



Megaphone

Newsletter of the Pioneer MCC
Summer 2022/23

Happy new year

2023

Calendar

The Club's 2023 calendar is now on the website, and the events will also be on our Facebook page. Thanks to Arron and Peter B for compiling it.

Oceania

Some exciting news is that later this year there will be an Oceania challenge in South Australia.

See p. 3-4 for the press release and a note from Jules about it.

New mini electric

The Club has purchased a new 20" TRS electric trials bike and we have decided to sell one of our Osets. If you are interested in either the 16" or the 20" let us know.

Prize giving

The Club prize giving for 2022 is on Saturday 28 January at Alan and Isabel's home. This year it's a BBQ and it's only \$10 a head. It's free for observers, non-riding officials and for under 16s. The booking form is [here](#).



Some of our trophies have a long history. In this photo taken in 1933 Vic Browne is holding the Bonnington and Moir cups.

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From the Prez

We have had another busy year although I did miss a bit of it with health issues. I am looking forward to getting back on the bike, driving my race car and a bit of bare foot water-skiing again soon.

The mini class has grown quickly and caught us out a bit as most of us oldies on the committee are not up with the play. We do need some parents from the mini scene involved in the committee, which is 11 meetings of about 90 minutes a year, to ensure that we stay one active club and not a club with two separate groups. If you are happy to join the committee and speak up about what needs to happen you will be most welcome, this includes non-riding mum's.

Also this year we need to find a new President as the old one has been hopeless. It would be good to have a younger member of the club. Give me a call if you would consider it.

A special thanks to Paul M, Peter B, Josh, Arron, and Jules for the huge amount of work they do.

Alan H

New members

Trevor Chapman, Brian Spedding and Jordan Sowman joined the club in October.

Jordan has been a member of the Marlborough Club and had some good results in the clubman class in the South Island Championship in 2018 and 2019. He now lives in Invercargill.

Brian lives in Roxburgh and is from the UK. He was a member of Oxford Ixio and other clubs in the South Midland Centre from 1977 to 1995. He rode the Scottish in 1993, and has ridden the Benrose, White Rose, Vic Brittan and most of the three stage Service Trials. He started riding BSA's then an early Bultaco and finished with a Yamaha TY monoshock (pinky). In October Brian rode at the nationals in Alexandra.



JRL southern tour

The JRL will be held on 25-26 February, and the following week there will be a southern tour. The itinerary at this stage is to take the ferry to the South Island on Monday 27th and ride on the West Coast from Tuesday to Thursday. On Friday 3rd March a ride from Lake Taylor to Lake Sumner has been pencilled in, and on the weekend the group will be riding in Kaikoura before returning to the North Island on Tuesday or Wednesday.



Hi everyone,

Please see the press release below for the 2023 Oceania champs.

I'm working in the background to get as many kiwis as we can to the event.

There will be future communication about teams and logistics.

Cheers

Jules

THE 2023 FIM OCEANIA TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP NOW A PART OF THE VINE INN BAROSSA 2023 AUSTRALIAN TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The exciting news just keeps coming after FIM Oceania have now confirmed that the FIM Oceania Trial Championships will also be up for grabs as part of the 2023 Australian Trial Championships!

To be held at Eden Valley over the weekend of September 30 and October 1 2023, the Keyneton MCC, and the Trials South Australia community, are looking forward to welcoming and hosting riders, and their families and supporters, from all states of Australia, and from New Zealand and around the world.

Keyneton Motorcycle Club President, Mr Sean Heidenreich commented, "It's not only exciting and pleasing that we, as a sporting club, have been able to have a 20+ year relationship with the Vine Inn Barossa, but now to be, once again, welcoming all of our fellow Trial competitors from across the Tasman, and into 'Billy Jacks at the Vine' is just an awesome added bonus!"

FIM Oceania President Peter Doyle said, "FIM Oceania is very pleased to award the 2023 FIM Oceania Trial Championship to the Keyneton MCC. The location of the event is outstanding, and we know that the club will once again create a special event not to be missed. We look forward to seeing the best Trial competitors from the Oceania region battling it out for the FIM Oceania Trophy and adding their name as a FIM Oceania Champion."

And the word from 'across the ditch' is that the Kiwi riders are more than looking forward to coming back to South Australia to try and replicate the win they had there in 2017 and to try to regain the FIM Oceania Championship they lost at home in 2018. The last time the Championship was held was in 2018, so it will have been a long 5-year gap between Trans-Tasman battles.

