

21 February 2018

Round 1 - Dews Farm


The poor entry of 10 club members for round one of the club championship was swelled by 40 from the South Midland Centre who had to complete 4 laps of 10 sections set out by Nigel Hains, Paul Heron and Simon Dowling in persistent rain. Sunday morning brought even worse conditions and it snowed for a while, even getting into and out from the car park added 2 more sections! One good point was that nearly all the sections were observed with Paul Sims giving up his ride to man one of the sections and help extract the caterer from the quagmire. The inter class had to ride 5 of the expert sections and 5 of the novice ones with course planner Paul Heron coming out victorious from Nigel Hains, Paul had some good rides on sections 1,2 4 8 and 9 but 3 was his downfall losing 16 marks here. Kevin Fishlock was the sole runner in the novice class and found the going tough but was wheel perfect at section 8. Riding the same route Simon Dowling beat Pete Haines by a clear margin, his better riding at section 6 losing just 3 dabs to Pete's 11 making the difference. Martin and Rupert Kemp plus Jeff Morgan entered the Pre67 easy route on the day but will score points in the sportsman class in our club championship along with John Reeves. John out on a modern bike running out the winner from Martin with both Jeff and Rupert finishing on 60 marks lost, Jeff taking it on more cleans. It was Jeff's first ride on the AJS so it was a great effort with a very heavy bike in appalling conditions. Joe Snelling had a good ride on the inter route and had feet up rides on sections 1, 4,5, 7 and 8, as with Paul section 3 was his toughest losing 18 here. The club would like to thank the observers for seeing fair play and the riders that supported the trial, again there was a disappointing entry of club members.

Secretary scribbles

We had a depleted entry so Haslemere got a good start on us, the next round is on March 11th again at Frensham, in this round Haslemere riders do not score points so it is very important to get a good entry of our riders to maximise the situation; entries to John Sapsard by 5th March.

Jim Connor is running the opening round of the British Championship at Hook Woods on 10th March and is looking for help on the day, please let Bob know if you can help. The club is sponsoring a section and it would be good to have 2 Thames observers on the section

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Results

Inter: Paul Heron (Ossa) 42, Nigel Hains (Beta) 74.

Novice: Kevin Fishlock (Gas Gas) 113.

Over 50: Simon Dowling (Beta) 36, Pete Haines (Beta) 62.

Youth Inter: Joe Snelling (Beta) 50.

Sportsman: John Reeves (Beta) 28, Martin Kemp (Greeves) 39, Jeff Morgan (AJS) 60 (21x0), Rupert Kemp (Greeves) 60 (18x0).



Championship + marriage!

The first round of the Club Championship took place at Dews Farm Harefield along with the Hayes & Southall Club in very trying conditions - wind, rain, snow, sleet; you name it they got it. The Brown family are sorry we could not be with you but were attending a very important event, Gary's marriage to Jodie, our congratulations go out to them both.



Presentation evening

The Presentation Night took place on Monday 5th February at The Harehill Social Club, with club chairman Steve Austin handing out club championship awards and those from the Suzette Farmer and Mike Kemp trials. Our thanks go to Martin Kemp for organising the evening and to Margaret Brown for the refreshments, the infamous quiz was excellent with the winning team headed by Harriet Shore.

New venue for round 2!

At the eleventh hour Landmarc refused to give us a licence for our round at Bagshot on 25th February so it will now be held at Mountain Wood Farm, Green Dene, East Horsley KT24 5TA. This will be our first visit to the venue which is owned by ex member Andy Todman and our thanks go to him for his welcome. He asks that all vehicles are parked facing down the hill so when you drive in please go up the hill and turn downwards to park, please also park sensibly as parking space is limited.

David Bleddyn & Audrey Connor



We were saddened by the news that David Bleddyn passed away on Sunday, his daughter Jane (one of the cake ladies) was observing but left to return home – but left the cakes for us to enjoy!! His funeral is on Tuesday 6th March 3.45 at Guildford Crematorium, all welcome. Our thoughts are with them.

It is also with sadness to announce the passing of Audrey Connor in January aged 92, Audrey was a Thames member from day one and was our Permit Secretary for many years, she with partner Gordon Adsett organised the Thames "OLD BOY'S" Trial, with Audrey as the Secretary and Gordon as the Clerk of Course, This Trial was a popular Event for many years, she was often helping at the signing-on at many Trials. Audrey and Gordon moved house to East Wittering and we lost the benefit of their much valued help, She will be remembered by many Trials organisers and riders. Audrey was the Mother of Rhoda Rathmell and Jim Connor and Grandmother of, James, Sam, and Tim Connor, plus many Great Grandchildren, our condolences goes to them and Gordon.

Star Group Championship

We started the defence of our Star Group Championship at Frensham along with a TVTC and east Kent round (sorry I gave the wrong venue last month) so a huge entry of 92 riders enjoyed 18 sections set out by Jim Connor and Neal Sinclair.