



Megaphone

Newsletter of the Pioneer MCC

Winter 2019

Cheap trials bikes needed

We have new riders looking for bikes to start on, priced around \$2,000-3,000. We also have young riders who need junior bikes, petrol or electric. If you have one for sale please contact Josh (contact details on the back page).

South Island round cancelled

Rounds 3 and 4 of the South Island Championship which were to be held in Blenheim in August have been cancelled.

MNZ licence renewal time

It's that time again and most of us will have received an email from MNZ by now about renewing our licences using the new app.

Welcome Gabby

Gabby Gundry has moved to Christchurch and she has brought her GasGas with her. Gabby rode at the Western Valley club trial on 23 June.

We now own an Oset

Simon Hopkins has bought the club's junior Beta. We are replacing it with an Oset supplied by Marlborough Trials Centre.

Dylan Ball at the Worlds

In May Dylan rode in the first round of the World 125cc Championship in Italy where he finished 12th. As his dad Nick said on Facebook it wasn't a dream start but they learnt a lot. Since then Dylan has finished in 8th place at rounds 2 and 3 in Japan and at the 4th and 5th rounds in the Netherlands and Belgium. He will miss the final round in France, but now has enough points to finish 8th overall in the class. It's a very good result for a 14 year old, in his first year at this level of competition.



NZ Trial School - training with Jules

Jules will be running training courses on the weekend of 20-21 July. There will be two sessions each day for groups of 6 riders and the training will be for 2 to 3 hours. Day 1 will be at Western Valley, day 2 at McQueens Valley.

The fee is \$60 per rider per session, and riders will need a valid MNZ licence and club membership. One event licences will be available at signon.

Bikes will also be available for hire, P.O.A.

For more information see the [NZ Trial School Facebook](#) page

AGM 7 March

The committee for 2019 is:

Patron: Peter McDonald

President: Josh Stones

Vice President: Shane Brons

Secretary: Jules Huguenin

Treasurer: Ross Bristol

Club Captain: Derek Scott

Committee members: Alan Honeybone, Christine Thompson, Mike Elliott, Patrick Hall, Peter Dunn, Peter Hosking.

The club would like to thank: Sandra and Roy Hallie, John Phillips and Tui Scott for all their work as committee members last year.

Spectating at the Scottish



This is a photo of Trotters Burn on day 3. The young guy in the red jacket at the top left in the photo was catching riders who didn't make it up the rockface. He saved quite a few while we were watching.

This Megaphone is later than usual because in May, Ken and I went to the UK to watch the Scottish Six Days Trial.

It's great to go to the oldest, most famous trial in the world, and to one of the biggest (281 riders this year).

Admittedly the weather in the Scottish Highlands in early spring is not overly tropical, but it's part of the experience. Watching riders like Dougie Lampkin and James Dabill, seeing iconic sections like the Pipeline, meeting other trials enthusiasts and driving around the scenic Lochaber area makes it all worthwhile.

Ken has written about our trip in the latest Tasmanian Moto Trials Club newsletter which can be read [here](#).

Peter H.

Summer series

Round 1 - Puaha Valley, 24 February (section setters: Shane Brons, Peter & Hamish Barnett)

After a week of hot days the inevitable southerly change arrived on Sunday just as we were about to start the Summer Series. The small number of us who turned up at Puaha had to put on our wet weather gear and contend with the showers of rain that passed through the valley during the day. Those who were wiser stayed at home.

Shane, Peter and Hamish had set the sections in the dry the day before and had found some good new ones (nos. 3 to 6) in an area of the property that hasn't previously had much use. They quickly became very slippery though, and as a result most of us (except for Kendall) ended with high scores. One good thing about the rain - we didn't have to worry about the fire risk.

Expert		Clubman A	
Glenn Smith	DNS (Steward)	Kendall McDonald	24
Derek Scott	DNS (COC)	Gareth Gore	54
		Peter Barnett	91
		Dick Gardner	182
Intermediate		Clubman B	
Ross Bristol	79		
Tui Scott	87		
Peter Hosking	99	Evie Hubbard	no card
Simon Jones	117	Shane Hubbard	no card
Hamish Barnett	120		
Kahu Jones	149		

Round 2 - Hurunui Bluffs, 10 March (section setters: John Regan, Glenn Smith, Patrick Hall)

14 riders braved the impending rain and headed out to Hurunui to make the best of the brief dry period in the morning. The well laid sections for the day covered all the various terrains that this property has to offer, pine needle covered hill climbs, slippery logs, slick grass hills and a small, but point grabbing, bog in the creek. The rain came in after the first round and quickly made the less tree protected sections with their grass covered climbs a lot more slippery and a lot more satisfying when we managed to get through them. Cheers to the riders that gave myself and a few others some advice on how to approach these sorts of things (third gear and a big run up).

