

# Monthly Newsletter

**-Ottobre 2018-**



*Italian bikes in the ACT*

**Ultime notizie**

*2018 CDDC AGM is on this Oct meeting – make sure you are there!!!*

*MotoGP Tipping Comp round report/results*

*Belt & Bevel @ 2018 DOCNSW Concourse*

*Debauch Dinner report*

*1<sup>st</sup> CDDC crossword*

**Il Presidente**



Yasou,

The AGM and elections are approaching fast and a few of the committee will not be standing for re-election so now is the time to put your hand up and give it a go as fresh ideas and personnel are always a good thing. I will not, due to personal reasons, be standing as part of the committee and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of our club for their support during my term as President and as a member of the committee for the past 15 years that I have been involved with the club at committee level. I have made many friends and probably a few enemies but that is all part and parcel of any social club which has many members with different views but cemented together with our passion for motorcycles and especially Italian ones.



*Pic of Pres on way to work – again true to form he can be seen cutting corners*

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I cannot leave without one last sledge and that must be about my sledging combatant, Peter Yeend. Make sure he is re-elected as Editor as, even though he is always saying he wants to end the newsletter, the reality is his already empty life would be even worse and where else could he publish his one eyed, self-righteous and usually untruthful ideas without landing in a court of law. See you Monday night at the Kingo. **Taso**

*(interruttore a specchio)*

<< **VP Dribble #8** >>

Hi All, it is your 2018 DOC Plaque here. Contrary to the last news letter I am not actually missing and I was not stolen by Sarge, I was saved, liberated even. If I had stayed with that funny little Greek guy he would have put me on a shelf and left me there to get all dusty. Since being freed by the VP and Ride co-ordinator I have managed to get out and about and meet lots of new friends like Fran and Sarge, man they got a nice house and four cute little poodles. Then there is Al and J from New Eagle Signs; they took me to meet the NSW club and tons more folks @ the DOCNSW Concourse – check out the piccies. I even got to meet up with the Belt N Bevel folk, that Grant’s a grumpy bugga isn’t he?

Rhys has promised me a blog spot on the web thingy so I can share my travels with all you Guys N Girls, that way Peter want get cranky for me filling up his newsletter with interesting stuff. Catch Ya Later.





**DOC Plaque (no longer missing)**

**!! It's your responsibility to keep yourself up-to-date !!**

Have you moved? Changed your email address? Changed your contact number? Remember, if your contact details change, it's your responsibility to advise the CDDC of your new address. Don't complain if you are a financial member & you are not getting notices or newsletters – you'll find in 101% of cases you've not notified of your change. Also, if you update your member details through your DOC portal, you also need to advise membership. If you have any problems with receiving information, please contact [secretarycddc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarycddc@gmail.com)

**Prossimi appuntamenti**  
**- next events -**

Here is the latest calendar of CDDC events. See list after the tables for other events. For further information, please contact our Ride Co-ordinator Rhys Ban (contact details at end of Newsletter). Don't forget, on all club rides TUFU applies (turn up fuelled up). If you turn up then realise you need fuel and are gonna duck off to get fuel, then tell the ride co-ordinator/captain.

CDDC events in Ottobre 2018	
<b>Mon 8th</b>	<p><b>CDDC monthly meeting as well as the 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM)</b></p> <p>Now this is a meeting all CDDC members should endeavour to attend!!!</p> <p>The Kingston Hotel, Canberra Ave Kingston – Oct monthly meeting starts @ 7:30.</p> <p>After the Oct monthly meeting there will be nibbles/eats to then be followed by the 2018 AGM featuring the election of principle committee members. See more detail on the AGM in this newsletter.</p>
<b>Sat 13th</b>	<p><b>Salute to the return of the sun after the end of winter</b></p> <p>Meet at the National Arboretum cafe for a coffee before a ride around the three peaks leaving at 10:30 am.</p>
<b>Sat 27th</b>	<p><b>Club ride</b></p> <p>Ride to Binalong motor museum. Michael Fuller is organising a day trip to the Binalong Motor Museum. Meet up from 9:00am @ the BP Watson.</p>

## CDDC events in Novembre 2018

<b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sun 4th</b>	<b>Club ride to Thunder Rally Sheba Dam Nundle</b> Ride details to be notified to members when it is known who is going, when where and how.
<b>Sat 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; Sun 11th</b>	<b>The CDDC annual Phil Goldacre memorial ride otherwise known as the Khancoban Run</b> Another club favourite. Meet at the Caltex in Hume at 8:00am for an 8:30 departure. Book accommodation at the Alpine Inn - (02)6076 9471.
<b>Mon 12th</b>	<b>CDDC monthly meeting</b> 7:30pm @ the Kingston Hotel, Canberra Ave Kingston. Meeting starts @ 7:30 – eats from 6:00 for those who want to grab a meal before the meeting & still be in time for meeting start @ 7:30pm
<b>Thurs 15th</b>	<b>Trackvember</b> Track Day at Wakefield Motorsport Park! Bookings are essential and closed. A ride to the track will be meeting at 8:30am and leaving at 9:00am from the BP in Watson.
<b>Sun 28th</b>	<b>Daylight Dining</b> A Dinner at the Dock, down by Lake Burley Griffin. Meet at 6:30pm.

