



Megaphone

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Oceania and the nationals



By the end of Labour weekend Scotty had good reason to feel happy after organising a very successful trial which was widely praised. In this issue we have two reports: one from Kevin Pinfold who gives an insight into

what was happening in the intermediate class, and the other is by Trevor Bennett who came over from Canberra to watch the event.

Also inside are the results of the South Island championship and the club champs. We are planning to hold the prize giving for the club championship early next year.

Greybeards

The Greybeards Trial has been postponed until 20 January (tbc).

t shirts

We have some t shirts which were printed for the Oceania available for \$25 each. Sizes are large (2 available) and medium (3). There are also five bags, \$30 each. The bags are ideal for wet gear at the end of a trial. We are selling these at cost price. There are also three trophies for sale (see p. 13). If you are interested contact Derek.

Photos

Peter & Lynette Barnett and Neil Sturmfels took some great photos at the nationals.

Peter has put 350 on his Flickr page

www.flickr.com/photos/nzpeterb/albums

Neil's photos are available here:

<https://1drv.ms/f/s!AgIQaFgOlckDgaR3GMiqUuB0u9-pOQ>

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The 2018 Oceania Championship

This year's challenge was a close contest which the Australian team won by 1 point. It was so close in fact that on the third day the lead changed on each lap. The New Zealand team was ahead at one stage but the Aussies finished strongly to take the win.

Saturday – Living Springs

Despite having problems with a malfunctioning fan, and having to bypass the thermostat using some cable ties and a muesli bar wrapper, Kevin Zarczynski was first in expert. Tom Woodhouse riding a Scorpa 125 that Brendon had lent him finished ahead of Daniel Herbert in the juniors, and Hannah scored a point for New Zealand in the women's class.

Australia	2 pts (Kevin Zarczynski, Tom Woodhouse)
New Zealand	1 pt (Hannah Rushworth)

Sunday - Manderley

On Sunday, the New Zealand team evened the score, with Jules winning in expert and Hannah finishing ahead of Sarah Chivers again. Tom Woodhouse had another good day but Kevin Zarczynski had a front wheel puncture on the first lap and by the time a spare tube was found and fitted he had lost over an hour. He then had to rush to finish.

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Monday – Graylees Road

With both teams on 3 points it looked like the outcome would depend on whoever won in the expert class, but there were to be some surprises. Daniel had his best day of the weekend and finished ahead of Tom, while Sarah unexpectedly won the women's. Sarah had had difficulty adapting to our terrain on the first two days but by day 3 she was becoming more familiar with it. Hannah was ahead of Sarah at the end of the second lap but she was unable to match Sarah's very good final round. In expert it was close early on and at the end of lap 2, Kevin was on 33 and Jules on 40, but on the final lap Kevin rode superbly to drop only 4 points and seal the win for Australia.

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The full results of the Oceania and NZ Championship are on the Pioneer and MNZ websites.
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Kevin Zarczynski is the first Australian to win the New Zealand championship since Steve Johnson in 1981. Kevin also won the NZ Experts on day 3.



Kurt Pickering from Tasmania impressed everyone with the way he rode Tui's TLR200. Kurt won the twin shock class here and in Australia this year.

Oceania/Nationals report (1) - by Kevin Pinfold

Thought you might all like to know how the dynamic Manawatu Orion duo of Hannah Rushworth and Kevin Pinfold went at the 2018 Oceania and NZ Trials Champs in Christchurch over Labour weekend. Well pretty good if I say so myself. Hannah's goal was to take the NZ Women's title and hold her end up as the NZ woman rider in the Oceania team and mine was to finish in the top three of the Intermediate Grade. Not an official NZ Champs grade but a support grade, but highly competitive all the same. This grade sported the largest field and with a good half dozen or so riders capable of winning. A mixture of young and old talent.

It didn't get off to the best of starts – well for me anyway. I came down with a stinker of a cold straight after our club trial the previous Sunday and felt dog all week, and then Thursday afternoon I ended up with a bad eye infection. Ugliest looking eye you've ever seen. Got some antibiotic drops from the chemist on the way home from work and threw them in my right eye every 4 hours. Finally got to bed about midnight after packing bikes and Vertigo spares and Motos clothing and you name it in the van, and needed to be on the road at 6 am to catch the ferry. Bad sleep as coughing up green gunge all night and was getting very worried about the state of my health. Staying home seemed like a good option, but how would Hannah get there.....

