

Newsletter July 2020

President's Note

I first connected with Rachael Beck on the end of the Loop tractor tow strap after the handling vagaries of her Italian-Japanese 850 hybrid struggled to accept a post-apex throttle input. At that moment she appeared to be just another competitor that needed a hand out of a deceleration bed. As the years went by I realised that not only was she racing at every Clubman's meeting but Rachael was also a member of the SSCC Executive and had oversight of Teretonga Tasties – often jumping from the deep-fryer to her race-car as it were. When the club held its recent AGM, and her term as President came to an end, we acknowledged an individual who models the active involvement that strengthens a club. It was therefore fitting that she was the recipient of the R B Munro SSCC Worker's Award for this year, not to mention being the 2019-20 SSCC Ladies Champion and the 1601-2500cc trophy winner! Thank you, Racheal, for the many hours you have contributed, and we look forward to your continued support and guidance.

Other Club Members who received accolades included Bevan Gerrard with the conveyance of Life Membership for his 45+ years of service and Ian Rosel who received the Marshall of the Year for his many years of volunteering and management of the track crossing. Norma Burns, our Circuit Manager, received the Keith Douglas Memorial Trophy for distinguished service. This was especially fitting given Norma often reflects on what a huge support Keith was when she first started in the role. Congratulations to all the class winners from Circuit and Clubsport and a final big shout-out to Liam MacDonald for capturing the SSCC Champion's Trophy for the 7th time.

Preparation for the upcoming race season is well in hand and there is cause to be optimistic despite an end-of/off season that has thrown the club, and individuals, just the odd challenge. Norma and I will be attending the Motorsport NZ AGM on August 22nd and we look forward to hearing how our National body is working to assist Clubs, Circuits, Volunteers and Competitors to make the most of the 2020/21 season and beyond.

Finally as I alluded to at the start the SSCC has always benefitted from individuals who have volunteered their time, materials and skills to build the asset that we all take pride in. If you have any questions or suggestions about the club please seek out a member of the Executive and have a chat. We are all approachable and happy to then discuss your thoughts at our monthly meetings if you wish.

Looking forward to a superb season,
Ian Richardson

Life Membership for Bevan Gerrard

Bevan Gerrard became our most recent Life Member during our 72nd AGM recently.

Bevan, originally from Winton and now based in Invercargill, has been involved with the club for over 45 years after good mate Ray Galt got him involved initially.

"Car trials were a big thing at the time, we had one a month and we did alright," recalls Bevan. He also competed in rallysprint and sprint events in a Ford Anglia that he and Galt built up while rallying

was another discipline in which he competed both as a driver and co-driver with Galt and another club stalwart Rodger Cunninghame.

Once he stopped competing Bevan became involved behind the scenes, firstly on crash crew duty before becoming Chairman of the Social Committee. "I don't know how I managed to get that job," he jokes. "We had all sorts of activities in those days." One tale told at the AGM related to a club working bee where Gerrard and Galt were tasked with building a brick wall. After completing the job, they went upstairs into the clubrooms only to hear the wall fall over. In his defence Gerrard remembers that "it was blowing a gale at the time."

Bevan became a member of the race committee in 1991, working in timekeeping and lap scoring and becoming Chief Timekeeper. Initially stopwatches were used but in 1997 timing became computerised and Bevan had to become computer savvy.

Helping at the club became a family affair for the Gerrard family. Bevan's wife Liz, who he met through Galt (Liz had gone to school with Galt's wife), has worked with him in timing over all those years while the couple's children, Alice and Leon, both spent around ten years working in the timing team at the circuit.

The family also worked together on the club's rally events when Bevan was the Assistant Clerk of the Course. "The whole family would head off to the start of stages to perform start line duties," says Liz.

For the last nine years Bevan has been Chairman of the Race Committee which involves planning and organising the many race meetings held at Teretonga Park. It was a role I said I would do for "a couple of years," says Bevan.

On receipt of his Life Membership Bevan acknowledged the support of his family particularly that of Liz who has worked alongside him as they have run the timing team together.



Photograph: Bevan and Liz Gerrard with Bevan's Life Membership Award presented at the recent Southland Sports Car Club AGM – photo Wendy Jenks.