Note: The event start times & venues are subject to change – make sure you confirm latest event info on the website @ <https://canberradistrictducaticlub.org.au/> The CDDC provides funds for a support vehicle & recovery trailer on sanctioned club rides like the Harrierville, Khancoban runs & Bevels to the Bay run each year. See other comments re the funding of support vehicles & trailer on CDDC club rides in this newsletter.

### Ride/event ideas

If you would like to lead a ride of your choice or have a suggestion for a ride, please email [ridesdddc@gmail.com](mailto:ridesdddc@gmail.com). Aside from these planned rides, I encourage everyone to start events via the club website or Facebook page for casual short rides. I also encourage everyone to let me know if you have an idea for a day, evening, or longer ride. I will be putting a system in place to ensure that I can give everyone a little something that they want. Information on this will be shared at the Club's General Meeting on Monday 13 November 2017. Let me know if you have anything else you would like me to elaborate on.

**Rhys**

<< ***Upcoming CDDC events for your diary*** >>

1st Saturday each month CMC ride. Meet at 10am

**1 December 2018** - CDDC 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner — see details in this newsletter

<< ***Upcoming non-CDDC events for your diary*** >>

**Sun 4 November** - VMMC Swap Meet, EPIC Canb. 7:00am to 4:00pm.

**16-19 November** - in Dubbo NSW - 2WheelBabes Mega Babe Raid. Four days of female driven, world record attempting rides/events. Details at [www.2wheelbabes.com](http://www.2wheelbabes.com).

**8 December** - DOCNSW & Ducatista Track Day. Our fellow Ducatisti in the NSW clubs are co-hosting a track day at Sydney Motorsport Park. More details to come!

<< ***Ducati Owners Clubs 2018 Welcome Kits*** >>

Everyone would have received their membership cards in the post from Italy. We have also received a much smaller kit this year (probably due to financial constraint due to WDW18) which is only available at the September and October meetings. It includes a 2018 pin and patch and a Ducati foldable backpack. (made from polyester). So please make the time to collect if you want one.

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**NOTIFICATION OF 2018 CDDC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE AGM OF THE CANBERRA & DISTRICT DUCATI CLUB Inc. WILL TAKE PLACE AT 8:30PM ON MONDAY 8 OCTOBER 2018 AT MADDIES MEETING ROOM, KINGSTON HOTEL, KINGSTON.

When: Monday 8 OCTOBER 2018

Where: Kingston Hotel

That special time of year again when our AGM is looming. We would like to see as many members as possible come along and support your club for the coming year. Again we will be providing some hot snacks around 8:00pm (between general and AGM), so no grumbly tummies.

Presentation of the previous year's minutes will be tabled along with the audited financial statements of the club and election of committee for 2018/2019. We have several executives not standing for positions this year. Your club needs you if we are to steadily move ahead into the future. So please consider taking on a role. The positions available for nomination are:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

And 3 other member positions. Please make enquiries to Pres Taso or another committee member at a meeting or email through the contact page. Nomination forms will be available at the September meeting or contact [secretarycddc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarycddc@gmail.com) to have one emailed. The club general meeting will be held at 7:30pm normal time with a break including hot food until 8:30pm when the AGM will convene. We look forward to seeing you on the night. Returning Officer: Murray Willmott.

***Marilyn Starick Secretary***



**2018 Thunder Rally**  
 Sheba Dam, Nundle  
**2nd - 4th NOVEMBER**

The **37<sup>th</sup>** annual DOCNSW Thunder Rally is on!  
 Camping on the banks of Sheba Dam - Nundle.

A great ride in from near or far . Chill with mates - make new friends. Camp onsite with a swag or tent. Win a trophy. Fish for trout . Or just hang out with fellow bike riders.

**Lions club BBQ Sat night + Sun morning.**

Or BYO everything - with supplies 10 mins away in Nundle. All motorcyclists welcome No cars or dogs please. Proudly supporting Royal Rehab Center Ryde.

Entry **\$25 prepaid \$30 on the day** includes badge + water on arrival

More info: Warren Allen 0409 163 465  
 Book online: [DUCATIOWNERSCLUBNSW.COM.AU](http://DUCATIOWNERSCLUBNSW.COM.AU)

# Altre Notizie

## - other news -

<< **WANTED** >>

### Merchandise Officer

Your club requires a Merchandise Officer!! What's that you ask! Someone who can look after our little shop which at this time mainly consists of shirts. If you are looking for a way to help your club in some way this is it. What's required?

