

TASMANIAN MOTORCYCLE CLUB



Newsletter of the Tasmanian Motorcycle Club

JUNE 2022

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Nothing much to report now that we are in the winter break. I'm off touring around the big island and the weather here isn't any better than it has been at home! Lots of caravans though.

A few things that might interest members are:

- A Level 2/3 Officials course is being held on 9th July at Symmons Plains. There are still some vacancies, so if you'd like to attend, send an email asap to Janene at motorcyclingtas@bigpond.com.
- Expressions of interest are still being sought from anyone wishing to get their Coaching licence by attending a coaching seminar. This is for both Road Racing and Motocross. A date will be set when Motorcycling Tasmania have enough people. If you want more info about becoming a Coach click [<<here>>](#).
- A Come and Try Minikhana will be held at Symmons Plains on 16th July for riders aged 4-16 years old. This is being run by Motorcycling Tasmania, but they need a few helpers. If you're interested, please let Karen know at tmccsec@gmail.com.

The next Committee meeting is on Thursday 7th July at the Gunners Arms Hotel, Lawrence Street, Launceston commencing at 7pm.

Cary McMahon - Hon President

HISTORIC WINTON 4+2

Report by Luke Rockliffe

The weekend of the 28th and 29th May 2022 saw the 45th running of the Historic Winton 4+2 racing event in Victoria. The combined car and bike event attracts huge crowds, with the bike component being run by the Historic Motorcycle racing Association of Victoria.

This year, the Rockliffe family made the pilgrimage to the track, having raced there in previous years.

The team patriarch Jeremy kept a close eye on proceedings, as William (16 years old - grandson of Jeremy) made his debut swinging for Brian March (Hmrav secretary) on his period 4 Norton outfit kneeler No.422. This was Williams second ever race event, which saw the March/Rockliffe team get faster and smoother throughout the weekend to claim a second place in their class - all while proud but nervous mum Claire Rockliffe watched on. Top effort William, this will be a team to watch.

A change of passengers for Luke saw the retirement of uncle James Rockliffe from racing at the beginning of the year. This allowed James to relax and also keep an eye on proceedings throughout the weekend. With the new team of Luke and Julie Skewes aboard the 1962 Norton Atlas outfit No.53, a successful practice session on the Friday - including a very wet afternoon run saw them well poised to hit qualifying on Saturday morning.

The rest of the weekend was a resounding success, with the Norton (running in the period 3 unlimited class) mixing it up with the much larger and faster period 4 and 5 machines - and bringing home a first place outright!

The Rockliffe tradition of sidecar racing began more than 10 years ago when Dad (Jeremy) suggested that we go to Victoria to watch some historic racing. The rest is history, which involves 3 generations of Rockliffe's now having been involved in historic sidecar racing.





Officials – We Need You!

Reflecting on where racing is going in Tasmania at the moment and looking at where it is headed gives cause for thought.

Think about this though, one day in the near future don't be surprised if you turn up to the riders briefing and the Clerk of Course (CoC) starts by saying "Sorry riders we haven't been able to get the minimum amount of flaggies so the meeting is cancelled!!!!"

Don't think that will happen? Well, we are close to that now with our circle of over-worked flaggies getting smaller almost meeting by meeting. The situation with senior officials is only marginally better.

Earlier this year Karen Webb was in South Australia for the Historics and that meant her over-worked assistant, Tracey Rowell, had to double her work load for the local meeting. Peter Woods missed a meeting recently and that meant Mathew Phipps had to step up to the top job creating a hole further down the chain of command.

It takes time to train up "blue vest" senior officials and very few are qualified to take over if someone is not able to attend a meeting. Most of you are busy at the end of the meeting packing up and reliving your best race of the day to notice what else is going on. Tower officials collating results and collecting transponders. Track officials collecting flags, fire extinguishers, radios and flaggies. Upstairs setting up medallions for presentation, collating and checking the results to match, packing up office equipment to be taken to the lock up. All that after the reverse has been done to start the day including the air bags.

On the subject of starting the day, a deep breath is taken by the CoC when he counts up how many people have turned up to be vital flag marshals, and one day as mentioned above he may have to cancel the meeting when he can't get enough.

What can we do to have enough flaggies for our meetings because we can't just keep going on the same way we have for years, and hope things will change. All areas of the sport are changing and not all for the better. So many other sports are becoming more professional and may be encroaching on our territory and capturing the interest of not only competitors but potential officials and spectators.

Just shrugging the shoulders and saying I don't know what we can do is not enough, we have to put forward ideas no matter how hair brained they are. When I first started writing this piece a few months ago at the end of March it had been one of the busiest few weeks I had seen for years. Starting with our 2nd round of the State Championships, followed by 2 days for the Longford Motorama, then Devonport Motor Show on the same day as the V8s at Symmons Plains. The next week 100 vintage bikes arrived in Launceston on a lap of the state and to end the week our ride day at Symmons and motorcycle display at the Automobile Museum. Add to that a few nights of speedway and that covers March speed month. Maybe for next year all these organisations need to get together and make sure there is no clashes and maybe promote it as a speed month. The Motor Month of March has a ring to it.

