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South Island champs

Now that the Kaikoura is over we are turning our attention to the South Island round on 20-21 August. The venues this year are Western Valley (Latham's) and Kaituna. The entry form is on the website [here](#).

If you can help as an observer please get in touch with Derek.

Green machine

Shane Hubbard has ordered a Comp model Electric Motion. Only 100 are being made and it's the only one coming to NZ. It's arriving in September.

And talking of green Paul Mountstevens has bought a Jamie Busto replica 280 Vertigo and is waiting for it to arrive from Spain. The bike colour is actually more black and red than green.

Brands at the Kaikoura

Interesting to look at the bike types at this year's Kaikoura. There were 15 Sherco's, 14 Betas, 13 GasGas, 13 TRS, 6 Vertigos, 5 Montesa 4RTs, 2 Scorpas, 1 Montesa 315, 1 Ossa. And in the twin shocks there were 3 Yamaha TY175s, 1 TY250, 2 Honda TLRs,

1 Ossa, 1 Montesa, 1 Bultaco, 1 Fantic and 1 James. The sidechairs are not included in these numbers.



Vive la France! (see p.8)

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Kaikoura 3 day trial - 2022

Three days without rain; one of the largest entries we have ever had; and a French sidechair team were some of the things that made this year's Kaikoura memorable.

There were 82 riders and 5 sidechair crews, a total of 92 participants. Only a couple of other Kaikouras have had as many entries: the 50th anniversary trial in 1996 which had 106, and the 60th anniversary in 2006 which had 92. The field this year included ten women, ten twin shocks, and nine junior riders.

Day 1 was at Alastair Trewin's farm at Oaro. Day 2 was at Andrew Coughlan's farm at Dairy Farm Road and day 3 was at Barry and Justine Schroder's property at the foot of Mt Fyffe. The sign on and prize giving was held at the Whaler in Kaikoura.

The team that made it happen this year was Simon Jones (trial coordinator), Jules Huguenin (steward and results), Patrick Hall (second steward) and the CoCs, Derek Scott and Alan Honeybone. The sections were set by three teams the week before the event.

Expert

There were 11 riders in expert and the field included Jason Baker who last rode the three days in 2016, and David Trewin who was back on the GasGas after a stint as sidechair swinger for Josh last year. As well as riding the red line, Jason was also looking after his two sons, William (Sherco 125) and Daniel (SherGas 80) who were riding the clubman grades. He managed to do both and win the class for the 13th time.

Here are **Tom's** insights into how the weekend went:

As in previous years, the Kaikoura 3 day did not disappoint for the experts. Saturday's sections at Trewins provided a lesson on slip and slide, Sunday gave us a nice rest day with even the smallest mistake proving costly, and Monday delivered the shock that no one was expecting for the final day.



Great to have Jason Baker show us all how it's done, cleaning up (but not without losing a combined 42 marks), proving he's still got it after a long time off the bike. Paul consistent-Mountstevens again proving he's the regular to beat, pipping the rusty David Trewin by 1 mark at the end of 3 days of hard-fought competition.

Special mention goes to John Ross for loaning Rhys the Circuit Asphalt backed TRS, which he returned dirty and empty of fuel, to receive a cleaned bike ready to roll the following day -based on that service I don't think he'll be looking to fix his Sherco any time soon. Arron also deserves a dedicated mention, for his first expert ride - his determination

is commendable, even after riding several laps with a face full of blood after an accident with a tree.

On behalf of all the riders I'd like to thank everyone who is involved with making this event happen. It's a shed load of work and a select few really put in 110% to make it run so smoothly. Hopefully the record entry list and amazing feedback goes some way to reward those individuals. I left Kaikoura with a slightly broken body but full of smiles. Battling around with a group of mates, in the sunshine, with absolutely stunning scenery, helping each other out and lots of banter. What more could you possibly ask for?