- The ability to store a few boxes
- Good customer service skills (insert smiley emoji here)
- Skills to balance a day's trading and audit stock levels
- liaise with Treasurer and committee
- Able to attend some meetings and main events.

If you are able to help please speak to someone on committee.

## << **CDDC Discounts** >>

### **Canberra Motorcycle Centre**

A CDDC discount has been negotiated with Canberra Motorcycle Centre for all club members. 10% discount applies to services, accessories & parts. Remember to ask for your discount as a member of CDDC and present your current membership card at point of sale. The only discount that applies at Canberra Motorcycle Centre is on spares, accessories and service. The discount is usually 10% but can vary depending on item and at the discretion of CMC. There is no discount at the Cafe.

## << **CDDC SUPPORTERS** >>

These are the businesses that support the club through donations, discounts: **Belt & Bevel, Canberra Motorcycle Centre, MotoGarage, Neweagle Signs, St John Ambulance ACT & CanPrint**. Many thanks to them and show your appreciation by patronising these businesses.

## << **2018 – CDDC 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** >>

The date for the dinner has been set for Sat 1 December 2018. A venue has also been identified as the probable location being the Canberra Park Resort corner of Federal Highway and Old Well Station Road Gungahlin 2912 - next to EPIC showgrounds. The CDDC will be providing a subsidy for the cost of the dinner to financial members.

We have set up a mailbox called [40th\\_anniversary@cddc.org.au](mailto:40th_anniversary@cddc.org.au) and as requested by Gaye. (there is an underscore between 40th and anniversary). We will be putting out a DOC News item to members advising them of the mailbox and inviting them to send photos, articles, memories and stories of the past 40 years. Gaye will be the moderator of the mailbox. Emails landing in the Inbox will be automatically forwarded to the following 40th Anniversary sub-committee members.

- [vice.president@cddc.org.au](mailto:vice.president@cddc.org.au)
- [secretary@cddc.org.au](mailto:secretary@cddc.org.au)
- [events@cddc.org.au](mailto:events@cddc.org.au)
- [rides@cddc.org.au](mailto:rides@cddc.org.au)

So get those pics, memories, event ideas, things to do coming in!!!

## << **CDDC 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirts** >>

The 40th anniversary t-shirts are being printed. They will be available for sale at the AGM in a wide range of sizes and two styles. We will also have t-shirts available in children sizes for Ducatisti (in training). The design chosen for the t-shirt is a homage to the 70's.



<< ***New batch of CDDC shirts now available*** >>

The CDDC has a new batch of club shirts that might take your fancy (thanks to Steve Hopper for org). They were on sale @ Auto Italia. Colour combinations are Black/Red & White/Red for men in sizes M to XXXL & Black/Red & White/Black for women in sizes 10 to 18. Limited stock and sizes so get in early. They'd make a fantastic birthday gift for your partner or girlfriend/boyfriend. A member of the Committee will even come to your place & iron it for you. Get your order in with the regalia persons – see end of newsletter.



*New CDDC T Shirts in white or black. Be cool & attractive*



## *Wakefield Park -TRACKVEMBER 2018*

CDDC and CMC present the 2018 Ride Day at Wakefield Park Raceway on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Tickets \$169.00 per rider + \$30.. M.A Licence – Available from CMC

Expressions of interest required to reserve a place NLT 15 Jul 18

Payment required to secure place NLT 15 Oct 18



**CDDC-CMC Track Day**

**Canberra District Ducati Club and Canberra Motorcycle Centre invites you to TrackVember 2018. CMC have hired Wakefield Park for a private track day, catering to all levels of experience.**

**Riders:** On the day we will be running four groups: Race, Fast, Fast/ Medium, Medium/ Slow. If you would like to be in the same group as a friend, please purchase tickets together at the same time. Novice riders in the Medium/ Slow group will start with a guided lap and have the opportunity to learn from our experienced track rider from Canberra Motorcycle Centre. All riders are required to wear the appropriate riding gear, as to the standards listed below

**Tickets:** Tickets are \$169 and can be bought in-store or over the phone. You will also need a MA Day license (unless you have a MA license) which is \$30 and available to purchase on the day. Once you have registered details and purchased your TrackVember ticket, your info pack will be emailed to you with your garage allocation.

**Where:** Wakefield Park is situated in Goulburn NSW, just under an hour from Canberra. Riders are asked to sign on at the circuit between 7:30am and 8:30am. Riders briefing will be conducted at 8:40am at the base of the control tower.

**On the day:** Our sponsors will be hosting trade displays on the day, with accessories on show. We recommend bringing along a camp/deck chair and plenty of snacks and drinks for the day. The canteen will be open.

**Safety:** All safety measurements will be taken and an Ambulance will be on stand-by in the case of an emergency. All motorcycles and riding gear will be scrutineered before being allowed on the track. Please ensure that your motorcycle and gear are up to the standards listed below.

