

The last last rounds of the Southland Cup were in great autumn/summer conditions 20+ track temp! We were all in shock. Yet the numbers weren't huge due to duck shooting weekend etc, but hey those that attended had a ball.

Checking out you tube Avalon Biddle is doing well once again, European Junior Cup is what to type in, then all the rounds will be there. With our sport in a relative plateau or some would say decline it's difficult to nurture talent yet alone find it, having a kiwi out there flying the flag is inspiring for those looking at our sport or coming up through the ranks. So you go Girl! Show them kiwis can fly!

A few Sunday's ago I stumbled on an article titled 'From Caravan to Millionaire' in the Sunday Star Times about Tony Quinn. Interesting reading about his upbringing/work ethic/business ventures and how money isn't all that he values. I'm compelled to send him a letter and voice my personal concerns re fees for bike racing etc and the feeling of lock out to our sport due to one man's ability to own 2 race venues. I'll let you all read what I send and receive. Once again this is from me not the club.

I hear that were getting a round of the NZSBK series for 2017, last years was a great event, so log on to MNZ website to see the dates which will be finalised shortly. Then tell your mates and get that machine prepped.

The 3rd round of the Southland Cup was a wet start, but then the weather cleared to blue, still cool but at least dry, once again not large fields, but just great to shake off the winter and reconnect with those reflective skills.

Our next event was Oct 2nd Southland Cup, which due to a vehicle dropping its contents of oil on the Saturday made for a big clean up. However we had to put 6 more bags of cement on the Sunday before we could start. Thanks to the stewards for keeping our safety number one. Only once they were convinced it was safe were we permitted to even practice. The racing wasn't as hot as usual due to the narrow line around the cement but at least it stayed fine! And I'm sure everyone enjoyed the day except for those that crashed!!!!

With the 29th OCT YES SATURDAY being the last meet before the Burt Munro you best get things sorted and come shake the bike down.

If you haven't heard Guy Martin will be in attendance! Our week of action is getting bigger and better each year, together with the new street race venue that adds spectators as close to the action as possible.

Hopefully the Bill Richardson bike collection will be available, for us all to view. Invercargill is certainly becoming a must do for lots of bikers worldwide and this collection can only enhance that.

I had a phone call a month ago from Neil Birss Re his new book Burt Munro "The Lost Interviews". After a lengthy conversation I went and bought the book. A great read. There's lots in there the other books don't touch on. It's written as if Burt is talking to you, which he was in this case to Neil, these notes/conversation were all but lost had it not been for the CHCH earthquake . The book is available at paper plus and all good book stores so launch into a copy to find out what hasn't been told!! before.

So now get that bike ready see and see you in the coming weeks

"Beaker"