Team line-ups for Team Australia and Team NZ will be announced in 2023, with teams to be made up of senior and junior riders, and male and female riders, who will not only showcase how exciting Trial is to watch, but also that it is a sport for all ages and genders.



Aussie #2, Connor Hogan balancing on his bike in the Billy Jacks bar at the Vine Inn.

Photo credit: Beck Bowdidge, Pit Lane Studio

Put the dates in your diary now – September 30-October 1 2023.

For all the details and news as it unfolds – head to <https://www.facebook.com/trialsweeksa2023>

For any and all visitor information and accommodation options; www.barossa.com, www.visitadelaidehills.com.au and of course, www.vineinn.com.au

Club trials

Club Champs – 20 November (setters: Jules, Guillaume Rhys, Ross, Shane, Steve, Tui; officials: Peter B, Jules)

The annual Pioneer club championship round was held at Purau Valley again this year. After the rain on Saturday, 23 riders and 4 minis put their trust in the met service forecast, which stayed true and provided a fine, dry day for riding.

The sections provided a challenge for all riders, with very few single figure scores. The features included several greasy banks, muddy bogs, technical cambers and slippery rocks within the creek.

In alignment with the recent club decision, the section setters included a dedicated orange and green route for those wanting a bit more of a challenge from the red and blue lines respectively.

Jules took out the overall expert orange route win, followed by Paul in 2nd and Tom in 3rd. In the red expert line, Glenn took the win followed by a tight battle between Simon in 2nd and Rhys in 3rd.

The yellow intermediate line was the most popular class of the day with 7 riders. Kahu had a great ride only losing 25 points, well ahead of the hotly contested 2nd- 6th positions. Ross took 2nd place followed by Hamish in 3rd.

The green line had one entry with Tui taking the win with an impressive lap 3 of zero points.

Christine took first in clubman A, with a very impressive 3 laps of zero points. The two Dave's (Davies and Chambers) took 2nd and 3rd respectively with only 2 points separating them.

Dick took the win in clubman B, ahead of Peter D in 2nd and a great ride from Isabel in 3rd having recently stepped up from Minis to the adult sections. Isabel showed great consistency for laps 2-4, where she was hot on the tail of Dick and Peter's scores.

The wet grass provided a challenge to the small wheels of the Mini classes. Bodie Harper took the win in the Mini A line, followed by Leo Hopkins in 2nd. Max Blanchard took the win in Mini B, with low scoring laps 2-4. Kobe won the Mini C class on his new Oset.

As always, thanks to the landowner, Richard Fisher, organisers of the event, and the section setters. Special thanks to Shane Hubbard for going the extra mile and traveling circa 2 hours each way to set the minis, whilst not able to ride the trial due to other commitments.

Tom Beedles

Expert		Clubman A	
Jules Huguenin	47	Christine Thompson	4
Paul Mountstevens	67	Dave Davies	8
Tom Beedles	77	Dave Chambers	10
		Steve Fisher	13
Expert		Peter Barnett	29
Glenn Smith	66	Guillaume de Peyrelongue	54
Simon Hopkins	82		
Rhys Bayliss	88	Clubman B	
		Dick Gardner	8
		Peter Dunn	13
		Isabel Hopkins	31
Intermediate			
Kahu Jones	25		
Ross Bristol	48		
Hamish Barnett	53		
Arron Eades	56	Mini A	
Shane Brons	60	Bodie Harper	30
Derek Scott	66	Leo Hopkins	57
Ashley Duncan	nc		
Sportsman		Mini B	
Tui Scott	15	Max Blanchard	26
		Mini C	
		Koby Pascoe	40

Summer series round 1 – 11 December, Teddington (section setters: Derek, Shane B, officials: Derek, Patrick)

Round one for the Summer series! Exciting!

Recently agreed changes to slightly soften the red line, while introducing both Green and Orange lines, tempted me to start the series riding Red. A little voice in my head that sounded a little like Alan and little like Tui said “Work on your race craft, Arron”

I was excited to see a few faces that I’d not seen at recent trials. Kendall is always good to watch. Glenn wasn’t there but Kendall, Shane and Derek would leave me behind if I wasn’t paying attention. So Yellow it would be! There was also a “new” guy at the trial, Mats. I had a sneaky suspicion he’d go all right. It’ll be good to watch him battle with Jules at future trials.

I’ve never ridden this part of Teddington. It’s always exciting to ride somewhere new! We weren’t starting with that big flat rock on the first section, so nothing to worry about. Except there was.