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## Motorcycle Requirements:

**Tyres** in good condition and have minimum of 2mm of tread above wear indicator including the centre of tyre. Slick tyres are allowed if weather permits. Front and rear **brakes** to operate as per standards and to have minimum thickness rotors and brake pads have minimum amount of material. **Brake lines** are secured correctly and not weep or leak fluid. **Fairings** are to be secured correctly, **Fork seals** must not show any signs of leaking or weeping fluid. **Exhaust** to be secured correctly and have no sharp edges exposed, **Throttle** must snap back to position when released. No **oil/coolant** or **fuel** leaks. Recommended that coolant is drained and replace with water with a corrosion inhibitor. All **gear racks/packs** must be removed. All **mirrors** must be removed. **Chain guard** installed as per manufacturers specification/standard

**Riding Gear Requirements:** Full-face **helmet** at minimum of Australian standards AS1698 or European standard and visor must be correctly secured. **Leather jacket** and **pants** that zip together securely (textile and kevlar are not allowed). Leather **motorcycle boots** that meet half way up to knee must overlap pants or under pants so that skin is completely covered - Leather **motorcycle gloves** that overlap jacket sleeves to completely cover skin. We recommended a **back protector** but is not mandatory.



*Al Martinsen on his Aksel fettled 984 @ Morgan Park*

# *Eventi passati* *- past events -*



**THE NEW CDDC WEBSITE WENT LIVE AS OF 27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**



The new CDDC website is up and running as of Mon 27 August.

A lot of time has been spent getting the new Canberra District Ducati Club website going. The thinking behind the new layout was an outward facing, exciting club site that attracted new and existing members alike. The information on rides coming up, the newsletter, a club shop where membership can be renewed, regalia purchased and tickets to events and dinners are all easily accessed. The general look and feel is now set but if you want to see items changed the Committee is the place to place your improvements.

Time for you to look , play & use.

**Michael Fuller**

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## **BELT & BEVEL @ 2018 DOCNSW CONCOURSE D'ELEGANCE**



Belt and Bevel were invited by the NSW Club to provide a Trade Stand at the 2018 Concourse being held at Club Marconi in Berkley Vale on Sunday 16 September. Michael was also asked to be one of the Judges on the day for a couple of categories. Michael and Angelika packed their van with the 250 Scrambler along with a range of parts that Belt and Bevel import from various suppliers/manufacturers in Europe. Kveta and myself packed our van with a 1973 750 Sport, 1974 Formula 750 racebike, 450 Desmo and a 1967 125 Bronco. The 450 and the Sport both being the same colour and styling were to form part of our trade stand display.



All of us headed off Saturday but not together. Michael and Angelika went looking at helmets and other clothing accessories in Sydney, whereas Kveta and I took a slow trip by turning off the highway after Marulan and travelling via Exeter, Wingello and Bundanoon, with Bowral being our final destination for the day. We spent the evening with our good friends Tony and Hayley Hatton, as Bowral was only 1 hour and 15 minutes away from the venue the next day.



We arrived at Club Marconi about 8.15 on Sunday morning, Angelika and Michael had already begun setting up the Trade Stand which was located on the side of a large grassed oval on the side of the club. The weather was perfect on the day, sunny, a bit cooler but spot on. The Bronco, Scrambler and Formula 750 were all entered in their relevant categories as part of the Concourse, and the 450 and Sport were positioned at either end of our display of products. The day was a great success for Belt and Bevel as our intention was to showcase the products that we import and let owners know what is available. We ended up selling quite a few items, as well as many owners placing orders for parts on the day or over the following couple of weeks. Another highlight for us was the Formula 750 taking out first place in its category. Other club members in attendance were Alan, Janine, and George Desira.

**Grant Fuller**



## A DEBACLE OF AN EVENING



This was an event we were all waiting for - pints and pizzas! Upon arrival we found Rhys attached to a table and chairs - outside!! This would not do, so after some whinging and whining to the staff, arrangements were made for us to have a table. Thank you wait staff. The attendees were Leigh, Penny, Rhys, Joey, Janine and myself. Poor effort from the rest of the Club but as the saying goes - your loss. Now, the reason we nearly didn't get a table is that Wednesday night is Trivia Night at Debaacle. So whilst devouring some food we decided to hang around for the Trivia and so The Desmos were born. Now at this point I must say that we had a fairly wide knowledge base spanning some decades and our scribe Joey had a huge input.



*The CDDC debaclers*

As per the norm, the questions covered a wide range of topics and much fun was had trying to work out answers and trying to mislead other teams with incorrect answers spoken just loud enough for them to hear. By the end of Round 1, AB was wet courtesy of a self-inflicted water spill (shit it was cold) and the team had fared well, being equal 2<sup>nd</sup> with 2 other teams, well done Desmos! A short break was had and an anagram conundrum given to keep the mind in tune, it was also worth points and J9 smashed it! Round 2 starts and the Desmos were oozing with confidence. The questions came and went and again more fun was had.

