

Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club

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President's report

G'day all, Pres here.

Once again, an absolutely fantastic trial at Upper Natone. It's a long way but gee it's worth the drive. It suits a winter trial to a tee. Good access, good parking, rideable slippery rocks and not too boggy. Well done to the North West crew for setting them, they were spot on. The weather was very kind in comparison to what the day could have been. Just enough of a shower or two to keep us honest as riders. The sections definitely got slipperier as the day went on. The mud dragged up and the rocks and was never really washed off, different techniques needed to be used throughout the day. Being able to go from putting the power on the rock/obstacle to knowing the sections are changing so the rider's power now needs to go down on the ground takes a bit of doing.

It was nice to have slightly longer sections for a change, they flowed quite well so it was no dramas at all. We have some great diversity in our events now which is fantastic I reckon. Just look how different our last two events were, both good events but slippery in two totally different ways.

Huge thanks to Nobby for taking home all the arrows and cleaning them after the event. It's a shame it worked out like that, I guess it's a distant event and people got going quickly to get home. Packing up the sections is just one of those jobs that needs to be done and many hands make little work of it. With a few people scraping and cleaning arrows and other putting them back in their holders it's a 10 minute job at the end of the day. I don't believe it's fair on one person to do it all in their own time. Rant over. Thanks for doing it though Nobby.

So all the TDN fund raising has been tallied up and finalised. As a state we have done an absolutely fantastic job. I dare say we have had a lot of fun doing it with some great events such as the Scottish trial and the training day. And we can't forget the pie drive that Rosie and Alysha instigated. All in all, most of the money that we have raised gave the members something for their money which I believe should be the way when donating. No point doing it if we can't all enjoy the experience. The raffle tickets are a great way to raise some money, thanks to those who purchased and a huge thanks to those who supplied the prizes. In total the TMTC club members managed to raise \$2700 (that's with the events and pie run), TMTC chipped in \$2300 to round the grand total to \$5000. The raffle tickets, we managed to move \$1100 worth. Like I said, a fantastic effort. On behalf of the entire team, we are so very grateful for the support of the club and its members. The TDN would not be possible without this fantastic support and backing of the trials community. All the riders, minders and the team manager are keen as and ready to give it our best shot and do our country proud.

Sounds like things are shaping up for the end of year presentations night. I hear there has been some shopping for wild party theme shirts. Loudest, brightest and funkiest shit possibly known to man is what the organisers are wanting to see lol.

Any ways that's about it from me.

Regards Baylesy.

Victorian Titles Report Chris Bayles

So usually something like this is written by Ian Pickering, there are a few key aspects to this trip that involve Pick himself and I believe he may have missed these few key topics when writing such a report.

So first up the Vic Titles were a success and a bloody fantastic trip. It was so good to see so many Tasmanians willing to make the effort and head across the water. It was a good representation from our TMTC club that's for sure. Our rider's ability covered all grades. The riders were Pick, Will, Jack, Zac, Alysha, Rosie, Fent and myself. Along for the support we had Kurt, Rob, Steve, Rosie's and Fents kids and also Prue, Rosie's mum.

It all started on the Thursday night grouping up on the top deck of the boat for a drink and a chin wag. Working on a plan to get to Bendigo by lunch took some working out let's say. I went one way to pick up a new piece for Nobby's collection, I'll leave it at that and not spill the beans on what his purchase was. The rest had a big brekky on the way up to Bendigo, settled into the accommodation near Bendigo and then regrouped back at Tom Scott's farm where we all had a ride in the rain. It was a good chance to jump on the bikes and adjust the riding style for the two days of big grippy granite rocks. It's a different riding style to what we had all been riding, plenty of traction on the sizable rocks. The couple of hours pre riding was definitely beneficial.

Here is sector one that Pick would have missed out on. Pick and Kurt were on the boat Friday night, landing them at the trials early Saturday morning once disembarking and driving. Why was Pick a day behind and why when he got there did he have two factory Ossas in the van?. Pick tried to explain that he's got a quality team backing him with such wealth that they can supply two bikes. The rest of us reminded him on his recent reliability of the Ossas and suggested that he needed an extra day at home in the shed getting one going, then deciding this is too risky traveling this far I better take the spare.

Competition days were perfect weather, a little rain on Friday settled things. Everyone flew into the first day of riding. A few nerves about the group, a few of our riders had never ridden on the mainland prior to this event. In saying this we had some wise advice from some experienced riders for these newbies. The first lap went slow, big daunting sections took some working out, looking at all the options. The later laps seemed to flow well. Hats off to those that were pushed out of their comfort zone. This was most riders as the grades were set at the upper level, I would say. A and Expert were under the 90 second time limit so that also took some getting used to.

