



# Megaphone

Newsletter of the Pioneer MCC

Spring 2024

## Nationals

Entries are now open for the IDA New Zealand Trials Championship which will be held at Labour weekend in Alexandra. The entry form is available [here](#)

## News from Mats

Mats Petit is back in France and living in Clermont Ferrand. He has been riding in the French Championship in the TR1 class, which is the second hardest level and is in second place overall in the series with one round to go on 19-20 October.



## Future GasGas rider



Congratulations to Tom and Steffi on the birth of their son Jack Beedles in August.

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## New member

Welcome to Garry Connell who joined the club in June. Garry lives in Western Australia and is coming over to ride in the nationals at Labour weekend.

## Southern Trials Group

It's good to see that the Southern Trials Group is running monthly trials and they are getting good numbers (20+ riders) attending. They have some promising youngsters: Robert Muir, Alex Johnston and Scott Gifkins who we are likely to hear more of in future.

The Group has a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1524512274695301> which Brent Muir updates regularly.

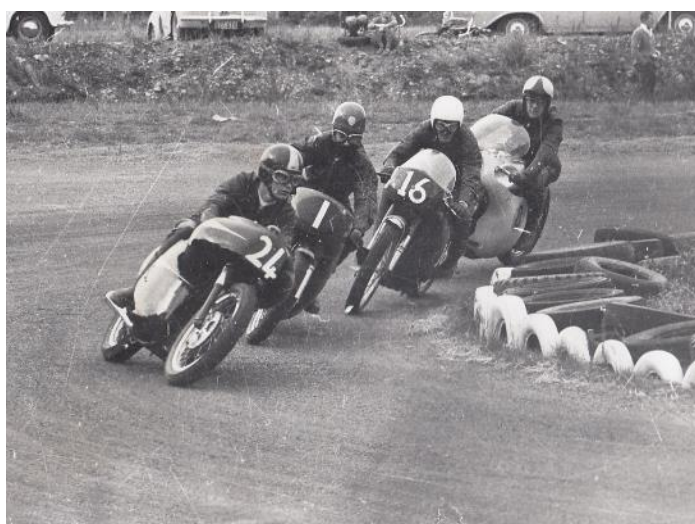
## John Hubbard 7.5.1932- 16.7.2024

John was Shane's dad and Evie and Amelia's granddad.

John joined Pioneer in January 1957 and his name is on three of our cups. In April 1958 he won the Kennett Cup race which was held over 50 miles on the beach. The same year he also won the Wynne-Yorke Cup and the Frank V. Thomas Cup.

From 1957-1963 he rode at Cust in the New Zealand Grand Prix, competing in the Junior GP on a BSA Gold Star and for a couple of years on a Manx Norton in the Senior.

In 1960 he set the fastest time in practice for the Senior, but had to retire from the race due to a piston failure. When the event moved from Cust to Ruapuna he rode his BSA there, achieving 3rd place in the 1965 Senior and Junior GPs, and 2nd place in the 1966 Junior.



Ruapuna 1964, John is no. 16



John (no. 8) riding the BSA in the 1966 Senior GP

John was also a motocross ACU steward, and a member of the motorcycle section of the VCC. In later years he rode an Ariel Red Hunter at the Cust reunion meetings and in vintage events.

## North Island vs South

I've been asked to write a bit about the trip Peter G, Simon H, Josh and I did to Wellington for rounds 7 and 8 of the North Island series. As usual, I've left it later than I planned and now I've ridden the South Island rounds, so I thought it'd be interesting to compare these two events. We all know trials sections are extremely subjective, so take this as just one person's experience.

I started riding Red at club events this year, despite having comparatively little riding time in the last 18 months. I rode Red at the South Island rounds. There's a strong case to be made saying I should have ridden Yellow at the South Island rounds. I guess I enjoy completing a section more than perfecting a section. That said, there's no satisfaction in paddling through. I'd not ridden in the North Island, but reports from those who have recently made me nervous about what to expect. I assumed it'd be a pretty tough weekend in Yellow and I was not disappointed.

