

Megaphone

Newsletter of the Pioneer Motorcycle Club

Spring 2026



The year is slipping by quickly but we still have some good events to ride in. In October the Club Champs will be held at Purau Bay and in November the Tullett Memorial Trial will be at Teddington. In between there are the nationals at Alexandra which Pioneer is hosting on behalf of the Southern Trials Group. This will be an awesome event with great properties to ride on. Entries are open now and close on 11 October.

In August, life member Peter Milner passed away. Pete was involved in the club for many years and was well liked. We have a little bit about his life on p. 6. The photo of Pete above on his TY250 was taken at a Greybeards trial in 1984.

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New members

The Club welcomes Archer Ross and his dad John. We now have two John Ross's in the club, but they are not related. Archie is 13 and has been riding a TRS loaned to him by the other John (the one we know).

A useful little app

What3words is a handy app for providing a location. Every 3 metre square in the World has been given a unique address made up of three words. If there is an accident, emergency services can identify a precise location if the caller gives them the three words. When Rhys had his accident at Glenelg Spur it would have been difficult to explain where he was so when Tom called 111 he gave them the three words and the helicopter flew to that location. The app can work offline too, using GPS in the device.

South Island trophies



Thanks to Marlborough Trials Centre and Precision Motorbikes for sponsoring this year's South Island trophies. Brendon and James paid 50% each. The trophies were designed by Simon and laser cut by SignBiz.

New product

Marlborough Trials Centre have flexible upper fork protectors to suit Tech forks and Evo/Sincro Forks. The price is \$119 a pair (includes GST).



South Island Trials Championship – 12-13 September

Round 3

Brendon, Hamish and their team had the job of setting Glenelg Spur this year and what a great trial they pegged. The sections in every grade were cleanable but also easy to pick up points on. The weather and course were perfect even though there had been a lot of rain on Thursday, and a huge group of experienced observers were out marking. This is the hardest job of all. They were awesome.

It was fantastic to see 5 riders taking the orange line and 7 in the red line, it used to be we had 30 riders in yellow then a sprinkling in other grades. Nick Oliver rode really well on the Saturday to win from Matt Foster with Peter Oliver back in third. Patrick Dillon and Ryan Hampton had an awesome battle in red with Patrick coming out ahead.

Yellow as expected was the Stephen show. When will his riding deteriorate.

Green was a real battle all weekend. Rat really rode brilliantly to win on a mere 8 points from Ross and Malcolm Reid. Most of his points came from a big cock-up on section two as he rode up on to the big pile of timbers there. Peter McGrail also rode well to be close to a podium. It won't be long before he is winning events.

Some of the riders who impressed were our juniors. Bodie isn't far off kicking Wayne's butt, Leo is riding very well, the Blanchard boys are looking like future champions, and Isabel will be NZ woman's champion in 3 years. Liam is on an 80 now and is struggling a bit with the size. He will really take off very soon when he is used to it. He didn't finish as he had a big off into some rocks and has remodelled his teeth a bit. Archie Ross was riding in his second trial. He rode the white line at Omihi and stepped up to blue for this event. He's learning fast.



Pete McGrail



Kahu Jones

Round 4

Day two was at Matt and Sue Latham's farm at Western Valley, pegged by Simon and Paul and a large team. This is probably our best trials property with a mixture of hills and very slippery rocks. Lambing and flooding had affected the farm and we could only ride the bottom section as far as the wool shed. We forgot to peg the hill climb section near the entrance gate and ended up with an extra creek section. This meant things were a bit crowded in the creek. Again we had a fantastic group of experienced observers (thanks to Dave Chambers). Some doing two days.

In orange Matt won from Nick then Peter and Patrick had a good win over Ryan.

Stephen again dominated yellow but it was in green that the competition was interesting. Malcolm had a first lap of two which was way better than Ross's lap of 9 and my 11. So that gave a win to Malcolm, followed by Ross and Alan. Rat picked up a couple of 5s which put him back to 4th. Not bad considering he has the oldest most expensive bike.

In Blue grade James Blanchard had a win and Bodie gave his father a real arse kicking.



Peter Oliver



Archie Ross

Overall, it was a great weekend. Sections were all rideable in every grade and the weather was excellent. The observers were fantastic and Ravo thought the results team did a good job ☺ We finished at the great Little River Inn.

