

Cycle Torque



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NZ Oceania Trials Team 2023

Great effort from team Ixion at the [#2023australiantrialchampionships](#) with a 1st, a 2nd and a 4th in their grades.



The Oceania Challenge was a hard-fought battle which could have gone either way all weekend. Australia managed to take it out 114-108 with two firsts, two seconds and a third to our two firsts, a second and two fourths.

All in all, the team have had a massive week and would

like to thank the Ixion club for their support, this trip wouldn't have been possible without the help from you and all our other sponsors

(Indeed, that is a fine effort from those young lads, particularly given that they were on someone's else's bikes and in a country largely inhabited by Australians....brutal. Congratulations to the riders and organisers - aka parents - who made it all happen and got behind this young talent. More pics and reports further on in this newsletter and hit the link above to read more on Facebook - Ed)

Riding vintage bikes in the Alps

For all you Classic bike enthusiasts, here's a few pics of some hardy folk doing the unthinkable.....



Yup, serious sections on old machines - as if trials isn't challenging enough! Head here for more: [The Alps](#)

At the other end of the technology spectrum, here's a provocative headline.....

The Device That Can Revolutionize Trial Sport

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Cardinaltech Presents a Unique Technology to Modernize this Sport.

The device, in an advanced phase of development, allows trial to be a more dynamic sport, providing objectivity by equally scoring all the pilots and by unifying the regulations worldwide.

Granollers, September 6, 2023: The fact that trial sport is slowly declining is an open secret within the industry. The sport is struggling to find a way to reverse a situation that

has been deteriorating it for years.

Trial sport has evolved to become slow-paced and highly risky for the pilots. The complexity of the trial zones has reached extreme levels, causing some pilots to avoid certain competitions due to the physical risks involved. Moreover, the lack of dynamism has made trial sport less engaging to follow: to be considered that competitions are rarely televised except for a few events. Could this lack of dynamism and a clear, unified regulation be the cause?

THE SOLUTION: A DEVICE TO ACHIEVE A MORE DYNAMIC AND SAFER TRIAL SPORT

[Read more](#)

National Mototrials Championships 21st-23rd October 2023

Literally round the corner and....you're too late, at least according to the info on this site:

[Champs](#)

Maybe if you grovel and beg a bit....?

For those in the running, here's where we're at with our Club Champs scores, compliments of our Club scorekeeper, Riccardo Latimo...

	Round 1 May 23 Alexander's	Round 2 July 23 Top Pub	Round 3 September 23 Maungies <i>Greybeards, Challenge</i>	Round 4 November 23 BSA Shield <i>BSA Shield</i>	Round 5 March 24 <i>Anniversary</i>
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Trophy

A + Grade

Carl Robson	1	1	2		
Caleb Adlam		3	1		
Cameron Judd	3	2	3		
Stu Lawton	2				

A Grade

Byron Adlam	1	1	1		
Wayne Furniss	2	3	2		
Finn Pearce	4	2	3		
Mark Sidebotham	3				
Jack Arnopp			4		
Phil Costello	5				
Michael Melles			5		
Gavin Pearce	6				
Jarrold Moss			6		

B Grade

Kevin Tither	2	3	1		
Andrew Adlam	4	1	3		
Neil Sturfels	3	4	5		
Zack Furniss		2	6		
Gavin Pearce			2		
Jonathan Neal		6	4		
John Lawton	1				
Jack Arnopp		5			
Jarrold Moss		7			

C+ Grade

Steve Wade	1				
John Thomson			1		
Karl Judd	2		2		

C Grade

Emily Willard	1	3	1		
Charkie Barrett	2	4	3		
Lyndon Wood			2		
Gavin Pearce		1			
Ben Pearce		2	6		
Sebastian Robson			4		
Chris Barclay	3		5		