Listened to the 5 am news only to hear that the road was closed south of Pukerua Bay due to a truck falling on its lid and biffing some toxic substance everywhere. All traffic diverted over the Paekakariki hill road which is a narrow twisty road. I thought na, that's going to be a disaster what with all the early morning commuter traffic heading to Wellington, so let's pull finger and head off via the Wairarapa which is usually about half an hour longer to the ferry. Hannah had stayed the night so we got our a's into g and were out of here like a dog shot up the backside just before 6am. Trip to the ferry was a bit slower than hoped for due to trucks and the slow Rimutaka's, and traffic on the Hutt motorway. Anyway got the ferry with 30 mins to spare. At least we didn't get to queue - drove straight on.

My eye was a wee bit better but still not brilliant and I wasn't coughing too much gunge but I thought I might seek some medical assistance in Blenheim. Was worried about getting a lung infection and needing anti b's to sort it. Doctor didn't think I needed anti b's so all good. Gave me some anti b ointment for my eye and said under no circumstances should I use contact lenses while I have an eye infection – which I knew anyway. I wear contacts when I ride. That's going to be fun then isn't it as I've never ridden with glasses. Only need + 1.5's but without I can't see clearly enough to ride confidently – old age.....

Anyway we eventually arrived at our hosts Roy and Sandra Hallie's in Rangiora about 7 pm a bit travel weary. Too tired to make the trip into Chch for sign in – we'll do that in the morning at the trial.

At least I got the best night's sleep I'd had all week. Think Hannah slept ok. She was in the house and I was in the caravan which was a good thing as I could cough my lungs out all night and not keep everyone awake. Trev "the voice of Aussie trials" and Cheryl "the ears of Aussie trials" Bennett were also camping at the Hallie billabong.

Only problem camping at Rangiora was the distance to each day's event. Day one was about one hour away at Governors Bay. 10.30 am kick off for the trial with about 65 riders. Hannah and I rode Intermediate which had the largest number of riders – about 18. And Hannah as I've already mentioned was the woman member of the NZ Oceania team and up against Sarah Chivers from Aussie. Sarah is 18 and Hannah 15. One other woman was competing, Gabby Gundry from Tauranga and also in Inters. So not only did Hannah want to beat the Aussie girl she also wanted to beat the more experienced 24 year old Gabby. I think Hannah was a bit nervous as we had no idea how good Sarah was. She had competed for Australia at the women's TDN and when Hannah rode in Aussie last year she didn't go up against Sarah who rode in "Open Women" while Hannah rode Junior Women.

We had 12 sections, three laps and mostly in and around a small slippery stream up a gully in bush, so rocks, tree roots etc. Also two in dry rocks on a hillside. I had a bad first lap and

couldn't cope with wearing my "Warehouse special" glasses. Also felt a bit drained and felt my glass was half empty. And it was a hot day. Confidence was not there. I lost 19 points on that lap which had me in 9th= - not good. Hannah had a wobbly first lap for 26, two in front of Sarah but 9 behind Gabby.

So I made the call to ditch the glasses and whack some contacts in and take the risk. Also slurped down a heap of glucose dosed water and got back into it. My energy and confidence suddenly appeared and I ripped off a lap of 9 which gave me the best lap by 2. Hannah upped her game for a lap of 18 which had her 2nd of the three women behind Gabby going into the last lap, but a country mile ahead of the ocker who'd had a shocker.

So out for the last lap and I was feeling a million bucks and ripped around for 5 points with only one other in single figures on 8. Hannah had her best lap with 16 lost whereas Gabby had a shocker of a lap of 38. So the results had me a clear winner on 33 with the young 14 year old Aussie Junior team member Tom Woodhouse second on 40. Hannah was in 12th and really happy to be ahead of the other girls.

Unfortunately Team Aus was ahead in the Oceania, as both our Expert (Jules Huguenin) and Junior (Daniel Herbert) were beat by their rivals, Kevin Zarczynski and Tom Woodhouse. At least Hannah held her end up.

Day two was even further away near Little River. Another hot day and a brilliant venue with a creek of slippery rocks that just stay slippery all day – I call them soap rocks. Also a few tree roots and dirt climbs. I had a slow start as when I was preparing to ride the first section I had team Sherco in my ear looking for a flywheel key. Yes team Vertigo had one so that wasted 10 minutes looking for that. Cleaned the first two sections and then messed up the third when I headed up the clubman line but soon realised my error but it cost me two dabs to get through a pile of ugly rocks back to my line – dick head. Then on the way to the fifth section the bike started steering funny and hello a flat front tyre. Haven't had one of those for maybe 15 years, but I did hit in fairly hard on a rock on the section I'd just ridden. So back to the van and flash a tube. I just kept calm about it as I knew we had plenty of time.

Only thing was I got behind the pack so didn't get to see any other Intermediates that first lap to see how the sections were riding. I got going again and the next group of sections were quite gnarly ones on slippery rocks. But maybe riding on my own helped as I absolutely blitzed them. Cleaned everything in my path but did drop a couple of dabs on easier sections to finish the lap on 4. Absolutely destroyed the opposition with the next best being Matt Woodhouse (Tom's dad) from Australia on 14. I'm sure that score must have demoralised the other riders. Still don't know how I did it, just one of those laps you pull out of the bag once in a blue moon.

