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Members:

To all the members who joined HBMTBC for 2010/2011 your membership is much appreciated and I enjoy meeting you in the forest riding and providing invaluable feedback. I hear all the time you want to know about the plans for the harvest of the forest and where to from here.

PanPac are a great partner and have told us that they want to work with us. They anticipate that the forest will be harvested in sections in 6 – 8 years time so we are well advanced in developing a plan for new trails over in the back block (that is currently & remains 'Out-Of-Bounds' to all bikers & runners) and linking this into the replanted block. We are also developing a plan with an investment in cash reserves so we can build trails back into PanPac Eskdale Mountain Bike Park commercially when the time comes.

If you have any questions or would like to offer feedback or get involved in some way with the trail development plan you can contact me directly on d.bricknall@xtra.co.nz

Kids Bike Jam:

What a great day was had by all those kids that took part in the National round of the Kids Bike Jam. To see all the kids faces when we sent them through the largest puddle in the forest at the bottom of "Zip" it was priceless...and the parents faces were interesting, some with big smiles as well!

We had 262 kids enter and considering the weather this was very impressive. The trails set by Carl Larsen were brilliant with loads of positive feedback from kids and parents alike.

Winter is on its way...

Yes its that time again and yes it does seem to have been raining in the Hawkes Bay since January 2010 and just when the trails dry out and riding good it goes and rains some more. But now the weather is getting cooler so I suggest it's time to get your bike serviced for the coming months. Don't ask me why but it just seems like the bike breaks down this time of year so check your brake pads are in good condition, the shox are working properly and it is the time of year to change to your 'winter head space'.

By that I mean start thinking about which trails you ride depending on the ground conditions, there are some trails that withstand the wetter conditions better than others and you may have to give your well trodden summer trails a break this time of year. Maybe your winter rides are more about working on your base fitness and hit the hill roads over the back of the forest, etc.

And remember when you are riding with a bunch of mates in the wet, plan your ride to the average ability of the group not the mountain goat out the front! Enjoy your winter riding!

Your local bike shops are:

Cranked Cycles (Napier); Soul Cycle Repairs (Napier); Pedal Power Avanti-Plus (Taradale); Marewa Epic Cycles (Napier); The Hub Cycle Centre (Hastings); AvantiPlus Hastings; Revolution Bikes (Havelock North); Bike'n'Mow (Waipawa); Central Suzuki (Waipukurau)

If you havn't checked out www.BigBluemtb.com yet, check it out and join up ☺

Don Bricknall, *Chairman*

HBMTBC Trail Maintenance Days

Last Sunday of each month, **9am** Tait Rd carpark.

Open to all club members, to come along grab some tools & as a group will spend approx 4 hours on various jobs to tidy up the park, etc.

Bring along own drinking water, appropriate footwear (steelcap boots preferred) & your bike just in case.

Any enquiries to our Park Manager, Ross Mephram - ross@metalworks.net.nz or 021 220 7444

FUNDRAISING RIDE for Christchurch

Held on Sunday 20th March, 2011 @ Pan Pac Eskdale MTB Park

In total we had 36 riders tackle the 2 marked out courses at Eskdale. 10 rode the long (approx 20km) course and the rest tackled the short course.

A total of **\$495** was raised, which was donated to the Canterbury MTB Club towards repairs of their MTB trails damaged in the Earthquakes.

Thanks to Gavin @ Soul Cycle Repairs & his helpers, for setting & marking out the 2 courses & running the free BBQ afterwards.

