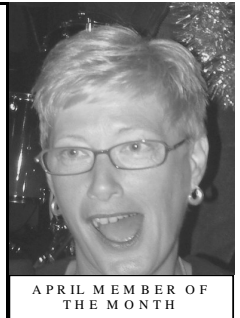




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THE GRAND POOBAHS MEAGRE OFFERING



What can I say, I'm here to compile the newsletter not write it. It is your club, if you can't be bothered to write something I can't be bothered making it up

Jack

New Bikes

Wow, everybody's got a new bike
Trevor on a Suzi GSX1400, Col on a BMW R1200gs, Maryanne on a Raptor & OH
YEAH Phil on an R1! Way to go, now lets get out & ride em.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sorry I cannot be with you tonight as I am whooping it up in NZ continuing on from my birthday celebrations. Hope you all had a great Easter.

Our AGM will be held 26th May, 2006 and we will be looking for nominations for all positions. We are looking at following the Ulysses Constitution which states;

34. Nominations of candidates for election as National Office-Bearers, Branch Office-Bearers or ordinary members of the National or a Branch Committee-
- shall be made in the first instance in writing, signed by two members of the club or of the branch, as the case may be, and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and
 - shall be delivered to the National Secretary or the Branch Secretary, as the case may be, not less than 28 days before the date fixed for the holding of the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place.

The above procedure eliminates the pressure put onto people on the night of the AGM to put up their hands because no one else will – At the time of writing this we have two nominations for positions, and we have extended the time for nominations up to the AGM meeting.

Christmas in July at South West Rocks 22nd July, 2006

Book your own accommodation at either

The Rockpool Motel 0265667755

Baotel/Hotel 0265666909y M

Heritage Guest Hse 0265666625

Horseshoe Bay C/Pk 0265666370

I have block booked tables for the Saturday night at the South West Rocks Country Club all you can eat buffet @ \$17.40 per person – I will need to confirm numbers closer to the event.

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Coffs AGM bookings for accommodation is very heavy so I suggest if you are not camping then get in now and contact the Tourist Information centre 1300369070 – from all reports they are expecting between 8,000 & 10,000 to attend this one. Another number to ring is 0266521466 Pacific Property Management – they book houses, townhouses, apartments, resort and b&bs.

Birthdays for May Bronwyn Marchesi, Geoffrey Imber, Ian Richardson, John Ward, Tony Crick, Allen Lamb – Happy Birthday to these people and anyone else having a birthday but not on our list.

General Business: The Meet & Greet is **totally booked out**. Carol has Pt Stephens branch shirts in all sizes.

Jack Johnstone is now taking charge of the Newsletter so please send any reports, Jokes, interesting articles to Jack (jjohnno@tpg.com.au). A special thankyou to John Way for his time and effort in the past for processing and organizing the newsletter. For those not receiving emails please update your details with Jack so you do not miss out.

Next meeting 26 May.

LARAINÉ

Ride Reports

For more comprehensive reports and photos, check out the Port Stephens website under Photos, then go to Thursday2006, Sunday Rides 2006 or Special events etc.

Thursday riders

The Thursday rides continue on and attract many bikes. Always 7-12 regulars attend and the destinations vary. This month some of the places visited for Morning tea and/or lunch were Old Bar, where Captain Scumbag checked out Goldwing trikes we got very wet on the way home in torrential rain. Another day to Yarramalong for morning tea, then Paxton pub for lunch. You can see by the skimpiness of this report that the Thursday riders are made up of illiterate BMW riders more interested in what to wear than informing the rest of us where they go & what they do when they get there.

Sundays. 2 April 06, The end of daylight savings, 9 am start, a recipe for disaster. No way, 15 bikes 3 cars, 31 people. What a turn out, the destination is Eagles Rest, near Krumbach & we are rolling by 9:10. first stop was Gloucester for a quick coffee break then on to Eagles Rest where our hosts for the day were Sonia & Tom McMahon. In true Pt. Stephens Ulysses fashion nothing ever goes completely smoothly, 2 bikes & 4 people are missing. We left the Krumbach hotel as a group, we had only ridden 10k, what happened? Ask big Phil & Crooksy, Ken was the search party & found them pretty quickly. Back at the ranch the rest of us were getting to know the animals, Daisy & Primrose the donkeys & Shiloh & Golden Bear the alpacas. They are fascinating animals & Sonia has a story to tell about all of them. We got to get up close to the alpacas, ask the girls how soft & cuddly they were, ask carol what alpaca sneezes feel like? Sonia showed the girls a bit of spinning & sold some homespun products. The boys were more interested in the poo queue & are interested in getting this system into the general population. Lunch was next, plenty to eat, tea & coffee, everything was lovely. Sonia gave us an extremely funny rendition of rindercella & a condensed version of her life story. A fascinating woman, her story makes you want to get out & live your life to the fullest & thank whoever you believe in that you can do it. we all left, suitably inspired for the trip home, one last regroup at Bulahdelah where the Rebels had stopped for coffee then everybody headed home. Special mention needs to go to Ken Grant for organizing the day, I think it is one of the best Sunday rides I've been on, thanks Ken.

