

# Trials Club of Canberra Inc. Newsletter

# **December 2012**





Photos from the Howard Wallace Masters Shield – courtesy Richard Bauhammer

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# **MEMBERSHIPS**:

Trials Club of Canberra memberships become due the 1st of January each year. Adult riders (>16) are \$40, Family (2 or more at the one address) is \$50; juniors (under 16 and without a parent riding) are \$20. We also have "non-riding" memberships for \$10 for those that like to spectate or keep in touch with what's happening.

Funds can be transferred into our "Service One Member's Banking" account: BSB 801 009; Account 102 9444. Please quote your name when depositing. With the early scheduling of events in the New Year, it would be wise to renew your membership NOW!

In prior years, some members have been caught out and had to purchase one event licences to compete in <u>Club</u> events.

Note: You cannot purchase one event licences to ride in Open Trials or Championship / Title events!

# TCC CLOTHING

Mark Walker is close to finalising the first order for TCC garments. Please contact him if you'd like to be wearing Club apparel.

# 2013 MANUAL OF MOTORCYCLE SPORT -

All motorcycle competition is conducted according to the *General Competition Rules* (GCR's) which are contained in the Manual of Motorcycle Sport (MoMS). The GCR's contain the rules and guidelines for participating in and conducting Motorcycle Sport. The MoMS is an annual publication which is distributed to all MA licence holders, Officials and Members which contains both the GCR's as well as other relevant information on motorcycle sport. Note: Rules can be added, changed or deleted from one year to the next, before they appear in the next edition of the MoMS.

The 2013 edition of the MoMS can be viewed via the Motorcycling Australia website: http://www.ma.org.au/index.php?id=142 MoMS Booklets will be distributed to licenced riders early in the New Year. (If you ride only using "One event" Competition Licences, you will not receive a book via the normal distribution channels.)

# **MNSW Night of Champions**

For the first time in my 10+ years of being involved in structured motorcycle sports, I attended the 2012 Motorcycling New South Wales "Night of Champions" with Dawn. We were tabled with Aussie Trials exponents Kyle Middleton, Kristie McKinnon with their accompanying family / friends and Bob McGlinchy. Under a super large marquee, we toasted, cheered and clapped for Award of Honour recipients, Club of the Year, Award of Merit, Volunteer recognitions as well as champions of Dirt Track, Track, Junior Enduro, Junior Sprint and Cross Country, Senior Off-Road, Speedway, Moto Trials Minikhana and Motocross. Lots of applause and light hearted discussions ensued with dinner and refreshments. There were many, many recipients and even more worthy of recognition. Motorcycle sport is a diverse variety of activities and it was good to get to see the "bigger picture" of what our governing bodies – and their supporters, are charged with administering.

# **ACT SPORTSTAR OF THE YEAR**

With the Trials Club of Canberra becoming members with ACTSport organisation, we have the opportunities for nominating sportstars and volunteers / Officials. This gives us the opportunity to link in with other (mainstream) sports, gain public exposure and kudos for motorsports – and Trials in particular. This year, I was nominated for and slotted into the "Official of the Year" category.

Whist I was 1 of 4 finalists, the award went to another finalist. Certainly it was beneficial for Trials to be given a mention in their Awards booklet and be highlighted to the Ministers who were attending! Fellow TCC members Paul Saunders,

David Johnson and Dawn Bartlett, helped share in the glamour of the evening – along with Sue Marriage; - without Sue's help we would not have got to 1<sup>st</sup> base in our initial Grants process, nor joined with fellow motorsport clubs in forming a motorsports group / alliance with ACTSport. © ©

Minister Barr was there and I think he would have linked our Club and the recent Grants processes that we have benefitted from. I also managed to catch up (later) with Senator Kate Lundy at another function and am hoping to sit down with her in a meeting soon and discuss prospects and opportunities for our events and activities in the ACT. I'm also chatting with MLA Mick Gentleman to further our cause, exposure and networking.

# **2013 OPEN / TITLES EVENTS:**

For 2013, (Calendar soon to be published), we are envisaging holding several (more) Open and NSW Title Rounds than in 2012. One of the roles and activities that underpin our events is OBSERVERS. As was evident at the recent Howard Wallace Master's Shield (Open) Trial, that sourcing sufficient willing quota of Observers is becoming much more difficult to fulfil, and have sufficient to allow a Trial to be fully Observed – without cutting down the number of sections. As has been the case with Title rounds at Pacific Park and Appin, it is likely that entrants / riders will bear the costs of paying for Observers if we cannot locate them within the circles of family and friends that I know we all have. History demonstrates that TCC can run Open and Title events at a lesser cost than others – provided we have adequate Observers, to allow competition events to happen.

