

Newsletter August 2018

President's Note

Welcome everyone to the start of the new season. We are going to have some amazing cars on track for the September endurance meeting. You will also notice as you drive in that the council has chopped down the trees along the boundary. This will give a fresh look to the place. Thanks to all the volunteers that turned out to the training day and I hope that it was beneficial to you all.

Rachael Beck
President

Jack Johnstone

Our beloved patron, Jack Johnstone, passed away on Friday 3 August.

The passing of Jack Johnstone at the age of 91 will be sorely felt in many corners of the community as he had affiliations with many different organisations throughout his long and fulfilling life.

For the Southland Sports Car Club, the operators of Teretonga Park in Invercargill, the loss of their loved and respected patron is a huge blow. Jack has left a tremendous legacy having been a driving force behind the construction of Teretonga Park and his and others foresight has left the city and indeed the province with a sporting jewel that has played host to some of the world's best racing drivers over the years as well as providing a community asset that nowadays offers road safety training and many other uses.

Jack's first memories of motorsport of any type was attending motorcycle racing with his father at Oreti Beach in the early 1940's where a couple of races for cars were also on the programme. Through his involvement in the motor industry Jack became friends with a number of people interested in competing in cars and his first event was an Otago Sports Car Club hillclimb for which he had to join that club to compete. Meanwhile further south a group formed a car club in Southland and on attendance at his first meeting of that club Jack became a financial member. Jack continued to compete regularly while he was appointed to the Southland Sports Car Club Executive Committee in 1950. He became Club Captain in 1951/52 and in 1952 and 1953 he was President of the Club. It was during his tenure at the helm that he set up a meeting with council officials to discuss options for a circuit on land at Sandy Point from which council agreed to a lease. The first of many working bees to construct the circuit was held on 8 November 1953.

Asked to organise an event for the Southland Centennial in 1956 the club, with Jack to the fore, attracted numerous international drivers. It was such a success the club held another event at Ryal Bush the following year to raise money for the building of Teretonga Park and the success of those events meant the club upgraded their plans for the circuit.

Teretonga Park was opened on 30 November 1957 and hosted its first international event on 8 February 1958.

Jack had fond memories of the 1962 Teretonga International when the appearance of Stirling Moss drew 18,000 people to the circuit. Jack was at the forefront through the era when the Formula 1 stars of the day such as Jim Clark, Jackie Stewart, Denny Hulme, Bruce McLaren, Graham Hill, Jack Brabham and many others raced at Teretonga Park and he was involved in taking them to Bluff, the children's ward at Kew Hospital, organising golf matches, taking them into his home for meals and in Jack Brabham's case, organising planes from the Southland Aero Club whilst they were in the south.

Jack was the club's Patron and in addition to his time on the Executive and in the President's role for the club he was Clerk Of The Course for 14 years, Chairman of the Race Committee for 16 years and also

initiated the memorabilia corner in the clubrooms at Teretonga Park which marked each of the Formula 1 drivers to have raced at the circuit.

Favourite memories from an interview in 2005 were the completion of the Teretonga Park circuit, the George Begg tribute organised by a group headed by Noel & Hilary Atley plus a trip to Europe in 1976 when he attended six Formula 1 Grand Prix events where he rekindled several connections with those who had raced at Teretonga Park over the years.

When the club opened their new 1.2 million dollar control tower at the circuit in 2011 it was Jack that was asked to officially open the facility. More recently a lift was installed in the building and it was financed by Jack, a far cry from the ladder required to negotiate the old Control Tower that the new facility replaced.

Jack was also a competitor of some note, building and competing in a Homebuilt Special and a Model A Ford on Oreti Beach and in hillclimbs in the early days. He competed in many different vehicles and many different events over many years. In later years he was a regular in a Porsche as he continued to race until a ripe old age. After stepping aside from competition he was a regular attendee at events right up until early this year. He did make a special appearance at Teretonga Park's 60th Anniversary event last November in a BMW Convertible, which was ultimately his last competition appearance.

Jack was the same age as the famous Nurburgring circuit in Germany and last year he travelled to Europe with son, Alan where they completed two laps of that track.

No summary of his life would be able to cover the many achievements of such a man.

The Southland Sports Car Club will miss his presence and his great depth of knowledge and both the club and indeed the entire province owe Jack Johnstone a huge debt of gratitude and the Southland Sports Car Club extends their condolences to Jack's family and friends.



Stirling Moss (left) with Jack.

Wayne Affleck and Alan King

It was a particularly sad start to the month of August as in addition to Jack's passing two others who have done so much for the club also passed.