O/F Grade

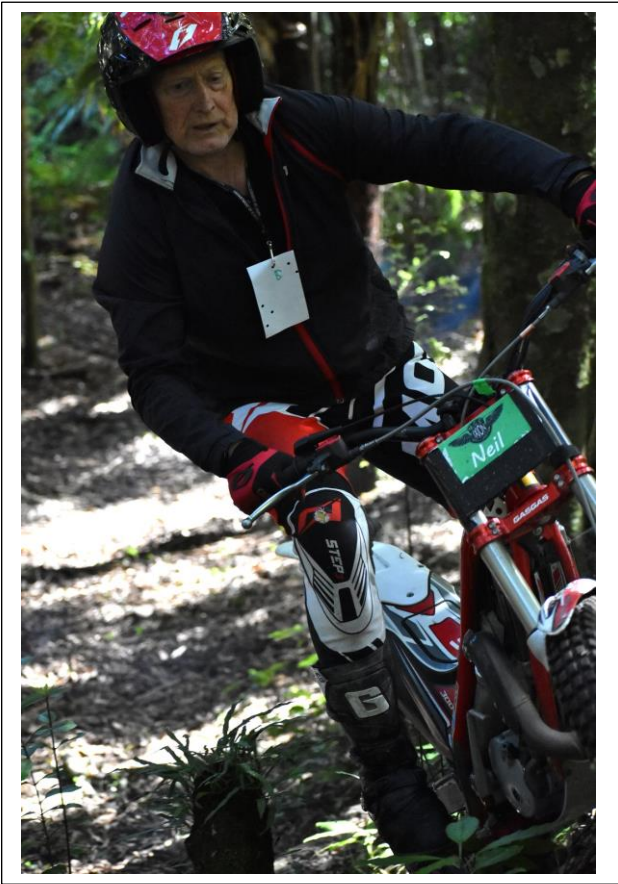
Chris Presto	3	1			
Alan Burns	1	3			
Richard Latimer	2	4	2		
Mike Dench	4		1		
David Trustrum		2			

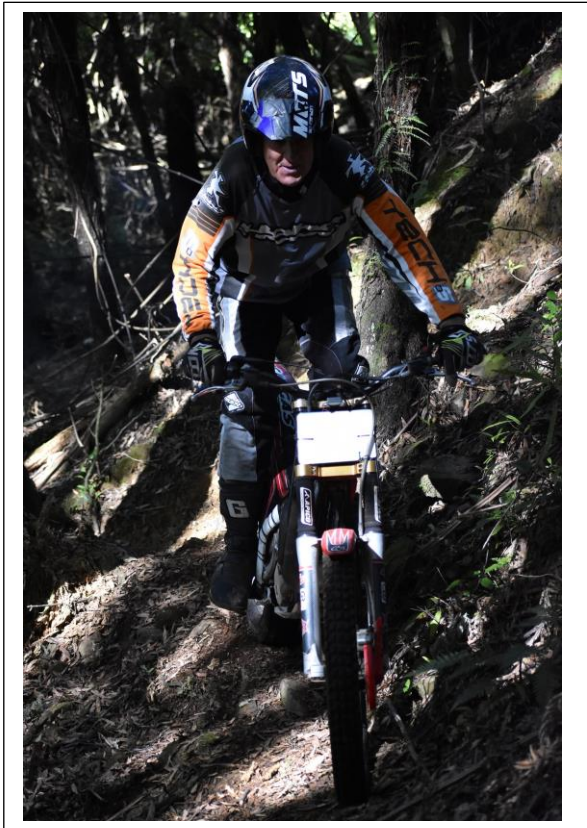
Ixion Club Champs '23 Rnd 3 (Maungies)

3rd of September, 2023

No report forthcoming for this event, unfortunately, but a gaggle of pics, all gratefully provided by Mark and you can look him up on Facebook - search him using this name to check out more pics, including our trails one: [photosbymark](#)
Killer day, apparently, lovely bit of weather and a pretty good looking turnout - here's a few mugshots and results on second to last page....







Maungies 10th September 2023

.....and, a week later, those fellas on the older machines gathered to do battle. No word on how it went, but you'll find the results on the last page...

Worldchamp 2023 ! 🏆🎉🎉
17th Outdoor WorldGP Title 🤖



Irrespective of your allegiance to your bike and who made it, it's only right to acknowledge the achievements of the greatest rider our sport has ever know - Tony Bou. He's just taken out his 17th Outdoor title and, in some parallel universe where Trials has the same following and \$\$ as tennis or football, he'd be Federer or Messi, easily.

Here's a short video of how he claimed the title on our NZ Trials Facebook page: [Bou](#)



Trials.NZ

Harry Dredge has created a website for New Zealand trials. It has information about clubs, what's on, results, etc. It's worth a look: <https://www.trials.nz/>

At the last club ride, we had the pleasure of Mats Petit borrowing Sidey's Vertigo (which is for sale, BTW) and he rode, too, with Pioneer when down in the South Island.

Pete - who puts together their jolly good newsletter, the Megaphone - asked Mats a few questions and, fortunately, he answered in English.....

