

A Nice Clean Pair

Surrey Schoolboy TC
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A cold and frosty start to the 2009 Saturday trials championship held at Brackendene, near Chertsey in Surrey. After the machines were examined, and the greetings were made, it was off to the slippery conditions, where some riders found it entertaining to do doughnuts on the frozen grass before getting to the first section.

A lot of looking and discussions were made on section 1 due to the slippery logs covered in frost and also with some riders that had progressed to the next level. It was a waiting game to see who went first. Thomas McCabe on the Beta went straight for it on the novice route, twisting in and around the trees, and up and over the camel humps. The first clean of the day went to him, as he shot off. Second rider up was Mark Cottingham on the expert route, over the small log then bouncing was called for to line up for the massive fallen tree, with no room to manoeuvre, so a quick look up and go for it straight over the tree for him not even touching it. More fallen trees were in store, which he glided over, back over these then the log on a slant, which caused him no grief, a clean for him. And the rest of the riders were then eager to participate. Euan Coulter, had slack dabs on the yellow route, but on his third attempt he would eventually score his first zero, which made him very happy.

Section 4 A gap through trees on the camber, caused problems for the eight blue riders. The trick to this one was to run along the top of the bank for as long as you could, before dropping down. Once down to use all the ground by the rusty waters stream. Then up the hill with a quick turn, before coming back down, then back up again. James Grist was the best inter rider here, dropping just 6 points, he would be the eventual winner of the blue route riders.

Section 7 A three teared rock section on this one, and a spiral concrete staircase, which saw Jack Frearson running up these as though they were not there. The section would take points off all the riders of the day except Bradley Tuckett and Liam Brookman, they would be both the outstanding riders of the day when they recorded a clean sheet on all sections. A big well done to them.