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## Jamie Aislabie – Then and Now





Winner of the Ken Wharton Trophy – Dean McCarroll



Sports car drivers and SID Mk 3

The Season Finale meeting 15/16<sup>th</sup> May Hampton Downs is the last HRC meeting of this season. As usual we have a full two day program with classes having the choice of running either day or both days. On Saturday we have Formula Open/Libre, Improved Production Cars, Classic Trial. Sunday features 2KCup, Classic Touring Cars, Hooters Vintage series including the Roycroft Cup and over both days Super Laps and Super Karts. Remember you can race in more than one class subject to eligibility for an extra \$100 for double the track time.

Documentation and scrutineering available Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 1pm -4pm Entries [www.motorsportentry.com](http://www.motorsportentry.com)

The 2KCup race will be a one hour enduro. Improved Production will be run over three twenty minute races same as was run at the Jamie Aislabie Meeting in Taupo. This meeting has plenty of room - for entries in the Formula Open race, Formula Libre entries will be welcomed. Also IPC and Classic Touring Cars are light on entries.

### Important

Competitors are reminded that Snell SA 2000 helmets are no longer permitted after 31/5/21. Also, with FHR devices being mandatory you need to ensure the helmet has the lugs built in. No drilling holes in the helmet to attach the neck brace straps. For racing, your boots, gloves, socks, underwear and balaclava must be FIA 8856 2000 2018 approved. For Clubmans, (Super Laps and Classic Trial) Cotton/ Wool overalls and leather boots and gloves are required. All information is in the MSNZ manual under Schedule A.

Dates have been set for the next seasons HRC meetings. HRC has already communicated these dates with class coordinators and the various events are filling up fast with classes. Shows motorsport is very strong at present. HRC did eight licences in one day recently.

Note our celebration of 100 years of the NZIGP Motor Cup at Muriwai has been rescheduled for 26 November 2021 and is sponsored by Pinepac, Kumeu Medical Center, MSNZ, HRC and NZIGP.



HRC were shocked to hear that Bob Friend has taken his final corner. Sincere condolences to Bobs family. He will be sadly missed by an enormous amount of people. Bob Friend racing driver, Clerk of Course, Promoter Bob had done it all.

Bob was a founding member of HRC and was Clerk of the Course for many of HRC's successful meetings. When matters started to get messy Bob would say, "I will sort this out behind the bike sheds". Bob must have had a lot of experience behind the bike sheds during his school days because he always sorted the problem. He had heaps of stories from the early days of Bay Park and this was helpful when developing Hampton Downs. He was at the HRC meeting at Taupo last weekend still imparting words of wisdom.

RIP Bob Friend.



Roger Williams winner of the Jack Nazer April Historic Sports Sedans trophy and some nobody who photo bombed the picture

### Next Season

Meeting Name	Venue	Date	Date
Icebreaker	Pukekohe	11-Sep-21	12-Sep-21
B&H 500	Pukekohe	16-Oct-21	
2K Cup Challenge	Hampton Downs	20-Nov-21	21-Nov-21
Tasman Revival	BMMP Taupo	8-Jan-22	9-Jan-22
Tasman Revival	Pukekohe	26-Feb-22	27-Feb-22
Legends of Speed	Hampton Downs	26-Mar-22	27-Mar-22
Great Lake Meeting	BMMP Taupo	23-Apr-22	24-Apr-22
Classic Taupo	BMMP Taupo	14-May-22	15-May-22
Season Finale	Hampton Downs	4-Jun-22	5-Jun-22

# New champion to be crowned at the final Formula Open NZ (FONZ) round

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<https://talkmotorsport.co.nz/singleseater/new-champion-to-be-crowned-at-the-final-formula-open-nz-fonz-round/>



With five rounds down and one to go, the Formula Open New Zealand (FONZ) title will be on the line at Hampton Downs May 14th/15th. Will a new champion will be crowned?

Defending champion Gary Rush in his Formula Atlantic has had his hands full this year with the Vodafone Automotive duo of Sam MacNeill (FT40) and Josh Donohue (FT40). Both drivers will be aiming for a one-two finish in the series.

But nothing is guaranteed in a series where the different spec cars have strengths and weaknesses across different tracks. The series boosts a selection of past Toyota Racing Series cars, both the FT-40 and the FT-50 along with a number of Formula Atlantics, Formula Renault and Formula Suzuki cars, make up the field.

The category is about single seater cars with wings and slicks. A step up from Formula Ford and only one step away from the full TRS Series. In fact (with the exception of a few tracks) many of the ex-TRS and Formula Atlantic cars are lapping circuits as fast as the current TRS FT-60 car. So it's seriously fast racing! The series this year has enjoyed appearances from top drivers such as Brendon Leitch and Tom Alexander.



While the FT-50 and Atlantics have more aero and excel in the twisty stuff, the FT-40, with less aero, has a superior top speed. It means the drivers have to play to the cars strengths and weaknesses at each circuit.

The FT-50 should be superior at Hampton Downs next weekend and with Tom Alexander back for the final round, piloting the ex Marcus Armstrong FT50 now owned by Kenny Smith, he'll be hard to beat.

Having missed a number of rounds, Alexander is not in the hunt for the series title. That'll likely be between Rush, MacNeill, Geoff Harriman and Donohue. Young gun Josh Donohue, with the points lead coming into the weekend, has the advantage. However everybody has to drop their worst round and with 350 points per round available things could change.

