

GULLY GOSSIP

November 2008

Welcome to the November edition of the Gully Gossip and another season has just about finished. Sunday 9th November is the date of the last Tea Tree Gully Club Day for 2008 and this is the last chance for riders to add to their club points before the handing out of trophies at the fun-day on November 23rd.

A quick reminder to our social and recreational riders that you can also race the club day by purchasing a one-event race licence (at the track on the day). Club Day racing is a fairly low key and cost effective way of giving racing a go and finding out what racing is really like and most first time racers are surprised at just how well they go.

While I think of it, another reminder that there will be a working bee on Saturday 8th November prior to the race meeting and the club needs as many people as possible to come to the track and give an hour or two of their time to help with tidying up the place. If you could bring a whipper snipper with you and help with trimming down the weeds it would be greatly appreciated.

The annual fun day is also fast approaching. On the day the club trophies are presented to the three riders that accumulate the most club points in their class through out the season and we need to remind those riders that took home perpetual trophies in 2007 to return them to the club ready for their 2008 winner. Could you please bring these trophies back on Sunday 9th, thanks.

Talking of the fun day, (it will be held on Sunday 23rd November) and along with the trophy presentation there will also be a (free) sausage sizzle – but please bring your own salads. There will be riding on the day so bring the bike(s) with you.

The Annual General Meeting is getting close – Wednesday 19th November – and will be held at the Golden Grove Village Tavern. At this meeting all current committee positions are vacated and then taken up by the following year's committee. The club would like to see as many members as possible (if not all members) at the AGM. The AGM provides members with the opportunity to join the committee and help with the running of the club. The more people who join the committee, the easier the tasks become, for example it would be great to have two riders share the task of producing the newsletter – we could even get a younger view point than the current (slightly older) person writing this one! Other areas where we would like to have riders provide more input and physical help is with the track maintenance, our current track team always appreciate when they are given help. And, at the risk of sounding sexist, we are always on the lookout for Mum's or Girlfriends that can help in the lap scoring box on race days. The more people we can get on the committee the less each individual committee member has to do.

WEBSITE

The Tea Tree Gully club website is up and running. www.ttgm.com It is still under construction (results, contacts, etc.) but already there is a lot of information available on it. Log on and take a look, you can get current information such as whether the track is open this weekend etc and it is a great way to keep in touch with the club.

NEWS

AIS MX/Off Road under 21 Development Camp applications

Motorcycling Australia (MA) and the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) are pleased to invite Motocross/Supercross/Off Road riders aged 16 to 21 to apply for the 2008 Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Development Training Camp for U21 riders.

The camp will take place at the AIS in Canberra over 10 days from 2–11 December 2008, and will include general sports science (i.e. nutrition, sports psychology, physiology, strength and conditioning etc.) as well as physical conditioning and motorcycling specific training where participants will receive personalised tuition from Australia's leading coaches.

Participants will be required to personally supply and transport their own motorcycle(s) for use during the camp.

This camp follows an extremely successful AIS camp staged by MA in November 2007, and many of the participating riders have gone on to perform extremely well throughout the 2008 season - including Tye Simmonds and Luke George who won their respective 2008 Australian Motocross U19 & Pro Lites classes.

Applications close Friday 7 November 2008 and are available for download from the MA website: www.ma.org.au/2008aiscamp - no late applications will be considered.

Completed forms should be submitted either by post, fax or email to:

Asher Newton
National Development Officer
Motorcycling Australia
PO Box 134
South Melbourne 3205 VIC
Fax: (03) 9684 0555 Email: asher@ma.org.au

WANTED

Dean and Davinai Coomber are looking for a Big Wheel 85cc. If you have one and you're looking to sell it, here is your chance. They can be contacted on 0414 537 063 or by email at daviniaacoomber@hotmail.com. (It's a pity they don't need a CRF450R – editors note).

RESULTS

The 2008 State Titles have been run and won and it was great to see how many riders represented our club. The results following were taken off the MSA website and show all the riders that were listed as representing our club, the only riders not listed are the Division 1 50cc riders (not sure why MSA do not list you guys, but well done and thank you – we will watch for you in Division 2 next year).

Congratulations to all TTG club riders that competed over the five rounds and as a club we have two state champions and a total of eight top three finishers.

50cc Division 2

#143 Tristan Rex 9th

65cc 10-12 Years

#88 Tyler Jones 1st
#619 Luke Cirelli 4th
#168 Nicholas Day 5th
#35 Patrick Mullett 10th

65cc 10-12 Years

#187 Jett Anderson 2nd
#697 Joshua Watson 3rd
#690 Jake Austin 11th

85cc 9-11 Years

#697 Joshua Watson 3rd
#619 Luke Cirelli 17th

85cc 12-15 Years

#67 Tylor Thompson 3rd
#111 Josh Jones 11th
#71 Dane Lindstrom 29th

125cc 13-15 Years

#288 Josh Abela-Austin 23rd
#799 Ryan Gray 24th

250cc 4 Stroke 13-15 Years

#60 Jake Henderson 31st

125/250F Senior Open

#21 Jesse Paech 7th
#79 Luke Blessing 22nd

250cc Senior Open

#81 Tom Jones 1st
#96 Warren Carroll 2nd
#99 Steve Pontin 3rd
#659 Craig Liebelt 16th