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2017 Club Calendar

July			
2 nd	Classic club trial	Weedons Ross Road	Dick Gardner
9 th	Jules training day	Glenelg Spur	Jules Huguenin
16 th	Pioneer club trial	Glenelg Spur	Derek Scott

August			
6 th	Classic club trial	Tulls Road, Waikuku	Dick Gardner
13 th	Pioneer section setting	TBC	Everyone
19 th – 20 th	SI Champs, Ch-Ch	TBC	Everyone
27 th	Pioneer club trial	Teddington flat,	Peter Hosking

September			
3 rd	Classic club trial	Waipara river	Dick Gardner
17 th	Pioneer club trial	TBC	Kendall McDonald

Editor's last...

Pioneer Motorcycle Club

Hi everyone, well it's been an interesting couple of months for me. After some discussion with the family, I decided to apply for the Motorcycling New Zealand Moto Trials Commissioners position and was appointed at the recent Motorcycling New Zealand Conference and Annual General Meeting held in Queenstown in May. This has meant that I needed to lose a few jobs that I have done for many years, so this is the last Megaphone that I will be doing, Peter Hosking will be doing it from now on. I have really enjoyed finding all sorts of stories around the world and around New Zealand to fill the magazine over the years. I would hate to think how many years I have been doing it but it's been really enjoyable. Good luck Peter I am sure that you will carry on the tradition of a fine magazine to inform everyone of all Pioneer events and other events around the world.

I have also suggested to the Committee that it would be a good idea to find a new Minute and Correspondence Secretary as I can't really write to myself on issues that might come up. So Josh Stones is taking on this position from now on and I will remain doing anything to do with Motorcycling New Zealand, which will work well. So congratulations Josh just one thing don't start wearing a shirt it may not be a good look.

Moto Trials Commissioner

I have formed a small working group of Francis Sydenham, Kevin Pinfold, Carl Robson, Craig Mills and Jason Baker to work through issues that come in and need to be discussed. For International issues I have asked Jim Henderson and Craig Mills to help me with anything that arises. I am welcoming any emails of any issues that anyone has to mtcommissioner@gmail.com but please refrain from contacting me by telephone or mobile as words can be misheard and things can get out of hand which I would not wish for. I would like to attend some of the events around New Zealand for a "Meet and Greet" and sort out the grades, during the next couple of years.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS!!!

Editor's Page...

Pioneer Annual General Meeting...

The Annual General Meeting was held at the beginning of March, and with Peter Dunn stepping down, Paul Jackson has stepped up to take the helm. I am sure that you all would like to thank Peter for all the work that Peter has given.

2017 Mick Andrews Summer Series...

The final rounds of the Summer Series were held with a great turn out of all the rounds over the summer. Congratulations to Simon Jones who had the most Championship points over all the grades to win the cup. Overall results soon.

Kaikoura 3 Day Moto Trial...

Yes, it is on, the subcommittee has been formed and is working on venues, Saturday night meals, sections, etc and will provide more information soon.

News from the Vice President...

Your new practice area...

As some of you are aware a couple of weekends ago we held a working bee on Saturday and Sunday. We would like to thank the club members who turned up in the awful weather and did their bit. On Saturday we had two diggers, seven weed whackers, chainsaws, and mowers going!!! The grass is cut, the banks are shaped, the obstacles are new, and we have cleaned out in the trees.

Get on your bike, get down there and ride it, learn some new things, if you think of anything that you would like to see, or change please let me know and we can make it happen!!! **THANKS AGAIN TO ALL WHO HELPED!! Josh Stones**

Training....

We all come to ride because we enjoy it, and being a better rider can only mean you enjoy it more right??? Jules Hunrunfrnrungie (Huguenin) has offered his services to do some training with the club, for all levels. I would like to gauge if anyone would be interested in doing an hour before our events going forward. If you would or have some burning questions please let the club know or contact Jules directly.

Jules has now offered his training day and suggests one group in the morning and then another in the afternoon once a month. His dates suggested are May 13th, 20th or 21st. June 24th or 25th, July 22nd or 23rd. More details soon.

Pioneer Club Trials and News...