Rhys and Joey assisted with the gen x questions (along with other new age things). A good pick up by Leigh regarding The Eagles album and we should not have doubted Penny when she (jokingly) suggested that Latin was one of the languages the Pope "tweets" in. Well who does know the 9 languages anyway???. FYI we did get 7 out of the 8 required!! The end arrived and the points were tallied. But we did not win, nor were we second; I think equal 3<sup>rd</sup> but that's not the issue. The point here is that we had a fantastic evening and it may have been a lot better had more members been in attendance. Now I am not trying to be a sore loser but had a few more brains turned up we may well have kicked its arse and took the spoils!! Perhaps the trivia specialists in the Club could help out next time (Mrs Jessop?). And there will be a next time as we had too much fun.

Thanks Rhys for arranging a great night even if the trivia was spur of the moment, you can take the credit for this one. Please, the rest of you, lets' get a bit more support for these events so we have some interest in the position of Events Coordinator and he's not banging his head against the wall trying to keep everyone happy.

***Alan Beavan***



## CDDC 2018 MOTOGP TIPPING COMPETITION – RDS 10 & 11 MISANO &

### ARAGON



I've been a bit busy these last few weeks - busy and slack in equal parts so this is a double-header catch-up for the last two races, both of which had their moments. Lorenzo surprised everyone by falling off at Misano and then did it again in far more spectacular fashion in Aragon. And of course, it wasn't his fault either time. Funny that. And now there are rumours about Marquez quitting Honda next year which I find very hard to believe having just signed a two year contract.

Rossi rode a much better race than I'd care to admit last weekend, finishing in the top ten after starting 17th. "We made a few changes on Saturday," he says - more than a few you'd imagine, due mostly to Yamaha bringing their WSB head engineer across the Rossi's garage. No coincidence that Rossi does better right after his arrival. Rossi has shown his true skill this year to still be third in the championship on a bike that everyone, even Yamaha knows is a dog. Some commentators are going so far as to say it might be his best season ever! I really don't care that much to think about that.



And finally, Suzuki might be having mixed feelings about their recent podiums - Vins in Italy and Iannone in Spain. As a result, they have lost their concessions for next year meaning things like fewer engines per rider and no more unlimited practice sessions. With a rookie in the team, that might be costly.

Speaking of next year. I found this recently which summarises whose riding what in 2019.

<b>Repsol Honda</b>	<b>Movistar Yamaha</b>	<b>Ducati</b>	<b>Suzuki</b>
Marc Marquez	Valentino Rossi	Andrea Dovizioso	Alex Rins
Jorge Lorenzo	Maverick Vinales	Daniilo Petrucci	Joan Mir*

<b>Red Bull KTM</b>	<b>Aprillia Gresini</b>	<b>Tech3 KTM</b>	<b>LCR Honda</b>
Johann Zarco	Alix Espargaro	Miguel Oliveira*	Cal Cruthlow
Pol Espargaro	Andrea Iannone	Hafizh Syahrin	Takaaki Nakagami

<b>Pramac Ducati</b>	<b>Aventia Ducati</b>	<b>Petronas Yamaha Sepang (taken Marc VDS grid)</b>
Francesco Bagnaia*	Karel Abraham	Franco Morbidelli
Jack Miller	Tito Rabat	Fabio Quartararo*

\* Denotes rookie from Moto2

Pedrosa (retired), Redding, Smith and Luthi not riding MotoGP in 2019.

As for the tipping, there have been some big moves. While Lorenzo has foiled everyone's best efforts, some have done well picking the minor places, picking up 4 or 5 valuable points. Alan Cory (9), Rosco and Doug (8), Craig, Chris, John (aka The Mexican), Tim and George Step (6) have all punched well about their weight but the big movers were Jeff and Rod grabbing a lazy 11 points each over the two rounds. Perhaps there's a kink in El Presidente's armour or maybe the phone line to his bookies in Greece is a bit dodgy. Whatever the reason, he's thrown the anchor out and shortened his lead by a few points. Perhaps he's "saving his tyres" as they say or maybe just trying to get better odds on the international black market. Who knows how people who move in those circles work? So here's the one-time only digitally enhanced points table. Next week is the new race in Thailand (Jeff should do well) and then only one more race until the one that counts!

