

Newsletter April 2021

President's Note

Large displacement diesels, old school V8's, rotaries and a plethora of club cars all combined at the recent March meeting to herald the closing of the 2020-21 race season. I think that we are all relieved that it was, by and large, a 'business as usual' domestic season - notwithstanding the loss of the South Island TRS rounds. An appreciative shout out goes to Bevan, the Race Committee, Norma, and Angela who worked hard to put everything together under sometimes quite trying circumstances. On behalf of the SSCC Executive I would also like to pass on our thanks to all competitors and volunteers who contributed so much to the last 3 race meetings of the season.

Malcolm and his merry band of Clubsporters have a couple of events left to cap off what has been a solid season of thrills and there is a buzz developing at the prospect of a dedicated grass course area becoming available. The Clubsport Coordinator also speaks enthusiastically about his recent Clerk of the Course training and if anyone is interested in finding out more about gaining this qualification please catch up with Malcolm, Noel or myself.

Sadly March was the swansong for Ian Rosel on the Infield gate - capping many years as a competitor and volunteer. Thanks Ian - we'll miss your ownership of that role, your friendly chats to those waiting for the gate to open and your absolute dedication to the safety of competitors, teams, volunteers and spectators. Travel well.

Recently members of the Executive met with the administrator of the late Peter McMillan's estate. Peter has graciously made provision for the SSCC via a trust fund and we hope to reveal more about this at our July AGM. It reminds me that the camaraderie and culture that we create as a club should always have people at its centre - I like to think that Peter, from his vantage point at Flag Point 7, knew this too.

Looking ahead over the next few months, our major off-season project will be the sealing of the area around the Hairpin which has recently begun to show signs of degradation. There are also roofing repairs, drain re-routing and painting needing completed - keep an eye out for working bee opportunities.

Finally this year's MSNZ AGM is in Christchurch on May 20 - 22 and Stacy, Norma and myself will be attending. We look forward to catching up with other clubs, attending seminars, robust discussion, and participating in the practical road mapping that our sport requires for the future. If you have any responses to remits, or other matters that you would like us to be mindful of, please let an exec member know.

I trust you all enjoy the off-season - all the best to those of you who have projects on the go - may the shed be warm and the 10mm where you left it.

Ian Richardson
President

Thank You Russell

Many of you will know that our Teretonga Park groundsman, Russell Adamson, is retiring from his position on June 10 after eight years of keeping the circuit in top notch condition and making it a facility we can all be proud of.

Russell has always had an interest in motorsport and worked for Parks & Reserves cutting grass at Sandy Point when our previous groundsman, the late Dave Holland, told Russell he was retiring and suggested he should apply for the role. Russell duly did so and got the position. Now, eight years on, it is his turn to retire.



Russell says he has thoroughly enjoyed his time at Teretonga Park, "I have met so many really nice people," he says. The highlight has been seeing the hill at the south end of the circuit come to life. "It is only a quarter done but it is really great."

Russell singled out Noel Atley and Norma Burns as well as Alistair Robb, Greg McLeod and John Rogers for special thanks for all the help they had given him over the years.

Just before signing off, Russell finally experienced his first hot lap around the circuit at our Southern Thunder meeting in March. For a man who normally covers the ground around the circuit on a tractor, four-wheeler or ute, Russell had his quickest ever journey around Teretonga Park. Russell was strapped in next to Liam MacDonald in the Ford Falcon for his first ever hot lap. It was richly deserved and we thank the MacDonald Racing Team for making Russell's day.



Photos: Ron Veint

How was it? "I loved that lap. It was a big thrill. Well worth it." The fact that it was alongside Liam was a bonus for Russell, "I've always found him nice to talk to and I have gotten to know him a wee bit."

While he will retire soon, we have not seen the last of Russell. "I will be back to help the new guy at the first meeting of the new season and I will come out and have a look from time to time." Other than that, what does retirement hold? "I intend to take bowls up again," he says.

It has been a pleasure Russell. The club appreciates your efforts and enjoy the bowls – you have earned it!



