



Megaphone

Newsletter of the Pioneer MCC

Winter 2020

New Zealand Championship

Planning is underway for the nationals at Labour weekend. The three venues are: day one at Manderley Farm, day two at Western Valley and day three at Graylees Rd. These have all been chosen with the minis in mind and there will be gas and electric classes and separate sections for the mini riders. The prize giving for the event will be held on the Monday night. The entry form and supplementary regulations will be on the website soon.

New Coordinators

Glenn Smith and Neil Sturmfels have stepped down as South Island and North Island coordinators. Derek Scott and Kim Pedersen are taking over the roles.

Dates for the JRL

Next year's JRL will be held on 20-21st February.

TrialGP

The calendar for the world trials GPs has been revised and reduced to four rounds this year. The series starts in France on 4-6 September, moves to Spain the following week, and then to Andorra. The final round is in Italy on 9-11 October.

Kaikoura 3 day 13-15 Nov

The entry form for the Kaikoura is on the website:

<https://pioneertrials.co.nz/event/2020-kaikoura-3-days/>

Kaikoura is likely to be booked out at Show weekend so if you haven't arranged your accommodation yet you need to do it soon.

A note from Gareth

Gareth Gore has returned to Wales to look after his family's farm. He plans to continue riding trials and has bought a GasGas 250.

"Hiya, yeah have the GasGas, done some suspension servicing and a new clutch, I quite like it. No trials yet as all sports events in Wales are cancelled, been out practicing on the farm, hope to get events open again in next 2 months."

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Have a go day – 12 July



The number of mini riders is growing and it was great to see Lyall Sinclair's grandchildren: Karsten, Rory and Bentley at the July have a go day (they are in the centre of the photo beside Amelia and Evie Hubbard). Thanks to the Hubbard family for sharing their bikes with the new riders.

Some good news

The MNZ Board has agreed that only one Steward and one Clerk of the Course are required for club trials and that both can ride on the understanding that if one of the officials is injured while participating the other official must stop riding.

Results on the website

The results of each trial are now posted in the 'past results' section on the website. We still have the results from past years and will re-add these when we have more time.

Ixion's new president

Mark Sidebotham is the new Ixion president taking over from Kevin Tither who has had the role for about 15 years.

Marie Bush

Marie Bush, wife of Ken Bush who was the Pioneer Motorcycle Club's Patron for many years passed away on 27 July.

New members

The club welcomes the following new members:

Richard Aimers, Dave Barber, Tom Beedles, Steve Blackley, Rohan Catsburg, Craig Cuff, Mark Fechny, David Gross, Peter Hood, Dave and Stan Millwater, Chris Pascoe, Dalan Price and Simon Rasmussen.

Richard, Steve, Rohan, Peter, Dave M, Stan and Simon live in Otago.

Dave Barber has bought Gareth Gore's 4 stroke Beta and has ridden in the UK: "I lived in Stafford. I was a member of the Stafford Autos Club. Rode with them for about 3 years from about 1997 to 2000 at clubman level and was just dipping a toe into intermediate when our son was born and priorities changed. It's been a long break but enjoying getting back into the swing of it. My first bike was a 1993 Beta Gara 240."

Tom Beedles is also from the UK:

"I lived in Shrewsbury, Shropshire and did most of my riding around the Shropshire hills and Mid-wales.

Haven't done the SSDT or Scott, mainly did club level riding with the odd Welsh championship rounds thrown in for good measure.

I started riding when I was 9 or 10, when the old man, Elwyn, saw my interest as a great opportunity to get himself a bike again – so we shared a GasGas TXT 250 (which I couldn't kick start, so every fall took some time to re-set).

Rode trials up until I was about 15-16 when we (myself, my brother & dad) switched to Enduro and competed in hare and hound events for a few years.

The usual suspects of work, study, cars and women then got in the way, and the bikes took a back seat.

I landed in NZ about 2.5 years ago and brought a KTM 1190 adventure bike to

explore. It was on one of these outings where I came across one of the Pioneer events near Little River – that's all it took to get me hooked again! Still trying to remember how to ride a trials bike after such a lay off, but the Pioneer club are a really welcoming bunch of like-minded petrol heads and I'm really looking forward to making the most of the busy events calendar."



