



Megaphone

Newsletter of the Pioneer MCC
Winter 2021

Lockdown

We probably won't know until Friday if we can run the club trial this Sunday. We'll let you know if it's off.

First aid training

We are looking at providing first aid training for members. The club will pay the training fee. Let us know if you are interested.

Personal locator beacon

The club now has a PLB in case of a serious injury at an event (see p.2).

New stickers

We have had some stickers with the new club logo printed. They will be available at club trials.

Pioneer goes north

Eleven or twelve Pioneer riders are heading to Hamilton to ride in the nationals at Labour weekend.

Front page

The Kaikoura Star gave us front page coverage on 9 June. The photo didn't show Rat and Rob at their best though ...



Best dairy farmers recognised

By Lauren Martin
The only community organised dairy farming awards were a big success for the district.
Kaikoura Dairy Awards co-ordinator Soren Laugrean said over 100 farmers and representatives attended at the South Bay Recourse last Monday, where they awarded 17 prizes.
Mr Laugrean won a grade five award for her Mopuka property.
"It is supplying highest quality milk to Fontaria for the duration of the season, the milk is checked daily and any quality issues detected by the suppliers is penalised."
"It is always pretty cool to see your hard work pay off, and when you have staff for all their hard work," Mr Laugrean said.
Fontaria area manager of milk supply Mike Hennessy said it a great community event.
"This is an event run and organised by the dairy farmers of Kaikoura so it is quite unique in that the community gets involved."
"This is the only area we know of in New Zealand that ... organises themselves."
Fontaria was one of 52 sponsors, and assisted in selecting award winners.
Mr Hennessy said the milk solids per kilogram increase on June 1, by five cents per kilogram.
"They have had a good year with a few challenges coming through quite well."
"Although a lot of guys have had good production it has been hard production because since December or January the environment has been dry," Mr Hennessy said.



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Playmate of the month



Our stunning model is wearing the club's new trials suit.

Gin

Barry and Justine Schroder have generously let us use their Mt Fyffe property for many years for the Kaikoura trial. Justine makes artisan gin and she received a reward recently at the New Zealand Spirits awards. The gin can be purchased through the website <https://mtfyffedistillery.co.nz>

Thanks

Thanks to Des Thornton for identifying the unknown rider in the photo of the 1955 Kaikoura that was in the previous issue. The rider was Ray Hannah.

New club members

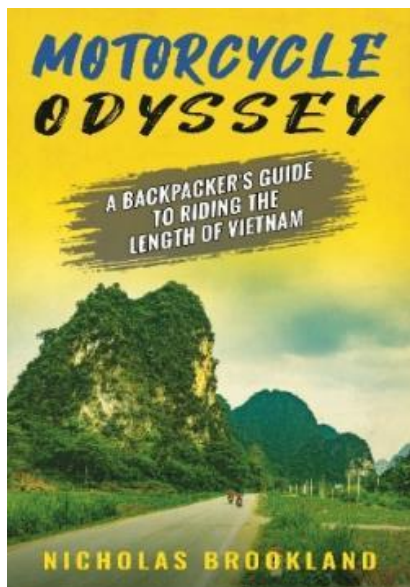
The club welcomes new members: Kees Krul, Greg Powell, Darren Keen and Richard Spencer and welcomes back Paul Delis, Craig Newbould, Ken Hosking, Stefan Ingendae and Danny Spencer.

Notes from recent Committee meetings

A personal locator beacon (PLB) has been purchased in case a rider is injured and requires urgent medical assistance. This will be kept in the trailer in a bumbag along with a waterproof note book and pens to collate additional details when the PLB is used. The pack will also include pads and bandages sufficient to stop immediate bleeding, and foil blankets to keep a patient warm while waiting for responders.

New riders can now purchase a one-day membership for \$5 for the first trial that they ride in. One event licences will also be free for the first two trials, so a new rider who would like to have a go at riding in a trial only needs to pay \$20 for the first event (\$5 one-day membership + \$15 entry fee).

The club's Osets can be hired for club trials. The fee is \$20 for each bike and they are hired on the basis that any parts that are damaged will need to be paid for. The bikes need to be booked before the event. Bookings can be made by using the 'contact us' page on the website or by messaging us through Facebook.



Nic Brookland has written a guide to making a motorcycle trip in Vietnam. It covers where to hire a bike, the type of licence needed and how much a trip will cost. Nic is offering free postage on paperback copies or 20% off the e-book for Pioneer members and supporters.

It can be purchased here <https://vietnamroadtrip.com/buy-the-book/>

For sale

Fantic 125 Professional (ex Alan Honeybone)

This bike has been stored in a garage for several years. It was well maintained when Al rode it. Fantic professionals are now quite rare in NZ so this would be a good buy for a twin shock enthusiast.

Al also knows of a one owner, TY250A that has never been ridden in a trial that is for sale. For more info give Al a call, ph. 021 566 871.

Kaikoura 3 day Trial

It was bigger than Ben Hur ... well almost. 71 riders and 6 sidechair teams assembled in Kaikoura for the 75th anniversary of the Club's 3 day trial with riders travelling from around New Zealand to attend. Ken Hosking, who rode his first Kaikoura in 1969, flew in from Tasmania, the opening of the Trans-Tasman bubble making it possible for him to get here, and Dick Gardner who rode in 1962 and has ridden many times since was also one of the entries.

