

CROWTHORNE CYCLE TRIALS – Round 5 Championships, NASH MILLS, HERTS

Crowthorne cycle trials club were back at Nash mills kings Langley for the 5th round of the C.C.T.C championship the last time we used the grounds was back in July but this was a change Saturday was used and sunshine was ordered for the day five routes three laps with six sections. The sections comprised of hill climbs railway sleepers rocks and brick work with cut down tree trunks all to test the rider's skills the beginner route saw no fewer than seven riders with two of them on their very own cycle trial. Section one used the railway sleepers that were stacked on top of each other and then buried into the ground inters did not go as far up as the expert/ elite riders Ionut Valeanu from Romania on the 26" had to have three dabs on the sleepers on his first try, his second attempt just a two went on his marker card. In fact no expert could quite clean the whole section but elite riders James Sheridan and Dan Wheeler (Rockman) both cleaned the harder route though. Beginners had to use all their power in their legs to get up the hill then a left turn over the awkward rail way sleeper and down the hillside and follow the contour of the hillside to the end gate, Lewis Hunt (Onza) on his very first cycle trial had an unwanted five when both feet went down on his third round he had settled in with the rules of cycle trials, Samuel Meeten (Monty) went clean on his very first attempt with plenty of speed. section two tractor tires for experts to play on, once on then turn in on the back wheel dropping down off these and then back up onto them, Edward Wheeler (Echo) was good on the tires, but faulted on the big boulder, Max Wiggins (Onza mini master) on the white route rode with confidence and had no faults here. Section three was boulders tree stumps and a concrete staircase that novice riders went down, Ricky Billing (Inspired Forplay) on his last attempt got better and better on this section, this section was also timed by Clive Smith with a two minute rule on it, so points were lost when rushing. Section four, this was a very long section but no one seemed to have much trouble with it as scores went down every time, Oliver Jones (Onza T-Bird) only dropped four points totally on this long section and would go on to win his class at the end of the day. Section five situated near the top end of Nash Mills in and down the ravine of rocks two clean score cards on this for Daniel Greeves (GU 26) and Toby Smith (Monty 207) both would be in single figures at the end of the day. Section six some beginners would have trouble with the climb out of this bomb hole others just kept the bike moving which was the way to do it, Adrian Dance (Phase) who has now progress to the novice class had an unexpected fall once into the section but just dusted himself off with a smile on his face, Perry Meeten (Mission) would show him how it could be done and Adrian would then get it right but alas the damage had been done and the dreaded five went onto his card there was a V in the tree near to the end of this section that experts and elite had to go for it was just getting it right, Edward Wheeler had a spectacular go for it but it didn't quite pay off, Frazer Cannon on the inter route rode well and had two on his card. After the trial points were tallied up and trophies presented to the first three in their category thank you so much to the observers of the day, the riders and also the Berkhamstead motor cycle trials club for the use of their land. The next Crowthorne cycle trial will be held on the 16th October at Brackendene Addlestone Moor (KT15 2QH) see you there.

Graham Tickner signing off