Training with Jules - Western Valley 18-19 July

This was my first time attending one of Jules intense training sessions. I entered for the Sunday session which was for intermediate grade riders or those prepared to have a crack at some fairly keen sections.

The session was limited to eight students and started at 9 am. Jules tried to encourage us to do some warm up exercises first which I passed on as I knew my body would be worn out after the warm up regime and I would miss out on the bike riding.

My intention for the day was to learn how to ride big dry rocks, but as the training was mid-winter and at Western valley we had to settle on riding everything with no grip.

Session one started with a slippery hill climb, something I don't have too much problem with. This I really enjoyed as Jules taught me a new technique which made the climb easier. It also started the challenge to see how many gears I could do the climb in while maintaining control.

We also covered creek crossings where there was no visible sign of a constantly changing bottom, and learnt the value of using just the back wheel to touch the bottom. Those awful slippery Banks Peninsula rocks with a mud hill climb exit came next and we were bending our knees and letting the bike do the work. Great stuff.

Lunch time I thought, but no, on up the hill where it was dryer and steeper but with some turns where everything was wrong for a nice turn followed immediately by a steepish climb. Hamish and Kahu came to the fore on this section using some good body position and timing and coordination to make this look easy. The main thing for me here was getting the power on about one metre earlier than was comfortable. I really had to force the throttle open to make the top few metres easy. We all had a good crash here at some point, but it was great fun.

Eventually we were allowed to refuel and put some petrol in the bike as well. Then it was back out to more of the same. At about two pm Jules put in a new section. A big drop off into trees followed by some unpleasant stuff, and a bank followed by an unpleasant downhill followed by what Jules said was a bit slippery hill climb.

I spent at least five minutes on my bike at the top of the drop before I could get the courage for the plummet into the trees. Using Jules techniques I found the hill easy and started experimenting with gear selections. Then the game began, how many gears could you do the climb in. Someone on a 300 Gasser managed to haul 5th up the slope but the poor motor was not a happy chappy. Well done Jules.

We carried on doing slippery cambered climbs and practiced picking up our bikes. Well before the 4pm finish time I realised that my old out of condition body was running on reserve and I finished while still standing.

What an awesome day. I recommend anyone interested in riding trials to book in to these sessions. They are great value, miles of fun and will push you well out of your comfort zone.

Thanks for the training and a fun day Jules.

Alan Honeybone

And from Phil Costello

More recently, the NZ Trials School, headed up by Expert rider Jules Huguenin, has been touring the country, telling it like it is and this week he is in Wellington dedicating two days to a kids only programme, adding even more momentum to ensuring our sport grows over the next few years, rather than asphyxiating slowly.

I attended one of Jules' coaching sessions last year and can assure you that they are organised, professional, well thought out and run by someone who clearly knows what they're talking about.

Hire bike

NZ Trial School now has a 2002 GasGas 200 txt pro for loan to riders wanting to get into trials. The bike has received a complete overhaul and is available for use at Have a go days. It can also be hired for training days or a trial, on the basis that the rider pays for replacement parts if he/she breaks anything. Have a look at the bike in this video <https://youtu.be/O1f-olmJuBc>.



Jules wanted to make sure the bike is well prepared, so he rode it during the South Island championship rounds at Kaikoura and won the event. It passes the test!

South Island champs – rounds 3 and 4, Kaikoura

The year of the Covid disease has really thrown a spanner in the works of motor sport. Rounds 1 and 2 of the South Island Championship were cancelled because of the lockdown, so the championship has been reduced to rounds 3 and 4 at Kaikoura, and two days at the nationals.

