

# Megaphone

Newsletter of the Pioneer MCC

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## Oceania

As well as running the Nationals this year, Pioneer will also be hosting the FIM Oceania Trial Championship. This event will be run in conjunction with the New Zealand championship, and is a team competition between Australia and New Zealand. The last time we had an Aussie team in Canterbury was in 1978 (see p. 10).

## Mike Pero MotoFest arena trial

Jules Huguenin won the arena trial at the Hampton Downs Motofest after a close contest with super kid Dylan Ball. Former NZ champion Warren Laugesen was 3rd. Sandra and Roy were there to watch the action. Roy's report is on p. 7.



## Kaikoura 3 day trial

Josh Stones, Peter Dunn, Christine Thompson and Tui Scott are organizing this year's trial. The venues will be a new property on Dairy Farm Road and Barry Schroder's farm at Mt Fyffe. The pre-trial briefing and signon will be at the Whaler on Friday evening and there will be a buffet meal at the Lobster Inn on Saturday night. The online entry form is on the Pioneer website.

## SSDT

Carl Robson (Ixion) is riding in this year's Scottish. His riding number is 237 so he will be going around with Jack Sheppard who is #238.

## Life Member

Derek Scott was awarded a life membership at the AGM for the contribution he has made to the Club over many years. Derek has been president four times and this is his 12th year as club captain.

## Tommy McCleary

Tommy passed away on 26 April at the age of 88. He was one of NZ's top road racers during the 1950s and 1960s, and was also a generous sponsor of our events when he was running his motorcycle business.

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## Mick Andrews summer series

### Round 1 - Puaha Valley, 28 January (Section setter Tui Scott)

This year's first round of our summer series was run to a different format from that of other years. During our end of year debrief of the season at our December committee meeting it was brought to our attention that the age old chestnut of sections becoming too difficult again had indeed arisen. It was discussed in reasonably great depth and the conclusion was drawn that this was probably the case and if we were going to attract new members, or for that matter retain our current members, we would have to address the issue immediately. It was decided that a new direction would be taken and this would see each Summer Series event starting after lunch and the morning would be used to help riders with different aspects of our sport ranging from riding techniques to bike preparation. The first morning session of the series was this time dedicated to section setting, how, where, why, and what with full participation of the riders in attendance. Derek and Glenn broke the group into two teams and they proceeded to impart their knowledge and had everyone understanding the importance of flag placement and severity of sections in no time. The feedback was good with everyone saying that it was a very worthwhile exercise.

Lunch was eaten, hydration was completed and we were off for a play in the ten sections for the day. Tui had laid out a loop of eight and the morning crew added another two for the day's entertainment. The day was a stinker for temperature at the Manson property but there was a nice variation of terrain from grassy hillclimbs to the rocky creek at the bottom of the valley. Everybody agreed that it was a tad too hot, and that it was the first trial of the year, and it was the afternoon, and there were many more excuses forwarded for the completion of three laps instead of the normal four. Those in attendance had a good blow out and the excessive xmas pudding was evident with some riders suffering a little lethargy, me included. It was a little disappointing, however, for the committee to have put the effort in and produce an event to cater for what was asked for, to have only fourteen riders show on the day. Never mind we will keep trying.

#### Paul Jackson

Expert		Clubman A		Intermediate	
Glenn Smith	17	Rob McKay	7	Ross Bristol	16
Derek Scott	45	Ashley Duncan	10	Willie Ahomiro	28
Shane Brons	65	Steve Fisher	23	Paul Jackson	33
		Peter Barnett	25	Tim Bassett	53
				Tui Scott	68
		Clubman B		Hamish Barnett	DNF
		Ryan Taylor	23		

### Round 2 Motunau Beach Road, 11 February (section setters: Josh Stones, Stef Downes)

After a rather wet drive up to the venue on the road to Motunau Beach, 12 hardy riders gathered (in the rain) to ride in the second round of the Pioneer club's summer series. I might just add that the said venue is in fact nearly 12kms off SH1 and not in fact 5kms as is always quoted. Despite it raining the temperature was very pleasant.