Day one was in the infamous Maungatuks and they'd had a lot of rain after setting the sections so had whipped around and softened things a little. It took a while to get used to the different dirt, to figure out how grippy it was, how it changed as it got dryer or cut up as water dragged up it. In the end, there was more grip than I expected. The sections were mostly nice and long, like section 6 at Graylees. They had more features than I'm used to in the south, while still having a good amount of technical riding. The Maungatuks had several slippery sustained climbs, gravel creek sections, steep roll-overs. Handlebar height undercut faces, roots and even a bit of slushy mud. The sections were really enjoyable by lap three when I was nearly finished being scared! Thanks very much to Pete, Simon, Josh and Luke March for their advice and encouragement throughout the day. Especially Simon who babysat me when I started to fall behind Peter and Josh's pace. Poor Simon, went to Wellington without his family to ride for himself and still ended up looking after me. Josh had some stunning rides. Just shows what can be done when you are on a TRS and not being held back by your bike 😊

The next day was at Judds farm and it didn't feel too different to McQueens Valley which was a confidence boost for me. Alas, it didn't last. They had us riding over undercut logs on a weird angle, going over and along 850 mm culvert pipes, up shoulder-height vertical, square-edged grass banks and dropping down seemingly vertical waist-high banks into rocky creeks. A lot that scared me, but I was feeling a little more brave in familiar terrain. Josh got a silly 5 in the first few sections. This empowered him and he took off like the energizer bunny and we didn't ride with him for the rest of the day. Peter continually made section 4 look quite easy while Simon and I battled through it all day. After lap one, I found my feet and started to ride better. Section 5 with the culverts got in my head and I was considering just taking a 5. It went better than expected, but a hesitation near the end meant I got a 5 for falling



backwards. I redeemed myself on the next lap by cleaning it! That was very satisfying given I was initially too intimidated to attempt it. Simon is normally 10% or more ahead of me, but through a combination of me riding well and Simon having a bit of a rough day, I came out ahead of him for the first time.



Arron on day 2 in Wellington



... and at Graylees a month later

Overall, the Wellington sections were quite feature-rich. They mostly had several crux moves, while still having enough technical riding to ensure that the approach or setup for a crux was not trivial. This is in contrast to the sections at Manderley which, for me, are almost entirely technical riding with few features. Little at Manderley intimidates me or makes me think I won't get up or over the feature, but the technical terrain is relentless. I struggle in that terrain, though one could argue looking at the scores, that we all struggle there. Graylees is a great property. For me it's still more of a technical ride. It has the relentlessness that makes Manderley a great challenge, but it has a little more variety. At the end of it, my scores were comparable between the Wellington sections and the Manderley/Graylees sections. Those rocky creeks are not a strength for me, but both events were great fun. Wellington was a great experience thanks to a new terrain and setting style, some lucky weather, and the people I travelled with. If you haven't been, you should put it on your list!

**Arron Eades**



Emily Willard has put some videos of the Ixion North Island round on YouTube  
<https://www.youtube.com/@emilywillard9098>

## 2024 South Island Championship – Christchurch, 7-8 September

This year's championship was reduced to two rounds over a single weekend, after the rounds earlier in the year were cancelled due to the fire risk. Forty-six riders took part on two days of warm spring weather at Manderley Farm and Graylees Road.

Expert saw the return to trials competition of Nick and Peter Oliver after 8 years away from the sport. Both were riding Montesa 4RTs and they showed that they will be strong contenders at Alex if they enter for the nationals. Nick won both days, but on day 2, he was only one point ahead of Peter. Pat Dillon and David Trewin also rode orange, but Davey was unlucky to have an issue with his kick start early on day 1 and had to retire from the event.

A Grade was very close with each step of the podium only separated by a single championship point. Ryan Hampton won the first round on Saturday and Brad Hibbs the second round on Sunday. Paul Mountstevens was second on day 1 and on the second day he tied with Brad on points but had one less clean. If Paul had won on day 2, he would have been the overall winner, but instead he finished second to Ryan with Brad third.

Intermediate included up and coming young North Islanders, Connor Newton and Zack Furniss who had flown down and were riding bikes provided by Brendon. Connor won both days and won the class overall. Glenn Smith was runner up and Neil Belvoir third. On day 2, Zack rode well to finish third.

