

TVTC Trial 13<sup>th</sup> September @ Sethern.

Report by Bob Shore

Sunday saw a cool but dry day for 33 riders out for a days sport at Sethern in Dunsfold, Surrey and with a range of bikes from a TY80 to Len Huttys immaculate Matchless, the course was just about right for all riders to enjoy the day.

The lumps of concrete and old tyres on section 1 took a few marks here and there, especially from the smaller bikes and this wasn't the best section for Toby Smith on his Beta 50 and Aiden Bowker on his TY80.

Neil Bowker and Paul Jay got the best scores on section 4 with different styles. The first ditch crossing was up a steep bank but all climbed out OK, the second crossing though was either a standing take off and land half way up the other side or plough through a thick layer of mud and hope not to get stuck. Paul chose to launch with a loss of only 6 marks where Neil who also lost only 6 marks here took the alternative option and 4<sup>th</sup> geared his way through spitting a huge rooster tail of mud behind him and all up his back. Unfortunately, Ian Peberdy and Joel Manthorpe found out just how sticky this mud was as they both got stuck fast and had to call out the rescue squad (observer Nigel Brimecombe).

Section 5 saw the youngest rider of the day, Ollie Brimecombe loose his only marks of the day here when he took a 3 on lap 1. There were no more mistakes from Ollie all day and was best youth rider on the beginner route.

Not a good section for Len Huttys either as he dropped 7 marks out of his 11 here. A drop into a ditch with the exit back up the bank, over a stump and then up through a gully, dropping back with a weave through trees over roots and on the camber. Not much room for error and only 3 cleans all day by the inter riders.

Expert rider Neil lost another 5 here out of his winning total of 14 with the last 2 lost on section 7

Although Len Huttys and Wayne Barron tied equal first on the Inter route, Section 6 was Wayne Barron's worst scoring as 7 marks went here. The steep drop into a ditch and along the ditch to a nice muddy exit up in a rut was where the dabs were needed as the rut took over the direction of exit.

Derek Cranfield and Colin Morgan both only dropped 2 marks all day and tied as winners on the red route, Derek dropping his marks on section 4 and Colin loosing his 2 on section 6.