



Newsletter

October 2021

President's Note

Welcome to our Spring newsletter - the unsettled weather we expect at this time of year seems to have unfortunately been matched by the events of the last month and a half! I find it important to keep perspective by remembering that everyone seems to have a relative or friend that is finding their travel or businesses/employment disrupted. This reminds me that our favourite motorsport activities and the functionality of the SSCC do have an importance in maintaining a sense of normalcy when other things are less certain. To this end I would like to especially thank Norma and Ange in the office for their quick workaround responses to the most recent lock-down, their flexibility with managing cancellations, rebookings and postponements, and always being focused on the future well-being of our club and track. Their recent posting of an RFP for the operation of Teretonga Tasties is an example of the different way that we need to consider the running of our operations here.

The extremely wet weather has been somewhat of a challenge for Russell and despite this he has got the post-winter Teretonga whipped into shape. He achieved this while also training our new employee, Daryn, who has now taken on the role of Groundsperson. It's a warm southern welcome to Daryn and we look forward to working with you in this high profile role. It seems as though we have been farewelling Russell for a while now but it looked like a done deal last week in the clubrooms when, while brandishing a rather large knife, he happily cut his Ford 6600 tractor cake in half - looked like the fulfillment of a long-repressed desire to some of us. This led to a quip from one Noel Atley that despite this it was still fixable! Many thanks to exec member Rachel Lawrie for the cake and to Norma and Ange for setting up the function. Enjoy your retirement Russell - you made us all proud through the many comments we received about the way you looked after the track - hope to see you back out relaxing at Race meetings in the future.

Speaking of Race meetings we are getting set for a Club Day on October 17th and then on the following Saturday and Sunday (23rd & 24th October) the SIERDC round that was postponed due to Covid will be on track. These meetings will be the first for new Race Committee chair Daniel Kent who has been passed the baton from Bevan Gerrard. Bevan steps down after 10 years in the role but will continue in Timing as he obviously subscribes to the philosophy of not having too much idle time on his hands! Bevan continues to be the consummate club member as he has for decades and many examples of his engineering solutions are evident around the track and buildings. I'm told that evidence of his block laying prowess may be a tad harder to find!

While I'm on the subject of Works, good progress is being made that will lead to the next stage of spectator bank building and we are currently undertaking some much needed track resurfacing at the hairpin. In the meantime we hope to see you out at the track in October and as always the exec members are available to answer any questions you may have.

Ian Richardson
President

Track Maintenance

As mentioned in the Presidents Report, the track is closed for maintenance at the moment. The track will be available again in time for the October Club Race Day.



Carter's Tyre Service South Island Endurance Series

As you will all know by now the Carter's Tyre Service South Island Endurance Series round scheduled for mid-September at Teretonga Park was postponed and will now be held at Labour Weekend as Round 3 of the series. The action will take place on both Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 October.

While it is impossible to predict what the situation will be, particularly around Auckland at that time, the potential exists for one of the most exciting fields in the history of the series with the Dwayne Carter Brabham BT62, the Glen Smith/tba McLaren 650S GT3, the Scott Smith Lamborghini Reiter R-EX GT3 plus plenty more exciting racing machinery all keen to contest the series.



Farewell Russell

Our Teretonga Park groundsman, Russell Adamson, was farewelled with a small afternoon tea on Thursday 23 September after eight years on the job.



He will still be about early in the season as he helps his replacement settle in on race days and we look forward to seeing him spectating after that.

In the meantime, all the best Russell and thank you for all your efforts at Teretonga Park.



Introducing.....Daryn Cammell

Daryn is Russell's replacement and says he has big boots to fill upon Russell's retirement. "Russell has done a great job, everything is nice and tidy," says Daryn.

Daryn is new to the south hailing from North Waikato. He moved south just three months ago. "I wanted to get out of the traffic and make a lifestyle change plus I have family here," he says.

Asked how he is enjoying his new home he says it is great. "It now takes me 6 or 7 minutes to get to work and that is better than 2½ hours on the motorway."

The Teretonga Park role appealed to Daryn as he has previously worked for himself doing maintenance, mowing and hedges plus he loves motor racing having been a pit crew member at Midget racing at Western Springs in Auckland. While that is his passion any form of motor racing is just fine by Daryn and he is looking forward to racing getting underway here later this month.

"I'm still learning the ropes but it has been really good, I'm enjoying it" he says. "I am looking forward to meeting people as we go through the season and I'm really looking forward to summer and racing!"



Bevan Gerrard

There has been a significant change at the helm of the Race Committee as we head into the 2021/2022 motor race season here at Teretonga Park.

After ten years as Chair of the Race Committee Bevan Gerrard has opted to step down with Daniel Kent stepping up to take over the role.