Kahu Jones rode Simon's Honda TLR200 and he pulled off a notable double, winning Sportsman and Twin Shock. Gabby Gundry made him work for it in the Sportsman class. They both had the same score on day 2, with Kahu getting the nod because he had more cleans. After a disappointing first day by his standards, Paul Jackson was back on form at Graylees and he also made Kahu work for it in the twin shocks. Rat finished on 34 points for the day, only 3 points behind Kahu. Derek Scott was third overall in Sportsman and Hamish Barnett put in some great rides in the sections on the big 327cc air cooled GasGas to finish fourth.

Brian Spedding from Otago won Clubman and was the only rider to manage a clean round all weekend. Behind him the battle for the other two steps of the podium was very close with three riders finishing on the same championship points. In the end Dave Chambers took second, Shirley McDonald third, and Keith Ruthven was fourth. All three will be more familiar with MoMS rule 6.7a now.

Vet 1 was won by Paul Mountstevens, Vet 2 by Neil Belvoir, Zack was the best Junior, and Gabby won Women. Hamish won the Air-Cooled class.

There were four mini riders: 5 year old Jake Blanchard (Mini 1), Max Blanchard and Liam Ross (Mini 2), and Leo Hopkins (Mini 3). Our other young riders: Bodie Harper, Evie



Hubbard and Izzy Hopkins were riding in the Clubman class and did very well riding the sections that were Clubman A level. Bodie was second in Junior and Evie was third in Women and Junior.

Thanks to the property owners, section setters, observers, officials (Peter B, Paul J and Kahu), Lynette for first aid and the trials mums who looked after the Mini competition. And a special shoutout to our prez, Simon who opted not to ride so that he could organise the event and do the results.



Connor had to find some space in his bag for the flight home on Sunday night ... he was taking the South Island intermediate trophy back with him.



Mini 2 winner, Max Blanchard – unfazed by the back wheel in the air!



This year's South Island Champion: Nick Oliver and runner up, younger brother Peter.



Junior: Evie (3rd), Bodie (2nd) and Zack (1st)

## South Island Championship results

Name	Grade	Grade	Class	R 1		R 2		Champ points R 1	Champ points R 2	Champ points total	Overall Place
	R1	R2									
Nick Oliver			Open	45	1st	49	1st	25	25	50	1st
Peter Oliver			Open	59	2nd	50	2nd	22	22	44	2nd
Patrick Dillon			Open	87	3rd	95	3rd	20	20	40	3rd
Paul Mountstevens			Open	72	5th	57	4th	16	18	34	4th
Ryan Hampton			Open	63	4th	61	6th	18	15	33	5th
Brad Hibbs			Open	80	7th	57	5th	14	16	30	6th
John Ross			Open	78	6th	76	7th	15	14	29	7th
Connor Newton			Open	30	9th	17	9th	12	12	24	8th
Glenn Smith			Open	47	10th	30	10th	11	11	22	9th
Neil Belvoir			Open	47	11th	42	12th	10	9	19	10th
Zack Furniss			Open	63	13th	38	11th	8	10	18	11th
Fletcher Wassell			Open	62	12th	54	14th	9	7	16	12th
Brendon Wadsworth			Open	80	15th	46	13th	6	8	14	13th
Peter Gledhill			Open	dnf		84	8th	0	13	13	14th
Jason Hibbs			Open	110	8th	dnf		13	0	13	15th
Simon Hopkins			Open	78	14th	63	15th	7	6	13	16th
Kahu Jones			Open	35	16th	31	16th	5	5	10	17th
Gabby Gundry			Open	38	17th	31	17th	4	4	8	18th
Derek Scott			Open	44	19th	33	18th	2	3	5	19th
Hamish Barnett			Open	40	18th	36	20th	3	1	4	20th
Paul Jackson			Open	62	21st	34	19th	0	2	2	21st
Grant Anderson			Open	58	20th	44	21st	1	0	1	22nd

Nick Oliver			Expert	45	1st	49	1st	25	25	50	1st
Peter Oliver			Expert	59	2nd	50	2nd	22	22	44	2nd
Patrick Dillon			Expert	87	3rd	95	3rd	20	20	40	3rd
David Trewin			Expert	dnf		dns					

