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Vice Presidents Report

The big news for our club is that President Chris Bayles was a member of Australia's trials team that won the International Trophy division of the Trial des Nations. I am sure all members will join with me in offering our heartiest congratulations on a great ride by Chris and his teammates Kyle Middleton and Connor Hogan and to similarly congratulate all of the TDN support team. It was no mean effort to head off the United States, the Czech Republic and other countries with significant trials credentials in this prestigious event.

Back home, there has been plenty of activity related to trials, including the Southern Come-and-Try day held on 27 August that has resulted in new members for the club as well as raising funds for the TDN team. Shortly after that we had the September trial at Oatlands with 38 competitors, two of whom were riding for the first time in a TMTTC event. Congratulations to the winners in each grade and special congratulations to Chris Smith who finished 3rd in C Grade in his first trial and to Jack Burdon, aged 11, who rode C Grade in his first trial, on a bike that he had not ridden prior to the day, and who completed the course with great composure. Reports from both of these events are presented in this newsletter. These two events were well supported by members and indicate that the sport of trials is not only alive and well in Tasmania but that it is also growing in popularity.

Several of our members have been in South Australia in recent days, competing first in the South Australian Championships over the weekend of 23-24 September and then in the Australian Championships over the weekend of 30 September and 1 October.

Special congratulations are due to our club members who achieved podium position in the National Championships. Firstly, President Chris Bayles finished second in Open Solo, cementing his position as Australia's number two rider, with only the impeccably skilled Kyle Middleton in front of him. Others to achieve podium positions were Jordan Perkins (3rd in the Youth Grade), Tom Woodhouse (3rd in Open Junior), Kurt Pickering (2nd in Post Classic) and Daniel Fenton (2nd in Solo 2).

We are now coming to the end of the 2017 trials season, with only two events to go. Don't forget that details of the club and its events may be found in a very user-friendly format at the website: <https://www.tastrials.org.au>. The club's Facebook site <https://www.facebook.com/tasmototrials/> also provides an opportunity for commenting and posting photographs and videos.

I hope to see you all at Dilston.

Ken Hosking

Vice President.

Trials des Nations

A picture tells a thousand words.



PROGRESSIVE UNOFFICIAL CLASSIFICATION

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POS	TEAM/RIDERS	SECTION SCORES (2 best riders)															SCORE	TIME	TOTAL				
 MA	1 AUSTRALIA 213 HOGAN Connor-Gas Gas 214 MIDDLETON Kyle-Gas Gas 215 BAYLES Christopher-Gas Gas	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	S9	S10	S11	S12	S13	S14	S15	LAP TOTAL	16	0	16			
		0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	L1 5	0	1	2	3	5	P
		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	L2 11	66	9	2	2	11	0
 AMA	2 UNITED STATES 210 BLANGONNET Daniel-Montesa 211 ROPER Bryan-Gas Gas 212 SMAGE Pat-Sherco	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	S9	S10	S11	S12	S13	S14	S15	LAP TOTAL	20	0	20			
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	L1 7	0	1	2	3	5	P
		0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	L2 13	71	6	3	1	9	0
 ACCR	3 CZECH REPUBLIC 207 MATEJICEK Martin-Gas Gas 208 WUNSCH Marek-Gas Gas 209 KROUSTEK Martin-TRRS	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	S7	S8	S9	S10	S11	S12	S13	S14	S15	LAP TOTAL	25	0	25			
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	L1 0	0	1	2	3	5	P
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	10	0	0	0	10	1	0	L2 25	72	5	1	1	11	0

The TrialGP app was getting an absolute hammering on Sunday night, even distracting this household from MotoGP. The team from the Czech Republic looked to have it in the bag, not dropping a point on their first lap and Australia generally sitting third or fourth, battling with Ireland initially and then the US. Suddenly, for those watching numbers on a screen, the Czech guys just dropped down the order and Australia jumped up to second, then finally first.

Obviously Chris will have way more details on how it all went down, but in the mean time, check the full results online for the guys: <https://www.trialgp.com/images/pdfs/TDNI-RESULTS.pdf>

The girls did a top job too, there's a couple of non-Aussie names in the list who are well known to club members: <https://www.trialgp.com/images/pdfs/TDNW-RESULTS.pdf>

And finally, TrialGP have been pretty good at getting videos online this year, so you can watch the Qualification and TdN highlights (plus all the rest of the season) on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/Eo6SAfv6yyE>

Oatlands wrap up

Nigel Munday started the day earlier than most, even beating the Southerners to the site. Or at least, a site, not necessarily the correct one. Ian Pickering got a bit of a shock when Nigel called him, Ian didn't expect to hear sheep bleating in the background during the phone call. Sleep in a bit next time Captain Sherco!

Obviously, the side of a hill can provide plenty of excitement and spills, and not just in the sections. Mick Luscombe had a slide down the hill, unfortunately scratching his new lid, above section 1. Within ten seconds, Ian Gabbedy, riding that section, came off the back of the Beta and let it do a cartwheel down the hill. My own heart skipped a beat, as Ian came off almost exactly where I flipped my own bike a few years ago, the result of that incident causing a rebuild of a very blown up motor. Graham Malcolm also knows how hard a trial on the side of the hill is, he was clearly the hardest working observer on the day running from his vantage point overlooking the start of his section to the end gate to punch the card.