The first section had a very steep more than head-high bank to climb up. Upon arriving at the top it was only a bike length before riding down a very narrow sheep track on the side of the bank. There was a rock sticking out just begging to grab a foot peg and make you

high-side and fall 2 m to the hard track below. Tui gave us a scare by riding his bike in a nice controlled fashion to the top of the climb and then throwing it back down the bank. He stayed on his feet at the top. It seems Teddington always starts with something intimidating.

On section three I scared myself half to death as I almost tucked the front wheel under the bike while trying to recover from a bad line. My hip hit the handlebar and I frantically pointed the bike down the bank to avoid high-siding. I assumed I'd ridden out of the section and fived, but when I got to the end both Ashley and Shane assured me that I'd finished with only two dabs. Of course, they had to finish laughing before they could communicate.

Section five cost me a five on the first lap as I accidentally rode outside a marker. I knew it was there somewhere, but I couldn't see it so guessed and got it wrong. This had an intimidating rock at the beginning. I got over the rock clean on last lap which was very satisfying but this section still cost me one or two of the three points on my final lap. Section 8 was a challenge all day. When we got there Kendall said he'd lost his first points for the day, but it was 5. I think my best in this section was a one on the last lap, but I managed to avoid five-ing it all day. I know it caught a few people.

Next up was one of my favourite "Sections". The grass track between 8 and 9 where I could pretend I was a Motocross pro 😊

Section nine also cost me a five on the first lap as I accidentally lent my handlebars on a rock. I got out with one's or cleans for the rest of the day.

10 was tricky but I surprised myself by cleaning it all day. Partly thanks to watching Shane do it first.

After the first lap, I got my act together and didn't do anything especially stupid for the rest of the day. No more fives at least. I hadn't been thinking about scores all day, just focusing on trying to do all the little bits better than the last lap and it turns out that was good enough for the Yellow class win!

I enjoyed the sections. Thanks to those who made this trial happen!

Arron Eades

Expert		Clubman A	
Mats Petit	11	Rob McKay	19
Paul Mountstevens	56	Peter Barnett	64
Jules Huguenin	dnf	Guillaume de Peyrelongue	91
Expert		Clubman B	
Kahu Jones	53	Dick Gardner	30
Hamish Barnett	78	Bodie Harper	dnf

Intermediate		Twin Shock	
Arron Eades	34	Paul Jackson	20
Derek Scott	40		
Shane Brons	68		
Simon Jones	103		
Kendall McDonald	dnf		
Brent Downes	dnf		
Tui Scott	nc		
Ashley Duncan	nc		
Sportsman			
Paul Jackson	20		
Wayne Harper	45		
Shirley McDonald	58		

Greybeards – 27 November (run by the Classic Trials Group)

Travis's property in Kowai, Loburn was the venue for this year's Greybeards trial. To say it was raining was an understatement, the creek sections were ok at the start of the trial but an hour later the creek water level had risen about 30cm or more in places.

We collectively decided that it was too dangerous to keep riding after the first lap, three bikes having already been drowned by then. The eight riders that did enter had only their first lap scores included in the results. Many thanks to Shirley and Brent for setting the trial.

Christine Thompson.

A grade (Harley Cup)

	Bonus points	Lap 1	Final score
Dave Chambers	-45	9	-36
Trev Wiley	-42	12	-30
Dave Davies	-45	18	-27
Peter Barnett	-33	19	-14
Kendall McDonald	-22	9	-12

B grade (Mustang Cup/Walking stick)

Brian Chambers	-72	1	-71
Peter Dunn	-72	2	-70
Iain Davis	-65	5	-60
Dick Gardner	-48	0	-48
Shane Hubbard	-14	5	-9

2022 South Island Championship – Overall results

The final two rounds of the South Island Championship were held on day 1 and day 2 of the Nationals in Alexandra.

The first three places in each class overall are listed below. The full results are on the website <https://pioneertrials.co.nz/south-island-championship/>

	round 1	round 2	round 3	round 4	round 5	round 6	Total
Expert							
Jules Huguenin	25	25	25	25	20	22	142
Brad Hibbs	22	22	22	20	11	11	108
Tom Beedles	18	18	18	16	10		80
Junior							
Cameron Judd					25	25	50
Finn Pearce					22	22	44
Connor Hogan					20	20	40
Women							
Shirley McDonald	25	25	22	22	20	22	136
Gabby Gundry			25	25	25	25	100
Christine Thompson					22	20	42
Vet 1							
Glenn Smith	25	25	22	22	25	22	141
Derek Scott	22	22	18	20	16	15	113
Paul Mountstevens			25	25		25	75
Vet 2							
Brent Downes	25	25	25	25	20	20	140
Peter Hosking	18	18	20	22	16	16	110
Tui Scott	16	16	18	18	15	15	98
Twin shock							
Wayne Harper	25	25	22	22	20	20	134
Paul Jackson			25	25	25	25	100
Simon Jones					22	22	44
Mini 1 (4-7 years)							
Max Blanchard	25	25	25	22	25	25	147
Amelia Hubbard	22	22	22	20	20	20	126
Liam Ross				25	22	22	69