Awarded Life Membership at the club's 2020 AGM, Bevan stated at that time that the Chairman's role was one that he originally said he would do for a couple of years so the club has benefitted from eight bonus years of service.

Bevan will still be about however, continuing to serve on the Race Committee while he will also remain as our Chief Timekeeper.

Given the opportunity to say a few words as he stands down from the role, Bevan expressed his thanks to everyone who has helped along the way, particularly Circuit Manager Norma Burns plus members of both the Executive and Race Committee over the years while he also wished his successor Daniel Kent a long reign in the job!



Race Committee

After some postponements, the start of our next season is fast approaching, my first as Race Committee Chairman. After 10 years Bevan Gerrard is stepping down from his position as Chairman but will remain on the Race Committee as Chief Timekeeper. I would like to thank Bevan for the time and effort he has put into this role, he certainly leaves some big shoes to fill.

With some difficulties around Covid restrictions we begin our season with a busy October. Sunday 17th of October will see the Noel McIntyre Drainage Club Saloons and Sports & Racing Cars on track followed by the Carter's Tyre Service South Island Endurance Series over Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th for some exciting racing over Labour Weekend. As always there will be some exceptional machinery on show at this meeting and it looks to be a busy weekend with two 1 hour races and one 3 hour race scheduled. After a short break we return to the track on the 4th & 5th of December to see OSCA, SS Cup, South Island F1600, Pro 7's, NZ6 Saloons and many more for an action-packed weekend.

In the new year we will see the Mobil 1 Classic SpeedFest return from 18th to 20th of February as the Historic Touring Cars, Formula Open NZ, Historic & Classic Pre 78, Vintage Racing and more battle it out on track for the coveted chocolate fish as these series are all about the enjoyment of racing more than the competition. The NZ Super Trucks return March 19th & 20th along with Mainland Muscle, SS Cup, Mazda Racing Series and many more including the A1 Auto Services 1 Hour Race. We then round our season off on 9th April with the final of the Noel McIntyre Drainage Club Saloons and Sports & Racing Cars.

Looks like a great season ahead!

Daniel Kent
Race Committee

Social Convenor

The Executive are still looking for someone, preferably with hospitality experience to fill this role. Applicants should have a working knowledge of Liquor License Laws, be responsible for ordering Bar Stock and Monthly Stocktake and liaise with Race Committee, Catering Committee and other Executive Members regarding social functions.

If you think you can help contact Norma in the Office.

Marshalls Training Day

A reminder that this year's Marshalls Training Day is scheduled for Saturday 9 October. The day will run from 1pm.



Photograph: Ron Veint

Volunteer Profiles

Name: Daniel Kent

Roles within the club: I started in 2011 in First Response and went into Flag Marshalling in 2013. I became Chief Flag Marshall in 2017, Competitor Relations Officer in 2019 and this year I have become Chairman of the Race Committee.

Future Aspirations: I am keen to continue climbing the ladder. In the future I would like to have a crack at becoming a Clerk Of The Course and a Steward.

How did you get involved: Through word of mouth really. Lenard McLeod invited me to come out and help at Teretonga Park and I went along and never stopped. Before that I had been interested in Formula 1 and Supercars but hadn't really followed local motorsport.

Why do you volunteer your time: I enjoy it so it is not really work.

Favourite driver: "The Giz" – Shane Van Gisbergen.

Have you ever competed yourself: No – "due to a lack of talent!"



Name: Bernard Mathews

Role within the club: Flag Marshall – Start/Finish

Future Aspirations: I am happy doing what I do and keeping in touch with the people such as the drivers and crews.

How did you get involved: I always had an interest in classic cars and was introduced to flag marshalling by a friend. I have been volunteering for over 33 years now.

Why do you volunteer your time: It enables everyone to enjoy the sport plus it is the best view as you are up close to the action.

Favourite driver: Stirling Moss.

Have you ever competed yourself: I competed in one club day back in November 1992. The rules changed the next year making my car ineligible so that was my only outing.



COMING UP

October 9	Marshalls Training Day
October 16	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship Round 3
October 17	Noel McIntyre Drainage Club Racing
October 23-24	Round 3 Carter's Tyre Service South Island Endurance Series
October 30	Drift Practice Day
November 20	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship Round 4
December 4-5	December Race Meeting
December 12	Grass Autocross (non-points)
January 30	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship Round 5
February 13	Kings Autocross (non-points)
February 18-20	Mobil 1 Classic SpeedFest
March 19-20	Southern Thunder 2022
March 26	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship Round 6
April 10	ClubSport Triathlon (non-points)

Check teretonga.org.nz for full details

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