



# Megaphone

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## Oceania - 30 Sept/1 Oct.

Paul Jackson is riding in the Australian Trials Championship at the end of this month as a member of the New Zealand team that will compete with Australia in the Oceania contest. Rat is riding a TY175 in the twin shock class. See p. 2.

## Nationals – 21-23 October

The Tauranga Motorcycle Club hosts the New Zealand Championship this year, with the support of Waikato trials riders.

The entry form is available at:

<https://www.trials.nz/trials/2023-new-zealand-trials-championship>

Entries close on Monday 2 October.

No late entries will be accepted.

## Trials Park update

The team working on the Trials Park revamp have obtained some rocks from Paul Pascoe's Greta Valley quarry and these have been delivered to the park. They are now working on reshaping some of the areas.

## Trials.NZ

Harry Dredge has created a website for New Zealand trials. It has information about clubs, what's on, results, etc.

It's worth a look: <https://www.trials.nz/>



*Now there are four ... Christine, Evie, Peter and Shane with their new EMs.*

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## 2023 Oceania

The Oceania will be held in conjunction with the Australian Trials Championship which will be on the weekend of 30 September and October the 1st. Warren Laugesen, Cameron Judd, Finn Pearce, Zack Furniss and Paul Jackson are representing New Zealand in the contest.

Warren will be riding in the Trial 2 class, Cameron is in the Youth class, Finn is in Open Junior Boys, Zack is in the 9 to under 13 age group and Rat is riding Trevor Bennett's nicely prepared TY175 in the twin shock class. Rat and Glenn had hoped to enter in the sidechairs but it was too expensive to get a chair across to Australia.



*The TY that Rat will be riding is painted in green and white Canberra Raiders colours. Trev may get a surprise when it is returned to him and he finds that it has some Wah stickers on it!*



*Warren, Finn, Cameron and Zack at a practice day in Hawkes Bay in August.*

While they are in Australia the kiwi team will compete in the South Australian Championship on 23-24 September, and an invitational one day trial on 27 September. The two trials will be useful warmups for the main event and give the team a chance to get used to the conditions and the Aussie terrain.

For updates on the team and info about the events there a couple of Facebook pages:

**Trials Week South Australia 2023:** <https://www.facebook.com/trialsweeksa2023>

**NZ Oceania Trials Team 2023:**

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095183282036>



## New members:

The Club welcomes: Peter Colvin, Cody Foord, Kerry Jones, Ricky Hamilton, Joseph Hutchinson, Olly Musgrave, Gerald Orr, George Moore, Mats Petit and Mark Waddleton.



*Peter Colvin has returned to Canterbury after living in Wellington for a few years where he rode with Ixion.*

*Mark Waddleton has some seriously good skills on a trials pushbike. Mark has ridden bicycle trials for roughly a decade and rides all other forms of cycling. he has bought Pete Gledhill's Sherco and rode his first trial at Purau.*

## Jen Bayliss, 1949-2023

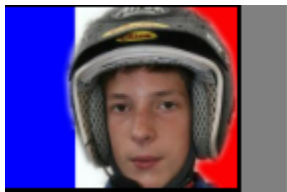
We were sorry to hear that Jen Bayliss passed away on 17 June and send our condolences to Bruce, Richard and Rhys. Jen was club secretary in 1998 and 1999 and helped at club events for several years.

## Shirley Sisson (née Robinson), 1931-2023



Shirley Sisson also passed away in June. Shirley was one of the first woman riders to compete in club events in Canterbury. The photo of Shirley riding her James was taken at a miniature TT or a scramble in the early 1950s.

Our condolences to Grant, Steph and Monty.



<b>THE RIDER ...</b>	
<b>PETIT MATS</b>	
<b>14/06/1994</b>	<b>MAISON LAFITTE</b>

This year we have had another French expert rider competing in New Zealand trials. Mats has been here on a one year working holiday visa and has been travelling around Aotearoa. He rode in the four South Island Championship rounds and the Kaikoura 3 day and he is now in the North Island where he has ridden in an Ixion club trial. Mats has some amazing trials skills so we thought we should find out more about his trials career. Mats was happy to answer some questions.

**How did you get involved in trials? How old were you when you first started riding?**

My father got me into it. He put me on a bike at 6 years old.

**And what was your first trials bike?**

It was a 50cc Sherco.