Tipster	Austria	Misano	Aragon
Alan Cory	40	42	49
Chris Roberts	40	44	46
Ross Burke	47	51	55
Taso Samios	61	63	67
Doug Lawrie	40	44	48
Craig Evans	50	54	56
George Step	41	45	47
Tony Yeend	41	44	46
Ian Thompson	40	42	44
Jeff Piper	42	46	53
John Lyon	40	44	46
Sarge	35	38	40
Rod	46	50	57
Tim F.	28	32	34
George D.	41	42	44

**Murray**

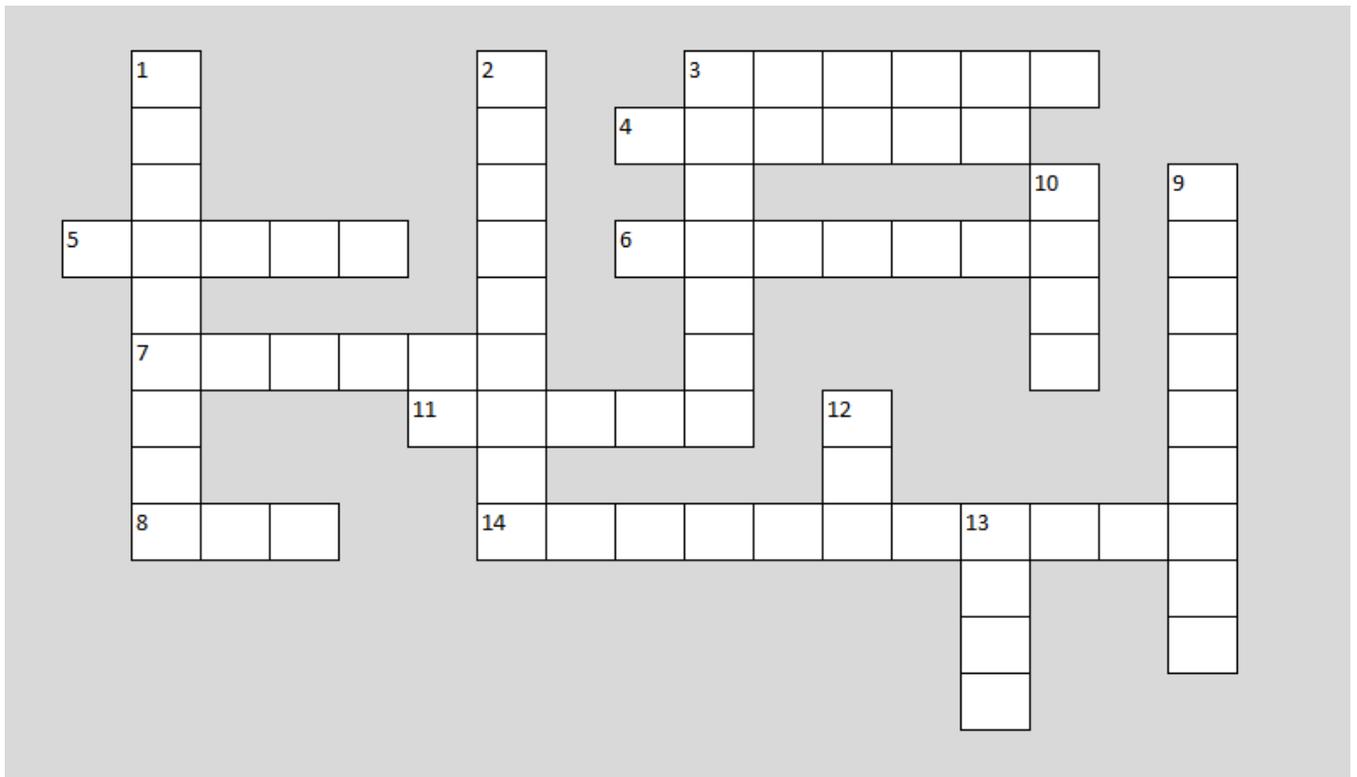
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## *Articoli vari*

### *- bits & pieces -*



The CDDC newsletter is always trying to provide variety and difference to members. In that theme, see below a crossword puzzle to challenge your Ducati & associated knowledge. Doing the crossword will be a challenge and also a didactic exercise. A big ta to Michael Fuller for originating the crossword. Tis a challenge for the editor given he's a hopeless speler. Crossword answers for No 1 will be in the Nov CDDC monthly newsletter.



**Down**

- 1) Built for racing only, half a 916
- 2) The Superleggera Panigale chassis is made from this
- 3) The closest city to the Italian Ducati production line
- 9) Leading the 1972 Imola 200 until the last lap was Ducati rider \_\_\_\_\_ (Surname)
- 10) Ducati Scooter
- 12) The 748 Model designation by specification under the 'R'

**Across**

- 3) Manufacturer of Brakes
- 4) Transfers force from the cam to the valve
- 5) The Ducati Dealer in Canberra predecessor to CMCC
- 6) Model that has seen 25 years continuous production
- 7) Ducati's first ever product
- 8) Your engine will seize without it
- 11) Popular Ducati moped model, also means feather in Italian
- 13) Over taking in a blind corner is a \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) Ducati's version on the BMW GS

Crossword answers will be in the Nov CDDC monthly newsletter.