23 April mystery ride. No report, did anybody go!

May Sunday rides. Note. Day light saving is over. We are now on winter time

Winter time rides start at **9:30am**

May 7th The ride is to Foster Tuncurry for lunch via the Lakes way. Morning tea at Bulahdelah.

May 21st. This is the meet and greet weekend. We will have a ride leaving the Nelson Bay Bowling club at 9:30am. Then go to Paul's corner to pick up more riders, leaving there at 10am. We will have a short ride around the Hunter Valley and stop for an early lunch around 12 noon near Cessnock so that those travelling home are not far from the 3 main roads/highways. We will decide the venue at Fridays meeting.

White board. Don't forget to write up the rides for latecomers. Good to see it is being used.

Brian McCallum (Ride Admin.)

Historic Bike Rego

For those of us with older machinery, it appears that the Ulysses club, at least in NSW, is being recognized by the RTA for the purpose of registering our bikes under historic rego. This means that if you own a pre 1976 bike you can register it as an historic bike therefore your rego is much cheaper (around \$70), you don't need ctp greenslip & your comprehensive insurance is cheaper. Hopefully the club should have all the details at the meeting, if not, I'm assured it's on its way.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

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John Way 49822770
John Evans – 49811627
Maddy Cesti 49849264
John Beddoe 418651547
Paul Mulvay 49819337

CAROLS BUGGER THE NEW COMMIT-TEE SALE

It's that time of year, I'm going so lets sell everything real cheap while I'm still in charge. For sale are: Long sleeve Ulysses t shirts, polo shirts, boxer shorts & scarves.
Various sizes & super cheap so bring your money with you.

Members in Business

Steven Clarke Motorcycles – 49822721
John Beddoe-Financial Advice 49651547
Nelson Bay Auto Spares - 49849948
Maddy Cesti- Massage 49849264---04090226628
McComms Telco – Telecomm.49821666 (Phil or Judy McTaggart)
Doreen Easthope - Seamstress 49821876
John Way Real Estate - 49822770
Jack Johnstone - security systems 49824921
Ken & Ronda Grant - A1 moulded earplugs

Riding Courses

Stayupright 88249980

Wheelskills 49500289

Superbike School 1300793423

Hart 91445725

Taken a tennis lesson lately, maybe a bowls, golf or rock n roll lesson. They won't help keep you alive, these people will. You don't need a sportsbike or a set of leathers, just the desire to improve, & hey the club will subsidize it conditions apply). Try it, you'll like it.

Calendar

7 May 0930 Paul's Corner, ride to Foster/Tuncurry
19,20,21 May Meet & Greet, Sunday ride will be organised.
22 July Christmas in July at South West Rocks

Jacks ramblings

Hi people,

if you read last months newsletter, you would have noticed it was John Ways' last. Well I'm his replacement (more about me later). John as far as I know is the one & only fulltime editor we have had, He is a foundation member of the group & has been active at all levels of the club, wether as committee, rider or helper. I think he has done an outstanding job & my only hope is that I can keep up the standard he has set. Thanks John.

Well, back to me, I'm sure most of you know me & have formed an opinion of me. My name is Jack Johnstone, I am 51, married to Yvonne, have 2 kids Sean & Kathryn, have lived at Tanilba Bay for 20 years. I have been riding bikes for the past 30 years & currently own a 1975 Moto Guzzi Convert, 2001 Cagiva Navigator, Aprillia RS250, 2 bultaco alpinas & a Kawasaki minibike. If you ask Eve, she will tell you that I spend more time working on them than riding them but that's what motorcycling is all about. My pet hates are being told I have to do something, people who brake in corners & KDMs (killer death machines, ask Dave). I love my family, friends, bikes, beer, golf & the club.

I am sure that I will curse John Way for stepping down as editor, but with your support I will survive. Speaking of which, your support is what will make or break this publication, if you have something to say, PUT IT IN WRITING, either email it to me, give it to me or drop it in my mailbox, I don't care what you have to say, unless it is defamatory, in bad taste or a personal attack I will publish it. An example of articles I would like to see are, ride reports (give it a go, anybody can write a ride report, don't leave it up to the same people), new bike reports (test ridden or bought) movie reviews, café recommendations, rides you have been on, reports from events like the AGM, rallies, odysseys, etc. anything & everything. Like everything, you get out of something what you put into it.

Speaking of AGMs, ours is on at the May meeting, I have been informed that positions are vacant, so if you want to be involved in the branch at the highest level, think about nominating for a position, don't think that you will be left stranded with mountains of work to do (it will feel that way sometimes), help is always there. It always amuses me (I've been accused of this) that the people with the most to say, are the last to volunteer for office. Think seriously about standing, the club & specifically our branch are worth it.

Ok, that's it for me for this month; see you on the road, at a pub or in the street.

JACK

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