**When did you start riding in the French Championship?**

I started riding in the French Championship when I was 10 years old in 2004, and I won the 10-12 years age group in 2005.

**Did you ride in the European Championship and World Championship?**

Yes I rode in the European Championship for two years and the World Championship for three years. Two years in GP3 and one in GP2. I was 17 years old in GP2 and was around 14th in the rankings. I got an exemption to ride in GP2 with a 300 because we had to be 18 years old normally. I started to ride a 300 when I was 15.

**I see you were 9th in the French Championship in 2015. Was that your best year?**

Yes it was, I did one year in expert which was the hardest level in France and it was one of my best years because it was hard to ride this class and not be a professional rider.

**And for the last couple of years you have been riding Senior 1?**

After 2015 I stopped riding because I was studying for five years to be a sport physio. I didn't stop training and then I went back to the championship in senior 1 and enjoyed it a lot. It was a different feeling for me to ride on my own and pay my own way rather than being dependent on my father, less stress. I was 4th in senior 1 in 2021 and I was in second place in 2022 but I had a big crash and an injury to my wrist so I had to withdraw from the other rounds of the championship.

**And you have been sponsored by Vertigo?**

Yes I was, I rode for them for one year in 2021. I rode with a r2 and then a r3. I enjoyed the

bike, it's a very complete bike but then I wanted to stop and ride my favourite bike, a GasGas, even though I wasn't sponsored on it. I love the power of this bike for a big big step or splatter and it's very playful, a bit less stable.



*Mats with his sponsored Vertigo in 2021.*



*2023 in New Zealand, on his favourite make of bike at a practice day with the Oceania team in August.*

### **How long are you staying in NZ?**

I'll go back to France at the end of November, I have been here on a one year working holiday visa.

### **And what do you think of NZ trials?**

At the moment I've only seen the South Island and it was amazing, you have really huge areas for trials, I'm thinking of Alexandra with big rocks and lots of grip, it's a kind of paradise, then the South Island Championship in Dunedin was also amazing and the farm was huge. They could organise like 10 times the World championship there. I loved the contrast with Kaikoura where it was more British style with slippery sections. The level is pretty easy if we compare it to a regional trial in France but you've got less riders as well so it makes sense. I'm very happy about the behaviour of people, everybody is very kind with me and I can really feel the good "team sport spirit." We're talking the same language and sharing the same passion even if I'm from the opposite side of the world and this makes me happy. I can't wait to see what it's like in the North Island and I hope I will find a bike to do the nationals.

*[Update: Mats has been offered a bike and will be riding in the NZ Championship]*



## South Island Championship



*The expert trophy winners: John Ross (3rd), Jules (2nd) and Jason (1st)*



*Ryan Hampton rode at the Kaikoura rounds in August and won A grade both days.*

Jason Hibbs is this year's South Island Expert Champion. Jason rode all four rounds on the red line and accumulated 75 championship points. Jules Huguenin was second and John Ross third. Mats Petit had the lowest score on the orange line in three of the four rounds but was riding on one event licences so wasn't eligible for championship points. Jules also rode the orange line but he only entered three rounds.

The other class winners were: Glenn Smith (Vet 1), Keith Ruthven (Vet 2 and Clubman), Paul Jackson (Twin Shock and Sportsman), Gabby Gundry (Women), Connor Newton (Junior), Mats Petit (A grade), John Ross (Intermediate), Zach Hibbs (Mini 3), Bodie Harper (Mini 2) and Liam Ross (Mini 1).

The Sportsman and Clubman classes were the most closely contested and the outcome in each was decided at the final round. In Sportsman Paul Jackson led after the first two rounds, Grant Anderson was second and Malcolm Reid was third. After the third round Malcolm had moved into the lead, but the next day Rat finished ahead of Malcolm and took the win. It was a similar story in Clubman where Keith Ruthven, Dave Chambers and Gavin Fox each won a round and it was their placings in the other rounds which decided the final result.

The full results are available on the website at <https://pioneertrials.co.nz/south-island-championship/>

## The Tullett Memorial Trial

It has been thirteen years since we ran a Tullett so we felt it was time to run it again this year, partly because this is the 80th year of the Megaphone and partly because it's an event where riders from different grades ride together as a team.

### So who was Len Tullett?

Len was a young man who was Club secretary from 1937 to 1947 and president for four months in 1947.

