



Megaphone

Newsletter of the Pioneer MCC

Spring 2020

Prizegiving

This year's prizegiving will be held in the evening on 30 January at Al and Isabel's house in Cass Bay. Catering will be by Canterbury Country Spit Roast. It's free for children under 12 and the observers at the South Island rounds and nationals, \$35 for everyone else. The booking form and more details are available [here](#).

Why is Josh happy?



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Lyall Sinclair videos

Lyall recently donated his collection of videos and photos to the Club. There are 16 DVDs of videos taken at club trials and

some national and South Island champs during the period from the early 1990s through to the mid-2000s. There are also 5 CD-ROMs of photos taken in the mid to late 2000s. These are available for loan. Contact the Secretary if you would like to borrow them.

Kaikoura t-shirts

We have 12 t-shirts and 1 large size polo still available. The t-shirts are \$15 each and the polo is \$20. Contact Peter D and Christine.



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Pioneer social scene

Well it was bigger than Wills and Kate's, and I bet a lot more fun. The longest wedding of the year happened in Wanaka in September when the Frenchies finally managed to tie the knot without Covid ruining the occasion.

We all knew that Karolyn would look stunning but were amazed when Jules also turned up looking stunning in a pretty impressive handcrafted designer suit. The weekend started at a trendy wee restaurant on Friday night in Wanaka which quickly became noisy with a bit of effort from the wedding group.

Saturday became a mystery bus trip which went to the Olive Grove, an awesome wedding setting, and boy the foodie things were great. With everyone back on the bus it was on to the old woolshed in Glendue bay for a pretty amazing meal, and then the noise began. Our national trials coach showed he is a bit of a dancer, but the stand out was Josh Stones who really had the floor pounding out a beat.

Sunday finished off with a BBQ at the old homestead at Glendue but for some reason a few people were off their food. It was great to be at the wedding of such an awesome couple.

Alan H

Josh buys a new toy

Josh has recently bought a new T89 single seat race car. This is currently powered by a 600 cc motorbike motor producing about 120 hp which is pretty good in a 380 kg car with aerodynamics and downforce. The modifications have started and we are dreading the day the motor grows into a 1200cc Hyabusa. We think he will quickly become a front runner in open class.



And the reason for Josh's big smile on page 1?

Alan: "how happy are you with the car after the first day?"

Josh: "Took the anti-roll bar off, much better now."

New members

The club welcomes the following new members: Lachie Columb, Clark Fountain, Wayne Harper, Shane Newton and Stephen Reij.

Wayne and Stephen are familiar faces because they have been riding in Pioneer events for a few years now.

Clark who is 17 and from Greymouth has competed successfully in other branches of the sport and is known in road race circles as the “West Coast warrior.” He rode in junior speedway for a few years, winning the New Zealand Youth Gold Cup in 2015, and more recently has competed in the Gixxer Cup 150 road racing series.

Shane has begun riding club trials this year and has recently acquired a 2010 Beta 250. Shane says “I raced moto X as a kid and vintage moto X as an adult on my 1981 CR450. I have raced a couple of enduro competitions on my ‘03 YZ250. I also enjoy trail rides and adventure riding with mates. I recently bought a 2020 MT07 and am about to start a project with my dad, getting his Norton Dominator running a commando 850 mk3 ready for racing again. I started trials as a safe way to encourage my children into motorcycles and to extend my skills.”

Lachie who is from Queenstown has an impressive CV. He represented New Zealand at the 2006 International Six Day Championship (ISDE) where he won a silver medal, He has raced ATVs and has also won several Moto-X, Cross Country and Endurance events as well as two Australasia 4 Day Enduro Championship gold medals. He is also the founder of Ride Safe New Zealand <http://ridesafenz.com>



Membership renewals

Club memberships expire on the 31 December, so it's time to renew again. The membership is \$40 for 2021. The online renewal form is [here](#).

New Zealand Trial Championship

Three properties were used for the 2020 Marlborough Motorcycles New Zealand Trial Championship: Manderley Farm for day 1, the top part of Latham's farm at Western Valley for day 2 and the back valley at Graylees Road for day 3. Paul Jackson, Derek Scott, Rob McKay, Shane Brons and Paul Mountstevens put in many hours before the event preparing the sections with help from other club members. Shane Hubbard also made a big contribution with his chainsaw expertise. Rat was the clerk of the course for the event along with the stewards: Peter Barnett, Sandra and Roy Hallie, and John Ravenscroft compiled the results. 68 riders entered for the event and 13 of these were mini riders. This was the second year that classes for mini riders have been included at the nationals and they were riding on separate sections which Simon Jones and Paul had set.

