



Megaphone

Newsletter of the Pioneer MCC
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Nationals

60 entries have been received already for the the Monteith's New Zealand Trials Championship at Labour weekend.

The entry form is here:

<https://pioneertrials.co.nz/event/new-zealand-championship>

See p. 2-3 for more info about the event.

Thanks Captain T

After 14 years Mike Elliott has decided to retire from the Committee. During this time Mike has contributed to the Club in various ways and in particular has helped us with our printing and design needs.

In the news

North Canterbury News photographer John Cosgrove came to our September Have a go day and the photo of Jules and Nadine Jarvie was published in the paper. Nadine's dad, John has ridden trials in Ontario and hopes to ride in some of our club events next year.

In August Greg Power's article about the Kaikoura was published in *Kiwi Rider*

and several of Lynette's photos were also included.



A helping hand . . . While former trials rider John Jarvie watches on, Pioneer Motorcycle Trials Club member Jules Huguenin helps Nadine Jarvie 10, get to grips with an electric trials bike during the clubs *Have a Go Day* on Sunday. PHOTO: JOHN COSGROVE

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New members

Brendon Day who was previously a member of Ixion has moved to Christchurch and joined our club.

Guillaume De Peyrelongue, is from Tours in France and now lives in Christchurch. After three days in the chair with Jules at the K3D, Guillaume has started riding trials and has entered in the clubman class at the Nationals.

Grant and Monty Sisson. Grant's father was Dick Sisson who rode in club events in the 1950s and his mother is Shirley Robinson who also competed in the 50s. Monty is Grant's son and is 13 years old.

Jason and Hadrian Roberts, Maurits Roos and Amy Jones (née Ross) have rejoined the club.

The EMs have landed



The new Electric Motions that Francis Sydenham is selling have arrived in New Zealand.

Francis has been interested in electric trials bikes for some time and in 2014 he imported eight EMs, but he says that the new models are light years ahead of those bikes.



For more information see Francis' website <https://www.etrailandtrail.co.nz>

The World e-trial champion Gael Chatagno will be riding an EM at the Aussie Nationals in Western Australia on October 8 and 9. He'll be competing with Australia's best expert riders and it will be interesting to see how he goes.

Monteith's NZ Trials Championship

This year the Nationals will be held at Alexandra and it is sure to be another well organised event run by the Southern Trials Group team of Colin Kelland, Grant Anderson, Neil Belvoir, Graeme Hibbs and Malcolm Reid. Paul Searancke and Peter Barnett (tbc) are the officials.

The principal sponsor this year is the Monteith's Brewery Bar in Alexandra and this will be the venue for the sign on and the prizegiving.

Two days will be on Harry Robert's property at Blackmans where the large schist rocks will be the main feature and the other day will be at a new property in Conroy's Gully which be a mix of rocks and more traditional grass/soil terrain.

The final two rounds of this year's South Island championship will also be held in conjunction with the event and will be on Saturday and Sunday.

The current New Zealand Champion Dylan Ball has entered and will be trying to win the title for a third time. Jules Huguenin and Matt Foster will also be riding the orange line.

Previous Nationals at Alexandra

Alexandra was the venue for the New Zealand Trials Championship in 2004, 2008 and 2012.

In **2004**, Warren Laugesen, Jason Baker and Shane Clarke contested the Expert A class and finished in that order. It was Warren's fifth New Zealand Trials Championship win. In the juniors, 13 year old Jake Whitaker finished third, and for Pioneer the highlight was Glenn Smith and Ryan Hampton finishing first and second in the intermediate class.



In **2008**, Jake won the expert class, Warren was second and Nick Oliver third. Over the three days Jake lost only two points in the sections, but he incurred a 10 point late finish penalty on day 2, and finished the three days on a total of 12.

It was a good weekend for the Fox family, Blake won the juniors and Gavin won clubman.

In **2012**, Jake was again the expert winner and didn't lose any points over the three days. It was his sixth NZ title win. Karl Clark was second and John Haynes third. The highlights for Pioneer were Paul Jackson's first place in the Twin Shocks and Stef Downes win in the Women's class.