Out & About

A team from the club were present at Southern Grilles & Gasoline 3rd Car & Bike Show at the Collegiate Rugby Grounds early in February promoting the club at what has become a huge day for motoring enthusiasts.

There was plenty of interest in our display with some potential new competitors and volunteers from the exercise plus it was great to chat with members of the public regarding our upcoming race meetings plus about opportunities to get involved with the Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Championship and Drifting plus volunteering.



A big thank you to Lenard McLeod, Scott Welsh, Campbell McKenzie and Malcolm Mitchell for their contribution plus the MacDonald Family and David John for allowing the Team Kiwi Nissan Primera to be a part of our display. Big thank you also to all those who assisted in anyway.

We were also due to hold a similar promotion at the Southland A & P Show early in March, however the Show was cancelled due to the Alert Level situation at the time.

Wilson Takes Class Honours

Nineteen-year-old Harry Wilson has taken victory in Class 3 of the South Island Formula 1600 Championship. In his rookie season Harry competed in the Van Diemen RF88 that the category provides for a scholarship winner each year.

Harry is an Auto Electrician and arrived in Formula 1600 by the traditional route of karting, having raced for about ten years coming through the classes locally, winning two club championships in a row in Rotax Light. Harry won the class from fellow Southlander, Noel Atley while Ethan Anderson finished third in Class 2.

Another young southerner, 14-year-old Alex Crosbie, also had a superb rookie season finishing 11th overall in the championship. Crosbie also comes from a karting background and also competes in Speedway Youth Saloons where he is successful in the 1600cc & under class for 12-16 year olds.



Harry Wilson – SI Formula 1600 Class 3 Champion – photograph Ron Veint.

Race Committee

Since our last newsletter we had three more race meetings to complete our 2020/2021 season and wrap up what has been a good season.

First up we had our traditional January meeting and in the absence of many of the usual categories this season we had many of the South Island's categories plus Drift South. The drifters loved the Teretonga Park layout and a good crowd gathered to watch the show. It was great to see Southlander Scott Welsh make the top eight.

The Mobil 1 Classic SpeedFest followed in February with a good entry, and comments from both sides of the fence after the event were hugely positive with a general consensus that it was a fantastic weekend of racing.

The season ended last month with Southern Thunder presented by Downer featuring the NZ Super Trucks and Mobil 1 Mainland Muscle Cars plus several other classes as well as our annual A1 Auto

Services 1 Hour Endurance Race. Again it was a great weekend of motorsport with another big crowd on hand and as was the case at SpeedFest a large number of self-contained campervans on site over the weekend to catch the action.

Thank you to all that were associated with the season – our sponsors, supporters, competitors, volunteers – anyone that has helped make the season the success it has been.

We are currently working on dates for the 2021/2022 season, however the first event of the season has already been confirmed. We will host Round 2 of the South Island Endurance Series on Saturday 18 September.

Bevan Gerrard
Race Committee



ClubSport

Well, that wraps up another fantastic season of ClubSport points competition and it turned out, as expected, a very close fought competition over both Motorkhana and Autocross events. (Final results will be announced at the annual Prize Giving on 5th July).

With 2 non points events to come our season isn't quite over yet. We still have the Triathlon on April 18th and what is shaping up to be a very well patronised Bent Sprint on May 1st, with the Eastern lads and lasses also joining us.

The Triathlon will see us use the promised rugby fields over the back of Castrol for the first time, with a grass Motorkhana which I'm sure will be enjoyed by all. Unfortunately, I will be sidelined for this one as shoulder surgery will happen a few days before but I'll still be around for the day.

Next season will see us utilise this new facility with a couple of planned events there and it will also be used for our regular grass Motorkhana. This will keep our main grassed area around the track looking great which I'm sure our groundsman will be very pleased with also.

From me I would like to personally thank Tony Fryer for his efforts in doing the course set ups and pack downs, this has certainly made my role a whole lot easier. Thanks Champ and hope you are able to continue your amazing efforts with us through next season as well.