Marty Rush, who knew him, said that "Len, although keen on motorcycling, suffered a disability which precluded him from taking part in the more strenuous side of the sport, but never-the-less he became a very popular club member."

During the Second World War Len produced a newsletter which was sent to Christchurch riders who were serving overseas in the armed forces. He called this the 'Megaphone'. The first issue was only a two-sided sheet but as the war went on it grew in size to eight pages and was distributed to 130 riders. Len received hundreds of letters from the riders who were in Europe and the Pacific. Marty said that Len took snippets from the various letters and added his own comments, some really good, as he was gifted with an 'impish' sense of humour.

#### MR LEONARD TULLETT

The death has occurred of Mr Leonard Tullett, one of New Zealand's staunchest supporters and organisers of motor-cycling. He was 32.

Mr Tullett was born in Christchurch and educated at the Aranui School and later at a commercial college. He joined the public service and had been employed in several Government departments. About 12 years ago he was appointed assistant secretary of the Pioneer Sports Club. In 1937 he became secretary of both the club and the Pioneer Motor Club. At the annual meeting of the motor club this year he was elected president. He was also a member of the Christchurch Corsair Motor Club.

Mr Tullett was a member of the committee which organised a road safety campaign several years ago and was also on the committee which reported on traffic regulations for motor-cycles. During the war he organised a local news magazine, which was sent to Christchurch motor-cyclists serving overseas.



When the war was over Len worked on establishing the Club as an incorporated society. He was elected as club president in July 1947 but his health was failing and he passed away on 30 November.

After Len's death the Club decided to hold an annual Tullett Memorial Trial. At the time there were five motorcycle clubs in Christchurch so it was run as an inter-club team competition. Each club entered one or two teams and competed for the Tullett Memorial Shield. The trial was held regularly from 1948 through to the mid 1970s but after this interest in the event waned because the other clubs had either ceased or were no longer interested in trials. Since then the Tullett has only been held occasionally. The last one was in April 2010 when the winning team was Ross Bristol, Jon Hainsworth and Mel Banks.



This year's Tullett Memorial was held at Graylees Road on a warm and gusty September Norwest day. Forty one riders signed on for the event so we were able to fit everyone into ten teams of four riders. Each team had a red line rider, a yellow line rider and a blue line rider, except for the Fantic team which was given special dispensation and allowed to enter without a red rider because they were on twin shocks and an air-cooled mono.



We had a bit of regional rivalry with teams from Marlborough and Kaikoura entering, and some manufacturer competition. The TY team had a good line up with John Ross, Mitchell Sincok and Peter D on their TYZs and John Regan on his TY80; but the Honda team could only manage a couple of Hondas with Wayne on his Repsol and Jonesy on his TLR. They had to co-opt Kahu on his GasGas and Bodie on his Oset, but Kahu did wear a Honda tee shirt.

Lynette and Peter took some great photos of the teams and the action, and Peter took some videos which he will make available fairly soon.

Congratulations to the winning Marlborough team: Brendon, Gareth, Fabian and Dick (who we loaned to Marlborough for the day).

Tullett Memorial Trial, 17 Sept 2023 - team results				
	Red line	Yellow line	Blue line	Team total
Marlborough	Gareth Wadsworth (27 pts)	Brendon Wadsworth (4 pts)	Fabian MacDonald (3 pts), Dick Gardner (0 pts)	34
TY team	John Ross (19 pts)	Mitchell Sincok (11 pts)	John Regan (0 pts), Peter Dunn (20 pts)	50
Fantic team		Alan H (11 pts), Paul Jackson (12 pts), Peter H (29 pts)	Christine Thompson (0 pts)	52
Tom's team	Tom Beedles (24 pts)	Tui Scott (17 pts)	Chris Pascoe (6 pts), Monty Sisson (10 pts)	57
Pete G's team	Pete Gledhill (34 pts)	Ashley Duncan (6 pts)	Shane Hubbard (2 pts), Evie Hubbard (19 pts)	61
Simon's team	Simon Hopkins (42 pts)	Ross Bristol (0 pts)	Steve Fisher (2 pts), Leo Hopkins (41 pts)	85
Ryan's team	Ryan Hampton (3 pts)	Stephen Reij (54 pts)	Dave Davies (11 pts), Ghost rider (23 pts)	91
Honda team	Kahu Jones (51 pts)	Simon Jones (34 pts)	Wayne Harper (0 pts), Bodie Harper (11 pts)	96
Kaikoura	Davy Trewin (16 pts)	Gabby Gundry (26 pts), Barry Schroder (36 pts)	Toby Schroder (24 pts)	102
Paul's team	Paul Mountstevens (24 pts)	Dave Barber (82 pts)	Dave Chambers (1 pt), Izzy Hopkins (74 pts)	181