Race Committee

Our 2020/2021 race season is taking shape and it should be another good one.

We host the opening round of the 2020 Carter's Tyre Service South Island Endurance Series on Saturday 12 September. This will be followed by two more meetings prior to Christmas, a one-day meeting for Noel McIntyre Drainage Club Saloons and Sports & Racing Cars on Sunday 15 November plus our traditional December Race Meeting on the 5th & 6th of December which attracts a majority of the south island classes.

We will have a one day meeting in January with the date and details to be confirmed in the near future while February 20/21 will see the George Begg Classic SpeedFest, a spectacular event last year which will no doubt develop even further this year with the support of the Bill Richardson Transport World.

The season ends with the meeting we missed out on due to Covid-19 this season - the NZ Super Truck meeting on 20/21 March.

Frontal Head Restraints

Just a heads up that from 1 October 2020, the use of Frontal Head Restraints will become mandatory for all national race permitted events (which is what we run). Please familiarise yourself with the requirements in Appendix Two – Schedule A, Article 4.2.

Please see deal below from Rick Michels at Evolution Motorsport. He does have other options available, but this is a good starting point. Feel free to contact him on 0274 342 018 to discuss this further.



Bevan Gerrard
Teretonga Race Committee



Evolution Motorsport Hans and Helmet Special



**B2 by Bell Vision Helmet
Hans Posts
Stand 21 FHR Club 3 - Only 640gm!**

\$986 plus GST

Pre order before August 15th 2020



Jeff McClure

Most of us knew Jeff had medical issues over the last year and he attended his last race meeting in February at the Classic Speedfest.

Jeff wrote most of this himself before he sadly passed away from his illness on the 21st May 2020. He had been a club member since 1977 (43 years).

Jeff was mainly a rally man but was still a great supporter of all motorsport. He had a couple of RX3 rally cars in which he competed in for a number of years. Jeff drove with a very press-on attitude.

As well as competing Jeff did his fair share of volunteer jobs over the years:

Trials Chairman	5 years
Club Rep to the Board of Control	2 years
Executive Committee	5 years (while he was Trials Chairman)
Social Chairman	2 years
Timekeeper	20-25 years
Lap Record Keeper	10-15 years
Club Handicapper	15 years

As you can see, he was a valuable volunteer to the Southland Sports Car Club and Jeff has donated some money to the club for his fellow volunteers, so it is going towards lunches for them this season.

People were important to Jeff and he valued the relationships he built over the years and although the list is too long to mention here, he did want to mention some –

Alan and Daphne Batt
Bruce and Wendy Jenks
Bevan and Elizabeth Gerrard
Rodger and Barbara Cunninghame

He also added if any competitor / volunteer who has a head for figures and would like to take over his job in the timekeepers suite, please contact Bevan Gerrard.

RIP Jeff

ClubSport

Congratulations to all our competitors who took out awards at the Club's prizegiving recently. It was also great to be able to give Certificates of Appreciation to many of those who have helped us throughout the last season as well.

We are, oh so close, to the beginning of a new season and what a year it will be.

It all starts with the Evolution Motorsport Triathlon on Sunday 26 July and then we have a full six round Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship running through from August to March. We end with another Triathlon and as a bonus after the success of the Grass Autocross at Nigel and Liz King's property last season we return there in February.

Check the full calendar elsewhere in this newsletter and pencil in the dates now.

It was great to see so many new faces as well as familiar faces returning last season and we are pressing on to gain more new competitors having recently been in touch with the SIT and local high schools. We are also keen to instigate work and inter business challenges this season.

Evolution Motorsport are very kindly supporting us again this season and we thank them most sincerely. They have another nice bonus for us this year and you will see what that entails soon!

