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Clubs Newsletter - November 2018

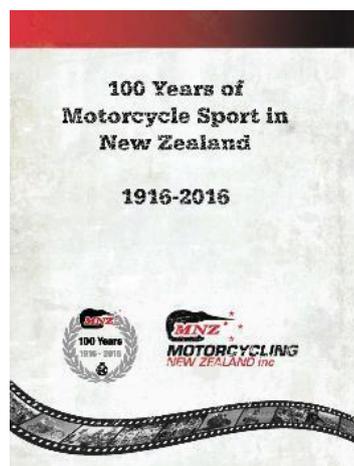
Hi everyone! 2018 is wrapping up fast but there is no slowing down here at MNZ. Read on to find out what's been happening over the last month...

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100 YEARS OF MOTORCYCLE SPORT IN NZ BOOK HAS BEEN PUBLISHED

By now each Club should have received a copy of "100 Years of Motorcycle Sport in New Zealand, 1916-2016"



We believe an organisation that has survived 100 years is certainly worthy of celebration.

This remarkable book has been a work in progress for several years now, and we cannot thank Ian Dawson enough for the time and effort he has put into this

stunning record of history. There really is something for everyone - from road racing, beach racing, hare scrambles, TT's, ATV, speedway, moto trials, enduro, to modern day motocross and much more.

We hope you will take the time to sit and enjoy the amazing stories and photos from the past.

A digital version is [available here](#) for download, or copies of the book may be purchased for \$50.00 by filling out [this form](#) and emailing it to admin@mnz.co.nz

Enjoy the read!

CLUBS LICENCING RIDERS AT EVENTS

We are requesting a show of hands from Clubs who would like to provide full competition licences to riders at their events instead of One Event Licences. In basic terms, instead of purchasing a One Event Licence, a rider would fill out an MNZ Licence application form, pay the Club the full fee, the Club provides the rider with a temporary licence card and log book for the day, and then submits the money and log book to the MNZ Office for proper processing.

This was trialled several years ago and there are one or two Clubs around the country that do still implement this for their riders. Please let us know at admin@mnz.co.nz whether your Club would be interested in providing this service for your riders.

MOTOCROSS INFO BULLETIN

MNZ, through MX Commissioner Ray Broad, has put out a brief update on all the rule changes that have come into effect within the motocross discipline. We understand there have been a few queries so hopefully this helps to provide clarification for everyone involved.



See the [information bulletin here](#) to ensure you are up to date with the latest changes in MX.

HELP DOCUMENTS FOR THE MNZ APP & WEB PORTAL

By now, you should all have received some mail in the post with two laminated documents to help get you started online. One is for permitting in the Web Portal, and the other is for scanning licences in the MNZ mobile phone App. The MNZ Office is now phasing out the use of paper permit applications - 70% of Clubs are already applying for their permits online, so make sure you aren't left behind!

Many Clubs are now also scanning licences at their events as part of the sign-in process. This tells you many things instantly, most importantly whether a rider is valid or restricted.

There has been some reports that a rider's plastic log book cover often becomes

dirty or discoloured and can affect whether it scans the card properly or not. If your Club wishes to have a supply of new log book covers on hand to give to riders, please let us know and we can provide you with a small supply.

OFFICIALS GRADING

A reminder that the Officials Grading system has had an overhaul. What was once a Grade 1-4 number system has now been replaced with 3 levels - Trainee, Club and National, along with discipline specific endorsements.



MNZ Officials Commissioner Andrew Presant has worked tirelessly with Mary-Anne to switch every Official over to their new grades based on their previous event experience. The MNZ website has been updated so be sure to [check it out](#) to ensure your Officials have been allocated the correct warrant, and that you as a Club have the right people for your events.

We would also like to remind Clubs to continue to offer training and assessments of their volunteers and Officials - remember to include these on your permit applications so it is recorded in each Official's file the Office.

CLUBS SURVEY

The 2018 Clubs Survey was emailed out to all Presidents and Secretaries on Friday. Please take 10 minutes to let us know your thoughts. It is incredibly important that we receive your feedback in order to understand what's important to you and your Club, and your input will help to shape our Strategic Plan for 2020-2024. If you did not receive it, please contact loren@mnz.co.nz

THANK YOU, JOHN!

MNZ would like to send out a huge thank you and show of appreciation to John Ravenscroft who has retired from Moto Trials. John has spent many many years in all aspects of the sport, but most would probably know him as the mastermind of the Trialscores system used for entries and scoring in Moto Trials across the country. We are sure you will join us in thanking John for all his dedication and hard work over the years.



Caption: National trials champion Warren Laugesen (right) has a little fun with commentator John Ravenscroft (of Te Kuiti). 2007.
Photo by Andy McGechan, BikesportNZ.com

TRAIL RIDE LEVY

As you would have seen in various communications in 2018, our key focus is to ensure that all Trail Rides permitted by MNZ are run as safely as possible and that we protect your club and volunteers by introducing clear safety standards that are reasonable and practical.

In order to comply with current Health and Safety Requirements, and because we want a best practice national standard, we are developing clear Safety Management Policies/Rules and Guidelines. We are working with an experienced trail ride event expert, Nick Reader, to develop these guidelines and these were put out for your feedback in July. Thank you to those who took the time to provide comments.



As with any worthwhile project, there is a cost involved and we need to fund the development and introduction of these new standards, so a small rider levy of \$2 per rider for all Trail Rides was introduced back on 1 April 2018.

The total payable to MNZ will be capped at \$500 per event, so for large trail rides anything over and above can be retained by your club. When your club applies for a permit, MNZ will provide you with a disclaimer agreement, to be signed by each rider at sign-on.

When the Steward's report is sent to MNZ with the rider disclaimer agreement, MNZ will invoice the club. If the disclaimer form is not received by the MNZ Office within 30 days, the Club will automatically be charged a total of \$500. We are reliant on accurate recording of participant details on the agreement. This is an important document in that it proves that all riders attending your event were properly briefed and agreed to comply with the MNZ Trail ride rules. The information will be vital should there be an accident and/or investigation, so it is important that all riders sign it. Thank you for your co-operation.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

A reminder that every quarter, we reward two star Volunteers from around the country with a \$150.00 Prezzy Card. Following this, each year at the AGM, one Volunteer of the Year will be drawn from the successful quarterly nominees and they will win an Air New Zealand Mystery Break.

The next round closes on December 8th so [fill out the form here](#) and get nominating!

Til next time, ride safe everyone!

Virginia

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