



Newsletter

July 2021

President's Note

Thank you to the Club Members and observers who attended our recent SSCC AGM and prizegiving and congratulations to the 2020-21 Race Season prize winners and to the members of the Executive Committee who successfully sought re-election. Sadly this event was Jo O'Brien's last as our Social Convenor and I would like to pass on my thanks for her time in the position and her long-term service to the Club. I'm sure we will see Jo pop up in other roles! If you would like to be considered for this now vacant place on the Exec please contact Norma in the office to register your interest.

A number of points were raised from the floor at the AGM and the Exec will be working through these and reporting back on decisions made. I am able to answer a query regarding the right for club members to address the Exec at our monthly meetings. The process for this to occur is:

1. Must be a current financial member of the Club
2. Detail in writing the subject you wish to raise and post/email to Club Secretary.

The 2021 Motorsport New Zealand AGM was held in Christchurch this year and moved to a seminar/break out group format which Stacy, Norma and myself found quite informative. It is pleasing to see how the national office and board is addressing (amongst other items) perceptions around our sport and the environment, the current and future use of EV's, and how we can continue to support our volunteers. From my point of view it was the most cohesive and strategically sound National AGM that I have attended. The awards dinner on Saturday night saw a number of Southlanders honoured for their contribution to Motorsport – (Neil Madden, Barry Leitch, Wayne Shieffelbein, Roger Laird, and the late Steven Kennedy) – and was a reminder that we certainly punch above our weight. Congratulations go out to Malcolm Mitchell who gained a place on the Motorsport Commission and now joins Lenard McLeod (Volunteers) with helping to set the future direction of the sport in our country. When you consider that Scott O'Donnell and Nick Hamlin are also serving on the MSNZ board, alongside 3 other Mainlanders, we can be quite proud of our 'local' representation at the national level.

After the National conference the SSCC exec met one Sunday in May to flesh out a Strategic Plan. We believe this can guide the club's progression over the next 4 years and copies are available – questions and input are always welcome. You will see that we have sharpened the focus under the headings of Future, Facility, People and Events – all with the aim of cementing the financial and physical future of the club. Currently the Teretonga office is also working on an online survey that we will be distributing to our database of volunteers. The results of this will be collated and used by the club to better meet the needs of those who serve. I would encourage all volunteers to participate so that we may get an accurate picture of how you are finding your roles. Motorsport New Zealand has also recently launched online training modules which allow volunteers to upskill at their own speed from the comfort of home. They are worth considering and as the range of training expands there will literally be something for everyone.

It's important that collectively we do all we can to ensure a secure future and part of this requires that we continue diversifying the use of the Teretonga Park facility. While this definitely helps our bottom line I think the bigger pay off may be raising our profile with the non-motorsport community. With this in mind it is pleasing to report that at the time of writing our Coming Events list has over 60 very diverse bookings for the upcoming year.

May current and future members keep building on the 70+ years of service by others to future-proof the legacy of the Southland Sports Car Club.

Ian Richardson
President

Russell returns.....for now

In our last newsletter we broke the news that our Teretonga Park groundsman, Russell Adamson, was retiring from his position on June 10 after eight years on the job.

However due to the fact that a suitable replacement has not yet been found Russell, who is currently enjoying a break, has agreed to continue until his replacement is found.

The position will be re-advertised towards the end of this month and Russell will return on 2 August to fill the role while his replacement is found and then to train them before taking that well-earned retirement.



Club Members Recognised at MSNZ Awards

It was a great night for the Southland Sports Car Club and those involved with the club at the annual Motorsport New Zealand Awards in Christchurch during May.

Four club members were acknowledged, one posthumously, plus a member of the neighbouring Eastern Southland Car Club who has performed Clerk Of The Course duties at Teretonga Park over a long period was also recognised.

Southland Sports Car Club Race Committee Chairman, Bevan Gerrard says, "the awards are great recognition for several long serving individuals who have given outstanding service to the club and our activities. We are lucky to have people who dedicate their life to the sport and their families who support them in those endeavours."

