

PACENOTES

February 2021

***NSW PTC President
Chris Reeves***

What a year 2020 was and I am sure we are all hoping that 2021 is a go for Motorsports in New South Wales and as I write this, lockdowns are again causing problems for Victoria.

The committee has been hard at work since the AGM and we think you'll be pleased with the race calendar that will begin with what is building to be a near capacity grid for our season's opener at Sydney Motorsport Park on Saturday 27 March for a night race with three sprint races. It's not often you can do your lawns then have lunch with the family only go racing and have a Sunday sleep in. As the meeting is only one week before the Bathurst 6Hr we thought that it should not form part of the State Championship as it allows teams to put their B driver in for a steer or not without affecting your championship campaign. SMSP will now run under full light coverage so no need to worry about light bars, I am sure those who have seen it lit recently will tell you how impressive it is.

Much work has been done on a full club audit including a new up to date constitution, financials, sponsorship, tyres, securing business names and a strategic direction for the clubs future into 2022.

Brian Anderson has been hard at work with our 2021 technical regulations and the development of a 3E National Production Car

Handbook, which will cover all aspects of 3E Racing. This will allow us to refer to the

Handbook in Supp regs regardless if the event is held under MA, AASA or another permit.

The most significant change to our regulations for 2021 will be the unexpected change to an open tyre list as per Motorsports Australia Schedule E for 3E Production Car Tyres. I would urge everyone to read the 2021 NSW PTC Technical Regulations, which will be published in the coming weeks due some last minute changes.

Another change for the better is the creation of the "Category Manager" position for all race meetings and I am please to say that Brian Anderson assisted by me will look after all aspects of competitor relations and induction of new members.

One of the strengths in Production Touring Cars has been technically correct cars driven in hard but fair racing. In an effort to see this achieved we have secured the services of Chris Gough and Bruce Colbey as Technical and DSO respectively. Both of these gents are great blokes but more importantly very experienced with many years in these roles, I believe we are lucky to have them. You will soon read in the new regulations that they will have power to recommend to the executive, penalties to remove some or all points in a race where a car is technically modified beyond the rules giving an advantage or driving carelessly or recklessly causing damage or an unfair advantage.

It is our intention that this will dispel suggestions that a car is illegal or driver conduct is unbecoming to the standards expected by a driver with a competition licence.

Due to a loss of revenue we are approaching and working with potential sponsors in securing our 2021 branding. I am pleased to say that our faithful supporters in V-Sport and Allworth Homes have elected to stay with us. I hope to announce our major sponsors in the coming weeks. If you know of a potential sponsor then we would love to talk with them. Contact can be made with Anthony Soole or myself.

Keep an eye out for Club meetings, these will be at the Yagoona Greyhound Club where members get to take an active part in how the club moves forward, I would urge you all to take part in these meetings. You will see the dates listed here.

The 2021 season will outshine the negativity that goes with Covid in these crazy times, we have many new members and this season will see a Mustang, Audi TTS, Honda Civic Type R, new Commodores, 86's and another Scirocco being added to the mix. With all of this new blood NSW Production Touring Cars has a bright future and I hope to see you all very soon for the seasons opener.

Finally I would like to congratulate our 2020 State Champions in Daniel D'Aquino, Zach Loscialpo and Matt Holt.

We will bring out the new Pacenotes Newsletter bi-monthly so if you have any content then let us know.

Chris Reeves
President

DATES TO REMEMBER

Garry Mennell
Vice President

The NSWPTC club meetings will be held at the Arena Sports Club (Old Greyhound Club)

140 Rookwood Rd starting at 7.30pm

10th March 2021

12th May 2021

14th July 2021

8th Sept 2021

10th Nov 2021

The first race event is being held at SMSP on Saturday 27th March, which is a non-championship event. This is a "new" event for the ARDC being the first club night event under their new lighting system. Things will kick off at about 5.30 in the afternoon and will finish around 10.30pm. The format will be just 1 qualifying session and 3 x short (approx. 15-20 min) races. Great opportunity to dust of the car and give it a shakedown just to make sure all is good, and also a great chance to have some fun in the dark... entry forms will be online on the SMSP website very soon.

