

Round 3

Hook Woods - A Brown Family Treble

There was a Brown Family treble at round three of the Club Championship held at Hook Wood Trials Centre just one week after the British Championship Round, the riders had to tackle four laps of ten sections set out by Martin and Rupert Kemp, Jeff Morgan and Simon Dowling. Winner on the expert route was current club champion Gary Brown who pipped 'young gun' Tom Frearson by 2 marks with Alfie Miles in third place, Gary's advantage was gained at section six in the rocky ravine. There was a close tussle for honours in the inter class with returnee Ed Wheeler just beating Paul Heron for the win with Matt Tidbury edging Liam Brookman for third place, feet up rides from Ed on the sandy banks of section two. Riding the same route Mick Marshall was best Over 40 with Andrew Earnshaw not far behind in second, inch perfect rides by Mick at section eight on Jimmy's Hill. Second part of the winning treble went to Gary's elder brother Steve in the novice class, followed home by Bob Wort and David Bond, nice rides by Steve at section ten snaking up amongst the rocks. It took most cleans to decide the winner of the over 50 class, Simon Dowling edging it from Pete Haines with from Kevin Fishlock third, all cleans from Simon on the muddy banks of section four. Jim Oppen on the throaty Triumph twin beat course plotter Martin Kemp in the Pre67 class on the red route cleaning section nine in the main gully on each visit. Rupert Kemp was out on his own in the Pre67 class on the yellow route, nice rides from Rupert and Elliott/Graham Tickner in the sidecar class at section seven. It was a tough day on the yellow route with club chairman Steve Austin winning the sportsman class from Dave Wiffen and Alfie Miles, nice rides by Steve on the chalky banks of section three. Last part of the Brown treble came from Steve's son Josh in the youth beginner with a gallant Katy Tickner following him home, wheel perfect rides from Josh on the sandy banks and muddy slot of section one. The club would like to thank Jim and Elaine Connor for the use of the lane.



Results

Expert: Gary Brown (Beta) 87, Tom Frearson (Montesa) 89, Alfie Miles (Montesa) 98,

Carl Shirley (Gas Gas) 100, Aaron Boys Guest (Beta) 102.

Inter: Ed Wheeler (Sherco) 62, Paul Heron (Vertigo) 65, Matt Tidbury (Scorpa) 68, Liam Brookman (Beta) 69, Peter Steer (Beta) 72, Terry Tidbury (Scorpa) 106.

Over 40: Mick Marshall (Gas Gas) 21, Andrew Earnshaw (TRS) 37

Novice: Steve Brown (Beta) 28, Bob Wort (Honda) 42, David Bond (Montesa) 93, Nelson Jones (Montesa) 108, Matthew Aldington (Gas Gas) 144.

Over 50: Simon Dowling (Beta) 27 (23x0), Pete Haines (Beta) 27 (21x0), Kevin Fishlock (Gas Gas) 58, Ian Hill (Beta) 83..

Sidecar: Elliott/Graham Tickner (Sherco) 93.

Pre 67 Red: Jim Oppen (Triumph) 39, Martin Kemp (Greeves) 71.

Pre 67 Yellow: Rupert Kemp (Greeves) 73.

Sportsman: Steve Austin (Fantic) 58, Dave Wiffen (Montesa) 93, Alfie Miles (Montesa) 123,

Gary Brown (Montesa) 180.

Youth Beginner: Josh Brown (Beta) 76, Katy Tickner (Beta) 149.



Thames Championship

There was a nice entry of 47 for the third round at Hook Woods, where we were joined by some members of the Normandy club; a cold day made for good riding conditions but chilly for spectators. It was a bit of a toughie and just one week after the National continued in a similar vein. Full details and club championship points are available on the website. The fourth round is on Monday May 6th at Quarry Trials Betchworth at the kind invitation of the Normandy Club.

Star Group

We had an excellent turnout of members for the third round at Headley run by the Haslemere Club and we have now taken the lead now in the Club Championship table fourteen points ahead of Haslemere. In the individual championship, Jamie Rowden leads the expert class, Jon Yendell, Matthew Rowden and Peter Steer are 1,2 and 3 in Inters, Kevin Fishlock is second in Novice, Dave Bathe second in Over 40, Joe Snelling heads Youth Expert, Jake Bush leads Youth Novice, Jeff Morgan third in Pre67 Yellows and Martin Kemp is second in Pre67 Reds. Also Kevin Miller, Pete Haines, Nick James, Rupert Kemp, David White, David and Jonathan Bathe have ridden just one round so far. The next round is on April 14th at Setherm by the Star Group, please make every effort to enter before 7th April, if necessary ring Mandy Frearson on 01428683812.

National Trials

The first round of the Sidecar Nationals took place on 3rd March at Setherm in monsoon conditions, Elliott and Graham Tickner had their first venture into the Clubman Class and did well to finish mid table. The first round of the solo Nationals took place on Saturday 23rd March at Hook Wood Trials Centre, Jolyon Walters had a good ride in the Expert Class finishing in double figures; Sam Connor was the worthy winner of Trial 2 with James Dabill taking the win in Trial GB..

We sponsored a section at both trials to help with the finances, thanks to those of you who volunteered your help, there must have been about 50 officials involved at Hook Woods in making it such a successful day. The input from Brian Higgins from the ACU with a much more professional approach only added to making it a great day, we received thanks from Jim Connor for our help.

Prudential Ride London Sponsorship

Both Rupert Kemp and Steve Brown will be taking part in Ride London again this year and Rupert is buying a new racing bike so he can complete it quicker! Rupert will be hoping to raise money for The Oakleaf Enterprise who help train and support people with mental health illnesses and Steve for The Cleft Lip & Palate Association who support families with children who had a cleft lip and or palate. You can sponsor Rupert at virginmoney.com/rupertkemp