



Megaphone

Newsletter of the Pioneer MCC

Autumn 2023

Neil Price training

In May the Club is bringing Neil Price from Western Australia to run a weekend of training. The cost for the two days will be \$50 per rider and it will be restricted to Pioneer members. A booking form will be available soon. See page 6 for more info.

South Island Champs

21 entries have been received so far for the first two rounds of this year's championship which will be held at Manuka Creek and Shannon on 15-16 April.

The entry form is on the Pioneer website. Entries close on Friday 14th.

Trials Park revamp

The Committee has been discussing a refresh of the Trials Park to add some new obstacles, fill in some of the rutted areas and remove some of the more hazardous concrete. A subgroup of Arron, Tui, Simon and Peter Gledhill are taking the lead on this and there have been offers of help from Josh, John Ross and Derek Pike who are willing to assist with diggers and

a truck. The next step is to present a plan of the proposed changes to ECAN, and once this is approved to proceed from there.



On Wednesday 29 May, Derek, Peter B, Peter D, Steve F, Hamish, Simon J, Arron, Tui, Peter G and Christine met at the Trials Park to discuss how the area could be improved.

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New Club President

At the AGM in March, Simon Jones was elected as president taking over from Alan who has completed his two year term. I think everyone already knows Jonesy but it seems like a good time to ask him a few questions about his involvement in the sport.

When did you start riding trials and how did you get involved?

I started riding trials in 2010 in classics and with Pioneer in 2014. Alan Mason is a good mate who I've known for many years and he suggested giving trials a go, so I bought a TY250 from Mel and began riding classics.

Were you involved in other forms of motorcycling before this?

I've had road bikes all my life. My first one was an AC 50 when I got my licence at 15, and now I have a 1731cc cruiser. I rode motocross for a few years when I was in my early twenties then went to enduros and similar types of dirt bike racing.

You've had a few trials bikes. What's your preference? 2 strokes or 4 strokes? Twin shocks or moderns?

I prefer 4 stroke bikes for classics and 2 stroke for modern.

Are you related to Frank Jones who was the Club's patron for many years?

I don't think I'm related to Frank.

Are there some things you are hoping to achieve as Club president?

My main goal as president is to get the whole club working together and grow the club so the sport we do is recognised for its skills and the friendships that are made.



*2011 - Simon on the Fantic 301
at the Mick Andrews trial*



The Victory Cruiser.

New Committee

There are some other changes to the committee this year. Alan takes over from Josh as vice-president and we have two new members Hamish Barnett and Peter Gledhill. It's good to have life members Paul Jackson and Rob McKay back on the committee again too. Peter B, Jules and Shane B are taking a break from the committee this year.

New members

Peter Gledhill, Simon Guest (Wanaka) and Scott Gifkins, (a new mini rider from Wyndham) have joined the club this year and we welcome back Jeff 'Chook' Grant. Jeff rode trials in the late 1980s and 1990s and now lives in Motueka. He has bought a 4RT and intends riding some trials this year.



Peter has also ridden before and says: "I'm not new to trials, but I haven't been riding in quite a while (15 years). I rode when I was younger living in England. and started out when I was 8 years old on the obligatory TY80, progressing to a Fantic 200 and eventually working my way onto the bigger 250cc+ machines.

I was a member of the Huddersfield Falcons MCC in Yorkshire.

Last year I decided to jump back in and I bought a bike again. It's been a challenge to get back into the swing of things, however the support I've received already from the Pioneer team is an immense help! My local practice spot is the Waimak Trials Park so if there isn't an event you will most likely find me out there."

UK visitors in January



Elwyn Beedles

Elwyn is Tom's dad and is a member of the Aqueduct Classic Trials Club. He rides a Honda TLR in the clubman class. While he was in New Zealand in January Elwyn rode Josh's bike in the twilight trial at the Waimak and Lynette's TY175 in the classic trial at Brent and Shirley's place. Elwyn sent this message after the twilight trial:

Big thanks to everyone for making me really welcome. Been something I have wanted to do for a long time to ride with Tom in NZ. Bit different to back home with a borrowed bike and different way of section marking but very enjoyable. Great big thanks to the organisers and Lynette on the camera. Big shout out to Tom, Simon for bringing the bike to the trial and Josh for the loan of the Beta to make it all possible. Enjoy your 2023 events I will be watching you with added interest when I get back to the UK.