Hannah had a ripper lap too and lost 21 which had her 8th =. That included a good crash on section 6 – her only 5 of the day. That had her 14 and 15 points ahead of the other girls. Team MOMCC acing it ...

My second and third laps weren't so good and I wasn't too worried as I was pretty confident no one would topple me. In fact on the second lap I was best = with the young Aussie on 13 but only had the 6th best lap on the last. But I'd done all I needed to take a comfortable win on 32 from the 14 year old Aussie on 41. Our young fella's must have been gutted as not only was the oldest in the class winning but the youngest was sitting in second – and an Australian to boot. Good kid though.

Hannah had an even better second lap being 6th best. A very good ride indeed and one she should be proud of. Those sections weren't easy and needed to be ridden with pinpoint accuracy if you didn't want to end up paddling out the end on three or worse still sitting on your backside in the water. She flagged a bit on the last lap as she got tired but still trounced the other girls and a good number of the boys too. She lost 60 points for 10th place. Sarah dropped 105 and Gabby 110.

Team NZ got two riders over the line today with Jules winning Expert and of course Hannah doing the business. And in a separate side competition on the day, the North V South trophy was on the line. I was our nominated Inter rider and we just snuck in to take the trophy.



PMCC's Blake Fox and David Trewin were 1st and 3rd in expert red (A grade). In this photo Dave is riding section 11 at Living Springs.



Simon Hopkins rode in his first national and was 3rd on day 3 in clubman.

So into the final day with Australia and NZ tied up for the Oceania. The venue was another cracker out towards Little River with another “soap rock” creek plus a few dry rocks on a hill. And a few bigger rocks to get over today too. And the hottest day too I think – mid 20’s. I was still feeling confident although a wee bit jaded as I’d been coughing all night and hadn’t slept well. Hannah was a bit tired but still up for it although I think she was putting pressure on herself by thinking just one last day and I really want to take all three over the other girls.

Mind you I had in the back of my mind that it was still mine to lose too, as young Aussie Tom was only 6 Championship points behind me and a bad ride could easily see me 6 or so places behind him and heading out the door in second. 45 years of riding does mean you are old, but well experienced too to handle the pressure.....

I thought perhaps I should help our 16 year old junior Daniel get over the line at least once against his Aussie opposition. I’ve helped Daniel the past couple of years off and on, and it’s only early this year he beat me for the first time and went on to finish 2nd in the NI series one place ahead of me. But he’d seemed content to do his own thing all weekend so far. In fact I guessed he’d probably come and ask if he could ride with me Monday and sure enough just before riders brief he sidled up to me and said in his quiet teenager grunt speak “Kevin can I ride with you today”. So I said in my grumpy old man speak “yes as long as you don’t beat me”.

I was looking forward to helping him get one up on his Aussie opposition. Daniel’s a good kid and a blimmin good rider and I like riding with him, but he can get his bottom lip on the ground if he has a few bad rides. And at the end of the day he helps me as much as I help him as we seem to work well in the sections together. Often he just needs a bit of guidance on the first lap and then just goes his own way for the rest of the trial.

But not today. He stuck to me like glue and I really enjoyed the competition that went on between us. Inters had to start on section four and when we got there it was like yeah we’re in for a hard day if they’re all like this. Quite long with a few good size rocks at different angles and to finish off a drop back into the stream and a very tricky U turn over slippery rocks before exiting out on the grass. Of course Daniel always likes me to go first but I was happy to today as my goal was to help him beat Tom. After the first lap he was happy to go first sometimes. Anyway we both kicked off with a 3 as did all the other Inters on this section I think. No, in fact Hannah 5’d it as did Gabby. Aussie girl had a 3.

The rest of the sections bar a couple were a bit easier than section 4. Funny thing happened to Daniel on section 7 when riding it. A clump of dead Mingy bush got caught by his rear wheel and got wrapped around the wheel and sprocket. Just as he got the front wheel out of the section for clean it jammed so tight it killed the Beta 125 engine dead. If he hadn’t got way off line it wouldn’t have happened. Took a while to un-jam that carry on. Then on the very slippery rocky

section 9 the unthinkable happened when Daniel's foot slipped when taking a dab and he instantly sat on his bum with the bike on top of him. Ha ha Kev got a 2 and was happy with that. The sort of section that anything less than 3 is a bonus. There was only one clean by an Inter on this section all day and it wasn't either of us – Kevin Gundry actually. We both got a 1 & 2 each on the other laps.