In a similar vein, the number of Officials is also diminishing – especially those that are accredited for Open / State events – ie: Level 3 or 4! With the scheduling of multiple NSW Title events for next year, here is the time and opportunity for existing Level 2's to gain accreditation as Level 3's "in training".... We desperately need more Officials if our sport is to continue – let alone thrive and grow! As I have mentioned on previous occasions, it is the existence of Officials and Observers which allows our sport to function! It is now, more than ever, that we need others (riders) to help share this load. Some that have helped make the short list of past and current Officials are Bob Tindall, Bob McGlinchy, David Wynn, Trevor Bennett, Dennis Walker, John Porombka ...... Non-riding members are even more "value" to the 'Club - Cheryl Bennett, Wendy Bennett, David Waller, David Bingley, Peter Mowat, Dawn Bartlett and recently Giselle Kermeen.

# TRIALS PARK ACTIVITIES:

For a small insight to what is happening at Fairbairn Park, you can look at our website,

http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc\_page.cgi?client=1-7729-0-0-0

The TCC facebook 'site: Trials Park for Canberra/ACT and

the ACTMCC's Calendar:

http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc\_page.cgi?c=1-7023-0-0-0&sID=188716

If need, text or ring Mick Rummery, 0409 249 989.

# **REMINDER – THIS WEEKEND AT PACIFIC PARK:**

Jordi Pasquet will be supported by elite level riders Kyle Middleton, and Kevin Zarczynski. December 21: 1 day training camp for elite level riders (very small numbers). Nominal fees involved. December 22 and 23: 2 day training Camp for all 21 and under Licensed Moto Trials riders. For more information – give Paul Arnott a call: arnoux@thehellteam.com 02 9966 5562.

# TRIALS CLUB OF CANBERRA AT FAIRBAIRN PARK

Mick Rummery and a small group of hardworking assistants have completed the fencing of the trials area at Fairbairn Park. As I'm typing this, Mick's flock of four legged mowers should be munching their way through the grass and weeds across the block. To get the most use out of the Trials area we need to run regular ride days out there.

I have spoken with Motorcycling NSW this morning to clarify just what Licenced Officials we need to legally conduct Ride Days at Fairbairn. We must have one Level 2 Licenced Key Official, or two Level 1 Licenced Key Officials. Key Officials (for MNSW) are Steward, Clerk of Course, Race Secretary or Scrutineer.

# PLEASE READ carefully.

To become a Licenced Level 1 Key Official you must first become a Licenced Official. This involves doing the on-line seminar on the MNSW website. You need to read through 17 slides, and then answer 20 questions.

Once you have done that, you fill out a Licenced Official Application Form and send it and the Seminar assessment questions to MNSW. There is no fee. You will be issued with a Level 1 Operational Official Licence. This is a Level 1 Observer, or Level 1 Flag Marshall.

You must then attend a MNSW Licenced Key Official seminar (for Scrutineer, Clerk of Course or Race Secretary). Once you've passed the seminar assessment you must also attend two Competition Meetings as a Level 1 Key Official intraining (or Assistant Key Official). After that you send a Licenced Key Official Level 1 application form to MNSW along with your signed Licenced Officials Journal.

Key Official in the above paragraph applies for Clerk of Course, Race Secretary or Scrutineer. There is no Level 1 Steward.

Once you have your Level 1 Key Officials Licence, you must act in that position at four competition meetings before you can apply for a Level 2 Key officials licence.

Listed below are TCC members that have Officials Licences.

Brian, Tom, Don and Shane have attended a Level 1 Key Officials seminar, but haven't advised of their Licence details.

I will be very pleased to hear from any TCC members who can help me update this spreadsheet. You can also perform your Key Official duties at other affiliated Clubs. This may be an option worth considering for a number of you.

