

CROWTHORNE CYCLE TRIALS – Round 6 Championship, Brackendene, Surrey

Brackendene, Addlestone Moor was the location of the final Championship round for 2011. Six sections of rocks, archways, concrete tunnels and the murky stream with the cut down tree trunks that had been rolled down into the stream were on offer with five routes set out to be ridden 3 times. Two of the six sections were timed, and had 2 observers. The Elite route had regrettably no riders this time. **Section 1** sited at the top end of Brackendene this used a side of the recently uncovered tunnel, all riders apart from beginners dropped down the rockery towards the small pathway this is where Aaron Hopkins (ONZA) went over the handlebars when he used far too much front brake, novices then had to come up the concrete spiral staircase or go around it and up the high hillside. Jamie Smith (Monty 207) decided to go around it as it looked easier but alas didn't make the clean when he had to take dabs coming up. William Noviss on his new Echo 24" that he had purchased hours before hand and had not had any chance to get to know it took 3 dabs to get through this section, by his 3rd lap he had settled down with the bike and points were coming down **Section 2** Half way down the stream this used the concrete archway where green and whites went through it. A rusty water pipe that was off the ground had novices go over it. Lewis Farmer (Diamond back) got through this hard section for a three on his last attempt and plenty of cheers and clapping was heard. Experts had to drop off the 7 foot archway then tackle the outside of the arch to come back up, Ben Walsh on the 20" Echo was spectacular no faults at all. **Section 3** a v in the tree was the first gate of this section so plenty of juggling with the pedals but most riders didn't have a problem with it, beginners could go through the water or avoid it but they had to drop off the rocks very fast and pedal quickly up the hillside (after the trial they went back to practice the stream bit) inters would end up just missing the water by landing on the concrete slab and then spinning the bike around to land on the small ledge. Daniel Greeves (GU 26) had no problem here. Sam Elphinstone on only his second cycle trial decided to tackle the novice class but struggled with the rocks. Experts had a small rock in the middle of the stream that they had to land on with just the back wheel and take off straight away, a joy to watch **Section 4** far end of this venue another item uncovered was the ornamental disused water fountain plenty of high hopping to get to the peak of the fountain then turn at the top to take the big leap off, this didn't pose too much hardship for them after they got the line. Inter rider Chad Lamb (Blade) went with no marks lost on his last attempt. Casey Moore when riding around the fountain had his mother Gaynor call out watch what you are doing Casey just put his hand over his mouth and yawned but on doing so dabbled with his foot his mother was not pleased at all. **Section 5** This was the section that inters didn't like because one slip and they would end up knee deep in the mud, chopped down trees that were in the water became very slippery with riders dropping points, neck and neck with just 1 point separating Danny Green (Onza Limey) and Adam Boxall on their 2nd lap. On the 3rd lap Toby Smith had 1 dab here Danny had the dreaded 5 and Adam had 3 **Section 6** alongside the car park another timed section of 2 minutes used more steps for the riders this was the only section that Jack Dance had trouble with and just could not quite clean it. This was a hard cycle trial for some as the stream was used this time never the less riders did get through it. Trophies were presented after the trial. A surprise birthday cake complete with candles for Josie Keep was cut by her. Josie opted out of riding the trial and observed instead so what a treat she had. Thank you to all the observers of the day. Thank you to Helen Smith for signing on and the scoreboard functions. Our next cycle trial will be more of a fun one 4 routes will be plotted out at Hook Trials Centre Nov 12th. *Graham Tickner signing off.*

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