

Sethern Sunshine

Dry and dusty conditions welcomed the riders to Sethern for the seventh round of the Thames Club Championship where they had to ride 4 laps of 10 sections set out by Steve Austin, Jeff Morgan and Ian Hayward. Gary Brown returned to riding after a break whilst his wife added to the family to win the expert class from Mark Ward, wheel perfect rides from Gary over the rubble and concrete roller at section three. Riding partners Reynard Norris and Mark Elms both finished on a single dab to share honours in the inter class, Alan Aslett finished third on six. Bailey Tidbury won Youth Inter with feet up rides at section seven twisting amid the trees in a shallow gully. Peter Thatcher rode the entire novice route feet up, Adam Grosch lost 3 single dabs for second place with Ian Hill a dab behind in third, nice rides by Peter snaking amongst the trees in a shallow gully at section one. Riding the same route Simon Dowling was out on his own in the Over 50 class, he also managed a clean score card. Twinshockers Shaun Wallis and Ian Hayward both lost 6 marks to share the win, Shaun's bogey section was crossing the deep gully at four whilst Ian suffered on the steep climbs of section nine. Martin Kemp was out on his own in the Pre67 class with feet up rides at section six up and down the steep banks of the main gully. Paul Fishlock and Debbie Merrell running in a new Beta Factory 4RT took the sidecar win from Elliott and Graham Tickner, all cleans from Paul and Debbie at section 10 a steep drop in snaking amongst the trees and a climb out to the ends cards. Jeff Morgan triumphed in the Sportsman class but only a dab separated Oliver Hill and Ian Ballard in a tussle for runner up spot, nice rides from Jeff at section five up and down the steep banks and a jump across the ditch. Josh Brown was the only finisher in the youth beginners and took a nasty tumble at section nine but continued to record maximum championship points.



Gary Brown on a roll



Josh Brown in trouble

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Results

Experts: Gary Brown (Beta) 9, Mark Ward (Ossa) 41.

Inter: Reynard Norris (Beta) and Mark Elms (Beta) both 1 mark lost, Alan Aslett (Gas Gas) 6, Paul Heron (Vertigo) 13, Peter Steer (Beta) 25.

Youth Inter: Bailey Tidbury (Beta) 21.

Novice: Peter Thatcher (Fantic) clean, Adam Grosch (Beta) 3, Ian Hill (Beta) 4, Steve Brown (Beta) 5, Kevin Fishlock (Gas Gas) 8.

Over 50: Simon Dowling (Beta) clean.

Twinshock: Shaun Wallis (Yamaha) and Ian Hayward (Montesa) both 6.

Pre67: Martin Kemp (Greeves) 29.

Sidecar: Paul Fishlock/Debbie Merrell (Beta) 21, Elliott/Graham Tickner (Sherco) 73.

Sportsman: Jeff Morgan (Greeves) 12, Oliver Hill (Sherco) 23, Ian Ballard (Beta) 34, Andrew Cooper (Beta) 109.

Youth Beginner: Josh Brown (Beta) 44.



Thames Championship

The seventh round of the Club Championship took place at Sether, Dunsfold, thanks to Jeff Morgan who took over as CoC at short notice and to Peter Steer for handling the paperwork. The next round is on 28th October at Frensham in conjunction with the Normandy club, this tie-up worked well at the recent trial at Betchworth.

Star Group

Two well supported rounds now means we have narrowly taken the lead back in the championship from Haslemere, their opportunity to score big points comes at our round on 14th October at Hook Woods as our riders do not score championship points. I am delighted to say that I have a full compliment of observers so other members can now put in their entries, closing date is 10th but day entries will still be accepted (just makes my job harder!).

Wedding news

Congratulations to Daryl Dale and Hannah Etherington who were married on August 11th. We wish them both every happiness in their future life together.



Prudential Ride London Sponsorship

Congratulations to Rupert Kemp who entered the Prudential Ride London – Surrey 100 on 29th July to raise 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

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.

South Eastern Centre News

I have no update on the secretarial situation being taken over by staff based at Rugby to undertake these duties, Peter Burrell is still handling permit applications and trying to arrange matters ready for handover.