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2011 MTB EVENTS

- Apr 9 - Paymark Xterra Rotorua Festival, Swim/MTB/Run, Rotorua – www.xterra.co.nz
- Apr 9 - Nitelights Hard'n-Up 6 & 12 Hour Single Speed – www.blackstumpadventures.co.nz
- Apr 16 - Contact Epic – 125km/95km, Lake Hawera – www.contactepic.co.nz
- Apr 17 - Clover MTB Points Race, Wairakei MTB Park, Taupo – www.biketaupo.org.nz
- Apr 17 - Charity Adventure Ride, MTB/Walk/Horse Trek, 1200 Whanawhana Rd, Hawkes Bay
- Apr 22-24 - Ben Lomand DH (3 day event), Queenstown – traverse@queenstown.co.nz
- **Apr 23 - Nzo Single Speed National Champs, Hawkes Bay – www.hawkesbaymtb.co.nz**
- Apr 24 - Ranui Dry Triathlon #1 – Cycle/MTB/Run, Waipukurau – www.ranuifarmpark.co.nz
- **May 1 - Pukeora 4 Hour MTB Team Relay, Central Hawkes Bay – www.hawkesbaymtb.co.nz**
- May 7 - Crazyman Multisport, Paddle/Trail Run/MTB, Wellington – www.crazyman.co.nz
- **May 7-8 - HBMTBC Trip to Moerangi Track, Bay of Plenty – www.hawkesbaymtb.co.nz**
- May 7 - T42 – MTB/Run (45km), 42nd Traverse, National Park – www.t42.co.nz
- May 8 - Ranui Dry Triathlon #2 – Cycle/MTB/Run, Waipukurau – www.ranuifarmpark.co.nz
- May 14 - Cateye Moonride 24hr/12hr/6hr, Rotorua – www.moonride.co.nz
- May 15 - The Eskdale Krazy Kiwi (RUN Only), Pan Pac Eskdale MTB Park – www.hbtrailrun.co.nz
- May 21 - Leatt Crank Taupo – DH/XC/All Mountain, Mt Tauhara, Taupo – www.epicevents.co.nz
- May 22 - Wainui 6hr Wurlds, Teams or Solo, Wainuiomata Trail Park, Wellington
- June 12 - N-Duro Winter Series # 1 (20km/40km), Rotorua – www.n-duro.co.nz
- June 12 - The Te Mata Tui (RUN Only), Te Mata Peak & Tainui Reserve – www.hbtrailrun.co.nz
- June 12 - King & Queen of the Crank (Road & MTB), Taupo – www.biketaupo.org.nz
- July 2 - New Zealand Cyclocross Championships, Queenstown – www.winterfestival.co.nz
- July 17 - N-Duro Winter Series # 2 (20km/45km), Rotorua – www.n-duro.co.nz
- July 17 - The Pukeora Pickled Pukeko (RUN Only), Pukeora Hill MTB Park – www.hbtrailrun.co.nz
- July 31 - Craters Classic, Wairakei MTB Park, Taupo – www.biketaupo.org.nz
- Aug 14 - N-Duro Winter Series # 31 (25km/50km), Rotorua – www.n-duro.co.nz
- Aug 14 - Cape Kidnappers Greedy Gannet, Cape Kidnappers (Beach RUN) – www.hbtrailrun.co.nz
- Aug 28 - 2011 PNP MTB Series #1 – Wainuiomata Trail Park, Wellington – www.pnp.org.nz/mtb
- Sept 18 - 2011 PNP MTB Series #2 – Makara Peak, Wellington – www.pnp.org.nz/mtb
- Oct 9 - 2011 PNP MTB Series #3 – Mt. Victoria, Wellington – www.pnp.org.nz/mtb
- Oct 30 - 2011 PNP MTB Series #4 – Belmont Regional Park, Wellington – www.pnp.org.nz/mtb
- Nov 6 - 2011 M-NIC #1 – Wairakei MTB Park, Taupo – www.biketaupo.org.nz
- Nov 26 - Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge (Road), Taupo – www.cyclechallenge.co.nz
- Nov 26 - Huka Challenge (80km MTB), Taupo – www.cyclechallenge.co.nz
- Dec 4 - 2011 M-NIC #3 – PanPac Eskdale MTB Park, Hawkes Bay – www.hawkesbaymtb.co.nz
- Dec 11 - 2011 M-NIC #4 – Whakarewarewa Forest, Rotorua – <http://rotorua.mtbclub.org.nz>



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You can choose to mountain bike, walk or ride your horse.
Great event for families and experienced participants.

SUNDAY 17TH APRIL

Registrations from 9am - 10am Start

1200 WhanaWhana Road - via Napier/Taihape Road
(signposted). Approx 45 mins from Hastings.

Great family day out • Fresh water supplied • Coffee Cart
Bring your picnic lunch or buy from the sausage sizzle

Event Options:

35, 60 & 80km Mountain Bike •
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Latest update - a new 10km short course option has been added for the mountain bikers at this years **Charity Adventure Event** for mountain bikers, walkers/runners & horse riders.

The courses are all on unique trails around the farm, nothing is repeated, including gravel roads, dirt tracks, grass paddocks, native bush & forestry blocks, located right on the edge of the Ruahine's, with tremendous views back out over the Hawkes Bay.

