

Hook Woods, Trials Centre Surrey. 12/11/11

The Remembrance cycle trial was held at Hook Wood trials centre, the six sections that had 4 of them on the rocks and the other 2 on the pallets, tyres, beer kegs and cotton reels. Four routes were laid out there was to be no Elite route as the expert route would be difficult enough as the ground has had low cloud and little sunshine and the items to be used would be slippery but not dangerous a good turnout of riders in fact 31 set off with the biggest class being the Inter class with 12 riders beginners had 8, Novice 6 and experts 5 riders.

Section 6 the downhill slope in and out of the trees on the camber then over the rocks to get up the wooden embankment a v in a tree was put in for the inters that they did not enjoy then back over the rubble, over to the soaked tree trunk and up to more tree trunks Experts would have to ride the length of the tree trunk before jumping to the next Chris Hinson (Echo 26") cleaned the 14 gated section on 2 attempts out of three. Beginner route just had to get into the section and get out, there was a lot of options on offer for them and different lines were taken throughout the day Sam Elphinstone (Monty 221) and Jack Dance on the 207 both cleaned it when the lines were seen by both of them. On their third lap the two boys had just lost 8 marks. **Section 5** was the pyramid of telegraph poles and the big concrete corner piece, a hillside of boulders for the inters and experts lay before them. Steve Tse (ZHI 23r) could not get this section right and a 5 went onto his score card Iain Clarke (Marino) settled for a safety dab before his leap off. **Section 4** This had the concrete pipe work in and with more awkward poles, Daniel Greeves (GU 26) went up and somehow clipped a piece of stone and as a result a puncture of his rear tyre so back to the pits for him. Chad Lamb with a broken chain soon followed. After repairs were finished they were both back in action Chad smiling so he must have been enjoying himself in this trial. Tom Rankin (Tarty Bikes UK) took a safety dab rather than the big 5 while Dan Wheeler (Rockman) had the five on his card. **Section 3** Chris Grundy was exceptional here on his old Monty he had taken a day off from Motorcycle trials and blown the dust off his cycle, the last time he rode it was over 10 years ago he said after the trial sections have changed a lot during his time away but watching him showed he has still got it on the back wheel. Tom Wilde who had come all the way down from university in Wales has got better maybe because of the practice he has put in on the rocks up there, any way after a big run up he leaped the first obstacle head on where others were side hopping and then got through for a three. **Section 2** Tractor tyres and beer kegs on pallets to entertain riders. Zak Whalen (Onza Sting) and father Roy on the 24" were up against each other and both had 3 dabs on the same obstacles on this twisty circuit. **Section 1** pallets and cotton reels for all, and this is where Charlie Chambers (Monty) had 2 unwanted dabs, this cost him dearly and third place on the podium. He had tied on points with Casey Moore but using the more cleans rule, Casey had 6 cleans while Charlie had 3 cleans. After the trial presentations for the trial took place and also the 2011 end of championship awards were presented to the first 3 in their categories, free hotdogs /burgers and drinks were laid on to say a little thank you to all who participated throughout the year. Thank you to all the observers of the day and thank you to Helen Smith for the administration side of this event.

Graham Tickner signing off.