This brings me to the central part of this piece; how do we get more flaggies and promote racing? I believe a major opportunity was missed by the club. Firstly, the very successful Longford Motorama where we should have had a substantial presence. We were the club that started the event and some of us have worked very hard to change the opinion of many of the car people in this

state who still think it was a car centric event. It would not have passed unnoticed that the club had no official involvement, and I only spotted a hand full of club members having a look round. The opportunity was given for the club to be well involved. Starting with Tony Oliver joining the committee and inviting me to join him. The only members involved were a few as exhibitors of old bikes and my book that sold well.



Two weeks later the Devonport Motor Show was another huge crowd of motor enthusiasts all looking at and interested in bikes and cars. The area for the bikes was huge with plenty of space for the crowd to mingle. The bike promotion was handled by the new(ish) Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Club who had a tent where they promoted their club to an extent that they signed up quite a few new members.



Now the question is how should this all have been a benefit to the TMCC and the official's drive. I had suggested to Jason Spencer that he could organise the team to appear and promote themselves. He was interested but with the Victorian Championships the week before and leaving bikes in Melbourne until the next round, the idea lapsed. I had heard that Jason Wyllie was interested in bringing his bikes but he became a little preoccupied to front. In my opinion the club should have had a tent at both events. At Devonport we should have had as many bikes as possible on display with club members there to talk to passing customers. Some of the juniors there to promote the idea of getting involved as a junior racer. Senior officials to talk to and hand out information about becoming an official for the club. The club bike to show where you could start and with so many vehicles with stickers saying please don't touch, it would bring families over if they could sit their kids on the club bike and have their photo taken. Like this year I have already been asked to come along next year and spend the day talking to as many motorcycle people as possible on the PA system in the bike area. Also of note, there were about 4 or 5 people who are/were club members but there in their VJMC T-shirts and hats. I did not see one TMCC t-shirt all day at either motorcycle event. Club members could have handed out something like what our program looks like with details on club history, how to join, what is needed as a flaggie and more, all to people who were there to look at bikes.

The club has to get out there and promote itself and show it is dynamic and something to be involved with. All the negatives I have heard over the last few months are not good for the club. So many reasons why we should not have been involved with these events..... Wrong. As well as no one is interested in our History, wrong, I sold heaps of books over the month. Don't worry too much with SPOKE as no one reads it, wrong I had a few comments about the last sidecar story from people who read it. Maybe some club members are only moving in the tight social media circle and not communicating with some of the older members. If it is true no one reads SPOKE well someone needs to put this out there on social media for "ALL" the club members to read.

At Longford I made a number of great connections and have followed up by meeting Life Member Martin Coombes' daughter and going to see some of the history she has, soon. At Devonport I met a lady who had just tidied up the estate of her speedway father and directed her to the right people to hand over his memorabilia instead of sending to the tip.

In all this rubbish time for me I still found time to get involved with so many of these events so why can't a few others give back to the club..... before you have no officials to allow you to race your bikes. Some are but more need to do more than just turn up to race.

By the way at these events everyone is in a good mood, and it is quite a buzz to just stand round telling so many people just how fast you are on the racetrack. Beside they don't have to sell body parts to buy a ticket to get jostled around and see vehicles that are slower than some of our superbikes.

Ken Young



Regular flaggies Clarissa Briggs and Dennis Kearnes.



Even the President, Cary McMahon works the Recovery trailer.

TASMANIAN ROAD RACING CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS 2022