As was the format for this year's series after briefing there was some training. This was overseen by Jules and as usual he has a very good knack of getting the message across to all levels of rider. A quick drink and a sammie and then it was into it. It was decided to move as a group due to the small numbers which worked well. This venue has steep grass slopes, a limestone and mud mix in the quarry and a few rocks dotted around. On this occasion the section setters (Josh and Co) had explored higher up the property and once the clouds dispersed

there was quite a good view. Section 9 on the way up was the points taker. For what looked like quite an innocent, shallow ditch in the middle of a paddock, it took a fair few points off quite a few of the riders. Yours truly included.

It was only the second time we have ridden there and I reckon it is a pretty good venue. There does appear to be scope for a lot more sections. We even had a couple of spectators turn up for a look see. For a day that threatened to be a wash out, it turned out to be very enjoyable. May more riders turn up next year.

Cheers All

**John Regan**

<b>Expert</b>		<b>Intermediate</b>		<b>Clubman A</b>	
Jules Huguenin	1st	Ross Bristol	1st	Rob McKay	1st
Glenn Smith	2nd	John Regan	2nd	Ashley Duncan	2nd
Josh Stones	3rd	Alan Honeybone	3rd		
Stef Downes	4th	Willie Ahomiro	4th		
Derek Scott	5th			<b>Clubman B</b>	
Shane Brons	6th			Karolyn Julès	1st

### **Round 3 Western Valley East, 25 February (section setters Simon and Kahu Jones)**

We had a bigger turnout for the third round and some new faces. It was good to have Gareth Wadsworth at one of our events. Gareth is studying engineering at Canterbury uni this year and we hope he'll have time to ride in more of our club trials. Kade de Vries and Ryan Taylor are two young riders who have started riding trials this year.

Jules ran another training session in the morning, and after lunch we rode the trial which had been set by Simon and Kahu. The section that most of us will remember was number 3 which had some tight turns around trees. When he was setting the section, Simon walked his bike around it to make sure it was rideable. It took points from most of us, but it didn't bother John who lost only 2 points for the day.

<b>Expert</b>		<b>Intermediate</b>		<b>Clubman A</b>	
Jules Huguenin	16	John Regan	2	Simon Jones	11
Josh Stones	56	Willie Ahomiro	16	Kahu Jones	13
		Ross Bristol	17	Rob McKay	16
		Tim Bassett	25	Kade de Vries	31
<b>A Grade</b>		Alan Honeybone	28	Ashley Duncan	32
Glenn Smith	25	Peter Hosking	37	Peter Barnett	45
Gareth Wadsworth	31	Tui Scott	37	Mathew Stockman	49
Shane Brons	42	Hamish Barnett	40	Ryan Taylor	68
Derek Scott	46				





## Round 4, Hurunui Bluffs 11 March (section setters: Glenn Smith, John Regan, Shane Brons, Rob McKay)

The fourth round of the summer series was held at Mt Benger on the Hurunui bluffs road, beside the Hurunui river. This was the third time we had used this property and the third different venue on the property (when you have over 5000 acres to choose from you have a lot of scope. This time we used an area behind the wool shed in a forested area with some very steep gullies and grippy hillclimbs pegged by John Regan, Shane Brons, Glenn Smith and Rob McKay.

Conditions were perfect, even though the day was hot it was very pleasant being under the trees all day. Sections were technically demanding but not scary giving a wide range of scores. The day started with training by Glenn on bike set up which is something often overlooked, but which has a huge influence on the day's scores. We then broke into two groups for the first lap to enable training to carry on. All the young guys keen to learn with Glenn and the hopeless cases like me and Ross with Josh. It was a great first lap, and good to have several opinions on how to ride the sections. The sections were reasonably hard but not scary or impossible hard and with the conditions on the day and training assistance given scores were reasonably low although everyone looked like they had used some energy by the end of the day.

What is really encouraging to see at the moment is the three young guys riding who are improving really fast. All three have the ability to be at the top of New Zealand trials in the next three years, they will not need to go to enduros to get top five finishes. It would be great to get the club behind them so they can rocket through the grades. The time spent with Jules is certainly paying off. Even that old young guy Tui is riding to a fairly good level now and will be placing in intermediates soon.

A great trial thanks to the section peggers and special thanks to farmers Jane and Stewart Fraser. I look forward to the exploring trail ride around the farm to find the limestone valley.

### Alan Honeybone

Twenty keen looking riders gathered at the Hurunui Bluffs a few kilometers downstream from the Hurunui Hotel. This was a cracker spot on a calm sunny day, with plentiful shade available on the sections. Proceedings commenced by popular demand with a bike set-up session run by Glenn Smith, who provided useful tips regarding bar and lever positions, desirable fittings, control adjustments and tyre pressures.