Intermediate

Paul Simmonds (Hawkes Bay MC) rode the Kaikoura twelve years ago and finished second in inters. This time he led from day 1 and won the class ahead of Ixion's Wayne Furniss and Finn Pearce who were both on 125s and riding their first Kaikoura. Finn is only 13 and has come up through the mini classes riding Osets and is now on a Beta. His third place in a field of 24 intermediate riders was one of the standout performances of the weekend.

Shane was the best Pioneer rider, finishing 4th with some good consistent riding.



Finn was the best junior rider and 3rd in intermediate.



Wayne Furniss was the best newcomer this year and 2nd in intermediate.

Ross has ridden this class for several years and won it a couple of times:

*Another Kaikoura done and dusted. My 18th consecutive so far. With Alan, Steve Fisher, Peter Hosking, Greg Power and Dave Chambers (the semi retired or **tired** brigade) we pegged Trewins on Tuesday morning before the event on a balmy Norwest day. But it was not to be on the following weekend with heavy rain beforehand making for a slippery ride on some of the sections. Intermediate grade was pegged pretty well overall with only a couple of really*

muddy sections and most being quite rideable. Two sections were separated from the 'B' line and enabled us to use a couple of old favourites plus a couple of new sections – one in a muddy drain that proved very challenging for all, and section 12 on the Doctor's land in the top of the stoney creek.

Day 2 was a quite easy day which was appreciated by many. Intermediate sections were on the easy side so the day was a consistency trial with all sections cleanable. Low scores in comparison to the day before.

Day 3 at Mt Fyffe was probably on the tough side for most intermediate riders. This property is always wet and slippery and with some overly tight parts in the sections was more like a national level event. I hope we haven't driven away a few who had not expected such a tough last day. Still there is always next year ...

Sportsman

This year we offered a green line for the first time at the Kaikoura because we wanted to provide another option for older riders and twin shock riders and it was good to see the interest in it. 18 riders on modern and twin shock bikes decided to try this line and their ages ranged from 12 year old James Knowles through to five riders who are in their 70s (Francis, John, Keith, Ken and Steve A). Looking at the results the green line seems to have been about the right level on day 1 and 2, but was perhaps a bit hard for the twin shocks on day 3. We'd be interested in any feedback.

Francis Sydenham was unlucky to have a dnf on the first day. On Sunday he had a zero score, which was the best result that day.



Ken Hosking travelled from Tasmania to ride the green line. Ken rode his first Kaikoura in 1969



Barry Schroder lets us use his property on day 3 each year and this was the 4th time he has ridden in the trial.

Clubman

There were 16 riders in Clubman A, and Christine Thompson made history becoming the first woman to win this class at the Kaikoura.



Christine on day 1, riding the log section that was set by Greg Power.



Nine year old Zack Furniss rode the blue line.

Shirley McDonald was a close second after overcoming problems with her bike on Saturday when it blew a head gasket. Brent lent Shirley his bike for Sunday and Monday, and he rode the 4RT that he had brought along as a spare.

Nine year old Zack Furniss is another up and coming young Ixion lad and may be the youngest rider to have ridden clubman A at Kaikoura. He rode a GasGas 50 that was loaned to him by Mike Ward and Jo Gallen

There were thirteen riders riding the white line (Clubman B), and Peter Dunn headed the field, with Richard Latimer second and Dick Gardner third. Four juniors: Daniel Baker (11 years old), Toby Schroder (11 years), Jack Schroder (10 years) and Liam Ross (6 years) also rode this line. Liam managed to get his little 50 cc Vertigo Vandal over the hill at Dairy Farm Road which was quite an achievement in itself.

Cathy Wadsworth was unlucky to have a fall on the logs in section 5 on day 1 and have a tibia fracture which has required surgery at Christchurch hospital.

Richard has been riding since the late 1970s and coming to the Kaikoura since 1996. Here is his assessment of this year's sections:

Another great Kaikoura been and gone, bookings made for next year already. A big vote of thanks to all who were involved in running the event, the landowners and of course all the other riders – I can't wait to be back next year... I haven't bothered with a blow by blow but have commented on best / worst from an OF (Old Fart not Only Fans) perspective for each day.