Expert (orange)

It has been two years since Dylan Ball last rode in Canterbury and he is now at a much higher level after riding in the world rounds in 2019. Dylan won all three days and also took out the NZ Experts, but it wasn't all smooth sailing. On day 2 he had a crash and broke the clutch perch which his dad Nick had to swap out during the trial. And then he had a brake problem and had to ride the last five sections without a front brake because he was running tight on time and couldn't afford another stop to sort it out.

On day 3 he had some strong competition from Warren Laugesen. Warren who last rode at the nationals in 2011 was improving each day and his second lap at Graylees was better than Dylan's. There was only one point separating them as they set off to ride the 12 sections for the final time. On this lap Dylan lost 16 points to Warren's 21 and finished the day 6 points ahead, but it was a very good ride by Warren.

Jules was in the mix too. He was second on day 1, and a close third behind Warren on day 2.

Expert (red)

There were three entries for the red line but Tauranga's Flynn Godsell had problems with the rear tyre rolling off the rim of his 4RT and didn't finish on days 1 and 2. Blake Fox took first place and David Trewin was second. Blake has now won this class three times.



Rock hopping: Dylan at Graylees and Warren at Manderley.

Intermediate

Brad Hibbs dominated the inters, winning all three days to finish ahead of Kevin Pinfold and Paul Mountstevens who had a real battle for runner up. On day one Kevin was one point ahead of Paul on observation. On day 2 both had the same score with Paul getting the nod on a countback. On day 3 it could have gone either way and it was lap 2 that decided it. Kevin lost only 4 points for the lap while Paul dropped 13. Jason Hibbs, Kevin Gundry, James Snowden and Josh Stones were also riding well and were close to the leading group. Snowy was unlucky to have problems with his 4 stroke Beta on day one and had to revert to his Rev 3 for days 2 and 3. Glenn Smith would have also been among them but had to retire after day 1 due to the ongoing back problems he has had this year and Neil Belvoir was unable to ride on day 2 due to injury. Hamish Barnett made the step up to this class along with Clark Fountain. Clark has only ridden one club trial and he was on Jules' GasGas 200 loan bike, so his ride at this level was remarkable. The two main contenders for the women's title: Hannah Rushworth and Gabby Gundry were both riding intermediate. Hannah was an impressive 7th overall and Gabby was 14th.

President and Sportsman

Brendon Wordsworth and Ray Skinner were the two main contenders in president and they finished on same score on day 1 which Brendon won on a countback. Ray was first on day 2, so they both started the third day with a chance to win it. Brendon had a better day than Ray to take the overall win.

In sportsman it was similar with Ross Bristol and Kahu Jones also having a close contest. Ross was first on day 1, and Kahu first on day 2. On the third day they both finished on the same score but Kahu won on the countback. Kahu has been riding well in club trials this season and it was great to see him achieve this result. As well as winning the class he also got a mention and his photo in the November issue of Ixion's Cycle Torque.

Clubman

The old master Warwick Merriman was too good on all 3 days, but the other two podium places were closely contested with Warren Day and Peter Robson coming through as the second and third placegetters. Lachie Columb riding in first trial and on a brand new Sherco was second on day 3. Christine Thompson bravely completed the 3 days despite feeling very unwell with a head cold.

Junior

Dylan, Clark and Kahu finished in that order based on VCS.



Two young riders who we will hear more of in future, Finn Pearce and Clark Fountain.

Twin shock

Simon Jones rode the green line on his Honda TLR to win the class. Jim Henderson (Fantic) and Stephen Reij (Ossa) rode blue and were 2nd and 3rd respectively. All three did well to complete the demanding trial on their twin shocks.

Minis

11 year old Finn Pearce won Mini A (electric). Finn is also the North Island champion and is a keen young rider who will be worth watching in future, as will Abe Herbert, younger brother of Daniel, who won the Mini A petrol class. Evie Hubbard rode very well to win Mini B (electric). Evie was third on day 1, but won the next two days and finished ahead of the three boys she was competing with. Hine Jones won the Mini C petrol class and Leo Hopkins did well to complete the 3 days on his little Beta electric.