Jake Whitaker riding a 4RT Montesa at Alexandra in 2008

South Island Championship – rounds 3 & 4, 20-21 August

Round 3 was held on Matt Latham's property at Western Valley and the ground was very wet as Patrick discovered before the trial when his van got stuck in the carpark. The day started with light drizzle which turned to rain just after the riders briefing but fortunately this soon cleared and the afternoon was warm. The sections were all based in and around the creek with slippery rocks, or muddy climbs. Grant Thwaites and Kevin Gundry had made the trip down from Tauranga to ride for the day. Kevin was on the Montesa he keeps in Christchurch and Grant rode a Sherco that Brendon lent him. Alan and Brendon were late withdrawals for health/injury reasons.

The Mini riders were also in action with the riders enjoying the open sections with chances to lift their front wheels over some of the obstacles.

Round 4 was held at Denis de Pas' farm at Kaituna Valley and was generally drier. The weather was sunny and warm, but riders were still challenged with creek sections and the higher grades had some third gear climbs. Scores were a little higher for the day with the lowest starting at 20 and three riders making 3 digits. One was Archer Pascoe, who was riding Intermediate in his first trial and had the misfortune of breaking the frame on his Beta so had to take 5's for the remainder of his last round. This was an unlucky finish because Archer showed some good skills. The Mini riders were also in action again with the sections being tighter and more technical.



Brad Hibbs was 1st on the red line at Western Valley



Evie at Western Valley, Jason gets ready to catch.

Jules took out both days in Expert as the only rider on the orange line. Brad Hibbs was second on day 1 riding the red line, with David Trewin third. On day 2 they swapped places with David finishing second and Brad third.

On Saturday the points were very tight at the top of Intermediate with six riders within 5 points. Glenn Smith and Gareth Wadsworth tied on 46 points, with Glenn having two more cleans than Gareth. John Ross was only 1 point behind. On day 2, Glenn won again, with John second and Gareth third. In Sportsman, Ashley Duncan, who was riding in a championship event for the first time, led the field on Saturday, but Shane Brons was in a class of his own on Sunday and finished comfortably ahead after losing only one point on lap 2. In Clubman Gavin Fox and Keith Ruthven swapped places on day 1 and 2, with each having a win, and Christine Thompson and Shirley McDonald did the same for third and fourth. In the twin shocks Paul Jackson rode the green line on the Fantic, while Wayne Harper and Stephen Reij rode blue and they finished in that order. In the Minis, Max Blanchard (Mini 1), and Ted Ceci (Mini 2) won their classes on Saturday, and Liam Ross (Mini 1) and Bodie Harper (Mini 2) were the winners on Sunday. Isabel Hopkins won the Mini 3 class both days, and Evie Hubbard won the girl's class.



Shane Hubbard observes as Zach Hibbs rides a section at Kaituna.



Jules gets airborne at Kaituna

Thanks to Scotty for organising another very good event. The team of Paul, Arron, Derek, Rob, Shane B, and Simon H set some challenging, but excellent sections, and Shane H and Wayne set the mini sections for both days.

Peter Barnett was busy during the weekend as steward with Lynette providing support. Alan was CoC and Simon J kept an eye on things as a roving marshal. Thanks also to Jules for the results.

And a special thanks to the observers who gave up their weekend

The results on the next page show the first three in each class. The full results are available on the website at <https://pioneertrials.co.nz/south-island-championship/>