So I came in on 6 points and Danny boy on 10 for the first lap. Jason Day (NI Inter Champ) was also on 6 with the next best being Tom on 13. Bit close Daniel, pull finger lad. So he did and put in a lap of one but I kept close on 4 to maintain a one point lead. The Aussie kid did a 9 and Jason 8. A close day. But Hannah's wheels fell off poor girl. She dropped 37 on lap one and was sitting last 5 points behind Aussie – not good Hannah. Mind you I wasn't aware of what she was up too at this stage. I was too focused on what Daniel and I were doing.

I kept the pressure up on the last lap and went around for 6 but Daniel threw away a few soft dabs on the easier sections for a round of 7 which had me home on a total of 16 and Dan boy 18. He was annoyed with himself for losing the few silly ones but happy as he knew Tom couldn't beat him as he was already on 22 after two laps – mission accomplished Aussie wise. But then Jason came in on 3 and burst Daniels bubble – got him by one point but I was ok as Jace was still one behind me – yea done it, three wins, sorry young fella's, come back next year. Think they might go A grade (oops sorry Sandra, Expert red) next year. Been there done that got the scars.....

Hannah had a much improved second lap to drop 20 but fell away on the last for 29. Hannah was 4 points ahead of Sarah going into the final lap and handed in her card first on the final lap. Hannah's total was 86 so we waited for Sarah to come in hoping she'd be on a lap of 26 or more



but no she blitzed around for 18, so her total was 79. And to rub salt in the wound Gabby dropped 80 for the day. Poor Hannah, dead last in Intermediate and last of the girls. I think she felt she'd let the Oceania team down. I felt I'd let her down by not helping her that last day, but then she'd blitzed that hard second day with no help – from me anyway. Yes it was tiring but it was for everyone, and I'm sure if she'd tagged along with Daniel and I we'd have got her over the line. We'll never know. But on the upside she is 2018 NZ Women's Champion so not all was lost. And she was the only member of the Oceania NZ team to get two wins over her rival, the others only got one each.

So she can be proud of that. Hannah did come away with a few bruises that last day. I was

standing only a few feet away when she rode the hard section 4 for the last time. She'd got through the hard large rocks for a dab and when dropping back into the creek for the final bit she went down like a sack of spuds with her bike on top of her. In the process she tried to smash a rock with her left elbow. Rock 1, Hannah nil..... But she still came up with a smile – eventually, and a broken clutch lever. And she had another little tip off on section 5 and hurt the top her right foot. Well she thinks that's where it happened as the foot was ok until she woke up Tuesday morning hurting and limping. I said you'll be ok, they'll likely put your foot in plaster and the six weeks will go pretty fast.

Which leads to the sad fact that Australia won the Oceania as Jules also came in behind Kevin Z that last day. Let's hope the AB's don't get beat by Australia too this weekend. (na they didn't and we don't talk about Ireland).

So a very successful 3 days for the MOMCC duo - winners all round. I won in Wellington last year with a second and two wins but somehow this win seemed better. Probably because the young Taranaki boys Jason and Daniel had improved this year and had beaten me in the NI's whereas last year I went in as NI winner. Plus I felt I haven't been riding quite so well this year what with hernia's and a lack of practice and all that. And with the stinking cold on top I just didn't expect to be bringing home the shield again. But we'll take it and who knows what next year will bring.

And not only that but Team Vertigo had two riders take home a first place. Myself of course in Intermediate but also Ray Skinner from Auckland riding President grade – winner all three days. And Vertigo riders Carl Robson picked up 2nd place in Expert red as did Francis Sydenham in Clubman. Not bad considering we only had 5 riders there on the green machines.

The Pioneer club did an awesome job and in my opinion it was one of the best NZ 3 day champs I've ever ridden. Sections were spot on, challenging but not too hard and not too long. Great job the Pioneer team. The Ixion boys did a brilliant job last year but I'd rate the Pioneer event a few points higher. The difference being the brilliant venues they have down there around Christchurch.

So that's another NZ champs out of the way and the news on the street is next year will be in the Hawkes Bay, so hopefully we'll get a bigger team from Manawatu Orion there. I'm sure the HB boys can put on a good event too as they have some ripper venues. Their North Island rounds this year were good so they can do it.

And thanks Hannah for being an awesome travelling companion and helping fly the MOMCC banner. And sorry if my coughing drove you mad. And now a month on Hannah's been and beaten me for the first time ever when she won the Expert A at our annual Ixion v Manawatu Orion BSA Shield interclub trial. Easy sections, she dropped 4, I dropped 6 for 2nd. I'll give her that one. And it all helped our club beat Ixion for the first time since 2013.