The sections for the three days were set the previous weekend and the region was drenched with very heavy rain for a few days following this, but fortunately the weather cleared towards the end of the week. The first day at Birches Road was fine and surprisingly warm and the next day at Dairy Farm Flat was also fine apart from some light showers in the morning. The long loop and views from section 5 at the top of the hill making this an enjoyable day. Day 3 at Mount Fyffe delivered a day of rain showers with greasy sections that took more points than the two previous days combined. Sections 7, 8, and 9 becoming quite slick. A highlight of day 3 was the return of Jason Baker after an absence from the trials scene for three years. Jason was accompanied by his two sons William and Daniel.

There was a big gathering of around 80 riders and supporters at the dinner at the Lobster Inn on Sunday night, and the prizegiving was also held at the Lobster on Monday afternoon.

The team who did the behind the scenes work this year were Simon Jones who was the event coordinator and the officials: Peter B (steward), Patrick (CoC), assisted by Derek and Jules. Thanks to their work the event ran like clockwork. Alastair Trewin arranged for the Kaikoura Star reporter to cover the event and for posters to be put up around the town.

Expert

There were eleven riders in the expert class, one of the largest expert fields for some years. Paul Mountstevens, Tom Beedles and Manawatu Orion's Warwick George and Kevin Pinfold were the frontrunners, with Warwick emerging as the winner by three points. Paul was unlucky to miss a marker on day 2 which may have cost him the trial. He came close to making up the deficit on day 3 but couldn't quite do it. Tom and Kevin had a good battle for third place. Kevin was leading on Sunday night but Tom had a better third day and finished ahead of Kevin overall.

After an absence of several years Rhys Bayliss rode again this year:

"It had been over 15 years since the last time I rode at the Kaikoura 3 day and probably a similar amount of time that I'd done a multi day trial. I was pretty excited as I had fond memories of going when I was younger. I was on my old 200cc Beta Rev 3 which added some challenges in expert. The first day was at the Birches Road property with a surprisingly warm Nor-west breeze rolling through. The sections were mainly on the hills and pegged slightly easier due to the expected rain. There was still just enough to catch the top riders out as some sections got slippery as the day went on.

The second day started drizzly at Dairy Farm Road. There was a bit of mud but still enough grip. The expert sections could be described as hard intermediate. The sections were set on the hills with some big banks which my bike (or me) was struggling up and some technical rock sections that I partially enjoyed.



The third day at Mount Fyffe started off drizzly and the ground was wet. The sections were set quite a bit harder than the previous 2 days and the body was feeling it. The first lap for me went ok but then the following laps all went downhill. Both me and the bike struggled in the mud with a few mechanical issues added in.

Overall it was a fantastic weekend. It was great catching up and reminiscing with some old faces and meeting some new ones.”

Craig Mills also returned this year after a break from trials for several years:

“I was a bit rusty at Kaikoura, I picked up the 2002 Montesa from Brendon on the way down on Friday. Hadn’t ridden competitively in about 15 years, so it was a bit of a struggle. On Monday I rode Brendon’s 125 but didn’t gel with the smaller bike. In the end I just rode the sections I wanted to on the Monday so my score didn’t reflect my riding. I enjoyed it enough to want to sell my 01 CR250 and get another trials bike, so I’m hoping you’ll see more of me riding in the future.”

Intermediate

Twenty-five riders from Hamilton, Manawatu, Hawkes Bay, Canterbury and Otago rode the yellow line. John Regan led on Saturday with 8 points lost and didn’t lose any marks on Sunday which put him 5 points ahead of Roger Dunkley at the end of day two. On Monday John finished 5th but it was good enough to give him the overall win for a second year. Roger was 7th on Monday, and he finished third overall with Peter Osborne coming through to take second place. It was so close among the leading group that at the end of the weekend only three points separated the third, fourth and fifth placings with Roger on 60, Ross Bristol on 61 and Kevin Tither on 62.

Al Honeybone was close to leaders on day 1 and day 2 but the by last day was feeling the effects of additional riding as he explains:

“This was about my 37th year pegging sections for the Kaikoura 3 day Trial and the only time I can remember pegging Kaikoura in the rain, and with about 120mm predicted we were

ready for a real mess. I was pleased to be allocated day one to peg with Peter's Hosking and Barnett and Dave Chambers and of course Dave Trewin on the fantastic property at Birches road.



A quick check of the course on Saturday morning assured me it was not only rideable but looked fairly easy as things had dried well. I am not a great fan of running all combined sections at Kaikoura as it means some of the best Expert / Inters sections can't be run as the chairs and clubby Bs will struggle just to get to them. We had twelve sections to be ridden three times, and I really enjoyed the trial and finished fit enough to do a lap pulling sections and to look forward to day two. The best sections I think were on the hills, it

is always fun to be able to open the throttle.

Day two I had an easy morning as team two were doing the course check, so simply had to ride the trial. In our grade we had some great sections and some ho hum ones, the result of trying to cater for so many grades in one section. Again the best sections were hillsides, especially the hills with rocks. I still finished happy and reasonably fit. I headed off with Shane and the Jones duo to pull the pegs. I started feeling a bit knackered and realised even Kahu was looking fairly tired. I survived ok until Shane ran out of gas at the bottom of the last hill coming home and we had to get his Beta to the top for the free wheel home. This was not smart.

