



Newsletter June 2016

Welcome to our **larger and more informative newsletter**. Thanks to Vivienne Roberts for pushing us along with this but to make it work we need input from you, the members.

It has been a very busy, challenging and often stressful season with juggling race entries, promoters and learning all that is involved with the new Health and Safety Act etc.

The Club is in excellent shape thanks to our Executive and Race Committee Teams, Volunteers, Sponsors and of course our staff, Norma and Russell, who are hands on every day. All of which is constantly improving our facility as we continue to work to future proof and improve the circuit. Thank you and well done for all for a top job.

A very special thank you must go out to our Patron Jack Johnstone for his amazingly generous donation to assist with the purchase and install of the Control Tower elevator.

It is with great sadness that we had to farewell Dave Holland, and Keith & Merle O'Donnell during this past season and our kind thoughts go out to all their families.

The Motorsport New Zealand Conference and Annual General Council Meeting was held on the last weekend of May and Rachael and Norma attended on the Club's behalf. Tony Forde also attended one of the meetings to speak to a discussion item regarding the Red Flag procedures. We expect that the Race Advisory Commission will consider this going forward. At the MSNZ Awards dinner on the Saturday night a number of our club members were rewarded for their efforts during the season –

Brendan Leitch	Bruce McLaren Trophy & the Steel Trophy
Cameron Morison	NZ Goldstar ClubSport Champion
Liam MacDonald	NZ Junior ClubSport Champion
Inky Tulloch	NZ Endurance Champion (with John McIntyre)

Inky's daughter Rebecca accepted his award and it was great to hear that he was out of hospital and progressing well in his recovery. Special mention was made of the Paramedics and Marshalls who attended Inky at the time of the incident.

Moving forward, a whopper season is coming our way starting with –

- AGM in July
- 60yrs since the first race meeting was held at Teretonga park
- 25th Classic Speedfest
- And so much more to come.

So we need your help to make this our best season yet!

Dean Maw
President

ClubSport Report

With another year passing we are pleased to have had a successful ClubSport season continuing the existing format as well as introducing some new changes and events.

We started the season strong with over 40 competitors in our first round. Some changes had been made to the format of the sprint championship with the introduction of two classes. Discount Tyres and Stresscrete Southland kindly donated trophies for a 0-1600cc and 1601cc-and-over classes respectively. With the introduction of classes we aimed to achieve some competition at different levels within the overall championship which during the previous few years has lifted its game considerably and front runner cars can no longer be considered basic.

The highlight of our calendar has been hosting the Motorsport New Zealand ClubSport Championship in March. This is an event that we have hosted before, four years ago. With all the effort that volunteers put in over the time leading up to and during the weekend it was a very successful weekend, with Motorsport NZ ClubSport Commission members and competitors all commenting positively on the weekend. Our club was very well represented on a national level which shows the calibre of drivers our local ClubSport competition is producing. With myself taking the overall championship and Liam MacDonald taking the Junior Championship. We also had a regular local competitor Tom Bond with a great drive on the gravel to win the Autocross component of the weekend.

Construction of our gravel autocross track is under way in the early stages. The completion date for this is currently unknown but if possible it would be great to have something usable for the 2016-2017 season, there are various ideas being considered to get new people into Motorsport using this and our existing venue. As material for construction becomes available you will begin to see this track take shape.

Future prospects for ClubSport for our upcoming season include a bent-sprint style of event. For those not familiar with a bent sprint it is a higher speed A to B course incorporating a suitable number of corners and straights. All vehicles, ClubSport orientated and dedicated race cars will be at home on a bent sprint and suitable classes will be set up to encourage competitors from various backgrounds. It appears that the public track days are becoming less supported so it is likely that these will replace most of the track days in the calendar.

It would be great to hear from competitors regarding what they like about the current ClubSport championship format, what type of events they enjoy doing and any other suggestions. ClubSport must evolve over time as the competitors and vehicles become more varied but will always remain an excellent entry point into Motorsport. I look forward to seeing in the new season and watching the cars that get built or improved over the winter break.

2016-2017 ClubSport Dates –

Sunday 28 August 2016	ClubSport Hit Out (non-championship)
Sunday 25 September 2016	Round 1 – Motorkhana & Autocross
Saturday 15 October 2016	Public Track Day/Bent Sprint
Sunday 16 October 2016	Round 2 – Motorkhana & Autocross

Sunday 20 November 2016	Round 3 – Motorkhana & Autocross
Saturday 11 February 2017	Public Track Day/Bent Sprint
Sunday 12 February 2017	Round 4 – Motorkhana & Autocross
Saturday 11 March 2017	Round 5 – Motorkhana & Autocross
Saturday 8 April 2017	Standing ¼ / Public Track Day + Round 6 – Motorkhana
Sunday 9 April 2017	Round 6 – Autocross (incorporating Inter-Club Series)

Cameron Morison
ClubSport Convener

From the Race Committee

Planning is well underway for the 2016/2017 Race Season. Dates are as follows –

10-11 September 2016	Endurance & Register Race Meeting
6 November 2016	Teretonga 60 th Anniversary Club Day
3-4 December 2016	December Race Meeting
17-19 February 2017	Evolution Motorsport 25 th Classic Speedfest
19 March 2017	March Race Meeting

Just waiting on a date from the new promoters of the Premier Championship in January.

The annual prize giving will be held at the conclusion of the AGM on Monday 4th July 2016. At this stage, very few trophies have been returned by last year's winners so could you hurry along and get them back to Norma at the Teretonga Office.

We are always looking for helpers at race meetings so if you have spare time on race days we would appreciate your help especially with flag marshalling and crash crews. You can contact Norma at the Teretonga office and she will point you in the right direction.

Bevan Gerrard
Race Committee



Important Dates

AGM – Monday 4 July at SSCC clubrooms at 7.30 pm.

Nomination forms for Executive Committee positions were enclosed with the April newsletter. Closing date for pre-nominations is 27 June 2016.

Subs are now due. If you want to vote at the AGM you must have paid your sub.

Marshalls Training Day – Sunday 21 August 2016 at 12noon. Everyone welcome. Any questions contact Lenard on 03 2177026 in the evenings.

From the Editor

We are now well into winter so that may mean time to work on the car for the new season. Also time to have a clean out in the garage and what to do with all the bits and pieces that are no longer required? Needing a part that someone else may have? Advertise in the club magazine for free.

Just drop me a line @ vroberts@actrix.co.nz or leave a message on 03 2130768, after 6 pm please. Due to the security on my email you will probably get a message saying your email couldn't be delivered, it will be there but I need to add you to the safe senders list so don't panic.

Keep it brief, For sale - 2 x 15" slicks, used 1 season, phone Mickey Mouse on 00 11 22 33.

Also, if you have travelled away to another circuit/race meeting, either in New Zealand or abroad, we would love to hear about your experience.

Cut off for all reports, buy/sell items, etc will be the last day of each month. If I don't receive anything by that cut-off date, there will be no newsletter.

After windows 10 eating my first draft of this newsletter and having to redo it I have the chance to congratulate Brendan Leitch on winning the Bruce McLaren trophy for the top Kiwi in the Toyota Racing Series and the Steel trophy, Cameron Morison for receiving the NZ Gold Star Clubsport Championship and Liam MacDonald for winning the NZ ClubSport Junior Championship Award and Inky Tulloch & John McIntyre for winning the inaugural NZ Endurance Championship at the NZ Motorsport Awards in Wellington at the weekend.

If you find a spelling mistake in the newsletter that's good, means you have read it.