Glenn and Derek battled it out in Expert and finished first and second respectively, John Regan took out Intermediate with a with an impressively low score, while Rob McKay managed an equally impressive score in Clubman A. Steve Fisher did well to finish his first trial riding Intermediate in what by the end of the day was not the easiest of conditions.

Hamish Barnett

Expert		Intermediate	
Glenn Smith	30	John Regan	13
Derek Scott	85	Ross Bristol	18
		Shane Brons	29
Clubman A		Hamish Barnett	62
Rob McKay	14	Simon Jones	63
Gareth Gore	23	Tui Scott	64
Peter Barnett	41	Kahu Jones	80
Richard Cripps	no card	Steve Fisher	122

Round 3 - McQueens Valley, 24 March (Section setters: Josh Stones, Tui Scott and Peter H)

This trial started on a bad note when Ross got caught up in some shrub in the first section at the top of a steep climb. It stopped his bike dead, and he rolled down the bank and injured his shoulder. It put him out of the South Island champs in Alexandra two weeks later, and it was a reminder that we should have paid more attention to section clearing. Dick also took a knock to his lower back and wasn't able to ride in the next club trial.

Finding lines for Clubman B at McQueens can be difficult because although there are some great sections for the higher grades up the gullies it gets steep quickly. For this trial Josh experimented with using spray cans and painting some section lines on the flatter areas for Evie and Izzy to ride. It seemed to work well.

Thanks to Josh and Tui who helped me set the trial. Tui was unwell and unable to ride the next day but still came and helped on Saturday.

Peter H

Expert		Clubman A	
Glenn Smith	36	Kendall McDonald	0
Josh Stones	74	Gareth Gore	23
Willie Ahomiro	85	Rob McKay	29
Derek Scott	120	Steve Fisher	33
		Nigel Bunny	46
Intermediate		Peter Barnett	53
John Regan	13	Dick Gardner	dnf
Shane Brons	29		
Peter Hosking	61	Clubman B	
Hamish Barnett	90	Evie Hubbard	no card
Ross Bristol	dnf	Izzy Hopkins	no card
		Shane Hubbard	no card



Gareth Gore was the winner of this year's summer series

Summer Series overall results

	Puaha	Hurunui	McQueens	Total
Expert				
Glenn Smith		25	25	50
Derek Scott		22	18	40
Josh Stones			22	22
Willie Ahomiro			20	20
Intermediate				
Hamish Barnett	16	18	18	52
John Regan		25	25	50
Ross Bristol	25	22		47
Shane Brons		20	22	42
Peter Hosking	20		20	40
Tui Scott	22	15		37
Simon Jones	18	16		34
Kahu Jones	15	14		29
Steve Fisher		13		13

	Puaha	Hurunui	McQueens	Total
Clubman A				
Gareth Gore	22	22	22	66
Peter Barnett	20	20	15	55
Kendall McDonald	25		25	50
Rob McKay		25	20	45
Steve Fisher			18	18
Dick Gardner	18		18	18
Nigel Bunny			16	16
Richard Cripps		dnf		0

South Island champs – Alexandra 6-7 April

The southern team put on another cracker this year for rounds one and two of the South Island champs. It was a real shame that only twenty five people turned up for one of the most enjoyable events the south has ever hosted.

A few years ago I used to cringe at the thought of going to those unforgiving rocks knowing that there would be a least one section you felt very uncomfortable attacking. Local boy Grant Anderson had a big input into the pegging of the event and finding another new property, then double booked himself so he could not attend. The new property also had some rocks.

What I have really enjoyed about the last two trials down there is the variety of section they have pegged. They have managed to make a huge variety of skills necessary to ride an area where we used to simply ride over a large obstacle. Now you may have a rock to ride over but it may be after a dirt hill climb with cambered turns while climbing or descending, or requiring carrying the front wheel from one obstacle to the next. Awesome stuff.

As expected Jules won expert grade with Blake Fox coming in second. We were all really impressed with the way Blake is riding. He has really found his mojo with the TRS and has changed his riding style drastically, making big ballsy sections look and sound effortless.



Blake, warming up before the trial on day 2



How to fit two Betas, a GasGas, a TRS and other stuff into a van for a weekend trip.