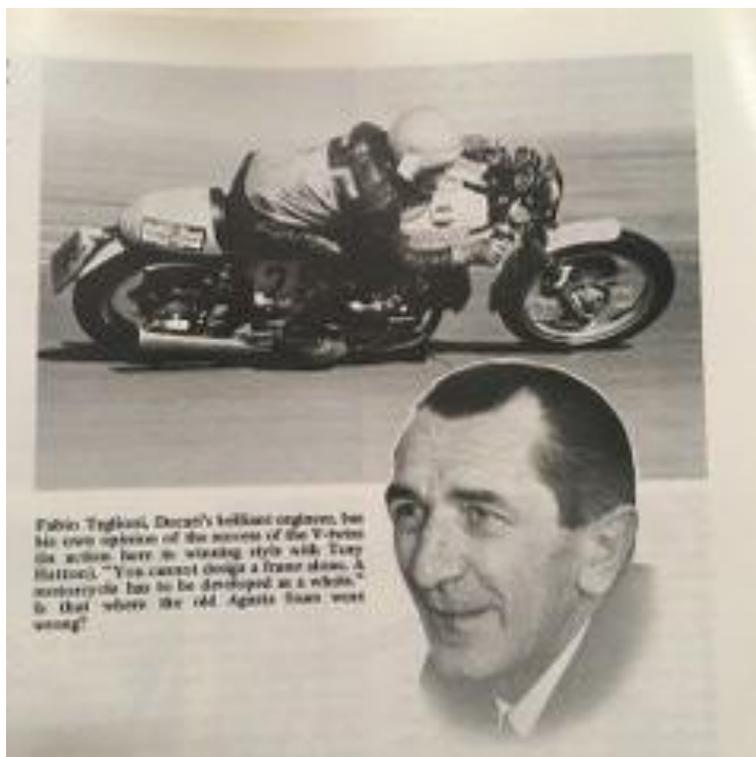


## **DUCATI'S 1<sup>ST</sup> WIN WITH A TWIN IN AUSTRALIA**



### **TONY HATTON 1973 ADELAIDE 3 HOUR**

For those v/few readers of the CDDC newsletter, some will remember the article on the Ducati 750 Sport in the May edition. Well I, like Grant, think the 750 Sport is a much overlooked and seminal version of the now signature Ducati V twin. I'm sure many don't know that it's 1<sup>st</sup> race win in Australia was by the legend Tony Hatton in his winning the 1973 Adelaide 3 Hour race. The bike is a 1973 750 Sport, black engine sidecovers, leading axle forks, single Scarab front disc and of course non desmo.



*Pic of Hatton on the 750 Sport with a pic of Tagliani superimposed over the front*



## **DOUG POLEN – WSBK CHAMPION ON DUCATI IN 1991 & 1992**



“He went to the top of the leaderboard in three laps. Then he pulls into the garage, takes off his leathers, puts on his street clothes. “We wait.” How and why Doug Polen and Fast by Ferracci Ducati won the 1991 WSBK championship in their first try can be explained by three factors.

**Factor 1: Dunlop.** Doug Polen was Dunlop’s not so secret weapon in the early 1990s. Ex-racer turned tire engineer Jim Allen, not renown for faint or false praise, has always maintained that Polen was head and shoulders the very best test rider he ever worked with. Allen, in several decades of Dunlop employ, worked with every decent rider of the era at one time or another: Eddie Lawson, Kevin Schwantz, Wayne Rainey, Fred Merkel, Miguel DuHamel, Mat Mladin and the rest. And Allen still says in terms of being a test rider, there was Polen, and then there were the rest, the difference wasn’t even close. He had a unbelievable memory and an analytical mind second to none for a rider.

“From time-to-time when we were testing or at a race, he would say the most outrageous things. Like, “I’m going to do a 1:37.0” when everyone else had been maxed out at 1:39’s for hours. At the beginning of our relationship we’d all say (to ourselves) “Yeah, sure.” Then he’d go out and do it ... not a 1:37.2 or a 1:36.9, but a 1:37.0. We learned pretty quickly not to doubt him. The guy had a clock in his head and a memory for tires that nobody before or since, has ever matched,” says Allen.



*Doug Polen on a 888 in 1991*

The combination of Dunlop and Doug Polen was stout. Polen was a tire engineer in a leather suit who won races. He had helped develop Dunlop’s Supersport tires and then their Superbike slick, and that was an advantage that Polen took to Europe in 1992 with Ferracci and Ducati. It wasn’t until the end of the season that onlookers caught on to how good the Dunlop tire was by then.

**Factor 2: Eraldo Ferracci.** Outwardly, it would seem as if Ferracci was more an outsider at Ducati than an insider because, in the development of the 851 and then the racing of the Ducati 888, Ferracci’s name is rarely heard or mentioned. Ducati had a factory race team when the 851 and 888 were introduced, and Ferracci and his family run organization basically put the factory bikes on the trailer at a lot of WSBK races. How did this happen and why was it allowed to happen—that a scrappy privateer team using support bikes beat the factory?

