

26th November 2010 Newsletter

Hello Everyone,

Our sympathies and condolences are with the families of the Pike River Miner in a time of uncertainty as they deal with the tragedy of last week's explosions. Events like this bring communities together to grieve and heal, but also serve as a reminder that we are all human and that life is precious.

## **Targa Bambina**

As we close in on that silly season called Christmas, all hands are on the pump getting the **Coromandel Targa Bambina** event organized and ready for 11th, 12th & 13th of March 2011. Yes we are going to **Whitianga on Saturday night**, so get your accommodation sorted early, check out [www.bookabach.co.nz](http://www.bookabach.co.nz) or [www.whitianga.co.nz/hotels.html](http://www.whitianga.co.nz/hotels.html) and make a weekend of it. Documentation and start will be in Drury at the old "Jolly Farmer" now known as "**Murphys Law Irish Bar**". There is accommodation across the road at **Drury Motor Lodge** so check out their website [www.drurymotorlodge.co.nz](http://www.drurymotorlodge.co.nz) or phone on 09 2947690. Prizegiving is again at the Onewhero Golf Club, check out their website for location details [www.onewherogolf.co.nz](http://www.onewherogolf.co.nz). Event pricing is up on the website along with the new terms and conditions. We are planning a fun event with waterway cruises, air shows and car verses helicopter races to keep us entertained on Saturday night. The Off Shore Power Boats are also racing at Whitianga on Saturday, so it will be like a mini Festival of Speed. With over 200 kms of special stages there is still plenty of racing, but the emphasis is on having fun and taking Targa Bambina to a new location via some new roads and others that have not been used for a number of years. The first of the new pricing deadline is the 15th December, so take advantage and get your entry paid before you go on your Christmas Holiday.

## **Targa Merchandise**

Speaking of Christmas, there is a variety of merchandise available on our webpage under Merchandise so get your Christmas orders in now and let Mandy know if you want them gift wrapped. Please allow enough time to get your orders processed and sent before the Office closes on the 17th December.

## **Seria Campione 2010**

You may have noticed that these awards were not given out at the 2010 Dunlop Targa Prizegiving, this was not a mistake as we have been planning the introduction of an annual awards dinner. This has been providing some challenges around suitable dates given the time frames before Christmas. We are now looking at dates in February as a lead into the 2011 Targa NZ Rally Series. More information will come as we finalise the venue and dates, but in the meantime here are the results for 2010.

### **Metalman Classic Competition:**

- 1st Mark Kirk-Burnnand/ Chris Kirk-Burnnand
- 2nd Neil Tolich/ Cully Paterson
- 3rd Barry Kirk-Burnnand/ Steve Kirk-Burnnand

**Orafol Segno Modern Competition:**

1st Tony Quinn/ Naomi Tillett

2nd Jason Gill/ Jody Somervell

3rd Glenn Inkster/ Spencer Winn

**New Targa Rules**

We are currently working on a number of new initiatives that we will be rolling out over the next few weeks as they get finalized. As some of you may know we have been working with Motorsport NZ for over a year now on new rules to run Tarmac Rallies. Norm and his team on the Rally Commission are presenting them at the Executive Meeting on the 11th December for final sign-off. Once they have been approved we can get our supplementary regulations finalized and posted on our website, [www.targa.co.nz](http://www.targa.co.nz) . We have also been working towards making Targa NZ a Sanctioned Series. The benefits of this is that we will create and publish the rules for all three events at the start of the year and new competitors will be able to prepare themselves and their cars knowing clearly what they can and can't do.

So watch out for our announcements and make sure you read them as there are a number of changes that you will need to be aware of. An example is the introduction of Head and Neck restraint devices. We have signalled this since 2008 and there are a number of options available. Targa NZ has a number of HANS units available for entrants to borrow, as well as the option of a rent-to-own or out-right purchase. We have negotiated a special Targa Price with RaceTech, so please contact Mandy at the office for more information by replying to this email or by phone on 09 2988322 between 9.00am and 3.00pm.

**Motorsport NZ Calendar**

Event Clashes in the Motorsport Calendar have always been a problem, and next year will be no different. While we don't have the answer to prevent this from happening at all, there does need to be some review on what is deemed to be a conflict. With the every decreasing pool of volunteers and the every increasing number of Motorsport activities, there is a huge drain on resources available and as such many volunteers and other critical support services travel large distances to be involved. We have raised this matter with Motorsport NZ and it is also on the agenda for the Executive Meeting in December, so if you have any thoughts or solutions please contact them directly.

That's all for now.

The Targa Team.