Richard & Sharon Hague

Westmorland Motor Club members Richard and Sharon came to our twilight trial in January to have a look. They have both have been very involved in the organisation of the Scott Trial. Sharon was the Scott Trial secretary from 1994 to 2004 and Richard was treasurer from 2007 to 2018. He was also assistant clerk of the course for several years. They were visiting their daughter Katie who lives in Methven. Katie, who has ridden in trials with Richard, was also at the Waimak trial with her young son.

Richard sent a note to us after he had returned home:

“Thank you and the other club members for making us so welcome at the Wednesday night trial. Unfortunately, we did not make the Sunday trial. I have a feeling that our grandson will become a Pioneer club member in due course. We messaged Dan Thorpe and Katie to let them know we had been to the trial and they asked us to pass on their best wishes to all at the club. We are back in the UK but are hoping to come over again in 2 years time so we will hope to catch up then.”

Rab Paterson

Another visitor to Canterbury in January was Rab Paterson, from Scotland. Rab has been the chairman of the SSDT organising committee and a section setter at the Scottish for many years. Rab was riding around New Zealand on a motorcycle and he came to the classic trial at Brent and Shirley's place to have a look.

Long service award for Ross

At this year's prizegiving we acknowledged the contribution Ross Bristol has made as Club Treasurer. Ross took over the role in 2008 from Andy Toy, and he has managed the Club's finances very efficiently for 15 years.

Return of the kings

Last year Stefan Merriman returned to New Zealand after living in Australia for several years and he rode in some Tauranga club trials on Warwick's Beta. This year he has a 2019 Vertigo 250R (ex-Peter Osborne) and is riding expert in the Tauranga trials and he's winning the events. Paul Symons has also come back to trials. He has purchased a new Vertigo and is riding the intermediate class in Tauranga. If you haven't heard of Paul, he was the first kiwi to win the Aussie Championship, and he was New Zealand champion in 1978 and 1984.

There's a rumour that Jake Whitaker might be riding trials again this year too.

Cup winners for 2022

Cecil Bonnington Cup:

Paul Mountstevens

John Blandford Memorial Trophy

(best under 19 for the season)

Kahu Jones

BMA Challenge Cup *(Mini electric)*

Bodie Harper

St Albans Car Sales Cup *(Mini, petrol)*

Liam Ross

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Laurenson Challenge Cup *(expert)*

Jules Huguenin

Intermediate Club Champion Cup

Kahu Jones

Clubman Champion Cup

Christine Thompson

L.E. Evans Memorial Cup *(Clubman B)*

Dick Gardner

Presidents Cup

Tui Scott

Ladies Cup

Christine Thompson

France Cup *(Junior)*

Isabel Hopkins

Peter Bennett Cup *(best first year rider)*

Guillaume De Peyrelongue

Mitchell Trophy

(best novice rider - Clubman B)

Isabel Hopkins

BSA shield *(best 125cc)*

Kahu Jones

Medals

1st Mini A

Bodie Harper

2nd Mini A

Leo Hopkins

1st Mini B

Max Blanchard

1st Mini C

Koby Pascoe



Liam Ross

KAIKOURA CUPS

Triumph Motorcycle Challenge Cup	Jason Baker (Marlborough MCC)
Wynne Yorke Cup (<i>intermediate</i>)	Paul Simmonds (Hawkes Bay MCC)
Falconer Challenge Cup (<i>best first year rider</i>)*	Zach Furniss (Ixion)
Moir Cup (<i>best novice rider, Clubman B</i>)	Daniel Baker (Marlborough MCC)
S.A.M. Trophy (<i>sidechair</i>)	Paul Jackson / Glenn Smith
Kaikoura 50th Jubilee Cup (<i>best presented twin shock</i>)	John Lawton (Ixion)

**The Falconer Cup is awarded to a new rider in his or her first year of riding trials.*

Neil Price training - 20-21 May

Arron has been in touch with Neil about the training and Neil has replied with his ideas for the weekend:

Neil says it will be something like this;

- Day before - I need half a day to scope the location and get myself organised so I can map out the sessions and work out my options for the variation in riders.