Like Jack, Wayne Affleck also made his mark in many areas. He was a successful businessman and will probably be best remembered for his role in bringing to life one of the provinces biggest events – the Burt Munro Challenge. However Wayne was also a long-time member of the Southland Sports Car Club and was a member of the club's Board Of Control for some time and also spent time on the Race Committee. He will also be remembered for his time racing at Teretonga Park and other meetings around the country in his Jaguar XJS and a Holden Torana SLR 5000.

Alan King was a great friend of the club and just in the last few months had on behalf of the club photographed the 60th Anniversary Celebrations of Teretonga Park and just one month ago the Annual Prizegiving in the Clubrooms. Some of his work from that evening appears in this newsletter.

He had also been a flag marshall at the circuit.

The Southland Sports Car Club extends their sympathy to both Wayne and Alan's family and friends.

2017-2018 Annual Prize-Giving

CLUBSPORT AWARDS

MOTORKHANA CHAMPION

Keith McFadzien Trophy

- 1st Liam MacDonald
- 2nd Andrew Lawrie
- 3rd Jeremy Lennon

SPRINT CHAMPION

SSCC Speed Trophy

- 1st Andrew Lawrie
- 2nd Liam MacDonald
- 3rd Travis McPherson

DISCOUNT TYRES 0 – 1600cc SPEED TROPHY

- 1st Travis McPherson

STRESSCRETE 1601cc & OVER SPEED TROPHY

- 1st Andrew Lawrie

CLUBSPORT CHAMPION

Warren Robbie Memorial Trophy

- 1st Andrew Lawrie
- 2nd Liam MacDonald
- 3rd Jeremy Lennon

MOST IMPROVED DRIVER

Howard Kingsford-Smith Trophy

Dayle Kirby

JUNIOR DRIVER

Ladies Committee Trophy

Joshua Cooper

LADIES CHAMPION

SSCC Club Championship Ladies Trophy

Rachel Lawrie

WORKERS AWARD

R B Munro Trophy

Greg McLeod

MARSHALL OF THE YEAR

Macks Panel & Paint Trophy

Bernard Mathews

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Keith Douglas Memorial Trophy

Allan Batt

SSCC CLUB CHAMPION 2018

SSCC Club Champions Trophy

Liam MacDonald

Outstanding Achievement

Liam MacDonald – NZ Touring Cars Class 2 Champion

Rachel Lawrie – NZ Ladies Champion – ClubSport

RACE AWARDS

SPORTS & RACING CHAMPION

Harold Williams Memorial Trophy

- 1st Gregory Scott
- 2nd Jordan Michels
- 3rd Robin Williams

FLYING FAREWELL CHAMPION

Evolution Motorsport Trophy

- 1st Gregory Scott
- 2nd Jordan Michels
- 3rd Greg Millane

RACE CLASSES

0-1300cc - Turntru Machining Trophy

- 1st Todd Blackmun
- 2nd Wal Willmott
- 3rd Jordan Michels

1301-1600cc - Nebulite Windows & Doors Trophy

- 1st Dayle Kirby
- 2nd Andrew Muir
- 3rd Jeremy Dawson

1601-2500cc - Arrow International Trophy

- 1st Rachael Beck
- 2nd Wayne Elliott
- 3rd Olivia Beck-Graham

2501cc & over - Auto Centre Trophy

- 1st Liam MacDonald
- 2nd Ian McKenzie
- 3rd Jeremy Dawson

FLYING FAREWELL CHAMPION

Erskine Flying Farewell Trophy

- 1st Jeremy Dawson
- 2nd Liam MacDonald
- 3rd Andrew Muir

RACE CHAMPION

Noel McIntyre Trophy

- 1st Liam MacDonald
- 2nd Todd Blackmun
- 3rd Wal Willmott

RUNNER UP – CLUB CHAMPION 2018

SSCC Club Champion Runner Up Trophy

Andrew Lawrie

Prizegiving photos below courtesy of Alan King – Club Champion Liam MacDonald with his haul of trophies from the Annual Prizegiving and Allan Batt (Batman) momentarily speechless upon receiving the Keith Douglas Memorial Trophy.



ILT Southland Sportsperson of the Year

In between receiving the silverware for his second NZ Touring Car Class 2 Championship at the Motorsport New Zealand Awards and collecting several trophies including the overall Club Championship at the club's prizegiving, Liam MacDonald was back in the spotlight at the ILT Southland Sports Awards as a finalist in the ILT Senior Sportsperson Of The Year Award.