A Waikato perspective

Four tired Waikato Trials riders sit and reflect on a weekend of competition at the Marlborough Motorcycles NZ Moto Trials Championships, here in Canterbury, late afternoon on Labour day. The 3 days of competition took place at 3 different venues close to Little River on Banks Peninsula. There are some sublime properties for MotoTrials in this area and we were treated once again, in 2020, to a wonderful array of terrain and challenges set out and administered by the Pioneer MCC. The hills were steep and grippy and mostly strewn with rocks while the creeks were challenging with every size of boulder imaginable, but mostly grippy by comparison to what we find at some of our Waikato venues. Sixty-eight competitors from throughout NZ fought battles with the terrain and obstacles in the congenial fashion that is prevalent in our sport. Temperatures on Saturday and Sunday caused competitors to wilt a little in contrast to the cooler and dampish Monday which suited the author better and reduced dust levels. Each rider entered the “fray” with their own personal “battles”, and it was interesting to watch our top three expert riders launch themselves and their bikes at the seemingly impossible “obstacles” and most often conquer the challenge with precision and courage. It was good to see Warren Laugesen from Hawkes Bay back to his old superior form but although he pushed our “whiz-kid”, Dylan Ball to “the wire” he had to settle for runner up to Dylan. Jules Huguenin from Pioneer came in a creditable third for the weekend. Hannah Rushworth from Manawatu showed how it’s done in the Women’s class, and also to more than half of her male counterparts, while major sponsor Brendon Wadsworth managed top spot in the Presidents class and Simon Jones, Brad Hibbs, Kahu Jones and Warwick Merriman won their respective support classes. Well done all.

Waikato riders to gain podium finishes were Peter Osborne achieving 3rd in the President class and Jim Henderson a 2nd in the Twin Shock class.

The highlight of the event for me was the comradery, enthusiasm and skill levels of the newly formed minis that contested this, and last year's, NZ Moto Trials champs. These youngsters, on their predominantly electric powered motorcycles, impressed in every way with their sportsmanship, ability and enthusiasm. I won't mention winners because in my view they are all winners but as a senior Moto Trials rider I would like to sincerely welcome the Burns, Furness, Pearce, Treloar, Herbert, Jones, Hubbard, Hopkins and Robson families to the sport of Moto Trials and hope that your numbers grow when others are infected with your passion. Hamilton MCC will host the NZ championships on Labour weekend in 2021 and we hope that we can duplicate the standards that were enjoyed in Canterbury this weekend. Thank you Pioneer.

Jim Henderson

And from Ixion

Those Pioneers, the mavericks of the south, sure know how to throw a party. Mind you, they get a lot of practice, rolling out the South Island Rounds, Kaikoura 3 Day, Club events and, of course, this year's Nationals. Word on the street is, they even found a moment to steer Biden clear of obstacles, helped him over a couple of logs, and basically piggy-backed him to victory without getting his feet wet so, yeah, they know how to throw a party.

This year's National was no exception: excellent affair, top notch organisation, good venues, can't go wrong. You throw Ravo into the mix, that jovial dude who'll hurl a five at you soon as look at you, and you know you're in good hands. I only rode Days 1 and 2 and it did strike me as a bit curious that there was a 'shortness' to many sections, often with just one green flag to follow and only one obstacle to negotiate. When you're dealing with creeks and streams, though, the whole bloody thing is one small obstacle after another and it was a big mistake to assume you could ride through on cruise control, i.e., points were lost.

Personally, I like this kind of terrain - it's a colourful mix of banks, logs, water, trees, you name it, so it keeps it all interesting. We were spoiled, as usual, with dry weather but even that contributed to the challenge, especially on Day 2, with the dirt turning to powder and traction an issue. All up, it was yet another well-run, challenging and rewarding event.

Phil Costello

The NZ championship results are available at <https://pioneertrials.co.nz/nationals/>



A week after the nationals. Getting the bags ready for the Kaikoura.

South Island champs

The New Zealand Championship also included rounds 5, 6 and 7 of the South Island Championship.