TASMANIAN ROAD RACING CHAMPIONSHIP 2022			Round 1	Round 2	Series
			06-Feb-22	06-Mar-22	Total
Position	Bike #	TASSIE JUNIORS			
1	740	Oliver Skinner	80	75	155
2	16	Isaac Simmonds	100	38	138
3	60	David Coward	68	58	126
4	43	Gus O'Halloran	72	0	72
5	14	Jett Pryor	64	0	64
6	27	Ava Connell	60	0	60
Position	Bike #	LITES GP			
1	93	Josh van der Putten	95	65	160
2	169	Taran Ocean	81	70	151
3	39	Rhys Tan	60	52	112
4	44	Aaron Wade	59	51	110
5	14	Mark de Jong	47	45	92
6	65	Grant Boxhall	39	49	88
7	19	Brett Simmonds	76	0	76
8	66	Tom Turner	68	0	68
9	313	Ben Boxhall	41	15	56
10	165	Nathaniel Greene	44	0	44
11	151	Marek von Bertouch	35	0	35
12	95	Heath Fielding	29	0	29
Position	Bike #	LITES PRODUCTION			
1	26	Chad Wyllie	95	75	170
2	11	Larry Eaton	80	54	134
3	57	Brodie Curtis	71	60	131
4	61	Dane Griggs	74	49	123
5	740	Oliver Skinner	52	48	100
6	7	Chloe Honeychurch	48	47	95
7	888	Michael Reagon	46	37	83
8	5	Doug Watson	39	42	81
9	253	Graeme Cunningham	61	0	61
10	87	Scott Cleary	39	20	59
11	75	Brendan Murzecki	51	0	51
12	314	John Kranz	41	0	41
13	4	Taylor Franklin-Smith	0	38	38
14	42	Tim O'Halloran	0	33	33
15	70	Eleanor Renton	33	0	33
16	12	Leah Renton	0	28	28
17	2	Monica Eagling	0	25	25
18	2	Garth Newton	13	0	13
19	81	Krisian Riley	0	7	7
Position	Bike #	FORMULA 3			
1	75	James Abey	71	70	141
2	175	Ben Abey	60	63	123
3	11	Larry Eaton	68	48	116
4	93	Josh van der Putten	100	0	100
5	7	Chloe Honeychurch	66	14	80
6	54	Peter McEldowney	64	0	64
7	95	Heath Fielding	57	0	57
8	59	Dale Madden	0	56	56
9	85	Andrew Eagling	53	0	53
10	78	Robert Scott	0	51	51
11	2	Garth Newton	0	30	30
Position	Bike #	GOLDEN ERA UP TO 500cc			
1	27	Ben Boxhall	90	68	158
2	13	Courtney McMahon	72	51	123
3	09	Roy Turner	74	33	107
4	70	Grant Boxhall	50	25	75
5	2	Garth Newton	0	60	60
6	888	Michael Reagon	0	50	50
7	70	Eleanor Renton	0	31	31

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Position	Bike #	GOLDEN ERA OVER 500cc			
1	21	James Ryan	72	75	147
2	17	Oscar O'Donovan	85	52	137
3	22	Karen Webb	64	52	116
4	126	Jason Wyllie	95	0	95
5	88	Stuart Bugg	68	0	68
6	88	Peter Bellchambers	0	60	60
7	25	Derek Singline	0	48	48
8	6	Gavin Brooks	30	16	46
Position	Bike #	PRE-MODERN SUPERSPORT			
1	206	Joseph Browning	95	50	145
2	95	Mark Eagling	81	56	137
3	30	Matthew Coward	58	49	107
4	23	Matthew Long	0	75	75
5	765	Peter McEldowney	17	58	75
6	118	Michael Webb	68	0	68
Position	Bike #	PRE-MODERN OPEN			
1	57	Robert Sellers	90	0	90
2	76	Don Fenton	88	0	88
3	66	Roy Turner	0	75	75
4	73	Stuart Bugg	74	0	74
5	17	Oscar O'Donovan	0	58	58
6	28	Shane Brown	0	56	56
Position	Bike #	TAS SUPERSPORT			
1	52	Mitchell Hawksley A	95	75	170
2	23	Matthew Long A	83	58	141
3	8	Marcus Delaney A	73	38	111
4	43	Jesse Woods C	55	52	107
5	7	Jonathan Hughes B	60	46	106
6	61	Joshua Rees C	51	42	93
7	80	David Bartels B	39	49	88
8	27	Tarbor Walker C	67	0	67
9	22	Lachlan Curtis C	59	0	59
10	69	Stephen Oliver C	35	14	49
11	304	Sam Delaney C	41	0	41
12	29	Mathew Carey C	41	0	41
13	30	Mathew Coward C	29	0	29
14	79	Nathan Tole	0	25	25
15	99	Ryan Chen C	21	0	21
16	17	Oscar O'Donovan C	13	0	13
17	95	Mark Eagling C	7	0	7
Position	Bike #	TAS SUPERBIKE OPEN			
1	72	Jason Spencer A	93	70	163
2	26	Scott Honeychurch A	76	54	130
3	40	Jeremy Huddleston B	62	48	110
4	76	Don Fenton C	59	46	105
5	666	Damian Faulds B	58	47	105
6	420	Wade Schrader B	53	37	90
7	39	Hamish Sellers A	69	17	86
8	126	Jason Wyllie A	82	0	82
9	29	Scott Campbell A	0	65	65
10	98	Marcus Burns C	0	39	39
11	88	Mark Delanty C	0	38	38
12	227	John Allen C	0	22	22

Points for the Tasmanian Motorcycle Club Championship can be found on the TMCC website [<<here>>](#)

Upcoming Events (Local and Selected Interstate)

The next local event is Round 3 of the TRRC and Round 4 of the SRCT Club Championship.