Glenn and Derek then continued to support riders with tips on how to negotiate trickier spots, boosting both rider confidence and forward progress in general. Sections were varied and interesting, combining pine needles, gravel, creek beds, mud, logs, rock and roots, with a couple of climbs thrown in to keep things interesting, and enjoyable rides between. The yellow climb on Section 4 provided the Clubman riders with some quality entertainment, and the root-strewn climb on section 10 looked like a real challenge for higher grades. One rider had a refreshing moment in the creek on section 7 and I can vouch for the softness of the pine needles on Section 2.

Well done to the low scorers, of note was Kade's smooth and controlled looking ride in Clubman A. Good to see Dave Chambers back again too. A well run and memorable day, thanks to Josh, Glenn, Derek for the coaching.

### John Phillips



Rob was in good form during the series.



Simon is back on the Gasser after sorting out some water pump issues.

<b>Expert</b>		<b>Intermediate</b>		<b>Clubman A</b>	
Glenn Smith	43	Alan Honeybone	23	Rob McKay	24
Josh Stones	45	John Regan	24	Kade de Vries	27
Shane Brons	63	Ross Bristol	30	Ashley Duncan	35
Derek Scott	67	Tui Scott	55	Peter Barnett	44
		Tim Bassett	55	Dave Chambers	47
				Nigel Bunny	51
				Steve Fisher	52
				John Phillips	59
				Ryan Taylor	74

### Round 5, McQueens Valley 25 March (section setters: Ashley, Tui, Peter H)

For the final round of the series, Ashley was keen for us to set some new sections in other areas of his property rather than re-use the sections from last September's trial. He was also hoping, weather permitting, that we would have some sections up near the top of the hill. So after a long day on Saturday we had 10 new sections and a loop which went from the car park to the ridge line. On Sunday, section 9 had to be abandoned due a problem with crowd control (Ashley's cows) but it wasn't a great loss.

There were some good rides. Kahu missed a marker in a section on the first lap but after that lost only 3 more points and he did well to finish ahead of Rob. In intermediate Alan also recovered from missing a marker early on to tie on points with Ross. In A grade, Glenn, Shane, Derek and Willie were unfazed by some ugly looking obstacles. Tim Bassett was unlucky to catch his finger in the rear wheel of his bike when he stepped off it in section 4. This resulted in to a trip to A&E where it was stitched up. Tim has moved up to intermediate this year and has been riding well so we hope he'll be back on his bike again soon.

<b>Expert</b>		<b>Intermediate</b>		<b>Clubman A</b>	
Glenn Smith	30	Ross Bristol	15	Kahu Jones	8
Shane Brons	50	Alan Honeybone	15	Rob McKay	15
Derek Scott	56	John Regan	17	Ashley Duncan	21
Willie Ahomiro	63	Peter Hosking	28	Matt Stockman	22
		Simon Jones	52	Steve Fisher	29
		Tui Scott	53	Peter Barnett	30
		Tim Bassett	dnf	John Phillips	35
				Christine Thompson	dnf
				Peter Dunn	dnf



There was a lot of media interest when it was announced that Rob and Glenn had won the summer series.