Liam was a finalist in a strong line up being one of six finalists in the category alongside World Cup winners and NZ Track Cycling reps Eddie Dawkins and Kirstie James, World Champion axeman Bobby Dowling, Southern Steel Captain Wendy Frew and New Zealand Touch Rep, Patricia Hopcroft. The Award went to Wendy Frew but it was great acknowledgement of Liam's efforts to be a finalist in such a star studded line up.

More Success for Brendon Leitch

After his two race wins in the ultra-competitive Castrol Toyota Racing Series earlier in the year, club member Brendon Leitch turned his attention to the ENEOS North Island Endurance Series in the winter months sharing the drive of the ITM MIKE Racing Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG GT3 with Christina Orr-West. The pair acquitted themselves exceptionally well finishing second overall and winning the GT-A class. We look forward to Brendon's appearance at Teretonga Park in the opening round of the Carter's Tyre Service South Island Endurance Series on Saturday 15 September.



The ITM – MIKE Mercedes SLS AMG GT3 – photo Geoff Ridder

Race Committee

The 2018/2019 race season is almost upon us and there are some exciting times ahead of us as we head into a new year.

The Driver's Forum showed a keenness for a Class B in the Noel McIntyre Drainage Clubmans Series and if numbers permit this season we will endeavour to run a Class A and Class B with a split for Class B at around the 1 minute 15 or 16 and above. Please make contact with the club if you would like to know more!

The first meeting for Clubmans will be our race meeting on Sunday 4 November and the intention is to run a quickfire programme over three hours at this event. Before that we have our opening meeting of the season with the Carter's Tyre Service One Hour and Three Hour Endurance Races on Saturday 15 September. Entries are looking better than ever with large fields and some exciting machinery including possibly two McLaren's and our own Brendon Leitch along with Christina Orr-West in the ITM-MIKE Mercedes Benz SLS AMG GT3 fresh from finishing second in the ENEOS North Island Series along with winning their class.

Bevan Gerrard
Race Committee



ClubSport

Already the new season is upon us, it seems these off seasons are getting shorter & shorter!

The great news is that once again Evolution Motorsport has come on board to sponsor our ClubSport Championship. To this effect we kicked the season off with a pre-season warm up night at the Evolution Motorsport Workshop. It was a great opportunity to catch up on off season happenings, understand the changes for the coming season, all the while admiring some special machinery.

This year we have made a couple of changes with only 5 Rounds counting towards the Championship and we have dropped the "Hit Out" in favour of starting straight into points. We will also run a couple of Thursday night Motorkhana's and have the traditional Sunday as a Double Auto Cross day.

These changes have come directly from the feedback from the Drivers Forum, so demonstrates the power of these forums!

Round 1 is already complete and what a turn out! Having Lindsay Beer on board is certainly raising our profile, so thanks Lindsay! This is also clearly reflected in the number of spectators, the most I've ever seen at a Clubsport event.

For the first time in a while we had 30+ competitors in the Motorkhana which made for a busy morning. Seems the hit out wasn't required as the competition was on right from the get-go with Liam MacDonald securing the highest points. It was awesome to see the Evolution Motorsport sponsored Club Car getting a workout. This is new this year to enable new competitors an opportunity to try the sport without committing up front.

Autocross also had a few new faces and a great turnout with a tighter track to start the year and to blood the new guys. That didn't impede the action as it was on with Liam once again taking the points lead. It was great to see some new cars, Peter Waters Charger certainly a favourite amongst the spectators. It was nice to see the dust being blown off some cars with Vice President Ian Richardson bringing the Pulsar out for the first time in a few years.

We are into Round 2 on 23rd September.

As always our events are nothing without our volunteers, so special mention to Kevin W, the Lewis' and the balance of the Lines family for helping make our day possible along with all those that assist on the day.

Cheers guys
Stac.