Coaching Day 1

- 9am Intro to my coaching and basic bike setup talk and Q+A
- 9:30am - 12noon balance and turning fundamentals
- 1pm Lunch
- 2pm- 3pm Obstacle theory and overview
- 3pm - 5pm Rev squat and go and obstacle practice
- Dinner
- 7pm Q+A/Discussion - Psychological approach and practice methodology

Coaching Day 2

- 9:30am - 12noon Uphill and Downhill
- 1pm Lunch
- 2pm - 3pm Section approach
- 3pm - 5pm Section Coaching and riding

Club trials

Summer series round 2 - 22 January – Kaituna (section setters: Derek, Paul M, Shane B, Peter H, officials: Derek, Peter B)

It's been a while since we've had a trial at Kaituna in the summer but although the ground was dry there were still some slippery rocks to contend with in a couple of the creek sections. The loop this time ran in a different direction so some of the sections that were used last August for the South Island round were reversed. All the sections proved to be challenging and as a result there some high scores in each class.

In Expert, Paul was 7 points ahead of Tom at the end of the first lap, but on his second lap he had a nasty crash in section 4 and injured his back and ribs. Unfortunately this put him out of the next three rounds of the series. In Inters, Arron had his second win, recovering from two stalls on his first lap to finish three points ahead of Derek. Kendall's Repsol wasn't going so he rode his TLR 125 in Clubman A, and like Arron he had a couple of fives on his first lap. From then on, he only had 3 dabs and one two and finished the day on 19. Christine was riding very well too and was ahead of Kendall after two laps, but she couldn't match his strong finish. Paul J and Dick won their classes and it was good to see Bodie giving the clubman B line a go. His Oset had battery issues so he had the loan of Kahu's 100cc Honda, and he quickly adapted to riding a petrol bike.

Expert		Clubman A	
Tom Beedles	95	Kendall McDonald	19
Paul Mountstevens	dnf	Christine Thompson	32
		Rob McKay	54
Expert		Dave Davies	69
Hamish Barnett	90	Steve Fisher	72
		Shane Newton	73
Intermediate		Peter Barnett	74
Arron Eades	49		
Derek Scott	52	Clubman B	
Shane Brons	71	Dick Gardner	15
Peter Hosking	83	Peter Dunn	30
Brent Downes	nc	Bodie Harper	nc
Tui Scott	nc		
		Twin Shock	
Sportsman		Paul Jackson	33
Paul Jackson	33	Kendall McDonald	19
Wayne Harper	95		
Shirley McDonald	101	Women	
		Shirley McDonald	101
		Christine Thompson	32

Summer series round 3 - 12 February – Glenelg Spur (section setters: Tom, Shane, Paul M; mini sections: Simon H; officials: Jules, Peter H)

We had a late change of venue for this trial because Puaha Valley was unavailable so we were at Glenelg Spur for the second time in a fortnight (the week before we had a Wednesday evening twilight trial there). The team of Tom, Paul and Shane did well to find five new sections and rework five of the old ones for our second visit to the property.

This time the sections were easier for all the classes and there were some low scores in Intermediate, Clubman A and Clubman B. Jules made his first appearance of the year to take out Expert from Tom. Josh also had his first ride of the year and he had a comfortable win on the red line. In Inters, newcomer Peter Gledhill ended Aaron's winning run but it was very close and there was only one point in it. Peter showed that he can hop a bike around and has the skills to ride the red line in future. In Sportsman, Rat had his third win of the series losing no points on the green line, while in Clubman A, Christine and Dave Davies tied on 6 points. Christine took the win because she had a couple more cleans than Dave. In Clubman B, Dick also had his third win and continued to share the lead in the series with Rat.

It was good to see more of the minis back again. Bodie won Mini A from Leo, and Max and Liam had another close contest.

