

The Wobbly Wheel

Mountain Biking Otago Monthly Update

Hi All,

The tracks are in awesome condition with the weather that we've been having and many thanks to everyone for staying off them when its wet.

We hope you enjoy this month's edition of the Wobbly Wheel

MBO CALENDAR LOCAL EVENTS

28 Nov Funduro R1

5 Dec Pineapple Crusher
XC

12 Dec Funduro R2

16 Dec Wednesday XC

24 Jan Otago XC Champs

30 Jan Funduro R3

31 Jan E-Bike Enduro

3 Feb Wednesday XC

20-21 Feb
Otago/Southland School
Champs

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Easy Down – Design Windows

Wow! The time has finally come and we have started the Easy Down. Many thanks to the Design Window's team for their ongoing support while we have been waiting to get this project started. The Plan is to do the top section pre Christmas and the lower section end of January early February.



Whare Flat- New Development

The MBO crew have been negotiating with the wonderful guys at City Forest to move into a new section of the forest so that we have tracks to ride when the logging occurs in the next few years in the existing space.

This is an incredible exciting time to be able to plan something from scratch. This area will have a purpose built XC course and a number of Enduro lines. The inclusion on XC in this area will make a wonderful addition to Whare Flat track network and will add great value when it comes to hosting events.

Many thanks to the MBO Crew leading this project and thanks to all the track builders (old and new) who have been involved in the planning stages.

Times like this realise just how lucky we are.

Knocking Nicols Off

\$31980 achieved to date.

\$8020 to go.



OFF THE CHAIN \$ for \$ SUPPORT! - Knocking Nicols Off!

For every donation you make on our Givealittle page between November 23 and November 30, Jeremy, Mel and Joel from Off the Chain will match the amount up to \$1000 in total. We cannot realise this opportunity without the support and generosity of people like you so please head to our Givealittle page and let's Knock Nicols Off! <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/knocking-nicols-off>

It has been a year of ups and downs for us all, but thanks to **Off the Chain**, we are now approaching the home straight **and closing in on the \$40,000 funding target for this exciting project!**

Many of us know that Jeremy, as a Dunedin bike mechanic, is in a league of his own. And we know that he is a formidable competitor too, but frankly I am blown away by the character and commitment and contribution that these people make to our projects and to the cycling community. **To put it simply, we don't know how lucky we are to have their unwavering support.**

So get yourselves into Off the Chain at 260 Cumberland Street and support their business as a token of our admiration and appreciation. Maybe think about Xmas vouchers or a service before the Xmas break.

We thank you for your generous support – we can't wait to see you up at Nicols; it's going to be great!

Give a Little page, full details and link can be found on the club website

<https://mountainbikingotago.co.nz/knocking-nicols-off/>

Membership

Mankey Maps have arrived, Justin will be in the Signal Carpark 12-12:30 Sunday 22 November for collection.

If you can't collect, please email your address for shipment or state which Dunedin Bike Shop you would like yours left at for you to pick up.

membership@mountainbikingotago.co.nz



Race Update

All race entries are available via Facebook or the website.

See the Calendar for all upcoming club events, locally and away.

Coming soon: E-Bike Enduro, 31 January, lock in the date.

The Pineapple Crusher

Date: 5th December 2020

Bain Rogo
9am Start

Stage 1 Waihari Creek Short trail Up approx. 15min
Stage 2 Nicols Creek Time Trial Up 2.4km approx. 20-60min
Stage 3 Whare Flat XC loop mass start 1hr

Categories: Male/Female, Juniors, Open, Masters
(online entry MBO Facebook and website)

Cost: \$60 MBO members \$70 non members

All proceeds to the Knocking off Nicols Project

EMERSON'S FUNDURO

GRAVITY ENDURO RACING FOR THE EVERYDAY RIDER

\$20 FOR MBO MEMBERS
\$30 OF OTHERS
PAY OF THE DAY
REGISTRATION 12:00PM
RACE BRIEFING 1PM
RACE RACING

SATURDAY 21 NOV 2020 - WHARE FLAT
SATURDAY 13 DEC 2020 - SIGNAL HILL
SATURDAY 10 JAN 2021 - WHARE FLAT

WOMEN'S OTAGO FUNDURO - WOMEN'S ENDURO MTB EVENT

SUNDAY 7TH MARCH 2021

SIGNAL HILL, DUNEDIN

10AM REGISTRATION, 11AM-2PM RACING

SOLO - JUNIOR, OPEN, MASTERS, E-BIKE OR TEAM OF 2

4 CRUISEY STAGES - BLUE GRADUS 1 & 4

3HRS TO RIDE THEM AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE - BEST TIMES TAKEN

\$20 MTB OTAGO CLUB MEMBERS - \$30 NON-CLUB MEMBERS

REGISTRATION ONLINE - FACEBOOK EVENT

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND SCHOOL CHAMPS

DH 20th Feb 2021 - \$60
Enduro 21st Feb 2021 - \$50
XC 21st Feb 2021 - \$40

See the full event manual at www.mountainbikingotago.co.nz

Entries open term 4 via MBO website

LET'S RIDE NZ!