Intermediate was totally dominated by the Hibbs boys who have dropped down from red grade. I would like to see the red grade pulled back a bit so they are comfortable riding red, and then intermediate can be eased a bit to reduce the massive points differential in that grade. The green grade sections were a good level and Tui and Hamish gave them a good crack. Their scores did not truly reflect how well they rode, as a moments lack of concentration was rewarded with a five.

I think the Clubman grade was again too difficult and I would like to see this pulled back so that all our Clubman A riders are keen to have a go. Even though the sections were difficult Peter Barnett was smiling all weekend and put in some very good rides, again I don't think his score reflected just how well he was riding as he would clean the hard bit then do a silly five on a simple one. Again the old concentration thing.

There were a few exciting moments over the weekend, one was when Jules was up in the stratosphere on one wheel on a rock when the chain broke. Josh decided to not bother trying to catch him as it was too far to fall and left it to Jules to bounce on the rocks. The other fun one was Rat on the mighty Fantic, he was really out of shape coming on to a rock and had two choices: (1) improve his body position and gently recover. (2) open the throttle full, maintain a crap body position and smoke the rear tyre while the bike drifted sideways all the way to the end of the section. Yes he chose the second option and was lucky enough to pull it off. So sometimes stupidity does win out.

I would rate this as an awesome event, well organised, well pegged (except for one hidden green), great properties, good observers, an MNZ steward who was really sorted. Make sure you ride it next year.

Alan Honeybone

Expert	Day 1	Day 2	Total	Clubman	Day 1	Day 2	Total
Jules Huguenin	36	48	84	Gavin Fox	16	12	28
Blake Fox	52	21	73	Rob McKay	49	5	54
				Gareth Gore	67	44	111
				Peter Barnett	76	56	132
Intermediate				Gary Allpress	121	68	OEL
Neil Belvoir	34	24	58				
Josh Stones	37	47	84				
Shane Brons	64	82	146	Twin shock			
Derek Scott	91	71	162	Paul Jackson	24	15	39
Brad Hibbs	5	3	OEL				
Jay Hibbs	18	3	OEL				
President				Sportsman			
Paul Jackson	24	15	39	Alan Honeybone	24	2	26
Malcolm Reid	38	18	56	Hamish Barnett	93	33	126
Neil Sturmfels	52	19	71	Graeme Hibbs	45	14	OEL
Keith Ruthven	64	40	104				
Colin Kelland	67	50	117				
Tui Scott	70	57	127				
Ross Bristol	dnf						

Club trials

Teddington, 28 April (section setters: Ross, Shane)

With Shane giving me a hand and an open venue that didn't need much clearing we pegged 10 sections reasonably quickly on Saturday. Sunday saw a good turnout of 25 riders front up. For the expert line we got things wrong it seems as 4 of the 5 DNF'd and only David Trewin completed the 4 laps. Intermediate fared better with a points spread of 25-72 and Shane taking out the class. Clubman A was spot on difficulty wise with Kendall losing 10 and the most points lost at 53.

Great to see Shane and Evie turn up, who did not want to tackle the big hill so had fun all day playing on a section below the carpark amongst a few mounds of dirt. The property in general

was very dry and I don't think we have ever had the actual flats so hard and bumpy as all the normal cattle pugging was dry and rock hard. Really tough on anybody with shoulder issues.

Ross Bristol

Expert		Clubman A	
David Trewin	26	Kendall McDonald	10
Glenn Smith	dnf	Simon Hopkins	11
Josh Stones	dnf	Kade DeVries	20
Willie Ahomiro	dnf	Gareth Gore	22
Derek Scott	dnf	Nigel Bunny	26
		Rob McKay	29
		Steve Fisher	37
Intermediate		Peter Barnett	53
Shane Brons	25	Peter Dunn	no card
John Regan	31	Christine Thompson	no card
Hamish Barnett	41		
Tui Scott	52		
Simon Jones	59	Clubman B	
Kahu Jones	72	Evie Hubbard	no card
Peter Hosking	no card	Shane Hubbard	no card

Omihi, 19 May (section setters: Brent Downes & Shirley McDonald)

Thanks to Brent and Shirley for setting out this trial, made a lot harder because of the cutting down of the old trees on the eastern side of the small valley. Those trees were a great asset to the property. Gone, but that's what happens when a new owner arrives and stamps their name on the new land. I do see the old homestead gone, new home build and new cattle/sheep yard built. But all credit to them moving with the times and as a club we still get to use their land, nice.



Peter Barnett rides the blue line while Simon, Hamish, Steve and Nigel inspect the section.

So the choice of sections was more difficult but I think about right for clubmen, me. Looking at the scores nice and even for the other grades with the odd riders having a bad day.