Summer Series, Rnd #1

Puaha Valley

Peter and Christine

Puaha Valley, often called "misery valley" due to the weather conditions, was used by the club for the first round of the Summer Series. Pegged over two days by the author and Peter Dunn, the last two sections 9 and 10 being hastily pegged early Sunday morning. Both days were sunny and dry and 24 riders turned up for the event on the Sunday morning.

Expert		Intermediate	
Glenn Smith	56	Shane Brons	19
Derek Scott	64	Ross Bristol	29
Jules Huguenin	143	Rob Alexander	34
Clubman A		Will Ahomiro	56
Peter Hosking	4	Clubman B	
Simon Jones	15	Kahu Jones	126
Rob McKay	24	Stephen Jones	DNF
Tui Scott	27	Mel Banks	DNF
Brandan Alexander	57	President	
Hamish Barnett	59	Dick Gardiner	32
Peter Dunn	65	Mike Elliott	34
Christine Thompson	70	Woman	
Peter Barnett	70	Christine Thompson	70
Junior		Twin Shock	
Brandan Alexander	57	Paul Jackson	5
Kahu Jones	127		

While waiting for the rider's briefing, obligatory sign-in and opening of wallets we had a chance to have a good look at the new TRS 250cc bike that Brandon Alexander brought to ride that day. It being one of the first of that type of bike to be seen in New Zealand. Not to be out done, Alexander's father Rob brought out to the trial a new Honda Repsol 260cc!



The author has often thought that the person or persons setting a trial have an advantage over other riders on the day as they have had the chance to examine the sections closely while setting them. Well, it seems that despite this perceived advantage this not always the case and in the case of the author in

particular she has never had such a bad score!! Section 3 and 5 being a total disaster.

Having said all that the scores were higher than usual due mainly to the wicked way we had set some of these sections and that we tried to use, in the main, terrain that had not been previously used before. Sections 2, 3, and 4 providing for some interesting scores and remarks from riders. Sections 1, 2, and 3 were down a gully and 4 was





uphill and along a fence line. Section 5 was set in and around a land slip on the far side of the property, section 6 wound in and around trees alongside the river and section 7 started on the far bank of the river, crossed it, and then returned to the original bank. Section 8 included some difficult elements for the experts.

Section 9 was along the ridge line at the top of the hill which separated the property from Sections 4 through 8. Section 10 was located near to the parking area and was pegged in a shallow gully on the hillside. The author would like to make special mention of Kahu Jones and Mel Banks being the youngest and oldest riders respectively, way to go!!

There was fierce competition in the Expert Grade between Glenn Smith and Derek Scott, and if it had not been for a broken Carburettor reed Jules Huguenin, one of our best riders in the club at present, the competition would have been even fiercer. Fierce competition was not limited to the Experts, Dick Gardner and Mike Elliott, in the President's Grade, had a great battle with Dick taking 1st place by just two points.

The author would again like to thank Lynette Barnett for use of her great photos taken at this event. To view those photos go to Lynette's flickr.com photos page: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/nzpeterb/albums> **Christine Thompson.**



NEW FIM TRIAL-E CUP!

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The FIM is pleased to announce that the newly introduced FIM Trial-E Cup, opened to all Trial electric powered motorcycles, will take place on 24 and 25 June in Lourdes (France).

Thierry Michaud, FIM Trial Commission Director: "We are delighted that there is now a dedicated Cup for electric powered motorcycles as this type of energy is ideal for our discipline. The FIM and the Promoter will do their utmost to welcome and showcase this event at the TrialGP in France. We hope to have between 5 and 10 riders and two new manufacturers, which should create a real competitive spirit and a new impetus for this category." FIM Trial-E Cup entries are open at www.trialgp-registration.com

Summer Series, Rnd #2

Western Valley

Due to the fire risk and the Classic trials group having their club trial on the same day, the second round of the Summer Series was moved to later in February and to Western Valley.

Thanks to Alan, Josh, Rob & Brandon Alexander for helping set out on the Saturday.