The first three finishers in each class overall are shown below. The full results are available at <https://pioneertrials.co.nz/south-island-championship/>

Expert	Rounds							Total	Place
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Jules Huguenin			25	25	22	20	20	112	1st
David Trewin			22	22	16	16	16	92	2nd
Dylan Ball					25	25	25	75	3rd

Intermediate

Jason Hibbs			22	22	18	16	22	100	1st
Paul Mountstevens			18	20	20	22	16	96	2nd
Neil Belvoir			25	25	15		15	80	3rd

President

Alan Honeybone			20	25	14	18	13	90	1st
Shane Brons			22	22	8	10	11	73	2nd
Brendon Wadsworth					25	22	25	72	3rd

Sportsman

Ross Bristol			25	25	25	20	22	112	1st
Kahu Jones			18	22	18	25	25	108	2nd
Simon Hopkins			16	18	16	18	20	88	3rd

Clubman

Rob McKay			20	25	12	16	11	85	1st
Warwick Merriman					25	25	25	75	2nd
Dave Chambers			22	22	8	12	10	74	3rd

Women

Gabby Gundry			25	25	22	22	22	116	1st
Hannah Rushworth					25	25	25	75	2nd
Christine Thompson					20	20	20	60	3rd

Twin shock

Simon Jones			20	22	25	25	25	117	1st
Stephen Reij			18	20	20	20	20	98	2nd
Jim Henderson					22	22	22	66	3rd

Junior

Kahu Jones			25	25	20	20	20	110	1st
Dylan Ball					25	25	25	75	2nd
Clark Fountain					22	22	22	66	3rd

Mini A (electric)

Finn Pearce					25	25	25	75	1st
Ella Burns					20	22	20	62	2nd
Zack Furniss					16	20	22	58	3rd

Mini B (electric)

Evie Hubbard			25	25	20	25	25	117	1st
Ben Pearce					25	20	22	67	2nd
Sebastian Robson					22	22	20	64	3rd

Mini C (electric)

Leo Hopkins			25	25	22	22	22	116	1st
Amelia Robson					25	25	25	75	2nd
Amelia Hubbard			22					22	3rd

Mini A (petrol)

Abe Herbert					25	25	25	75	1st
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Mini C (Petrol)

Hine Jones					25	25	25	75	1st
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Club trials

Motunau, 19 September (section setters: Simon & Kahu Jones)

We have only used this venue about three times and it has been a couple of years since we were last at this property which is on the side of a hill on the road to Motunau Beach. There is also some limestone, so it is different terrain to what we usually ride on Banks Peninsula. We were lucky to have a mild and sunny spring day, Simon and Kahu had set some good sections, and we finished with post trial debrief at the Greta Valley tavern sitting outside on the deck. A good day all round.

Thanks to Sandra and Roy for being the officials.

Expert		Intermediate		Clubman A	
Paul Mountstevens	24	Kendall McDonald	1	Clark Fountain	1
Glenn Smith	34	John Regan	2	Christine Thompson	3
Derek Scott	40	Kahu Jones	3	Dave Chambers	4
Hamish Barnett	66	Simon Hopkins	19	Peter Dunn	8
		Peter Hosking	33	Peter Barnett	9
		Ian Springer	36	Dave Barber	14
		Steve Fisher	42	Shane Newton	32
		Nigel Bunny	60		
Twin shock				Clubman B	
Simon Jones	29			Dick Gardner	0
Mini				Mason Price	14
Hine Jones	0			Dalan Price	18

Club Championship

Kaituna, 11 October (section setters: Peter & Hamish Barnett, Dave Barber)

The club championship was originally to be held in November but with the rescheduling of the Kaikoura 3 day to Show weekend it was decided to bring it forward to October.

The organising team of Peter, Hamish and Dave put in two days at Kaituna preparing the sections, and found some new ones that hadn't been used previously. The sections were a little harder than at some of the other club trials this year but this made it a good work out for the riders who would be competing at the nationals two weeks later. The absence of Glenn in Experts meant that there would be a new winner of the Laurenson Cup this year, and it is David who will have his name on it after a close contest with Paul. Gabby also opted to ride the red line as part of her preparation for the nationals. In intermediate Kendall won the class for the second year running and Kahu was up there with Alan and Ross. Dave Barber had a comfortable win in clubman from Derek Pike and Christine.