And now I can't even ride at all as I'm broken. Out for a wee after work ride on my MTB last week and a bloody black Labrador decided I was fair game and next minute quick as a flash it took me out and I shouldered into the hard pack limestone track at full pace. One broken collar bone, fractured ribs and one lung collapsed in one corner. Bloody hell.....

Hope you have a quick recovery Kev and that we'll see you back on the bike again early next year – ed.

Oceania/Nationals report (2) - by Trev Bennett

An email from Peter Hosking on 18th September asking if I was coming over for the Oceania proved to be the catalyst for a thoroughly enjoyable week on Banks Peninsula for Cheryl and myself.

Fortunately I've made many friends within the New Zealand Trials community over many years and Sandra Hallie has always been very welcoming. Cheryl and I were guests with Sandra and Roy for the week, and shared their generous accommodation with Kevin Pinfold who I first met in 1977, and Hannah Rushworth whom I first met when I rode the NZ Champs in Taranaki in 2015.

On the Thursday evening prior to the Trial Cheryl and I spent a very pleasant evening having dinner with Paul and Chris Jackson. Rat has been a great Trials mate for many years and was instrumental in getting me over to ride the Kaikoura Three Day in 2006 on his Beta 250.

Cheryl and I played the tourists on Friday with a visit to the Christchurch Gondola. Later in the evening we joined everyone for Registration at the Addington Raceway. A really enjoyable evening catching up with so many Trials friends from the South, North, and West Islands. I know all of the Aussie Oceania Team members, and also all of the Tassie Travelling Trials contingent. Even though Matt Woodhouse was asleep on his feet, it was great that he and son Tom had finally overcome their 24 hour fog delayed departure, and had made it to Registration. A big thankyou to Nigel Shilton who introduced himself to Cheryl and chatted with her while I was off chatting to everyone else.



Saturday morning and I'm off to Living Springs while Cheryl is doing Park Run in Pegasus. I rocked up to Observers sign-on where I was joined with my good Aussie Kiwi mate Patrick Hall. We were allocated Section 12 and were chauffeured to the fence line by Club President Josh Stones in the luxury Landie. "Just follow that track up to the skyline" says Josh, as he heads off to deliver more volunteers. Patrick deserves some sort of International recognition for his valiant effort in finally reaching the section a minute or two before start time. We had been instructed not to offer any advice, and to not answer any questions, from the riders. Well we followed those instructions for at least 30 seconds, and then resumed normal service. As John Lawton was setting fastest time of the day through our section, I apologised for not being able to

provide him with any typical New Zealand slippery mud. He just laughed and said “No worries Trev, how good is that view?” He was so right. I’ve observed at many different Trials over the years, but never with the spectacular views as across Littleton Harbour that day.

When you observe you get to interact with all of the riders, but you only get to see the one section. To be fair, I had walked Section 11 with the two Observers, and explained how to read the lines where each of the classes would attempt to ride.

Section 12 proved to be a very well set section. Thank you Glenn Smith. The Clubman Line (which I would have been riding) proved to be quite challenging for some, but was generally being cleaned by most after lap 1. There was only one green split, and two yellow splits, three red splits and four orange splits. Green, yellow and red all rode up the same line for the first half of the section, and it was really interesting to note how the green and yellow riders all had some concerns with it, while the red riders didn’t even appear to have registered anything. They also had the easiest line where it was almost a straight line with a couple of reasonable steps in it. The orange line involved a really decent jump onto, and over, a rock with a great split along its centre. The five Orange Experts all achieved various amounts of success in the section. Matt Foster’s clean attempt was a good hint at just how well he was riding. Probably my award for the best effort would go to Stu Lawton for his third lap attempt. I may have suggested to him that “Just give it everything you’ve got, and launch off the kicker”, whatever, he cleared the rock as good as anyone had. Even though he dropped three before the exit, he was justifiably pleased with himself.

President Josh brought the Landie right up to our section, and gave all of us a lift back to control. Here I ran into my great old mate Rob Mackay, who explained that the reason we hadn’t seen him up at Section 12 was a result of him trying to skin his forearm with a barbed wire fence before he even reached section one.

Day Two, and we’re off to Manderley Farm at Little River. There were finally enough Observers that I was given the day off, and so Cheryl and I tromped around all of the sections taking photos with our trusty iPhones. I have the greatest admiration for great photographers like Peter Barnett, and Kim Chivers, who use really good cameras. Even for them, taking photos in the shadowy gullies was a real challenge. I got a couple of riders in real good positions, however the uneven light resulted in very blurred images. Extremely slippery rockery in the shadowy gullies caused many a rider to come undone. I witnessed three orange line riders have exceptional rides on three completely different lines through section Nine, only to come unstuck on the last rock. When I got back to Section One, I joined Cheryl and Kim Chivers sitting in the sun on the opposite side of the section to Observer Ken Hosking. It was an interesting section, and being in the sunshine it offered photographers many opportunities. Blake Fox was riding really well, criss-crossing the rockery a number of times until he abruptly stalled a metre in front of us. “Oh, Water !!” exclaimed Blake, which I thought was so much more meaningful than the many expletives I’d heard from various riders over the three days.