Expert	Intermediate	
Jules Huguenin	5 Ross Bristol	23
Stef Downes	52 Jon Hainsworth	23
Glenn Smith	72 Shane Brons	27
Josh Stones	150 Alan Honeybone	31
David Trewin	DNF Rob Alexander	56
Clubman A	Kendall McDonald	DNF
Simon Jones	15 Willie Ahomiro	DNF
Tui Scott	15 Hamish Barnett	DNF
Ashley Duncan	21	Clubman B
Rob McKay	22 Simon Penny	25
Brandan Alexander	22 Kahu Jones	31
John Phillips	53 President	
Peter Barnett	61 Dick Gardner	
Junior	Woman	
Brandon Alexander	22 Stef Downes	52
Kahu Jones	31	

We used some of the usual areas but all sections had some interesting new twists to them rather than riding the same old. A couple of new sections were also cleared to give this great property even more variety.

The day itself was threatening rain but everything went pretty well until Kendall decided to twist his knee. Then Wille went one better and tried to use his eye socket instead of his hand to steer his handle bars. Thankfully Josh got and a few stitches off home. Good have ends plugged as resulted. Mishaps was not even riding, when his bike moved who turned up, then drink and nibbles.



Ross Bristol

Summer Series, Rnd #3

Purau Bay

Karl Clark

The final round of the Summer Series round 3 was held in conjunction with the Karl Clark training weekend. Pioneer had the privilege of having Karl down from Nelson to do a spot of training for the weekend, and it was well received by the riders that attended, it carried on to the

Sunday giving Karl a chance to watch and advise the riders on how to improve their riding skills on the sections that had been set by Shane Brons and his team of keen riders willing to step up and learn how to set sections for club events.

Expert		Intermediate	
Jules Huguenin	47	Kendall McDonald	29
Stef Downes	101	Ross Bristol	29
Clubman A		Josh Stones	37
Simon Jones	16	John Regan	45
Brandan Alexander	35	Willie Ahimiro	45
Rob McKay	39	Shane Brons	47
Tui Scott	56	Rob Alexander	48
John Phillip	84	Jon Hainsworth	48
Clubman B		Alan Honeybone	56
Kahu Jones	21	Junior	
Woman		Brandan Alexander	35
Stef Downes	101	Kahu Jones	21

Mick Andrews Summer Series Overall Results

Expert	#1	#2	#3	Tot	Intermediate	#1	#2	#3	Tot
Jules Huguenin	20	25	25	70	Ross Bristol	22	25	22	69
Glenn Smith	25	20	0	45	Shane Brons	25	20	15	60
Stef Downes	0	22	22	44	Rob Alexander	20	16	14	50
Derek Scott	22	0	0	22	Jon Hainsworth	0	22	13	35
Josh Stones	0	18	0	18	Willie Ahomiro	18	0	16	34
David Trewin	0	16	0	16	Alan Honeybone	0	18	12	30
Clubman A	#1	#2	#3	Tot	Kendall McDonald	0	0	25	25
Simon Jones	22	25	25	75	Josh Stones	0	0	20	20
Tui Scott	18	22	18	58	John Regan	0	0	18	18
Rob McKay	20	18	20	58	Clubman B	#1	#2	#3	Tot
Brandon Alexander	16	16	22	54	Kahu Jones	25	22	25	72
John Phillips	0	15	16	31	Simon Penny	0	25	0	25
Peter Barnett	13	14	0	27	President	#1	#2	#3	Tot
Peter Hosking	25	0	0	25	Dick Gardner	25	25	0	50
Ashley Duncan	0	20	0	20	Mike Elliott	22	0	0	22
Hamish Barnett	15	0	0	15					
Peter Dunn	14	0	0	14					
Christine Thompson	12	0	0	12					

MNZ NEWS...

New App coming to you soon...

I attended the MNZ Conference in May, to hear and find out more about this new app that Motorcycling New Zealand are bringing out soon. This is what I understand is happening.

- ☺ Each rider will download the “App” from their Internet onto your phone (I am not sure but think that it doesn’t have to be a smart phone)
- ☺ On your MNZ Licence card there will be a QR code that will have all your rider’s information, helmet, and any medical issues. Then when you arrive at an event you can just come up to sign on and this will tell the organisers that you are able to ride.
- ☺ If the event is being held out of internet coverage the organiser can download the rider’s details and then do a backup of riders that did attend once they are in internet coverage.
- ☺ The Club will receive either a tablet or similar to record all the riders details, which will be uploaded to the MNZ office after the event.
- ☺ When the rider downloads all his details on this application it will also provide all the news, and other information.
- ☺ All the riders will be only available to the officials no other rider will have access to your details. At the event the Steward will have access.
- ☺ There COULD BE A REDUCTION ON LICENCE FEE’S
- ☺ If you don’t want to download the application then the old paper system will still be available.

