

Crowthorne Cycle Trials Club

Camping Weekend July 30/31st July 2011

Round 4

Round 4 of the Crowthorne cycle trial championship got underway at Hook Wood Trials centre in late July. This was Crowthorne Camping weekend and glorious weather was planned for use on Saturday. Six sections were laid out these were deeper into Hook Wood using concrete steps and gully's with rocks, 4 routes were constructed by quite a number of helpers all having an input. The sections were designed mainly for practice and they would not be used the following day. Riders had their punch cards and off they went, all riders completed the 3 laps required so they must have liked the set up. After the practice trial it was back at the camping site where the games were to commence. A recently constructed high jump bar with measurements from 8 inches up to 4 foot 2' a good line up of contestants all having 3 attempts before they went out. After this it was the goodies vs. baddies with the water bombs and pistols, back to the games and it was hopping on the back wheel in a hoop to see how many could be achieved in one minute. We had 2 counters ladies and a young lady on the stop watch for this. A unicycle race got started with a good line up of riders on one wheel 2 laps of the course Toby Smith won this quite comfortably as other riders fell off but all persisted to the end, after the BBQ the campfire was lit and cocktails were enjoyed by adults. Sunday **Round 4** with an 11am start, 5 routes, six sections with the elite route put in 3 laps with punch cards exchanged after 2 laps then scores were put onto the score board. More of the rocky terrain was used and also the arena area was used, there was one section timed and all six sections were observed. 30 riders signed up but 2 did not start for one reason or another. **Section 1** Helen Smith on this one fallen trees and loose rocks caught out Iwan Osborne (Onza) on the expert route who had travelled from Wales. Samuel Meeten on his very first cycle trial had 3 dabs on the beginner route riding his ridge back. **Section 2** more rocks and boulders and a pyramid of telegraph poles this was no trouble for Jordan Hall zoo lynx who would go on to win his class. **Section 3** Matt Letherbridge on the marking here mainly the telegraph poles and big rocks. Frazer Cannom (Phase) had a steady dab Zak Whalen also had a dab on his new Onza sting. **Section 4** Richard Wheeler had the high tree stumps and the concrete pipe work. Sammy Green had an unwanted 5 stamped on her card while Adam Boxall (GU ST) went clean riding superbly on the blue route. **Section 5** the arena with high pallets and wooden triangles, on top of the beer barrels were pallets which made it an exciting section mainly inter riders lost big marks on the wooden bar of this section there was only one inter rider who cleaned it, Chris Marshall on his 3rd lap. **Section 6** the only section to be timed had Josie Keep, who just before she was setting out to do the trial her knees gave way and so she decided not to ride and to observe instead. This Section was a downhill ride with some routes deviating to more difficult stuff after the trial scores were added up and trophies presented for the trial also awards were given to the winners of the hopping, high jump and unicycle race. Seems all enjoyed the weekend of fun although a little tired. Thank you Jim and Elaine Connor for the use of their land and thank you once again to the observers of the day.

Graham Tickner *Signing off*

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