The first NSWPTC championship round will be at Wakefield Park on the 22/23rd May and this will be an enduro event.

2021 NSW PTC Calendar

March 27th	SMSP Night sprint
May 22/23 rd	WP Enduro
Jun 26/27	SMSP Day/night sprint
July 31 st Aug 1 st	SMSP Enduro
Sept 4/5	SMSP Master Blast Sprint
Sept 25/26	WP Sprint
Nov 6/7	SMSP Enduro (TBC)

PTC club challenge event Qld R/way Oct 23/24th (TBC)

Carolyn Peterson
Treasurer

We have a few newbies who joined for the 2020 season, being not everyone got to go to a race meet last year, I ask that you keep an eye out for them at the track.

Chris Sutton - Subaru WRX 2004

Nicholas Hickson - Mazda 626 1992

Cody McKay - VW Polo GTi 9N MY07

Sean Cade - VW Polo GTi 9N MY07

Reece McIntosh - VW Golf GTI

Adam Brew - Audi TT 2005

Daniel Tierney - Toyota 86 2012

Geoffrey Tierney - Toyota 86 2012

Michael Sherwell - Toyota 86 GTS 2012

Dimitri Agathos - Subaru WRX STi 2016

Glen Wilson - Holden Commodore VE SSV 2012

Dean Campbell - Mitsubishi Evo 10

Carl Climan - Holden Astra

Oskar Butt - Holden Astra

I am sure many of you remember that first race meeting where you were relatively clueless and in need of information about items you had no idea were required. Chris Reeves and Brian Anderson will likely reach out to our more experienced members to assist our new members in navigating not only the track but also the administration and requirements that come with racing.

Brian Anderson
Technical Manager

For 2021 Motorsport Australia are doing no changes to the 3E rules.

For our Appendix H there are a few changes which we have forwarded to MA for approval:

1. Removed Enduro CPS requiring Wheel Change: CPS will therefore only be a 60 second stationary stop.
2. Added the following to H1 xii. b) If the above documentation does not list a maximum allowable inlet manifold pressure, then the figure listed in the NSW Production Touring Car Championship 2021 Class Structure & Automobile Eligibility List document will be used.

We will work with the competitors of these vehicles to agree a boost pressure for the cars to be measured on.

3. Remove the provisions for a handicap race.
4. Changed the enduro penalties to Laps instead of minutes.
5. Removed the left hand drive references

6. Changed the tyre to open tyre.
The following rules will apply for 2021:
Competitors may use any tyre from the 2021 MA Manual Schedule E Wheels and Tyres listing
Medium or hard compound only, no soft compound
Same tyre brand and compound must be used on all for corners of the car
Same tyre brand and compound must be used for both qualifying and races

Chris Gough will be back in 2021 to do the Technical officer role at the race meetings. I am sure you will all appreciate that there will be someone at the race meetings to ensure we have fair racing from a technical perspective.

I will also be attending all the race meetings as the Category Manager. This is to ensure we have consistency in our races and that we have someone who can work with the officials to make sure our needs are addresses. Also, have one person to deal with any of the inevitable issues that seem to crop up at race meetings. Looking forward to seeing you all at he track.

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General ranting's from the President

In future the Pacenotes Newsletter will be posted every two months to keep everyone informed of the upcoming events and important information. We will also look to competitors to send in a photo and an article on how you came to be racing a Production Touring Car.

Articles of interest along with Sponsor features and offers will be made available in a newsletter that will be just a little more creative than my talents run to.

Please keep an eye out for a request on a short personal and driving BIO for each driver. This will be posted on our web page so that you have the opportunity to mention your supporters and crew. These naturally make life more interesting and a little easier for our race commentators.

We will also be clearing out a great many unused race numbers that have forced us into the triple digits. If you haven't raced for a while and want to keep that special number out of the general pool then the upcoming night race in March is a great way to secure it, otherwise round 1 at Wakefield Park is your next best bet to hold on to that lucky number.

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