Ryan Hampton			A Grade	63	1st	61	3rd	25	20	45	1st
Paul Mountstevens			A Grade	72	2nd	57	2nd	22	22	44	2nd
Brad Hibbs			A Grade	80	4th	57	1st	18	25	43	3rd
John Ross			A Grade	78	3rd	76	4th	20	18	38	4th
Arron Eades			A Grade	121	6th	101	6th	15	15	30	5th
Peter Gledhill			A Grade	dnf		84	5th	0	16	16	6th
Jason Hibbs			A Grade	110	5th	dnf		16	0	16	7th

Connor Newton			Intermediate	30	1st	17	1st	25	25	50	1st
Glenn Smith			Intermediate	47	3rd	30	2nd	20	22	42	2nd
Neil Belvoir			Intermediate	47	2nd	42	4th	22	18	40	3rd
Zack Furniss			Intermediate	63	5th	38	3rd	16	20	36	4th
Fletcher Wassell			Intermediate	62	4th	54	6th	18	15	33	5th
Brendon Wadsworth			Intermediate	80	7th	46	5th	14	16	30	6th
Simon Hopkins			Intermediate	78	6th	63	7th	15	14	29	7th

Kahu Jones			Sportsman	35	1st	31	1st	25	25	50	1st
Gabby Gundry			Sportsman	38	2nd	31	2nd	22	22	44	2nd
Derek Scott			Sportsman	44	4th	33	3rd	18	20	38	3rd
Hamish Barnett			Sportsman	40	3rd	36	5th	20	16	36	4th
Paul Jackson			Sportsman	62	9th	34	4th	12	18	30	5th
Grant Anderson			Sportsman	58	6th	44	6th	15	15	30	6th
Malcom Reid			Sportsman	47	5th	55	8th	16	13	29	7th
Peter Hosking			Sportsman	59	8th	45	7th	13	14	27	8th
Graeme Hibbs			Sportsman	59	7th	64	9th	14	12	26	9th
Stephen Reji			Sportsman	106	10th	dns		11	0	11	10th
Wayne Harper			Sportsman	122	11th	dns		10	0	10	11th
Ross Bristol			Sportsman	dns		dns		0	0		
Brent Downes			Sportsman	dnf		dnf		0	0		
Patt Hutt			Sportsman	dnf		dns		0	0		

Brian Spedding			Clubman	21	1st	7	1st	25	25	50	1st
Dave Chambers			Clubman	31	4th	22	2nd	18	22	40	2nd
Shirley McDonald			Clubman	27	2nd	29	4th	22	18	40	3th
Keith Ruthven			Clubman	27	3rd	22	3rd	20	20	40	4th
Dave Davies			Clubman	55	6th	38	7th	15	14	29	5th
Bodie Harper			Clubman	98	7th	61	8th	14	13	27	6th
Evie Hubbard			Clubman	106	8th	68	9th	13	12	25	7th
Isabel Hopkins			Clubman	109	9th	80	10th	12	11	23	8th
Rob McKay			Clubman	48	5th	dnf		16	0	16	9th
Wayne Harper			Clubman	dns		30	5th	0	16	16	10th
Stephen Reij			Clubman	dns		31	6th	0	15	15	11th
Shane Hubbard			Clubman	149	10th	dnf		11	0	11	12th
Gary Allpress			Clubman	dnf		dnf		0	0		
Brent Downes			Clubman	dns		dnf		0	0		

Paul Mountstevens			Vet 1	72	1st	57	1st	25	25	50	1st
Glenn Smith			Vet 1	47	2nd	30	2nd	22	22	44	2nd
Brendon Wadsworth			Vet 1	80	3rd	46	3rd	20	20	40	3rd
Derek Scott			Vet 1	44	4th	33	4th	18	18	36	4th
Grant Anderson			Vet 1	58	5th	44	6th	16	15	31	5th
Paul Jackson			Vet 1	62	7th	34	5th	14	16	30	6th
Graeme Hibbs			Vet 1	59	6th	64	7th	15	14	29	7th
Shirley McDonald			Vet 1	27	10th	29	8th	11	13	24	8th
Stephen Reij			Vet 1	106	8th	31	10th	13	11	24	9th
Wayne Harper			Vet 1	122	9th	30	9th	12	12	24	10th