## Mick Andrews summer series – overall results

<b>Expert</b>	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5		<b>Clubman A</b>	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	
Glenn Smith	25	22	20	25	25	<b>117</b>	Rob McKay	25	25	20	25	22	<b>117</b>
Shane Brons	20	15	16	20	22	<b>93</b>	Ashley Duncan	22	22	16	20	20	<b>100</b>
Derek Scott	22	16	15	18	20	<b>91</b>	Peter Barnett	18		15	18	15	<b>66</b>
Josh Stones		20	22	22		<b>64</b>	Steve Fisher	20			14	16	<b>50</b>
Jules Huguenin		25	25			<b>50</b>	Kahu Jones			22		25	<b>47</b>
Gareth Wadsworth			18			<b>18</b>	Kade de Vries			18	22		<b>40</b>
Stef Downes		18				<b>18</b>	Mathew Stockman			14		18	<b>32</b>
Willie Ahomiro					18	<b>18</b>	Simon Jones			25			<b>25</b>
							John Phillips				13	14	<b>27</b>
<b>Intermediate</b>							Ryan Taylor			13	12		<b>25</b>
Ross Bristol	25	25	20	20	25	<b>115</b>	Dave Chambers				16		<b>16</b>
John Regan		22	25	22	20	<b>89</b>	Nigel Bunny				15		<b>15</b>
Alan Honeybone		20	16	25	22	<b>83</b>	Christine Thompson						dnf
Willie Ahomiro	22	18	22			<b>62</b>	Peter Dunn						dnf
Tui Scott	16		14	18	15	<b>63</b>							
Tim Bassett	18		18	16	dnf	<b>52</b>	<b>Clubman B</b>						
Peter Hosking			15		18	<b>33</b>	Ryan Taylor	25					
Paul Jackson	20					<b>20</b>	Karolyn Julès		25				
Simon Jones					16	<b>16</b>							
Hamish Barnett	dnf		13			<b>13</b>	<b>Junior</b>						
							Tim Bassett	25		25	25		<b>75</b>
<b>Women</b>							Ryan Taylor	22		18	20		<b>60</b>
Stef Downes		25				<b>25</b>	Kahu Jones			22		25	<b>47</b>
Karolyn Julès		22				<b>22</b>	Kade de Vries			20	22		<b>42</b>

## The AGM – 1 March 2018

Josh was elected as club president at the AGM, and Jules takes over from Sandra as secretary. Sandra has put in many hours of invaluable secretarial work for the Club over the past 8 years. Thanks too to Paul for all his work as president in 2017/18.

The new committee is:

Patron: Peter McDonald  
 President: Josh Stones  
 Vice President: Shane Brons  
 Secretary: Jules Huguenin  
 Treasurer: Ross Bristol  
 Club Captain: Derek Scott  
 Committee members:

Peter Dunn, Mike Elliott, Roy Hallie, Sandra Hallie, Alan Honeybone, Peter Hosking, John Phillips, Tui Scott, Christine Thompson.



## Hampton Downs MotoFest Arena trial

Roy Hallie reports on the NZ Arena Trials Championship held at Hampton Downs as part of the Mike Pero Motofest.

We flew to Auckland on the Friday and picked up a camper for the weekend, travelled down to Hampton Downs and established ourselves in the on-site camping ground and caught up with Neil and John and the site staff who were putting in finishing touches to the obstacle course of 7 sections. The obstacles were well thought out with enough variety to provide different riding skill requirements. The course was in an ideal spot just beyond the carpark entrance as everyone entered the grounds and walked past the trials demo. On Saturday morning we all gathered for the riders briefing and thrashed out the riding plan and how we fitted into the event programme. The original plan was to run 3 laps each day and the riding format was to change each day with qualifying and elimination rounds on Saturday and the finals on Sunday. Unfortunately event restrictions and timetabling only allowed for 2 rounds each day but this was more than adequate to put on a good display.

Day 1 was run as a rotating start, total points elimination with all riders riding in a new order at each section and the best riders starting in that order on Day 2. Sunday was run on an elimination basis and riders dropped off as they were eliminated. There was some impressive riding on both days and some reasonable offs with Phil Shilton breaking the rear shock mounting on his Beta on day 1 and having to resort to riding his dad's bike for the rest of the weekend; and Bert Williamson did not start on day 2. MNZ were very short on officials and we got roped in for tyre qualifying checks for championship classes in the superbike series events. When we did get back to the trials arena there were never less than 100 plus people watching the display and on Sunday morning there were in excess of 300 people cheering and clapping. Sections were possibly a bit harder than they needed to be but fitted in well with all the other events going on - Big Air Comp, Kids trail ride, Stunt riding and past Masters road racing display. All in all a great event and an amazing venue and well worth the time setting it up with good sponsorship coming from Hampton Downs/ GasGas and in particular Motul.

### Results

Day 1: Jake Whitaker 1, Jules Huguenin 12, Warren Laugesen 13, Matt Foster 18, Dylan Ball 18, Blake Fox 27, Phil Shilton 32, Bert Williamson 33.