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Lic No	Exp Date	Name	Surname	Club	Stew	COC	Sec	Scruit	Observer	Measurer	Coach
160748	31-May-13	David	Ault	TCC	2	3	1		2		1
195981	31-Mar-15	Dawn	Bartlett	TCC			3		1		
310927	31-Aug-15	Bryan	Bennett	TCC					1		
111210	31-Dec-12	Trevor	Bennett	TCC	4	4	4		4		
171808	31-Dec-15	Wendy	Bennett	TCC			3		3		
162132	31-Jul-15	David	Bingley	TCC	2	3	1		3		
191414	31-Aug-13	Scott	Eggins	TCC				2			
171799	31-Jul-15	David	Johnson	TCC		1		1			
187460	31-Aug-16	Tony	Millwood	TCC					1		
306665	30-Oct-15	Paul	Saunders	TCC			1		1		
306759	30-Apr-15	Timo	Siiteri	TCC				1			
102130	30-Jul-14	Dennis	Walker	TCC	3	3	3	1	3		
306247	31-Mar-15	Mark	Walker	TCC				2		2	

108670	30-Sep-13	David	Waller	TCC		2		1	3		
194637	28-Feb-15	David	Wicks	TCC		2			1		
101839	28-Feb-15	David	Wynn	TCC	3	3	3	3			
100145	31-Dec-14	Robert	McGlinchy	BWPMCC	4	4	4				1
112239	31-Dec-12	Robert	Tindall	BWPMCC	3	3		4		2	
102425	31-Aug-14	Gary	Boniface	WMCC	3	3	3	3	2	2	
111946	28-Feb-15	Martin	O'Connor	MWMCC		2	2	3			
162155	28-Feb-15	Deena	O'Connor	MWMCC	2	3	2				
		Brian	Connell	TCC					1		
		Tom	Connell	TCC					1		
		Don	Murray	TCC					1		
		Shane	Deane	TCC					1		

As a presenter of Officials Seminars for MNSW, I'd be verry happy to assist any of you in obtaining, or upgrading, your Officials Licence.

# **OFFICIAL SEMINARS**

As we head into 2013, we would like to take this opportunity to remind all clubs of the option of having official seminars held in your local area. It's as easy as these three simple steps:

- 1. Select a date (2 options) and type of seminar
- 2. Fill out a club nomination form and send it into MNSW (minimum 6 attendees)or alternatively click on this link http://www.motorcycling.com.au/pg\_disp.php?page=p07
- 3. Make sure all attendees have completed the online general seminar before attending any seminars.

Please keep in mind that we have made it even easier to obtain a Level 1 Operational Official licence (marshal, timekeeper, starter and judge) all you have to do is complete the online general seminar via our website and fill out the officials application form. You can email your club nomination form to <a href="mailto:mnsw@motorcycling.com.au">mnsw@motorcycling.com.au</a> or fax it to 02 9635 5277 or contact the office on 02 9635 9177.

We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe new year

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# Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year

**PLEASE NOTE:** We advise that Motorcycling NSW will be closing for the Christmas/New Year period on the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2012 and re-opening on the 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013. All clubs and officials are reminded that no permits or licences will be issued and no enquiries will be taken during this time. All applications for permits and licences required between 21st December 2012 and 19th January 2013 must be submitted to the office prior to closure on the 21st December 2012.

# HOWARD WALLACE MASTERS SHIELD 18<sup>th</sup> November 2012

A lot of effort by a small group of members ensured that the Howard Wallce Trial went off successfully. I'd particularly like to acknowledge the efforts of David Wynn for helping me with the section clearing, section setting and, most importantly, taking on a Key Official role that allowed me to ride a TCC open trial for the first time since 2005.

Don Murray and Paul Saunders for each coming out for a day of section clearing, and Glenn Crafter and Peter Mowat for helping set the sections on the Saturday.

We set eight sections, and while a number of them appeared to be "too difficult" for newer riders on their first lap, they learnt that looks can be deceiving. Everyones scores reduced as the day progressed.

Observers are our greatest asset, and the following people really made the day possible. Peter Mowat and Linda on Section 1, Ian Clark on Section 2, David Ault (who gave up his ride) to Observe Section 3, Allison Grist who was so kind, as a visitor, to Observe on Section 4, Bryan Bennett on Section 5, who really did so much more to make this event happen, initially Michelle Coleman and later Andrew Adams on Section 6, Bob Tindall, as well as being Chief Scrutineer, observed on Section 7, and our intrepid Treasurer Dave Johnson did a sterling job observing section 8.

Wendy Bennett, our Level 3 Race Secretary, was her usual competent self in the scorevan, ably assisted by the inspirational Giselle Kermeen.

Besides being Clerk of Course, Dave Wynn also towed out the Toilets, and returned them.

Ben Chambers contributed admirably, by towing the scorevan out and back.

