



HARTWELL MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Hartwell Motorcycle Club Newsletter

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Happy New Year to all, we wish every one an exciting 2012. We are all geared up and ready to go for Round one at Winton, February 11 and 12, so get your entries in and join in the fun. Make sure you have also paid your 2012 subs. They were due January 1.

****** Note Garages for Winton*******

If you wish to secure a garage you need to contact Winton Motor Raceway direct.

Since our last newsletter we had our Presentation evening, this was also a celebration of our 80th year as a club and it was terrific to see many of our Senior Life Members in attendance. Whilst some of these members may not be as active as they would like, they are part of this club's important history and form part of the club's structure and support basis. We should all be very proud of these life members, so next time you are attending presentation evening why not introduce yourself to a 'lifer' they are all very interesting people and I know you will walk away feeling just that little bit more proud of our history and the club.

Apart from the Championship awards, there were several special awards presented and these were (in no particular order):

Life Membership – Chris Grubb

Chris has been part of Hartwell for many years, he is and has served on the committee and several other committees within the sport, he has also, and is currently the newsletter editor. Chris rides a sidecar with partner Janina.

Honorary Life – Jake Skate

Although only 20 years of age Jake has been helping the club since he was 7 years of age. He started as a runner, and performed all sorts of tasks between now and then and also serves on our Committee. He is the youngest to receive such an honor. Jake's forte is in timing. He developed a timing program when he was very young and tested it at our rounds quite successfully and had quite a client base. He was also working with Computime by this stage and was proving to be quite an asset. Everyone that has ever looked at the Computime website, live timing etc. all has the mark of Jake and his developments are continue so stay tuned. If you log on to the Computime website and look up staff you can read further on Jake's achievements. Jake, working with Computime has been doing the electronic timing for our meetings these last couple of years and his dedication and diligence is second to none.

Ken Kavanagh – Olly Simpson

Olly we believe is set for big things. Olly hit our series last year in a big way proving he has the business. He was selected to try out for the Red Bull Rookies cup in Spain. Competing against thousands of other youngsters in their teen years and made it to the top 20 I believe. Olly has been competing for several years now, starting in the dirt bike scene. We are confident the name Olly will be one, generations will be remembering in our history. Keep kicking those goals Olly and well done also to his siblings that are also excellent riders and parents who are all so supportive of each other.

David Camilleri - Marty Duke

The character of Marty could be described as 'irrepressible' or perhaps 'larry laid back' he may be both of these things but he is also a stand out in the presentation side of things. His bike and person are all immaculate. His happy personality spreads and you can't not smile when in his presence. We look forward to his company in 2012 and also that of his partner starting to race with us as well.

Clubman – Darren Trotter

Darren has been a member of the Hartwell club for many years and is very active in promoting, coaching and behind the scenes of the sport. This is a family affair, as Darren's wife, the lovely Marg and their son Dave are also involved in all areas of the sport. Darren competes along side his son David, you may have seen the shirts 'Dad and Dave Racing'. We asked Darren if he would be able to give guidance to our new members some years ago. He and son Dave took on this task gladly and with their coaching skills, they have been a great source for information, technical advice and technique for those coming into our sport. This support is invaluable and we hope all our new members can benefit from this wisdom. In 2011 Darren also accompanied the youngsters that were chosen to compete for the Red Bull Rookies Cup in an unofficial coaching and supportive role.

Wes Brown – Janina Gorski

This award was presented to Janina by Wes one of our oldest life members, now in his ninth decade. Janina competes as a 'swinger' for want of a word to describe a passenger on a sidecar. Janina is a special person who brings guidance and support to fellow riders. Janina has been competing now for many many years with partner Chris Grubb. Janina quietly goes about mentoring upcoming sidecar people without fanfare, always with lipstick in place. Without people like Janina, we would probably have far less in our sport.

Doug Sunderland Award – Graeme Williams

Young Doug from Wangaratta, icon/celebrity one could say, but to us Doug is a life member and part of our history. Doug for many years now has presented awards to special people and this year is no different. The awards from Doug are from his heart and he feels passionate about people contributing behind the scenes as well as being able to compete. They are the stability and support in the network of racing. This year the award went to Graeme Williams. Graeme works behind the scenes in varying capacities. He helps mainly with scrutineering, but also puts himself forward for any assistance he can. He has made a come back to racing this last year and you can see him snapping at the heels of his two sons racing, with a third son just hitting the track as well.