Sections were a mix of old and new obstacles, some easy to find, some tucked up in the hill a bit hidden away. Section three seemed to claim the most amount of victi... points, especially in C+, and section one had some riders taking some decent length runups just to get through the start gates, rear tyres weren't gripping well on the steep damp grass covered slope. Ice on a hot Teflon pan was almost grippier than that.

Chris wasn't there to ride Expert, apparently flying to Spain is more important.

Peter Lockhart keeps showing the young guys up, winning A Grade, ahead of Dylan Bayles and Jordan Perkins.

Modern tech just beat twin shock charm in B Grade, Matt Woodhouse taking the win and a good bunch of confidence to head to South Australia with. Kurt did his usual thing of pushing the old Honda and finished second, ahead of Josh Malcolm.

Second place for another Pickering, Ian keeping the Ossa steady to finish ahead of Nigel Munday in C+. Tom Woodhouse bought down the average age of the podium a few decades, standing on the top step (if we had them) dropping just 8 points.

Four points separated the top three in C grade, Connor Evans only one point ahead of second place Mike Travica. Chris Smith finished third.

Gas Gas first second and third in Clubman. Jack Salter took the win, Chloe Bayles second and Broc Gabbedy third.

Come and Try Day 27 August 2017

Following the successful Come and Try day that was devised by Matt Woodhouse and held on 27 May, it was decided to undertake a second day in the south of the state. Coincidentally, around the same time, Robert Clapham from the Southern Junior Dirt Bike Club had approached TMTC with a view to introducing trials skills training to the activities undertaken at the club.

During a visit to the club, it was noted that a grassy valley adjacent to the training tracks was an ideal setting for a Come and Try day. An agreement with the club was reached and a date was set for the event. Actually, finding a suitable date was not easy. It was necessary to find a day on which the Junior Dirt Bike Club had no event running (they operate every second Sunday), we wanted to avoid any MERC events as we hoped to attract MERC members to the Come and Try day, we also wanted to avoid any TERC fixtures if possible for similar reasons and obviously we have our own schedule of events and section setting days, including the commitment of the a number of riders to interstate events such as the Victorian Championships and the National Championships. In the end we had to settle for a day that ticked every box except for a conflict with a TERC event, this being the best we do short of deferring the event to the following year.

Four sections were set in the valley, with three lines being used: green for clubman (similar in difficulty to our usual clubman line, blue for a harder line (easy C Grade standard) and yellow for a more challenging line (normal C grade standard). The objective was to make the lines challenging enough to be interesting to ride but unlikely to result in damage to riders or bikes.

The format for the day was for bike owners and their bikes to be stationed at the sections and for the participants to attempt the various lines in each of the sections. Two sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon were held, each lasting one and a half hours. In the time interval between the two sessions, Chris Bayles provided a demonstration of top-level trials riding in an area of the valley that had some precipitous banks.

There were 26 participants in the event, ranging in age from juniors to seniors in their 60s. Thanks to the generosity of our club members, we had a good range of bikes to use, including twin shocks, an Oset, some junior bikes and a mixture of adult bikes ranging from 125cc to 300cc. There were no falls of significance and no damage to bikes as far as I know.

The skill levels of some of the junior riders were remarkable and if they were to take up trials I feel certain that they would rapidly rise to the higher grades.

I feel optimistic that we will see new members of TMTC arising from this event and several bike sales were being negotiated during and after the event. At the time of writing I am aware of two confirmed sales of trials bikes, hopefully with the result that the new owners will soon be seen at TMTC events.

Thanks to all members who attended and for the great generosity of those who made their bikes available on the day. It is not easy watching your pride and joy being ridden by those who are unfamiliar with the sport and I admit to a couple of moments of trepidation when junior riders, whose height was such that their head was on a similar level to the handlebars, rode off on my own bike! I need not have worried: the youngsters showed great skill and easily dealt with the sections.

Special thanks to Matt Woodhouse and Nigel Munday who travelled down from the North West for the event. Special thanks also to Steve Harris and Mick Amey who helped me set the sections, to Peter Lockhart for accompanying me in sussing out the venue and to Chris Bayles for his tutoring of participants and for his spectacular demonstrations.

The assistance provided by Robert Clapham of the Junior Dirt Bike club in organising the event is also greatly appreciated.

Finally, we are indebted to the Southern Junior Dirt Bike Club for making the venue available for the event and for operating the canteen. I should probably thank the weather gods also for providing a generally fine, if rather chilly, day, with a rain squall right on lunchtime that drove participants and members into the canteen, presumably to the benefit of canteen sales!