Day 2 Round 1: Matt 11, Jules 12, Warren 15, Dylan 18, Blake 37, Phil 40, Bert DNR, Jake DNR

Round 2: Jules 7, Dylan 8, Warren 17, Matt 24 (Phil and Blake eliminated in Round 1)



Dylan, Warren and Jules in action on day 2



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## A Comprehensive test of the new Sherco ST250

A group of Pioneer members recently tested Alan Honeybone's new Sherco 250 as supplied by Brendon Wadsworth at Marlborough trials centre. The bike has considerable changes this year including the new light weight Tec forks and Rieker rear shock as used on the factory, improved radiator mount and air cleaner access, and improved ignition. But does this make it better? We looked at many different aspects of the bike to determine how suitable it is for the average Pioneer member. Below are the reactions of the different test pilots.

### Styling

Alan Honeybone thought the styling was awesome and the colour perfect as it matched all his riding gear.

Jules Hugenin said "it is not red. All good bikes are red."

Peter Hosking said "the chain is on the wrong side."

Josh Stones asked if he could throw it off a bank to see how it looked after a crash, as this is how he normally looks at his bikes. Alan wasn't that keen on this test.

Tui said "yes I like it but will make a decision after test riding."



### Engine performance

Alan and Tui both liked the smoothness of the engine and the amount of power.

Jules said "it's only a 250 why waste my time riding it. Only 300s are worth riding. Most important it's not a GasGas so it will be a piece of sheet." We are not sure what he means by sheet, may be a French term.

Peter Hosking said "well at least it's not a 4 stroke."

### Handling, suspension, grip and steering

Alan thought the suspension was improved over the 2016 although he admitted that he hasn't got a clue on setup and it might just be that Gareth set the suspension up on this bike not Brendon.

Tui wanted to know why there was no jarring on the big bumps and why he was getting so much rear wheel grip. At this point we lost Tui from the test group apparently he was on the phone to Brendon ordering his new one.



Jules said “it is a piece of crap, if it is not a GasGas it is rubbish.”

### What it is like to ride in sections

Alan said it is very similar to the previous model. It is a very forgiving bike and an easy bike and an easy ride for people of my level. There always seems to be lots of grip. I like the very light front and think they are a good choice for a short arse rider.

Jules said he didn’t want to ride it because it was the wrong colour, was not a 300 and was not a GasGas, hence it would be a piece of sheet.

Josh said “can I try throwing it off this bank?” We said no so we are not sure of Josh’s overall thoughts of the bike. Alan was not very keen on Josh testing the bike properly as the previous day Josh had borrowed Alan’s McGregor Mach 7 for a motokana. Josh misunderstood the aim of Motokana thinking the aim was to knock over all the cones, instead of avoiding them. So with bits still hanging off the car he had visions of the bike looking the same.

Tui was no help at all as he spent most of the time haggling with Brendon trying to get a better deal.

Overall we agreed that the bike was blue, had two wheels, was not a GasGas. We all agreed that being light it was easy to put on the trailer and apart from Josh there was no need to throw it over a bank to appraise the styling. We hope this indepth analysis is helpful. Next issue our test rider is going to review another club member’s bike. Contact Josh if you would like your bike to be reviewed.



Trev Bennett’s name plate for the Tasmanian 2 day trial in March. Riders from the mainland take the ferry to Tasmania



John Regan is riding in the Tranzalpine Scooter Safari on 19 May to raise funds for the Cancer Society. John’s fundraising page is:

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## Trans Tasman 1978

The last time that Pioneer hosted an Australia v New Zealand team contest was in 1978. Back then it was known as the Trans Tasman, and it was held over 4 rounds, with round 1 in Blenheim, round 2 in Nelson and rounds 3 and 4 in Canterbury, which Pioneer organized. Alan Honeybone was the chief organizer for the series.

In the 1970s there was only one grade so each country selected their best three riders for the contest. The Australian team was made up of Jeff Gough (Queensland), Peter Paice (New South Wales) and Peter Luscombe (Western Australia). Gough was the current Australian champion, and Paice had won the title in 1975 and 1976. Another rider, Steve Holzhauser also rode in the four rounds as a private entrant and paid his own way but was used as the reserve for the team. He rode a Yamaha TY250C which Bruce Morton lent him. A couple of years earlier when the Aussies had ridden in the North Island, Peter Paice and another team member Alan Kerney had ridden TY175s and had been seriously underpowered in the mud and on the hills, so they had learnt from this and arrived with bigger capacity machines. Paice had a Montesa 348, Gough a Kawasaki KT250, and Luscombe a TL Honda with a 450 cc motor. The cost of transporting the bikes from Australia and the return airfares for the riders was paid by Pioneer and despite fund raising efforts the club lost money from running the series.

