

# Spokesman

St George Motorcycle Club Newsletter  
December 2015



## 2016 Road Race Calendar - DRAFT

*\* correct at the time of publication subject to final venue negotiations \**

February 6 <sup>th</sup>	Honda RJAYS – Round 1	Sydney Motorsport Park – North/South Split
February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Honda RJAYS – Round 2	Sydney Motorsport Park – GP Circuit
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Honda RJAYS	Phillip Island **
June 12 <sup>th</sup>	Honda RJAYS	Phillip Island **
August 6 <sup>th</sup>	Honda RJAYS	Wakefield Park
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Honda RJAYS	Wakefield Park
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Honda RJAYS	Sydney Motorsport Park
November 6 <sup>th</sup>	Honda RJAYS	Sydney Motorsport Park

**\*\* You read right, PHILLIP ISLAND ..... but only if we get a decent commitment from riders NOW.**  
Email [janblizzard@bigpond.com](mailto:janblizzard@bigpond.com) TODAY and express your interest by letting us know if you would enter and if so, do you want 2 days of sprint racing or 1 day sprints and 1 day endurance.

## 2016 Dirt Track Calendar

Stay tuned to the website for the 2016 Dirt Track dates ..... coming soon!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Sydney Motorsport Park Eastern Creek

No experience required! Training provided on the day!

Flag marshals, office helpers, lap scorers, bbq chefs, general runners ... we need them all!

Email: [secretary@stgeorgemcc.com](mailto:secretary@stgeorgemcc.com) ASAP if you can help out!!!

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Phone - 02 9524 6456 (Bus. hours), 02 9540 5602 (After hours) \*\*PLEASE - NO CALLS AFTER 8PM\*\*

## 2015 HONDA RJAYS INTERCLUB ROAD RACE SERIES OVERALL PRIZEWINNERS

1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>HONDA</b> - 2 X 50cc Mini cycles value \$5,020.00 \$200 Motul Oil Products	Daniel BIRCH
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Whites Racing Products</b> - Cheque \$1500 \$200 Motul Oil Products	Michael JAMES
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Ricondi</b> - R-Tech Racing suit, Racing Series Gloves and Compression Suit \$1390 and \$200 Motul Oil Products	William BINKS
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Whites Racing Products</b> - Cheque \$1000 \$200 Motul Oil Products	Mark STEPHENSON
5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ficeda M/C Accessories</b> – Shark Helmet \$1000 \$200 Motul Oil Products	Ryan SELLEN
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Watson Conveyancing Services</b> - Cheque \$1000 \$200 Motul Oil Products	Rodney WHITNEY
7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ficeda M/C Accessories</b> – Berik Race Suit \$900 \$200 Motul Oil Products	Carl KITSON
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>GP Start Rollers</b> – Starter Roller \$650 \$200 Motul Oil Products	Keith WALLINGTON
9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MCA Supermarket</b> - 1 pair Gaerne Boots \$200 Motul Oil Products	Simon FAWCETT
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>MCA Supermarket</b> - Voucher \$300 \$200 Motul Oils Products	Peter STAMOULIS
11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ficeda M/Cycle Accessories</b> – Ipone Oil Pack \$150 Castrol Oil Show Pack	Philip BARTUSH
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Kelen Kawasaki</b> - Cheque for \$200 \$150 Castrol Oil Show Pack	Geoffrey HALL
13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>John Stamnas</b> – Voucher Goodrich Brake Hoses \$150 Castrol Oil Show Pack	JIM BURKE
14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Caringbah Motorcycles</b> - Voucher for \$200 \$150 Castrol Oil Show Pack	Steve JORDAN
15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Anderson Bike Stands</b> - Bike Stand \$150 Castrol Oil Show Pack	Stuart KITSON
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Kaneg</b> – Voucher for \$200	Bill BIRDSEY
17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Radguard Australia</b> – Radiator Guard	Gavin MUDIE
18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Frame Align</b> – Voucher for \$200	Richard MERCADAL
19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>RJays Front</b> - Race Stand	Lachlan EPIS
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>RJays Rear</b> - Race Stand	Pat JAMES
<b>Most Promising Rider</b>		<b>Race Tech</b> Bike Set Up \$1100 Ryan SELLEN
<b>First placed "D" Grader</b>		<b>Metzeler</b> Award - 600cc CLASS Tom BARNETT