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Pukeora 4 Hour MTB Team Relay

Sunday 1 May, 2011

Pukeora Hill MTB Park

Central Hawkes Bay

Enter in teams of 2-4 riders, or go solo.

Ride as many laps as you can in relay fashion around an approx 30 minute (7.4km) purpose-built mountain bike course, over a 4 hour period.

Fun for all ages, no matter what your level of riding ability or fitness.

Event:

Mass start at 10am with teams aiming to complete as many laps as possible before the course closes at 2pm. For relay teams, rider changeover is made just after the finish-line, where the electronic velcro ankle timing transponders are changed over to each rider as well, number-plates are also used on each bike for manual backup.

Once the course is closed at 2pm, riders already on the course complete that lap, with the finishing order deciding the overall finishing position in the event.

Venue:

Pukeora Hill MTB Park is located just 5 minutes drive West of Waipukurau in the Central Hawkes Bay, on SH2. A 50ha privately operated forest that the HBMTBC have permitted access to with over 10km of purpose-built cross-country trails within.

The event base is next to the carpark, in the south-western corner on the intersection of SH2 & Scenic Road. Event parking will be in the neighbours grass paddock.

NO DOGS ALLOWED in carpark or forest !!!

Categories:

- Solo Male
- Solo Female
- Solo Boy (U16)
- Solo Girl (U16)
- Open Team
- Mixed Team
- Women's Team
- Family Team
- Secondary School Team
- Single Speed Team

More info, including map & entry at
www.hawkesbaymtb.co.nz

GEORGE BRANNIGAN'S 2011 INTERNATIONAL SEASON PREVIEW

My 2011 season kicks off at the first world cup in South Africa on the 24th of April. Here I will be joining my new team (**Devinci Global Racing**, www.devinci.com) which consists of, Steve Smith and me, the team mechanic and manager. We also have great support from SRAM and Fox clothing so I'm real excited to start with the new team. Devinci global racing will be at all the World Cups, U.S open, Crankworx and other select Canadian, North American and European events.

When we are not at races, Stevie, I and our mechanic (Nigel Reeve) will be based in Morzine (France) while in Europe. When we are in Canada or North America we will be based in Vancouver BC which is about 1 and a half hours away from Whistler. I'm told the riding in Vancouver is great and I know that Whistler is one of the best from experience, so riding when we aren't at races will be awesome.

I finished the NZ national season on a high with two good results, second at the final round and second at National Champs. This has given me confidence going into the 2011 international season. I have been training hard for the first round with the help of my new trainer (John Appel) so it will be interesting to see how it all goes.

After the South African race I fly home for about 4 weeks before flying to Fort William where the 2nd World Cup round is. From then on I won't be back in NZ until the end of the season. Hopefully I will have some good results throughout the year and finish top 20 in the World Cup series (Elite Men). The World Champs is the final race in Switzerland then I will be off home after 5 months away.

Just over 1 week to go until this years
Moehau Multisport Races
 on Saturday 16th April, 2011

- Based from Coromandel will be the following 3 challenging races:
- 66km Moehau Multisport Race (Sea Kayaking, MTB & Trail Run)
 - 54km Off Road Tri (Sea Swim, MTB and Trail Run)
 - 52km Duathlon (MTB and Trail Run)

This spectacular course can be done as an individual, a relay team of 2-4 people, or as a tandem team completing the event together.

For more information and online entry see the website at

www.arcevents.co.nz/themoehau

BROOK MACDONALD'S 2011 INTERNATIONAL SEASON PREVIEW

On the 18th of April I fly to South Africa for the first World Cup in Pietermaritzburg, staying for a week before going to Europe to do some IXS racing, then it's off to the Red Bull headquarters for some training, before going to Fort William in Scotland for round 2.

After that it's onto Leogang (Austria), then Mt-Sainte Anne (Canada), then Windham (USA) for the following World Cup rounds, before coming home for a 3 week break. Then back over to Europe to La Bresse (France) & Val di Sole (Italy) to complete the World Cup rounds before finally finishing the season off with the World Champs in Champéry, Switzerland.

I'm with the same team as last season (MS Evil), now with a couple of new faces – Wyn Masters (NZ) and Markus Peckol, with Filip Polc and Luke Strobel staying on from 2010. Stevie Smith has gone to Devinici, where fellow HBMTBC member George Brannigan is for 2011.

Red Bull has opened up a lot of things for me, with a lot of support coming from them which I am very happy to have, and am excited to be riding for these guys. It's like a big family as they look after you so well.