The presidents cup is becoming the Gardner cup because Dick has won it eight times now, and he also continued his good run in clubman B this year. The mini riders Hine and Evie were riding some harder sections too.

Thanks to the officials: Ross and Patrick.



Paul Mountstevens has joined the Beta club.



Chris Pascoe makes a determined effort to get up the bank in section 4.

Expert		Clubman A		Twin Shock	
David Trewin	34	Dave Barber	20	Simon Jones	109
Paul Mountstevens	41	Derek Pike	35		
Gabby Gundry	111	Christine Thompson	37	Minis	
		Peter Barnett	75	Hine Jones (Petrol)	17
		Dave Chambers	84	Evie Hubbard (Electric)	25
Intermediate		Chris Pascoe	106		
Kendall McDonald	15	Shane Newton	nc	Juniors	
Alan Honeybone	21			Kahu Jones	26
Ross Bristol	23	Clubman B		Mason Price	41
Kahu Jones	26	Dick Gardner	10	Hine Jones	17
Shane Brons	36	Mason Price	41	Evie Hubbard	25
Simon Hopkins	45				
Peter Hosking	70	President		Women	
Nigel Bunny	103			Gabby Gundry	111
Simon Jones	109	Dick Gardner	10	Christine Thompson	37
Hamish Barnett	nc			Hine Jones	17
				Evie Hubbard	25

Kaikoura 3 day, 13-15 November

With the Kaikoura being held three weeks after the nationals we were expecting numbers to be down this year so it was good to have entries from 42 riders and 3 sidechair crews. Twelve riders from the North Island came down for the event including Kevin Pinfold, Kim Pedersen, Neil Sturmfels and Connor Newton who had ridden at the nationals.

The sections at Trewins and Dairy Farm Road were set the weekend before by two teams led by Peter Dunn and Peter Barnett and during the week Tui Scott and Dave Chambers set Mt Fyffe. Patrick and Ross were the officials for the weekend.

Expert

The expert class had a different look this year with Blake absent, Jules opting to compete in sidechairs and David unable to ride the 3 days because Friday wasn't a holiday in Kaikoura. Kevin Pinfold and Paul Mountstevens had another head to head carrying on from where they left off at the nationals. On day one and day two they both had the same scores, but this time it was Paul who had the better third day. Tom Beedles was third, riding again after recovering from the injury that prevented him from competing in the nationals, and Kahu rode the red line for the first time as he continues his progress up through the grades.

Intermediate

There was also a very close contest in the inters with John leading Ross by 1 mark at the end of day 2, and Kevin Tither also in contention after a very good second day. When John had a five on the fourth lap on day 3, he thought that he had lost his chance of winning but meanwhile Ross was having problems when the Sherco began misfiring on lap 2, which ended his chance of catching John and unfortunately meant that he dropped down the order overall.

President

After being away for 3 months in the North Island working on a boat, Tui was back in the South Island for a few days for the Kaikoura and he rode well to win the class from Derek Pike.

Clubman A

In the clubbies it was a case of youth versus experience. Dave Chambers is fifty years older than Connor Newton who is only 13 years old and they both finished on 14 points at the end of the 3 days, and they each had the same number of cleans, dabs, twos and threes. Connor also rode well in the clubman class at the nationals and he is another young rider who will progress up the grades in the next year or two. Christine Thompson and Shirley McDonald also had good rides during the weekend. Christine was first on day 1, and Shirley was first on day 3.

Clubman B

It was also another close one in clubman B with Wayne and Dick finishing on 8 points each. Wayne dropped down to the B line this year because of an injury he had at a classic trial. Hannah Newton, Connor's older sister, and Jye Cormack were riding in their first Kaikoura and we hope to see them back again next year.

Twin shock

Tony Smith riding John Lawton's TY250C was the winner of this class. Stephen Reij (Ossa) and Peter Hosking (Fantic) were both pleased to finish the weekend after their bikes had overheated on the long, hot second day at Dairy Farm Road.

Sidechair

The Rat/Emma; Rob/Laura and two Johnnies sidechair teams were absent this year but three other teams entered. Kendall and Hamish were on the Honda, and it was something of a novelty to have a 4 stroke in the field. Jules had teamed up with Neil, who told us at the signon on Thursday evening that he had had some chair experience in the USA a few years ago; and Derek had a new swinger Ella, Paul's daughter.