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## Dirt Track 2015 – A Year in Review

Wow, what an up and down year we have had in 2015. Our events were again 2 ways with the Canberra Club, starting in March at Nepean. 90 competitors entered this meeting and we ran 61 events with only one crash requiring medical attention. We were heavily criticized for having a lunch break for the officials, and riders not knowing what race was up next. Some riders also commented on the track preparation.

At our next Wednesday night club meeting, Jake Bridge came up with an idea for an electronic race number board and together with his boss, Jai Alcorn, offered to have it made up for round 2 in June.

Jake and his girlfriend also volunteered to spend the Saturday before our events watering the track. They were joined by Andrew Barter, who, while not riding in round 2, would come out and help with track preparation.

Round 2 saw only 49 competitors, although enough officials so we could run non-stop all day, with Chris Batt our Chief Flag Marshal. Unfortunately race 23, Senior Sidecar race, saw the Chris Wetherill / Lisa West sidecar flip injuring both competitors badly. Both were transferred to hospital with Lisa passing away later that night.

Round 3 in September saw only 41 competitors, again Jake as on board with track watering. This meeting was incident free and we ran 87 events finishing three rounds by 3.50pm.

Round 4 in October unfortunately clashed with the World Speedway GP in Melbourne and had to be cancelled due to lack of entries.

Our association with the ACTMCC means we get invited to some of their big meetings including King & Queens and the Canberra Cup. We have many of our riders enter these meetings as well as supplying some officials. The Canberra Cup this year saw Zara Griffin as flag 1, Brett Houssenloge as flag 2 and Chris Baker as chequered flag.

Looking forward to 2016.

*Crispy Bacon*

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## A Message from the Membership Officer



The St George Membership Secretary will be taking a break over the Christmas New Year period between 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

If you received an alert that your membership has already or will expire on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015 please send your renewal to [stgeorgemembers@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgemembers@gmail.com) or PO Box 509 Penrith NSW 2751.

Every effort will be made to process your membership prior to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and those received during the break will be attended to promptly after 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Thank you for your understanding and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.



# BANTAM DAYS 1966 to 1969

A Saturday afternoon in Winter, 1967. Sans Souci would tremble to the guttural rumble of Warwick Singleton's black Matchless G80 Competition 500. Loud and clear though a kilometre away, it was the signal for two young boys to jump on their "Treddlies" as push bikes were known then and race round to Scott Park. Pete Ross and I met in kindy and are still total bike enthusiasts. Warwick's back gate opened onto this reserve, part of an area set aside for a future freeway and the very spot where Captain Phillip and his crew drank fresh water from the now very polluted creek, on their venture to Blakehurst and Carr's Park in Kogarah Bay.

Warwick was around 15 or 16. He would dig a few trenches with his Dunlop Gripster knobby tyre, blast around the park, pound our chests with the exhaust's bass notes, tantalise our ear drums and then disappear, back into the shed, shutting the gate behind him and fooling the coppers once again. WOW!

There was a trend setting group of young bike nuts in Sans Souci. This is well before the dirt bike revolution of 1969. Billy Hart, Warwick Singleton, Tommy Singleton, Lindsay Sargent, Robbie Buckland, Carlisle Bennett, all spending their spare time making hot rods from old road bikes, apart from Warwick of course, he was way ahead of his time. BSA Bantams were cheap and readily available. There seemed to be one in every third shed.

