

Legends International Scramble Series Summer 2012

Mick Andrews had such a great time in New Zealand earlier this year that he was keen to come back and ride in some classic scrambles. He laid down the challenge at Hamilton in March and so the International Classic Scramble Series gets underway in Golden Bay on Feb 4-5th and continues on subsequent weekends in Taranaki, Wanganui and Upper Hutt. International trials and scramble star Mick Andrews will do the first two rounds and 5 X British Motocross Champion Bryan Wade appears at the Wanganui event. Bryan Wade won his first title in 1969 on a 250cc Greeves but moved to Husqvarna and in 1971 won the 250 again plus was runner up to BSA Legend John Banks in the 500cc series. The following year he won the 500 title and in 1973 the 125cc title (just introduced) on the smaller Husqy but was runner up in the 500 series again to John Banks. This time 'Banksie' was aboard the Cheney BSA B50 500cc mount, the last British machine to win a British Motocross title. Bryan Wade runs a business in Malaysia called Borneo Biking Adventures guiding tour groups from United Kingdom, Australia and Singapore on trips through the jungle on modern BMW 650s. Mick of course runs a lot of trials training schools in Europe and is half way through riding a Rickman Metisse Matchless 500 at 11 of a 13 round classic scramble series in France as a paid rider. Tough work as the say 'but someone has to do it'.

The 'Old Thumpers' event in Golden Bay (Pre 1980) motocross machines run on Sunday with the 1st round of the Mick Andrews Twinshock Trials Series on Saturday. 'Taranaki Vintage Dirt' at Inglewood (Feb 11-12th) includes two rounds of the MA Trials Series, a Saturday afternoon Pre '76 scramble and an invitation only BBQ & official opening of the Steve Gallichan private Motocross Museum that evening. Early Sunday morning the trial continues plus Round 4 of the Tricky Dicky Racing Vintage Motocross Series 9. Mick & Jill Andrews are special guests of honour. The following weekend 'Wanganui Classic Dirt' (Feb 18-19th) takes place on the famous 'Kildare' circuit – the ex Bob Coleman property. This event includes 2 Rounds of Mick Andrews Series Twinshock Trial series starting at 1pm on Sat and on Sunday a Pre '76 scramble. Bryan Wade will make his only NZ appearance at this event and was the first rider to win a British MX Championship on a Japanese machine, the 1974 125cc title with Suzuki. He was also the first rider to win the British 125, 250 and 500cc British titles. The last weekend of February (25-26th) the series heads to the Summer Carnival for 'Upper Hutt Twinshock Dirt' with the 6th and final round of the Mick Andrews Trials series and on Sunday a twinshock scramble at a local venue. Mick Andrews is being bought to NZ in a JV between the Pioneer MCC and Robert Cochrane and the Taranaki event is a JV project with Taranaki VMX enthusiast Steve Gallichan. For further details and entry forms on all events go to www.pohara.com/oldthumpers and www.legendsofdirt.co.nz plus www.livewire.gen.nz ; robertc@amcom.co.nz