Neil Belvoir			Vet 2	47	1st	42	1st	25	25	50	1st
Peter Hosking			Vet 2	59	2nd	45	2nd	22	22	44	2nd
Dave Chambers			Vet 2	31	4th	22	3rd	18	20	38	3rd
Keith Ruthven			Vet 2	27	3rd	22	4th	20	18	38	4th
Dave Davies			Vet 2	55	6th	38	5th	15	16	31	5th
Rob McKay			Vet 2	48	5th	dnf		16		16	6th
Ross Bristol			Vet 2	dns		dns					
Brent Downes			Vet 2	dnf		dnf					

Zack Furniss			Junior	63	1st	38	1st	25	25	50	1st
Bodie Harper			Junior	98	2nd	61	2nd	22	22	44	2nd
Evie Hubbard			Junior	106	3rd	68	3rd	20	20	40	3rd
Isabel Hopkins			Junior	109	4th	80	4th	18	18	36	4th



Gabby Gundry			Women	38	1st	31	1st	25	25	50	1st
Shirley McDonald			Women	27	2nd	29	2nd	22	22	44	2nd
Evie Hubbard			Women	106	3rd	68	3rd	20	20	40	3rd
Isabel Hopkins			Women	109	4th	80	4th	18	18	36	4th

Kahu Jones			Twin Shock	35	1st	31	1st	25	25	50	1st
Paul Jackson			Twin Shock	62	2nd	34	2nd	22	22	44	2nd
Wayne Harper			Twin Shock	122	3rd	30	3rd	20	20	40	3rd
Brent Downes			Twin Shock	dnf		dnf					

Hamish Barnett			Air cooled Mono	40	1st	36	1st	25	25	50	1st
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Jake Blanchard			Mini 1	21	1st	31	1st	25	25	50	1st
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Max Blanchard			Mini 2	25	1st	11	1st	25	25	50	1st
Liam Ross			Mini 2	31	2nd	27	2nd	22	22	44	2nd

Leo Hopkins			Mini 3	14	1st	9	1st	25	25	50	1st
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Shane observes as Kahu takes the TLR through section 5 at Graylees



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## Ashley Bell

Ash rode in this year's Kaikoura 3 day on a TRS loaned from Brendon and with borrowed riding gear and impressed us with his skills. A little bit of research on Trials Central revealed that he has ridden at expert level in the UK and is from the region where Nigel Birkett lives. After the Kaikoura he agreed to answer a few questions about his trials career for the Megaphone.

### **How did you get involved in trials? What age were you when you started? and what was your first bike?**

I first got into riding bikes when I was around 5 years old when my parents got me a PW50 for my birthday. I used to try and follow my brother and cousin around my parent's dairy farm that had around 300 acres of world class trials land on it, good enough to attract the likes of Dougie Lampkin, Graham Jarvis and Steve Saunders back in the day!!

I did my first trial at about 10 years old on TY80 Whitehawk that had a solid old motocross rear tyre on it. I clearly remember dropping 225 points at an easy local Wednesday night trial.

### **Which club did you ride for in the UK? and which district/region?**

My local club was the Westmorland MCC in Cumbria. It's quite a big club that runs lots of events from different disciplines like hill climbing, motocross, classic and modern trials.



Riding a TY in the Westmorland Club's John Holmes Memorial Trial



At the two day Lakes Trial in Cumbria



### **What are some of the events you have ridden in?**

As a youth rider I competed in the national youth championships in the UK from the age of 10 to 15ish, and I've also ridden in the French 4 day trial in Sardent a few times which is my favourite event!

I had a poor last minute attempt at the SSDT once which ended on day 2 with a bike failure unfortunately. I've completed the Scott trial a few of times too.

### **Did you have some contact with Nigel Birkett?**

The only real connection I had with Nigel was that he also lived in the same region and I used to ride a lot of trials with him. I remember looking up to him a lot, and his advice in the sections was always very valuable, and it was a very proud day the first time I managed to beat him!

### **What is your favourite trials bike?**

From the age of about 13 I've ridden GasGas, apart from a couple of years on a Montesa in 97/98 and also a year on Sherco in 2010. I've also borrowed the odd twin shock here and there to do some events which has always been fun!

