

Surrey Schoolboy Trials Club - Riverside Farm, Rudgwick 1st March 2009.

Round 3 Southern Tyres Championship

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### **Bannister Clings On**

Riverside Farm, Rudgwick in West Sussex was the venue for the half way stage of the Southern Tyres championship. This was the first time that the club has used this land, comprising of slippery banks, murky stream and rooty cambers. Plenty of ditch jumping and riding through the deep muddy stream on the last 3 sections of 8. 42 Adult and Youth Riders had turned up to get their bikes muddy.

Section 6, riders having to start in the slippery mud and drop down into the clay stream that would get very deep, once in, the intermediates had the huge task of getting out up the slippery bank with a thick tree root up the top. A lot of heave-hoing and brute force was required, if not a mud bath was the end result which came the way to Mike Cann. No inter or expert could clean this tricky section because at the end of the section was a fallen tree that was in the midst of the mud. Aaron Hopkins got through it on his third attempt for a 3. Jonathon Bannister riding extremely well now had two cleans on the novice route where they avoided the fallen tree, he would go on to win the youth novice class of the day with Daniel Hornblow and George Thompson both 2 marks behind. Oliver Cann on his last attempt went clean savouring the moment.

Section 7, back into the stream and more mud that the riders coped well with. Josh Brown on the yellow route a slack dab coming out of the water and up the bank. A few fallers here, but not Toby Smith who excelled on the novice small-wheel class of the day, closely followed by Aiden Bowker. Round 4 will be held at Crondall Woods, Farnham.