

# **SSCC** SOUTHLAND SPORTS CAR CLUB **Newsletter February 2018**

## **President's Note**

What a lovely summer we have been having. It was great to have nice weather for the Speedworks January National Meeting and it was also great to see good crowds lined up along the fence lines. A big thanks to everyone that volunteered at this meeting.

The Evolution Motorsport Classic SpeedFest was another great event and it was wonderful to have such a fantastic array of cars. The bulk of the weekend featured great weather. Once again, a big thank you to all our volunteers and also thanks to Rick & Fiona Michels of Evolution Motorsport and to all our other sponsors for your support of SpeedFest.

Rachael Beck  
President

## **Our Volunteers**

Anyone who did not appreciate just how many people and how much work it takes to run events only needed to look at line up when Lenard McLeod set up a photograph on the Sunday morning of the January race meeting which included our first responders and flaggies etc. It was a great initiative and really underlines how much we depend on the efforts of our fantastic team of volunteers. Thank you to each and every one of you. When you consider that there are others who are not in the photo it speaks volumes for the huge volunteer input we have.



Photo Geoff Ridder

On the volunteer front long time worker for the club Gary Harding is off to live in Christchurch. While very sad to lose him from our team we wish him all the very best for the future and thank him for the time he has given the club.

## Race Committee

Our first two race meetings of 2018 are over and many club members may not be aware of the very different way the January event was run. Speedworks Events NZ have been appointed to run and promote the premier Motorsport New Zealand Championships and after a 50/50 arrangement last year this year the event was their race meeting in which they dry hired Teretonga and we supplied track manning, safety and some of the Clerk Of The Course services for certain races.

Speedworks Events received the gate from the event and the club received a set fee for the track hire and the services provided. It was the first time we have entered into such an arrangement and it worked well for the club.

On another note the weather was great for the event and there was some good racing.

The Evolution Motorsport Classic SpeedFest was our most recent meeting and it proved to be another good event with a pleasing number of competitors and good fields in the various classes. Spectator numbers were also up this year for the event. Thank you to all our volunteers who put in a massive effort both in the lead up to and during both events.

Next up of course is the March Race meeting presented by Downer on Saturday 17 March.



Bevan Gerrard  
Race Committee

## ClubSport

Due to the timing of deadlines for this newsletter the Clubsport content was received prior to the latest events but rest assured we will bring you right up to date in the next issue.

Update January 2018

Since our last update we have only had one event – the third round of the Evolution Motorsport Clubsport Championships. This marks the mid-point of our season.

The weather gods came to the party and we enjoyed a scorching day that was as hot as the competition. Andrew Lawrie bagged a double winning both the Motorkhana and Autocross in his brace of Mitsi's. However it is Liam MacDonald that holds the Points lead in the Motorkhana Championship with Andrew well ahead in the Autocross table.

Still plenty to play for in the overall season results as the second half of the season approaches, with some very slender margins separating competitors.

It is great to see some new competitors joining the ranks, including some younger kids. Clubsport is a great environment to hone car control and prepare our younger generation for the road.

Other than that, Clubsport has been resting up over the break enjoying the amazing summer and prepping for the upcoming events. On February 3<sup>rd</sup> we had our second Bent Sprint for the year due to be followed on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> with Round 4 of Clubsport. This was sure to be a heck of a contest

as many of the locals prepare themselves to tackle the Clubsport Nationals that are to be held by the Canterbury Car Club in March. Unfortunately, I was unable to make those events with family commitments, so thanks to Jeremy Lennon for stepping in to run the events, Thanks.

We are keen to take any feedback on what competitors would like to see or ideas on what we can do different/better, so if you have some thoughts please share them, my number is on the web or at an event.

Thanks Stacy.