Day 1 Birches Road. Favourite section was #12, concentration and wheel placement was the key in here, well pleased with four cleans. Bogey section was # 4. I like to know where the traction or lack is and muddy single line sections that rely on reactions aren't really my thing. I got one "3 dab 3" which I was pleased with, lost count of my feet on the others. Hat tip to all those who got through for less than that ...

Day 2 Dairy Farm Road. Favourite section was #4. The first ¾ were a bit ho hum (I did Blue twice here) but the two lots of rocks at the end needed a good ride to come away with a clean. I was well pleased with 3 cleans and the flagging energy levels were probably the cause of my single dab on the last lap. Least favoured was #5, not much call for skill but the pucker factor was pretty high. Maybe just a little too brave for beginning riders?



Day 3 Mt Fyffe. It's hard to set a bad trial here but harder to set a really good one – somewhere in the middle this year with some starts and finishes all over each other like a rash. The downhill into 1 must strike fear into many hearts, beginners, and anything without brakes. Huge ups to Brian Chambers on the JJJAmes !! Most liked section was #8. I never got to grips with the off camber rocks and uphill turn at the finish, but it was a challenge I enjoyed. Even three or four more attempts after the event didn't get me a clean. Looking at other scores maybe there was an easier way I didn't see 😞 Least was #10. It was a bit of a non- section but do you think I could manage a straightforward turn on loose gravel? Not just no but hell no 😞

Women

There were nine women riders this year, plus Ella in the chairs. Gabby rode intermediate and was the overall winner of the women's class, with Christine second and Shirley third. Monique, Lynnda, Emily, and Jo rode around together and they probably had the most fun of anyone at the trial.

Juniors

The nine juniors ranged in age from 6 years to 15 years and they were spread among the yellow, green, blue and white grades. It is great to see this young talent coming into the adult classes and hopefully next year we'll have more of our young Canterbury riders at Kaikoura too.

Twin shocks

The two legends Greg Power and John Lawton were in the field of ten twin shocks, and the riders were spread across three grades, green, blue and white. John was riding a Majesty-like TY175 as was Alistair Gilmour who made the trip up from Dunedin. The honours were fairly evenly shared between Simon and John. Simon led the twin shocks and the green line on day 1 and day 2 and John had a very good day 3. John was the overall winner, Simon was second, and Tony Smith was third on the Lawton TY250.



Simon led for two days ...



... but it was John who won overall.



Brian rode the only British bike in the trial. It's amazing that a 197 can run so well for 3 days.



Peter Dunn was the white line winner.

Sidechairs



With John deciding to ride twin shock there was no North Island entry in the chairs this year, but there was, for the first time, an all French combo of Jules Huguenin and Guillaume D'auber de Peyrelongue who rode Rob McKay's Beta rev3 powered chair. Rob also lent his other chair which is hitched to a Beta Techno to Jason and Hadrian Roberts.

Instead of the North v. South sidechair challenge this year, it was France v. New Zealand, and although Jules had put a lot of work into getting Rob's chair working well, and Guillaume did very well in his first year as a swinger, it was a win for NZ. Maybe the result would have been different if Jules and Guillaume had been on a GasGas.

Rat had talked Glenn into joining him this year and they rode the blue line and were the winning combo again. This was their 14th win. Rat, of course, has his name on the S.A.M. trophy many more times. Scotty and Ella, and Kendall and Hamish battled it out for the runner up position and in the end there was only two points in it.

