



Classic Trials Championship 2016/17



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We have just completed round two of the 2016 / 2017 Classic Trial Championship and there seems to be a plethora of additional Motorsport events that the Classic Trial members are participating in.



Neil Moore is competing with the Vintage Car Club in the Hooters series, Sheridan is doing double duty competing in both the Classic Trial in her Valiant and the ERS series in the Cortina, this makes for a busy schedule as they are all on the same day.



It has also just been announced that Bronwynne and her team, Race 4 D-cup have been given a fully funded drive in the Ssangyong Ute series for 2016 / 2017. This will keep the team busy over the summer months.

Robby and I have just returned from Targa New Zealand although luck deserted us on Stage 20 when an oil pick-up in the engine broke and we lost oil pressure to the engine. On getting the car back to our engineer and after the tear down, he revealed that the only thing salvageable was the head. Luckily for us the next Targa is not until March 2017.

Saturday the 8th of October saw the first round of the TACCOC summer series at Hampton Downs. The circuit organisers had not finalised the Health and Safety process so that saw a refund of \$28 per competitor, which made the already modest entry fee even more enticing. This coupled with the fact that each competitor will receive another refund if you enter two or more rounds will make this a very economical series to participate in.

Again the weather was on our side and made for a great days racing. We also welcomed James Bell-Booth driving his BMW E36 to the Classic Trial. He easily hit his stride and was first equal with Robyn Riding in the first Trial. Third was Paul Couper, Sheridan Broadbent fourth and John Miller fifth.



Trial One Results.



Car Number	Driver	Car	Trial One	Position
931	Robyn Riding	Porsche 924	0.27	1=
36	James Bell-Booth	BMW E36	0.27	1=
47	Paul Couper	Lotus 11	0.28	3
265	Sheridan Broadbent	Valient Pacer	0.36	4
75	John Miller	Ford Escort RS 2000	0.38	5



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Paul Couper is really getting used to his Westfield 11 and put in some consistent times to win Trial 2. He was followed home by Allan Horner, John Campbell, Ross Vaughan and James Bell –Booth adding to his impressive start with the Classic Trial in fifth place.



Trial Two Results

Car Number	Driver	Car	Trial 2	Position
47	Paul Couper	Lotus 11	0.38	1
45	Allan Horner	Austin Healey Sprite	0.40	2
180	John Campbell	MGBGT	0.45	3
916	Ross Vaughan	Alfa Romeo Gtv TS	0.51	4
36	James Bell-Booth	BMW E36	0.54	5

Trial three was another mix of placing with Peter O'Sullivan coming home first with Russell Goodwin second. John Miller third, Paul Couper fourth, Robyn Riding, Sheridan Broadbent and Helen O'Sullivan all fifth equal.

Trial Three Results.



Car Number	Driver	Car	Trial 3	Position
116	Peter O'Sullivan	Mazda MX 5	0.34	1
4	Russell Goodwin	Ford Escort	0.36	2
75	John Miller	Ford Escort RS 2000	0.44	3
47	Paul Couper	Lotus 11	0.46	4
931	Robyn Riding	Porsche 924	0.47	5=
265	Sheridan Broadbent	Valient Pacer	0.47	5=
101	Helen O'Sullivan	Mazda MX5	0.47	5=





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Round Results

The round win went to Paul Couper, Followed by Robyn Riding, Allan Horner, James Bell-Booth and John Miller. Well done to James with such a good result in his first outing with the Classic Trial. We look forward to seeing him at the next round.

Car Number	Driver	Car	Average	Position
47	Paul Couper	Lotus 11	0.33	1
931	Robyn Riding	Porsche 924	0.37	2
45	Allan Horner	Austin Healey Sprite	0.40	3
36	James Bell-Booth	BMW E36	0.41	4=
75	John Miller	Ford Escort RS 2000	0.41	4=



We have now completed two rounds of the Championship, and there have been some high points scored so far. Whilst we don't start dropping rounds until after round 5 which is the Tasman Revival round at Taupo in January, the championship is looking as follows;

Car Number	Driver	Car	Total	Position
47	Paul Couper	Westfield Eleven	326	1
931	Robyn Riding	Porsche 924T	321	2
101	Helen O'Sullivan	MX 5	320	3
43	David Tolhurst	Ford Capri GT	319	4
265	Sheridan Broadbent	Valient Pacer	318	5



Paul Couper has a five point advantage over Robyn in second place with one point separating each of the next placings. All in all, a very tight championship to date.



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Yellow Flags;

There was a bit of confusion at the last round at Hampton Downs over the procedure to be followed if a Yellow Flag is displayed. I have copied the relevant section from Motorsport Manual Number 35.

It should also be noted that although the vehicle that may have caused the yellow flag to be displayed (as was the case with Frank Dennison's Datsun that had broken down just before the entry to turn 10) is still on or near the edge of the track, the yellow flags may at the discretion of the Clerk of the Course be withdrawn after 2 laps, where it is perceived that all remaining competitors have seen the obstruction.



Yellow Flag:

At all times:

- (a) **Single Waved: Reduce speed. Do not overtake.** There is a hazard on or in close proximity to the circuit.
- (b) **Double Waved: Reduce speed. Do not overtake.** Be prepared to stop. There is a major hazard on or in close proximity to the circuit.
- (c) The no overtaking zone shall begin at the zone markers prior to the first flag post displaying the waved yellow flag(s) and cease when the incident is passed, there is a clear track and a waved green flag is visible to the driver at the next flag point. Refer diagram at the end of the schedule.

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

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

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