



Taranaki Motorcycle Club Newsletter Summer Series 2010

Hello again for the March/April/May twenty ten, Taranaki Motorcycle club newsletter.

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Round 3 and 4 Summer Series:

There were some close battles fort throughout with Aaron Jane and Mark Burling having some close battles finishing one race with just 0.087 between them, both riders have now moved onto Yamahas. There were also plenty of other battles, with races within races and it was good to see the senior minis out on the big track as well, showing they can get around the big track. Watching some of them riding back on the mini track following the event you could see a step change in all their riding which is really good, MNZ are actually looking at running senior minis as part of the junior classes for next season.,

Mini report

Its been a really interesting summer series with some excellent results. Every meeting saw someone new in-front in all of the classes if only for a couple of laps.

We had many contenders for the most improved this series and it was not an easy task. Curtis King has showed awesome improvement battling for first in most races, Sam Furze another one who has obviously been putting in some practice time has been moving up through the placings. Sammy Megaw being the recipient of the most improved trophy went from a mid field rider up to a podium place (must be due to the change of colour) congratulations Sammy.

Another change we had this year was putting the mini 65cc out on the big track it was great to see these guys giving it everything they have, battling the big jumps and showing some awesome riding skills.

Once again at the end of the summer series we tend to lose some riders to the big so good luck to those moving up, keep up the hard work and keep having fun.

See you on the tack

Katrina

KOTM

Well, in the words of Neil, Richie, this years final round of NI champs and KOTM will be unforgettable. We haven't got much to report on that as yet but hope to get a few reports in. (come on guys) There were some pretty good results from our Taranaki Riders, Bevan Adlam 2nd MX2, Nick Joyce 3rd in 125's, Blair Holdt finished 4th equal with Kane Lamont, Mitch Rowe would have taken 2nd in MX1 but didn't have a transponder?

But yeah, conditions weren't the best both days, but also in the words of Neil, you have to take your hat off to the track maintenance team, for keeping the event going. Well done!

Working bees

As you will have seen we have been requesting help for working bees at the track, and while these have been reasonably well attended , and thanks to those who have, and we appreciate it isn't always easy or possible to attend but it helps keep costs down, when we have to employ tradesmen or whatever, the cost comes directly out of club funds, and wouldn't we rather that go into track/facility improvements? So when the call goes out, if you can come along to assist, it would be much appreciated, going forward it will be in your best interest to attend as will mean you get some of your club fees back!

Wellington Champs

9th May - Wellington champs held at Motuiti road, Foxton. The weather saw near perfect riding conditions, although a tad dry but it didn't get too dusty, A few TMCC riders made the trek and all had a pretty good day, Kane Hetherington taking a 2nd in the senior support class

Brad Groombridge, (although he still claims to be a Taupo rider) 2nd in MX1, Robert Svavarsson 11th 15-16 125/250 Class, Nathan Yaxley 12th 15-16 125/250 Class.

The mini track saw Kieran Baker taking 3rd overall, Zak Hetherington 7th and Liam Reed 6th.

Winter series

- Round 1. Gwynn's track. Kakaramea, South Taranaki. Turn left into Kakaramea road, (just past the old pub) continue about 4k, veer right onto Otoia gorge rd (care as traffic obscured to your left) continue on to the end of the road, turn left. (two letter boxes) go through some paddocks. Sign on - 8.30 till 9.30. Will be sign posted anyway.
- Don't forget club renewal fees are due soon.

Notices.....

- Junior training squad at Barrett motorcycle park 20th June. \$30.00 per person \$20.00 for extra person, must be between the ages of 6-17. To sign up contact Grant Holdt
- New memberships are due 1st of July
- We would like to hear your stories of how your weekend of moto-cross has gone, so give us an email and we will publish it in our next newsletter.



Do you know who these blokes are? one of them invented free style motocross, and here's the proof.

Committee

The Taranaki motorcycle club annual general meeting was held on the 19th of may

Committee members are.....

President - Dave Furze

Vice President - Mitch Rowe

Secretary - Paula Holdt

Treasurer - Deb Holmes/Paula Holdt

Club Captain -

Juniors Rep - Grant Holdt

Daniel Holdt, Yvonne Ewens, Paul Baker, Ash Cottam, Gavin Webber, Paul Woolridge,
Deb Holmes, Steve Holmes, Steve Butland.