Christine and I returned the club trailer back to Peter Milner's back section via the Railway Hotel which was full of drinkers including a lot of trial riders ready for a quiet one or three. Same day I filled in my MNZ coc report. One which was a very pleasant day out. Thanks to Alan for the stewardship.

Peter Dunn

Expert		Intermediate	
David Trewin	13	John Regan	9
Glenn Smith	20	Kahu Jones	29
Jules Huguenin	28	Alan Honeybone	30
Shane Brons	46	Tui Scott	37
Derek Scott	65	Simon Jones	50
Willie Ahomiro	75	Tim Bassett	52
		Hamish Barnett	58
Clubman A		Clubman B	
Christine			
Thompson	20	Dick Gardner	29
Nigel Bunny	28		
Steve Fisher	29		
Peter Dunn	30		
Peter Barnett	39		
Derek Pike	44		

The 73rd Kaikoura 3 day trial, 2019

For the 59 riders and 4 sidechair crews who competed in this year's Kaikoura it was a real sense of achievement to finish the event on Monday afternoon, after the very wet and cold Saturday at Dairy Farm Road and the following two days at Rakanui and Mt Fyffe where 76 sections were ridden. There was a lot happening in each class and plenty to talk about at the end. In the reports that follow, Hannah, Kevin, Alan, Tui, Stefan and Derek write about their weekend.

Blake Fox won the expert class this year. Blake had just returned from Western Australia and hadn't ridden his bike for 5 weeks so he was very happy with the result. Paul Jackson won the sidechairs for the 20th time and it was the third time for his swinger, Emma McKay. Rat's set a record which it is hard to imagine anyone else ever achieving and he retains the S.A.M. trophy for another year.

The Jock Cain trophy has been held by the South Island for quite a while, but this year the North won the inter-island challenge. It was presented at the prizegiving by Jock's son, Malcolm who had made the trip down from Wellington.

A big shoutout to the organizers: Josh, Peter D & Christine. Josh was in the lead role this year coordinating all the various things that have to be done, backed up by Peter and Christine who have been members of the organizing team for a few years now. Thanks too to Jules who compiled the results and emailed them to everyone each evening, the officials Ross, Josh, Alan and Scotty, and the section setters (see p. 17)

Spare a thought for Stephen Reij who made the trip down from Motueka but was unable to get his immaculate yellow 1980/81 Ossa Gripper started on Saturday morning because it had sheared a flywheel key ... which he didn't discover until after he had returned home.

Expert

Day 1

On Saturday morning I was in a good mood and feeling quite positive about the day. Then I stepped outside and realised that I hadn't packed enough warm clothes. I borrowed a jacket from Kevin Pinfold and figured that once I started riding I would warm up.

Josh was one of the people who set Saturday's trial, which made it doubly funny when he missed a flag on section one at the start of the day. I couldn't laugh too hard though as I had just had a very large three on the same section.

Then we rode over the hill where I completely froze and didn't regain the use of my fingers until the last few sections of the first lap. Then we had to ride back over the hill again. I made the mistake of stopping for lunch and, after that, my only goal for the day was to finish and get warm again. I never attempted section twelve because, at the time, I really didn't care. Looking back I wish that I had had at least one go.

Kevin, Colin, and I decided to ride the sections twice on the second lap so we could finish quicker. It was good that we did because we were a bit behind everyone else and even doubling up on the sections we were the last finishers. Because of this I didn't see much of anyone else in expert during the day. And even though it was raining steadily all day the sections for the most part didn't get too slippery, although section six got a little bit muddy on our last couple of rides. I didn't get warm for at least three hours after getting back to my room.

Day 2

On Sunday morning it was cold but there was no rain. I remembered my hat and coat which I had somehow forgotten on Saturday and managed to stay warm all day. After Saturday this is something I now value at a trial.

This was my favourite day, even though I still didn't get a particularly good score. I was very happy that I didn't get any fives, especially on section five. Section five had an ugly log. On every attempt I was a little bit worried that this would be the lap I went over the handlebars



but I managed to stay on the bike. Neil Belvoir was not so lucky however, going over the handlebars every time. After the first time I can imagine how hard it would have been for him to try again.

I think section seven was my favourite. It had two main challenges. The first one was up a bank, then a very tight turn to the left, then going back down. I didn't lose too many points on this part of the section. The next bit, and the bit I lost most of my points on, looked like it should have been easy (it possibly was for people who are not me). It was just a right hand corner over some stones then over a very small log. On the first two laps I dabbed a couple of times on the corner and my back wheel got stuck on the log. The third lap I got a one and then, finally, I cleaned it on the last lap. Arguably I should have gotten on top of it earlier but I was pretty happy to finally get a clean.