Cheryl and I took the opportunity to drive into Little River where we enjoyed a pleasant lunch at the Little River Diner. Back to the Trial in time to catch the last few stragglers, and to help Ken and ex PMC President George Garbutt wrap up all the tapes and splits from section one.

Day Three at Graylees Road which we’d located on our way home on Day Two. A long and dusty

track to the back of the farm. Took the opportunity to have a chat with Steward Dan Batchelor who was officiating at his first Trials event. I'm paired up with Graham Honeybone, and we're on good old Section 12 again. We sussed out the prospective lines through the section, with both Graham and his son Sam being amazed by the huge slab rock that the orange line riders had to attempt. I pointed out that the riders wouldn't be stressing about the rock face, all they would be concentrating on was lining up the lifter rock at the bottom. I often use the analogy that Trials riders are like sheep, they always follow who went before them. Had any of the yellow line riders really had a look, they would have seen that one tight turn would have had them riding the red line briefly. This would have made the approach to their challenging u turn at the top of the section a much better proposition. Ah, if I could only ride half as good as I can read the section!

Three of the red line riders arrived at the section together and while they were sorting out their line, the older bloke was showing signs of fatigue. So much so that he flopped down on a prickly bush for a brief rest. As a section setter I would have snipped a couple of those protruding stems, however older experienced riders know when and where a quick nap is appropriate. The challenging nature of the orange line ensured there were plenty of spectators on hand whenever an Expert was having a ride. The big rock step impressed the spectators but didn't really cause the riders much of an issue. However their second step up and across a series of angled roots brought a number of them undone. As is always the case, when a rider gets it just right it looks as though anyone could do it. My experience has always confirmed that the margin between getting it right, and having a monumental get-off, is very slim indeed. Dylan Ball had a nasty get-off on his first attempt at the roots, but on a later lap made it look so easy. Jules Huguenin made the initial rock step with ease, but had a lot of trouble with the second obstacle.



Cheryl took this photo of Sarah Chivers on day 3 at Graylees Rd

Kevin Zarczynski, who was riding as well as I've seen him ride for a long time, had a couple of absolutely brilliant clean rides.

The challenging yellow line certainly had the riders concentrating. Gareth Wadsworth made it look like a stroll in the park, however a number of riders had a nasty get-off at the top off camber turn. Special mention to Aussie Sarah Chivers who had a nasty fall on Lap 1, an extremely hard earned '1' on her second lap, and an awe inspiring clean on Lap 3.

The Clubman line presented no problems to the majority of riders, however Stephen Reij had all sorts of issues with two fives on his old Ossa on Laps 1 and 2. However his well ridden clean on Lap 3 is a timely reminder of why so many of us are still giving it a go.

We packed up our section, and headed off for a shower prior to returning to the Addington Raceway

for the Presentation Dinner. Oddly enough we were a little late in arriving, so Cheryl sat on the last seat with the Chivers Family and I was fortunate to get the last seat with the Pioneer Club pioneers, next to Rat.

The catering was exceptional and certainly deserves a wrap and there were lots of highlights at the Presentation. The Aussie Team won back the Oceania (Trans Tasman) Shield. Team Leader Kevin Zarczynski spoke both eloquently and informatively, and finished by encouraging everyone to consider supporting the 2019 Oceania Trial to be run at Mt Joy Tasmania in conjunction with the 2019 Australian Trials Championships.

Rat commandeered the microphone and, in the way that only he can do, presented tiny 'Derek Scott' trophies to Matt Woodhouse, and to myself. The evening then finished with very enjoyable tall tales and true from every table.

This was the fourth New Zealand Trials Championship that I have been at. I rode in 1980 and 2015, and helped with Observing in 2016 and 2018. The overall organisation of this event was an absolute credit to the Pioneer Motorcycle Club, and the enthusiastic core group, with a special mention to the monumental personal input of Derek Scott.

Thank you for letting us be a part of it.

Club trials

Purau, 11 November (section setters: Tui Scott, Alan Honeybone, Ross Bristol, Peter H)







The final club trial for the year was at our other property at Purau up the valley. It rained most of the day on Friday so it was still quite wet when we set the sections on Saturday but by the next day it was drier. In expert, Glenn was able to ride again after being sidelined with back problems at the nationals and he finished runner up to Dave Trewin. In intermediate, the club championship was still undecided. Could Alan finally get his name on a Pioneer cup or would Ross win it? It was a close contest all day, but when Al had a five in the difficult tree root section 5 on the last lap he knew he had missed out. And next year it will be even harder to win now that Tim Bassett has acquired a 2015 GasGas 250. It won't be long before Tim is at the top of the grade with Ross, Alan and John. In clubman A Peter Barnett rode well to take second place behind Kendall, his best result of the season.