Day three, at the awesome Mount Fyffe complete with some mud. This was an awesome trial but unfortunately I had done too many laps on the previous two days and was destroyed before I started. The sections up the top were fantastic, but could have been even better by removing one peg. Day three needs to be the easy day, not the gut buster day.

Pioneer has always been great at getting a massive team to peg Kaikoura but we seem to have a huge group of riders who think that the day is done when they hand their score card in. After day two we were so peed off with the lack of helpers we asked at briefing on day three for riders to pull sections. If you are one of these slacker guys I think it is time you changed your attitude.

Thanks to all the people who made this event so good, especially Simon for taking the lead role."

Clubman

There were twenty-four Clubman A riders and seven Clubman B riders this year and the field included four women: Christine, Shirley, Emily and Hannah.

The sections on day 1 at Trewins were eased a little on Friday afternoon and they turned out to be easier than expected. At the end of the day in Clubman A there were six riders who were on scores ranging from 0 to 2 points lost, and another bunch of riders on 5 to 6 points. Among the leading group were Gwynn Gilmour from Dunedin who dropped only 1 point on

his Honda TLR twin shock, and Peter Dunn on his Repsol who lost 2 points.

There were low scores again the next day at Dairy Farm Road with three riders on zero, another three riders on 1 point and six riders who lost only 2 points. By the end of the day there were mumblings among some of the clubman riders that the sections on the first two days had been a bit too easy, but the final day would provide more of a challenge. Overnight rain made the sections very muddy and slippery in places at Schrodgers and just getting to the start flags of sections 7 and 8 proved to be challenging. In these conditions Shane Ace, showed he still has the skills that he had when he was younger and won a North Island Championship, to take the win overall. Mike Ward started the day well with a clean first lap but was unlucky to have two fives on his final lap which cost him the runner up position.

In Clubman B, Dick was in the lead on day 1 with 0 points lost. Richard Latimer who has been coming to the Kaikoura since 1996 was on 7 and Hannah Newton was on 23. And that was the order they finished in at the end of the three days. Dick had a single dab on day 2, and lost 40 pts on day 3 to finish on 41 for the weekend, twenty points ahead of Richard.

Twin shock

There were 10 twin shocks this year and the field was spread across three grades: Intermediate, Clubman A and Clubman B. Simon Jones opted to ride the yellow line and Wayne Harper decided to join him after finding the Clubman A sections too easy on Saturday. On Monday Wayne broke his handlebars but managed to improvise a repair using a piece of Manuka stick and finished the trial. Simon was the overall winner, with Wayne second and Tony Smith who was the best of the twin shocks riding the blue line, finishing third.

Brian Chambers and Chris Pascoe who were riding in Clubman B, had their own private battle on the two oldest bikes in the trial, the classic 197 Villiers. Brian was ahead on day 1 but Chris had the edge on the other two days and they both finished on the same score of 139 pts for the weekend. Chris had intended riding the TY mono but had to change to the Villiers due to last minute problems with the Yamaha.



There were several contenders this year for the Kaikoura District Council's cup for the best presented twin shock at the trial. Stephen Reij's Ossa TR80, Gwynn Gilmour's TLR and Dave Davies TY175 were all very nice, but we decided to award it to Ali Gilmour for his immaculate Ossa MAR.

This was the sixth time that Stephen Reij has ridden in the twin shock class and after this year's event he looked back on it:

Kaikoura and it's the 75th year of the 3 day trial, what an achievement for the club, and appropriately a large field of twin-shocks turned up for the event, including a contingent from Dunedin! My first Kaikoura was in 2013 when just finishing the 3 days was quite an achievement. Coincidentally my riding partner for the day then was, as for this year, Dave Davies, much to be praised for ability and willingness to frequently pick me up and dust me off! I also rode in the 70th celebration year, coming away with the much coveted "Arse-up" award. For the 2019 year I had upgraded my MAR, staying with the OSSA brand, to a TR80 Gripper. Sadly with a no-start I never emerged from the car-park that year. Later diagnosed (in the shower, as-you-do) to a broken woodruff flywheel key and altered timing. So all expectations of a great ride were a fore me for 2021 and I was not disappointed. The first day with great weather suited my riding style and ability and only an unexpected intercourse with a rock dislodged by the sidecar boys took points from me. A timely reminder to check each section each round! Day 2 and the weather's turning, still nice-enough for a great ride and again the open sections suit me, dropping 2 single points for random acts of inattention! The sweeping terrain of the venue providing great views, although at section 5 each round I had to allow the bike to cool, overheating being my current issue of concern. What can I say about day 3 other than it suited me not. Misty rain and glasses are not a good mix and boy do I need some riding in the mud schooling! Each round my score exceeded my number of digits hands and feet! (useful counting tools). My only consolation was, that I was cleaning section 3 or was it 4? riding up the rocky creek bed. On reflection, I'm pleased with this year's event, it cost me no major bodily blows, bruises or bashes but yet again I've cracked the frame of the Gripper, now referred to as the "yellow banana." I would observe that the event went off most well, the organisation sound and the sections well set. I look forward to next year!