Thank you also to Rachel Lawrie for her spreadsheet mastery, Krista Nishimura and our President Mr Ian Richardson for timing, Campbell McKenzie for his Clerk of the Course duties, Andrew Lawrie, Scrutineer Guru and of course our Gourmet Chefs, Zac and Darren.

This season, to my delight we have seen a lot of new faces coming out and giving ClubSport a crack and more so the family rivalries which has been very entertaining to watch. I have it on very good authority, we will see a couple of familiar names appear on the run sheets next season so I'll need to up my game.

That's all from me as I prepare for an extended period off work in recovery mode which hopefully won't be too long.

In closing I want to acknowledge Rick and Jordan Michels and the Evolution Motorsport Team for their amazing ongoing support of our ClubSport events. It has been a very tough year for Rick but he

has bounced back which shows the determination of the man. An absolute honour working with you Rick and long may we continue. Thanks Champ!

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Clubsport Convenor

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Seen At Teretonga Park

The Toyota Racing Series has brought many top-class competitors from all over the world to our city over the past few years and this year's Formula 1 grid features five drivers who have been seen at Teretonga Park in recent years with Lando Norris, Lance Stroll, Nicolas Latifi, Nikita Mazepin and Yuki Tsunoda all lining up at Bahrain last month. Tsunoda, in fact was here just over twelve months ago and has already reached F1.



Yuki Tsunoda in action at Teretonga Park in January 2020.

He is now a Formula 1 driver.

Photograph courtesy of Ron Veint.

A scan of the F2 grids at the same meeting showed a lengthy list of drivers we have been able to see in action in recent times – Lawson, Armstrong, Zhou, Daruvala, Verschoor, Shwartzman and Zendeli - the first six in the top ten of the driver standings.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions can now be renewed for the year ending 30 April 2021. You should have received your subscription invoice in the mail already but if not contact the Teretonga Park office (2130522 or info@teretonga.org.nz)

SSCC Annual General Meeting & Prize Giving

Our AGM will be held in the Clubrooms at Teretonga Park on Monday 5th July at 7.30pm. Full details along with a nomination form for the various positions on the Executive Committee can be found at the foot of this newsletter.

Trophies

Could all trophy recipients from last year please return them to the Teretonga Park Office by Friday 28th May.

Marshalls Training Day

This year's Marshalls Training Day is scheduled for Sunday 5 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.



COMING UP

April 18	Evolution Motorsport ClubSport Triathlon
May 1	Bent Sprint – Entries available via Website
July 5	SSCC Annual General Meeting & 2020/2021 Prizegiving
September 5	Marshalls Training Day
September 18	Round 2 Carter's Tyre Service South Island Endurance Series

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 73rd Annual General Meeting of the Southland Sports Car Club Inc. will be held at the Clubrooms, Teretonga Park, 86 Sandy Point Road, Otatara, on Monday 5th July 2021 starting at 7.30pm.

AGENDA:

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Valedictory
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the 72nd Annual General Meeting
4. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes
5. Presidents Report
6. Board Chairman's Report
7. Presentation of Annual Reports and Balance Sheet
8. Race Committee Report
9. ClubSport Report
10. Election of Officers
11. Consideration of Annual Subscription
12. General Business

Norma Burns
Secretary

Nomination Form

Nominations are now invited for the following positions on the Executive Committee of the Southland Sports Car Club Inc.

Nominations close with the Secretary, Southland Sports Car Club, PO Box 543, Invercargill 9840 or Email info@teretonga.org.nz at 5.00pm on Monday, 28th June 2021.

If less than the required nominations are received, extra nominations may be called for at the Annual General Meeting. Positions to be elected are –

President • Vice-President • Treasurer • Club Captain • ClubSport Convenor •
Custodian • Social Convenor

Nominations for all offices shall be in writing, each signed by the Nominator, Seconder and Nominee, each of whom must be a Financial Member of the Southland Sports Car Club Inc.

Nominee _____ for the position of _____
(Please Print) (Please Print)

Nominator _____ Signed _____
(Please Print)

Seconder _____ Signed _____
(Please Print)

Signature of Nominee _____