Wayne Shieffelbein and Barry Leitch both received Distinguished Service Awards. Shieffelbein has been a member of the Southland Sports Car Club for over 25 years and has put his hand up to help from day one. He competed for a time and his involvement as an official has gone as far as gaining his Clerk of the Course licence and assisting in race events at Teretonga Park and the Hamilton Street Races. He has also run the Rally Of Southland as Clerk of the Course. Shieffelbein served a two-year term as President from 2006 and he has also served on the Teretonga Race Committee for several years.

Barry Leitch has carried out many restorations of overseas racing cars, including Formula 1 machinery over a thirty-year period at Leitch Motorsport in Invercargill. A competitive racer, his passion for the sport led him to join MotorSport New Zealand's Historic Advisory Commission where he has now served for 20 years. His experience and depth of knowledge has been invaluable to advancing the historic side of motorsport. He was a long-time sponsor of Teretonga Park's Classic SpeedFest and he has supported his sons', Damon and Brendon, in their racing endeavours.

Neil Madden of Winton received a Technical D'Honneur Award. Madden has been involved in motorsport since 1979 when he signed up with Southland Sports Car Club as a Scrutineer where he still continues to volunteer his time. In 1989, Neil was appointed as a MotorSport New Zealand Technical Officer and has continued to work in that role for both their Championship Race Series and New Zealand Rally Championship. Neil is an accomplished Scrutineer with a thorough understanding of the rules and regulations and enjoys sharing his experience and knowledge with others, both competitors and officials alike.

The late Steven Kennedy, who passed away in February 2020, was recognised with a Steward D'Honneur award. Kennedy had achieved much, both locally and nationally, holding various positions within the Southland Sports Car Club such as part of the Club's Executive, a Chairman of the Rally Committee, a President of the club from 1985 until 1988 and Chairman of the Board Of Control. He was made a Life Member of the Southland Sports Car Club in 2009. Elected onto the Executive of the national body in the late 1980's he went on to become the Motorsport New Zealand President from 1998 to 2010. During that time, he oversaw the introduction of the highly successful Toyota Racing Series and the founding of the Elite MotorSport Academy. He was also an FIA Steward, Chair of the Asia – Pacific Rally Committee at the FIA and a Member of the World Touring Car Commission.

In 1999 he was presented with an Award of Merit at the Motorsport New Zealand Awards and in 2002 he received the Member d'Honneur at the Awards. At the conclusion of his Presidency in 2010 he received Motorsport New Zealand's highest award, President d'Honneur.

Roger Laird who has for many years served as a Clerk of the Course for Southland Sports Car Club events at Teretonga Park was awarded Clerk Of The Course D'Honneur. Laird is a member of the neighbouring Eastern Southland Car Club and has been a Clerk of the Course for many events including the Catlins Coast Rally and the Race to the Sky.

The club also nominated Alan and Sharon O'Brien for the Volunteer Of The Year Award. The award is a particularly difficult one to win with hundreds of nominations from all over the country and while the couple were not selected on this occasion the club invited them to the awards night and felt they would have been extremely deserving winners. (Please see photo on next page of our prizewinners on the night.)





Photograph: The southern contingent at the 2021 Motorsport New Zealand Awards in Christchurch on Saturday night. From left – Karen Laird, Stacy Lines (Vice President SSCC), Roger Laird (Clerk Of The Course D’Honneur), Neil Madden (Technical D’Honneur), Shellee Madden, Barry Leitch (Distinguished Service Award). Tarryn Deaker (daughter of Steven Kennedy), Ian Richardson (President SSCC) Adrienne Kennedy (wife of Steven Kennedy), Linda Shieffelbein, Sharon O’Brien, Alan O’Brien, Wayne Shieffelbein (Distinguished Service Award).

Leitch living the dream in Europe



Young Southland driver and club member, Brendon Leitch, is living the motor racing dream in Europe at the moment.

Brendon secured a third place overall along with his team mates in a Leipert Motorsport Lamborghini Huracan in his international GT3 debut at Hockenheim in May, driving for 5 of the 12 hours of the race.

Brendon will now step up to the Lamborghini Squadra Corse GT3 Junior Drivers programme in a 24 Hour race at Portugal’s Portimas circuit over the weekend of 16-18 July.

Brendon is one of 15 drivers in the programme who will be assessed at the end of the year with the potential to move up to the Lamborghini Factory Driver Programme.