Expert		Total	Clubman A	
Jules Huguenin		16	Christine Thompson	6 (36 cleans)
Tom Beedles		43	Dave Davies	6 34 cleans)
Expert			Rob McKay	11
Josh Stones		19	Shane Newton	35
Simon Hopkins		50 (18 cleans)	Guillaume de Peyrelongue	70
Hamish Barnett		50 (16 cleans)	Clubman B	
John Ross		dnf	Dick Gardner	3
Intermediate			Peter Dunn	8
Peter Gledhill		3	Isabel Hopkins	23
Arron Eades		4	Twin Shock	
Peter Hosking		6	Paul Jackson	0
Cody Doerner-Corson		33	Women	
Angus Wakeman		43	Christine Thompson	6
Tui Scott		nc	Isabel Hopkins	23
Sportsman				
Paul Jackson		0		
Wayne Harper		9		
Mini A			Mini B	
Bodie Harper		10	Max Blanchard	15
Leo Hopkins		78	Liam Ross	19

Summer series round 4 - 12 March – Omihi (section setters: Brent, Shirley, Kahu, officials: Peter B, Ross)

The fourth round was held in warm weather at Omihi. All 25 riders completed the 4 laps of the 10 sections and it was great to have some riders new to trials join us. With either mountain bike or enduro experience they looked comfortable riding the yellow or red lines. Sections for the Clubman grades were a little easier than some past trials, though the long grass and pine needles were still slippery and took points. Dick on Clubman B and Christine on Clubman A both stayed clean all day and Paul J only lost 2 to take Sportsman and the Twin Shock Class on the Fantic. Ross and Shane in Intermediate finished on 9 each with Ross taking the win with one more clean. Tom took Expert Orange with Kahu second on Expert Red. Bodie was the only competitor in Minis, with Isabel riding the Clubman B line instead. A great laid back day with thanks to Brent and Shirley, plus Kahu for setting the sections.

Peter Barnett

Expert	Total		Clubman A	
Tom Beedles	58		Christine Thompson	0
			Steve Fisher	5
Expert			David Barber	13
Kahu Jones	36		Peter Barnett	18
Hamish Barnett	55			
Peter Gledhill	64		Clubman B	
Simon Hopkins	69		Dick Gardner	0
Paul Mountstevens	NC		Isabel Hopkins	53
Intermediate				
Ross Bristol	9	36 cleans	Twin Shock	
Shane Brons	9	35 cleans	Paul Jackson	2
Arron Eades	16			
Derek Scott	20		Women	
Brent Downes	25		Shirley McDonald	22
Angus Wakeman	26		Christine Thompson	0
Cody Doerner-Corson	29		Isabel Hopkins	53
Tui Scott	33			
Ashley Duncan	NC		Mini A	
			Bodie Harper	11
Sportsman				
Paul Jackson	2			
Wayne Harper	11			
Shirley McDonald	22			

Summer series round 5 - 26 March – Graylees Road (section setters: Derek, Shane B, Steve F, officials: Patrick, Derek)

The sections for this trial were set further up the back of the property, where there are plenty of options for a mixture of rock, gullies and creeks. The day started out a little cool, then got warmer and finished off threatening a few showers.

I only had input into the club A line, and left the serious stuff to Derek and Shane.

From what I rode on A line, I actually found them quite good. Setting and riding them are two different things, and you don't know really how hard/easy they might be until you actually ride them.

Tom took out the expert line, while Ross took the intermediate class with some close scores in the rest of the field. In the largest class, Club A, as usual Dave Chambers showed us all how it should be done. In Club B Dick was in good form again, although I think his line may have been a little more difficult than normal.

There were small classes in the Minis with Bodie Harper, Max Blanchard, Koby Pascoe all coming out on top, followed by Liam Ross.

Steve Fisher

Expert Orange	Total	Clubman A	Mini A
Tom Beedles	96	Dave Chambers	16
		Chris Pascoe	31
		Christine Thompson	42
Expert Red		Steve Fisher	49
Glenn Smith	68	Dave Davies	61
Hamish Barnett	93	Shane Newton	63
		Peter Barnett	78
Intermediate		Clubman B	Mini B
Ross Bristol	54	Dick Gardner	12
Arron Eades	68	Peter Dunn	19
Brent Downes	78		
Derek Scott	79	Twin Shock	Mini C
Shane Brons	93	Paul Jackson	78
Tui Scott	104	Stephen Reij	
Sportsman			
Paul Jackson	9	Women	
Stephen Reij	48	Shirley McDonald	56
Shirley McDonald	56	Christine Thompson	42
Wayne Harper	84		

Overall results



Paul Jackson and Dick Gardner won all five rounds of the series in their classes (Sportsman and Clubman B respectively) and were the joint winners of the series. Rat also won the twin shock class. Other class winners were: Tom Beedles (Expert, Orange), Hamish Barnett (Expert, Red), Arron Eades (Intermediate), Christine Thompson (Clubman A), Shirley McDonald (Women), Bodie Harper (Mini A), Max Blanchard (Mini B), and Koby Pascoe (Mini C).

