



Historic Touring Car Association – HSRCA Sydney Classic

10-11 June 2023

Sydney Motorsport Park

Round 1 of the 2023 HTCA NSW competition was held at the Gardner circuit of Sydney Motorsport Park. At long last, there was some local racing!!

Entry field

The entry field comprised twelve Group Nb cars, and eleven Group Nc cars. Milan Zizek made the trip from Tasmania to show his beautifully prepared 1968 Ford Mustang.

Driver First name	Driver last name	STATE	Vehicle	Cap	CL
Paul	Battersby	NSW	1963 Austin Mini Cooper	1299	NBB
Michael	Bevan	NSW	1972 Holden Torana XU1	3300	NCE
John	Burke	NSW	1972 Valiant Charger	4400	NCF
Chris	Collett	NSW	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1298	NBB
Anthony	Colton	NSW	1970 Ford Falcon XY	5937	NCG
Peter	Ferguson	NSW	1964 Ford Lotus	1596	NBC
John	Harrison	NSW	1964 Ford Cortina GT	1598	NBC
Ray	Hepburn	WA	1969 Ford Mustang	5853	NCF
Loris	Mariotto	NSW	1964 Volvo 122S	1998	NBD
Francis	Meier	NSW	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1310	NBB
David	Noakes Jnr	NSW	1972 Ford Escort RS	1600	NCC
Stephen	Page	NSW	1972 BMW 2002 ti	2002	NCC
Geoff	Pike	NSW	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	970	NBB
David	Roberts	NSW	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1275	NBB
Graham	Russell	NSW	1970 Morris Mini	1300	NCB
David	Stone	NSW	1968 Ford Mustang	4949	NCF
Paul	Tierney	NSW	1972 Holden Torana XU1	3300	NCE
Brad	Tilley	NSW	1966 Ford Mustang	4735	NCF
Tom	Tweedie	NSW	1963 Morris Cooper S	1293	NBB
Rod	Wallace	NSW	Holden Torana XU1	3300	NCE
David	Wheatley	NSW	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1293	NBB
Milan	Zizek	TAS	1968 Ford Mustang	5000	NCF

The Eligibility Officer in attendance at this race meeting was Mr David Twigg, the Chair of the Historic Production Based Eligibility Committee of Motorsport Australia. Parc Ferme was in place for selected cars, and David Twigg was ably assisted by Steve Pitman, who conducted pit exit checks during the enduro race on belts and gloves of all drivers.



Qualifying – A Drivers

Qualifying commenced on Saturday for the A drivers. A separate qualifying session was held for those utilising a second driver for the Enduro race.

The field was twenty-two cars. Brad Tilley set the pace, with David Stone nipping at his heels, followed by John Burke in his immaculate Valiant Charger.

Pos	Car	Driver		State	Competitor/Team		Vehicle	Cap	CL	Laps	Fastest...Lap	
1	28	Brad	Tilley	NSW	Brad	Tilley	1966 Ford Mustang	4735	NCF	4	1	1:44.9420*
2	76	David	Stone	NSW	David	Stone	1968 Ford Mustang	4949	NCF	3	2	01:45.804
3	93	John	Burke	NSW	John	Burke	1972 Valiant Charger	4400	NCF	4	4	01:49.776
4	5	Anthony	Colton	NSW	Anthony	Colton	1970 Ford Falcon XY	5937	NCG	5	4	01:50.206
5	27	David	Noakes Jnr	NSW	David	Noakes Jnr	1972 Ford Escort RS	1600	NCC	4	3	01:51.720
6	19	Tom	Tweedie	NSW	Tom	Tweedie	1963 Morris Cooper S	1293	NBB	4	2	01:52.034
7	45	Milan	Zizek	TAS	Milan	Zizek	1968 Ford Mustang	5000	NCF	4	3	01:52.200
8	62	Chris	Collett	NSW	Chris	Collett	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1298	NBB	7	3	01:52.545
9	353	Michael	Bevan	NSW	Michael	Bevan	1972 Holden Torana XU1	3300	NCE	4	2	01:52.806
10	84	Graham	Russell	NSW	Graham	Russell	1970 Morris Mini	1300	NCB	6	5	01:53.798
11	72	Paul	Tierney	NSW	Paul	Tierney	1972 Holden Torana XU1	3300	NCE	7	5	01:55.077
12	7	Geoff	Pike	NSW	Geoff	Pike	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	970	NBB	6	2	01:55.521
13	54	Stephen	Page	NSW	Stephen	Page	1972 BMW 2002 ti	2002	NCC	5	2	01:55.744
14	59	Ray	Hepburn	WA	Ray	Hepburn	1969 Ford Mustang	5853	NCF	5	3	01:55.850
15	61	David	Wheatley	NSW	David	Wheatley	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1293	NBB	4	4	01:56.214
16	37	Peter	Ferguson	NSW	Peter	Ferguson	1964 Ford Lotus	1596	NBC	5	4	01:56.797
17	270	Paul	Battersby	NSW	Paul	Battersby	1963 Austin Mini Cooper	1299	NBB	7	7	01:57.343
18	20	David	Roberts	NSW	David	Roberts	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1275	NBB	5	3	01:59.739
19	188	Francis	Meier	NSW	Francis	Meier	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1310	NBB	6	6	01:59.935
20	89	John	Harrison	NSW	John	Harrison	1964 Ford Cortina GT	1598	NBC	6	3	02:00.756
21	122	Loris	Mariotto	NSW	Loris	Mariotto	1964 Volvo 122S	1998	NBD	6	2	02:00.785
22	184	Rod	Wallace	NSW	Rod	Wallace	Holden Torana XU1	3300	NCE	4	3	02:07.953