Dawn Bartlett, and her team of Yass students were wonderful caterers and kept everyone refreshed. Dawn also confirmed that \$110 was donated "in the bucket" from those in attendance to the Motor Neurone Disease foundation.

Mark Walker's Vivid Print was very generous in printing the excellent Supp Regs and Entry Forms featuring many photos of Howard.

All the riders contributed into the atmosphere of a fun trial. Alternate lines, particularly in Pete and Linda's section 1 were discovered "by accident", and the three Experts were really good by agreeing among themselves to ride a few sections slightly differently to what us section setters had planned.

Kevin Zarczynski wrote a great article which is on the Trials Australia website, and is printed below...

Thanks so much to all of you. Trevor

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3	Kevin	Zarczynski						
3	Jake	Walker	17	20	15	4		56
	B Grade							
1	Ben	Riley	18	12	3	4	14	51
2	Kristie	McKinnon	19	14	11	20	10	74
3	Jarad	Boniface	25	25	18	11	10	89
4	Thomas	Ring	21	26	19	18	11	95
5	James	Boyle	30	20 19	15	23	25	95 112
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	Masters							
1	Martin	O'Connor	14	4	8	5	5	36
2	Kerrin	Phillips	10	7	7	13	6	43
3	John	Rees	16	17	3	4	8	48
4	Glenn	Crafter	21	14	17	9	7	68
5	Don	Murray	21	8	22	22	26	99
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	Junior							
1	Bailey	Boniface	3	1	1	3	1	9
2	Emma	O'Connor	11	15	2	7	6	41
3	Molly	O'Connor	26	23	21	15	18	103
4	Isaac	Phillips	29	26	24	26	24	129
5	Jackson	Murray	29	30	32	31	31	153
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1	Toby	Coleman	12	0	6	2	2	22
2	Joe	Henderson	19	24	28	18	14	103
3	Anthony	Walker	18	24	21			DNF
	Adam	McGrath	DNF					DNF
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2	Gary	Boniface Chambers	3	4	2	4	1	14
2	Ben	Cnambers	28	31	22	25	25	131
	Veteran 50-							
1	Stephen	Hutchinson	4	9	12	3	1	29
2	Peter	Curtis	8	6	6	7	3	30
3	Gary	Owen	15	8	17	11	7	58
4	Scott	Eggins	32	25	21	18	18	114
5	Alastair	Farquhar	34	36	21	29	24	144
	Kim	Borger	28	24	26			DNF
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	Veteran 60+							
1	John	Waterworth	11	7	7	9	0	34

Trevor	Bennett	24	22	26	24	12	108
David	Wicks	36	25	28	32	26	147
Barry	Anderson	DNF					DNF
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Steven	Hartley		3				14
Les	Boniface	3	2	5	3	3	16
Bill	Guthrie	3	3	5	3	3	17
Paul	McGrath	7	1	5	3	3	19
Sarah	Grist	6	1	2	8	3	20
John	McAlister	5	11	2	3	1	22
Geoff	Grist	7	2	0	10	8	27
Paul	Nelson	11	4	10	3	3	31
Richard	Bauhammer	9	10	3	10	7	39
Paul	Saunders	8	18	4	6	5	41
Mark	Walker	13					DNF
Alex	Boyle	DNF					DNF
Bill	Brown	DNF					DNF
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# **2012 Howard Wallace Masters Shield Report**

The Masters class originated within the Trials Club of Canberra, and now every year the club hosts the Howard Wallace Masters Shield, in memory of Howard Wallace who was instrumental in creating the class.

This years event attracted a strong entry of gun riders, see how they fared, and who came out on top.

Perfect mid-November spring weather greeted riders for this years running of the Howard Wallace Masters Shield, held at Roads End near Gunning. Eight dry sections were laid out with a mix of loose shale escarpments, grassy hillsides with large rock outcrops, rock strewn gullies and creek banks.

Masters saw a strong entry of riders Over 35, including 4 previous winners of the event, keen to put their names on the perpetual shield. Masters compete over the B grade line, following the yellow markers, so their scores are directly comparable to the next generation of up and coming riders who populated the B grade at this event.

Canberra resident Kerrin Phillips (Sherco) took the early lead over the opening 3 laps, showing the skills that took him to A grade in the 1990's, while assisting son Isaac who was riding in the under 200c class.