Kendall and Hamish had been getting some practice in at classic trials during the year and it showed on days 1 and 2 which they won comfortably, but by day 3 Jules and Neil had worked out what they needed to do and it was much closer. And their good effort that day also put them ahead of Derek and Ella who had been in second place after two days. We have heard that Jules intends having another go, and if Kendall/Hamish and Scotty/Ella and the old campaigners return it will be very interesting next year ...



Kendall and Hamish at Mt Fyffe



Mason Price at Trewins

Expert				Total	Intermediate				Total
Paul Mountstevens	13	7	8	28	John Regan	7	6	11	24
Kevin Pinfold	13	7	16	36	Kevin Tither	14	5	17	36
Tom Beedles	37	21	43	101	Alan Honeybone	9	14	25	48
Kahu Jones	96	43	45	184	Shane Brons	15	23	15	53
Clubman A					Greg Powell	20	20	18	58
Connor Newton	3	0	11	14	Neil Sturmfels	22	23	17	62
Dave Chambers	3	3	8	14	Brent Downes	31	11	24	66
Tony Smith	3	3	9	15	Hamish Pryde	19	16	34	69
Shirley Mcdonald	4	8	5	17	Kim Pederson	25	25	36	86
Peter Hosking	1	11	7	19	Ross Bristol	8	6	98	112
Christine Thompson	1	13	11	25	Simon Jones	65	66	46	177
Stephen Reij	4	15	7	26	Barry Schroder	61	70	91	222
Mike Ward	4	6	26	36	Guyan Bennett		46		
Trev Wiley	2	24	20	46	Women				
Peter Dunn	9	24	24	57	Shirley Mcdonald	4	8	5	17
Chris Presto	16	17	31	69	Christine Thompson	1	13	11	25
Steve Fisher	14	27	28	69	Hannah Newton	4	26	36	66
Dalan Price	14	40	16	70	Twin shock				
Mason Price	16	31	23	70	Tony Smith	3	3	9	15
Chris Pascoe	12	15	48	75	Peter Hosking	1	11	7	19
Peter Barnett	12	29	39	80	Stephen Reij	4	15	7	26
Richard Latimer	34	53	19	106	Trev Wiley	2	24	20	46
Geoff Blokland	7	18			Wayne Harper	1	2	5	8
Clubman B					Brian Chambers	13	37	48	98
Wayne Harper	1	2	5	8	Air cooled				
Richard Gardner	0	5	3	8	Chris Pascoe	12	15	48	75
Hannah Newton	4	26	36	66	Junior				
Jye Cormack	19	33	15	67	Kahu Jones	96	43	45	184
President					Connor Newton	3	0	11	14
Tui Scott	5	7	3	15	Mason Price	16	31	23	70
Derek Pike	23	44	19	86					
Sidechair									
Kendall McDonald & Hamish Barnett				24	7	22	53		
Jules Huguenin & Neil Belvoir				71	42	27	140		
Derek Scott & Ella Mounstevens				57	48	40	145		

Greybeards 22 November

The Classic Trials Group ran the Greybeards this year at a new venue in Amberley and it was an open event for modern and classic bikes. Some drizzly rain made some of the sections slippery later in the day. Kerry Miles rode his Honda RTL and won the Harley Cup and the oldest rider Dick Gardner won the Mustang Cup and Bob Harris memorial walking stick for a second time.

A Grade (Harley Cup)

	Bonus Points	Points Lost	Final Score	Final Place
Kerry Miles	-65	8	-57	1st
Brent Downes	-42	1	-41	2nd
Peter Dunn	-48	11	-37	3rd
Geoff Blokland	-36	1	-35	4th
Dave Chambers	-39	9	-30	5th
Dave Davies	-39	10	-29	6th
Christine Thompson	-26	1	-25	7th
Wayne Harper	-26	7	-19	8th
Dave Barber	-22	11	-11	9th
Bruce Hughey	-39	29	-10	10th
Peter Barnett	-28	27	-1	11th

B Grade (Mustang Cup)

	Bonus Points	Points Lost	Final Score	Final Place
Dick Gardner	-44.5	0	-44.5	1st
Iain Davis	-7.12	0	-7.12	2nd
Maurice Coppard	-24	19	-5	3rd
Shane Hubbard	-10	21	11	4th

A+ Grade

	Bonus Points	Points Lost	Final Score	Final Place
Steve Fisher	-42	4	-38	1st
John Regan	-20	0	-20	2nd
Shirley McDonald	-30	12	-18	3rd
Guyan Bennett	-8	1	-7	4th
Nigel Bunny	-16	11	-5	5th
Ashley Duncan	-2	1	-1	6th
Kendall McDonald	-18	17	-1	7th
Simon Hopkins	0	0	0	8th

Tour de South

The JRL will be held on 20-21 February and following this John Lawton is organizing a tour of the South Island with assistance from Rob Hughes.