Chris Dubois had issues on Friday and took his Ford Escort home without competed over the weekend.

Qualifying – B Drivers

B Driver qualifying comprised three drivers, Jackson Noakes, Chris Dubois, who jumped In with Stephen Page in his BMW 2002ti and Mark Johnson, who partnered with Milan Zizek.

Pos	Car	Driver	Competitor/Team	Vehicle	Cap	CL	Laps	Fastest Lap		Gap
1	27	Jackson Noakes	David Noakes Jnr	1972 Ford Escort RS	1600	NCC	5	5	1:52.9047*	
2	54	Chris Dubois	Stephen Page	1972 BMW 2002 ti	2002	NCC	6	3	01:53.9	00:01.0
3	45	Mark Johnson	Milan Zizek	1968 Ford Mustang	5000	NCF	6	4	01:54.1	00:01.1



Race 1

Race 1 was the trophy race and got underway at 12:33pm on Saturday with nineteen starters.

Brad Tilley set out well and led until David Stone prevailed, taking first place in a HTCA NSW member Group Nc car, having overtaken Brad Tilley on lap 3, resulting in Brad Tilley being the second placed HTCA NSW member Group Nc car, with John Burke setting out in third and maintaining that position throughout the race - the third placed HTCA NSW member Group Nc car. Michael Bevan managed to improve his starting position of ninth to gain eighth place, while Will Colton jumped two spots, coming home tenth. David Roberts, while losing a spot, was the first HTCA NSW member Group Nb car home in twelfth place, with Peter Ferguson securing sixteenth spot, second HTCA NSW member Group Nb car and John Harrison taking up the third in a HTCA NSW member Group Nb car.

The battle up front between Brad Tilley and David Stone was close and made for great spectating. David Wheatley kept everyone on their toes by spinning on front of Stephen Page and Peter Ferguson.

Pos	Car	Driver	State	Competitor/Team	Vehicle	Cap	CL	Laps	Race Time	Fastest...Lap
1	76	David Stone	NSW	David Stone	1968 Ford Mustang	4949	NCF	5	09:03.597	2 1:47.0168*
2	28	Brad Tilley	NSW	Brad Tilley	1966 Ford Mustang	4735	NCF	5	09:04.778	2 01:47.034
3	93	John Burke	NSW	John Burke	1972 Valiant Charger	4400	NCF	5	09:20.922	2 01:50.354
4	5	Anthony Colton	NSW	Anthony Colton	1970 Ford Falcon XY	5937	NCG	5	09:24.445	3 01:50.397
5	27	David Noakes Jnr	NSW	David Noakes Jnr	1972 Ford Escort RS	1600	NCC	5	09:28.232	2 01:51.228
6	19	Tom Tweedie	NSW	Tom Tweedie	1963 Morris Cooper S	1293	NBB	5	09:32.333	2 01:52.177
7	84	Graham Russell	NSW	Graham Russell	1970 Morris Mini Cooper	1300	NCB	5	09:34.100	2 01:52.553
8	353	Michael Bevan	NSW	Michael Bevan	1972 Holden Torana GTR XU1	3300	NCE	5	09:38.936	4 01:53.026
9	62	Chris Collett	NSW	Chris Collett	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1298	NBB	5	09:39.575	2 01:53.844
10	59	Ray Hepburn	WA	Ray Hepburn	1969 Ford Mustang	5853	NCF	5	09:54.813	5 01:54.861
11	7	Geoff Pike	NSW	Geoff Pike	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	970	NBB	5	09:58.712	2 01:57.403
12	20	David Roberts	NSW	David Roberts	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1275	NBB	5	10:01.859	3 01:58.207
13	270	Paul Battersby	NSW	Paul Battersby	1963 Morris Mini Cooper	1299	NBB	5	10:02.781	3 01:57.223
14	54	Stephen Page	NSW	Stephen Page	1972 BMW 2002 ti	2002	NCC	5	10:06.844	3 01:56.242
15	188	Francis Meier	NSW	Francis Meier	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1310	NBB	5	10:10.279	2 01:58.266
16	37	Peter Ferguson	NSW	Peter Ferguson	1964 Ford Lotus Cortina	1596	NBC	5	10:16.149	3 01:57.076
17	89	John Harrison	NSW	John Harrison	1964 Ford Cortina GT	1598	NBC	5	10:21.543	3 02:01.057
18	122	Loris Mariotto	NSW	Loris Mariotto	1964 Volvo 122S	1998	NBD	5	10:24.844	5 02:00.732
19	184	Rod Wallace	NSW	Rod Wallace	1972 Holden Torana GTR XU1	3300	NCE	5	10:53.726	2 02:06.795
20	61	David Wheatley	NSW	David Wheatley	1964 Morris Mini Co	1293	NBB	5	11:02.400	4 01:59.689