This application will also be the place to apply for permits for events, and everyone can see what other events are being held around New Zealand.

The Officials reports will also be accessed to this application to complete their reports on the events just held.

Officials Grading...

Andrew the Officials Commissioner is bringing in a new system for events, this is only related to Moto Trials there will be a Regional Steward and they will oversee the Officials training and other duties. There will be a 3 tiered system

- ☺ Club event, as suggested club trials that the club holds
- ☺ Major event, Island events
- ☺ Championship events, National events.



2017 South Island Moto Trials Championships

Hosted by Dunedin, Round 1 & 2.

Dunedin, rounds 1 & 2

of the 2017 South Island Championship,

the deep South it ...absorF#\$&*kinglutley.” Leading up to the event I (Josh) was obviously doing some research on

what to expect, so I had been painted the picture of big grippy rocks, things like, “you don’t need to turn your tyre”, “heaps of grip” etc. etc. Oh well.

Expert	Sat	Sun	Total
Jules Huguenin	69	114	183

Day 1

We arrived, you couldn’t even see the sections due to the thick fog, so the English in me instantly retreated to the Downe’s camper van for a cup of tea. Once warmed

President	Sat	Sun	Total
Ross Bristol	1	48	49
Alan Honeybone	13	58	71
Malcolm Reid	19	68	87
Colin Kelland	46	99	145

up went for a practice, while trying to avoid the crazy French man doing sprints in the field (Europeans eh). I got my first feel of the grip as I locked the front wheel up while trying to stop almost landing on my face, “grippy rocks” they said.... Yeah right, luckily I did put my new tyre on so had that slight smug feel to comfort me while picking myself up and looking around at the other shocked faces.

Twin Shock	Sat	Sun	Total
Paul Jackson	11	62	73
Russell Begley	28	80	108
Brent Downes	25	DNF	25

Junior	Sat	Sun	Total
Dylan Ball (A Grade)	64	111	175
William Baker (Clubman)	184	137	321

The sections were fantastic, spread far and wide with a good ride between so there was no large backing of riders. All the sections

were natural land, rock, banks, hills and super grippy wet grass??

As with all trials you wait for the person to go first to just see how well that line goes at the first sections. Well I didn’t do that, I thought no, I will do my own thing... 5, says a lot. Every section had an abundance of lines to take which was really good fun and let you be in contact

Woman	Sat	Sun	Total
Shirley McDonald	109	123	232

turmoil of weather to stick to the line again. (At this point I would like to thank Scotty, Glenn and Shane for letting me ride round and learn what I should be doing). The weather did pick up slightly during the middle of the day but it wasn’t exactly beach weather.

Day 2

Let's just say the theme of the day was rain.....rain,,,,,, rain. What is the best thing to accompany rain, yes clay, steep hills, ruts and no run ups. Again the sections were spread out far and wide (and excellently sign posted), with sections in a quarry, creeks, and

trees. Sadly some of the sections were unable to ride by the end of the day and it was pulled back to three laps. When I say unable to ride I should say unable to ride to me, as Glenn Smith proved in one section where I had entered locked

A Grade	Sat	Sun	Total
Blake Fox	40	110	150
David Trewin	42	128	170
Jason Baker	88	85	173
Dylan Ball	64	111	175
Carl Robson	127	112	239

both wheels, slid straight to the bottom of the bank at terminal velocity, only to be stopped by the trees at the bottom, it only took two guys to get the bike out and 10 minutes to actually get out the sections. But Glenn somehow manipulated gravity and got through with his life and pride.

Intermediate	Sat	Sun	Total
Glenn Smith	17	65	72
Neil Belvoir	15	64	79
Gareth Wadsworth	36	64	100
Brandon Wadsworth	29	76	105
Derek Scott	39	94	133
Josh Stones	57	90	147
Shane Brons	74	86	160

In some sections the thrill was simply just getting round and out the section for a three, and that might not be everyone's cup of tea but I was there for a challenge and it certainly was that. I must say how well the clubbies did, some of the sections were just as hard to get out to the next one as the section was.