Michels Runner-Up in TCR NZ Championship

Jordan Michels claimed the runner-up spot in the inaugural TCR New Zealand Championship held at Highlands Motorsport Park at the wheel of his Honda Civic Type R during April.

The championship was held over a single round with a field consisting of several established stars and young guns of New Zealand motorsport, international performers such as Chris Van Der Drift, rally star Hayden Paddon and kiwi legends such as Greg Murphy and Paul Radisich.

A third place finish in Race 3 allowed Jordan to claim the runner-up spot behind the internationally experienced Van Der Drift.



Race Committee

The new season is fast approaching and it looks like we will get off to a cracking start with Round 2 of the 2021 Carters Tyre Service South Island Endurance Series scheduled for Teretonga Park on Saturday 18 September. The series has been going from strength to strength in recent times and early indications are that there will be two 1 Hour races this year along with the usual 3 Hour race. The calibre of cars expected will be exceptional.

Noel McIntyre Drainage Club Saloons and Sports & Racing Cars will feature on 17 October while the December race meeting over the weekend of 4/5 December should have a good line up of registers.

Details of any event in January is yet to be confirmed while the Mobil 1 Classic SpeedFest is scheduled for 18-20 February with the annual Southern Thunder NZ Super Truck meeting over the weekend of 19/20 March.

To close out the season the Committee have decided to run a club race day on Saturday 9 April for our Noel McIntyre Club Saloons and Sports & Racing Cars.

It promises to be another season of superb racing action at Teretonga Park!

Finally, this will be my last Race Committee report, as I have decided after 10 years to step down from my role. I would like to thank the Race Committee for all the support over the years and I'm sure you will all support the new Chair, Daniel Kent.



Bevan Gerrard
Race Committee

Drivers Forum

As it has been 3 years since our last Drivers Forum we going to hold another one on Wednesday 8th September at 7.30pm in the Clubrooms at Teretonga Park. We were due to hold one last year but due to Covid restrictions we weren't able to.

We encourage all competitors – Race, ClubSport, Drift, whatever your discipline – to attend and share your ideas and feedback. We are keen to listen and get your perspective and look forward to your contributions to help us shape our events.

ClubSport

I trust you are all keeping warm and dry as I pen this in front of my fire.

It has been a very busy off season for me with a wee trip to Christchurch to the Motorsport NZ AGM and being Elected on to the Clubsport Advisory Commission in which I'm hoping to do you all proud and make some noise for us southerners. I have also obtained my Clerk of the course licence which was a very interesting and enjoyable online course .

With the upcoming season fast approaching we need to get some new procedures up and running. Ange, in the office, has been tirelessly slogging away behind the scenes to get online registration sorted for us.

Its pretty simple.

Go to www.motorsport.org.nz

Register and they will send you a username and password which you can change to a more user friendly password.

Go to the events calendar section

Find the month/event and click on the car icon and go from there.

Click the Payment of your choice and this will give you a reference number that you need to put in your internet banking payment details....and DONE

As mentioned at the AGM we have had to make a small increase to our entry fees to cover some costs such as our timing gear and a some track re sealing.

Watch for my monthly facebook notifications on entry fees for each event.

Motorkhana events will increase to \$30 and Autocross to \$45.

This year we will see some familiar and very official looking faces in Steve Watson and Cole McKinnon wandering the pits donning their shiny new scrutineers officials ID.

We will have a couple of extra events this year with the introduction of our grass area that I may have mentioned a few times last season. This will see the return of the very popular grass motorkhanas each event which I'm sure Russell will be relieved to hear that we won't be ripping up the loop grass anymore and an extra Double Grass Autocross to be held there on December 12.

All the event dates are up on the club website.

A special mention to our award winners from our prize giving on July 5th which saw the hot competition of the Liam and Andrew show again this year. I got quite a thrill out of awarding James Fitchett with The Young Driver of the year award. Well done James, you are quite the inspiration . I hope this rubs off on some of your school mates and we get to see some more younger competitors out this season.

Look forward to seeing you all on August 8th for our first round and let's see if we can get some more new faces out there.

Malcolm Mitchell
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Marshalls Training Day

A reminder that this year's Marshalls Training Day is scheduled for Saturday 4 September. The day will run from 10am until 4pm.