A week out from the event we had nearly 40 entries and the main worry was whether we would have enough observers, but the situation changed quickly when most of New Zealand was put on level 2 three days before the weekend. Rat and Derek had to quickly develop a Covid-19 safety plan on Wednesday and submit this to MNZ. On Thursday MNZ cancelled most events that were to be held on the weekend but fortunately gave us approval to go ahead. We then had to wait until 5.30pm on Friday night to find out if the South Island would continue to remain at Level 2, and the event could still be held. Because of the uncertainty some riders from the North Island and the deep south decided it was wiser to withdraw.

AI reports:

The venue was Trewins farm in the Hundalees and it provided a weekend of hills, mud and tree roots. Great stuff.

Day one was down below the main road by the river and we were blessed with awesome weather, great observers (although Peter D took exception to one and impaled him against a tree) and great sections a tad on the easy side [some rain in the days immediately before the event saw the organisers easing Saturday's sections]. We had a couple of good performances on older machinery. Jules won Expert on an old yellow GasGas 200 and Paul Mountstevens put in a couple of great rides on a 44 year old Yamaha. Guess he has had time to iron out any bugs.

Scotty had been dropped into the role of organiser as none of us would do it, and as usual when Scotty runs things the sections were great, the observers were brilliant, and the day went smoothly.

The second day was above the road on all new sections. These were really well thought out, held up well all day and encouraged all riders to concentrate. Alistair Trewin had an ugly section to observe. I wouldn't have pegged this one as it was a very wet slip that looked bad to start with and looked like it would really turn to custard. Whoever pegged this one knew their stuff as it did turn to custard if you tried riding with no technique only throttle, but if you used your body and throttle well it was a fun section.

I kept getting to section 10 with only a one on my score card and then doing a silly dab in a different part of the section each time. Like all the other sections it was very cleanable but as soon as you lost concentration you picked up a point or two.

I was really impressed by the riding of Christine and Shirley. They are riding well enough to cope with a lot of the green lines now, and some really good technique is being used. Tom also showed the potential he has. I can see he will be doing the red lines very soon, especially if he can spend some time with Jules and Davey. Thanks Scotty and all the section peggers and observers for a very enjoyable weekend.



They heard about Al's win in Yorkshire.

Good to see Gabby riding again



Katy Sunter Thorpe
Congratulations Alan!  1

	Round 3	Round 4
Expert		
Jules Huguenin	25	25
David Trewin	22	22
Intermediate		
Neil Belvoir	25	25
Jason Hibbs	22	22
Tom Beedles	20	18
Paul Mountstevens	18	20
Derek Scott	16	16
Gabrielle Gundry	14	15
Josh Stones	15	
Clubman		
Rob McKay	20	25
Dave Chambers	22	22
Shirley McDonald	25	15
Peter Barnett	15	20
Peter Dunn	18	14
Christine Thompson	16	16
Stephen Reij	14	18
Mini B Gas power		
Hine Jones	25	25
Mini B electric		
Evie Hubbard	25	25

	Round 3	Round 4
President		
Alan Honeybone	20	25
John Lawton	25	20
Shane Brons	22	22
Colin Kelland	18	16
Simon Jones	15	18
Brent Downes	16	
Sportsman		
Ross Bristol	20	25
Graeme Hibbs	22	20
Hamish Barnett	25	16
Kahu Jones	18	22
Simon Hopkins	16	16
Twinshock		
Paul Mountstevens	25	25
Simon Jones	20	22
Stephen Reij	18	20
Brent Downes	22	
Women		
Gabrielle Gundry	25	25
Shirley McDonald	22	22
Mini C electric		
Leo Hopkins	25	
Amelia Hubbard	22	

Club trials

Graylees Road - 21 June (section setters: Simon & Kahu Jones)

This was our first post lockdown trial and there was a good turnout of 28 riders who were keen to start riding again.

The forecast was for rain on Saturday night so Simon and Kahu had set the sections on the easy side. As it turned out Sunday was fine and the conditions were better than expected, but everyone was happy to ease back into it after a three month spell.

John, Christine and Steve would have been happy with their scores at the end of the day and it was great to see Rhys Bayliss riding again after a 15 year interval and still looking good on the bike.