All in all it was an excellent trial and was

terrific effort by the boys from the South to do it with minimal support. Unfortunately the weather was not on our side but was still a fantastic trial and I personally can't wait for next year.

Well done to all the Pioneer crew who made the journey down.

Josh Stones

Clubman	Sat	Sun	Total
Graeme Hibbs	22	73	95
Nic Foster	32	73	105
Liam Falconer	45	80	125
Tui Scott	45	94	139
Rob McKay	45	94	139
Shirley McDonald	109	123	142
William Baker	184	137	321
Gavin Fox	39	DNF	39

2017 NORTH ISLAND MOTO TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP OVERALL RESULTS

Expert	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	Total
Matthew Foster	25	22	25	25	25	25	0	20	167
Stuart Lawton	20	20	0	0	22	22	22	22	128
Robert Williamson	0	18	0	0	20	20	20	0	78
Jules Huguenin	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25	50
John Haynes	22	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
Corey Davies	18	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	34

A Grade	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	Total
Phillip Shilton	25	25	22	25	25	25	25	25	175
Carl Robson	22	22	25	22	22	22	22	22	157
Dylan Ball	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	140
Thomas Evans	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	0	126

Intermediate A	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	Total
Kevin Pinfold	22	18	25	20	22	22	25	25	161
Andrew Clement	13	25	22	22	18	16	16	20	139
Jason Day	15	22	18	25	14	18	22	18	138
James Snowden	25	16	0	0	25	25	18	0	109
Colin Downs	14	9	11	15	15	13	15	22	105
Daniel Herbert	12	14	14	16	16	14	13	14	101
Gary Samson	16	11	15	0	11	15	12	16	96
Gabrielle Gundry	11	10	10	10	7	12	20	15	88
Kevin Gundry	18	20	20	18	0	0	0	0	76
Hannah Rushworth	10	8	9	11	9	9	9	12	69
Peter Boettcher	20	13	16	14	0	0	0	0	63
Colin Godsell	0	15	13	13	12	10	0	0	63
Grant Thwaites	0	0	0	0	10	11	11	13	45
Nigel Reid	0	0	12	12	6	0	14	0	44
Kerry Lowndes	0	0	0	0	20	20	0	0	40
Raymond Skinner	0	0	0	0	13	8	10	0	31
Laine Vickers	0	0	0	0	5	7	8	0	20
Clinton Roxburgh	0	12	0	0	8	0	0	0	20

Junior	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	Total
Dylan Ball (A Grade)	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	175
Jason Day (A Grade)	22	22	22	22	20	22	22	22	154
Daniel Herbert (Inter A)	20	20	20	20	22	20	20	20	142

Hannah Rushworth (Inter A)	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	126
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Intermediate B	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	Total
Brent Douglas	22	22	25	25	25	25	0	0	144
Alex Percival	18	20	22	22	0	0	0	0	82
Mark Sidebotham	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Phillip Stephenson	10	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Mark Galbraith	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	25

Clubman	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	Total
Neil Sturfels	22	22	25	20	25	25	25	22	166
Francis Sydenham	25	25	20	25	20	22	18	25	162
Warren Day	0	0	22	22	18	18	22	18	120
Geoffrey Russell	10	20	18	18	15	15	0	0	106
Phillip Stephenson	0	0	0	0	22	20	20	16	78
Gregory Morice	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	20	36
Tui Scott	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	15	29
Ashley Andrews	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	26
Neil McCabe	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	16
Kevin ter Steege	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	16
Mark Galbraith	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	15
Paul Wheatley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	14
Barry Nicholls	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	12
Stephen Franklin	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	11
Tony Hildesheim	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	10
Juan du Plessis	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	9
Garth Hutchison	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	8
Troy Andrews	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	7

President	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	Total
John Lawton	18	25	22	22	25	22	20	25	161
Paul Simmonds	22	22	25	20	22	25	22	22	160
Nigel Shilton	16	20	18	16	18	20	25	16	133
Peter Osborne	20	18	16	18	20	18	18	20	132
Raymond Skinner	25	16	20	25	0	0	0	0	86
Douglas Herbert	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15	30
Brent Douglas	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	14	30
Tom Hislop	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	13	27
Kim Pedersen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18
Paul Wheatley	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Warren Day	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15

Twin Shock	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	Total
Stephen Armistead	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	50

Woman	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	Total
Gabrielle Gundry (Inter A)	25	25	25	22	22	25	25	25	172
Hannah Rushworth (Inter A)	22	22	22	25	25	22	22	22	160

TRIAL: CHANGE IS COMING

2017 will go down in history.