Sidechair

This year saw the return of Rat and Rob and the two Johnnies, although this time John Lawton had teamed up with John Ravenscroft instead of John Thomson. Rat and Rob also teamed up instead of running separate chairs and Rat had fitted his chair to an Evo, having decided to retire the Techno.

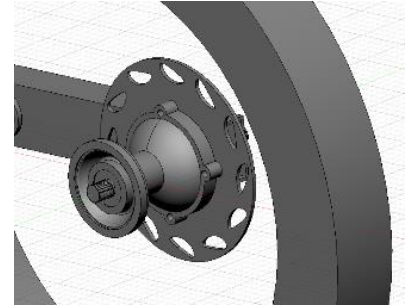
Paul and Rob rode the clubman A line and the other teams rode clubman B so VCS was applied for the results.

Josh and David were the newcomers in the field this year and Josh explains below how this came about:

*"Side Chair Trials" – The underwater-polo equivalent of trials because why would you !!!
(Quote from Phil Costello)*

I have done a few Kaikoura by now, and each year I always thought "wouldn't mind having a go", and each year both me and David Trewin said, yes would be fun, we should build one Well 6 weeks before this year's Kaikoura three day (2021) I called David and said "should we build one?" he said "yep free this weekend" and lo and behold we were on. David also said "use my 4RT" (sorry Alastair). I mean how hard can it be I thought to myself, will be able to knock it out in a weekend, easy peasy ...

Thought I should do my research, so looked at the internet for a bit, went round to Scotty's and Rob's and collected all the knowledge I could, dimensionally about where the wheel needs to be etc. Scotty had a spare wheel and caliper so I drew up a few parts for the swing arm and had my man Chris from Templeton Engineering machine them up.



I bought a load of steel tube, (precision tube), borrowed a heap of tools off Simon H (thanks again), David drove down from Kaikoura and we queued the music ... Well, when I say that, we sat in an empty garage looking at a very blank space that looked like this ...



Bearing in mind this was about 4 weeks before Kaikoura, this was the moment we understood it was probably a bigger job than we expected. David set to cutting bits out, which with his joinery precision meant for easy welding. I set about just holding bits of steel up and drawing on things just trying to fathom a way to make it work. Anyway that night we got a load done, literally two brackets!!!

Saturday was a good day, Both Simon and Scotty called in to "watch." Scotty stood to his words of watching mainly just explained how hard work it is and just laughed at me as I made it up as I went a long, with many a comment of "have you thought about this?" which saved us a few bugger moments. Simon didn't get out so easy, and we were both eating pizzas at about 11pm in the garage that night, even though he just called in while passing to see what was going on. We managed to get 10 hours Labour for a \$10.00 pizza, bloody good value 😊 if you ask me.



Anyway by Sunday afternoon we had a chair and we rode it round the drive, so I feel we can technically claim “built a chair in one weekend”, it just wasn’t structurally sound.

After some late shifts in the garage the following week(s) we did have a chair that was finished, so we took it for our maiden ride, with me as the monkey. That really didn’t work, so we swapped and things were much better, other than the fact it was completely unrideable, we couldn’t turn a corner or go in a straight line, and I had absolutely no clutch skills.



The ride back from the test ride was very quiet ... both me and David wondered why we had just spent two weekends making something utterly un-ridable.

The week after I took the chair to a have a go day, I wouldn’t say people openly laughed at the square mud guard, but you got that feeling. I did some practice with Hamish Barnett, who was a massive help and I know without that wisdom me and David would have really struggled because chairs are well ... Turns out, it was mainly the shock/spring that was way too hard on the chair and bike way too soft, so it didn’t lean. Thankfully Brent Downes came to my rescue (thanks Brent) with a box of old springs.

Me and David did a half day practice at his place. At the start we quite literally couldn’t even get up a small bank, we again questioned our life and purpose, but then something clicked and we felt much better about our lives.

The trial rolled round and we were very nervous, speaking with Paul J in the pub on Friday I was gutted to find out that you were not allowed to stop in a section and have a look around, and that it wasn’t going to be all that easy.

Day 1, Section 1, clean! ... me and David were ecstatic, and I can honestly say we had so much fun on the bike that weekend, it was something totally different and a great feeling of comradery from the other chairs. I think you will struggle to find a photo without me and David smiling from ear to ear.

We did have a small technical issue when I noticed that the frame had snapped on day 2 lap 1, section 3. I secured it to the bike with a strap just in case it totally let go, it's quite hard to see in the photo but it's cracked 80% way round the pipe. Managed to find some scrap around Alastair's garage and armed with a gasless-mig I added a whole load of steel, (I did think if anything was going to break it would be that)



Anyway we finished the weekend, and we even came in 3rd place, some say an achievement that has never been accomplished by a first time pair ... (or I maybe I just made that up, but it sounds good)

Massive thank you to the Trewins for having us the for the weekend, and to Alastair for letting us use his bike. Apologies for getting really drunk, making you wait for 15 mins for my pizza, then throwing a sausage at you, and abusing everyone in the van, but sometimes these things just happen and it's out of my control. All in all a fantastic weekend, I should really clean it now and put some paint on it.