I had a great day. I liked the sections and I just had fun. I was a bit disappointed with my score but you can't have everything.

Hannah Rushworth



Josh and Jules at the end of day 1 at Dairy Farm Road



Kevin watches as Jules takes on a bank at Rakanui

Day 3

So we arrived at day 3 of the K3D and the weather was still playing ball although anything better than Saturday was a fine day in my book. Hannah, Colin Downs and I had teamed up for the first two days. Before we started Colin said he may not finish the day as he had to scoot by 2pm to catch a plane out of Picton, so I said you get moving and don't wait for us. Well he did and was almost finished his three laps as we completed our first. Yep Scott trial Colin and his Vertigo Titanium R 300 is certainly one quick bike.

Some of the day three sections were a bit harder than we'd encountered the previous two days but they were good sections. We kicked off on one which Hannah promptly fived on the first

climb out of the creek – bad start. I had a nervous dab over the off camber tricky bit between the Kanukas. Certainly not a place you'd want to high side off especially when still sporting a right shoulder that's still healing after a bust collar bone. Section two was ok although I kept taking a silly dab after the first climb. Three was one of the easiest of the day and Hannah only lost one dab there. I had a crashing five on my last lap after getting my front wheel caught in debris on the top right hand turn. I'll come back to that later...

Four was easy enough with cleans for me all day and five had a tricky loose climb. Six was a tricky one for sure, with an ugly horizontal slippery tree trunk to exit over at the top of a bank out of the creek. Plus another slippery tree and loose climb earlier in the section. I arrived at the last turn in the creek on one point before attacking the ugly tree, found a bike parked in my way which limited my turn but just turned tighter and attacked in a halfhearted way and only got my front wheel over the tree – five. Only my second 5 for the weekend – bugger! My second attempt was way better costing me only two dabs. We both had a bit of trouble on section seven with Hannah losing a five and me losing three's and a two on the first two laps. We also threw points on eight the first lap before I cleaned second lap. Think Hannah eventually had a clean. Whoops, Hannah fived the first exit of the creek on section nine first lap and I managed to get through for two from memory and maybe two again on lap two. Then into the last group of three sections. Loved section 10 with the tricky turn in the rocky creek, and had it all worked out how to clean it on my excellent new Vertigo Dougie Lampkin Replica 250. A bike personally trained by Dougie himself (na fair dinkum) just has to work in the rocks doesn't it! Well not perfect on lap one with a dab on the first tricky turn after entering the section and another dab in that turn in the creek. But on my second lap I pulled off the perfect clean and felt it was my "star" ride of the three days – cheers Dougie. And then we had section 11 with that almost 180 degree turn to get lined up for what looked like a nasty bank. Well it wasn't so bad only I had to take the big dab and pivot the bike as I couldn't execute a hop turn in the mud like the good blokes. The bank rode good although I stood at the top to catch Hannah if needed. But she wound that little 125 up and launched it up that bank like nothing with me yelling at her. In fact over cooked it the first time and almost took a tree out as she wrestled the Beta under control. Section 12 was a goody and I took one on the first lap but a soft five on the second which was my third for the weekend – double bugger. Hannah went three, five, clean which was a good end to her overall disappointing ride for the day where she lost 113 points with only four cleans but 12 fives. But she did fight to the end as she always does. Unfortunately I couldn't fight to the end that day. That simple off on the easy section three on the last lap caused me a lot of hurt. And only because someone in the past hadn't cut a branch how it should be low on one of the two trees we had to ride between. At the base of the tree was a branch growing out at about 45 degrees that had been cut off at some stage. It wasn't a fresh cut so it wasn't cut this year.

I'm going to have a bit of a moan here and this is aimed at every person that ever sets a section and cuts off a branch or a small tree etc. Always cut off against the trunk or at ground level, not 3, 4, 5 inches above. In this case I fell backwards onto said stump of a branch of about 5 inches long and 4 inches dia, which gave me one hell of a punch in my back just right of my spine. Lots of pain and probably cracked ribs, but definitely bruised and strained rib cartilage which takes many weeks of pain and discomfort to recover from. Result was I managed to ride four more

sections (the easier ones) in lots of pain and take fives on the hard ones. I'm sure if that branch had been cut off against the trunk I'd have got up and carried on pretty much unscathed. The guys setting the section this year wouldn't have even noticed the branch as it would have been done some previous year so no blame on them. Funnily enough Colin and I noticed a freshly cut off small tree on day one or two that'd been cut off about 4 inches above ground level and we had a moan about how section setters country wide do this. Something to ponder over guys and girls in these health and safety conscious times. But hey Saturday's weather and smacked up ribs aside it was still a good three days and roll on next year. When I pulled into Hannah's at midnight Tuesday to drop her off she asked if I was going next year. Sounds like it I said ...