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
Andrew Lawrie	100.00	100.00	100.00				300.00	Travis McPherson	98.49	100.00	100.00				298.49	Andrew Lawrie	100.00	100.00	100.00				300.00
Liam McDonald	95.87	95.02	88.46				279.35	Cole McInnon	100.00	98.59	98.72				297.31	Liam McDonald	95.87	95.02	88.46				279.35
Stacy Lines	97.38	93.98	97.84				279.19	Jeremy Lennon	96.56	94.97	95.58				287.11	Stacy Lines	97.38	93.98	97.84				279.19
David Lang	91.84	92.28	91.74				275.86	David Richardson	94.93	95.33	94.70				284.95	David Lang	91.84	92.28	91.74				275.86
Travis McPherson	90.86	92.63	92.24				275.73	Daniel McIntosh	93.69	95.09	94.98				283.76	Rachel Lawrie	90.81	89.41	92.20				272.42
Cole McInnon	92.25	89.47	91.06				272.79	Josh Cooper	91.90	95.45	94.89				282.24	Andrew Mesman	91.34	90.10	87.98				269.41
Rachel Lawrie	90.81	89.41	92.20				272.42	Sam Hole	96.58	97.34					193.92	Campbell McKenzie	87.81	88.80	86.22				262.83
Andrew Mesman	91.34	90.10	87.98				269.41	Kent Lines		86.95	91.96				178.91	Jared Gorrie	81.01	80.96	81.60				243.58
Jeremy Lennon	89.07	87.97	88.17				265.21	Matt Lines		96.97					96.97	Craig Allan	96.55	96.30					192.85
David Richardson	87.57	88.30	87.35				263.23	Joshua Clarke			90.59				90.59	Tom Bond	94.19	93.08					187.27
Campbell McKenzie	87.81	88.80	86.22				262.83	Zac Murch			84.54				84.54	Bradley Knight	92.45	88.59					181.04
Daniel McIntosh	86.43	88.08	87.61				262.12									Malcolm Mitchell	84.77	85.68					170.45
Josh Cooper	84.78	88.42	87.53				260.72									Ben Kelly	84.08	84.68					168.76
Jared Gorrie	81.01	80.96	81.60				243.58									Donovan Isted	92.13						92.13
Craig Allan	96.55	96.30					192.85									Neil Allan			91.72				91.72
Tom Bond	94.19	93.08					187.27									Cameron Edgar	90.91						90.91
Bradley Knight	92.45	88.59					181.04									Barry Somerville	88.42						88.42
Sam Hole	89.09	90.17					179.27									Ethan Wilks	84.43						84.43
Malcolm Mitchell	84.77	85.68					168.76									Roger Neilson		80.67					80.67
Ben Kelly	84.08	84.68					168.76									Dylan Jenner			80.61				80.61
Kent Lines		80.54	84.82				165.37									Shelley Neilson	80.53						80.53
Zac Murch		80.37	77.79				158.16									Zac Murch		80.37					80.37
Donovan Isted	92.13						92.13																
Neil Allan			91.72				91.72																
Cameron Edgar	90.91						90.91																
Matt Lines		89.83					89.83																
Barry Somerville	88.42						88.42																
Ethan Wilks	84.43						84.43																
Joshua Clarke			83.50				83.50																
Roger Neilson		80.67					80.67																
Dylan Jenner			80.61				80.61																
Shelley Neilson	80.53						80.53																