Two versions of the Rev3: Rhys Bayliss on the 2 stroke, and Dave Barber on the 4 stroke

Expert		Intermediate		President		
Jules Huguenin	8	John Regan	0	Rob McKay	14	
Glenn Smith	11	Kendall McDonald	1	Social		
Derek Scott	20	Paul Jackson	2			
		Kahu Jones	2		Mike Kelly	7
Clubman		Rhys Bayliss	6	Shane Hubbard	nc	
Christine Thompson	0	Ashley Duncan	7	Mini		
Steve Fisher	0	Simon Jones	9			
Peter Dunn	3	Alan Honeybone	10		Hine Jones	2
Dick Gardner	3	Peter Hosking	13		Evie Hubbard	10
Dave Barber	5	Tui Scott	15		Leo Hopkins	11
Peter Barnett	15	Ross Bristol	16			
		Shane Brons	17			
		Hamish Barnett	nc			

Western Valley 26 July (section setters: Peter D, Christine, Derek, Shane B, Peter H)

There was another good turnout for the July club trial and two new riders: Tom Beedles and Tim Hillsamer. Tim has ridden in the USA and he was on a 125 that Derek had lent him for the day. Usually the Western Valley winter trial is a wet, slippery affair but this time the sections were a lot drier than usual and it was very different to how it was the week before when the training days were held in the wet.

In expert Tom wasn't far behind Glenn, and in Intermediate it was even closer with only one point separating John and Paul. Both riders really mastering the sections. In clubman Dave Barber rode well in his second outing to finish ahead of Christine.

The four mini riders: Evie, Hine, Leo and Millie had a good time riding the sections which Shane H had set on the flat area up the hill.



When Scotty was setting the sections he said we needed to practice our turns so there were a lot of them. Here is John on the third turn in section 8.

Expert		Intermediate		Twin shock	
Glenn Smith	40	John Regan	1	Simon Jones	88
Tom Beedles	44	Paul Mountstevens	2		
Derek Scott	63	Ross Bristol	11	Mini	
		Shane Brons	12	Hine Jones	2
Clubman		Kendall McDonald	13	Evie Hubbard	10
Dave Barber	12	Alan Honeybone	14	Leo Hopkins	21
Christine Thompson	17	Kahu Jones	26		
Peter Dunn	28	Hamish Barnett	32		
Peter Barnett	49	Peter Hosking	36		
Dave Chambers	53	Tim Hillsamer	38		
Chris Pascoe	54	Ian Springer	42		
		Nigel Bunny	69		
		Steve Fisher	78		

Purau 23 August (section setters: Kendall and Dave Barber)

After quite some time off the trials bike due to a nagging back injury that initially happened while I was sleeping (yes I know!), it was great to get back out again. I have only ridden at Purau Bay a few times, and each time come home with a broken bike. This time I broke my bike before I even got there. It fell over while loading it onto the ute and bent the brake lever, so figured I had that out of the way for the day. An added bonus was when I heard that Kendall was pegging the sections. I knew that would make for, well let's just say, a good spread in the points.

Ian Springer, Peter Hosking, Simon Hopkins, Simon Jones and I grouped up. It turned out to be a well matched group of intermediate riders. Section one saw some of us (OK, maybe just me) realised that getting straight into it after not a lot of practice doesn't yield great results. This section had what looked like a couple of simple creek crossings that as the day went on got tougher. Section two had the infamous set of switchback turns around the old man pines. One of the turns has a nasty root that seemed to grow in height during the day. It was a matter of who could do the nicest pivot turn over it! Section three had a run up a rocky creek but we were starting to settle into it by then so it generally went OK. Section four was a really good challenge. Probably the largest log crossing I have seen in a club trial. Intimidating but relatively safe due to its shape. A greasy rooty turn at the end of the section was catching all of us just when you thought you had it in the bag. Section five was back out in the open. A narrow run down a deep water rut with inches to spare each side of your bars. Also a large rock that I managed to do a full 180 turn while trying to ride over without even dabbing. Unfortunately I was riding backwards in the section after that. I gave myself five points for style though. Section 6 had a tight right turn up a bank. Probably impossible to do without a floater turn. Another foot down pivot turn. Frustratingly I made the turn on my first go with a perfect floater after the trial was over! Section seven had a steep climb, then over some rocks behind a tree with an intimidating drop to the left. Ian and Simon both did impressive turns up over the rocks. I opted for the safer (chicken) option of riding between them and accepting the crunch of bash guard and foot pegs.