Ken Hosking

South Australian Adventures

There looks to be a lot of silverware heading back on the boat to Tasmania. Ken mentioned earlier in the newsletter the podium finishers, and I'd intended on putting the results in the newsletter, but due to the huge number of entries it'd have taken heaps of pages, and it isn't in an easily "newsletterable" form, being done in html instead of pdf. I asked Ian Pickering to do a bit of a report on both the South Australian and Australian titles when he's back. From a spectator-from-afar point of view, having the live scoring online was a fantastic addition, I'm certain I wasn't the only one keeping tabs on the Tasmanian contingent. Well done to the first timers, the old hands and those who stood on the podium.

[Results from the SA Titles.](#)

[Results from the mid-week Peter Sparkes Trophy.](#)

[Results from the Australian Titles.](#)

SMS Alert System

That's a headline to grab your attention! It's ok, nothing to be afraid of. To cut a long story short, Ian asked me to investigate the possibility of a method to alert riders of cancellations of events due to unforeseen circumstances such as being rained out. I did some digging and found a service which should do the job, and although this year is heading into hopefully dry weather, it'll be handy for next year.

There's also opportunity to use this for other things such as section setting reminders which we may bring in later on.

You won't need to do anything for this, other than provide your number on your membership form. Hopefully we don't need to use it but on the off chance we do, it'll be better getting an SMS than driving for two or three hours to find out it's been postponed.

Next State Round Events

The former home of the Tasmanian Titles before they put a whopping great highway right through the middle of it, Dilston! At this point in time I can't tell you what side of the highway it's on, details about that will come out later, but I can tell you it'll be October 15th. Check with the Northern guys for section setting details.

Christmas Dinner

As mentioned previously, the Christmas Dinner will be similar to last year, in that it'll be at Mt Joy, with camping for those wanting to drag out the tent, and plenty of bike riding. Because this is more important than anything else, tell your work place, family and anyone who might try and organise something you're supposed to attend that you're unavailable on the 9th and 10th of December.

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DATE: 17/06/2017

Expert	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
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A Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Peter Lockhart	7	11	6	7	4	10	11	56 Gas Gas	1
Dylan Bayles	8	20	11	9	8	8	5	69 Gas Gas	2
Jordan Perkins	12	20	12	16	8	12	12	92 Sherco	3

B Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Matt Woodhouse	1	2	11	8	0	0	3	25 Beta	1
Kurt Pickering	0	5	15	2	0	14	2	38 Honda	2
Josh Malcolm	0	2	7	11	11	11	7	49 Sherco	3
Josh Lockhart	8	4	8	12	1	8	12	53 Gas Gas	4
Daniel Fenton	1	6	16	14	2	10	10	59 Beta	5
Mick Amey	3	2	17	13	15	12	14	76 Sherco	6

C+ Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Tom Woodhouse	0	1	4	0	1	2	0	8 Beta	1
Ian Pickering	0	1	5	4	0	4	4	18 Ossa	2
Nigel Munday	1	0	13	1	0	6	1	22 Sherco	3
Callum Miller	2	2	12	4	1	9	1	31 Beta	4
Zac Lunn	0	8	9	9	5	1	1	33 Beta	5
Josh Statton	0	10	12	5	1	10	1	39 Gas Gas	6 (16x0)
Mick Luscombe	0	7	12	8	5	6	1	39 Sherco	7 (14x0)
Shane Bayes	1	7	14	8	2	3	6	41 Beta	8
Ken Hosking	2	18	14	4	1	13	0	52 Beta	9
Anton Rosenzweig	0	13	19	11	4	14	8	69 Sherco	10
Brooke Lendvay	11	20	15	10	5	9	5	75 Sherco	11

C Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Connor Evans	0	3	4	0	2	1	0	10 Gas Gas	1
Mike Travica	0	5	0	5	1	0	0	11 Sherco	2
Chris Smith	0	1	1	1	0	11	0	14 Beta	3
Will Thornbury	0	3	2	0	8	2	0	15 Gas Gas	4
Steve Harris	0	3	4	3	5	2	3	20 Beta	5
Jenna Lupo	0	3	1	6	8	1	6	25 Gas Gas	6
Bob Perkins	7	5	7	1	4	0	3	27 Sherco	7
Ian Gabbedy	13	2	6	4	0	3	3	31 Beta	8
Andrew Rouse	1	7	2	1	6	10	5	32 Beta	9
Samuel Lockhart	3	9	4	3	4	5	6	34 Gas Gas	10
Samuel Evans	2	8	25	4	1	9	5	54 Gas Gas	11
Phoebe Woodhouse	8	12	9	1	12	7	7	56 Beta	12
Jack Burdon	5	19	16	19	25	12	15	111 Beta	13

Twin Shock	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
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Clubman	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL BIKE	PLACING
Jack Salter	6	0	0	1	1	2	0	10 Gas Gas	1
Chloe Bayles	5	0	0	1	13	3	0	22 Gas Gas	2
Broc Gabbedy	22	0	0	0	18	5	3	48 Gas Gas	3
Millie Lockhart	30	25	0	25	25	30	30	165 Gas Gas	4
Ruby Statton	28	28	0	25	28	28	30	167 Beta	5

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