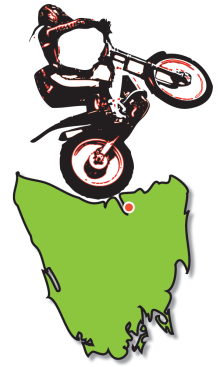


# Tasmanian Motorcycle Trials Club inc.

(The Most Challenging Motorcycle Sport)



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**Section Cleanup:** Section 1 = Clubman, Sections 2+3 = C Grade, Section 4 = C+ Grade, Section 5 = B Grade, Section 6 = A Grade & A+ Grade

**Anyone who can bring observers to a trial, please do, we can't ride without observers.**

## February 2015

Welcome back for Season 2015 everyone! I'm hopeful everyone had a magnificent holiday period and you're all ready to have a fun-filled trials year.

I'd like to start by thanking two of the greatest allies our club has had over a quite significant number of years, for their vision and direction that has seen our club capable of some amazing things.

Craig Ferrall and Peter Bayles have been brilliant motivators that have certainly enabled Tasmania to host the pinnacle of an Australian Championships, but it's their tireless efforts in the background that have seen the club being so successful on all scales, from having a strong community presence to hosting a Junior World Champion (once again! But more on that later!) Gentlemen, the greatest of thanks to you, and hope you get to enjoy yourselves and relax a little more at events!

Onto our primary competition for the year, and the Tassie Two-Day is proceeding well. One particular area we'd love to have help with, as it's a time intensive but also fun job, is section setting. It will be starting at the east, or further, site at 10am on 28th February. With 16 sections to be set there is a bit to be done, and if you've never attempted section setting, it's YOU we'd love to have along! It's quite rewarding to try to outsmart the riders, and certainly the more the merrier.

Unfortunately, there was only a small attendance at setting for Mole Creek, but a very big thanks to Kurt Pickering, Nigel Munday and Craig Ferrall for their excellent sections. Quite the mix of required skills for all grades, and the changeable weather conditions make the sections get more difficult as the day went on. Our lovely observers and scorers also did a magnificent job in some trying conditions, some sleeting rain for the former and leeches for the latter. Thank you very much to all! A couple of candidates already for the Broken Bars award, too; quite a different story to last year where we had to wait until the final event.

Take a little time to look at the calendar; there are a couple of changes, particularly to when events are happening. The come-and-try days alongside training days are set up to allow us to tempt some more suckers potential riders, as I'm sure it's a big decision whether to outlay money on a bike and gear without trying the sport first. I'm also currently negotiating to have us do a demonstration at the Devonport Motor Show on 22nd March, in which we're going to be featured.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Two-Day!

~~Bender~~ Brendan

## Hello!

Hi, I'm Samuel Lockhart, you may remember me from 'blowing up the Gas Gas at Oatlands' and 'trying not to swear loudly after a silly mistake.' At the AGM last year I was pushed/shoved/lucky enough to be totally volunteered to do the newsletter by Ian Pickering. That's a joke Ian, calm down, I've always thought I could have been a great journalist so here's my chance. I've not done newsletter things before so I'm just guessing my way through and I don't know what my now loyal readers want, so if you've got anything you want added (or removed) email [newsletter@tastrials.org.au](mailto:newsletter@tastrials.org.au) and I'll see what I can do. Obviously I ride at events so I don't see every hilarious/unfortunate thing that happens, and Ashlee sees most of the day through the viewfinder of a camera, so if people can pass on stuff to us to put in here, that'd be great. If you want the newsletter to appear magically in your inbox, email the above address and it'll happen. I also spent a few sleepless nights making a website where you may or may not have downloaded this very newsletter from. If you didn't know, [www.tastrials.org.au](http://www.tastrials.org.au) is up and running. There's links to galleries, results and a super cool calendar I made so you can see events. Click on it then you can see a map to the exact location of the trial. Yes, I'm very proud of it, in a geeky father kinda way. Anyway, onto trials news. There's a couple of big things coming up this year and I'll be trying to cover them both here and on the website.

### 2015 Australian XTrial Championship.

This is being held for the first time in Australia, taking place in Perth (Western Australia, not the one just south of Launceston) over two nights, Friday April 10 and Saturday April 11. Tasmania is well represented, sending over two of our riders. Brendan Smith will be applying some Sherco Smackdown on the competitions, while Chris Bayles will be pushing the Gutsy Gas Gas to its limit. It'll be a big event and it'll be tough, so if you see them around, wish them luck. Results will be available on the website (<http://www.ausxtrial.com.au/>) and there are also tickets available online for anyone wanting to go over.

### Tasmanian Titles and an International rider.

Our big event each year has attracted its first International rider. Gas Gas UK rider and Alexz Wigg (2010 Scottish Six Days winner, 2010 Euro Champ, 2009 Junior World Champ) will be venturing onto the shale and rocks of Mt Joy. Get the word out to your mate, your neighbour, your dog, everyone, you won't get many chances to see someone of this level riding in your back yard.