Mats has been here on a one year working holiday visa and has been travelling around Aotearoa. He rode in the four South Island Championship rounds and the Kaikoura 3-Day and he is now in the North Island where he has ridden in an Ixion club trial. Mats has some amazing trials skills so we thought we should find out more about his trials career.

How did you get involved in trials? How old were you when you first started riding?

My father got me into it. He put me on a bike at 6 years old.

And what was your first trials bike?

It was a 50cc Sherco.

When did you start riding in the French Championship?

I started riding in the French Championship when I was 10 years old in 2004, and I won the 0-12 years age group in 2005.

Did you ride in the European Championship and World Championship?

Yes, I rode in the European Championship for two years and the World Championship for three years. Two years in GP3 and one in GP2. I was 17 years old in GP2 and was around 14th in the rankings. I got an exemption to ride in GP2 with a 300 because we had to be 18 years old normally. I started to ride a 300 when I was 15.

I see you were 9th in the French Championship in 2015 - was that your best year?

Yes, it was, I did one year in expert which was the hardest level in France and it was one of my best years because it was hard to ride this class and not be a professional rider.

And for the last couple of years you have been riding Senior 1?

After 2015 I stopped riding because I was studying for five years to be a sport physio. I didn't stop training and then I went back to the championship in senior 1 and enjoyed it a lot. It was a different feeling for me to ride on my own and pay my own way rather than being dependent on my father, less stress. I was 4th in senior 1 in 2021 and I was in second place in 2022 but I had a big crash and an injury to my wrist so I had to withdraw from the other rounds of the championship.

And you have been sponsored by Vertigo?

Yes, I was, I rode for them for one year in 2021. I rode with a r2 and then a r3. I enjoyed the 5 bike, it's a very complete bike but then I wanted to stop and ride my favourite bike, a GasGas, even though I wasn't sponsored on it. I love the power of this bike for a big big step or splatter and it's very playful, a bit less stable.



And what do you think of NZ trials?

At the moment I've only seen the South Island and it was amazing, you have really huge areas for trials, I'm thinking of Alexandra with big rocks and lots of grip, it's a kind of paradise, then the South Island Championship in Dunedin was also amazing and the farm was huge. They could organise like 10 times the World championship there. I loved the contrast with Kaikoura where it was more British style with slippery sections. The level is pretty easy if we compare it to a regional trial in France but you've got less riders as well so it makes sense. I'm very happy about the behaviour of people, everybody is very kind with me and I can really feel the good "team sport spirit." We're talking the same language and sharing the same passion even if I'm from the opposite side of the world and this makes me happy. I can't wait to see what it's like in the North Island and I hope I will find a bike to do the nationals.

[Update: Mats has been offered a bike and will be riding in the NZ Championship]

(Best of luck to Mats for the Nationals....sort of....and big thanks to Pete for this write up – Ed)

One more video, this time of Warren Laugesen riding his arse off at the Oceania Comp in Australia: [Warren](#)

Saw this, once again, on that hive of information, the NZ Trials FB page - results from 1978!!

Couple of questions spring to mind, wondering if anyone can answer them....

First, how the hell do you end up with half a mark? A toe down, not a foot? Interesting....



"SCOTT"

Geoff & Shane Ace on behalf of the Whangarei Club did a great job of laying out a very demanding course through the steep hills at Mauna just west of the town.

A small but very select band of riders set off with much speed and flair, one of them Tim Aston was back at the start ten minutes later with his handle bars in half but a quick refit had him back in the fray again.

It was soon obvious Gary Samson intended being the fastest man there if not the most dedicated to cleaning sections, whereas Paul Symons and Warwick Merriman circulated almost as rapidly but also cleaned sections as the results show.

RESULTS		time	+	observation	total
1	P. Symons	Bult	1½	6	7½
2	W. Merriman	Bult	1½	16	17½
3	T. Aston	Bult	10½	32	42½
4	R. Skinner	Mont	5	46	51
5	M. Patterson	Mont	9½	55	64½
6	M. FitzGerald	Suxi	4½	61	65½
7	G. Samson	Bult	0	78	78
8	S. Ace	Kawa	14	73	87
9	Sc. Marshall	Ossa	23½	103	126½
10	J. Climo	Yama	13½	121	134½

NATIONAL TRIAL



And, secondly, when did we used to have an actual 'Scot' trial? Great idea, of course, pity it's not still around - helluva lot cheaper than flying to the UK....