Sydney sider Martin O'Connor (Sherco) was right on the pace, taking the lead on the fourth lap as he consistently improved his scores after the first lap. O'Connor was also showing his children the way, with daughters Emma and Molly battling with Isaac Phillips and the others young riders in the same under 200cc class.

Former champion John Rees (Ossa) was chasing close behind, the tricky loose conditions settling down after the opening 2 laps, with Rees cutting the best laps in the mid part of the trial to be right up with the leaders.

Modelling the new Trials Club of Canberra riding gear Glenn Crafter was another to improve as the day continued, keeping ahead of local Don Murray (Ossa) as he aided son Jackson Murray through the under 200c class.

Consistent top class rides saw Martin O'Connor hold his lead over the 5<sup>th</sup> and final lap, to take the overall win in the 2012 Howard Wallace Masters Shield with 34 marks lost. Kerrin Phillips held on for the runner up place, a great result

coming after a nasty injury earlier in the year at the Sherco Womens Cup, showing he is fully recovered and on the pace. John Rees was third on the day, and sure to back next year for another chance at the Masters Shield.

The top three in Masters would have also finished as the top three B grade riders on the day, showing the gun riders of recent years still have some skills to show the next generation. B grade went to Ben Riley, following by Kristie McKinnon and Jarrod Boniface.

In this event the Experts were the support class to the Masters, riding the green spitters in the sections, with all the competitors also riding the sections in order from section 1. Colin Zarczynski (Sherco) gave the new Cabestany 300 Replica Sherco a great showing, leading from the opening lap, and later putting in the only clean lap, showing he is now almost fully recovered from injuries that keep him off the bike in 2011 and earlier this year. Colin loss for the day was only 5 single dabs.

Chasing his younger brother was Kevin Zarczynski (Sherco), but a fast second lap trying to keep up the pace and ride without breaks saw too many mistakes, and final laps of 2 and 2 put no pressure on Colin for the win. Jake Walker (Ossa) took third on the day, putting in a 4 point loss on his final lap to show he was mastering the conditions by the end of the day.

Veterans had plenty of entries, with Gary Boniface 40-49, Steve Hutchinson 50-59 and John Waterworth 60-69 taking the top placings on the day.

Unders 200cc was the battle of the kids, with Bailey Boniface showing great skills to take the win ahead of Emma and Molly O'Connor.

# Kevin Zarczynski

# Email from Bill Brown to David Ault, after David's nomination for one category in ACT Sportstar of the Year

David

Firstly, let me congratulate you on your nomination.

As someone who has been involved in "volunteer" work in community sporting organizations over the years, I appreciate the behind the scenes effort, persistence and commitment that's involved. Because most of us do it like a duck (calm on the surface, peddling like hell underneath) many of the beneficiaries of our efforts never see or appreciate what's involved, or get involved. Our families usually pay a price but are generally supportive, and often also get involved.

What I will also emphatically say is that the old hands of the TCC, some of whom are still on the scene in minor ways, are most appreciative when a newcomer steps up and is sufficiently motivated and capable of filling an administrative need on behalf of the members of TCC. No club can survive without the supreme efforts of people like Trevor and yourself. And then there are people like Mick Rummery & Howard Wallace who never hold an executive position but work superbly behind the scenes when needed, without being asked - they just step up.

So David, enjoy your nomination and your night. Sadly, Pam and I have commitments elsewhere so we won't be able to join you

Regards - Bill Brown

# **Presidents Report**

Hi All, First I hope that you all have a great Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Well we really made some great strides in 2012, and had a great year, Trials these most notably;

- 1: getting a large Grant from the ACT Government to develop our Skills Park and Home Trials Grounds.
- 2: Having the ACT motorcycle club suppling us with the area with in Fairbairn Park to develop our Trials Area
- 3: Again the club held a very successful Observed Trials events schedule with some wonderful areas to ride in and great Variety
- 4: we had a great Sherco Women's Cup open and the Howard Wallace Masters Open, these are really now becoming iconic events and clearly now permanent fixtures.
- 5: Our Park is full fenced, allowing us total control as we continue the development

Australian Trials also The World Rounds held at Mt. Tarrengower in May, truly brilliant and for those that missed it, it will be back (2014??).

# 2013

So we now will move into 2013, we now have our own Park and with the vision of Mick Rummery and all the TCC helpers I think that we will have an area that we can all be truly proud of. We have our Observed trials events locked in and linked will all the other NSW clubs.

We Have the Sherco Summer Series to be run over a few Sundays at our new park, The Women's Cup locked down and that looks like it will also be run at the Park.