	Teddington	Kaituna	Glenelg Spur	Omihi	Graylees	Total
Expert (Orange)						
Tom Beedles		25	22	25	25	97
Jules Huguenin			25			25
Mats Petit	25					25
Paul Mounstevens	22					22
Expert (Red)						
Hamish Barnett	22	25	20	22	22	111
Kahu Jones	25			25		50
Simon Hopkins			22	18		40
Josh Stones			25			25
Glenn Smith					25	25
Peter Gledhill				20		20

Intermediate

Arron Eades	25	25	22	20	22	114
Derek Scott	22	22		18	18	80
Shane Brons	20	20		22	16	78
Ross Bristol				25	25	50
Peter Hosking		18	20			38
Brent Downes				16	20	36
Cody Doerner-Corson			18	14		32
Angus Wakeman			16	15		31
Tui Scott				13	15	28
Peter Gledhill			25			25
Simon Jones	18					18

Sportsman

Paul Jackson	25	25	25	25	25	125
Wayne Harper	22	22	22	22	18	106
Shirley McDonald	20	20		20	20	80
Stephen Reij					22	22

Clubman A

Christine Thompson		22	25	25	20	92
Peter Barnett	22	14		18	14	68
Rob McKay	25	20	20			65
Dave Davies		18	22		16	56
Steve Fisher		16		22	18	56
Shane Newton		15	18		15	48
Guillaume de Peyrelongue	20		16			36
Dave Chambers					25	25
Kendall McDonald		25				25
Chris Pascoe					22	22
Dave Barber				20		20

Clubman B

Dick Gardner	25	25	25	25	25	125
Peter Dunn		22	22		22	66
Isabel Hopkins			20	22		42

Women

Shirley McDonald	25	25		25	25	100
Christine Thompson		22	25	22	22	91
Isabel Hopkins			22	20		42

Twins shock

Paul Jackson	25	25	25	25	25	125
Stephen Reij					22	22
Kendall McDonald		22				22

Mini A

Bodie Harper	25	25	25	75
Leo Hopkins	22		22	42

Mini B

Max Blanchard	25		25	50
Liam Ross	22		22	44

Mini C

Koby Pascoe			25	25
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From the archives



14 year old Tom Beedles was the 2006 Midland Centre youth trials champion.



Nowadays Malcolm McGibbon is more interested in 4 wheels than two. He occasionally drives this special in car trials.



Jeff (aka Chook) Grant riding a TLM in the 1980s.

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North Island Championship rounds 1 and 2, 13-14 May

This event will be run by Ixion and Manawatu Orion.

Day one is in the Maungies at: Akatarawa Forest, Maungakotukutuku Valley Rd, Paraparaumu.

Day two is at Kahuterawa Valley Rd, Linton. This is a new venue just south of Palmerston North that's only been used for one club trial. It has some nice "old school" rocky creek sections. It's about a 1 hour 10 minute drive from Paraparaumu.

The entry form is here <https://form.jotform.com/230656103336853>

If anyone from the South Island is interested is going up for it, Manawatu-Orion may be able to billet a few riders on the Saturday/Sunday night.



Kevin Pinfold has 2023 Vertigo Nitro Works 250s in stock at \$14,995, and a 280 is arriving in a few weeks time. Production has just started on the Nitro RS and RSR. Phone Kevin 021 031 9897 for price info and the availability time frame.

Kevin has Mots helmets, boots and clothing in stock and also sells Wulfsport boots.

Wanted: I'm looking for the results of the New Zealand Trials Championship in 2000, 2001 and 2002. If anyone has the results for any of these trials could you please contact me.
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Next events:

15-16 April	South Island Champs, rounds 1&2	Otago
30 April	Club trial	Manderley
20-21 May	Neil Price training	tbc
27-28 May	Kaikoura section setting	
3-5 June	Kaikoura 3 day trial	

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

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