Great to see some familiar surnames in there, too, although my guess would be that they're not the chaps I've ridden against over the last ten years - more likely the next generation....



NZ Oceania Trials Team 2023

These young fellas have just returned from South Australia where they competed in 30-degree heat on massive rocks against acclimatized Aussies.

This was an amazing experience, and one that, beforehand, they were considering a once in a lifetime opportunity. The chance to represent their country overseas in the sport they love! Now, however, they're keen to get over there again, and they see this as just the beginning of bigger and better things.

All three of them rode extremely well in unfamiliar conditions and did their club and their country proud. None of this would have been possible without support from family, friends and sponsors. Ixion club members were particularly generous, and we take this opportunity to thank the individual members, and the club as a whole, for their incredible support in helping to get these guys across the ditch and back.

The team would like to thank their other sponsors; MNZ, S3parts, NZ Pub Charity Ltd and Moonshine Hydrojet and Plumbing. Cameron would also like to thank Hutt Valley Garage Doors, Merlin, Patitapu Station and Daniel Renshaw Contractors. And Mum and Dad! Finn would like to thank Rotary Upper Hutt, AWA Artists, Nan. And Mum and Dad! Zack would like to thank TuneShop Australia, Kawa's Kai, Brake n Transmission Petone, Creative Meats, Dale Laurent, Garage Project, Ben Solomona, Dale Robertson, Clint's Auto Electrical. Also, friends and family from throughout the country, the Trials community has been great with contributions from throughout the North and South Islands. And Mum and Dad! But Especially Ixion MCC, you guys' ROCK!

Wayne Furniss

2023 Vine Inn Australian Trials Championship's powered by GasGas, Barossa.



On Friday 22nd September the New Zealand team and I went down to the venue to sign in, have a practice and then walk the sections for the following day. Friday night the following poem was put on the trials page.

Twas the night before the Aussies, when all through the Hills,

Not an Aus rider was stirring, nor even a Kiwi.

The bikes were secured by the
tents with care, in hopes that
the scrutineers would soon be
there.

The competitors were nestled all snug in their beds, while
visions of the podium danced in their heads.....

Saturday morning, we headed off to the trial. Warren Laugesen rode Trial 2, Paul Jackson rode on an (beautifully prepared TY175) old gutless twin shock, Cameron Judd rode in the youth

class, Zack Furniss rode in the 7-U13 class, and I rode in the Open junior which is 12-U16 class. My dad was my minder.

Saturday morning, we were wheeling our bikes out of the van when we noticed that my rear tyre was flat! This must have happened at the end of our practice on Friday. We quickly took my wheel off and found the hole in the side wall of the tyre. Luckily the Gasgas guy had a tubeless repair kit, so we fixed the hole and it worked a treat. "Thanks mate" we said.

After all that we put our gear on, fueled up our bikes and chain lubed our chains. We had a rider briefing and the NZ and Aussie teams were announced.

Then we had a quick practice/warm up. After a brief look at the sections, we then rode them. Throughout the day, man it got hot! (30 degrees) that heat was unusual for me.

The sections were good, but they had lots of things to catch you out on, like holes in the grass and hidden rocks, so you had to be aware.

We had wraps for lunch which were made the night before and frozen cold water which was the best! Along with Dad putting a cold wet flannel on my face throughout the day.

At the end of the day some of us walked Sunday's sections.

Sunday started off with a buggered gazebo which had been smashed around in the wind the night before. We tried putting together a makeshift shelter with the remains of the gazebo, but it didn't work. We fuelled up our bikes, chain lubed our chains, and we were off.

Three of the sections were reused and we rode them backwards and the rest were new ones.

Each day there were 15 sections with 3 laps. All the rocks were grippy as, the terrain was just like Alexandra but on steroids. The ground was dry dirt with lots of sand, meaning the section could change in a heartbeat.

There were kangaroos hopping in the distance and occasionally snakes making their way through the sections throughout the week. At the end of the day we watched the green riders (orange equivalent) who were all minding and supporting each other. The rocks they were riding were next level extreme. Some of them were TDN riders who had spent 6 months training in Europe, and this showed in their skills. They were incredible to watch.

Sunday night we had the prize giving in the Vine Inn Barossa, a community hotel which was one of the main sponsors of the event. We had a good feed at the vine inn along with the prize giving in between courses.

