid already, so to those, thank you. The pizza man is very excited at the prospect of feeding over 80 people and seeing our bikes – he's only seen them on TV and loved them. Bring on December 10th!

Next State Round Events

There isn't one.

Sad face.

But never fear, your new committee will punch out a calendar for 2017 early in the new year. If you're subscribed to the electronic calendar it'll update on your phone or PC based calendar application automatically. It's cool, do it, copy and paste this link into Outlook, Google Calendar or any application which supports the ical format https://www.google.com/calendar/ical/lockharts.id.au_pndnbvo4anugcs3kcfonmdn0p0%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics

2017 Tasmanian Titles

It's never too early to get the word out, the 2017 Tasmanian Titles will be held on the long weekend in March, on the 11th and 12th, make a note of it now. Pass the date around to your rider and non-rider mates, and especially to mainland riders. Last year it was announced fairly late and there were issues with the boat, so hopefully with enough notice, people will have ample time to book the boat, plane, time off work and all that stuff. Obviously, closer to the date we'll have entry forms and supp regs on the website, as well as entry fees. With lots of notice, there's no reason to not be there!

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Got one you don't want? Want, but can't find one? Email newsletter@tastrials.org.au with the details and place an ad. Head to tastrials.org.au for larger photos.

Trials clothing

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 - 3) Answer XL Black Jersey VGC \$20
 - 4) Answer XL Blue Jersey VGC \$20
 - 5) Answer size 38 Blue MX pants VGC \$35
- any questions please call Steve Harris on 0487 700 228



VENUE: Melrose

DATE: 20/11/2016

B Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Dylan Bayles	0	6	3	3	10	7	10	39 Gas Gas	1
Peter Lockhart	2	0	3	10	4	17	14	50 Gas Gas	2
Josh Lockhart	7	1	7	8	15	14	17	69 Gas Gas	3
Jordan Perkins	9	5	9	15	7	16	13	74 Sherco	4
Matt Woodhouse	1	1	14	12	15	20	20	83 Beta	5
Mike Amey	11	5	13	15	19	25	23	111 Sherco	6

C+ Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Josh Malcolm	5	1	0	0	2	0	3	11 Sherco	1
Nigel Munday	0	0	0	6	6	5	2	19 Sherco	2 (26x0)
Tom Woodhouse	5	3	0	3	2	3	3	19 Beta	3 (25x0)
Callum Millar	3	3	0	3	5	5	2	21 Beta	4
Mick Luscombe	2	8	2	3	2	5	0	22 Sherco	5
Josh Statton	5	9	3	10	6	4	2	39 Gas Gas	6
Mike Hull	6	6	19	1	6	2	0	40 Gas Gas	7
Brooke Lendvay	6	9	8	8	6	5	1	43 Sherco	8
Ken Hosking	13	8	14	10	3	0	3	51 Beta	9
Samuel Lockhart	4	7	5	10	13	10	3	52 Gas Gas	10

C Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Dean Medwin	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	5 Montesa	1
Andrew Rouse	0	0	5	0	1	1	0	7 Beta	2
Mike Travica	0	0	1	0	6	1	0	8 Sherco	3
Tim Mead	0	0	8	0	1	0	1	10 Gas Gas	4
Ian Gabbedy	0	1	8	0	2	0	0	11 Beta	5
Jack Costello	1	1	4	1	6	0	0	13 Gas Gas	6
Shane Bayes	0	2	6	2	5	0	6	21 Beta	7
Chloe Medwin	0	0	16	1	5	0	1	23 Sherco	8
Aaron Groenewold	5	5	10	2	2	0	0	24 Ossa	9 (27x0)
Kirk Costello	5	2	9	0	5	1	2	24 Sherco	10 (22x0)
Craig Ferrall	0	1	11	0	12	0	3	27 Gas Gas	11 (25x0 4x1)
Bob Perkins	0	2	2	0	13	8	2	27 Sherco	12 (25x0 2x1)
Samuel Evans	4	5	4	3	11	0	1	28 Gas Gas	13
Brett Langworthy	2	4	10	0	15	0	3	34 Gas Gas	14 (21x0)
Anton Rosenzweig	1	4	15	2	7	5	0	34 Sherco	15 (20x0)
Connor Evans	6	1	3	1	9	11	7	38 Beta	16
Jenna Lupo	14	13	17	2	9	5	3	63 Gas Gas	17
Paul Evans	0	13	6	5	23	11	7	65 Gas Gas	18
Phoebe Woodhouse	6	10	23	8	19	6	0	72 Beta	19

Twin Shock	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Ian Pickering	0	1	1	1	5	0	0	8 Fantic	1
Chris Bayles	2	2	4	6	2	10	9	35 Honda	2
Nobby Gabbedy	3	8	17	0	15	2	2	47 Honda	3

Clubman	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Gracie-Mae Evans	0	10	2	0	8	1	0	21 Ossa	1
Will Thornberry	0	9	3	0	13	0	0	25 Sherco	2
Chloe Bayles	1	10	10	0	10	0	0	31 Gas Gas	3
Will Ferrall	1	15	7	2	15	1	0	41 Gas Gas	4
Broc Gabbedy	5	13	10	0	14	0	0	42 Gas Gas	5 (23x0)
Curtis Mead	4	14	7	1	16	0	0	42 Gas Gas	6 (16x0)
Oliver Groenewold	3	14	14	1	16	10	1	59 Beta	7

Junior	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Jack Salter	13	7	0	0	0	0	0	20 Gas Gas	1
Billy Berne	5	5	4	0	5	4	0	23 Beta	2
Millie Silk	22	7	0	0	0	1	0	30 Gas Gas	3
Ruby Statton	5	4	0	8	11	6	0	34 Oset	4
Louis Southwell	28	24	8	11	20	20	0	111 Thumpsta	5

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