The New Zealand team was Paul Symons (Hastings), Neil Harris (Wellington) and Mark Patterson (Rotorua), with Ken Murray (Balclutha) as reserve. The 1977 New Zealand champion Greg Power was unavailable due to injury (a broken femur), and Peter Grinter was surprisingly not included, even though he had finished ahead of Mark and Ken in the nationals and had a lot more experience. Peter had also won the first round of the 1978 championship by a 40 point margin but even that was not enough to convince the NZ trials commissioner Ivan Ace that he should be in the team.

The kiwis started well with a win in the first round in Blenheim. Paul Symons and Neil Harris finished ahead of Jeff Gough, while Peter Paice and Mark Patterson tied on 121 pts. Peter Luscombe finished down the field in 12th spot. Peter Grinter was the winner of the individual competition.

**New Zealand** 332 (P. Symons 102, N. Harris 109, M. Patterson 121)

**Australia** 369 (J. Gough 110, P. Paice 121, P. Luscombe 138)

The next day at Nelson, Peter Luscombe had a dnf so Steve Holzhauser's result was included in the Australian team's score, and Ken Murray replaced Neil Harris in the New Zealand team. The Aussies loved the large limestone rocks and logs at Canaan which were similar to what they were used to riding at home. Paice and Gough were first and second, and Holzhauser finished 3rd after tying with Mark Patterson on 21 pts.

**Australia** 51 (P. Paice 14, J. Gough 16, S. Holzhauser 21)

**New Zealand** 84 (M. Patterson 21, K. Murray 30, P. Symons 33)

A week later the series was continued in Canterbury. The venue for the two Pioneer rounds was Prices Valley on Banks Peninsula and the sections had been set by Kerry Miles and Malcolm McGibbon. Unfortunately for New Zealand Neil Harris had a bad day on Saturday finishing 21st, and the 103 points he lost put the kiwis out of contention. One NZ official suggested that Harris should dnf so that Ken Murray's score could be used instead, but the New Zealand team decided not to play that game.

**Australia** 177 (P. Paice 34, P. Luscombe 64, J Gough 79)

**New Zealand** 203 (M. Patterson 46, P.Symons 54, N. Harris 103)

Going into round 4 the New Zealand team still had a chance to draw the series but it was not to be. Gough had his best day of the series, and won the trial. Paice was 4th and Luscombe finished ahead of Patterson and Harris.

**Australia** 214 (J.Gough 57, P.Paice 66, P. Luscombe 91)  
**New Zealand** 246 (P. Symons 58, M. Patterson 93, N. Harris 95)

Ivan Ace had the job of presenting the shield to the Aussies, and trying to work out went wrong. Would it have made a difference if Greg Power had been available? Who knows ...



Back row: Mark Patterson, Ken Murray, Peter Luscombe, Steve Holzhauser, Jeff Gough. Front row: Paul Symons, Peter Paice.



Peter Paice riding a section at Prices Valley

### Individual results

#### Blenheim - round 1

1. P. Grinter	99
2. P. Symons	102
3. S. Holzhauser	102

#### Nelson - round 2

1. P. Paice	14
2. J. Gough	16
3. S. Holzhauser	21
4. M. Patterson	21

#### Christchurch - round 3

1. P. Paice	34
2. S. Holzhauser	45
3. M. Patterson	46

#### round 4

1. J. Gough	57
2. P. Symons	58
3. S. Holzhauser	58

### Al's memories:

It was this bunch of Aussies who had so much influence on the way we rode trials in NZ. They rode in much lower gears and used more technique than most kiwis as they had English riders coaching them.

At the time Ken Murray was very young (about 17). When we travelled around the events the Aussie team travelled with us and we all became good mates, but Ken being the humble country boy was a bit overcome by one very self-confident Aussie who talked about his ability all the way to Blenheim. Ken said to me his aim for the series was to beat this rider. This he did.

Jeff Gough enjoyed his time in New Zealand so much he brought his wife out many years later to show her all the places he had enjoyed.

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**Next events** – for more information and directions to the venues see the Pioneer website.

Omihi club trial	13 May
Kaikoura 3 day trial	2-4 June
Western Valley club trial	24 June
Kaituna club trial	22 July

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