Eraldo was and remains very special in terms of his tuning prowess. It is legend now—and Ferracci only smiles if you ask him if this story is true—but it is said that Ferracci knew that his Ducatis would beat the factory bikes the first time he heard a factory 888 run. Ferracci, it is said, thought that the factory 888s just sounded “unhappy”. With his drag racing background, Ferracci wasn’t a dyno-room closet case, always dependent on the dyno for signs of progress. He listened to how an engine ran, took it apart and intently examined every part. Then he’d modify parts and re-build the engine, listen to it run, tear it back apart. He did so until he felt the Ducati 888 engine sounded “happy”. His engines were fast and reliable where at times the factory 888 engines were either one or the other. Rarely both.

Ferracci was also a known entity in Italy. Born there, and a kid racer, Eraldo was fast on track and as he grew into a man, Ferracci was a person that people respected in the Italian motorcycle industry. The Benelli brothers just threw him in America to try and fix their American distributorship and he did. Being from America when Ducati began racing the 851 and 888 helped him because Ducati desperately wanted race results that would impress the American market. “Find an American rider,” they said to Ferracci.

Ferracci came to Ducati WSBK with their open arms greeting him. Many people in the power structure at Ducati or the race shop then had known Ferracci for decades. He was their friend, and knew he’d help them if they did the same for Eraldo. It seems odd now that a factory would need the help of one man but Ferracci was instrumental in helping to develop the 888 Superbike. He and Ducati enlisted the NCR race team to be his support structure, and that too was very key in the success they would enjoy.

**Factor 3: Doug Polen.** In 1991, Doug Polen was a virtually unknown entity in World Superbike. He’d been racing in America and in Japan for years and had sporadic success but nothing which really foretold of the success he would immediately have in WSBK, with Ferracci, Ducati and Dunlop.

Case in point: Polen won the first WSBK race that he’d entered as a full time rider—the season opening event at Donington. But Polen had raced at the Match Races in the UK previously so he knew Donington well—that he won there wasn’t remarkable. Or as remarkable as it would one day become.

Dunlop tire engineer Dave Watkins tells the story of the second round of the 1991 championship at Jarama, Spain. “Doug had never been to Spain prior to this, never set tire on Jarama,” Watkins says. “So the entire WSBK paddock were shocked when Doug broke the existing Jarama lap record on the third lap of practice. He went to the top of the leaderboard in three laps. Then he pulls into the garage, takes off his leathers, puts on his street clothes. We wait. Raymond Roche on the factory Ducati, as the session winds down, finally goes quicker. Doug saw this, undressed, put on his leathers and goes back out. New track record and pole for the race!”



*Polen riding in 1992 on a 888 as 1991 WSB champion*

After qualifying, Polen openly predicted that he would win both races at Jarama, something the Euro press and the factory Ducati team found a bit presumptuous. Polen didn’t just predict a double win, he openly discussed winning strategy—should I go out and win it by a mile or should I make it close, win it by a whisker? Insulted, the other riders felt an egotistical psych job coming their way and had nothing of it, saying Polen hadn’t done enough laps to even know what his fuel consumption would be, let alone if he would win.

The very first sign that the 1991 WSBK championship was about to become a Doug Polen Riding Academy was discovered when they saw that Polen won the first race at Jarama by almost ten seconds. And in the second race, he decided to make it look not quite as bad—he only won by 1.5 seconds. “He’d never seen the track before Friday morning,” remembers Watkins.



## **DUCATI RESOURCES IN THE ACT/QUEANBEYAN/YASS AREA**



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### **Canberra Motorcycle Centre (CMC)**

<http://www.canberramcc.com.au/>

**30 Ipswich St Fyshwick - 61754444**

CMC is the local Ducati dealership. So for any warranty work it's the only resource. Obviously they also sell parts, official Ducati clothing as well as doing servicing. My experience is Steve in parts is really helpful.

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Call 0408 223 069 to speak to **Michael Fuller**

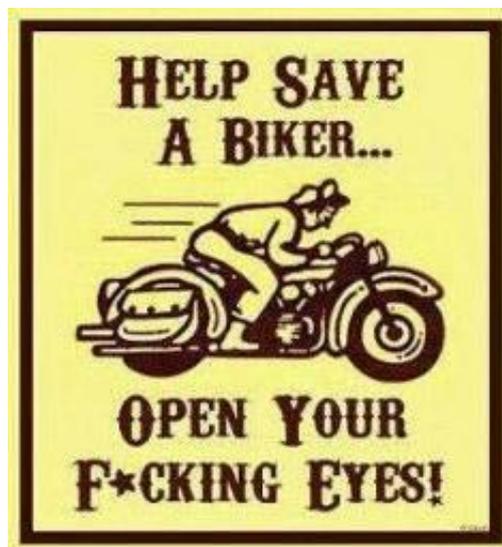
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