Kevin Pinfold

Intermediate

My 2019 Kaikoura 3 day trial started about 6.30 am on the Sunday before the trial as I headed out the door to pick up Josh and Shane on the way to Kaikoura to meet David Trewin and Steve Fisher, the pegging team for day one. It was a stunning day, 23 degrees, no wind and blue skies. The farm was so dry I drove my Pajero with road tyres all around the course (not the sections of course).

Unfortunately as we headed out to the venue on day one about 7.45am the first spits of rain landed on our windscreen. By the time we were on our bikes to re peg the sections that had all been destroyed by the cattle, it was a pretty unpleasant storm.

I was a bit worried about how the sections would hold up as we left them as originally pegged. The sections rode well all day and I was surprised to sail through the difficult blast up the muddy hill climb on section two, the narly climb up the muddy rock on section five and Josh's awesome mud climbs on number eleven. The really difficult bit for us was the extreme cold on this big circuit trial. If the trial had been one week earlier it would have awesome, but on this day it was miserable cold, so cold in fact that we left the pegs in the ground and went home to try to warm up and stop the body shaking out of control.

A great night out at Donegal house set us up for the second day at Rakanui. We started on number five section, which had a shitty log we have used in the past, and yes it stuffed another header pipe for me and split Hamish's GasGas header as well.



Neil Belvoir on the log in section 5



I loved section five to nine (except the log), but then we got in to some pretty hohum sections for intermediate and expert. To me this trial proved that it doesn't work just pegging ten sections to be shared by everyone from chairs to expert, and also that ten sections on a postage stamp size loop doesn't work when you have about 60 riders. Shane, Ross and I finished early and headed back to Dairy flat road to pull the sections out. This was only one valley from Rakanui but what a huge difference in temperature. It was two degrees and windy, so on with another layer of clothes and back on the bike to pull the sections. This was not fun. I think this was my 39th Kaikoura and about the 35th time I have been involved in pegging and retrieving pegs, but this pulling the pegs confirmed I have got too old to do both.

By the third day I was too tired to ride a trial and was looking forward to an easy last day as we used to always peg, however the last day was Mt Fyffe, so I wasn't anticipating a rest. Again we had a very short loop and combined sections. This is an extremely difficult property to peg, especially when you are combining sidecars to expert. I had a terrible day, having no energy, and doing very tight turns on slippery stuff. My goal all day was to get finished and load the bike.

Next year I think we should use Mt Fyffe as day two, have a big loop, have about five shared sections, and about five expert/intermediate only, and five sidecars/clubby sections. Young guys should pull all the pegs out and let us old pensioners survive the three days without too much energy loss. The last day should be Rakanui with a decent lap, pegged easy-ish and not all combined sections.

Looking forward to my 40th Kaikoura in 2020.

Alan Honeybone

President

Kaikoura 2019 A Losers perspective

I saw Francis Sydenham, my North Island arch rival, on the steps of the Whaler at the Kaikoura signon on Friday night, and after exchanging pleasantries I informed him he was in for a thrashing, he retorted that I would have my work cut out as he was riding really well. I thought I was talking to an Aussie for a minute. Saturday dawned dull overcast and drizzly and after making our way along Dairy Farm Rd through what seemed like a herd of hundreds of cows we arrived at the farm where Peter Hosking had already been offroad in his Suzuki thingy mud all over the roof obviously forgetting it wasn't a Nissan Safari. As we were all getting ready the rain and the cold really set in, most peoples fingers were numb before they had arrived at the first section. Pete and I were riding Presidents, Pete had parachuted in at the last minute after claiming he was going to ride intermediate [*I don't remember saying that - PH*] and Ross Bristol had arrived in a wheelchair claiming a shoulder injury, which shoulder was that again Ross? Despite the inclement weather we made it through the day, Pete on 0 and myself on 1. As we were handing our cards in at the club trailer I noticed it was shaking, Kaikoura aftershock came to mind but no just Pete leaning against it involuntarily shuddering from the cold. He then informs me he's going to have a go at the fun hill climb. I realized later this was a not too subtle ploy at stamping his alpha male dominance on the weekend. Day 2 was much better weather wise at Rakanui, great sections and some sun, the day ended with both of us on 3. I was leading by one clean, Ross on 6 and the North Islanders spread out behind. Day 3 was a beautiful day

but the sections were a little harder, as I was accumulating points like flies to a dead sheep, the word choking came to mind. Halfway through the day I developed a headache, in hindsight this was when I fell off the podium and hit my head on the floor. Ross first, Pete second, myself 4th by one point behind a North Islander Steve Wade, unfinished business perhaps. As Toni Boi says ride on!