Mini 2 (8-11 years)

Bodie Harper	22	22	22	25	20	20	131
Evie Hubbard	25	25	20	20	13	13	116
Zach Hibbs	20	20	16	16	18	18	108

Mini 3 (12-14 years)

Isabel Hopkins	25	25	25	25	25	25	150
Amelia Robson					22	22	44

A grade

Brad Hibbs	22	22	25	22	14	14	119
Blake Fox	25	25			20	25	95
Tom Beedles	18	18	20	18	13		87

Intermediate

Glenn Smith	25	25	25	25	15	18	133
John Ross	20	22	20	22	16	10	110
Simon Hopkins	18	20	18	18	4		78

Sportsman

Peter Hosking	16	16	16	22	12	16	98
Shane Brons	20	25	20	25			90
Ross Bristol	25	22	22	20			89

Clubman

Gavin Fox	20	22	25	22	14	25	128
Keith Ruthven	22	25	22	25	15	15	124
Shirley McDonald	16	20	18	20	5	8	87



National and South Island mini champions, Max Blanchard (Mini 1) and Isabel Hopkins (Mini 3).

From the archives – the 1980s



Shane and Scotty before they had Betas.













Some footwork by Paul Delis



Mike Hennessy riding the logs at Kaituna in 1989

Bikes, parts, clothing, etc.

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Pioneer Motorcycle Club 2023 Event Calendar

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
January		
Wednesday, 11 January 2023	Twilight Trial	Waimak Trials Park
Sunday, 22 January 2023	Summer Series 2	Kaituna
Saturday, 28 January 2023	Prize Giving	Alan's House
February		
Wednesday, 1 February 2023	Twilight Trial	Glenelg Spur
Sunday, 12 February 2023	Summer Series 3	Puaha Valley
Sunday, 19 February 2023	Training day	Western Valley (east)
March		
Sunday, 12 March 2023	Summer Series 4	Omihi
Sunday, 26 March 2023	Summer Series 5	Graylees Road
April		
Saturday, 15 April 2023	South Island Champs	Mosgiel
Sunday, 16 April 2023	South Island Champs	Mosgiel
Sunday, 30 April 2023	Club Trial	Manderley
May		
Sunday, 21 May 2023	Club Trial	Flea Bay
Saturday, 27 May 2023	Section setting	Kaikoura
Sunday, 28 May 2023	Section setting	Kaikoura
June		
Saturday, 3 June 2023	Kaikoura 3 Day Trial	Kaikoura
Sunday, 4 June 2023	Kaikoura 3 Day Trial	Kaikoura
Monday, 5 June 2023	Kaikoura 3 Day Trial	Kaikoura
Sunday, 25 June 2023	Club Trial	Hurunui Bluff
July		
Sunday, 23 July 2023	Club Trial	Motunau
Sunday, 30 July 2023	Training & explore	Purau Bay
August		
Saturday, 12 August 2023	S I Champs	Kaikoura
Sunday, 13 August 2023	S I Champs	Kaikoura
Sunday, 27 August 2023	Tullett Memorial Trial	Purau Bay
September		
Sunday, 17 September 2023	Club Trial	Graylees Road
October		
Sunday, 8 October 2023	Club trial	Purau Valley
Saturday, 21 October 2023	N.Z. Champs	Tauranga/Waikato
Sunday, 22 October 2023	N.Z. Champs	Tauranga/Waikato
Monday, 23 October 2023	N.Z. Champs	Tauranga/Waikato
Sunday, 29 October 2023	Club trial	McQueens Valley
November		
Sunday, 12 November 2023	Club Champs	Western Valley (west)
Sunday, 26 November 2023	Greybeards	North Loburn
December		
Sunday, 10 December 2023	Summer Series 1	Teddington

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Next events:

11 January	Twilight trial	Waimak Trials Park
22 January	Summer series round 2	Kaituna
28 January	Club prize giving	Alan's house
1 February	Twilight trial	Glenelg Spur
12 February	Summer series round 3	Puaha Valley

For more information see the [upcoming events](#) page on the Pioneer website.

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