Two Sportsperson awards – Tim Dowbnia and Jacob Street

This year Hartwell decided to introduce a second Sportsperson award and this was to be presented to a Junior. This award has no trophy but hopefully something just as rewarding. Tim and Jacob receive free entry to all 4 Hartwell Club Championships for this year. We feel they are outstanding sports persons and we wish them great success with their racing.

Achievement Award We had a special achievement award presented to Heinz Schluter. Heinz resigned from the Committee this year and had served for over 25 years. What an achievement! Heinz has been instrumental over the years in keeping this club afloat, his drive, energy, gutsy decision making and forethought has been second to none. We as a club have a great deal to be thankful for. Next time you see Heinz, shake his hand, he deserves nothing but respect and is the epitome of what a 'volunteer' is. He will not be disappearing from the scene, you will still see him helping at race meetings etc. and when the day comes that he does, it will be a sad day for the racing community.

Volunteers: I would just like to mention a few words about our volunteers. Hartwell have great support from some very special and dedicated people. As the saying goes 'many hands make light work' and I guess you have all heard it all before, that we could not function without these people. But I urge you to have a good think for a moment about these people. Don't take them for granted, they do not do these jobs for praise or glory, they simply enjoy the sport and great friendships that comes with it. Often at great expense to themselves. There is never any complaints from them, they come freely and keenly and always ready for a great weekend and often have to make tuff decisions under duress, this is all part and parcel of the racing scene. Take a moment to think what would happen if these people decided not to turn up at a meeting. As mentioned before please don't take our

volunteers for granted or for that matter it would be good to remember the saying 'don't shoot the messenger' is some cases also.

Sponsors: We would like to sincerely thank our sponsors large and small, they all form an integral part in our racing championships. Some of our sponsors have been with us for many years and perhaps this year we could encourage some of our sponsors to present trophies at the Presentation evening, so that we can put faces to companies!

We would also like to make a special thank you to Kevin Eeles who has come to all our race meeting and taken photographs. He has presented the club a book of photographs to commemorate each of our meetings for no charge and for those of you that haven't seen them, have a look next time you go to the office at a race meeting; they are usually on display somewhere. They are fantastic and will be great for our history. Kevin also attended our presentation evening and will also be making a book to remember this evening. We are looking forward to having this on display also. So if you are looking for a photographer don't go past Kevin.

Congratulations to everyone above including every competitor and those that come along to help our competitors. You are all part of our racing fraternity and we hope that you will join us again for what we hope will be a thrilling and exciting year for all.

Looking to the Future,

Hartwell Club Championships included a class for Juniors in 2011 , in 2012 we would like to see the number of Juniors increase at our meetings, and would encourage any family with Juniors racing to enter the HMCC



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2012 HMCC Club Championship

We hope you are all set for a fantastic year of racing. This year we have made some slight alterations from last year. These changes were based on a survey that was in the last newsletter together with many discussions throughout the pits during the year and emails received. We hope that you will be pleased with these changes and whilst we realise that we cannot please everyone we hope that we have made a step forward in the majority. Please be aware that should anyone have any thoughts or ideas throughout the year, please contact the club direct, write them down and send them in. Bear in mind that we are not mind readers and appreciate the effort anyone takes to come to the 'source' with issues and ideas.

We have published these guidelines in full on the Hartwell website and urge all riders to read them before entering the meetings. If anyone cannot access the website don't hesitate to contact the office to have one sent out in the mail.

The main areas of change are:

- This year we will be running with 4 championship rounds and not 5. We will be attending Winton, Mac Park, Phillip Island and Broadford.
- We will be running a SuperMoto RR Class a Supermono Class and a Thunderbike Class They will all receive separate points. Thunderbike class now exclude single cylinder bikes.
- **Cross Entries allowed** - AT NO EXTRA CHARGE, Cross entries will be accepted in a preference system until grids fill up.

The Greg Bailey Feature Race - Will be a 20 Minute + 1 lap race at each round.

- **600 Expert, Non-Expert & Novice / Over 600 Expert, Non-Expert & Novice classes** on the Sunday of each round, instead of receiving 3 smaller races, will receive a short race and an at least double distance race.
- The last Sidecar race on Sunday (trophy) will be a Handicap race.

Also attached to the Series guidelines are the

For the class specific rules for: SuperMoto / Mono, Superlight & Formula 400. Refer to the Series guidelines on the website, www.hartwellmcc.org and again if you don't have access to the website, contact the office and we'll send you a copy of the guidelines.

Aside from the above we have also introduced a '**freebie**' into our rounds. Every rider that competes will have their name placed in a hat, and a name will be drawn out by the rider that wins 'Best Presented' for the weekend and that person receives an entry into the next round free of charge. (Garage is extra and it is not transferrable).