Alan



Bodie Harper



Fletcher Wassell

2026 South Island Champions

Trial 1

1. Nick Oliver
2. Peter Oliver
3. Matt Foster

Trial 2

1. Ryan Hampton
2. Fletcher Wassell
3. Simon Hopkins

Trial 3

1. Stephen Oliver
2. Mike Owen
3. Kahu Jones



Trial 4

1. Ross Bristol
2. Paul Jackson
3. Malcolm Reid

Trial 5

1. Wayne Harper
2. Rob McKay
3. Bodie Harper



Trial 6

1. Leo Hopkins
2. Izzy Hopkins

Junior

1. Zack Furniss

Vet 1

1. Mike Owen

Vet 2

1. Stephen Oliver

Women

1. Izzy Hopkins

Mini 1

1. Pinto Blanchard



Classic

1. Paul Jackson

The full results of the series are [here](#)

Peter Milner, 1940-2026

Pete grew up in New Brighton and went to New Brighton Primary School and later to Technical College. After leaving school he worked as a joiner at McCully and Withell and later operated the stationary boiler at Christchurch Hospital. Pete joined Pioneer in April 1962 after having a chat with his uncle Angus Small who was a club member. He began riding trials in the novice class that year on a 197 James and moved up to expert in 1963. In 1964 he finished second in the Kaikoura 3 Day Trial, but around this time he was more interested in riding motocross. He was selected for the South Island motocross team in 1965 and 1966 and rode in the 350cc class on a BSA.

In 1967 after a two year break from riding trials he rode in the K3D again. During this trial he had a problem with his 197 so he finished the trial sharing his brother Robin's Triumph Cub. Robin won the trial and Pete was fourth. After Robin retired from trials, Pete bought the cub and he continued to ride occasionally in trials in the early 1970s. Later he bought a TY250B which he rode through to the mid-1990s.

Pete was a good club man. He was on the committee for several years and contributed to the club in various ways such as making section pegs and letting us park the club trailer on his section. As well as trials he also enjoyed hunting and fishing on the Peninsula at Long Bay, which was where he met his wife Jan, and driving his 4wds: a Land Rover and a Pajero.



Club trials

Glenelg Spur – 19 July

The Glenelg trial this year was pegged by Tom Beedles with the assistance of Scotty, Shane and myself. It was the driest I have ever seen the venue in Winter and made for a reasonably easy trial although most of us made it look harder.

29 riders entered the day and the experts rode as a group starting at number 1 section. Rhys decided to break his leg at number 10 section after a very big off on a rather large rockface at number 10 section. I feel partially to blame for the accident as I saw the rockface first and suggested to Tom that we use it. Apparently he used the line I first thought would be best, not Tom's line. Pleasing was the fact that the rescue helicopter crew that came praised the care that Tom, Simon and Lynette gave Rhys. There was good work too by Hamish who rode back to the trailer to get the first aid kit and Arron who drove his 4WD to the section to pick up Rhys's bike. We were lucky that Tom and Ryan had cell phones with them and were able to call 111 straightaway.

Wayne Harper had a good ride to finish on 1 point and kick Dave Chambers and Christine Thompson's butts in the blue grade. Kendall turned up on some bitsa Honda and lost no points well ahead of Brent Downs and Rat. Wadsy went from last after lap 1 to first equal with Hamish after 4 laps but took the win with a count back of cleans. Our experts field was demolished after Rhys's accident with just two riders actually finishing.

It was a good trial for those not involved in the accident.

Alan

Trial 2

Ryan Hampton	23
Joe Hutchison	37
Rhys Bayliss	dnf
Tom Beedles	dnf
Arron Eades	dnf
Simon Hopkins	dnf
Leo Housman	dnf
George Moore	nc

Trial 5

Wayne Harper	1	
Dave Chambers	5	
Christine Thompson	8	
Dave Davies	12	
Bodie Harper	17	<i>29 cleans</i>
Ken Halliday	17	<i>27 cleans</i>
Peter Barnett	20	
Steve Fisher	25	

Trial 3

Brendon Wadsworth	16	<i>30 cleans</i>
Hamish Barnett	16	<i>28 cleans</i>
Tony Cameron	17	
Alan Honeybone	21	

Trial 6

Leo Hopkins	17
Peter Dunn	dnf

Omihi – 16 August

Well who could find all the pegs? My group missed a few white pegs and had confusion with the yellows on another section at this first Pioneer trial at the new property in Omihi Valley. This one comes with stunning coastal views, a limestone quarry and some pretty excellent sections. It is a big property with sections dotted for miles around the coast. For this trial we had a very small lap around the quarry. The sections were very tight but not large. Section 1 caused our group heaps of trouble. We all rode different lines and had trouble in different parts of the section. My part was the last rock. I finally managed to clean it easily on my last ride.

