

Hook woods 13/02/2011

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Pre Championship Cycle Trial

Hook Woods trial centre was the venue of Crowthorne cycle trial championship for 2011.

A slighter later start of 10.45 because section 7 was still being taped off 25 riders had entered at the start. The weather was dry but rain was forecast throughout the day and they were spot on with this.

5 routes were laid out incorporating the expert elite riders.

Section 1 had been recently constructed comprising of pallets large cable reels and railway sleepers. Tractor tyres will be later added to this area. Clive Smith observed this section under the trees. Nick Manning (zoo piranha) was unfortunate to get a 5 on this his first section on the pallets. Expert rider Ben Walsh had to take a steady dab before his drop off the cable reel.

Crossing the path lead us to the next section and it was back to the rocks of Hook Woods. Beginners and novices went around the sunken concrete pipe work and over the boulders. Richard Wheeler was the man doing the scoring here but within 20 minutes of the start time it had started to rain which continued throughout the day and made the sections very slippery especially the logs on the later sections of 4 and 5.

On section 5 which had a big drop off the logs and on to a slippery bolder then over three more boulders before a large drop off then going down the hill side then near to the end was two telegraph poles that lay across the their path which many a rider had difficulty with and thus dropped points. Charlie Rolls (Monty 207) had no difficulty on his first attempt and another zero went on to his card he would end up winning the intermediate class and also end up with the least points dropped during the trial. Donna Fox (onza comp) was very unlucky to not clean this section just taking the odd dab. Beginners had a bunch of awkward rocks that had to be manoeuvred around. Sammy Green would pick a different line each time and on her last attempt just had the slack dab when her peddle got caught in between the rocks but she was still happy with this. Section 6 was around the top of Sand Mountain and was a trek up the slippery hill to get to it, a very tight section that had to have good balancing and a jump off on to the back wheel without slipping. Adam Morewood (MRS Monty) just escaped

with a one on his first attempt. Section 7 was an observed time speed section that was to be ridden once only, this is where the rider had to complete the course in the least amount of time. Elite rider Barry Huskinson (oset) just took an almighty leap over the logs and just flew through the course in the amazing time of 09.62 seconds Richard Tickner (onza limey) and Adam Bessel (koxx) on just over the 12 second mark. The presentation of boxes of valentines chocolates were the prizes for the winners of their respectful classes.

A big thank you to the observers who braved the weather and the cold and thank you to Jim Connor the land owner.

The first round of the Crowthorne championship gets under way at Brackendene Addlestone moor on 20 March 2011 entry forms can be down loaded from the website. www.crowthorne-ct.co.uk

Results

Expert elite

Adam Bessell	45
Matt Mitchell	74

Expert

Richard Tickner	53
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Inter

Charlie Rolls	20
Adam Morewood	36
Donna Fox	47
Samuel Rolls	48
Toby Smith	60
Sam Brightman	61
Danny Green	74

Novice

Elliott Tickner	33
Jamie Smith	52
Joe Lethbridge	63
Oliver Smith	66

Beginner

Sammy Green	49
Jack Roadley	63

Time trial results

Barry Huskinson	09.62 secs
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Richard Tickner	12.25 secs
Adam Bessell	12.47 secs
Dan Wheeler	13.66 secs
Charlie Rolls	15.75
Sam Brightman	16.31
Matt Mitchell	16.65
Edward Wheeler	18.66
Adam Moorwood	19.47
Sam Tarrant	19.60