Tui Scott

Clubman A

Kaikoura 2019, a weather report ...

Saturday. Richard picked me up at my abode for the weekend and we headed south ... a slight drizzle in the air we greeted with enthusiasm and the thought that we will not break a sweat for the day. Upon arriving (river levels yet low) we found the wind to be brisk and the rain had changed to a 45 degree angle. The English might call it invigorating. With all riders keen to get

going we were greeted by superb sections and stupendous views, mostly of rain lashing the hillside though. Counting up the sections ridden and including the rain that changed from bucketing to sleet, those people who enjoy freezing mud (probably) had a field-day. Heading back to Kaikoura ASAP we looked forward to an evening by the fire at Donegal house .

Sunday, same way south, heading for sections via a proper goat track - the way in should count as a section for the vanners and luckily no more rain- would've made an interesting way out. Nice agreeable weather helping to dry some gear (boots took a week longer). Again great sections. No one thought of setting up a bog section, not sure whether it was an oversight or knowing better. Unbelievably we saw a Honda 4 stroke retiring for technical reasons - unheard of...

Monday, last Day - Mount Fyfe was just glorious and seeing that the Cockie's kids ride trials makes me hopeful for many happy returns in future years. The usual great mix of mud/ rocks/ creeks and places where the sun never shines were enjoyed by everyone. Prize giving at Donegals place was for T shirts and sunnies - what a great finish to a weekend. Everyone was a winner this weekend (part from the Crusaders and John's team in Europe - but it's a tradition that they lose....)

Bring on 2020.

Stefan Ingendae



Sidechair

The previous weekend over “a few quiet bourbons” we had decided that Rob would lend us his spare side-chair outfit. Glenn would ride, and I would swing. Seemed like a good idea at the time and even on Saturday morning when we had a quick ride around in the paddock it still seemed like a good idea. Even the first few sections went by without too much trouble but then we arrived at section 8 and we soon discovered we had a “weight distribution issue”. One of us didn’t distribute his weight in the right place, and we got into a bit of bother. The result being Glenn distributing his weight and the weight of the outfit on top of me. I’m sure it hurt but to be honest I was too cold to notice. It was about this time the weather packed it in completely and it got even colder. I was starting to regret that drunken decision from the weekend before so was somewhat relieved when the decision was made to only ride one lap. We ended the day in last place but only five points separated the field, so we hadn’t done too badly. I should at this point mention our lunch of Sausages, Venison and Whitebait patties cooked up by our chef extraordinaire, Daniel. You might have to be crazy to ride a chair, but you can still eat well. Day two started with brighter weather and a bit more confidence. That confidence was soon shattered however when on the first section of the day we had another “small” off. This time however I got to distribute my own, not inconsequential, weight on top of Glenn (paybacks are a bitch!). This proved to be a decisive moment though and my pilot (fearing a repeat) started behaving himself and our results began to improve. As the day went on, we started to come to terms with the sections and the bike and eventually managed to sneak ahead of Rob and Laura. Rat and Emma had established a big lead by the end of the day but there was still only four points separating the Two Johnnies, us and Rob and Laura. It was all on for day three. (Oh.. and lunch today was Sausages and Whitebait patties again).

Mt Fyfe is always difficult for the chairs. Just commuting between the sections up the rocky creek can be a challenge in itself. And so, it proved to be again on day three. The Johnnies got



The chef



Glenn and Scotty at Mt Fyffe

off to a bad start but after a small break in proceedings they came back strongly and eventually took out second place. Glenn and I had a couple of silly fives and that ended our chances and we had to settle for third with Rob and Laura slipping just behind us. Rat and Emma continued their dominance and took out first again as expected. Lunch however was the big star on this day with Daniel rustling up some awesome gourmet burgers. What a legend! (did I mention he had his arm in a sling?) So, we ended the weekend without too many bruises and really looking forward to next year's edition. I'm planning to build my own chair for that one so will be looking for a swinger. Applicants must have a sense of humour and not be frightened easily. Being slightly crazy would be an advantage but not a necessity. Great lunches provided.

Derek Scott



11 year old Connor Newton from Bulls rode well on his 80 cc GasGas.