EVO

Entries Are Open On the website

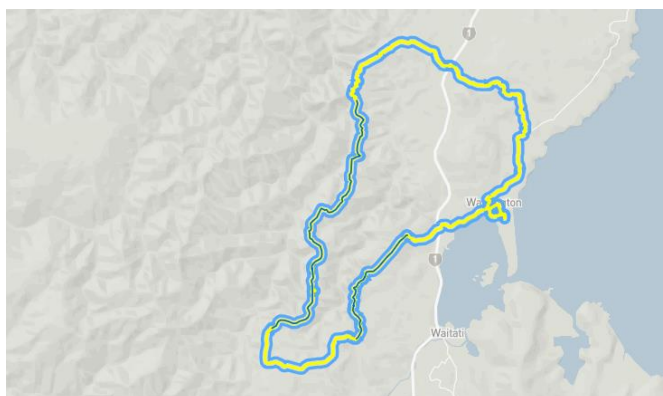


ALL MBO EVENTS ARE HIGHLIGHTED YELLOW		
	Saturday	Sunday
14-15	NZDH- 440 Auckland DH Series R1- Queenstown	
21-22	2Tyre tracks 8hr- Invercargill	7 Mile Funduro -Queenstown
28-29	Funduro R1 NZDH- Wellington	DH Summer Series R2- Dave's race Christchurch
Dec		
5-6	NEW EVENT Pineapple Crusher XC- Off the Chain-Dunedin XC staged race	
12-13	Funduro R2 NZDH- Dome DH Series R2- Queenstown	DH Summer Series R3- Christchurch
Wed 16	XC- Dunedin	
19-20	Commencal Enduro- Queenstown	Commencal Enduro-Queenstown
30	Bannockburn classic (Wednesday)	
Jan		
2-3		
9-10	E-Bike Enduro -Alexandra	
16-17	St James Epic XCM- Hanmer	Craigieburn Enduro
23-24	McGazza Fest- Queenstown (Fri-Sun)	Otago Champs XC/SS McGazza Fest- Queenstown MTBNZ DH 1 440 Auckland
30-31	Funduro R3 MTBNZ DH2 Dome Auckland DH Series Round 3- Queenstown	MTBNZ NI XC Manawatu E-Bike Enduro -Whare Flat
Feb		
Wed 3	XC- Dunedin	
6-7		MTBNZ DH 3 Jentree Malborough
13-14	MTBNZ DH4 Coronet Queenstown Papakaio 8hr	MTBNZ SI XCO Coronet Queenstown
20-21	Otago / Southland School Champs DH Series R4- Queenstown	Otago / Southland School Champs NZ Open DH- Christchurch
27-28	National Champs- Christchurch	National Champs-Christchurch
Mar		
6-7		NEW EVENT Women's FUNduro- Dunedin
13-14	3 peaks	3 peaks
12-13-14	South Island School Champs Methven The Prospector MTB stages Race- Central Otago	South Island School Champs Methven The Prospector MTB stages Race- Central Otago
20-21		
27-28	DH Series R5- Queenstown	
TBA	Crankworx/ Oceania	
Apr		
3-4		
10-11		
17-18	Hawea Epic	
24-25		
Upcoming next season		
October 11-14 2021	National School MTB Champs	Blenheim

BACKYARD SECRETS

RIDE ADVENTURE GUIDE

“Silver Peaks Loop”



This is a demanding loop that uses farm and logging roads to climb from the beach at Warrington high into the Silver Peaks. Many miles of dirt road on this route are closed to private vehicle travel, making for nice riding. While entirely non-technical, there is a lot of up and down, so expect a good workout! This loop can be started from a number of different locations (the intersection of Highway 1 and Coast Road, for instance), but the carpark at the Warrington Domain has lots of space, toilets, camping, and a beach, all of which makes it a good place to get organized.

From Warrington find your way to Coast Road, where you'll want to head north toward Seacliff. This is a paved road with spectacular views out over the ocean that will take your mind off the occasionally steep climbing. After the 3rd railroad track crossing (fortunately there's not much train traffic) look for the signed intersection with Church Road, which heads uphill to the left. On Church Road you'll quickly cross the railroad tracks a 4th time, and then get to work climbing through the paddocks above Warrington. Views are good, and this quiet farm road sees very little traffic.

Church Road will deposit you at Highway 1, where you'll want to cross directly over to Steep Hill Rd. This road continues the climb toward the Silver Peaks, and despite the road's name, has a more relaxed grade than earlier parts of the ride. Views begin to include the inland mountains as you gain elevation on the ride through open country.

Somewhere near the signed intersection with Lawson Rd, Steep Hill Road imperceptibly changes to become Mountain Track Rd. This road continues to the boundary of the Silverpeaks Forest, which is managed for logging. A prominent yellow gate stops vehicle travel, though the road beyond is open to bikers and hikers. Mountain Track Road rolls to the south along a high ridge through a patchwork of logged forest. There are some good views of the surprisingly craggy Silver Peaks just to west, although much of this track passes through dense forest.

At the south end of Mountain Track another gate blocks private vehicles from the access roads to the south. You'll continue past this gate, and the grade will finally start to tilt downhill. Mountain Track will change names to Semple Road, and at a marked intersection with a gated farm road you'll turn off to the left - the sign at the intersection calls this "Joyce Road", the bottom half of the road is signed as "Jones Road" (as does a local trail guide), and GoogleMaps calls it "Wright Road". Despite all this confusion, the intersection is fairly obvious - jump the gate and head downhill on this little-traveled farm road. Jones road has really pleasant riding, passing between evergreen forest and clearings with views over Blueskin Bay. It's mostly a downhill ride, with a couple gates to contend with, all the way down to State Highway 1. Here, you'll continue straight across onto Coast Road, which leads around the amazing tidal spectacle of Blueskin Bay and back to Warrington.

EVO SOUTH ISLAND OPEN Well done Everyone, see you next year!

It was a bit wet the day before and a little greasy the morning off, but it was all smiles.



Cheers EVO- until next time.



Look at Erin, youngest by far.



Go Nathan.



Yeah Boi!! Fastest on the day



Snazzy line in the R/Garden

Hats off to Goughie at Mosgiel Mini Digger Hire

Who has kindly donated of the maintenance and repairs to the Little Yellow Digger. She's all go up on the Easy Down supporting the track builder. We love local business who support us.



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