Sprint Championship: Overall								Discount Tyres Trophy: 0-1600cc								Stresscrete Southland Trophy: 1600cc+							
Competitor	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total	Competitor	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total	Competitor	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total
Liam Macdonald	100.00						100.00	Travis Mcpherson	100.00						100.00	Liam Macdonald	100.00						100.00
Andrew Lawrie	98.29						98.29	Graham McRae	99.64						99.64	Andrew Lawrie	98.29						98.29
Rachel Lawrie	97.01						97.01	Daniel McIntosh	98.76						98.76	Rachel Lawrie	97.01						97.01
Craig Allan	96.75						96.75	Rolly Rarere	97.46						97.46	Craig Allan	96.75						96.75
Travis Mcpherson	95.46						95.46	Cole McKinnon	97.07						97.07	Ian Richardson	94.85						94.85
Graham McRae	95.12						95.12	Jeremy Lennon	96.60						96.60	Andrew Mesman	93.79						93.79
Ian Richardson	94.85						94.85	Stacy Lines	93.44						93.44	Malcolm Mitchell	92.06						92.06
Daniel McIntosh	94.28						94.28	Josh Cooper	91.52						91.52	Chris Duston	89.42						89.42
Andrew Mesman	93.79						93.79	Joshua Clarke	90.19						90.19	Tony Chapman	87.57						87.57
Rolly Rarere	93.03						93.03	Kent Lines	89.32						89.32	Matt Lines	84.88						84.88
Cole McKinnon	92.67						92.67	Abe Lewis	86.81						86.81	Loren Mackay	82.62						82.62
Jeremy Lennon	92.22						92.22	Darren Murch	85.51						85.51	Eldrix Callo	81.26						81.26
Malcolm Mitchell	92.06						92.06																
Chris Duston	89.42						89.42																
Stacy Lines	89.20						89.20																
Tony Chapman	87.57						87.57																
Josh Cooper	87.36						87.36																
Joshua Clarke	86.10						86.10																
Kent Lines	85.26						85.26																
Matt Lines	84.88						84.88																
Abe Lewis	82.87						82.87																
Loren Mackay	82.62						82.62																
Darren Murch	81.63						81.63																
Eldrix Callo	81.26						81.26																

Motorkhana Championship							
Competitor	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total
Liam Macdonald	100.00						100.00
Stacy Lines	97.19						97.19
Andrew Mesman	94.19						94.19
Daniel McIntosh	93.92						93.92
Josh Cooper	93.60						93.60
Brooke Mcpherson	92.77						92.77
Graham McRae	92.06						92.06
Malcolm Mitchell	88.80						88.80
Andrew Kennedy	88.55						88.55
Chris Duston	88.12						88.12
Craig Allan	84.26						84.26
Todd Blackmun	84.20						84.20
Campbell Mckenzie	82.53						82.53
Jeremy Lennon	80.76						80.76
Darren Murch	80.61						80.61
Eldrix Callo	75.12						75.12
Matt Lines	74.87						74.87
Tom Dymond	65.49						65.49
Neil Allan	50.89						50.89
Loren Mackay	49.30						49.30

Driver Forum

Many thanks to all those members who attended the Southland Sports Car Club Driver Forum at Teretonga Park in May.

There was some very good discussion and feedback for both the Clubsport and Race committees of the club to consider going forward. As you can see from Stacy's Clubsport report some of the points discussed are already being implemented while the Race Committee is hoping to implement a Class B to allow competitors who wish to transition from Clubsport to racing. If you are interested in running in this class or require more information please contact the club as soon as possible. We need the numbers to make it happen.

Thank you for taking the time to help the club plan for the future.

OSCA 50th Anniversary

The Open Saloon Car Association has advised that they are about to mark 50 years and want to celebrate OSCA and Sport Sedan racing in general in New Zealand. There have been some amazing cars and drivers race OSCA/Sport Sedans during the past 50 years and some almighty on track battles that have shaped

many a young person's view and opinion on who was the better driver or better car and now it's time to celebrate them all with a three round festival in February 2020 starting at Mike Pero Motorsport Park, Ruapuna at the Skope Classic, followed by Timaru International Motor Raceway, Levels a week later and then Teretonga Park a week after that.

At Ruapuna there will be a ticketed function/dinner with a guest speaker, memorabilia etc. to kick start the celebrations with smaller functions at Timaru and Teretonga Park over the following weeks.

All races will be demonstration only races and OSCA are looking for any OSCA cars that competed at any round up until 1995 (spaceframe by application only) and all similar North Island Sport Sedans of that era too. If you are interested but not sure if you fit in please make contact as they want to be as inclusive as possible but do need to make sure that they know what is entering. There will also be a display of any cars that are not able to make it onto the track. The initial response is looking very impressive with possibly over 30 cars which will be a fantastic sight.

More information will be released in the future so please keep an eye on the OSCA Open Saloon Car Association facebook page and if you want to keep up with how things are progressing or would like to register your interest with either a car or just to be involved please email either Evan Munt evanmunt@hotmail.com or Richard Quin from Historic Sport Sedans cmquin@gmail.com

Women In Motorsport

The club was asked to produce the following story for the CRC Speedshow in July and it tells the interesting story of our President, Rachael Beck so we reproduce it here.

RACHAEL BECK – WOMEN IN MOTORSPORT

If you are talking about Women In Motorsport down south then it will not be long before the name of Rachael Beck will come into the conversation. Rachael is the President of the Southland Sports Car Club, operators of the Teretonga Park motor racing circuit. She is also a regular competitor in the club's events and even organises the food for the Teretonga Tasties catering operation on the circuit infield before each meeting among many other roles.