Huge shout out to Kurt for observing both days. He had a couple of good sections both days. Saturdays was an easy section that still took points and Sunday's section was very complex and demanding for all grades. I know how Kurt thinks about trials and riders and he would have loved watching the lines and rides in a technical C B and A for section 2 on Sunday.

Team Lunn had a little romantic farm stay. Something was mentioned about a massage and I'm not sure what? Turns out it must have worked; they both rode exceptional well. Lunny did have one hell of a smile on him all weekend for some reason?

Sunday she was on, a few of us managed to have a visual on the results. She was head down and bum up. No ground to be lost for all of the Tassie crew. 5 new sections out of the 10 for the day. I would say both days had similar difficulty. A couple of the Sunday sections were steepish with some technical riding to be done. The weather was spot on for the two days, the sun was out.

The results for the event were read out very promptly. Let's just say I'm super proud of all of our riders, they did a fantastic job, pushed themselves, experienced that level of competition and all finished with a respectable result. I was nice to see so many prizes come back across the water, especially when the mainlanders love coming to Tassie and taking titles home.

Results

Rosie 1st in Womens
Alysha 1st in Trial 5
Pick 8th in Veterans

Zac 3rd in Masters
Jack 1st in Trial 3
Fent 2nd in Trial 2
Will 1st in Trial 2
Chris 2nd in Trial 1.

So the second sector to Picks weekend that we need to talk about... He was the only one out of the Tassie crew who didn't manage to finish on the podium. Not sure how he would have broken the news to the Ossa Academy and not sure if he'll keep his factory ride. Maybe some R and D to be done on the bike and rider. We're not sure, things are going to be very quiet in the ossa academy over the next few weeks. This is only banter, Pick did an exceptional job. Dare say his class of veterans is one of the most competitive classes in the event, some big names to ride against with a lot of combined years of experience. Not sure the Ossa factory will be as proud of you as we all were Pick. Done well mate.

If we had to choose one rider that excelled and took it up a notch, Fent and Myself decided that this Tasmanian rider was young Jack, riding a hard B grade line and handling it very well with an amazing result. Done well mate.

Sunday we all went out for dinner, may have had a few drinks and a chin wag with the likes of team Chello and the Boniface's.

All in all, it was a great weekend and we all had a blast. It was a great event that was run superbly by TCV. Well done Tassie for providing a good line up of competitive riders. Proud of you all. Looking forward to seeing you all develop with the new skills and boost of confidence for the rest of our season.

Regards Baylesy.

Newsletterman stuff

The TdN Fundraiser raffle has been drawn, you can watch it on the Team Australia Facebook page, but from memory, Steve Salter dominated, winning both the first prize of new boots, and sixth-ish prize of a Michelin rear tyre. Kurt and Conrad won GRO oil packs. I kinda wanted at least one of those, but congrats to those three!

Speaking of TdN things, a weekend or so ago TCV held an event which had teams of three riders. I've been told we can now do this for our own club in our existing scoring system. If we wanted to, for the Scottish trial, our own fundraiser, next year, we could do it as a teams event, just like the TdN. Teams of three, best two scores per section are counted, teams of two can also be entered as it can handle it. Anyway, that's just something to think about.

There's talk at the moment of a second twin shock event for next year, probably at the start of the year at Jericho, so watch this space for updates. A late summer's Saturday night camping at Jericho is pretty appealing I reckon and a good way to start the season off.

Toni Bou has claimed yet another world title, this time the indoor X Trial, taking his indoor tally to 16. For reasons I haven't discovered yet, the final round was cancelled and he was far enough ahead to not be beaten from the remaining events.

Yamaha have been working on an electric TY, the TY-E and it's a bit of a looker, there's some sharp lines and interesting shapes on it. Kenichi Kuroyama rode it in the French TrialGP, in Trial2 against petrol bikes and finished 31st out of 36. Check out some press photos of it here: <https://thepack.news/newsflash-yamaha-ty-e-2-0-entering-round-5-of-fim-trial-world-championship-in-france/>

Finally, and probably most importantly, if you want to keep an eye on how our guys and girls are going over in Monza, the TrialGP Results website does live scoring: <https://www.trialgp-results.com/> Jitsie also usually have end of lap results shown on Facebook and Twitter, so check them out too.

Upper Natone

Before I get to the ride bit, far out the drive in was interesting for those of us not in the area. So many trees ripped out of the ground, sheds bent out of shape and buildings stripped of their cladding from the wind a couple of months back. I'd seen photos but to see it in person was something else. I wouldn't have liked to be there when it was happening though. Even the trials site wasn't immune to that wind, see section 1 and that big root base ripped out of the ground. Aside from the wind, there's been heaps of rain, there were a couple of cool little waterfalls on the drive in too.