Scotty taking on the big log in section 4



Ashley in section 6 on the floater turn

Section eight saw Ian's bike ride him down the slippery rock at the start. Full commitment though! Otherwise a nice wee tricky section with some turn turns through the rocks. Section nine was a run down the creek. Just hold on and bump your way along without dabbing. Easier said than done! Section 10 was a tricky one to plan your lines. Plenty of options, all of equal difficulty. I think both Peter and I kissed the front guards of our bikes in this section at some time during the day.

From memory I was able to clean seven of the sections, at least once, but consistency was key in this trial. None of them were a breeze and they were constantly changing. My final score was nothing to write home about but I was pretty happy with my best lap score of eight points.

Sunday's Purau trial was up there as one of my favorites. The property has a bit of everything, riding conditions were perfect, great sections and a good group of guys to ride with. Thanks to Kendall and Dave for setting a great trial and Chris Gardiner for allowing us to ride there. And best of all my back felt better for it!

Ashley Duncan

Expert		Intermediate		Clubman A	
Jules Huguenin	15	John Regan	19	Derek Pike	73
Paul Mountstevens	19	Ross Bristol	19	Dave Barber	75
Tom Beedles	37	Alan Honeybone	24	Peter Barnett	103
Josh Stones	45	Kendall McDonald	28	Shane Newton	nc
Derek Scott	69	Simon Hopkins	43		
		Ian Springer	53		
		Hamish Barnett	56	Clubman B	
		Ashley Duncan	60	Dick Gardner	23
		Simon Jones	74	Shane Hubbard	nc
Mini					
Hine Jones	0	Peter Hosking	76		
Evie Hubbard	0	Nigel Bunny	110		
		Steve Fisher	125		

Observers needed

To run the nationals we will need 15 to 20 observers each day. If you can help for one or more days please get in touch with: Peter Dunn ph. 74466257 pjdunnbuilder@gmail.com or Derek Scott ph. 0274323646 derek@acconnections.co.nz

We'll provide:

- Free petrol vouchers (\$20 a day)
- A free packed lunch each day

The new logo

The club now has a new logo after two rounds of voting for the designs that were submitted. The two main concepts were the rider in the sprocket and riding up the club's name. The voting was close and there was a fair bit of interest in both designs.

Concept 1 - Rider in sprocket



Concept 2 - Riding the Club's name



In the final round there were 18 votes for the riding up the club's name and 13 for the rider in the sprocket so the committee has decided that the riding up the club's name design will be the new logo.

Thanks to Christine Thompson and Mike Elliott for the time and effort they put in to developing the two designs.

The committee also discussed the wording and whether "trials" should be included or not, but after some discussion it was agreed it should only be the club's name.

The new logo will replace the logo that we have been using since the early 1980s. We don't know who designed this but apparently it was someone outside the club.



We still have about 40 of these stickers, let us know if you'd like one.

Older members will remember the club badges which were around in the 1960s and may date back to the 1950s.



Collectable items now: a cloth patch for a blazer, and the little metal badge.

From the archives

Our club patron, Peter McDonald working to keep the Bultaco moving at a Pyramid Valley trial in the early 1970s. The section was a notoriously slippery one and was regularly used at the time.



The South Island team that won the 1970 North v. South trial. Bas Chambers (Bultaco), Kerry Miles (Triumph cub), Peter Archer (Greeves). The North v. South trials were held annually for several years in the 1960s and early 70s.

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Next events:

6 September	Have a go day	Waimak Trials Park
20 September	Club trial	Motunau
11 October	Club Champs	Kaituna
24-26 October	NZ Champs	Manderley/Western Valley/Graylees Road

For more information see the monthly calendar in the 'upcoming events' section on the Pioneer website.

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