A few stats for those interested:

- 22 and 19mm precision tube
- I have drawings of the stub shaft if anyone wants to make one
- Pit bike wheel with 17mm axel instead of the standard 15mm
- About 750mm width
- 1" to 1-1/2" tow in for the chair wheel
- Rear wheel to chair wheel axle about 230mm (I think)
- About 120 man hours.

Kaikoura results

Sidechair	day 1	day 2	day 3	Total
Paul Jackson/Rob McKay	16	47	48	111
Kendall McDonald/Hamish Barnett	14	30	49	93
Josh Stones/David Trewin	18	30	54	102
Derek Scott/Ella Mountstevens	25	34	58	117
John Lawton/John Ravenscroft	54	50	78	182
Jules Huguenin/ Neil Belvoir	51	37	100	188

Expert	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Total
Warwick George	8	5	31	44
Paul Mountstevens	9	14	24	47
Tom Beedles	18	9	45	72
Kevin Pinfold	18	7	52	77
Gareth Wadsworth	27	17	53	97
Kevin Gundry	21	24	88	133
Glenn Smith	25	31	82	138
Clark Fountain	59	31	83	173
Craig Mills	29	35	122	186
Kahu Jones	77	29	96	202
Rhys Bayliss	54	42	142	238
Brendon Wadsworth	dns	17	dns	



The expert trophy winners. Paul (2nd), Warwick holding the Triumph No. 2 cup (1st) and Tom (3rd)

Intermediate	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Total
John Regan	8	0	40	48
Peter Osborne	14	7	34	55
Roger Dunkley	10	3	47	60
Ross Bristol	11	16	34	61
Kevin Tither	13	12	37	62
Gabby Gundry	26	6	38	70
Simon Hopkins	23	10	45	78
Greg Powell	15	8	61	84
Shane Brons	14	18	54	86
Malcolm Reid	24	15	48	87
Alan Honeybone	18	12	58	88
David Kennedy	48	5	64	117
Chris Morrison	32	27	66	125
Kim Pedersen	43	20	69	132
Graeme Hibbs	36	26	87	149
Keith Ruthven	30	34	93	157
Paul Wheatley	56	22	85	163
Jeff March	21	17	147	185
Connor Newton	26	19	162	207
Barry Schroder	54	45	109	208
Stephen Armistead	65	56	101	222
Derek Pike	68	63	100	231
Simon Jones	69	44	121	234
Wayne Harper	6	87	163	256
Brent Downes	nc	nc	nc	

Junior				
Clark Fountain	59	31	83	173
Kahu Jones	77	29	96	202
Connor Newton	26	19	162	207

Women				
Gabby Gundry	26	6	38	70
Christine Thompson	5	7	50	62
Emily Willard	40	43	107	190
Hannah Newton	23	11	54	88

Clubman A	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Total
Shane Ace	1	0	12	13
Peter Hosking	0	1	22	23
Mike Ward	1	1	29	31
Tony Smith	5	1	31	37
Ken Hosking	9	2	29	40
Gwynn Gilmour	1	2	45	48
Dave Chambers	10	0	41	51
Steve Fisher	21	2	37	60
Christine Thompson	5	7	50	62
Gavin Fox	5	0	61	66
Stephen Reij	5	0	62	67
Nigel Bunny	15	2	52	69
Merv George	12	2	66	80
Peter Barnett	19	9	59	87
Trev Wiley	13	3	76	92
Stefan Ingendae	2	2	90	94
Kees Krul	39	18	42	99
Peter Dunn	2	11	89	102
Gary Allpress	6	8	90	104
Paul Corry	29	13	94	136
Dave Davies	28	15	97	140
Alistair Gilmour	18	12	133	163
Emily Willard	40	43	107	190
Shirley McDonald	nc	nc	nc	
Clubman B				
Dick Gardner	0	1	40	41
Richard Latimer	7	9	46	62
Hannah Newton	23	11	54	88
Brian Chambers	21	21	97	139
Chris Pascoe	36	19	84	139
Brian Hickton	78	dns	dns	
Leo Hogg	nc	nc	nc	

Twin shock	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Total
Simon Jones	69	44	121	234
Wayne Harper	6	87	163	256
Tony Smith	5	1	31	37
Gwynn Gilmour	1	2	45	48
Stephen Reij	5	0	62	67
Trev Wiley	13	3	76	92
Dave Davies	28	15	97	140
Alistair Gilmour	18	12	133	163
Brian Chambers	21	21	97	139
Chris Pascoe	36	19	84	139
Brian Hickton	78	dns	dns	



It was worth it ... Simon and Wayne with their trophies after a hard day riding the yellow line on their twin shocks at Schroders.

The full results are available [here](#)

Lynette's photos of the weekend can be found on Peter B's [Flickr](#) page

Kaikoura 75th beanies

We have three beanies left. Price reduced to \$10 each.

Email pioneertrials@gmail.com if you would like one.

James Lawton at the Kaikoura

You may have noticed the photo that Lynette took at this year's Kaikoura of John Lawton's sidechair and the Yamaha TY250C.



There are a few interesting things in the photo. Firstly, the trophy sitting on John's sidechair is the trophy that James Lawton received in 1996 when he won the expert class at the 50th anniversary of the Kaikoura trial. James was riding a 1996 Beta Techno that year (more about this below) and he was the first North Islander to win the Kaikoura.

