

Thames unites with Normandy MCC - Brackendene

We joined forces with Normandy MCC to run a round of our club championships at Brackendene where the riders had to tackle four laps of ten sections set out by Martin and Rupert Kemp plus Jeff Morgan, Jon Yendell and Mick Auger. The heavy overnight snow made conditions much more testing than expected and all of the riders did well to reach the venue. Once again we had been denied the use of Army land at Bagshot due to Army training and being the bird nesting season, something which has not stopped trials there in recent years. Our thanks go to Surrey Schoolboys who offered use of their land at Chertsey at very short notice. Simon Dowling tied with Pete Haines on scores but with two extra cleans was declared winner of the Over 50 class with John Hoptroff in third place, they both managed feet up rides through section six over the ornamental rockery. Kevin Nolan beat his riding partner Tom Hinkley to win the expert class losing less than half of Tom's marks, wheel perfect rides from Kevin at section nine on Hutty's Hill with added rockery and large logs. The inters had a tough day with course plotter Jon Yendell on his new Vertigo running out the winner from current champion Paul Heron with Nigel Hains a dab behind in third place, nice clean rides from Jon at section two over the gentle mounds and concrete rubble. Kevin Fishlock beat Charlie Hoptroff by just two dabs to be best novice, Kevin excelled at section five on the banks of the BMX track. Riding the same route Martin Kemp was out on his own in the Pre 67 class as was Adrian Mountain in the twinshock class, feet up rides from Martin at section eight over the low lying trees and from Adrian at section seven up and down the banks of the stream. Jeff Morgan took Sportsman's honours from Andrew Cooper, some nice rides from Jeff at section ten a mammoth long one on the stream banks.

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Simon Dowling on a better day

Results

Over 50: Simon Dowling (Beta) 21 (26x)), Pete Haines (Beta) 21 (24x0), John Hoptroff (Beta) 39, Mick Auger (Sherco) 52.

Expert: Kevin Nolan (Scorpa) 50, Tom Hinkley (Montesa) 101..

Inter: Jon Yendell (Vertigo) 71, Paul Heron (Ossa) 100, Nigel Hains (Beta) 101, Peter Steer (Beta) 107.

Novice: Kevin Fishlock (Gas Gas) 77, Charlie Hoptroff (Gas Gas) 79.

Twinshock: Adrian Mountain (Honda) 29.

Pre 67: Martin Kemp (Greeves) 52

Sportsman: Jeff Morgan (Greeves) 70, Andrew Cooper (Beta) 113.

Youth Beginner: Katy Tickner (Beta) 196.



Thames Championship

The third round of the Club Championship took place at Brackendene, by kind permission of the Surrey Schoolboy Trials Club and after overnight snow 18 brave riders made it to the venue and most enjoyed their day, with conditions as they were the scores were higher than expected. Thanks to Martin Kemp who made the decision to run the trial when many events were cancelled that weekend. The fourth round took place on 22nd April at Hook Wood Trials Centre West Horsley KT246EA and was another toughie, report to follow. The fifth round takes on Bank Holiday Monday 7th May at Betchworth and is being run by the Normandy Club, so please try to support it.

Wedding Bells

Louise Cannon got married on Friday 13th April (hope she is not superstitious!) and rode the last part of her journey to reach the venue on her trials bike in her wedding dress (brave lady) accompanied by her father Keith as traditional also on his bike. We wish her and husband Mike all the best for their future together and hope to see some pictures from the day. Guess Hannah and Daryl must be getting excited as their own date approaches.



Star Group

The April round at Sethern entitled Arthur's trial and yet another very wet and slippery event, after which Haslemere still retain their championship lead. The next round of the Championship again takes place again at Sethern on 13th May, please get your entries into Alice Foster by 5th.

Prudential Ride London Sponsorship

Rupert Kemp has entered the Prudential Ride London – Surrey 100 on 29th July and is raising money for the Oakleaf Enterprise in Guildford where he works. They provide vocational training for people with mental illnesses and aim to improve the lives of people with mental ill-health in Surrey. You can sponsor Rupert by visiting uk.virginmoneygiving.com/rupertkemp He is also taking part in Swimathon on 27-29th April to raise money for Cancer Research and Marie Curie, again sponsorship via www.justgiving/fundraising.rupertkemp we wish him well.

WANTED

The club urgently needs someone to offer to book land for 2019 otherwise we may have no trials. The job entails contacting the land owners to book the land and confirming this by letter, full details will be passed on by Simon Ward. The current problems with Army Land may mean this will be unavailable next year which will make land booking much simpler. If you can help please contact any committee member.

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.