Next month will see the 2017 TrialGP season get underway in Spain with the new series boasting many changes that promise to shake up the championship and bring it in line with the standards that have long been part of the other two-wheel sports. So before Bou and co arrive in the Spanish hills, here is a guide to what you can expect when the 2017 campaign comes to life.



Sport7 - Ready to make a difference

Absent of a championship promoter for many years the FIM Trial World Championship, that becomes TrialGP will benefit from the expertise and experience that the Sport7 team (sister company to G2F Media) will bring to the series. Headed by Jake Miller, a man who has spent the last twenty-five years working inside the Trial paddock in a number of different roles and perhaps best known as Dougie Lampkin's manager for almost twenty years will use his wealth of knowledge to take the sport in a new direction. With his equally qualified staff at his side, who have been responsible for delivering five British TrialGP competitions in the past and several high profile Red Bull events over the last fifteen years, Jake and co will look to impose the same level of professionalism that has become the company's trademark for each and every project that they have been involved with since 1998.

TrialGP / Trial2 / Trial125 - Class is everything

The premier class - namely TrialGP is now only open to the previous season's top ten riders plus a handful of other elite riders selected by the FIM/Sport7 who are deemed to have the correct ability / potential to tackle the high-level sections that define this class. A total of eighteen permanent TrialGP riders on bikes over

250cc will contest the 2017 season. Trial2 becomes a full FIM World Championship - now the same as TrialGP and no longer a World Cup - and is restricted to 250cc two-stroke machines. This class, with its new status is packed with emerging talent, who will fight it out over all eight counting events, with no rounds being dropped this year. Trial125 will be contested over the opening five events, again with all rounds counting, this shorter format series has already seen entries for the entire championship rise four-fold.

TrialGP Women / Trial2 Women - New classes for the ladies too
Ensuring equality, the FIM Women's World Championship - now known as TrialGP Women will comprise of the top twenty female riders with a brand new second class having now been created to cope with the increasing number of Women riders taking part in the series. Trial2 Women, a new FIM World Cup, will offer a great pathway for the younger female riders who like their Trial2 male counterparts will be restricted to 250cc machines. Both of the Women's classes will kick off in July, with the three-round series starting at the TrialGP USA, which marks the first time the female championship has ventured outside of Europe.

Qualification - Poles apart

For many years, Trial has gifted the best starting position - at the back of each class - to the best rider with ranking having previously determined the starting order at each event. Handing the best riders this clear advantage free of charge did not seem fair, so a new level playing field has now been introduced with a single time section deciding the starting positions within each class. Played out the day before the main competition, riders will have to risk speed as well as observation with priority being given to the more traditional scoring method, but ties being decided by time. Put simply the rider who goes fastest and clean will take pole position. Whilst the best riders will always rise to the top, no longer can they be guaranteed of the best place on the grid without earning it. Qualification is sure to serve up some surprises and shake up the order.

Fixed format - Time matters

Making it easier for fans to follow the action Qualification and the Trial itself will take place at the same time in each and every country, with the main event starting at 9.00hrs Sunday in Europe and at 9.00hr Saturday / Sunday in Japan / USA. Qualification is at 15.00hrs on Saturday in Europe and 15.00hrs on Friday outside Europe. Each event will consist of two laps of fifteen sections, with the riders allowed a maximum of two and a half hours to complete each lap, never more time and now with a twenty-minute forced break between laps so both

riders and fans can grab some well-deserved refreshments. The winners will be on the podium at 15.45hrs prompt so the family can be home in good time.

Live results + more - Join the TrialGP Family

Using satellite technology - for the first time ever live official section by section results will now be available in real time both at the event and for fans elsewhere via a soon to be released new mobile app and webpage. For more details on this and everything that is TrialGP visit www.trialgp.com.

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