We are organising at least two Skills days, one with Kevin Zarczynski for the B grade and about, the second with Kale Reed

Kale Reed from Total Trials Australia is coming down to Canberra to do some "Intensive Training Courses" on behalf of the Trials Club of Canberra. There will be two groups a day with a maximum of 5 riders per group over two days.

Kale Reed is one of Australia's best known trials riders and has been coaching for the best part of 18 years. He is credited with having coached some of the best riders in the country and he has won two Australian Championships and has represented Australia five times in the TDN.

Spread over a weekend with many training times to choose. We are also preparing to have our park approved for 365 days use. We also will have hopefully at least 1-2 fun rides per month at the park, but that will really depend on all you people supporting the concept.

The new park will also allow us to promote Trials as an alternative and/or main sport plus a truly full family participation sport, AND have a place for them to ride.

# **Stop or No-Stop Rules**

We also have read about or seen the debates and support/non-support for the "Stop – No-Stop" formats for Observed Trials. I am not here to lend my weight to one or the other, being a clubman rider I have to do no stop and can only admire all those riders who can stop, balance and then go again. But I do ask myself why are the top spot bodies doing this when clearly, it is causing such debate and strong opinions within the ranks for the riders that have to follow these rules.

From where I sit, it appears as not to change rules to make trials easier or harder but it would appear that the sporting bodies and many of the manufacturers are supporting the no-stop to help make the sport more accessible and identifiable to the prospective new rider.

These rules may not be the answer but if the sport can grow and newer people can identify after witnessing an observed trial and go out and become a rider themselves, then clearly trying to change perceptions is a good thing, is it not??

When we have trials with falling participant levels in some trials but events like the SSDT and the Scott, oversubscribed. Do we need to look at making trials more than just section based Observed Trials, have other events or different events as well.

When I was a mere 20 year old, I remember that Yamaha, Honda, Suzuki all made Trials bikes, with exotics from Montessa, Bultaco and then other makers. Something right must have been happening way back then, but now we have a smaller base, manufacturer's struggling and unfortunately one or two may go or shift focus onto Enduro bikes. But we also now see a focus on the Electric bikes and the growth in England for the Juniors Electric championships, a Growing area.

So for Trials are we at the crossroads, well yes we are and it is up to us to look at our sport, take the good bits and grow that, fix up the things the sport does not very well, so we can encourage the new riders. Remember that the Next Tony Bou may have never seen a trials bike yet and he, or she, may be you next door neighbours kid

Happy Holidays all Mark Walker TCC President

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# **MOTOCENTRAL Second Hand bikes list.**

# Sherco ST290 2010 model

Sherco 2010 model 290 ready to hit the rocks (not literally...). has had a recent complete service & has a new rear tyre to go on. Renthal bars. This model has the super narrow tubular frame with the fuel tank under the seat & the air intake behind the triple clamps so the air filter stays cleaner. Price: \$5790 happy to look at an older trade-in.

# OSSA TR280i Demo bike 2012

Yes its time to move on our OSSA demo bike. Very low use, a couple of scratches but serviced & ready for delivery. \$7990.

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We have a couple of tidy 2011 bikes that we will upgrade with the very latest MAP 13 from OSSA.

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Sherco 320 torque machine. Plenty of low down power here for the 4-Stroke fans.

Tidy condition. \$4990

# Sherco 290R 2009 model

Very nice limited Factory R model 290 with all the cool bits to make your feet stay on the pegs for longer. \$5500

# Sherco ST290 2012 model

Just traded on a new Cabestany replica 300cc (some people still think bigger is better..!)

New price \$9300, one season old \$7990. Happy to trade an older trials bike.

# Sherco 80cc small wheel 2004 model.

We have just traded in a really neat small wheel (19"front/ 17"rear) 80cc bike ideal for the budding junior TrialStar. Has a few small scratches but generally in very good condition, new front & rear guards Starts & rides nice. has disc brakes & hydraulic clutch.

Price \$3300. We can help with freight.

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Just traded in on a new bike. Tidy condition \$4400

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Purchased new in December 2008. 12 months ACT rego. 8,900km, always garaged, full service history by dealer. Givi top box, new battery. \$4.990 Trevor Bennett 0406 375 676

# 2012 OSSA 280i R



It doesn't look quite as new as the photo.

It has done 7 days of Open Trials competition.

Selling for \$2000 off new price.

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