### **Have you been involved in other sports besides trials?**

By the age of about 18 I'd pretty much lost the love for trials and had more of an interest in beer and girls!! I usually still had a bike kicking about but rarely used it. I got into the British extreme enduro series for a couple of years around 2017, but found it to be fairly expensive and you need to be fairly fit so that didn't last too long ... My main hobby these days is to go mountain biking with friends, which I try to get out and do at least once a week.

### **Will you be living in NZ for a while and are you planning to buy a trials bike and ride in more NZ trials?**

Me, my partner and two kids have recently moved here to Nelson in NZ, which will hopefully be our place of residence for the long term future. I recently really enjoyed riding the Kaikoura 3 day trial on one of Brendon Wadsworth's TRS bikes, and Josh Stones kindly lent me one of his helmets. Hopefully all my belongings will arrive from the UK in the next few months and I'll try and do a few more trials over here in NZ.

## **Club trials**

**Hurunui Bluff**, 23 June (section setters: Simon J, John Regan, Officials: Kahu, Derek)

After the fairly mild days at King's birthday weekend, the weather three weeks later at Hurunui Bluff was more like what we would expect in June. The day was overcast and drizzly and there had been rain during the week before this trial. Simon and John had set no. 1 to 7 under the pine trees where it was drier, but in the more exposed areas it was slippery. For the higher grades, no. 4 took a lot of points. The section had a descent to a tight turn followed by a steep uphill climb which became very slick after the first lap.



Most of the expert and intermediate riders had 3s or 5s in the section, but Kahu managed to get around the red line with two cleans and two dabs.

Davey Trewin had a winning debut on his new Scorpa on the orange line and his second lap of 8 points was very good riding in the conditions. Simon H had his first win on the red line, finishing ahead of Glenn and Josh, who was riding a TRS which he had on loan from Brendon while he was waiting for his new one to arrive.

In inters, Brendon was two points ahead of John, who was one point ahead of Alan. After the trial Al was kicking himself for nearly missing a marker in the first section he rode, which cost him 3 points to get the bike back onto the right line.

Simon rode with new member Pat Hutt on the green line, and Pat did well to finish 12 points behind Jonesy. In Clubman A, Gavin Fox had made the trip up from Otago and he finished 2 points ahead of Christine to take the win. Steve had his first outing on his new TRS and he shared it for most of the trial with Dave D because Dave's Sherco was reluctant to start. In Clubman B, the Dick v. Peter D competition continued, with Peter prevailing this time by 2 points.

Despite the grey day it was an enjoyable trial - thanks to Simon and John for setting the sections.

Expert Orange		Total	Clubman A	
Davey Trewin		50	Gavin Fox	13
Paul Mountstevens		73	Christine Thompson	15
			Dave Chambers	19
Expert Red			Steve Fisher	32
Simon Hopkins		60	Dave Davies	73
Glenn Smith		68		
Josh Stones		84	Clubman B	
Kahu Jones		88	Peter Dunn	7
			Dick Gardner	9
Intermediate			Izzy Hopkins	25
Brendon Wadsworth		42		
John Regan		44	Women	
Alan Honeybone		45	Gabby Gundry	72
Ross Bristol		54	Christine Thompson	15
Peter Hosking		61	Izzy Hopkins	25
Gabby Gundry		72		
Derek Scott		dnf		
Sportsman				
Simon Jones		63		
Pat Hutt		75		

Also rode (no card) John Ross, Liam Ross, Tui Scott, Stephen Reij

**Glenelg Spur**, 21 July (section setters: Derek, John Ross), Officials: Derek, Simon, Rhys, Peter H)

While Christchurch was covered in fog, it was good to be above it and enjoying some sunshine as we unloaded our bikes and signed in for the trial. 27 riders entered, with numbers boosted by Brian Spedding from Roxburgh, Patrick Dillon from Nelson, Alex Robertson from Blenheim, and Stephen Reij from Motueka. It was also good to see Peter Colvin back again after nearly a year. Gavin Fox had come up again to ride but had an alternator problem with his vehicle on Sunday morning and didn't make it to Glenelg.

Briefing done and we headed away for 3 laps of the 12 sections. The tricky rock section by the water tank was not used this time as some work is happening on the farm, but there were sections in the old quarry and the top gully in the trees, and there were some new sections further around the hill.