Our team is based out of Austria, but I won't be there much there as I will be travelling a lot. Our team website is www.ms-racing.at.

PHOTO BELOW: HBMTBC pro riders George Brannigan (left) & Brook Macdonald (right) at the 2010 AKDH NI DH Series event at Eskdale



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HBMTB Club Trip - Moerangi Track

Well have an overnight trip on 7th -8th May to Whirinaki Forest Park in the Bay of Plenty to ride the 35km Moerangi Track on DoC land. For those interested can do a night ride around the 16km Whirinaki Track (loop) on the Saturday night, or you could take a walk to see the glow worms.

Spaces are strictly limited to 24 persons only - we have 13 registered so far.

Cost will be \$80 each all inclusive (accommodation at JailHouse Farmstay & their sister Backpackers down the road - bed linen is provided, and all transportation incl pick up/drop off to the track). You will need to bring your own food – note cooking facilities are minimal, a BBQ is available.

Will depart Napier approx 1.30pm Sat 7th May, taking over 3 hours to reach Minginui. The shuttle on Sunday from the accommodation will depart for the track at 8am (40min drive) Estimated to allow approx 7 hours to complete the track (which incl approx 3 hours of rest stops)

Registrations close Wed 20 April & payment must be received by May 1st at the latest (cash/cheque or bank transfer). If payment not received by this date, then that spot will be open to the next on the waiting list.

Please contact Anna at spanna_nz75@hotmail.com or 021 727 875 to register - *first in first served*.

HBMTBC Membership / Permit Checks

As you all know, access into **PanPac Eskdale MTB Park, PanPac Aropoanui DH Park & Pukeora Hill MTB Park** for mountain biking &/or running is for current financial members of the HBMTBC **only**, which includes valid "3 Week Visitor Permits".

For those riders &/or runners who are **not** members, or have a permit, are trespassing on private property & will be prosecuted if caught.

Over the next few weeks, there will be random checks to make sure ALL mountain bikers & runners are members, or have Visitor Permits.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL @ ESKDALE

The following trails currently have adoptees:

Zip, Klingon, Cattle flat, Nemo, Swoosh, Pace, #244, N08, Yogi, Tangle, Magpies, Switchback, Bolt, Zoom, Hi-Roller, Eskview, Fenceline, Grasshopper, Forest Gump, Dual Slalom, Maxxis, Dam Canyon, Cannonball Lector & Dingo

The "Adopt-a-Trail" concept is where club members take responsibility & pride for the trails you all ride, within the privately owned PanPac Eskdale MTB Park.

We have over 80km of trails at Eskdale and our Park Manager cannot keep an eye on all of them every month, so this scheme is to help be an extra set of eyes and hands, with track maintenance & general trail upkeep.

We are always looking for more members to help us out, by picking a trail or 2 that you regularly ride (hopefully not already listed above), that you can keep an eye on & help keep clean & tidy.

For more enquiries, please contact our Park Manager – Ross Mephram at 021 220 7444, or ross@metalworks.net.nz

Social Riding at Pukeora

Beginner/Intermediate level female looking for people to mountain bike with socially in Pukeora Hill MTB Park (*Waipukurau*) Please email rachaelsimpson@gmail.com or phone 022 610 9723 if you're keen.

Old Tyre Tubes

The Surf Lifesaving club and SportHB have requested for any old tyre tubes, to use for resistance training purposes.

If you would like to donate your old tubes, then please drop off to SportHB @ Pettigrew Green Arena, Taradale.

Hawkes Bay Trail Running Series

www.hbtrailrun.co.nz

Four events, 4 off-road locations, 3 distances so anyone can enter:

- **15 May – The Eskdale Crazy Kiwi**
PanPac Eskdale Mountain Bike Park, Tait Rd entrance
- **12 June – The Te Mata Tui**
Te Mata Peak, starting from Black Barn Winery
- **17 July – The Pukeora Pickled Pukeko**
Pukeora Mountain Bike Park, Pukeora Scenic Road
- **14 August – Cape Kidnappers Greedy Gannet**
Cape Kidnappers Beach Run, Clifton

WOMEN'S MTB GROUP RIDES

A women's mountain bike group rides every Wednesday evening from 6pm-7.30pm, starting from the Tait road carpark at Pan Pac Eskdale MTB Park.