Tom Beedles had a large win in the experts class from Aaron and Simon. Hamish gave Ross and myself a riding lesson in Intermediate. The trial 4 class had Bodie Harper putting in some great rides. He is really starting to get to grips with the big Montesa. It won't be long before Wayne will be struggling to keep up with Bodie.

Trials 5 was a very competitive grade with John Jarvie taking the win from Dave Chambers, Rodney Bolton and Max Blanchard. Zac McBreen could have won if not for his first lap.

Archie Ross was the only rider in Trial 6. It won't be long and he will be battling in the trial 5 class too.

This was a good trial pegged by Dave Chambers, Rodney Bolton and James Blanchard and a good new property.

Alan

Trial 2		Trial 5		Junior	
Tom Beedles	13	John Jarvie	9	Bodie Harper	41
Arron Eades	47	Dave Chambers	10	Max Blanchard	12
Simon Hopkins	52	Rodney Bolton	11	Zac McBreen	17
		Max Blanchard	12	Pinto Blanchard	33
		Zac McBreen	17	Liam Ross	43
		Ken Halliday	21	Archie Ross	37
		Pinto Blanchard	33		
		Liam Ross	43	Classic	
		Peter Barnett	48	Paul Jackson	9
		Martin Harcourt	54		
Trial 3		Trial 6			
Hamish Barnett	32	Archie Ross	37		
Ross Bristol	50				
Alan Honeybone	73				
Trial 4					
Paul Jackson	9				
Wayne Harper	21				
Bodie Harper	41				
Stephen Reij	42				

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Day 3 - 408-366 Alexandra-Fruitlands Road, Highway 8

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A long time ago

South Island Trials Champs – rounds 5 & 6, 1986

Having not ridden in a trial since January I was interested to catch up with the changes in the trials scene. I noticed that Tony Cameron has another Fiat and Derek Scott has a car that works properly. Stephen Oliver has another Yamaha and Keith Henson has new custom side covers.

The first section went up quite a steep hill beneath which a certain ACU steward displaying his usual standard of wisdom and good judgment parked his van. The first rider dislodged a rock which rolled down towards the aforementioned van causing a number of riders to become quite excited. However, the rock struck the van's rear wheel.

The other sections went up creeks, over rocks and around hills and banks in much the same way that sections usually do. For the bulk of the riders the sections were quite rideable and enjoyable although the top two or three may have found them a bit easy.

Saturday's balmy temperatures encouraged some riders to go for a swim. One Expert TY250 rider suddenly leaped off his bike into the water from a rather flat part of a section. Later on in section 12 his bike envious of its rider's swimming experience hurled itself into a deep hole and preferring to sunbathe refused to move again. This particular pool proved quite popular and I was lucky enough to see another rider dive in ... in quite a stylish way.

A couple of riders spent much of the time being followed about from section to section by female companions. I'm not sure if it was the stylish clothing that adorned them (one had a Fantic jacket) or the way they swung their legs over their bikes that did it, but it is certainly a more useful skill than being able to ride over tree roots or up steep banks.

The second day was also warm but blustery. The sections which the riders pegged the previous evening were quite uninspiring. Personally I have had more fun lying at the bottom of a ruck.

Joy and Michelle did an efficient job calculating the points and placings. Peter McGrail won the concours d'elegance and Stephen Oliver didn't put his feet down much. Ricky Jones had a female follow him all weekend so I guess he did best.

Mike Venz



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Next events

Sunday 11 October	Club Champs	Purau Bay
Sunday 8 November	Tullett Memorial Trial	Teddington
Sunday 29 November	Have a go day	Graylees Road

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

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