Watch out for battles throughout the field with Paul Couper (FT-40) and Leo Francis (FT-40) vying for top five spots in the championship.

It all means that a great weekend of single seater racing lays ahead. So get along to Hampton Downs. It gets underway in seven days' time with Friday Practice (May 14th) and qualifying and racing on Saturday (May 15th).

#### **Top 6 Series points after 5 rounds**

- 1/ Josh Donohue (FT-40) 1780pts
- 2/ Geoff Harriman (FT-50) 1490
- 3/ Sam MacNeill (FT-40) 1395
- 2/ Gary Rush (DB4) 1350
- 5/ Paul Couper (FT-40) 1055
- 6/ Tom Alexander (FT-50) 695

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## SEASON FINALE PROGRAMME

Friday 14th May 2021

### Race Car Test Day

Book directly with Hampton Downs

<https://www.hamptondowns.com/experiences/track-days/race-car-test-days/>

HRC Will be performing Documentation and Scrutineering between 1pm and 4pm

Saturday 15th May 2021

7.15am        Documentation /Scrutineering

8.20am        Drivers Briefing

9:00        Practice starts Saturday

P1	Hansen Products Super Karts	15 Minutes
Q1	PPG Classic Trial	15 Minutes
Q2	FONZ/Libre	15 Minutes
Q3	IPC	15 Minutes
P2	Prowear SuperLaps	2 x 8 Minutes
P3	Hansen Products Super Karts	15 Minutes
Trial 1	PPG Classic Trial	12 Minutes Moving Grid
Race 1	FONZ/Libre	10 Laps rolling start
Race 2	IPC Race 1	20 minutes
P4	Prowear SuperLaps	2 x 8 Minutes
	Lunch	30 minutes
Q4	Hansen Products Super Karts	15 Minutes
Trial 2	PPG Classic Trial	12 Minutes Moving Grid
Race 3	FONZ/Libre	10 laps rolling start
Race 4	IPC Race 2	20 minutes
P5	Prowear SuperLaps	2 x 8 Minutes
Race 5	Hansen Products Super Karts	7 Laps Rolling Start
Trial 3	PPG Classic Trial	12 Minutes Moving Grid
Race 6	FONZ/Libre	10 Laps rolling start
Race 7	IPC Race 3	20 minutes
P5	Prowear SuperLaps	2 x 8 Minutes

**Sunday 16 May 2021**

**7.15am Documentation /Scrutineering**

**8.20 am Drivers Briefing**

**Sunday 09.00am Start**

<b>Race 8</b>	<b>Hansen Products Super Karts</b>	<b>7 Laps Rolling Start</b>
<b>Q5</b>	<b>VCC Hooters Race Series</b>	<b>15 Minutes</b>
<b>Q6</b>	<b>Classic Touring Cars</b>	<b>15 Minutes</b>
<b>Q7</b>	<b>2KCUP</b>	<b>15 Minutes</b>
<b>P6</b>	<b>Prowear SuperLaps</b>	<b>2 x 8 Minutes</b>
<b>Race 9</b>	<b>Hansen Products Super Karts</b>	<b>7 Laps Rolling Start</b>
<b>Race 10</b>	<b>VCC Hooters Race Series</b>	<b>8 Laps Scratch Race</b>
<b>Race 11</b>	<b>Classic Touring Cars</b>	<b>8 Laps rolling start scratch</b>
<b>Race 12</b>	<b>2KCUP</b>	<b>1 Hour Enduro</b>
	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>30 minutes</b>
<b>Race 13</b>	<b>Hansen Products Super Karts</b>	<b>7 Laps Rolling Start</b>
<b>P7</b>	<b>Prowear SuperLaps</b>	<b>2 x 8 Minutes</b>
<b>Race 14</b>	<b>VCC Hooters Roycroft Trophy Race</b>	<b>8 Laps Handicap</b>
<b>Race 15</b>	<b>Classic Touring Cars</b>	<b>8 Laps rolling start scratch</b>
<b>Race 16</b>	<b>Hansen Products Super Karts</b>	<b>7 Laps Rolling Start</b>
<b>Shootout</b>	<b>Prowear SuperLaps</b>	<b>Top 10 Shootout</b>
<b>Race 17</b>	<b>VCC Hooters Race Series</b>	<b>8 Laps Handicap</b>
<b>Race 18</b>	<b>Classic Touring Cars</b>	<b>8 Laps rolling start scratch</b>



# Classic Touring Cars



Photo – James Watson

Then the HRC Season Finale at Hampton Downs 16<sup>th</sup> May

Classic Touring cars is a non contact class and is gentleman racing, no ladies have entered yet but they would be welcomed.

The cars that we want to see out racing are pre 94 Touring Cars, makes will include BMW, Porsche, Ferrari ,Commodore, RX7, Corvette, Datsun, Group A and any British touring cars. All cars must be in 1990's spec

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## ***Next Meetings***

Note change to Saturday date

- Season Finale Hampton Downs Sat 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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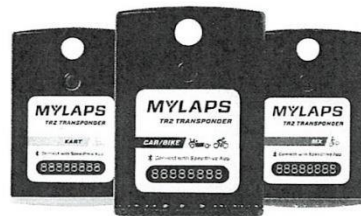


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