Cheers

Malcolm Mitchell

2019/2020 Prizegiving

SSCC CLUB CHAMPION

SSCC Club Champions Trophy

Liam MacDonald

RUNNER UP – CLUB CHAMPION

SSCC Club Champion Runner Up Trophy

Andrew Lawrie

CLUBSPORT AWARDS

MOTORKHANA CHAMPION

Keith McFadzien Trophy

1st Liam MacDonald

2nd Stacy Lines

3rd Andrew Kennedy

SPRINT CHAMPION

SSCC Speed Trophy

1st Andrew Lawrie

2nd Craig Allan

3rd Liam MacDonald

DISCOUNT TYRES 0 – 1600cc SPEED TROPHY

1st Sam Hole

STRESSCRETE 1601cc & OVER SPEED TROPHY

1st Andrew Lawrie

CLUBSPORT CHAMPION

Warren Robbie Memorial Trophy

- 1st Liam MacDonald (975.60)
2nd Craig Allan (959.12)
3rd Josh Cooper (940.12)

RACE AWARDS

SPORTS & RACING CHAMPION

Harold Williams Memorial Trophy

- 1st Jason Crosbie
2nd Robin Williams
3rd Sam Smith

SPORTS & RACING CARS FLYING FAREWELL CHAMPION

Evolution Motorsport Trophy

- 1st Jason Crosbie
2nd Robin Williams
3rd Dave McKenzie

RACE CLASSES

1301-1600cc

Nebulite Windows & Doors Trophy

- 1st Bradley Dawson
2nd Daniel McIntosh
3rd= Travis McPherson
Grant Molloy

1601-2500cc

Maxis Projects Ltd Trophy

- 1st Rachael Beck
2nd Andrew Lawrie
3rd Wayne Elliott

2501cc & over

Auto Centre Trophy

- 1st Leon Hallett
2nd Brian Scott
3rd Ian McKenzie

CLUB SALOONS FLYING FAREWELL CHAMPION

Erskine Flying Farewell Trophy

- 1st Leon Hallett
2nd Bradley Dawson
3rd Andrew Lawrie

RACE CHAMPION

Noel McIntyre Trophy

- 1st Brent Cross
2nd Dion Dawson
3rd Leon Hallett

NOVICE DRIVER

Maxis Projects Ltd Trophy

Alex Crosbie

JUNIOR DRIVER

Ladies Committee Trophy

Kent Lines

WORKERS AWARD

R B Munro Trophy

Rachael Beck

MARSHALL OF THE YEAR

Macks Panel & Paint Trophy

Ian Rosel

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Keith Douglas Memorial Trophy

Norma Burns

LADIES CHAMPION

SSCC Club Championship Ladies Trophy

Rachael Beck

Certificate of Outstanding Achievement

Brendon Leitch

Certificates of Appreciation

ICC – Iconic Events
Invercargill Licensing Trust
ILT Foundation
Community Trust South

Nigel King (ClubSport)
Rick Michels, Evolution Motorsport (ClubSport)
Tracy Pau. East End Liquor (ClubSport)
Cory Orłowski, Mighty Meats (ClubSport)

The Southern Trust
GWD Russells
Macaulay Motors
Southland Honda
KB Motorcycles
SouthRoads

Auto Salvage
Invercargill Volunteer Fire Service
St John
Invercargill East Lions Club
Freight Haulage – Purdue Bros.
Alison Saunders



Liam MacDonald



Andrew Lawrie



Rachael Beck



Norma Burns



Ian Rosel

Marshalls Training Day

Our annual Marshalls Training Day is on Sunday 23 August this year. Drivers are welcome to come along and take a look at our training in action.

As always, we are always keen to hear from anyone who would like to volunteer. Give the Teretonga Park Office a call during business hours for more information.

COMING UP

July 25	Drift Practice
July 26	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Triathlon
August 16	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship Round 1
August 23	Marshall Training Day
August 29	Drift Practice

September 11/12	Carter's Tyre Service South Island Endurance Series
September 20	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship Round 2
October 18	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship Round 3
November 15	November Club Race Day
November 22	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship Round 4
December 5/6	December Race Meeting
January (TBA)	January Race Meeting
January 31	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship Round 5
February 19-21	George Begg Classic Speedfest
February 28	Grass Autocross (King Property - Rakahouka)
March 7	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship Round 6
March 20/21	Southern Thunder 2021
April 18	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Triathlon

Check teretonga.org.nz for full details

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