



# Classic Trials Newsletter

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## Welcome to the 2016 / 2017 season.

There are a number of firsts happening in September, we have had the first round of the new season, this is the first newsletter for the season and the first with me sitting in the Event Director's chair. It was very much a surprise to the committee, when at our meeting in June, Ross advised that he wanted to step down as the Event Director.

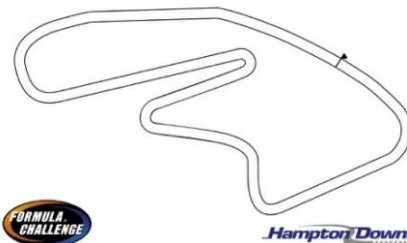


We are however very fortunate that he has agreed to stay on as a committee member. We also welcome Peter O'Sullivan who fills the vacant spot left with the retirement of Syd Davis.



The committee are also delighted to announce that PPG have renewed their sponsorship for the new season. Thanks must go to John Miller for all his hard work in getting this over the line again

The first round of the new season was at Hampton Downs: 10<sup>th</sup> of September. It was perhaps the weather in the prec that kept a number of Trialists away from the event, but t and dry.



The first Trial was won by Peter O'Sullivan with Sister Helen not far behind and eventual round winner David Tolhurst in third.

Car Number	Driver	Car	Trial One	Position
116	Peter O'Sullivan	Ford Cortina Mk 2	0.29	1
101	Helen O'Sullivan	Mazda MX5	0.31	2
43	David Tolhurst	Ford Capri GT	0.32	3
931	Robyn Riding	Porsche 924	0.44	4
4	Russell Goodwin	Ford Escort Mk1	0.53	5



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The format for the day was the usual one practise and three trials which made for a very fast turnaround, with the Classic Trial being Races One, Five and Eight as well as an early finish at 3:30pm.

Trial two was won by David Tolhurst and this time another member of the O'Sullivan / Broadbent dynasty, Sheridan Broadbent came second with Paul Couper third.

Car Number	Driver	Car	Trial Two	Position
43	David Tolhurst	Ford Capri GT	0.30	1
265	Sheridan Broadbent	Valient Pacer 265	0.38	2
47	Paul Couper	Westfield 11	0.42	3
116	Peter O'Sullivan	Ford Cortina Mk 2	0.47	4
22	Ken Smith	Ford Escort RS 2000	0.49	5

Trial Three was again won by David Tolhurst with Helen O'Sullivan second and Paul Couper and Robyn Riding third equal.

Car Number	Driver	Car	Trial Three	Position
43	David Tolhurst	Ford Capri GT	0.34	1
101	Helen O'Sullivan	Mazda MX5	0.37	2
931	Robyn Riding	Porsche 924	0.39	3=
47	Paul Couper	Westfield 11	0.39	3=
180	John Campbell	MGBGT	0.40	5



The round winner was David Tolhurst with Helen O'Sullivan second and brother Peter third. Sheridan Broadbent fourth and Paul Couper fifth



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Car Number	Driver	Car	Average	Position	Points
43	David Tolhurst	Ford Capri GT	0.31	1	169
101	Helen O'Sullivan	Mazda MX5	0.34	2	166
116	Peter O'Sullivan	Ford Cortina Mk 2	0.38	3	162
265	Sheridan Broadbent	Valient Pacer 265	0.40	4	160
47	Paul Couper	Westfield 11	0.41	5	159

Well done David, as I understand that this is his first round win in a number of years.

Helen has come on so well in the last year and it will be interesting to see who gets family bragging rights as the season progresses.

The next round is the TACCOC event at Hampton Downs on the 8th October and entries are now open on the Motorsport entry website.

The rest of the Classic Trial rounds for the 2017 season are as follows;

- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November TACCOC at Pukekohe Park
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December TACCOC at Hampton Downs
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January HRC Tasman Revival at Taupo
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January HRC Tasman Revival at Hampton Downs
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February HRC Tasman Revival Pukekohe
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March Legends of Speed Hampton Downs

You will note from the above, that the Classic Trial has been moved from the Festival Weekend. We have worked with Chris Watson at HRC to ensure that we get an event on what was traditionally weekend one of the Festival. After numerous attempts to contact the festival organisers, and with no answer forthcoming to e-mails or telephone messages, Chris Watson has created a space for the Classic Trial at the HRC Tasman Revival on the 14<sup>th</sup> January. This will make for two busy weekends as both Tasman Revival rounds, Taupo and Hampton Downs are on subsequent weekends.

I look forward to catching up with you at Hampton Downs for the TACCOC meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October.

Best Regards

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