After some lengthy discussions at a couple of committee meetings it was decided to set a harder red line for this trial and not have orange arrows. Sections 3 and 4 certainly gave the experts a challenge. Pat Dillon was the only expert to clean section 3 and he and John Ross were the only two red line riders to get through no. 4. Pat's third lap of 4 points was impressive riding and he finished 12 points of John Ross. Leo Housman also rode well on his elderly Beta Rev3 to finish third.

It was a good day for the Jones family with Kahu first in inters and Simon first in Sportsman. Brian Spedding headed the clubman A field and Izzy had a win in Clubman B.



Pat Dillon in section 1



Stephen Reij has joined the Beta club, and rode the green line at Glenelg

#### Expert Red

	Total
Pat Dillon	37
John Ross	49
Leo Housman	83
Peter Gledhill	88
Simon Hopkins	101
Arron Eades	119

#### Clubman A

Brian Spedding	16
Dave Chambers	22
Steve Fisher	25
Dave Davies	36
Peter Barnett	55

Intermediate		Clubman B	
Kahu Jones	39	Izzy Hopkins	13
Alan Honeybone	50	Dick Gardner	dnf
Peter Hosking	53		
Derek Scott	59	Women	
Brendon Wadsworth	dnf	Izzy Hopkins	13
Sportsman		Twin shock	
Simon Jones	39	Dave Davies	36
Stephen Reij	45		
Alex Robertson	50		
Peter Colvin	84		

Also rode (no card) Hamish Barnett, Ashley Duncan, Pat Hutt, Max Blanchard, Jake Blanchard

**Omihi, 18 August** (section setters: Kahu, Hamish, Dave C; officials: Derek, Rhys, Peter H)

Waking up on a Sunday morning and hearing steady rain on the roof is not a promising start to the day, and the rain continued as we drove to Omihi, unloaded the bikes and signed in. Fortunately, we didn't get the snow which fell in other parts of North Canterbury like Rangiora and Woodend.

Kahu, Hamish and Dave C had set the sections the day before and had made allowance for some rain but weren't expecting it to be quite as much as it turned out to be, so on Sunday morning with help from Derek, Peter G and Paul they set out to modify the sections to make them rideable. All six arrived back for the briefing looking cold and wet.

After the briefing which was held in a woolshed, we headed out to ride and fortunately the rain did ease a little during the day. In some sections there was a surprising amount of grip, but in others where there was no grass cover it was very slippery.

Rhys was the only finisher on the red line and only two of the inters finished. Kahu rode Simon's TLR and Hamish rode Peter's air-cooled GasGas on the green line. Both were using the trial to get some practice on the bikes they would ride at the South Island rounds. It was Dave C's turn to have a win in Clubman A, and Peter D was the sole rider in Clubman B.

Expert Red		Sportsman	
Rhys Bayliss	134	Kahu Jones	12
Paul Mountstevens	dnf	Hamish Barnett	33
Peter Gledhill	dnf	Wayne Harper	40
		Simon Jones	43
Intermediate		Clubman A	
Alan Honeybone	44	Dave Chambers	18
Peter Hosking	57	Christine Thompson	23
Ross Bristol	dnf	Rodney Bolton	41
Derek Scott	dnf	Peter Barnett	59
		Clubman B	
		Peter Dunn	



## Another NZ Championship bike restoration

Last year in the Megaphone we mentioned that John Lawton is restoring the Techno that James won the 1999 New Zealand Championship on, and Greg Power has acquired the Ossa that Chris Harris rode in 1976 when he won his fourth New Zealand title. Now there is another one. Todd Moffat has restored the DOT which his dad, Bill rode when he won the 1962 New Zealand Trials Championship. Todd has made a lovely job of restoring it.



Greg has sent an update to say that he has almost finished the Ossa and only needs to fit a decompressor and some better tyres.

## From the archives



This photo was taken at Pyramid Valley during a national championship round in 1974. The unlucky rider who was about to take a dip was Jim Cody from the Ixion Club.  
*I'm fairly sure the photo was used in a 'Moments like these you need Minties' advertisement in the NZ Motorcycling News – ed.*

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### Next events:

22 September	Tullett Memorial Trial
13 October	Club Championship - Purau Bay
26-28 October	NZ Trials Championship
9-10 November	Neil Price training

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

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