Expert		Intermediate		Clubman A	
Dave Trewin	27	Ross Bristol	13	Kendall McDonald (twinshock)	5
Glenn Smith	46	Alan Honeybone	17	Peter Barnett	23
Josh Stones	62	John Regan	25	Christine Thompson	31
Shane Brons	73	Tim Bassett	38	Peter Dunn	43
Derek Scott	77	Peter Hosking	43	Richard Cripps	nc
Will Ahimoro	94	Tui Scott	63		
		Matt Dalzell	64		
		Hamish Barnett	nc		

Trophies for sale

Would you like to own a New Zealand championship trophy? We have three trophies available: 1st place for \$50, 2nd place \$40 and 3rd place for \$30. You supply the plaque and you can make up whatever class you like. We bought these for a new class but didn't get any entries ...

Bikes, parts, clothing, etc.

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The unlucky ones

There are probably some hard luck stories at every national but this year there seemed to be a few more than normal. While going down a steep descent at Living Springs and trying to avoid another person Rob McKay had contact with a barbed wire fence. After putting in many hours helping to prepare the trial Rob didn't get to ride a section. Glenn Smith also did a lot of section work but had to withdraw from the trial after the first day because of back problems, and Ken Hosking after making the trip over from Tasmania injured his knee in the second section he rode on day one and had to retire.

Club championship results	Teddington 15 April	Omihi 13 May	Western Valley 24 Jun	Kaituna Valley 18 July	Purau Bay 19 August	Glenelg Spur 16 Sept	Purau Valley 11 Nov	Total points	Place
Expert									
Glenn Smith	22	22	22	25	22	25	22	160	1
Derek Scott	16	20	18		18	22	16	110	2
Shane Brons	18	16	20	16		20	18	108	3
Gareth Wadsworth	20		25	22	20			87	4
Josh Stones		15		20		16	20	71	5
Will Ahomiro		18		18		18	15	69	6
Jules Huguenin	25	25						50	=7
David Trewin					25		25	50	=7
Stef Downes		14						14	8
Intermediate									
Ross Bristol	25	25	22	25	22	20	25	164	1
Alan Honeybone	22	22	25	22	25	22	22	160	2
Peter Hosking	18	18	18	18	16	16	16	120	3
Paul Jackson	20	20	20	20	20			100	4
Tui Scott					18	15	15	48	=5
Ashley Duncan	16		16	16				48	=5
John Regan						25	20	45	7
Tim Bassett					15		18	33	8
Simon Jones	15	16						31	9
Hamish Barnett						18		18	10
Matt Dalzell							15	15	11
Rob McKay					14			14	12
Matthew Stockman					13			13	13
Clubman A									
Kahu Jones	25	22	22	25	22	25		141	1
Peter Barnett	15	14	15	16	15	18	22	115	2
Kendall McDonald		20	25		25		25	95	3
Steve Fisher	16	15	18	13	15	16		93	4
Rob McKay	22	25	20	20				87	5
Nigel Bunny	20		16		16	20		72	6
Simon Jones				22	18	22		62	7
John Phillips	18	13	14	14				59	8
Simon Hopkins				18	20			38	9
Christine Thompson							20	20	10
Peter Dunn							18	18	=11
Matthew Stockman		18						18	=11
James Blanchard	14							15	13
Gareth Gore				15				14	14
Guyan Bennett				12				12	15

President									
Dick Gardner			25	25		25		75	1
Twin Shock									
Paul Jackson	25	25	25	25	25			125	1
Kendall McDonald		22			22		25	69	2
Simon Jones				22	20	25		67	3
Tui Scott			22					22	4
Guyan Bennett				20				20	5
Women									
Stef Downes		25						25	=1
Christine Thompson							25	25	=1
Junior									
Kahu Jones	25	25	25	25	22	25	22	169	1
Tim Bassett					25		25	50	2

South Island Champs – Rounds 5 and 6 at Alexandra

A small field of twenty riders entered this excellent event held over Canterbury show weekend. Both days were held at an amazing property on the outskirts of Clyde on a farm covered in large schist rocks, steep hills and a total lack of moisture. The weather forecast was for a massive storm bringing snow to low levels and every other horrible thing you could imagine. Lucky we don't listen to the weather man.

Day one consisted of ten sections on steep hillsides with large rocks to scramble over. I found this one of the easiest southern trials I have ridden in and probably the most enjoyable. The sections all gave many options for lines and also required many different techniques to get through for the required clean.