In 1999 James rode in the Kaikoura again but this time he decided to ride a twin shock (the blue and white TY) in the expert class. John still owns this bike and he has loaned it to Tony Smith to ride in the last two Kaikouras.

Some of the other experts also decided to ride old bikes at the Kaikoura for fun that year. Craig Mills remembers that he rode a twin shock and Luke March and Wayne Thompson were also on old bikes. Some of the other experts and intermediates may have also ridden twin shocks or air cooled bikes.

Towards the end of the first day the TY wasn't running well so on the second day James rode his Beta (and he won that day). He rode the TY again on day 3 with a hole in the header pipe. Everyone who was there remembers the noise from James' bike that could be heard around the valley at Rakanui as he rode the expert sections. During the trial the other experts were so impressed by how well he was riding the Yamaha that at one point during the weekend when he wasn't looking some of them painted stars on the TY's tank. James finished third overall in experts behind Jason Baker and Brenden Eggers who were on their modern bikes.



James was in great form in 1999. Later in the year he finished 2nd in the Australian Championship and then went on to win the New Zealand Championship, which was also an Oceania contest between Australia and New Zealand.

The Yamaha TY250C

Robbie Lawton bought the blue and white Yamaha TY250C in 1979. Several years later after Robbie had sold it, James found the TY in someone's shed and bought it but he didn't know that it had been his uncle's bike. It was only later when Jeff Hall looked at it that it was identified as Robbie's. After he bought the TY, James steepened the front fork angle so that it was similar to a Beta Techno.

In recent times Tony Smith has rebuilt the motor and made some other mods to the bike. These include: replacing the original cylinder head with a DT250 head which has radial fins; Majesty springs in the front forks; and extending the swing arm. The original axles have been replaced with 17mm aluminum axles that Tony made himself. The top fork yoke has also been replaced and the position of the handlebar clamps has been moved forward like a modern bike.

The 1996 Beta Techno

This bike has had an interesting history as Paul Jackson explains:

“In 1996 Rob and myself had taken the Montesa 310 to Mt Tamborine in Queensland, the chair of which Kendall now has on the Honda, to compete in our first Australian Sidecar Titles. There was a big contingent of Kiwi riders at that event including James riding in open solo. After quite a few gins at the prize giving it was agreed that James would sell me his Techno at the end of the season, which he did.

In 1997 I bought a Bruce Rushton sidecar from England that belonged to the then British sidecar champion pairing of Robin and Jill Morewood, it was bolted onto the Techno, Rob stepped aside, Glenn hopped on, and we were off to Perth, WA for our second Australian Sidecar Title.

We met up with James who was riding the open solo again on his way home from the TDN on the Isle of Man. This was probably the most enjoyable of all the Australian titles that I have competed in and James was riding like a man possessed and looked set to be standing on the top step of the podium until he suffered from heat exhaustion, among other things, but finished a very creditable third. He was most definitely the 10000+ strong crowd favourite that day with his flamboyant riding. Glenn and I finished fifth and came home having learned a lot.

In 1998 we built a new chair that was similar to the Rushton chair but we made changes to the way that Glenn was able to stand and feel comfortable without getting a sore back. John Lawton also got a 270 barrel for us to try and get a bit more power to lug us two lumps around. We headed off to South Australia for another crack and ended up fifth again.

We used this chair for a couple of years before building another one that was a combination of our existing chair and the way the Australians were building theirs with no nose cones. This one went to Australia where we rode it at Pacific Park in NSW where we again placed fifth.

I've owned this bike for 25 years now, have ridden five Australian Titles on it, 22 Kaikoura Trials, some South Island Championship trials, the North Island Champs in Wellington, and a heap of club trials, and it has never let me down. It cracked a swing arm in 1998 but I reckon that was the way that James used to ride it, like a gorilla, and once we put two of us on it that was enough to finish it. Other than that it has never missed a beat. There have been three chairs attached at one time or another."

John Lawton's sidechair.

John also uses a Beta Techno to power his sidechair. This is a 1998 Techno that Robbie owned. It also has some later parts which are from the 1999 Techno that James rode. John intends restoring the 1999 Techno in future.

Club trials

Graylees Road – 20 June (section setters Kendall, Brent and Shirley, officials Jules, Derek)

A wet day didn't deter a good number of riders from turning out for this club trial. The rain made the sections very slippery and they got worse as the day went on. As a result there were some higher scores than usual, although it didn't seem to affect Paul and Tom who may have enjoyed the UK like conditions. The red line in section two had a steep downhill descent on wet clay which Kendall described as "seriously slippery." Some of the intermediates opted to ride down this instead of taking the yellow line but they probably didn't enjoy the experience. In the minis, Isabel had the lowest score and there was a new face, Taylor Henderson, who is Roger Henderson's grandson.

Expert

	Total
Paul Mountstevens	19
Tom Beedles	21
Jules Huguenin	50
Kahu Jones	65
Derek Scott	lost card
Hamish Barnett	no card

Clubman A

Steve Fisher	49
Nigel Bunny	55
Peter Barnett	93
Shane Newton	106
Dave Chambers	dnf
Chris Pascoe	dnf

Intermediate

Kendall McDonald	38
Shane Brons	51
Simon Hopkins	52
Ashley Duncan	75
Tim Hillsamer	76
Ross Bristol	79
Alan Honeybone	80
Dave Barber	121

Clubman B

Dick Gardner	101
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Mini Electric

Isabel Hopkins	10
Leo Hopkins	14
Evie Hubbard	16
Amelia Hubbard	26

Mini Petrol

Hine Jones	15
Taylor Henderson	20

Western Valley 25 July (section setters: Peter B, Peter H, officials: Peter B, Derek)

There was a good turnout of 29 riders and 5 minis for this trial. Makye Chambers (Dave's grandson) had his first outing in the minis, and it was good to see Paul Delis and Craig Newbould again, both making a return to trials after being away for a few years.