And if you are wondering what it's like to be the only woman among this hardy male group this is what Ella had to say:

Being a complete novice in trials let alone sidechairs, I was pretty nervous at my first Kaikoura 3 day in 2020! Especially being a young female in a particularly mature male dominated sport. It was extremely daunting first time round but to my surprise everyone was so helpful and friendly. Everyone is still relatively competitive, but guidance, tips and spotters are never far away. I really enjoy the comradery and banter, it's a bit of fun and everyone looks out for each other. For what I might lack in physical stature, I think I just about make up for it in being relatively athletic. Sometimes weight in the chair isn't what you need but when it is, I had to quickly learn to trust Derek and get out as far as my little arms & legs would let me. Having Derek as my driver made the whole experience AMAZING! He's so kind, he's teaching me while concentrating on the section, our duo has really started to work because we had a very successful Kaikoura 2022! To my surprise I loved riding Kaikoura in the sidechair back in

2020, therefore even after moving to Nelson for work, I still make the drive down for the event! I'm really looking forward to seeing everyone again in 2023!



The last time Jason and Hadrian rode together in a chair was in the 1990s



Rat and Glenn won the chairs and also finished 5th on the blue line ahead of a number of Clubman A and twin shock riders!

Patrick

Patrick was our non riding steward and did some very useful work on Saturday but unfortunately felt unwell on Sunday and ended up in Christchurch Hospital. We are pleased to report that Patrick has recovered and is back home again.

And what about next year? Al's already thinking about it

After seeing the amazing turnout at this year's event, I thought we should start thinking about next year. We had a great turnout at the 1970s Trials riders reunion at Easter. Greg Power stayed down south to add Kaikoura to his reunion trip. Greg enjoyed Kaikoura so much he is keen to bring down a large team of twin shock riders for next year's event.

The other day I bumped into Peter McGrail a good rider from the 1980s, and he said he was keen to dig a bike out and ride 2023. The dynamic Jason and Hade are building a new chair to compete in 2023. After talking to these guys I thought we should start spreading the word now that we want to make 2023 something special. Let's try to make a massive field of over 120 competitors, with a huge field of twin shocks and 1980s and 1990s bikes and riders. Let's start spreading the word.

Alan Honeybone

Greg Power's Kaikoura

Heading South to enjoy the delights of the rugged terrain, the friendly mainlanders and the joys of motorcycling certainly make a southern sojourn worth the effort. After a fun filled Easter weekend at Kerry and Joan Miles property near Rangoria for a reunion of 1970's riders (read old bastards), we headed for the renowned spots that have attracted millions of tourists. The absence of overseas visitors is a huge bonus for us kiwis fortunate enough to get the time away and explore our own islands. From the cycle trails, fiords, beaches, museums, historic sites and more, we had an absolute ball and when you mix this with long lost friends from the Catlins to Blenheim and everywhere in between, it was even more special.

So it was no surprise then when I scheduled our travels to include the 76th running of the Kaikoura 3 Day Trial with my selection of 1970's bikes in tow and the enthusiasm to give it a go. The K3DT is iconic in New Zealand and is most likely the longest running motorcycle event in New Zealand. Hosted by the Pioneer Motorcycle Club (MNZ sanctioned), the K3DT attracts the largest number of Moto Trials competitors hosted anywhere in this beautiful country. Three demanding days at three completely different venues certainly test the all-round performance of the 90 plus riders that attended this year. From Expert to Clubman, A grade to Side Chair, Ladies to Oldies and even sections suitable for mini riders to have some fun.

Sally and I had been holed up with Club President Alan Honeybone and his lovely wife Isabel who are the most gracious hosts in their beautiful Cass Bay home. And so, I was drafted into the section setting team for the first day's competition. Alan, Peter Hosking, Ross Bristol, Steve Fisher, Dave Chambers and I were the crew. With loppers and heavy gloves, I was put to work clearing overgrown foliage from previous day one sections and even given the privilege to mark out two sections of my own design (which turned out to be challenging for reasons to be disclosed) as well as hump and carry for the setup committee. It was



the Tuesday before Queens Birthday (the traditional date for the K3DT) with the terrain a mixture of dry and slippery banks, streams, drains, logs and greasy tree roots.