Day two on the other hand consisted of ten sections on steep hillsides with large rocks in them, and one had an extra big rock in it. This was called section ten. It was at this section where I saw Tui being the totally non sexist new age guy and letting Shirley have first crack at the big rock before nipping off to the loo, then having an attempt himself.

A lack of experts reduced the grades ridden to just Clubman, green and yellow line. Intermediate grade was contested by youngsters Glenn Smith and Neil Belvoir who had to battle Brad and Jason Hibbs for the podium spots. Brad and Jason showed that all the time they had put into riding the experts line was worthwhile as they finished on a score of not much each day. Smithy and Neil had their usual battle and never knew who had beaten the other until the last score card was handed in.

The green line sections were excellent and no brave pills were required. Malcolm Reid was a bit off the pace probably caused by the concentration required of being organiser. Gary Anderson looked impressive on home soil but again I think the work load of organising and riding cost him a few unnecessary points.

Ride of the weekend has to go to Shirley McDonald for having a crack at number ten section. I was really impressed. This was a seriously big rock. Also congratulations to Shirley for being only the second rider to win South Island women's championship, the other being Stef. That reminds

me. Stef we all miss you at these events, please come and play again. Thanks to the southern team for such a great event, awesome observers and MNZ officials.

Alan Honeybone

2018 South Island Moto Trial Championship results

	Round							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	
Expert								
Dylan Ball	22	22	25	25			94	1st
Jules Huguenin	25	25	22	22			94	2nd
Daniel Herbert	18	18	16	16			68	3rd
Jason Baker			20	20			40	4th
Patrick Dillon	20	20					40	5th
David Trewin			18	18			36	6th
Stef Downes	16	16					32	7th
Blake Fox						25	25	8th
Intermediate								
Glenn Smith	25	25	22	25	18	20	135	1st
Neil Belvoir	20	22	25	20	20	18	125	2nd
Derek Scott	18	16	14	18	16	15	97	3rd
Shane Brons	16	14	15	14	15	16	90	4th
Brendon Wadsworth	22	20	18	16			76	5th
Joel Scott			16	22			38	6th
Josh Stones			20	15			35	7th
Hannah Rushworth	15	18					33	8th
Mark Sidebottom	14	15					29	9th
President								
Ross Bristol	25	25	22	25	25	25	147	1st
Malcolm Reid	22	20	25	22	22	20	131	2nd
Colin Kelland	16	16			15	15	62	3rd
Kim Pederson					20	22	42	4th
Paul Jackson	18	22					40	5th
Peter Hosking			20	20			40	6th
Neil Sturmfels	20	18					38	7th
Keith Ruthven					18	18	36	8th
Russell Begley					16	16	32	9th
Sportsman								
Alan Honeybone	25	25	25	25	25	25	150	1st
Grant Anderson					22	22	44	2nd
Peter Hosking	22	22					44	3rd
Brent Downes					20	20	40	4th

Clubman

Tui Scott	16	16	22	20	20	22	116	1st
Kahu Jones	14	20	16	16	22	20	108	2nd
Liam Falconer	22	25	25	25			97	3rd
Simon Jones	13	14	14	13	16	18	88	4th
Rob McKay	25	18	20	14			77	5th
Peter Barnett	11	12	12	12	15	15	77	6th
Jordan Sowman	18	22	18	18			76	7th
Brent Downes	20	15	15	22			72	8th
Shirley McDonald	15	11			18	16	60	9th
Stephen Reij	12	13	13	15			53	10th
Gavin Fox					25	25	50	11th

Junior

Kahu Jones	18	18	20	20	25	25	126	1st
Dylan Ball	25	25	25	25			100	2nd
Daniel Herbert	22	22	22	22			88	3rd
Hannah Rushworth	20	20					40	4th
William Baker			18	16			34	5th

Women

Shirley McDonald	20	20	25	25	25	25	140	1st
Stef Downes	25	25					50	2nd
Hannah Rushworth	22	22					44	3rd

Twin shock

Simon Jones	20	20	25	22	25	25	126	1st
Stephen Reij	18	18	22	25			83	2nd
Paul Jackson	25	25					50	3rd
Brent Downes	22	22					44	4th

Social

Shirley McDonald		25	25			50	1st
John Falconer		22	22			44	2nd
William Baker		20	18			38	3rd

The 2018 South Island champions



Dylan Ball, expert



Glenn Smith, intermediate



Clockwise from top right: Tui Scott, clubman; Kahu Jones, junior; Alan Honeybone, sportsman; Shirley McDonald, women; Simon Jones, twin shock; Ross Bristol, president.

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

20 January – Greybeards trial (venue and date tbc)

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