



2021 AGM MTB Sub-Committee Report

Overview:

The 2020-21 year has been a learning curve with new co-convenors on the Committee: Pete Mitchell and Robert Comeskey. We lost key committee members in Krissy and Mike (previous convenors) as well as the 'youngster' Marty, who was very active in the physical activities of running events. We have new 'de-facto' members on the committee with Deb Hiswin & Wayne Hiscock, and stalwart Marco adding enthusiasm and consistency.

Trying to maintain consistency was a theme of 2020-21. After our hosting of the NI School MTB Champs were cancelled in late March 2020 we learned about unpredictability and resiliency. Unexpectedly we were then invited to host (in partnership with Wellington MTB Club) the **2020 National School MTB Champs** in October. Covid again intervened and we were required to exclude Auckland Schools due to them being at Alert Level 2. The School MTB Champs continued and we had 535 unique riders from 127 schools compete over 3 days in Downhill, Enduro, Cross Country and Cross Country Relay. The event was a great success and we had very positive feedback from visitors and locals alike.

These 'Covid Considerations' helped a little later with re-organising the first two rounds of the 2020 Spring Series under Level 2 restrictions. Re-organisation into two races based around Youth / Senior groups worked well, although there is some overlap with families often having riders in both races. (These issues are still relevant in the current 2021 series).

Over the 5-race 2020 Spring Series we had **516 entries made by 209 unique riders**. This was slightly down on 2019 (577 entries) but up on 2018 (434 entries). 2020 youth rider numbers appeared to be boosted by hosting the 2019 NI Schools MTB Champs and 2010 National Schools MTB Champs, but Covid appears to have dented that momentum a bit.

Spring Serries Results:

The winners of each section of the **2020 Spring Series** were:

Grade	Men	Women
Open	Callum Kennedy	Gabby Buchanan
Social	Mark Carter	Alofa Kosena
Masters1: 30+	Ryan Steer	-
Masters2: 40+	Wayne Hiscock	Jacqueline O'Hagan
Masters3: 50+	Wade Jennings	-
Masters4: 60+	Ian Paintin	-
U19	Ben Mitchell	-
U17	Oliver Pratt	-
U15	Nate Beard	Lara Comeskey
U13	Finn Holmes	Brooke Miller
U11	Wilbur Weston	Amelia Burkhart

Club Championships:

The 2021 Club Champions as determined by the Club Champs in Feb 2020 were:
Jesse Cseh and Mary-Ann Moller

National XCO Championships:

A number of club riders also attended the XCO National Championships at Crocodile Park in Christchurch in Feb 2021, with some great results:

Sammie Maxwell – 1st Elite Womens
Kate McIlroy – 2nd Elite Womens
Mary-Ann Moller – 10th Elite Womens
Lara Comeskey – 2nd U15 Womens
Jonathan Brown – 5th Masters 2 Men
Jamie Harbour – 12th Masters 2 Men
Sam Mitchell – 12th U17 Men
Wade Jennings - DNF, unfortunately.

Future:

Looking forward, we are using electronic timing mats for the first time in the 2021 Spring Series through Bengy's OneTime events system. The idea of innovating is currently tempered with the desire to run familiar, easier to provide and adapt events based closely on what we have done previously.

As usual, the challenge of getting a wider base of helpers is a common theme with events.

Looking further forward, we are looking to re-connect with the schools to bring in a base of young, enthusiastic riders who we hope will continue to race up through the age grades.

Robert Comeskey & Pete Mitchell

Co-convenors MTB Sub-committee