Oceania champs/Auckland champs

Early in the new year the big excitement for the Baker household was for young Kieran to be selected to represent NZ in the 10 –12 yr 65cc class for the Oceania MX champs. This was the first time they had run a 65cc class for the Oceania champs. The event was run at Pukekohe the same weekend as the Auckland champs, the Auckland champs being on the Saturday including a separate mini event. We entered Kieran in the juniors on the big track on the Saturday in order to get some practice in for the Oceania champs the following day. If you haven't been to the Pukekohe track, it is worth the trek and is a pretty cool track, they have also recently built new clubrooms and have got a good irrigation system for the track, perhaps a little too good, (more about that later) but they did mention that they took ideas for their overall set up from some of the top tracks in NZ such as New Plymouth (wohoo) and Taupo.

Having all you would expect in a MX track, step-ups, woops, several table tops, plus some gullies thrown in. The jumps were all quite good in that they mostly have rolling type landings so reasonably forgiving. The mini track is awesome too, TMCC's young Zak Hetherington #71 did good on the mini track on the Saturday, taking out 2nd overall in the 9-11 yr class for the Auckland champs. Go Zak!

The Saturday, the weather was purler, which had the organisers running the irrigators flat out to give the ground a good soaking to last the day, unfortunately they overdid it a bit as the track turned into a bit of a bog hole, causing a delay to the minis starting on the big track as they felt they would not get right round the track, a good call which delayed the mini practice until after race four. By this time some huge ruts had formed but the bikes were getting around the track ok. The 65's raced with the 85's

Sunday dawned another fine day, the track was given a good dousing such that when the first bikes went out there were still large puddles in some areas. I thought this might be to the NZ'ers advantage as the Aussies would not have likely been use to wet conditions, but it didn't seem to impede them.

The champs were run on a points system, 8 points for a DNF, down to 0 for a first place, so the team with the least overall points at the end of the day would come out the Oceania Champions. NZ Team instructions were if you weren't doing well you still needed to try and finish so as not to get a dnf... Going into the last race NZ were in front, so it was down to the mini team needing to get a good start for any attempt to hold them off, but that didn't eventuate, we just couldn't match the pace of the Aussies with them being the overall victors.

So what did we take from the Oceania Champs?

-The Aussies beat us. (buggar)

-It was a pretty cool event and awesome to be representing New Zealand.

-For the mini's it highlights we need to get our senior minis on the big tracks sooner, apparently in Oz they move to the big tracks from age 7.

The NZ team were provided bibs for the day which were returned following the days racing, it would have cost more but for such an event we should have had printed shirts, like for the World Junior champs at Taupo, the Aussies had team graphics as well so perhaps MNZ need to get more sponsors on board, for such a big event. It would be good bang for their buck.



Pictures, who are they?

Inventor of freestyle MX, our very own Mr Mitch Rowe. (photo ~2002?)

Bloke with the R on his number board? Chad Reed.

Photos courtesy of Nathan West.

The club AGM was held on the 19th, thanks to all those that attended but the turn out was poor to say the least, anyway, we have a new committee with some of our previous committee stepping down, we have a couple of new members as well which is fantastic and welcome aboard.

Most of the main guard remains the same with Dave remaining as president, Mitch vice president, Deb Holmes is looking to take over the treasurers role from Paula, we also have a new mini rep Steve Butland.

Thanks to those staying and the new members for coming on board.

Mike Christian has opted out for the coming year, but a huge thanks must go to Mike for his tireless work coordinating the effort with some of the working bees and the work on the clubrooms throughout the year, getting them to the standard they are, plus his efforts helping run the minis. Thank you Mike...

While Ryan has stayed on the committee, Katrina has stepped down but a big thanks to both Ryan and Katrina for their fantastic efforts running the minis over the last couple of seasons.

Also standing down Tracey Cottam, Tracey's work with keeping meetings on track, doing minutes, and running the shop again a huge effort helping run the club.

Warren Richardson and Udo Vink are also taking a break from the committee, so thanks to you guys as well for all your efforts.

We will fill you in more on the new committee and key roles in the next newsletter..

Club fees are due, these are set at \$100, however \$60 of the fee is refundable at \$20.00 per full attendance and participation in the scheduled working bees.

Till next time..