Hope everyone is set for a fantastic years racing ahead of us!

Grading changes for 2012

Non Expert to Expert: Kris Parnell, Andrew Lind, Tyson Jones, Nathan Jones, Liam Wilkinson

Novice to Non Expert: Tim Dowbnia, Rowen Smith, Sam Watson, Brad Conder, David Blades, Paul Dodd, Byron Gill, Bryan Maher, Steve Thibou, Terry Dixon, Stuart Tait, Adam Dinnage, Wayne Dinnage, Joe Marateo, Phil Stojanovic, Bruce Parker, Stephen Brocklesby, Paul Hargreaves, Glenn Sharpe

Contact details and useful Phone Numbers

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The office is usually manned on a Tuesday and Thursday, so if no one answers, leave a message and your call will be returned. Emails are monitored daily.

Club website is at: www.hartwellmcc.org e-mail hartwellmcc@optusnet.com.au

Newsletter editor: Chris Grubb

Committee meetings - 2nd Tuesday of month at 8pm.

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Rider Tip: Before you enter a meeting, make sure you have a valid licence and that your membership is current. This is your responsibility! All Hartwell memberships become due January 1.

Member Tip: This newsletter a way for you all to share your experiences, so if you have a photo and or story, funny or just weird, we would love to publish it. It doesn't have to be a novel. Email to the club. Also, if you have not registered your email address with the website we would encourage you to do so, so that you can receive your newsletters and entry forms on line instead of snail mail. If you have registered and are still receiving your newsletters by mail, please contact the office to have this changed. This helps greatly with postage and man power.

Classified Ads: If you wish to place a classified ad in the newsletter, please email these in. They will appear in one newsletter unless otherwise requested.

Classifieds

For Sale:

Honda GP 125 and 250 cylinders, to suit models from 1990 to 2008. Heads also available.

Brand new, made in Australia by Dirty Bertie. Contact Donny Biddle on 0409 082 351

Bucket / Superlight project. Honda CB125n chassis and front end, fitted with brand new 150cc Loncin upright engine. \$350 Contact Daryl on 03 97301545

Supplier

Aircraft grade alloys for you guys wanting make up parts for their bikes can be obtained from Aircraft Metals with prices listed on www.airportmetals.com.au

Just mention, *Grant Carter sent you* to David Burton, Manager."

Race Calendar 2012 (MANY EVENTS YET TO BE CONFIRMED) taken from MV Website at time of print

| Date | Title | Venue |
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| Jan 28-29 | Island Classic | Phillip Island |
| Feb 11,12 | Hartwell Club Championship Rd 1 | Winton |
| Feb 24,26 | 25-26 WSBK & ASBK | Phillip Island |
| Mar 10-11 | Hartwell Club Championship Rd 2 | Mt Gambier |
| Mar 18 | Victorian Interclub Series - Rd 1 | Phillip Island |
| Mar 24,25 | Victorian Road Race C/ships - Rd 1 | Broadford |
| Apr 21,22 | Victorian Historic Road Race Championship | Broadford |
| May 5-6 | ASBK - Rd 3 | Barbagello, WA |
| May 19-20 | ASBK - Rd 4 | Phillip Island |
| May 26-27 | 2x4 Historic Winton | Winton |
| Jun 2-3 | Hartwell Club Championship Rd 3 | Phillip Island |
| Jun 2-3 | ASBK - Rd 5 | QLD Raceway, QLD |
| Jun 17 | Victorian Interclub Series - Rd 2 | Winton |
| Jul 7-8 | Victorian Road Race C/ships - Rd 2 | Broadford |
| Jul 15 | Victorian Interclub Series - Rd 3 | Winton |
| Aug 4-5 | Hartwell Club Championship Rd 4 | Broadford |
| Aug 17-19 | ASBK - Rd 6 | Phillip Island |
| Sept 8-9 | Hartwell Seniors Meeting | Broadford |
| Sept 15-16 | ASBK - Rd 7 | QLD Raceway, QLD |
| Sept 23 | Victorian Interclub Series - Rd 4 | Broadford |
| Oct 6-7 | Victorian Road Race C/ships - Rd 3 | Phillip Island |
| Oct 20-21 | 2012 Southern Classic | Broadford |
| Oct 27-28 | 2012 MotoGP World Championships | Phillip Island |
| Nov 11 | 2012 Col Samson Trial | Gruyere |
| Nov 18 | Victorian Interclub Series - Rd 5 | Broadford |
| Nov 24 | Presentation Evening | HMCC Bayswater |
| Dec 1-2 | Phillip Island 8 Hour | Phillip Island |

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