Torrential rain on the Friday changed the nature of the terrain making the event a little more challenging than was intended. "My" sections were no. 5 over a couple of very slippery logs in the mud at an angle and took heavy losses for most who couldn't master the technique. And section 7 which consisted of boggy downhill swamp that required an aggressive approach. Such was my fame at the trial as my results certainly didn't attract any notoriety.

Grand Results Master, Jules Huguenin (weirdly on a Side Chair – now that is crazy stuff) briefed the riders of the scoring system, the stewards and CoC did their bit then everyone headed out to tackle the obstacles set for Day One. It was exciting to see at least 9 female competitors tackling the sections giving the boys a run for their money. Gabrielle Gundry again showed her prowess riding the difficult Yellow Line often making the guys feel inadequate as she cleaned and footed her way to the top of the Ladies class. John Lawton gave a master class lesson in consistency on his TY175 in the Twin Shock Class and I even managed a respectable 3rd place for the day. And watch out for Finn Pearce who although a Junior, rode against the big boys scoring third in the yellow Grade and 14th overall. The return of Jason Baker (no longer a young whippersnapper) showed just how class is perpetual as he demolished the opposition halving the score of the next two riders Paul Mountstevens and David Trewin. The slippery and sometimes boggy sections were challenging to most with only the more resourceful managing regular cleans in most of the sections. Whilst stopping was allowed, stopping doomed your chance of reaching the end pegs as most were uphill or in boggy slippery terrain. Thus non stop was the order of the day. A big thanks to Alastair Trewin for the use of his awesome property on SH1. Alastair owns the Kaikoura Quad Tours on the hill south of Kaikoura.

Day Two dawned yet again sunny and warm on the property of Andrew Coughlan's at Dairy Farm Road behind Kaikoura itself. We accessed it through a forestry operation, a suspicious bridge and lastly a ford to reach the parking paddock. It felt like we had already completed a Trial getting there. A fairly lengthy loop had 10 sections marked out mainly on the hillsides amongst rocks from rugby ball size to those the size of a truck. Something for everyone. Whilst they looked a little intimidating, the sections were quite easy as it turned out. Low scoring meant concentration was imperative and those of us who lacked this particular skill paid the price with silly dabs and the occasional stupid 5. Even though I managed to clean every section at least once, I was well off the pace and finished up slipping back quite a few places. Some of the quarry climbs for the Experts were impressive although Jules scoffed when I suggested they were tasty climbs. Such has the skill level and bike capability moved on. Still, it was a heap of fun with riders enjoying the sunny skies and the banter between each other when failures and successes were recorded. And it was fantastic that the one and only Bob Cooke turn up to watch the proceedings. Bob has been instrumental in fostering Moto Trials for over 60 decades and possibly more. Low scoring brought the top riders within a point or two with Jason Baker, David Trewin (yes son of the first venue's owner), Paul Mountstevens and Kevin Pinfold all within three points in the single digits. Such concentration is unbelievable.

Complacency was soon shattered when we fronted up to Barry Schroder's farm under Mt Fyffe where the third day team set up some very challenging sections amongst a glorious rocky creek/river surrounded by tree roots, logs, banks and more. Barry and his sons ride the Kaikoura so we feel we may be able to use the property for some time to come. I even purchased some organic gin from Barry's wife. A very nice drop too.

No muddy sections on yet another glorious day but some challenges that tested the skills and confidence of almost everyone. After giving my ex-Peter Hosking Montesa 200 too much punishment over the first two days, I took out the 325 Bully for the final day's riding. An

excellent choice in the rocky creek but a handful on the tight tree roots. Thankfully, the brakes were sufficient for Section 1's initial decent. John Lawton outshone our class yet again showing he is worthy of the honours and also won the Best Presented Twin Shock machine at the event.

Side Chairs were the crazy component of the K3DT as they crashed and burned at every opportunity often leaving their passenger part way through the section, mostly off banks and logs. Fun to watch but I imagine it would be harrowing holding on to the handholds when someone like Jules is on the throttle. However, Paul Jackson and Glenn Smith did the business while Derek Scott and Ella Mountstevens held off the rest of the contingent.