Rachael's dad, the late Graeme Beck, got his daughter into the sport. "Dad raced a V8 Beck Special and when I turned 18 I did some Eastern Southland Car Club motorkhana's in the car. After a year I took a break to get an education and a job, eventually landing at Stresscrete which was owned by Fletcher Building." There she met Jason Crosbie who became her partner and later also her business partner when Jason and Rachael plus another couple purchased the business. The other couple have now sold their interest leaving Jason and Rachael as sole owners. Jason was not into motorsport but after meeting Rachael and her dad he became involved and now also competes. Rachael's first race car, a Fiat 125 and her next one, a Fiat 850 powered by a Honda 22A engine were built by Jason. The other car Rachael has raced is a special one, a Ford GT40 replica powered by a Ford 351. "Dad started building the car over a period of ten years but never raced it before he passed away. We brought it down from Queenstown and Jason got it going." The car carries the number 63 which was Graeme Beck's age when he passed away and also carries his name – G A Beck.

She rates driving the GT40 for the first time as a highlight while success has come in the form of "four or five Ladies Championships and this past season the 1601-2500cc class title, one that mechanical issues have cost her in the past. She and one other competitor are currently battling it out for the club's last man standing prize – neither having missed a meeting in the last three years - which shows Rachael's commitment to the sport.



As well as Rachael's involvement, daughter Olivia Beck-Graham also competes in a Honda after starting out in Youth Saloons at the local speedway and motorkhana events while son Alex has been karting for 5 years and is keen to get onto Teretonga Park, with Jason already building him a single seater.

Rachael's administrative roles in the club started when she came on the Executive as Vice-President and now she is commencing her second year as President, the youngest female President to lead the club. At one stage she worked in the kitchen on days she was racing – "it was better than people going hungry!" After a year she realised that just did not work but she still organises the food prior to events. She has also competed in clubsport from time to time as has Olivia. She is also the Secretary of Kartsport Southland adding to a not inconsiderable workload.

Rachael would like to see more women competing in the future as it is a male dominated sport. "There is nothing better than when you beat the guys," she says!



TRAINING DAY

Our annual training day for marshalls and first responders was held on Saturday 25 August. Thank you to all who gave up their time to attend in preparation for the upcoming season.



Congratulations...



We are pleased to advise that our caretaker Russell Adamson recently got engaged to his partner Rosellen. They met through friends and have known each other a couple of years. Russell tells us, "we seem to get on alright"! No wedding date has been decided upon as yet.

Track Inspection

The Head of the Circuit Safety Commission of Motorsport New Zealand, Dom Kalasih, visited recently for the annual national circuit inspection. The inspection looks at circuit infrastructure and any areas of improvement that can be made to ultimately prevent injury type crashes. An FIA inspection is also held every three years.



Scott O'Donnell

Congratulations to club member Scott O'Donnell who was elected to the Board of Motorsport NZ at the Motorsport NZ AGM.

Cameron Morison

Former Club member and ClubSport Convenor and of course three-time National Clubsport Champion Cameron Morison competed in the 2018 Asia Zone Auto Gymkhana Championship in Bali, Indonesia recently, part of the superb prize for winning this year's National Clubsport Championship. Cameron acquitted himself extremely well and we look forward to getting the full story of his trip soon.

Activity at Teretonga Park

There is seldom a dull moment at Teretonga Park. Since our last newsletter there have been many days of action on the circuit most notably the TR Master Drive Heavy Vehicle Stability & Control Course, another visit by the Kiwi Coupe, while the Wensleys Cycles Duathlon & Multisport Winter Series organised by the Southland Triathlon & Multisport Club has been a regular. Australian Tommy Smith, who spent a lot of time on the track earlier in the year returned in a leased Formula BMW car as he worked to get more seat time as he campaigns in the Formula 4 Championship in Australia.

Arrow 6+6 Adventure Race

The circuit was a hive of activity when the Arrow 6+6 Adventure Race was based at the circuit late in April. The many tents made for a great atmosphere as competitors battled it out around Sandy Point and on the circuit itself.



COMING UP

- September 14/15: Carter's Tyre Service South Island Endurance Series
- September 23: Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship – Round 2
- October 25: Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship – Motorkhana Round 3
- October 28: Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship – Autocross Round 3
- November 4: November Club Race Day
Motor Racing Presented by Downer
- November 18: Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship – Round 4
- December 1/2: December Race Meeting (and Christmas Party)
Motor Racing Presented by Downer

Check teretonga.org.nz for full details

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