New Zealand got great results with Warren winning his grade. I won my grade; Cameron came 2nd in his grade (which Cameron's new Aussie girlfriend was very proud of) and Zack and Paul fourth in their grades.

New Zealand missed out on winning the Oceania shield by only 6 points. 114-108.

There was also a State team competition where NZ came second out of eight, and a trade team competition where Team Beta NZ also came 2nd out of eleven.

The whole week was an awesome experience and I appreciate all the efforts to make this happen. I also appreciate the generosity of the Ixion club members which made the trip more

financially achievable.
I hope one day I can go back and bring the Aussie title home again.

Written by Finn Pearce

Gavin & Karen Pearce

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Trial report for South Australian Trial Champs. By Cameron Judd.



On the weekend of 23rd and 24th September Finn, Zack and myself travelled to Tungkillo in South Australia to compete against the Aussies in the South Australia State titles. 23 sections for the weekend made for some good fun, especially for the first time riding on Aussie soil. Zack rode in trial 4, Finn rode in trial 3 and I rode trial 2.

We all rode really well and enjoyed every day we rode. On the first day we encountered some locals, section 2 we looked up and saw what they call a drop bear, aka koala. We also stumbled across, tucked under a rock, a brown snake, which got removed from the section by the farmer. In section 10, in the second lap, I was getting warm and decided it was a good time to go for a swim with my bike in the creek. Day 2 had 11 sections as section 7 was pulled, the rocks were grippy and there were some nice rock walls.

Our results for the weekend

Myself in trial 2 came 7th with 131 point for the weekend

Finn in trial 3 came 8th with 126 points.

Zack in trial 4 came 4th with 27 points

Overall the weekend was great fun and we met heaps of new people who we hope to compete against again in the future, and made plenty of new friends.





Trial Report for the Mid-week X-treme Trial at Pleasant Sense Farm, Mt Pleasant, South Australia. By Zack Furniss

Apart from the two 2-day events on the weekends we also had a mid-week trial on Wednesday. This was held at the Harry family farm in Mt Pleasant. Adrian Harry does an X-treme trials show.

The Harry family were great to us, we had full access to Adrian's workshop, tools and water blaster. On Tuesday night they had us all (10 of us) over for dinner. The X-treme trial was run by the Juventus MCC of which the Harry family are all members. The Juventus club gave us free membership for the two weeks so we could get our Motorcycling Australia licences.

Pleasant Sense farm had heaps of rocks of all sizes, we had 10 sections to ride and 8 of them were amongst the rocks, the other two were man made. The trial was really fun, the rocks were really grippy and there was heaps of variety. I rode trial 4 which is blue. I also rode trial 4 at the SA champs but at the Aussie champs I rode Junior 7 to U13, this was on the trial 5 line. Section 9 was made up of a whole lot of logs, this section was a tricky one and it took two of my five points for the day. Section ten was made up of big wooden cotton reels and tyres. This section wasn't too bad for blue, but it still cost me 1 point on my second lap, the Trial 1 and 2 lines on this section were big and looked very hard. We had 4 riders ride from the team, and we all rode a harder grade.

Warren rode trial 1, green and came 1st. Cameron rode trial 2, red and came 3rd. Finn rode trial 3 and came 4th. I rode trial 4 and came 4th. They didn't announce the results until Saturday, and I thought I might've won with my 5 points for the day, but unfortunately there were some adults who knew how to handle the sections better than me with 1st place only dropping 1 point. Paul Jackson didn't ride this trial as they had some repairs to do on both his TY175, and Trevor Bennett's CZ. Here's some pics from the trial.