Race 2

Race 2 (3:25pm on Saturday) went for four laps before it was red flagged following Milan Zizek losing a wheel. Michael Bevan had a gearbox failure, which ended his weekend.

Enduro

The third race for Group N, held at 9:03am on Sunday was the enduro race. It was twelve laps in duration and had a compulsory pit spot. Brad Tilley took the honours, although second place David Stone recorded the fastest lap of the race on lap three with a 1:46:5159. Third home was Will Colton, in his 1970 Ford Falcon XY. In Group Nb, Peter Ferguson steered his HTCA NSW member Group Nb 1964 Lotus Cortina home to gain first place, David Roberts taking second place in his 1964 Morris Mini Cooper and John Harrison third in his 1964 Ford Cortina GT.

John Burke and Ray Hepburn were a bit too fast – John Burke suffering a thirty second penalty, and Ray Hepburn getting administered a sixty second penalty for speeding in pit lane.

Pos	Car	Driver	State	Competitor/Team	Vehicle	Cap	CL	Laps	Race.Time	Fastest...Lap	
1	28	Brad Tilley	NSW	Brad Tilley	1966 Ford Mustang	4735	NCF	12	23:28.800	5	01:46.800
2	76	David Stone	NSW	David Stone	1968 Ford Mustang	4949	NCF	12	23:30.900	3	1:46.5159*
3	5	Anthony Colton	NSW	Anthony Colton	1970 Ford Falcon XY	5937	NCG	12	24:38.100	4	01:50.800
4	62	Chris Collett	NSW	Chris Collett	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1298	NBB	12	24:41.500	3	01:52.900
5	27	D.Noakes Jnr/J.Noakes	NSW	David Noakes Jnr	1972 Ford Escort RS	1600	NCC	12	25:12.500	2	01:52.200
6	37	Peter Ferguson	NSW	Peter Ferguson	1964 Ford Lotus Cortina	1596	NBC	12	25:13.300	3	01:55.200
7	93	John Burke	NSW	John Burke	1972 Valiant Charger	4400	NCF	12	25:16.500	4	01:51.000
8	19	Tom Tweedie	NSW	Tom Tweedie	1963 Morris Cooper S	1293	NBB	11	23:32.300	3	01:53.400
9	54	S.Page/C.Dubois	NSW	Stephen Page	1972 BMW 2002 ti	2002	NCC	11	23:35.000	5	01:54.500
10	188	Francis Meier	NSW	Francis Meier	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1310	NBB	11	23:40.100	11	01:57.000
11	20	David Roberts	NSW	David Roberts	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1275	NBB	11	23:41.700	3	01:56.700
12	89	John Harrison	NSW	John Harrison	1964 Ford Cortina GT	1598	NBC	11	24:25.800	8	01:59.700
13	122	Loris Mariotto	NSW	Loris Mariotto	1964 Volvo 122S	1998	NBD	11	24:54.600	3	02:01.000
14	184	Rod Wallace	NSW	Rod Wallace	1972 Holden Torana GTR XU1	3300	NCE	10	24:15.800	10	02:10.600
DNF	72	Paul Tierney	NSW	Paul Tierney	1972 Holden Torana GTR XU1	3300	NCE	8	17:35.300	2	01:56.300
DNF	59	Ray Hepburn	WA	Ray Hepburn	1969 Ford Mustang	5853	NCF	7	15:59.000	4	01:53.900
DNF	270	Paul Battersby	NSW	Paul Battersby	1963 Austin Mini Cooper	1299	NBB	6	12:31.700	5	01:57.900
DNF	61	David Wheatley	NSW	David Wheatley	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1293	NBB	4	08:36.100	2	01:57.400
DNF	7	Geoff Pike	NSW	Geoff Pike	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	970	NBB				



Race 3

At 1:46pm on Sunday, Race Three got underway.