I caught up with Shirley McDonald who battled all weekend with Christine Thompson and it was they who headed the blue grade in front of quite a few guys, girls, juniors and Twin Shock riders.

I had the pleasure of riding the entire weekend with John Lawton, Tony Smith and Chris Presto along with a few others from time to time such as the likable Kahu Jones and from the Waikato, Colin Downes plus my old mate Shane Ace from Northland. Ninety two riders is amazing considering only half that amount turn up for a National event. Maybe the Pioneer Club have found the formula that suits the majority of riders. Few trophies, even fewer egos and the guarantee of a fun time certainly brings the riders back year after year and with this being the 76th edition of the K3DT, they have sure got it right.

And for me? Absolutely buggered! Three Days, 120 sections, 16 hours of riding and walking sections, countless Cleans, Ones, Twos, Threes and many Fives's, minor damage to both the Montesa and Bultaco, sore muscles, scratches and bumps. But I survived Kaikoura.

It took a full day to clean both bikes, sort out the riding gear and repack the truck. Then another day to recover!

Will I come back? You bet. We are already planning for next Queens birthday Weekend at Kaikoura and plan to bring even more riders from the North Island.



Besides the usual heartfelt thanks to the most important people the land owners, there are those who spent previous weekends setting out the sections. Well done! Unfortunately I don't know them all other than the few who roped me in on the Tuesday setting for day one. Also to Patrick Hall, Jules Huguenin, Alan Honeybone and Derek Scott who performed the officiating duties of Stewards and Clerk of Courses and to Simon Jones who worked hard to keep it all together.

Kaikoura 3 day results

Expert	Sat	Sun	Mon	Total	Clubman A	Sat	Sun	Mon	Total
Jason Baker	21	2	19	42	Christine Thompson	22	9	7	38
Paul Mountstevens	34	5	53	92	Shirley McDonald	28	10	10	48
David Trewin	42	3	48	93	Gavin Fox	31	7	19	57
Kevin Pinfold	46	5	92	143	Dave Chambers	33	20	10	63
Tom Beedles	63	13	107	183	Wayne Harper	39	17	22	78
Gareth Wadsworth	92	11	84	187	Steve Fisher	43	16	27	86
Kevin Gundry	82	20	126	228	Russell Begley	58	13	21	92
Simon Hopkins	95	22	123	240	Chris Presto	46	28	31	105
Rhys Bayliss	98	41	132	271	Alistair Gilmour	86	33	28	147
Colin Downes	114	24	147	285	Zack Furniss	75	21	56	152
Kahu Jones	107	27	dnf		William Baker	84	32	47	163
					Maurits Roos	71	44	51	166
					Monique Weir	87	49	61	197
					Rob McKay	dnf			
					Dave Davies	59	40	dnf	
					Lynnda Barry	111	68	dnf	
Intermediate					Clubman B				
Paul Simmonds	28	1	19	48	Peter Dunn	14	9	13	36
Wayne Furness	31	1	29	61	Richard Latimer	23	3	16	42
Finn Pearce	35	4	24	63	Brian Chambers	32	10	36	78
Shane Brons	34	6	43	83	Peter Barnett	37	10	34	81
Brent Nielson	29	7	49	85	Dick Gardner	13	5	152	170
John Regan	35	11	50	96	Emily Willard	109	26	57	192
Mark Sidebotham	56	11	30	97	Daniel Baker	98	81	97	276
Ross Bristol	46	5	57	108	Toby Schroder	118	138	89	345
Kim Pedersen	35	12	63	110	Jo Gallen	nc	152	nc	152
Kevin Tither	59	8	48	115	Cathy Wadsworth	dnf			
Shane Ace	46	18	52	116	Jack Schroder	nc	nc	nc	
Connor Newton	55	12	52	119	Amy Jones	dnf			
John Ross	98	14	14	126	Liam Ross	nc	nc	nc	
Malcolm Reid	57	19	76	152					
Geoff March	54	18	80	152					
Tim Bassett	76	24	54	154					
Alan Honeybone	36	24	100	160					
Gavin Pearce	67	34	66	167					
Gabby Gundry	80	35	84	199					
Guyan Bennett	85	41	99	225					
Arron Eades	142	60	75	277					
Barry Schroder	110	61	117	288					
Derek Pike	94	75	125	294					
Brendon Wadsworth	dnf								