Start	Finish	Days	Meeting Name	Round	Location
5/08/2022	7/08/2022	3	miBike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship presented by Motul	5	Morgan Park
28/08/2022	28/08/2022	1	Victorian Interclub Series	2	Broadford
3/09/2022	4/09/2022	2	Victorian Road Racing Championships	3	Phillip Island
10/09/2022	11/09/2022	2	Hartwell Seniors Meeting		Broadford
10/09/2022	10/09/2022	1	SRCT Ride Day		Baskerville
11/09/2022	11/09/2022	1	TRRC Round 3/SRCT Championship Round 4		Baskerville
24/09/2022	26/09/2022	2	HCMC WA State Titles		Collie
25/09/2022	25/09/2022	1	TMCC Ride Day		Symmons Plains
1/10/2022	2/10/2022	2	Hartwell Club Championships - Endurance event		Broadford
1/10/2022	2/10/2022	2	South Australian Road Race Championship (inc. Master of Mac Park)	3	Mac Park
8/10/2022	8/10/2022	1	Trakdayz Track Day Wanneroo Raceway	1	Wanneroo Raceway
7/10/2022	9/10/2022	3	Australian Historic Road Racing Championships		Morgan Park
8/10/2022	8/10/2022	1	TMCC Ride Day		Symmons Plains
9/10/2022	9/10/2022	1	TRRC Round 4/TMCC Championship Round 3		Symmons Plains
14/10/2022	16/10/2022	3	MotoGP		Phillip Island
22/10/2022	22/10/2022	1	Preston MCC Bracket race days	3	Phillip Island
23/10/2022	23/10/2022	1	Victorian Interclub Series	3	Phillip Island
29/10/2022	29/10/2022	1	SRCT Ride Day		Baskerville
5/11/2022	6/11/2022	2	Southern Classic		Broadford
12/11/2022	13/11/2022	2	Victorian Road Racing Championships	4	Broadford
13/11/2022	13/11/2022	1	TMCC Ride Day		Symmons Plains
17/11/2022	20/11/2022	4	miBike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship presented by Motul	7	Phillip Island
18/11/2022	20/11/2022	4	WSBK		Phillip Island
19/11/2022	20/11/2022	2	South Australian Road Race Championship (inc. CAFNIX Series - Round 3)	4	The Bend
20/11/2022	20/11/2022	1	SRCT Ride Day		Baskerville
2/12/2022	4/12/2022	3	miBike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship presented by Motul	8	The Bend
2/12/2022	4/12/2022	3	SRCT - 2 Hour		Baskerville
11/12/2022	11/12/2022	1	TMCC Ride Day		Symmons Plains
18/12/2022	18/12/2022	1	SRCT Ride Day		Baskerville

ANNUAL DINNER & TROPHY PRESENTATIONS 2022



The TMCC Annual Dinner and Trophy presentations will be held on **Saturday 26th November** at the Riverside Golf Club, Launceston. More information closer to the day.

MINIKHANA - Coming to Tasmania soon

For riders aged 4 - 16 years

Bike size up to and including 85cc 2 stroke/150cc 4 stroke

A promotional poster for 'Minikhana Come & Try Day'. The top left features the Motorcycling Australia logo, a green triangle with a yellow stylized 'M' and the text 'MOTORCYCLING AUSTRALIA'. The main title 'MINIKHANA' is in large, bold, red, hand-painted style letters. Below it, 'COME & TRY DAY' is in black, bold, sans-serif font. The background is a collage of images showing young riders on minibikes on a dirt track. One rider in the foreground is on a blue and white bike with the number 158. Other riders are visible in the background. On the right side, there is a list of features: 'The **BEST** Entry Level Motorcycle Activity', 'Fun, Safe, Skills Based Courses', 'Ages 4-16 years', 'No Licence Needed', and 'BYO Minibikes & Gear'. At the bottom, a black banner contains the text 'FREE ENTRY & 90-DAY RECREATIONAL LICENCE FOR 1ST TIMERS!' in yellow, bold, sans-serif font.

The Minikhana Come and Try Days will offer participants and their families low risk/high enjoyment where the fundamentals can be learned and improved upon, in a low pressure, encouraging and nurturing environment.

For families with kids aged 4-16 looking to get into motorcycling, or for those just looking to improve their skills in a fun and friendly environment, the Minikhana Come and Try Days is the perfect pathway.

Participants will undertake skills activities around: cornering, balance, acceleration, vision, braking, jumping, variable surfaces, bike setup body positioning and navigating obstacles.

All first-time participants will complete their Minikhana Come and Try Day not only with improved skills, and new friends having enjoyed a fun-filled day, they will also be eligible for a free 90 day MA Recreational License through Motorcycling Tasmania.

For more information, see the official Minikhana Come and Try Days website:

<https://www.ma.org.au/minikhana-come-try/>

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