

AJS MotoTrials Club of WA Trophy Day – 10 Nov 2019

Appreciation gifts were given to:

Sean Steffanoni – Sean’s artistic flair and skills saw the development of our new logo and then expansion of that to generating a consistent theme to our Club artwork and signage.

Kathy Stafford – Kathy has been most helpful in working through a whole lot of options to make our riding bibs useful across the wide range of ages and sizes of our riders. Kathy has now taken the lead, and all will be revealed for the 2020 riding season.

Wendy Austin – for her consistent dedication as our Medic during our Club’s Trial Events – always ready to help and provide care as needed.

Dave Watson – Dave may not be known to all of you but over the last few years he and his bobcat and truck have always been ready to deliver rock, logs, rubble & limestone, do paving, construct & repair parts of the Trial Park and Dave is always keen to help develop new areas to ride.

Andy Chalkley – for hosting our website and all the background work needed for maintaining the integrity of our website as well as generating vinyl names for name plates especially for our new riders as they join.

The Club each year recognises the property owners that the Club uses each year and will provide to them a Christmas Hamper or similar closer to the Christmas period. This year we will thank Dave and Georgie Thomas, Mark and Wendy Austin, Eric and Bev Taylor and Steve Della Bona from WA Limestone for the use of properties during the year.

Trophies:

For the **Earlybird** and **Winter Series Keep Trophies**, the Club would like to thank Dave Thomas of Rustic Metal Works – for the design and production of these trophies with a Rustic Metal Works finish.

Earlybird Series

Sidecar

2nd place: Steve Lloyd-Cox and Katie Letton

1st place: Mark Austin and Roy Austin

BlackPlate

3rd place: Astrid Wilson

2nd place: Richard Baldwin

1st place: Frank Walling

Junior:

3rd place: Ben Fox

2nd place: Jamie Fox

1st place: Jai Fox

Trial 5

3rd place: Garry Connell

2nd place: Dave Richardson

1st place: Ritch Clarke

Veterans:

2nd place: Nick Fox

1st place: Peter Hamer

Trial 4:

3rd place: Darron Newton

2nd place: Simon Thomas

1st place: Ben Walling

Trial 3:

3rd place: Mitchell Whitehurst

2nd place: Jeremy Letton

1st place: Rhys Dundon

Trial 2:

2nd place: Mark Atherton

1st place: Sam Lloyd-Cox

Trial 1:

2nd place: Craig Austin

1st place: Neil Price

The **Easter Fun Trial trophies** sponsored by Install A Gadget were awarded at the conclusion of the event but just to refresh the memories I will just read out the results. The First 5 placegetters received awards. There were:

5th place **Simon Thomas**,

4th was **Steve Lloyd-Cox**,

3rd was **Sam Richardson**,

2nd was **Simon Price**

and the rider with the lowest time & accumulated time penalties was **Sam Lloyd-Cox**.

There was also an award for the most memorable ride – and this year there were no major get-offs up, over or in and the Award was given to the rider with the fastest time around the Dam Section and that went to **Simon Price**.

The Scottish Trial – at the Taylor’s Property Bullsbrook. This great event is sponsored by SJS Moto and I’ll ask SJS Moto to announce the placegetters and winner. The Scottish also comes with a Perpetual Trophy recording for posterity the winner

3rd place: Craig Austin
2nd place: Marco Folini
1st place: Grant Morris

1st 125 Rhys Dundon
1st Junior Jai Fox
1st Veteran Nick Fox

The Morangup 2-Day - This year Dave Thomas allowed us to use his property for the 2 day, due to the unavailability of the properties in Beverley. This event will now be called the Morangup 2-day and will be sponsored by MotoDynamics.

Intro:

3rd place: Audrey Price
2nd place: James North
1st place: George North

BlackPlate

2nd place: Richard Baldwin
1st place: Sue Baldwin

Junior:

1st place: Holly Wilson

Trial 5

3rd place: Dick Yates
2nd place: Peter Hamer
1st place: Robin Ferguson

Vets:

3rd place: Mark Austin

2nd place: John Wilson

1st place: Simon Price

Trial 4:

1st place: Peter Gouvignon

Trial 3:

3rd place: Mitchell Whitehurst

2nd place: Sam Richardson

1st place: Sean Harfield

Trial 2:

1st place: Mark Atherton

Trial 1:

1st place: Neil Price

Winter Series: A 6 round series culminating with a very wet trial at the WA Limestone Property we know as “Immediate Metals”. Club Members had to ride 4 of the 6 events to be in the running for a trophy.