We always welcome more volunteers to the team so if anyone reading this knows of anyone keen to help, give the Teretonga Park Office a call during business hours for more information.



Photograph: Ron Veint

Social Convenor

Jo O'Brien has stepped down from her position as Social Convenor after 4 terms so the Executive are 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.

Teretonga Tasties

We are also looking for a self motivated Club Member to take over the running of Teretonga Tasties. If you think this is something you would be interested in please contact us by Friday 30th July. If we don't find a suitable Club Member then we will advertise elsewhere so if you or someone you know perhaps a fundraising group etc is interested in this please contact either Norma or Angela in the Office during work hours.

2020/2021 Prizegiving

CLUBSPORT AWARDS

MOTORKHANA CHAMPION

Keith McFadzien Trophy

- 1st Andrew Lawrie
- 2nd Liam MacDonald
- 3rd Craig Allan

DISCOUNT TYRES 0 – 1600cc SPEED TROPHY

- 1st Josh Cooper

JUNIOR DRIVER

Ladies Committee Trophy

James Fitchett

SPRINT CHAMPION

SSCC Speed Trophy

- 1st Liam MacDonald
- 2nd Craig Allan
- 3rd Andrew Lawrie

STRESSCRETE 1601cc & OVER SPEED TROPHY

- 1st Liam MacDonald

CLUBSPORT CHAMPION

Warren Robbie Memorial Trophy

- 1st Andrew Lawrie (989.33)
- 2nd Liam MacDonald (982.6)
- 3rd Craig Allan (972.81)

RACE AWARDS

SPORTS & RACING CHAMPION

Harold Williams Memorial Trophy

- 1st Gregory Scott
- 2nd Greg Millane
- 3rd Dave McKenzie

FLYING FAREWELL CHAMPION

Evolution Motorsport Trophy

- 1st Gregory Scott
- 2nd Greg Millane
- 3rd Robin Williams

RACE CLASSES

0-1300cc

Turntru Machining Trophy

- 1st Todd Blackmun

1301-1600cc

Nebulite Windows & Doors Trophy

- 1st Jeremy Dawson
- 2nd Tim Duggan
- 3rd Bradley Dawson

1601-2500cc

Maxis Projects Ltd Trophy

- 1st Andrew Lawrie
- 2nd Rachael Beck
- 3rd Daniel McIntosh

2501cc & over

Auto Centre Trophy

- 1st Liam MacDonald
- 2nd Ian McKenzie
- 3rd Jordan Michels

FLYING FAREWELL CHAMPION

Erskine Flying Farewell Trophy

- 1st Jordan Michels
- 2nd Liam MacDonald
- 3rd Jeremy Dawson



NOVICE DRIVER

Maxis Projects Ltd Trophy

Chris Buckley

LADIES CHAMPION

SSCC Club Championship Ladies Trophy

Rachael Beck

RACE CHAMPION

Noel McIntyre Trophy

- 1st Liam MacDonald
- 2nd Jordan Michels
- 3rd Jeremy Dawson

RUNNER UP – CLUB CHAMPION

SSCC Club Champion Runner Up Trophy

Andrew Lawrie

SSCC CLUB CHAMPION

SSCC Club Champions Trophy

Liam MacDonald

MARSHALL OF THE YEAR

Macks Panel & Paint Trophy

Paul Connell

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Keith Douglas Memorial Trophy

Alan & Sharon O'Brien

COMING UP

August 7	Drift Practice
August 8	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship Round 1
August 29	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship Round 2
September 4	Marshalls Training Day
September 17-18	Round 2 Carter's Tyres South Island Endurance Series
September 25	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship Round 3
October 16	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship Round 4
October 17	Noel McIntyre Drainage Club Racing
November 20	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship Round 5
December 4-5	December Race Meeting
December 12	Grass Autocross (non points)
January 30	ClubSport - Bent Sprint
February 13	Kings Autocross (non points)
February 18-20	Mobil 1 Classic SpeedFest
March 19-20	Southern Thunder
March 26	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship Round 6
April 9	April Club Race Day
April 10	ClubSport Triathlon (non points)

Check teretonga.org.nz for full details



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