Sportsman

Peter Hosking	25	7	29	61
Glenn Magson	25	9	30	64
Tui Scott	29	10	37	76
John Lawton	42	5	30	77
Keith Ruthven	37	10	33	80
Mike Ward	31	12	42	85
Brent Downes	53	6	31	90
Adrian Walcroft	37	13	41	91
Graeme Hibbs	46	16	36	98
Philip Knowles	43	22	37	102
Simon Jones	20	9	76	105
Tony Smith	71	5	50	126
Greg Power	58	23	102	183
Ken Hosking	84	21	86	191
James Knowles	62	52	85	199
Stephen Reij	70	29	109	208
Steve Armistead	93	19	108	220
Francis Sydenham	dnf	0	47	

Women

Gabby Gundry	80	35	84	199
Christine Thompson	22	9	7	38
Shirley McDonald	28	10	10	48
Monique Weir	87	49	61	197
Emily Willard	109	26	57	192
Lynnda Barry	111	68	dnf	179
Jo Gallen	nc	152	nc	152
Cathy Wadsworth	dnf			
Amy Jones	dnf			

Sidechair

	Sat	Sun	Mon	Total
Paul Jackson/Glenn Smith	30	24	18	72
Derek Scott/Ella Mountstevens	39	18	11	68
Kendall McDonald/Hamish Barnett	29	30	11	70
Jules Huguenin/ Guillaume Dauber	46	26	23	95
Jason Roberts/Hamish Roberts	54	41	38	133

Twin shock

John Lawton	42	5	30	77
Simon Jones	20	9	76	105
Tony Smith	71	5	50	126
Greg Power	58	23	102	183
Stephen Reij	70	29	109	208
Wayne Harper	39	17	22	78
Alistair Gilmour	86	33	28	147
Maurits Roos	71	44	51	166
Brian Chambers	32	10	36	78
Peter Barnett	37	10	34	81

Junior

Finn Pearce	35	4	24	63
Connor Newton	55	12	52	119
James Knowles	62	52	85	199
Zack Furness	75	21	56	152
William Baker	84	32	47	163
Daniel Baker	98	81	97	276
Toby Schroder	118	138	89	345
Jack Schroder	nc	nc	nc	
Liam Ross	nc	nc	nc	

Club trials

Graylees Road 24 April (section setters: Ashley, Tom, Shane, Peter H. Officials: Ross, Patrick)

With Jules, Paul and Simon H, away in Whangarei at the North Island round the expert class was smaller than usual, and there were no minis this time.

Tom had his first win in expert. In Intermediate it was close with Kendall 3 points ahead of John and Ross who tied on 14 pts. John had a couple more cleans than Ross.

In Clubman A, Steve had a good ride, maybe pushed along by his good mate Nigel who was making his first appearance this year. Peter Dunn and Peter Barnett found the 'b' line easy going.

We used the front property next to the Christchurch to Akaroa highway again this year and it did draw a few spectators who stopped to see what we were up to. A couple of them showed some interest in having a go at trials.