Zac in Section 10



Warren in Section 9

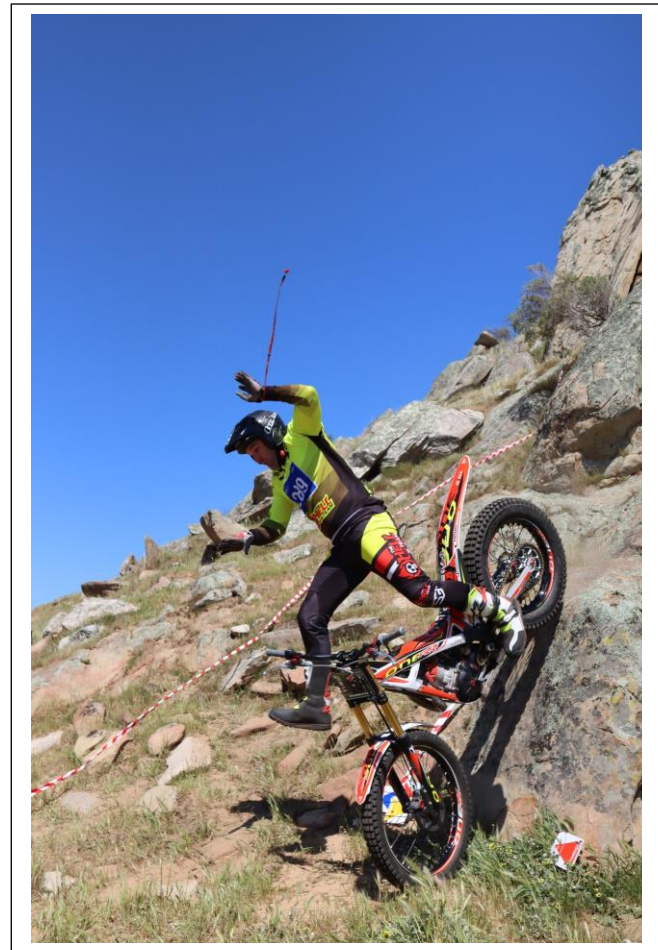
Cam in Section 9



Finn in section 9

Warren and Cam in Section 10





(Huge effort all round, including the good-looking report - well done lads – Ed)

More pics and videos here: [Oceania Trial Team](#)

Here's your calendar with upcoming local events. Our website, though, is more comprehensive and up-to-date, so feel free to head there anytime, it's always open, thanks to Emily 'Gates' Willard: <https://ixionmototrials.com/calendar>

Calendar

2023

October

8th - Ixion Club monthly mototrial - Woods

21st, 22nd, 23rd - National Mototrials Champs - Tauranga

Head to our 'Where We Ride' page at <https://ixionmototrials.com/where-we-ride> for location info.

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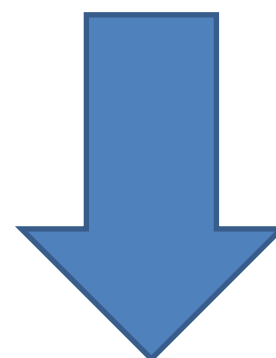
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DOGS are strictly forbidden at Trials because we ride due to the kindness of the farmers who own the land. Dogs make farmers unkind. The last 10 riders to sign in each get to bring in the pegs for one section. So turn up early if you want to leave early! See the President about this, the rules are not applied strictly. Brand new people can ride without an **MNZ license** for two trials; after that it is necessary to join MNZ (Motorcycling NZ), our national body. It's a cool hundred bucks a year, or \$130 for a champs licence, which is only necessary for Junior, President and Expert classes at Island or National level. In addition to the Club Trial, Ixion generally holds a two-day **North Island Championship Trial** each year, which is considered (by **all** Ixion members) to be the premier event in the World Trials Calendar. There are sometimes **Twilight Trials** during the summer starting at 3pm, often followed by a BBQ. The friendly **Committee Meeting** is held on the Tuesday after the Club Trial at the Lighthouse in Pauahatanui at 7:30 pm. Ring Kevin to make sure, before turning up. Club **fees** are \$40 per year and \$20 for fulltime students or social members, \$60 for families. These very reasonable fees are unchanged since the AGM, so pay up and as always ...

Keep calm and keep your feet up!

Results below



Maungies 10 September 2023

		Individual Scores											Total	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
	Wayne Furniss	000	000	000	310	010	000	000	000	000	000			5
	Zack Furniss	000	100	000	000	100	001	010	000	110	000			6
	Kevin Tither	000	010	000	210	000	100	000	010	110	000			8
	John Lawton	000	010	000	100	000	000	000	051	000	000			8
	Lyndon Wood	000	000	115	105	100	250	000	205	205	005			40
	John Thomson	131	500	331	550	211	130	000	000	312	100			42
	Tony Smith	000	000	000	500	500	215	500	500	550	500			43
	Alex O'Hara	50	20	31	01	30	25	00	31	30	21			DNF
	Julian Rivers	000	000	500	500	333	000	101	111	500	113			34
	Richard Latimer	000	305	101	000	523	001	105	001	521	010			37
	Bruce LePine	000	520	500	310	501	310	500	300	501	500			45
	Brian Hickton	001	353	050	130	333	200	215	252	331	010			57

