

Round 2 - Mountain Wood Farm

We the second round of our club championship at a new location Mountain Wood Farm in East Horsley the riders had to tackle five laps of eight sections set out by the Brown family and Peter Steer at this compact venue. Jamie Rowden was best expert followed home by Ashley Hall and Elliott Tickner out on a modern bike after campaigning a twinshock recently, Jamie excelled at section seven loosing just a single dab hopping over logs followed by a steep climb and descent in the main crater. The inters had a tough day with current champion Paul Heron running out the winner from recently upgraded Matthew Rowden with course planner Peter Steer in third place, wheel perfect rides from Paul at section four over the mound dropping into a gully with a tight turn back up the banking. Peter Thatcher aced the novice route with Adam Grosch second and Kevin Fishlock in third place, feet up rides by Peter at section five squeezing between the fallen trees and over a tree stump. Riding the same route Simon Dowling won the over 50 class all cleans from Simon at section seven in the bottom of the main crater. There was a tussle for honours in the Pre 67 class with Martin Kemp running out the winner from Mark Green on his sweet sounding Triumph twin, Martin's better rides at section three up and own the banks of a gully with the exit over tree roots being the deciding factor. Daryl Dale and Hannah Etherington proved that you could ride the course on three wheels and had all cleans at section two snaking around the trees in and out of a shallow gully. John Dismore gave a master class on how to ride this route loosing just two miserly dabs to triumph in the twinshock class, Ian Hayward finished second with Gavin Shaw third, wheel perfect rides from John and Ian at section six twisting around the trees. Paul Sims was out on his own in the Over 65 class with all cleans at section one. Chris Mills was best sportsman followed home by Jeff Morgan and Rupert Kemp, nice rides by Jeff at section eight up and down the gentle mounds. Just two youths entered both on the yellow route and a close battle for the win with Josh Brown running out best by just five marks from Oliver Hill, Josh was delighted to conquer section four each lap.



Jamie Rowden climbing section 8

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Results

Expert: Jamie Rowden (Montesa) 56, Ashley Hall (TRS) 98, Elliott Tickner (Beta) 130.

Inter: Paul Heron (Ossa) 80, Matthew Rowden (Beta) 108, Peter Steer (Beta) 114.

Novice: Peter Thatcher (Fantic) 11, Adam Grosch (Beta) 33, Kevin Fishlock (Gas Gas) 70, Ian Hill (Beta) 72.

Over 50: Simon Dowling (Beta) 18.

Twinshock: John Dismore (Honda) 2, Ian Hayward (Fantic) 20, Gavin Shaw (Yamaha) 53, Graham Tickner (Fantic) 117.

Pre 67: Martin Kemp (Greeves) 71, Mark Green (Triumph) 78.

Sidecar: Daryl Dale/Hannah Etherington (Gas Gas) 25.

Over 65: Paul Sims (Scorpa) 18.

Sportsman: Chris Mills (Gas Gas) 11, Jeff Morgan (AJS) 18, Rupert Kemp (Greeves) 46,

Mark Brooks (Honda) 143, Andrew Cooper (Beta) 154.

Youth Beginner: Josh Brown (Beta) 80, Oliver Hill (Beta) 85.



Thames Championship

The second round of the Club Championship took place at Mountain Wood Farm, East Horsley, by kind permission of the land owner ex member Andy Todman and were pleased with the entry of 26 at this compact venue. Daryl Dale even managed to ride the trial with Hannah before detaching the sidecar to have a go solo! Our thanks go to members of the Surrey Schoolboys and parents for a massive clearing operation on the Saturday to allow the trial to take place. An eleventh hour move was needed as the MoD agents Landmarc had failed to issue a licence for the trial to run at Bagshot, there will be no trials on MoD land in the area between February and July due to Army training and bird nesting. This also means that we are unable to run round three at Hungry Hill, we have been offered the use of Surrey Schoolboy venues so the trial will be held at Brackendene, Addlestone Moor, Chertsey KT15 2QH.



Daryl Dale & Hannah Etherington on the tree roots of section 3

Star Group

The March round was very slippery at Frensham which caused a few retirements for our club runners and many others, hence we did not score the points that we had hoped to and Haslemere still retain their championship lead. The next round of the Star Group Championship takes place on 8th April at Sether, please get your entries into Mandy Frearson by 4th. All the proceeds from the trial will be donated to the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice who looked after both Len Hutty and Dave Bleddyn in their final days.



Josh Brown conquering section 4

British Championship

Good to see so many of you at Hook Woods for the British Championship round to support our runners in the Expert Class with Jolyon Walters, Toby Smith and Gary Brown giving it their best shot. It was a very challenging course which was made even more difficult by heavy overnight rain and turned one of the sections into a swamp in which Gary took a bath! There were lots of encouragement from Gary's brother Steve, Jolyon's father Brian and our club observers which kept them all going to the finish. The club sponsored a section which was manned by 2 of our regular observers Gerald and Jennie Hiscock, many thanks to those of you who helped out on the day.



Thames Club Night

Club night still takes place on the first Thursday of the month at Harehill Social Club, Ledger Drive, Addlestone KT15 1AT from around 9.00pm; attendance has been on the decline so please make an effort to join us.