Rob has sent this information:

Hi Guys,

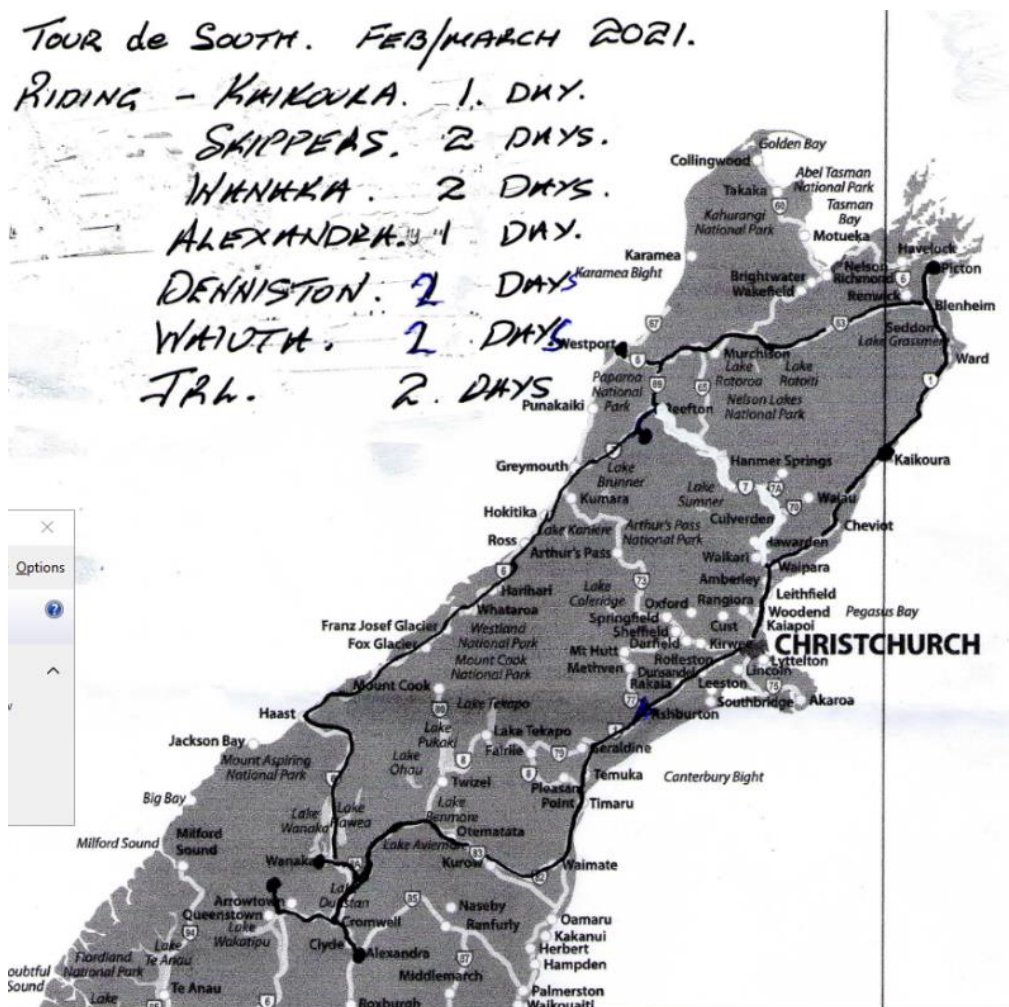
I am helping John Lawton organize the Tour de South. Feel free to contact me with any questions, suggestions etc. hughes.king@xtra.co.nz

Please find below an outline of the trip, locations, dates and distances. The main thing to do if you are interested is book your leave and book the ferry tickets. The Interislander should give a discount to MCNZ members.