Although it had rained on Thursday, a couple of fine days on Friday and Saturday helped to dry out the ground and the sections weren't as slippery as they have been some years. Most of the field lost some points in section three, which was in the creek and had a muddy uphill exit. In the other sections, tree roots and loose dirt cambers also took some points.

It was close in expert, Jules finishing one point ahead of Paul, and in intermediate with Kendall and John finishing on the same score. Kendall taking the win because he more cleans (35) than John (32). Christine was the best of the riders on the blue line, and Dick finished on zero again. In the minis Leo had his first win, cleaning 19 of the 20 sections he rode.

Expert

Jules Huguenin	15
Paul Mountstevens	16
Glenn Smith	26
Tom Beedles	31
Kahu Jones	42
Rhys Bayliss	45
Clark Fountain	53
Hamish Barnett	65
Derek Scott	76
Josh Stones	dns

Intermediate

Kendall McDonald	12
John Regan	12
Shane Brons	17
Peter Hosking	51
Dave Barber	55
Simon Jones	56
Paul Delis	64
Nigel Bunny	68
Kevin Jarvis	nc
Brent Downes	nc

President

Rob McKay	15
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Clubman A

Christine Thompson	12
Dave Chambers	25
Peter Barnett	44
Chris Pascoe	49
Shane Newton	73

Clubman B

Dick Gardner	0
Peter Dunn	9
Craig Newbould	dnf

Mini B

Leo Hopkins	5
Hine Jones	10

Mini C

Isabel Hopkins	2
Makye Chambers	28
Amelia Hubbard	41

South Island Championship 7-8 August (organizer Derek Scott. Officials: Derek, Alan, Peter B, and Patrick)

28 senior riders and 7 minis rode in rounds 3 and 4 of the South Island Championship at Manderley Farm and Western Valley. The field included eight riders from Otago/Southland, Stephen Reij from Motueka, and one North Island entry, Kevin Gundry who made the trip down from Tauranga to ride the Montesa 315 that he keeps at Gabby's place.

The sections had been set over two weekends and some were modified on the Friday before the trial and on Saturday and Sunday mornings because of rain and the weather forecasts. As it turned out Saturday was a cool fine day, and the dire weather predicted for Sunday didn't turn out to be as bad as expected, although there were rain showers and snow flurries during the day. On both days the conditions were very slippery, and water in the creek sections was deep. On Sunday section 12 wasn't used because of access problems.

There was some great riding in all of the classes. In expert, Jules was the only rider on the orange line so was first both days. The close competition among the red line riders saw Tom, Jason and Clark swapping places over the two days, but it was Paul who finished on top in both rounds and his two second places in the class gave him the series win overall. It's only 12 months ago that Paul was riding a TY175 in intermediate and now he is the South Island expert champion.

In Intermediate, Glenn was well ahead on Saturday, but it was Kevin's day on Sunday, the wintry conditions reminding him of when he rode the SSDT in 2019. Riding the red line in club trials has really been worthwhile for Kahu this year. Kahu rode superbly on day 2 to tie for second with Glenn. Simon H has also gone up to another level now that he has switched to the TRS.

In presidents, Shane had his third win in the series when he was first on Saturday and he only needed to finish 5th or higher on Sunday to win the championship. Malcolm reveled in the slippery conditions on Sunday and his win helped him to finish 2nd overall in the series, just one point ahead of Alan. It was great to see Rat back again on the Fantic, and Wayne Harper's heroic efforts on his Honda TL250 were awesome. How Wayne manages to get 105 kg of bike around the green line is amazing. He was also the only rider on a 4 stroke. "Where are all the 4RTs?" Wayne asked afterwards.

In Clubman, Keith won both days to finish the series with maximum championship points. Rob was second overall and Dave Chambers third. Stephen rode really well on his Ossa TR80 twin shock, finishing third on Saturday and second on Sunday.

In the minis Ted Ceci from Queenstown was first in Mini A on both days, but there was good competition throughout the four rounds of the series with Zach Hibbs and Evie Hubbard each having a win. It was also close in Mini B with Leo Hopkins and Hine Jones having two wins each in the series. Hine was unlucky to have a dnf at Manderley. Having won Mini C, Isabel Hopkins is ready to move up to Mini B or Mini A next year.

The unluckiest riders were Grant, who had made the trip up from Alexandra, and Derek who had to retire with injuries on day 1.

A big thanks to Scotty for once again organizing a very good championship event. And thanks to everyone who helped with setting the sections and who assisted at the weekend, especially our non-riding officials Peter B and Patrick; Lynette for compiling the results, and our observers: Brian, Dave B, Dave D, Dick, Graham, Guyan, Jean, John and Rachel, Lyall and Maria, Maurice, Paul D, Peter D and Christine, Roger, Ryan, Sam and Trev. Thanks also to Shane, Trudy, Karla, Tim and Graeme who observed for the mini riders and supported them.