Competitor name spelling must match exactly between round sheets and this sheet.							
Sort							
Motorkhana Championship							
Competitor	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Total
Liam MacDonald	96.48	100.00	98.01				294.49
Andrew Lawrie	97.61	93.19	100.00				290.80
Stacy Lines	98.91	89.38	93.34				281.63
Jeremy Lennon	93.70	90.11	85.69				269.50
Jared Gorrie	85.14	95.45	83.53				264.12
Daniel McIntosh	90.05	90.24	83.21				263.51
Brook McPherson	91.09	86.94	84.85				262.87
Andrew Kennedy	90.58	82.59	86.80				259.97
Andrew Mesman	87.58	84.33	87.27				259.18
Todd Blackmun	88.10	82.95	82.27				253.31
Neil Allan	84.39	79.50	72.93				236.82
David Lang	91.71	54.89	78.69				225.30
Tom Bond	100.00	99.87					199.87
Ben Kelly	86.24	79.26					165.50
Craig Allan	88.82	75.69					164.51
Malcolm Mitchell		78.14	80.82				158.96
Campbell McKenzie	84.81	73.59					158.40
Josh Cooper		78.34	77.95				156.29
Zac Murch		74.11	81.05				155.16
Kent Lines		71.64	79.36				151.00
Tom Dymond	65.61	50.36					115.97
Roger Neilson		93.98					93.98
Ethan Wilks	83.46						83.46
Sam Hole	82.97						82.97
Andrew Baird			80.56				80.56
Dylan Jenner			76.21				76.21

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One thing the club would like to look at in the winter months is the Teretonga website – [www.teretonga.org.nz](http://www.teretonga.org.nz) As members we would love to hear your feedback – for instance have you

seen some good features etc. on motorsport (or even other) websites that would lend themselves to our site or are there any ideas that you have that would be a great feature. Keep in mind we cannot always incorporate everything but we value our members opinions and even if your idea doesn't make the cut immediately it may be something that comes to fruition later on.

Any ideas or feedback will be gratefully accepted at any of the following - Lindsay Beer, 03 217 4288, 021 351 499 or [lindsay.beer@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lindsay.beer@xtra.co.nz)

## FORMULA 1 AT TEREOTONGA PARK

The shrill sound of a Ford Cosworth V8 was heard to echo around Teretonga Park just before Christmas. Leitch Motorsport & Restoration had spent the previous three months refurbishing a mid-1990's Simtek Formula 1 car, once driven by Italian Domenico Schiattarella in the F1 World Championship, and on two separate occasions they brought the Simtek out to the circuit for testing.

The owner of the car, Tony Quinn, was unavailable to test so the call went out to one of Quinn's employees, Damon Leitch, to head south and drive the car. The opportunity was quite appropriate for Leitch, a top performer over many seasons in the Toyota Racing Series, as he is the son of Barry and Marguerite Leitch who own Leitch Motorsport and Restoration. The initial test went well although the car was not geared correctly, wasn't particularly well set up for the circuit and was on old tyres. After another week at Leitch Motorsport and Restoration the Simtek returned to the circuit on the Friday prior to Christmas and with Damon Leitch back at the wheel the car looked a whole lot more comfortable as the lap times tumbled.

With the driver happy all was well the test was over all too quickly but those in attendance were left thoroughly impressed at the raw speed and sound of a rare sighting of a Formula 1 car in New Zealand.



Damon was impressed with the sheer power and acceleration of the car. "It was unbelievable, real cool". Lap times dropped towards 52 second mark, mind boggling since Damon feels he was only at 7 tenth's.

## TOMMY SMITH

Another coup for Teretonga saw young Australian Tommy Smith spend 8 days testing at the circuit over the Christmas break. It is estimated that he did around 1,000 laps of the circuit. Smith, of Melbourne, is a fifteen-year-old taking his first steps in motor racing after previously racing karts in Australia.

Testing opportunities at Australian circuits are limited so Tommy's parents, who own a container transport company, shipped his Mygale to New Zealand to spend several days testing at Teretonga before Tommy embarks on a full season in Australia in both Formula Ford and Formula 4. Greg Woodrow, formerly of Mygale, was in attendance to give driver training while Rick & Fiona Michels of Evolution Motorsport were the local contact for the project. After testing the Mygale was shipped back to Australia as it was a Duratec car ineligible for the NZ Formula 1600 Championship but the



Smith's leased a Mygale from Evolution Motorsport for the Mike Pero Motorsport Park and Teretonga rounds of the championship where Tommy acquitted himself very well.



Tommy Smith (in car) gets some input from Greg Woodrow between runs.