Sarge was another 500 4 stroke man. All of 15, he had an Ariel suitably named "The Beast". It took 4 young boys to drag it out of the shed, these things weighed over 300kg, Sarge then "tickling the Amal carb, advancing the ignition, standing on the kick starter and, with an almighty effort with all his weight upon his right leg, probably 50kg at the most, she would eventually come to life. He would then blast up and down Dicken Ave, open exhaust and the scent of Castrol "R" racing oil, filling the noses of all present. To a mere Bantam owner, this was a spectacle to take home and nurcher, dream of, but for now, the Bantam was cool enough.

The Singletons were connected to the Oyster Industry. Warwick's Dad had a Put Put twin cylinder work boat and a 6m barge was accessed via the family.

Towra Beach was a pristine location in those days. It was a few kilometres to the east from Sans Souci across Botany Bay and totally unpatrolled. Behind its bay front beaches there were vast sand flats at low tide. Hard and smooth, they were the perfect environment for a scattering of mad young men and their loud and fabulous motorcycles.

Tommy Singo, the maddest of them all, was walking past a speedway sidecar owner's home one afternoon. I think it was Stan Baylis. He had a Vincent 1000cc which was well past its prime and Tommy, with some help from his mates and parents, bought it for a song. He, Tommy, got it going and yes, it was placed, with much effort indeed, into the barge and transported to Towra. I was too young to be a part of this excursion, but Tommy related the scenario to me years later, though it did become legend.

Now imagine a 1000cc Vincent regarded as too dangerous to race any more, being thrashed around a sand flat behind Towra beach, all the boys taking their turn at piloting this monster, with their mate "swinging".. No helmet, just a pair of shorts and a T shirt... That's how it was in the 60's.

I was invited to Towra only once. It was the end of an era, the boys were getting older and I suppose booze and girls became more attractive. There were about 6 bikes. My Bantam was ridden to death, round and round a low tide track, with an eclectic variety of bikes rounding me up, lap after lap. Being passed by a 500cc G80 Matcho, open exhaust and really travelling, piloted by a skinny kid with the strength of a boy, was so scary, but so wonderfully exciting... Warwick said he reckoned he did at least 140km /h on those sand flats.

St George MCC was the next stop for me, after watching Mick Hill on his Greeves at a trial in 1968 at Menai. But first, my acquisition of the thing that changed my life forever, a BSA Bantam.

**Barry Patterson.**

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## Congratulations – Chris Baker

At the MNSW Night of Champions on December 5<sup>th</sup>, Chris Baker received his Service Star award.



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## Thanks from a new Road Racer...

Just wanted to send you a message to say a massive thanks for a great weekend of racing. It was my first time out and I had an absolute blast!! You guys run a very smooth show and I know everyone greatly appreciates all the work that goes into those days and all of the volunteers great work.

Can't wait for next time!!



Image: Darryl Bullock

## Presentation Day 2015

Thanks to those who attended the 2015 Presentation Day. The 'special' awards that were given out for 2015 were as follows:

**Arthur Blizzard Trophy** (for first place in the Overall Club Championship): Awarded to Daniel Birch

**Arthur Blizzard Memorial Trophy** (for Outstanding Achievement): Awarded to Jan Blizzard in honour of all of her work and the SIXTY years of continuous service to the sport

**Big Blowers Award** (for the biggest engine blow up of the year): not awarded in 2015 as it seems everyone's engines were intact at the end of the season (although I wish I could have given it out for some blown TEMPERS this year though....Ed)

**The Big Break Award** (for broken body parts!): Awarded to Philip Bartush.... not so much for one big break but by golly he had lots and lots of little ones throughout 2015!

**The President's Award** (for work by a committee member): Awarded to Alison Pratt for her work on the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Dinner

**The Patron's Award** (for work by a committee member): Awarded to Peter Snow for the many many hours of work he contributes both to road racing and dirt track as well as the club treasury

**The Sandy Marshall Award** (for the most points gathered in attendance at club events): Awarded jointly to Chris Baker and Robert Whitley.



**Did you leave a bag behind at the 100th Anniversary Dinner?** If so, please email Zara at [stgeorgemembers@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgemembers@gmail.com).