Kahu's GasGas broke down the week before the Kaikoura so he had to ride the Fantic.



Guyan Bennett rode his Beta. It's been a while since he last rode it in a trial.



Shane on his new 2019 Evo at Mt Fyffe

	Dairy Farm Rd	Rakanui	Mt Fyffe	Total		Dairy Farm Rd	Rakanui	Mt Fyffe	Total
Expert					Clubman A				
Blake Fox	15	16	21	52	Dave Kennedy	2	3	15	20
Jules Huguenin	32	5	41	78	Stefan Ingendae	5	7	13	25
David Trewin	31	24	45	100	Guyan Bennett	5	5	21	31
Kevin Pinfold	45	6	82	133	Kahu Jones	11	14	18	43
Josh Stones	68	48	120	236	Geoff Blokland	12	22	39	73
Colin Downs	106	42	118	266	Christine Thompson	11	26	41	78
Neil Belvoir	108	44	115	267	Derek Pike	10	28	40	78
Hannah Rushworth	126	45	113	284	Steve Fisher	15	21	47	83
					Peter Dunn	20	15	50	85
Intermediate					Dave Chambers	22	12	52	86
Kevin Tither	32	24	34	90	Barry Schroder	19	23	50	92
Liam Falconer	24	24	48	96	Peter Barnett	24	23	53	100
Peter Osborne	45	24	42	111	Barry Nicholls	30	30	70	130
Alan Honeybone	42	26	62	130	Luke Clifford	44	36	63	143
Tim Bassett	71	15	60	146	Gary Allpress	67	31	76	174
Shane Brons	73	41	40	154	Emily Willard	50	52	76	178
Hamish Barnett	68	26	62	156					
Neil Sturmfels	68	36	54	158	Clubman B				
Greg Powell	67	30	77	174	John Falconer	11	15	26	52
Guy Robinson	95	55	103	253	Chris Pascoe	39	28	57	124
Oscar Alexander	dnf	31	47		Richard Latimer	42	24	73	139
Phil Costello	dnf	33	59		Dick Gardner	dnf	9	20	
Simon Jones	96	84	dnf		Brian Chambers	dnf	18	55	
					Maurits Roos	nc	20	81	
President					Connor Newton	nc	29	73	
Ross Bristol	1	5	1	7	Richard Phillips	dnf	31	nc	
Peter Hosking	0	3	11	14	Jack Schroder	nc	nc	nc	
Steve Wade	2	8	6	16	Mel Banks	nc	nc	nc	
Tui Scott	1	2	14	17	Mike Ward	nc	nc	nc	
Francis Sydenham	3	9	23	35	Toby Schroder	nc	nc	nc	
Chris Presto	17	22	54	93					
Russell Begley	dnf	7	dnf						

Thanks to the section setters:

Day 1: Josh Stones, Alan Honeybone, David Trewin and Steve Fisher

Day 2: Derek Scott, Glenn Smith, Rob McKay, and John Regan

Day 3: Simon & Kahu Jones and Hamish Barnett

Twin Shock				Total
Kendall McDonald	0	5	8	13
Wayne Harper	2	17	37	56
Dave Davies	20	51	81	152
Stephen Reij	dns			

Side chairs				Total
Paul Jackson / Emma McKay	7	7	14	28
John Lawton/John Thomson	6	29	23	58
Derek Scott / Glenn Smith	11	24	30	65
Rob & Laura McKay	9	30	44	83

Ralph Forbes



Issue 28 of the *Classic Trial* magazine has an article about the 1969 SSDT and it mentions that there was a New Zealand entrant. It turns out that the rider was Ralph Forbes, who was from Edinburgh. He had lived in Canterbury for a short period in the 1960s. In 1969 he would have been back in Edinburgh again where he had a Jaguar dealership, but he entered the SSDT as a member of the New Brighton Motorcycle Club. He rode a Yamaha DT1250 in the trial which he had imported from California. When Ralph was in New Zealand he rode in the 1966 Kaikoura. Peter McDonald remembers that on the first day, Ralph's Austin ute broke down so he left it by the side of the road and rode his Butler to the trial. He didn't have a jacket so he arrived wearing only a shirt on a cold winter day.



Another photo from this year's Scottish. Gary Samson from Tauranga watches Chris Alford at Fersit on day 4. The better riders were riding up the rock where the red arrow is. Gary rode the first day of the SSDT but was unable to continue due to injury.

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

14 July	Have a go day	Waimak Trials Park
20-21 July	Training with Jules	Western Valley/Mcleans Valley
28 July	Club trial	Western Valley
25 August	Club trial	Purau (tbc)

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