While Alexz is here, a training day will be conducted. Pricing isn't finalised, but it'll be around \$60 for juniors, \$120 for seniors and it'll be a full day event held on the Monday following the Tas Titles. It'll be a great opportunity to learn from the best, and he'll be assisted by other Expert riders. Spaces are limited, for more information or to express your interest, contact Craig Ferrall on 0409 185 991, or Phil Whittle on 0415 861 036.

If you've emailed your entry form for the Tas Titles to Rosanne Langworthy, she has had issues with Hotmail, can you please resend it to [rlangworthy1960@gmail.com](mailto:rlangworthy1960@gmail.com)

As Brendan said, without section setters, there's no sections and therefore, no event. Sections will be set the week prior on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of February, starting at 10.30am.

### Event wrap up

Mole Creek. A beautiful historical township founded in 1884, now with a population of about 600. Marakooka and King Solomon's caves, as well as the Trowunna Wildlife Park are tourist drawcards, and the area produces approximately one third of Tasmania's honey stocks. Most importantly, it's also the host of the first round of the Tasmanian Moto Trials Club's state series.

Our first event of the year took place in the familiar surroundings of 189 Scotts Road. For those that haven't been there, a short track off the road opens into a large paddock, parking to the right, then a hill which tends to make most riders thankful they've got two wheels to get them up to the first section. The weather started off quite comfortable, not too hot and not too cold, but after lunch it closed in and misty rain fell down on the cow poop and rocks.

First, it was great to see some new riders at Mole Creek. Getting new people involved in any way is great for the club and the sport and there's lots of bikes out there sitting unused in the shed. If you know someone with an unused bike, try and get them to come along, either to ride or to watch. Also, it was good to see Rob McLaren wandering around the sections, observing and clicking complete with a neck brace after his unfortunate stack in December. Good luck with the recovery Rob!

Section 1 was halfway to the top and off to the right, a collection of rock covered in bark and leaf litter.

Looking at the score sheet shows that this section claimed many victims with its mix of steps, triangular rocks and a tight turn or two.

Section 2, at the top of the hill, had riders navigating their bikes up a large rock slab. Unfortunately for President Brendan, he also "navigated" his bike back down it so violently he couldn't finish the day.

Section 3 followed, with a very nasty couple of steps for A and B grade, a few inchmen running around and because that's not enough, some thistles and a couple of tree roots. Neil Berne had a huge tumble here but thankfully got up and continued on.

Section 4, one of the more technical sections, consisting of some coloured markers amongst a sea of irregularly shaped rock. Get it right and it was simple, but if you got it wrong and lost momentum, you were in trouble.

Section 5 was just behind the previous 3 sections and didn't cause too many dramas, although had more rain come along, the cow poop dragged up onto the rocks by tyres might have made for some fun.

Peter Lockhart had a stellar run in A grade, dropping only 8 points. Kurt was back aboard the Ossa in 2nd and Brendan DNF'd with a broken Sherco and probably a bruised body.

B grade was won by the excitement machine Mike Amey, throwing his Sherco around like a man half his age. Holding onto second was Tasmanian Enduro star, Jesse Daley and third place went to Bryce Caletti, who DNF'd with a foot injury.

Nigel Munday overcame a very brave leech in an odd place to cruise to a win in C+, holding off John Denison and the aging Gas Gas. Third was taken by Jordan Perkins, stepping up from C grade and looking like he'll stay up the pointy end for the season.

C grade was a very close affair, with the top 5 riders separated by just 5 points. Neil Berne took the win, just one point ahead of me (Samuel), with Ian Gabbedy just one point further back.

Gary Rush rode his impossibly clean Sherco to a Clubman win, from the ever improving Will Ferrall, with newcomer Lyn Coates in third.

Clubman Junior, our new category, was won by Broc Gabbedy, followed by the quiet but confident Ruby Statton, with Keira Gabbedy in 3rd. The parents of these young kids deserve a special mention for tirelessly chasing them around the sections, it's not at all easy work. Another special mention has to go to Louis Southwell, who took on the bumps and lumps of Mole Creek on his little Oset 12.5, making his trials debut at just 3 years of age.

Mick Luscombe, injured and unable to ride, took out the "most amount of individual leech bites" victory with 7. Thanks Mick for taking this out so no one else had to. Next time we have an event at Mole Creek, salt may be a precious commodity.

Bryce, now a B Grade rider.



Gary on his Sherco, it looks like it just rolled off the production line.



Louis, possibly a star of the future.



Broc, looking like a factory Oset rider.



Craig aboard his new 300cc Gas Gas.



Peter, with the familiar leg out.



Nigel on his way to a C+ win.



Brendan in control on section 4.



### Private Adverts

Brad didn't clean his room so Jane is selling his bike as punishment! Ok, that's not the real reason, but she is selling it. For larger pictures, please see the classifieds section of [www.tastrials.org.au](http://www.tastrials.org.au)  
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