Expert	Total	Clubman A	
Tom Beedles	35	Steve Fisher	21
Hamish Barnett	nc	Nigel Bunny	22
John Ross	nc	Christine Thompson	26
		Shirley McDonald	39
		Dave Davies	40
Intermediate		Clubman B	
Kendall McDonald	11	Peter Dunn	0
John Regan	14 <i>34 cleans</i>		
Ross Bristol	14 <i>32 cleans</i>	Twin shock	
Arron Eades	22 <i>30 cleans</i>	Peter Barnett	1
Shane Brons	22 <i>26 cleans</i>		
Ashley Duncan	27		
Peter Hosking	37		
Brent Downes	38		
Tui Scott	51		

Omihi – 15 May (section setters: Simon & Kahu; officials: Mike E, Peter H)

The weather was fine on Saturday when Simon & Kahu set the sections, but by Sunday morning it was raining and it continued throughout the day. Despite the inclement weather 31 riders turned up to ride in the slippery conditions. The wiser ones like Brent circulated quickly and managed to get around before the sections became really cut up.

For the experts and intermediates, section 10 had a long uphill approach to a steep bank which needed some momentum to get up and over. A fast approach in third gear seemed to be the best option. It was fun if you got it right. Section 7 had very steep descent and further on the section was so slippery it became almost impassable later in the day. Shane was revelling in the slippery conditions, but even he chose to take a five rather than ride it on lap 4.



Leo is now on a 24" Oset



Arron coming down the steep descent in section seven.

In expert, Tom and Paul both had the same score of 54 points, but Tom had one more clean than Paul. In Clubman A it was good to see former Club Captain Andrew Collins returning to ride in a Pioneer event and showing he hasn't lost any of his skills.

Special mention must be made of the five Mini riders who rode a couple of laps of the Clubman B line. While this was a bit harder than normally set for Mini sections, each rider rode really well, though Koby was handicapped by his smaller wheels. Thanks to the parents who stood in the rain for a few hours encouraging them, and to Lynette who was taking photos, also to Mike who was not riding but came along to be CoC.

👍 to Simon and Kahu for putting up the pagoda up beside the trailer for the sign on. It was much appreciated.

Expert	Total	Intermediate	Clubman A		
Tom Beedles	54	Shane Brons	47	Andrew Collins	14
Paul Mountstevens	54	Brent Downes	55	Shirley McDonald	17
Simon Hopkins	89	Kendall McDonald	64	Dave Chambers	31
Glenn Smith	94	Ross Bristol	71	Christine Thompson	36
Rhys Bayliss	105	John Regan	73	Steve Fisher	43
Hamish Barnett	nc	Arron Eades	84	Dave Davies	51
		Peter Hosking	84		
		Kahu Jones	130	Clubman B	
		Ashley Duncan	dnf	Peter Dunn	9
		Derek Scott	dnf		
		Kevin Jarvis	nc	Twin shock	
		Simon Jones	nc	Peter Barnett	35
Mini					
Bodie Harper	17				
Isabel Hopkins	38				
Max Blanchard	44				
Leo Hopkins	59				
Koby Pascoe	94				

The 1962 Kaikoura 3 day trial

Twenty riders competed in the 1962 Kaikoura, and one of them was Francina Woodbury who was the first woman to ride in the trial. On Saturday the 20 competitors rode from Christchurch to Kaikoura, riding sections in streambeds along the way. On Sunday there were sections in the Hapuku riverbed and on Monday they returned to Christchurch via the inland road.

Evan Norriss won the trial, Peter McDonald was second and Peter Archer was third. A young 17 year old, Dick Gardner, had ridden in the novice class the year before and rode expert this time. He was 8th. Bob Smith won the novice class, Ken Bush was second and Francina was 4th.



L to R: Peter Milner, Peter McDonald, Ray Taylor (standing), Peter Archer, Bob McCallum. The other rider is unknown. Jim Dell (on the right) was one of the organisers.



The bikes were parked overnight in Fisher's garage (the building with the Castrol sign). In the line up are Cliff Batchelor (third from the right), Ken Bush (#13) and Francina Woodbury who is partly obscured by Jim Dell who is standing in front of her.



Peter McDonald



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Next events:

26 June	Club trial	Teddington
10 July	Have a go day	Waimak trials park
31 July	Club trial	Western Valley
13-14 August	Section setting SI Champs	
20-21 August	SI Champs, round 3&4	Western Valley/Kaituna

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

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