\* Jack Schroder also rode in the Kaikoura team but we have only counted the scores for 4 riders, and Ed Hughes rode with Pete G's team



## Club trials

### Glenelg Spur - 23 July (section setters: Simon J, Paul M, Officials: Alan, Derek, Kahu)

Alan wrote in his CoC's report that this was "a well set out event in atrocious conditions" and that was a pretty good description of what it was like on a day when 40mm of rain fell in Christchurch. Most of us looked out the window in the morning and decided to stay at home, but a small number of brave riders turned up and rode. Simon and Paul had two days of it, setting the sections in the rain on Saturday and riding on Sunday.

<b>Expert Orange</b>		<b>Sportsman</b>	
Paul Mountstevens	<b>56</b>	Simon Jones	<b>13</b>
		Stephen Reij	<b>dnf</b>
<b>Expert Red</b>		<b>Clubman A</b>	
John Ross	<b>33</b>	Dave Davies	<b>21</b>
Kahu Jones	<b>44</b>		
Hamish Barnett	<b>62</b>		
Arron Eades	<b>nc</b>		
<b>Intermediate</b>			
Ross Bristol	<b>36</b>		
Alan Honeybone	<b>47</b>		
Ashley Duncan	<b>nc</b>		

### Purau – 27 August (Section setters: Dave D, Tui, Peter G, Peter H. Officials: Alan, Kahu, Peter H)

There was a good turnout of 32 riders for the August trial at Chris Gardiner's farm. Although parts of the property were still very boggy after all the winter rain, it was drier in the creek and the gully where there was some tree cover. Overnight rain on Saturday night, however, made some of the sections slipperier than when we set them.

The experts had some challenging obstacles to contend with, in particular an awkward downhill drop off the log in section 2 which didn't look nice. Tom continued his good form on the orange line in club trials this year and took the win ahead of Ryan. It was close on the red line with John Ross heading Pete Gledhill by 2 points, and Glenn and Kahu tying on 71 points for third. John Regan was in good form on his new Beta 300 and had a comfortable win in Inters finishing 14 points ahead of Alan who had his best ride since his layoff. Dave Chambers was also in good form in Clubman A and Christine showed that she is getting used to the Electric Motion. Peter D has adapted quickly to his and had another good result in Clubman B. Izzy is making a different transition, from electric to petrol, and is learning to use a clutch. Her final lap of 7 points on the Sherco was a good one.

The Minis had a non-scoring day, and had some fun on their bikes.

### Expert Orange

Tom Beedles	79
Ryan Hampton	95

### Expert Red

John Ross	57
Peter Gledhill	59
Glenn Smith	71 (12 cleans)
Kahu Jones	71 (9 cleans)
Simon Hopkins	101

### Intermediate

John Regan	20
Alan Honeybone	34
Ashley Duncan	50
Tui Scott	64
Peter Hosking	68
Peter Colvin	81
James Smith	nc

### Sportsman

Simon Jones	38
Mark Waddleton	nc

### Clubman A

Dave Chambers	19
Christine Thompson	32
Chris Pascoe	53
Steve Fisher	62
Peter Barnett	107
Cody Foord	dnf
Brendon Day	dnf

### Clubman B

Peter Dunn	1
Isabel Hopkins	72
Craig Newbould	nc



A couple of interesting restorations are underway up north. John Lawton is refurbishing the Beta Techno that James rode when he won the 1999 NZ Championship. John has had it for over 20 years, since reacquiring it from a third party after James passed away. It's a '99 frame, with '96 forks, a couple of brand-new wheels and the engine's getting the treatment next. Once it's done Stu may ride it at a Kaikoura 3 Day. Further north in Paeroa, Greg Power is restoring the Ossa Mk II that Chris Harris won the 1976 NZ Championship on. Greg is aiming to have it ready for next year's K3D. Greg says it has a lot of special mods and he intends doing a write up about it when he has it sorted.



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## Next events:

8 October	Club trial	Purau Valley
21-23 October	NZ Champs	Tauranga
29 October	Club trial	McQueens Valley

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

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