This race was led from start to finish by David Stone. John Burke secured second place in his 1972 Valiant Charger, with Will Colton coming third .

Group Nb saw Peter Ferguson again securing the first HTCA NSW member Group Nb home, with David Wheatley and David Roberts (despite being penalised 20 seconds for an over exuberant start) taking second and third places respectively.

John Harrison had electrical issues, which resulted in him failing to complete the race and Brad Tilley had an oil leak, a rare DNF for that man!

Pos	Car	Driver	State	Competitor/Team	Vehicle	Cap	CL	Laps	Race Time	Fastest...Lap
1	76	David Stone	NSW	David Stone	1968 Ford Mustang	4949	NCF	8	14:54.300	5 1:50.6376*
2	93	John Burke	NSW	John Burke	1972 Valiant Charger	4400	NCF	8	15:06.600	3 01:51.700
3	5	Anthony Colton	NSW	Anthony Colton	1970 Ford Falcon XY	5937	NCG	8	15:13.800	6 01:52.000
4	27	David Noakes Jnr	NSW	David Noakes Jnr	1972 Ford Escort RS	1600	NCC	8	15:15.300	5 01:52.200
5	84	Graham Russell	NSW	Graham Russell	1970 Morris Mini Cooper	1300	NCB	8	15:19.300	4 01:52.800
6	59	Ray Hepburn	WA	Ray Hepburn	1969 Ford Mustang	5853	NCF	8	15:19.600	6 01:52.000
7	62	Chris Collett	NSW	Chris Collett	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1298	NBB	8	15:22.200	4 01:53.000
8	19	Tom Tweedie	NSW	Tom Tweedie	1963 Morris Cooper S	1293	NBB	8	15:30.700	3 01:53.600
9	37	Peter Ferguson	NSW	Peter Ferguson	1964 Ford Lotus Cortina	1596	NBC	8	15:54.300	4 01:56.200
10	54	Stephen Page	NSW	Stephen Page	1972 BMW 2002 ti	2002	NCC	8	15:54.700	3 01:56.100
11	61	David Wheatley	NSW	David Wheatley	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1293	NBB	8	16:24.100	5 01:59.200
12	20	David Roberts	NSW	David Roberts	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1275	NBB	8	16:29.900	6 02:00.200
13	122	Loris Mariotto	NSW	Loris Mariotto	1964 Volvo 122S	1998	NBD	8	16:46.700	7 02:03.500
14	184	Rod Wallace	NSW	Rod Wallace	1972 Holden Torana GTR XU1	3300	NCE	7	15:53.800	7 02:12.900
DNF	89	John Harrison	NSW	John Harrison	1964 Ford Cortina GT	1598	NBC	4	08:28.700	2 02:04.000
DNF	28	Brad Tilley	NSW	Brad Tilley	1966 Ford Mustang	4735	NCF	1	01:55.500	1 01:55.500
DNF	188	Francis Meier	NSW	Francis Meier	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	1310	NBB	1	02:10.000	1 02:10.000
DNF	7	Geoff Pike	NSW	Geoff Pike	1964 Morris Mini Cooper	970	NBB			



Congratulations must go out to the HSRCA for organising the event and having terrific commentary, with Steve Shepard assisting in this regard.

There was no formal presentation of trophies. Rather, our President, David Noakes sought out the trophy winners and provided their well-earned silverware to them.

The respective winners were:

1st place – Class Nb - Outright
2nd place - Class Nb - Outright
3rd place - Class Nb - Outright

David Roberts
Peter Ferguson
John Harrison

1st place – Class Nc - Outright
2nd place - Class Nc - Outright
3rd place - Class Nc - Outright

David Stone
Brad Tilley
John Burke

Enduro event

1st place – Class Nb
2nd place - Class Nb
3rd place - Class Nb

Peter Ferguson
David Roberts
John Harrison

1st place – Class Nc
2nd place - Class Nc
3rd place - Class Nc

Brad Tilley
David Stone
Will Colton

Points allocation rules are [here](#).

Point scores for the HTCA NSW 2023 Competition year will be advised.

Photos are [here](#).

Comprehensive details of the race results are available in [Natsoft](#).

Overall, the weekend was enjoyed by all. The Enduro event, suggested by Candice Travica and Brad Tilley, and negotiated by David Noakes with the HSRCA, was a great success. Plaudits go out to David Roberts for his organising effort, no small task, particularly when he was competing as well. This format of racing was seen to have considerable merit and will be fine tuned for the future, if such an opportunity presents itself.