## **A BUSY FACILITY**

Many club members may not realise just how much activity goes on at Teretonga over the course of a year. Since our last newsletter was compiled the circuit has hosted several driver training days including one for the NZ Police. We have also seen the Colour Rush, motorcycle racing, drag racing, the Central Otago Motorsport Club and cycling. In addition local competitors have been out testing on the track while a couple of teams competing at the SpeedWorks NZ Event in January travelled from Auckland to test prior to Christmas. Add in the above – Simtek F1 tests and the Tommy Smith testing – and it has been a busy time. Of course as we go to print this week we have also seen the Burt Munro Challenge event visit the circuit.

## **RADISICH AND PDL 2 STARS OF EVOLUTION MOTORSPORT CLASSIC SPEEDFEST**

The Evolution Motorsport Classic SpeedFest was another great weekend of motorsport with two particular highlights – the appearance of two-time World Touring Car Champion Paul Radisich - reunited with his 1994 Ford Mondeo SuperTourer on the Saturday of the event and the appearance of the iconic PDL Mustang 2 in the hands of Todd Stewart. Radisich was in the city to speak at the opening of the Ford exhibit at Bill Richardson Transport World on the Friday night prior to the race meeting and Scott O'Donnell kindly invited him to drive the Mondeo which he now owns.

Neither Radisich nor PDL 2 disappointed with Radisich finishing a strong second in his only race while PDL 2 recovered from a gearbox issue to record two wins on the Sunday.

## THE MINUTE MEN

Following the sad passing of club mate Colin Dawson last year Jeff McClure looked at his records of those club members who have broken the minute mark around Teretonga Park. This was initially to research Colin's achievements for his eulogy by Rodger Cunninghame but developed into an exercise to find all the club members who have beaten the minute barrier.

We thank Jeff for his work in providing this information and invite any club members, past or present, who may have been missed to submit details of their lap(s).

Here are the marks Jeff has among his records:

### **SALOON CARS**

Lawrence Knowler – 59.73 (Brennan Camaro) 14/2/98  
LeRoy Stevenson – 59.81 (Ford Falcon XR8) 20/2/00  
Robin MacDonald – 59.63 (Ford Falcon XR8) 19/3/00  
Steve Ross – 58.46 (Oldsmobile Cutlass) 3/10/02  
Colin Dawson – 59.31 (Mazda RX7 V8) 11/3/06  
Glen Brazier – 56.83 LR (Chev Corvette) 18/2/07  
Ian Tulloch – 58.837 (Chev Camaro) 22/2/15  
Andrew Cundall – 59.618 (Toyota Levin T) 6/12/15  
Scott O'Donnell – 59.796 (Porsche 991) 11/9/16

### **RACING CARS**

Jim Boulton – 59.78 (March F5000) 25/4/98  
Noel Atley – 56.61 (Begg 018) 13/3/05  
Barry Leitch – 58.82 (Reynard FF2000) 18/2/06  
Damon Leitch – 55.386 (Toyota TRS) 21/2/14  
Jamie Conroy – 53.657 (Toyota TRS) 24/1/15  
Brendon Leitch – 53.135 (Toyota TRS) 23/1/16  
Steve Ross – 56.065 (McRae GM1) 21/2/16

Jeff has most lap times for all competitors since 1996 so if you have any further information or wish to add your name to this list feel free to contact him. You may have a faster time or have used a different car. All information is helpful even if you are a midfield runner and if you would like your history just provide Jeff with your, date, car and lap time at 03 218 6754.

## COMING UP .....

March 17:	March Race Meeting presented by Downer
March 24:	Evolution Motorsport Clubsport Round 5
April 21:	Evolution Motorsport Clubsport Round 6
July 2:	Southland Sports Car Club AGM

Check [teretonga.org.nz](http://teretonga.org.nz) for full details

## **DIRECTORY OF CLUB OFFICIALS**

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