Wellington to Picton, 1pm sailing Monday 22nd Feb 2021.

Returning 2.15pm sailing Sunday 7th March 2021.

If you are only doing week 1 plan your own return trip.



More detail to follow but the main points are:

- Get your van ready for a 2000km road trip.
- Get your bike ready for 12 days of riding. Bring your own spares (air filters, brake pads, wheel bearings, gearbox oil, etc).
- Get your riding gear ready, 2 sets of gear, we ride rain or shine.
- Get your camping gear ready for being self-supporting 3 days/2 nights
- freedom camping at some of the areas like Skippers, which is very remote.

Cheers

Rob Hughes

Fred Haworth

We don't know a lot about our early club members so when Joss Richardson contacted Peter Dunn recently it was interesting to find out about one of them. Joss' grandfather was Fred Haworth who joined the club when it was formed in 1914. Fred was a cycle mechanic at the time of his marriage in 1907 and later had a car repair workshop in Tuam Street in partnership with Frank Thomas.

In 1912 he set a New Zealand flying mile record and he rode in and won several Pioneer events from 1914 to the early 1920s. He was the first winner of the Bonnington Cup in 1917 and he won it again the following year. He also had success at grass track meetings on a machine that he called "scrapheap". This 350cc hybrid had a Triumph bottom end and an ohv head that he had manufactured himself. It was quicker than the 500 and 600cc bikes he was racing against.

His family remember that he was always cracking a joke and making them laugh. One of their memories is when he was driving them to Hanmer and the car spun on the shingle road and did a complete 180 ending up facing the way they had come.



Russell (Rusty) Gillard, 1945-2020

Russell was a motorcycling legend in Christchurch for decades.

In 1962 at the age of 17 he began riding in the novice class at Pioneer trials and that year was also the beginning of his long association with the Kaikoura 3 day trial which would continue through to 1996. He was the first rider to win the road bike class at Kaikoura when it was introduced in 1968 on his Greeves 250 and for many years he was the organiser and spokesman for the road class, setting sections and arranging accommodation.

Ian Miles recalls that Russell rode the Greeves on the road, road-raced and scrambled it and used it on road trials. He was also one of the early converts to Jap bikes, in 1971 he bought a Suzuki TS250 Savage. He rode this to success for several years in the new trail bike class at Kaikoura. In the first year 1971 he was second in the class to Gary Rush on a Suzuki 125 and ahead of John Boote of a Suzuki 90. For the record he also won that year's infamous drag through the inland shingle road ahead of Evan Holmes and Terry Young.

Russell also scrambled the Suzuki and later bikes in the 1970s and was a member of the South Island team for the annual North v South moto cross in 1973. Later he had Yamaha TTs and XTs. Murray Waters remembers Russell winning the trail bike series at Ruapuna on an XT500. Russell borrowed Murray's bike for the final round because his own bike was in pieces. He needed to finish in the top few to clinch the series which he did.



Russell is probably best remembered for his contribution to the various clubs that he belonged to. He was heavily involved at the Canterbury Auto Cycle Club organising road racing. That took him onto the ACU as a steward and other positions and for many years he was a constant presence at all sorts of bike events ... always giving, caring, and having time to talk, always one of the nicest guys in motorcycling. The ACU work also took him to speedway and again for decades he was an official presence there, and was president of the Canterbury Speedway Association for a period in the 1980s.









Russell was a little giant of motorcycling in Christchurch and is a great loss to the sport.

New Beta agent

I have recently taken on the role of Beta field agent offering support to all Beta trials bike owners at most major events in NZ and supplying original Beta parts and motorcycles for purchase. Please continue to contact John Lawton at Kapiti motorcycles for Beta parts first as he clears his existing stock. If you cannot get a part then contact myself or your local Beta dealership and we will sort you out. We currently have a number of new bikes in stock at great prices from Mini electrics - 80, 125, 250 and 300cc so treat yourself to an early Christmas present and give me a call or PM. My contact is 021 686024 A/H during week days or anytime in the weekend. I am looking forward to changing my focus from serious riding to supporting the trials fraternity and growing this fantastic Beta brand.

Warren Laugesen

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Next events:

13 January	Twilight trial	Waimak trials park
30 January	Prizegiving	Alan & Isabel's house

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

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