Sidecar

1st place: Mark Austin and Roy Austin

Intro:

3rd place: Jack Walling

2nd place: Olly Pinto

1st place: Hector Pinto

BlackPlate

3rd =place: Jordan Sceresini & Matthew Dethick

2nd place: Richard Baldwin

1st place: Frank Walling

Junior:

2nd place: Jai Fox

1st place: Jamie Fox

Trial 5

3rd place: Mike Darnborough

2nd place: Paul Smith

1st place: Ian Coates

Vets:

3rd place: Phil Barlass

2nd place: John Wilson

1st place: Steve Lloyd-Cox

Trial 4:

3rd place: Andrias Claassen

2nd place: Sean Steffanoni

1st place: Ben Walling

Trial 3:

3rd place: Mitchell Whitehurst

2nd place: Jeremy Letton

1st place: Rhys Dundon

Trial 2:

3rd place: Grant Morris

2nd place: Mark Atherton

1st place: Sam Lloyd-Cox

Trial 1:

1st place: Craig Austin

The Inaugural Night Trial

After much chatter over the years about having this event. It has now happened. – the first ever Night Trial was held at the AJS Trial Park. Note that there was a tie for 1st place in Juniors and Trial 2 that could not be decided by the usual cleans, 1, 2, 3 or 5. Given the unique nature of this event and the later hour we were finishing, it was agreed to award a tie for 1st Equal – i.e. equal bragging rights.

Junior:

3rd place: Ben Fox

1st=place: Fynn Kneale & Jamie Fox

Trial 5

3rd place: Cornel Scheibling

2nd place: Max Pinto

1st place: Matt Haunold

Vets:

3rd place: Peter Hamer

2nd place: Nick Fox

1st place: Steve Lloyd-Cox

Trial 4:

3rd place: Andrias Claassen

2nd place: Mitchell O'Keefe

1st place: Samm Fowler

Trial 3:

3rd place: Mitchell Whitehurst

2nd place: Sean Harfield

1st place: John Stafford

Trial 2:

3rd place: Rhys Dundon

1st= place: Sam Lloyd-Cox & Grant Morris

Recognition and Achievement Awards

The Club awarded Two Recognition and Achievement Medals this year. These are awarded to Jack Walling and Matthew Dethick.

Jack Walling (Oset 20) started the winter series in Intro and had the lowest score in all 3 events (Winter Series 1,2,3) but as soon as he turned 7 he got his junior licence and started riding Black Plate for the next 3 events. He ended up 3rd in Intro because he only rode 3 events – and ended up in Black Plate as 4th (whoopsee 5th due to the tie for 3rd). A great effort by Jack – watch out brother Ben (and the rest of us too).

Matthew Dethick (riding his 2005 Sherco 50) rode 5 of the Winter Series in Black Plate and ended up 3rd equal in the series behind Frank Walling, Richard Baldwin and tying with Jordan Sceresini). Both Jordan and Matthew had the same number of places and Matthew beat Jordan in one trial. Matthew just seems to glide over everything on the little Sherco and has displayed great riding style and poise – Bernie Schreiber knees and all.

The Club held three **Oset, Intro & Junior Trials Skills days** in 2019. Riders who attended all three were presented with participation medallions.

Audrey Price

Fraser Kennedy

Hector Pinto

Jack Walling

Lawson Harvey

Liam Barnard

Club Awards

The **Sammy Miller** trophy is based on the cumulative scores throughout the year based on the Earlybird & Winter Series, the Morangup 2-Day and the Night Trial – with placegetters being awarded 3 pts for 1st, 2 for 2nd and 1 for 3rd as long as there were 3 riders in a grade at the event.

For those of you who are uncertain – and that will mainly be our new and younger riders, you need to look up Sammy Miller MBE on Google and learn about his huge achievements and impact on trials e.g. his famous Ariel 500cc trial bike with the legendary GOV 132 number plate, read about his more than 1300 wins in trials and 11 consecutive British Championships and how he led the development of the modern trials bikes – the Bultaco Sherpa T. The Sammy Miller Trophy came about from the time Sammy Miller came to WA (1966) and rode a trial hosted by the AJS Motorcycle Club – he won the event with the list of riders and results being displayed in the AJS Motorcycle Club clubrooms and donated the Trophy.

The top 5 contenders for this award were: in alphabetical order - Ritch Clarke, Rhys Dundon, Steve Lloyd-Cox, Sean Steffanoni and Ben Walling.

The winner this year accrued 28 points out of a possible total of 33 – a fantastic and consistent achievement. With **the Sammy Miller Trophy this year was awarded to Rhys Dundon**. A photo and details of this award is being sent to Sammy Miller by our Visitor from the UK – Roy Haines.

The Mike Thorpe Trophy is for the Most Improved rider for 2019.

This rider has achieved quite a list of achievements this year – For our Earlybird and Winter Series he has won every event he has completed; he has won two State Championships and a National Championship. Yes, the Mike Thorpe Trophy goes to **Ben Walling** (11 yrs of age) – Winner of Trial 4 Earlybird and Winter Series, WA State Junior Champion, South Australia State Trial 4 Champion and National Champion in Age 9-13 age group – and has been seen giving pointers on choice of best riding lines to Simon Price and many more of us.

The Bill Young Trophy is a significant Club Award

This trophy is for the **Club Person of the Year** and is awarded to a person who has put themselves forward to help the Club in 2019. It was decided by a subcommittee of the Club after nominations from members

The Bill Young Club Person of the Year was presented to **Samm Fowler**.

Cornel Scheibling (Club Secretary) as the “Returning Officer” of the nominations highlighted Samm’s contribution as someone who “put their hand up to help run events to make them happen and was always willing to help”.