Paul Mountstevens in section 11 on day two. The approach to the rock step was so slippery that he was using 4th gear to have enough momentum to get up it. Paul said afterwards "I must admit I was fully committed, couldn't really back out once I had set off!!"



Stephen Reij in section 9 at Manderley. Stephen was 3rd in the clubman class on day 1, and 2nd on day 2. Great riding on a twinshock.



Wayne's TL at the end of the trial

Results

Expert - Orange	Round 3	Round 4	President	Round 3	Round 4
Jules Huguenin	91	89	Malcolm Reid	58	34
			Shane Brons	50	51
Expert - Red			Alan Honeybone	58	46
Paul Mountstevens	74	72	Paul Jackson	64	66
Tom Beedles	82	88	Peter Hosking	84	75
Jason Hibbs	90	87	Simon Jones	88	76
Clark Fountain	91	110	Wayne Harper	128	113
			Grant Anderson	dnf	dns
Intermediate			Sportsman		
Glenn Smith	58	63	Ross Bristol	51	57
Kevin Gundry	74	62			
Kahu Jones	78	63	Clubman		
Simon Hopkins	82	69	Keith Ruthven	20	32
Neil Belvoir	90	76	Rob McKay	22	45
Hamish Barnett	97	84	Stephen Reij	44	41
Gabby Gundry	99	107	Dave Chambers	48	42
Derek Scott	dnf	dns	Steve Fisher	45	47
			Gary Allpress	90	153
Twin shock			Mini B		
Paul Jackson	64	66	Leo Hopkins	38	36
Wayne Harper	128	113	Hine Jones	dnf	29
Stephen Reij	44	41			
Mini A			Mini C		
Ted Ceci	36	24	Isabel Hopkins	28	36
Zach Hibbs	40	33	Amelia Hubbard	53	47
Evie Hubbard	46	31			

The full results are available [here](#)

Peter Barnett's photos of the two days can be viewed [here](#)

2021 South Island Championship – overall results

Expert	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Total
1 Paul Mountstevens	25	22	22	22	91
2 Tom Beedles	22	20	20	18	80
3 Jason Hibbs		25	16	20	61
4 Jules Huguenin			25	25	50
5 Clark Fountain			18	16	34

Intermediate

1 Glenn Smith	22	22	25	22	91
2 Kahu Jones	16	16	20	20	72
3 Neil Belvoir	20	20	16	16	72
4 Simon Hopkins	14	14	18	18	64
5 Hamish Barnett	15	15	15	15	60
6 Kevin Gundry			22	25	47
7 Derek Scott	18	18	0		36
8 Gabrielle Gundry			14	14	28
9 Kevin Pinfold		25			25
10 Jason Hibbs	25				25

President

1 Shane Brons	25	25	25	20	95
2 Malcolm Reid	20	22	20	25	87
3 Alan Honeybone	22	20	22	22	86
4 Peter Hosking	18	18	16	16	68
5 Simon Jones	16	16	15	15	62
6 Wayne Harper	15	15	14	14	58
7 Paul Jackson			18	18	36
8 Grant Anderson			0	0	0

Sportsman

1 Ross Bristol	25	25	25	25	100
2 Derek Pike	22	22			44

Clubman

1 Keith Ruthven	25	25	25	25	100
2 Rob McKay	22	22	22	18	84
3 Dave Chambers	20	20	16	20	76
4 Gary Allpress	15	16	15	15	61
5 Stephen Reij			20	22	42
6 Peter Barnett	18	18			36
7 Steve Fisher			18	16	34
8 Alistair Gilmour	16	15			31

Twin shock

1	Wayne Harper		25	25	22	22	94
2	Paul Jackson				25	25	50
3	Alistair Gilmour		22	22			44
4	Stephen Reij				20	20	40

Junior¹

1	Kahu Jones	Junior	25	25			50
2	Ted Ceci	Mini A					
3	Zach Hibbs	Mini A					

Women²

1	Gabrielle Gundry	Woman	0	0	25	25	50
2	Evie Hubbard	Mini A					
3	Hine Jones	Mini B					

Mini A

1	Ted Ceci		22	22	25	25	94
2	Evie Hubbard		25	20	20	22	87
3	Zach Hibbs		20	25	22	20	87

Mini B

1	Leo Hopkins		25	22	25	22	94
2	Hine Jones		22	25	0	25	72

Mini C

1	Isabel Hopkins		25	25	25	25	100
2	Amelia Hubbard				22	22	44

Notes

1. Kahu rode on a senior licence in Christchurch so he only received junior points for rounds one and two. The mini classes are not championship classes so Ted and Zach didn't receive points.
2. Evie and Hine also didn't receive points in the women's class.

Have you noticed which make of bike the expert, intermediate, president and mini B class winners rode this year? (*hint: they are made in Italy*)

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Next events:

22 Aug	Club trial	Purau Bay
19 Sept	Club trial	Motunau
7 Nov	Club trial	Kaituna

At present we are unable to hold our monthly Have a go days because the Waimak Trials Park is closed.

For more information about the club trials see the 'upcoming events' section on the Pioneer website.

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