The group rides will encourage a fun, safe and social environment for women to ride the trails. Women of all ages and skill levels are welcome to ride in a non-competitive atmosphere.

Developing this riding group will make it easier for women to find compatible women riders by scheduling regular group rides and events with fun and fitness in mind.

Goals for the group:

- Learn local trails
- Improve riding skills
- Encourage girls and women to try cycling for the fun of it.
- Build a network for women to find riding buddies.

If you are interested in participating, just come along on the night, or if you would like to know more, please contact me at the following:

Kimi1@xtra.co.nz • 06.844 1594 • Linda Smith

LEATT CRANK TAUPO

Saturday 21 May, 2011 - Mount Tauhara, Taupo - www.epicevents.co.nz

Camelbak Cross-country 20km/35km • Wide Open Downhill • Events Capital All Mountain (DH & XC combined)

Leatt Crank Taupo is an unique MTB event involving Cross Country, Downhill and an All Mountain comp all on the side of Mount Tauhara. There is great food, music, the excitement of Downhill and a relaxed atmosphere. If you own a Mountain Bike and want to take a small step up from just keeping fit or trail riding, then Crank is the event for you. Riders can enter either one or both events.

The event is made up of 5 competitions: (All on one action packed day, on one mountain)

Downhill Prologue; Down Hill Super final; Cross Country 20km; Cross Country 35km and the All Mountain comp - you choose.

The 2011 Nzo Single Speed National Championships are all go in Hawkes Bay!!

At the 31st of March early bird cut off date, we had a total of 85 riders entered. Congrats to Mike Anderson from Upper Hutt for taking home the first of the prizes up for grabs (early bird rego) – a fantastic 2x nights studio accommodation package from Quest Apartments Napier for 2 people – Well Done!



With only 10 locals entered so far, it looks like current National Senior Men XC champ Luke Osborne will be gunning for his first tattoo. No doubt the “Old Bigger” and current World Single Speed Champion Garth Weinberg, from Rotorua, will give him a good nudge ☺

It's not too late to enter.Come on you HBMTB guys 'n gals.... this great event is on your back doorstep, come support your club..... please don't leave it till the last minute... we have some great support from the sponsors, up for grabs is over \$3000 worth of prizes..... you don't even need to be in first place to win (but you do if you want the tattoo, bragging rights & the title)....

PRIZES: Avanti Plus Hasting have even put up for grabs one very cool Solo Fixie bike and Cranked are putting up a 29er Jamis Single Frame, complete with flames – wicked..... so go on, go get an outfit for a laugh... get your entry in and come have fun at Eskdale on your single speed this Easter/ANZAC weekend... its easy to convert your existing bike, just pop into your local bike shop and get them to sort you out.

So get you and a mate entered and come meet some other mad mountain bikers, on our local tracks, from around NZ and of course Aussie. We have even lined up a live band for your spectators/groupies (aka family), with plenty of food and coffee and we promise to have some great vantage points for onlookers to watch the action. What better way to spend Easter – biking 'n meeting like-minded mountain bikers - **Anyone can enter!**

Enter now at www.hawkesbaymtb.co.nz.

Note the entry fee is now \$90 p/p and includes the Nzo 2011 SS champs event T-shirt within your race pack.

Remember – this event is all about FUN! Dressing up in your favourite ‘fancy dress’ outfit isn't compulsory but it is 100% encouraged!

Training Tip: Don't over think it – Just do it! Below is what some people do on bikes, don't expect this at the Single Speeds:

I have seen insanity and it happens on the streets of Valparaiso, Chile. The “Valparaiso Cerro Abajo Race” is a legendary urban bike race and is more extreme than skydiving out of an exploding F-18 piloted by Charlie Sheen - while chugging a 2 litre of Mountain Dew. The rider must brave jumps, stray dogs, and flights of stairs along the steep downhill path. The first person perspective provided by the excellent helmet cam lets us take in every glorious and frightening detail. Do yourself a favour and watch this one in full screen mode.

Enjoy the ride! www.gadling.com/2011/03/03/downhill-bike-race-in-chile-is-insanity-at-its-finest/



Napier City



VOLUNTEERS – We require at least 10 more volunteers to help with this event, duties include course marshalling & carparking marshalling. Each volunteer will be fed c/o the HBMTBC & will get front row seats to all the action! If you can help, please contact the Volunteer Co-Ordinator for this event, Carl Larsen at hawkesbaymtb@yahoo.co.nz or phone 06.873 8793 (wk).