



SURREY SCHOOLBOY TRIALS CLUB

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Surrey Schoolboy TC 25th November 2007, Brackendene
Gordon Farley Championship Series
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No Fear Frearson

Brackendene in sunny Surrey was the venue of round 5 of the championship, this got underway after the annual general meeting which had a good turn out of people. Riders had to attend in order to compete in the trial and gain valuable points. This was also good as all the observer boards had been snapped up well before the agm had finished.

34 riders awaited to tackle the 8 challenging sections set out by Paul and James Ray. Section 1 was laid out at the back of the football pitch which had a game in progress, with many an onlookers deciding to watch the trial rather than the football. There was 2 logs which was the first obstacle to greet the reds and the blues these logs would become more slippery as the day progressed. George Thompson would clear these everytime but on his first visit he got his handlebars caught going around a tree and the bike slipped. After this he would take a much wider line and his much deserved clean would come on his last attempt. experts had a three foot high log to get over with no room to manouver then into the fallen dead leaves, they would have a further three big logs then at the very end four akward logs that lay by the side of each other but at an angle. Camel humps was in store for the yellows so good throttle control was called for this being shown by Joshua Brimecombe who recorded a clean sheet Section 2 was situated near to the fire station with the murky stream that ran along side it. To get to the start a big drop down the slope and avoid overshooting if not an early bath was in store for them. Blues would eventually drop into the water rideing along the bed then up the bank by the pipeline this would become slippery as the water was carried up it. No blue or white rider could get a clean Tristan Robinson had to settle for a 2 like Dan Moody on the Fantic 205 trying as hard as they could Samuel Hook on the easier route had great fun powering up the hillside with clean after clean Section five was by far the best section to watch as there was something to entertain everybody yellows had a narrow tunnel to go through with the observer standing overhead they then had a run along the bank Hannah Penfold just could not get the handlebars in the right position to go through and lost all of her eleven points here the only rider who would clean the yellow route all the time was Jack Frearson he would clean the entire trial with no faults and was the most outstanding rider of the day. Novice riders went into the horrid deep mud then up a concrete step where the gate had to be enlarged to make it a little easier. Inters went into the water again then up the boulders that layed alongside the tunnel a concrete post was up the top and a tree that had to be ridden around experts would cross the stream that was full of black mud rear wheels churning up more and more of the mud. James Penfold had a good idea to get through it and that was to come down the incline fast then to wheelie into the mud with full power on, a little hop to line up then up the boulders this being done all with no rear mudguard so he was quite dirty at the end of this very good trial. The final round will be held on December 16 at Frensham Vale and awards will be presented in January 2008