Round 3

Championship classes

Expert

Jules Huguenin	92
Brad Hibbs	77
David Trewin	83

Veteran 1

Paul Mountstevens	90
Glenn Smith	46
Grant Thwaites	51

Veteran 2

Brent Downes	91
Ross Bristol	27
Peter Hosking	39

Twin shock

Paul Jackson	43
Wayne Harper	49
Stephen Reij	54

Women

Gabby Gundry	42
Christine Thompson*	32
Shirley McDonald	42

Support classes

Intermediate

Glenn Smith	46
Gareth Wadsworth	46
John Ross	47

Sportsman

Ashley Duncan	21
Ross Bristol	27
Shane Brons	28

Clubman

Gavin Fox	28
Keith Ruthven	32
Christine Thompson	32

Mini 1

Max Blanchard	30
Amelia Hubbard	45

Mini 2

Ted Ceci	14
Bodie Harper	40
Evie Hubbard	49

Mini 3

Isabel Hopkins	55
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Girls

Evie Hubbard	49
Isabel Hopkins	55
Amelia Hubbard	45

Round 4

Expert

Jules Huguenin	75
David Trewin	77
Brad Hibbs	79

Veteran 1

Paul Mountstevens	88
Glenn Smith	30
Derek Scott	79

Veteran 2

Brent Downes	100
Peter Hosking	32
Ross Bristol	33

Intermediate

Glenn Smith	30
John Ross	33
Gareth Wadsworth	36

Sportsman

Shane Brons	20
Peter Hosking	32
Ross Bristol	33

Clubman

Keith Ruthven	49
Gavin Fox	52
Shirley McDonald	58

Mini 1

Liam Ross	26
Max Blanchard	26
Amelia Hubbard	25

Mini 2

Bodie Harper	32
Ted Ceci	39
Evie Hubbard	48

Mini 3

Isabel Hopkins	12
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Twin shock

Paul Jackson	47
Wayne Harper	66
Stephen Reij	83

Girls

Evie Hubbard	48
Isabel Hopkins	12
Amelia Hubbard	25

Women

Gabby Gundry	47
Shirley McDonald	58
Christine Thompson*	63

* Christine was riding on a club licence.

VMCC Reliability Trial – 18 September



Koby won an award for youngest rider. Watch out for him, he's getting some bigger 16" wheels soon.



Lynette's usually behind the camera taking photos, but she rides too.

On 18 September a group of Pioneer and classic members attended the VMCC reliability trial run by the motorcycle section of the Canterbury Vintage Car Club. It's an event where vintage and trials riders come together for a social day. Peter B had prepared a trials area for riders to try a mix of manmade and natural obstacles and all riders were also invited to take part in the Regularity Trial run by the Vintage Club. Each rider completed two laps of two different courses and the aim was to try to achieve the same time for both laps. Kendall rode the TLR in the morning and appeared to be the quickest around the course but it turned out he was also very accurate on time. In the afternoon he switched to the Bultaco and had another couple of consistent runs and was the winner of the trial.

Club trials

Teddington – 26 June (section setters: Kendall, Derek; officials: Derek, Peter H)

This year's Teddington results were remarkably similar to last year. In 2021 Paul won expert, Kendall was first in Inters, Nigel won Clubman A and Dick won Clubman B. This year they did it again and in intermediate Kendall finished one point head of Shane which was also a repeat of what happened last year. In the minis Bodie has been making great progress and he won Mini A.

A feature of this year's trial was a new section (number 1) that Kendall and Scotty had found. For the higher grades this section had a big rock step and after that an elevated log to get over. It certainly got the adrenalin going, but it didn't bother Mouny who cleaned it each time.

Blake was a surprise entry. He was in Christchurch for the weekend and turned up to ride but didn't hand in a card.

Expert		Clubman A	
Paul Mountstevens	20	Nigel Bunny	10
Simon Hopkins	88	Steve Fisher	17
Hamish Barnett	132	Dave Chambers	18
Blake Fox	nc	Christine Thompson	25
Intermediate		Clubman B	
Kendall McDonald	21	Dick Gardner	60
Shane Brons	22		
Arron Eades	37	Twin Shock	
Derek Scott	44	Peter Barnett	19
Peter Hosking	49		
Tui Scott	83		
Simon Jones	111		
Ashley Duncan	nc		
Mini A		Mini B	
Bodie Harper	39	Isabel Hopkins	21
Leo Hopkins	67	Mayke Chambers	29
		Mini C	
		Koby Pascoe	66

Western Valley – 31 July (section setters: Peter B, Dave Davies, Tui, Peter H; officials: Ross, Peter H)

After several days of rain we were expecting the property to be wetter than usual and we did allow for this when setting the sections, but unfortunately on Saturday night there was

another deluge of rain and as a result some of the sections became so slippery they were almost unrideable. However nearly everyone battled on to the finish. Ross said afterwards that he had never used third gear so much in a club trial.

Ashley had an encounter with a vine in section 7 as he was riding up the slippery climb near the end. The vine managed to get a good hold and it pulled a grip off his handlebars.

The minis had to contend with long grass in the lower paddock where Shane H had set their sections. Max Blanchard found this difficult on lap 1 because he only has small wheels but his second lap was much better when the grass had flattened a bit.