Upper Natone is a bit of a weird one, the soil is sandy kind of stuff where the sections are, so that drains well and there's mud, not as much as you'd think, but the track to the sections is not sandy and is just... mud, lots of mud, and water. A couple of those puddles on the track aren't exactly shallow either, Ron Owen kindly rode into one as the kids and I approached him, it was surprisingly deep, up near the front axle. That track is pretty well sheltered too, between sections 2 and 3, with no breeze. Millie loved it, it meant David Catt's Sherco exhaust fumes lingered in the air, she loves the smell of it. If you haven't had a chance, get a whiff of Catty's exhaust, it smells delicious. I worded that badly but it's staying as is.

Tasmania Police turned up to check the validity of the permit and make sure everyone is adhering to all the rules, such as staying off the button grass. Anyway, see photo below. A few of us were singled out to be put on the bretho, apparently, I might have had alcohol in my Camelbak. I told him I hadn't had a drink in 20 years, I don't think he believed me.

As I mentioned before, the wind partially made a section for us on section 1. That first log, leading downhill onto wet leaf litter covered rock was a tricky sucker, there were a few hairy moments and a couple of over the bars incidents there. A bunch of different lines you could take, then back up to the top of the rocks and out. Section 2 was a good example of making a tighter section for the higher levels while being flowing and open for the lower grades. Section 3 was not at all flowing and open, it was tight and twisty, it reminded me of "Picks Postage Stamp" section from Dilston years ago. Nothing too bad, though Millie slid off the end of the C grade log with the broken end, which caught in the chain and derailed it, which caused the chain to double back on itself and jam between the front sprocket and swingarm. Thanks Colin for using 'a stick and magic' (Cooper's words) for getting it back on while I went to get tools. Section 4 was a tricky thing, like someone had just thrown a bunch of rocks on the ground. Plenty of peg scraps happened on this one, and Cooper's monumental stack happened here too. Section 5 was a snotty start then tight, twisty back and forth close to your own tracks and up and out. Section 6, that C grade start was a great test of technique, a 'not much more than a bike length' turn on a large off camber rock, if you had to put your foot down make sure it's your right one or you'd go for a roll, and that tree root at the end was surprisingly slippery. There was some pretty big bits for the higher grades in this one too, impressive stuff. Section 7 was a nice variation of a previously used rock, there were some interesting lines taken by some B graders, and that bloody tight square rock bit after the large rock caught plenty of pegs, and got tighter as the day went on, the rock moved as people hit it.

One thing I noticed here, more than other events, lots of missed punches on cards, or not accurately punched cards. If there's no score punched, it's a five, or if it's half a 3 and half a 2, it'll go down as a 3. If you've bugged a card up, let someone in the scoring tent know, or if there's no one there, put an arrow to show the correct one, or a circle.

For the most part, scores were up higher than a 'normal' trial, which is a good thing, we're challenging people. Except Chris, because he won Expert.

Clubman sections were tight, and I said early in the day that Cooper would have been better on his 16in instead of his 20in, the shorter wheelbase would have helped. Turns out I was probably right, Will Delanty on the shorter wheel base Gas Gas put in an excellent ride and had very few issues, taking the win from Scott Pickering on the full sized Ossa. Cooper finished third.

Father Christmas Colin (looking like Santa with that beard) rode his sleigh-TY to the win in twinshock, giving Alex ~~a piece of coal~~ second place.

No Mike Travica in the top 3! Mike DNF'd C grade with a broken bike, which he's since fixed. Bryce Squibb finished 3rd, Newsletterman kept getting called 'girlypops' by Millie, and being told to 'slay queen' but apparently it worked and I got 2nd. David Catt drove a bloody long way and was rewarded with a win, which isn't really a reward, he did it himself.

C+ and Speedy Gonzales Nigel made short work of the sections, taking the win. In the last three events, Ian Pickering has finished 5th, 3rd and now 2nd, maybe he's short odds for a win at Mt Joy? Sam Calow bought home third.

Bit of a shake up in B grade, Jack Salter had an off day to miss the podium. Callum Millar didn't, he got third, Jenna Lupo finished 2nd before she takes off to Italy, Kalam Langworthy took the win.

That Electric Motion in A grade is, I reckon, a cool sounding thing, the science fictiony sort of 'rev' when it's launched, I rate it. Will Thornbury looks to be keeping hold of the A grade perpetual trophy with another win, ahead of Brendan Smith, Jordan Perkins in third.