Expert		Clubman A	
Paul Mountstevens	58	Shane Newton	82
Simon Hopkins	104	Dave Davies	92
Tom Beedles	dnf		
Intermediate		Clubman B	
John Ross	68	Dick Gardner	161
Ross Bristol	78		
Hamish Barnett	89	Twin Shock	
Shane Brons	91	Peter Barnett	103
Ashley Duncan	92	Mini A	
Tui Scott	105	Leo Hopkins	20
James Smith	107	Max Blanchard	27
Arran Eades	108	Mini B	
Derek Scott	110	Isabel Hopkins	3
Peter Hosking	dnf		

Purau – 29 August (section setters: Alan, Shane B, Dave D, Steve F; Shane H for the minis; officials: Derek, Peter H)

A week after the South Island Champs we were back into it again at Chris Gardiner’s Purau property. Alan, Shane, Dave and Steve had set some challenging sections for all the grades and after the first lap the rocks and logs became slippery as mud was dragged onto them.

It was close in expert with David heading Paul by just 1 point. In Intermediate Glenn had a comfortable win but the fast improving Arron was riding very well too.

In Clubman A Dave Chambers had a good debut



Wayne was looking good on the Repsol

ride on his new Sherco 250 and Wayne Harper was having his first ride on the Repsol that he has bought from Shirley.

It was a non-scoring day for the Minis, after two days riding the previous weekend, they were happy to have some fun on their bikes.

Expert		Clubman A	
David Trewin	61	Dave Chambers	34
Paul Mountstevens	62	Wayne Harper	43
Simon Hopkins	132	Christine Thompson	44
Hamish Barnett	dnf	Dave Barber	47
		Dave Davies	59
		Steve Fisher	71
		Chris Pascoe	82
		Brendon Day	nc
Intermediate		Clubman B	
Glenn Smith	39	Dick Gardner	14
Arron Eades	57	Grant Sisson	27
John Regan	68	Monty Sisson	35
Gabby Gundry	69		
Derek Scott	74		
Shane Brons	78		
Peter Hosking	87		
Derek Pike	149		
Tui Scott	dnf		
Ashley Duncan	nc		



The Butler

In 1957 Chris Butler began a new business venture in Hackney making fibreglass fuel tanks and mudguards. In the early 1960s Sammy Miller used a Butler tank and guards on his 500cc Ariel to save weight, and this led to Chris being contracted by Greeves to supply his products to them. Through his involvement with Sammy and with Greeves, he became interested in producing his own trials bike, which he felt could be made lighter than the other bikes of the period. In 1963 the Butler trials bike was launched and about 200 were built before production ceased in 1968.

For the time, the bikes had some innovative features such as leading link front forks, a frame made from box section tubing, and a fibreglass tank and guards. They were powered by a 246 cc Villiers motor with a 4-speed gearbox.

Interestingly, although only a small number were made, there were three of them in Christchurch in the 1960s. They were brought here by the Scottish rider Ralph Forbes, who lived in Canterbury for a short time. How he managed to get around the import restrictions that were in place at the time is a little unclear but there is a story about him driving onto

the Timaru wharf to collect the bikes after they had been unloaded from the ship. John Harcourt recalls seeing two of the bikes in bits in the back of Ralph's Ford Anglia ute shortly after he had picked them up.



Ken Hosking and his Butler in 1969.



Ralph Forbes riding a Butler in the 1966 North v. South trial at the Moonshine Valley in Wellington.

Ralph rode one of the Butlers in the 1966 Kaikoura and Evan Norriss rode the other. After Ralph left New Zealand Peter McDonald bought his bike and in 1968 John Harcourt acquired another. John only had his Butler for a short time before selling it to Ken Hosking. Evan and Peter's Butlers had the Villiers Starmaker motor with a square cylinder barrel and head, while Ken's had the standard 32A motor.

The three Butlers have long since disappeared, but next time you see Peter Barnett's Greeves, have a look at the mudguards because these are replicas of the guards originally made by Butler Mouldings Limited.



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Next events:

9 October	Club trial	Manderley Farm
16 October	Have a go day (tbc)	Waimak Trials Park
22-24 October	NZ Trials Championship	Alexandra

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

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