Next events

It's a bit weird, you go to your mates place, he's not there, but you just hang out in his backyard anyway, but that's what it'll be like for the next event. Chris won't mind, I'm sure.

Mt Joy, at the first quarry, September 18th. Section setting is scheduled for the Sunday prior but check with a Northerner to confirm

Entries are open, get on it please <https://www.tastrials.org.au/entries/>



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Round 5 Upper Natone
Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club Inc
21 August 2022
Trialsport Scoring System

Place	Expert	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Chris BAYLES	13	2	4	6	8	18	3	54	54	11	7	10	4	3
Place	A Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Will THORNBURY	5	5	6	0	0	16	3	35	35	21	6	1	4	3
2	Brendan SMITH	13	2	8	1	2	10	4	40	40	17	8	4	3	3
3	Jordan PERKINS	13	10	0	4	1	10	4	42	42	13	12	2	7	1
4	Zak LUNN	12	5	17	4	1	15	16	70	70	6	9	3	15	2
5	Daniel FENTON	15	12	12	11	1	13	8	72	72	5	8	6	14	2
Place	B Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Kalam LANGWORTHY	7	1	0	1	1	11	0	21	21	24	6	2	2	1
2	Jenna LUPO	14	4	3	3	3	9	0	36	36	16	8	5	6	0
3	Callum MILLAR	13	5	1	2	2	16	5	44	44	15	10	4	2	4
4	Jack SALTER	13	9	5	7	2	15	5	56	56	8	10	9	6	2
5	Jarrold CHIVERS	17	5	5	5	3	11	10	56	56	6	13	7	8	1
6	Simon LANGWORTHY	17	11	8	6	4	15	9	70	70	5	7	8	14	1
Place	C Plus	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Nigel MUNDAY	2	0	1	2	0	5	10	20	20	25	6	2	0	2
2	Ian PICKERING	11	5	3	0	2	2	10	33	33	20	5	6	2	2
3	Sam CALOW	3	1	3	5	7	11	13	43	43	16	8	4	4	3
4	James FISH	10	7	3	2	4	5	16	47	47	13	10	7	1	4
5	Nobby GABBEDY	8	3	5	4	4	13	12	49	49	9	11	11	2	2
6	Ken HOSKING	15	8	8	6	5	12	15	69	69	4	10	10	8	3
7	David PARKER	15	10	7	8	12	13	16	81	81	3	9	7	11	5
Place	C Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	David CATT	9	1	1	0	1	3	10	25	25	20	9	4	1	1
2	Samuel LOCKHART	9	6	1	4	3	7	5	35	35	16	12	2	3	2
3	Bryce SQUIBB	9	0	3	5	6	2	16	41	41	18	8	2	3	4
4	Conrad BROWN-THOMAS	10	4	5	1	12	7	13	52	52	8	11	7	9	0
5	Braith LUNN	23	3	5	2	2	15	9	59	59	14	6	2	8	5
6	Bob PERKINS	21	12	1	1	5	9	15	64	64	11	11	2	3	8
7	Grant TAYLOR	14	8	4	7	7	18	13	71	71	6	9	8	7	5
8	Ron OWEN	19	2	6	9	17	11	13	77	77	7	3	7	15	3
9	Millie LOCKHART	17	7	12	12	13	6	15	82	82	4	8	11	4	8
10	Rosie ENNISS	15	10	11	13	12	13	11	85	85	1	5	11	16	2
11	Elliott SALTER	15	12	10	8	15	13	12	85	85	1	4	11	18	1
12	Alysha LUNN	15	3	13	16	15	15	14	91	91	3	2	5	23	2
13	Andrew SQUIBB	17	8	13	12	14	15	14	93	93	4	2	2	24	3
14	Con BROSNAN	13	14	15	16	19	19	23	119	119	0	4	6	11	14
DNF	Mike TRAVICA	1	0	3	0	0	1	5	10	DNF	3	2	0	1	1
NC	Mick LUSCOMBE	5	3	9	2	5	5	18	47	47	13	8	9	2	3
Place	Twinschock	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Colin WOODBERRY	7	5	5	6	9	7	16	55	55	12	10	4	4	5
2	Alex WOODBERRY	18	5	7	2	12	10	8	62	62	10	9	5	6	5
Place	Clubman	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Sun	Total	0	1	2	3	5
1	Will DELANTY	12	0	0	0	12	0	6	30	30	23	3	2	6	1
2	Scott PICKERING	8	6	9	1	15	1	12	52	52	14	7	1	11	2
3	Cooper LOCKHART	19	12	3	20	23	15	25	117	117	4	3	4	7	17

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