

ISLE OF MAN YOUTH TRIALS CLUB LIMITED

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2009

It is with great pleasure that I present my second chairman's report.

The Club has once again had a very eventful year with continued support & new faces appearing in the younger classes. The weather at the end of the year decided to make things a little difficult & we had to cancel the last two events, as a result of heavy rain & snow. Unfortunately this included the popular father & son trial in December. In my several years of involvement with the Club I can only remember us having to cancel an event once in full & yet we have suffered this winter with the two trials mentioned and the 1st 2010 championship round also being cancelled in February which is quite unprecedented.

One of the initiatives we introduced in 2009 was the new D novice class, aimed at youngsters trying the sport with little or no prior experience and using the new Oset electric bikes. I am pleased to report that I think that the Club was showing great forethought here as the ACU themselves have brought in an E class and lowered the age at which youngsters can start in this class down to 4 years of age, providing they are on the smaller electric bikes only. For 2010 we will rename our D Novice Class E class, but we will keep a D novice class open to any older children who don't wish to go straight into the main D class. As mentioned last year it is these new faces that are the lifeblood of our sport & we must do all we can to encourage them.

Unfortunately we were not able to run as many training sessions last year as we would have liked, although the 2 sessions at Fernlea, West Baldwin in July and Glen Rushen Plantation in August were very popular and will I am sure be repeated once more.

Once again our monthly trials have continued to be extremely well attended. We endeavour to cater for all standards & ages of rider and although overall numbers were generally down in 2009 our trials continue to attract the biggest entries. I believe that this is testament to our aim to set out sections that riders are willing to at least attempt. I would concede that on some occasions maybe we have set out sections that were a little too hard. I must make some appeal here to our many helpers who observe for us. We did have on a couple of occasions had sections that were set up purposely to be on the easy side made impossible by the observer tightening them up. Please, please, do not do this without first speaking to the Clerk of the Course. After all, it is his responsibility & it is usually the CoC (or me!) who gets the grief from riders.

Our Two Day trial event in May was held at Garey Mooar and Scarlett and was once more blessed with wonderful weather. It was enjoyed hugely and once again proved to be one of the highlights of the year. In 2010 it is the intention to use the 2nd day as a round of the Championship to make up for the missing round we had to cancel in February.

Unfortunately, we had yet another cancellation last June when the TT trial scheduled to be held in Laxey had to be called off as a result of the rescheduling of some of the TT Races. This year we intend to hold an event on Mad Sunday and run it as the Father & Son trial, allowing this popular event to proceed sooner & hopefully leaving December free in case of any more postponements (I hope we don't have any more!).

Turning, now to the early months of 2009. On 15 February we hosted Round 1 of the ACU National A/B Championship – The Franklins Trophy Trial. An immense amount of work was put into this trial by all the committee members in general & specifically Mo & Andy, who

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pulled a huge number of strings, resulting in a highly successful event. I asked as many competitors and/or their parents as possible for feedback (good or bad) and was delighted to receive nothing but praise for the trial, including one comment that it was the best organised trial (including adult nationals) he had seen in decades! We did put in a bid in 2009 to hold a round in 2010, but unfortunately were not successful this year. I believe that the failure to win a round may be due in part to the cost of travel etc. Also, possibly with perfect 20/20 hindsight we may be counting our blessings as the proposed date would probably have coincided with the bad weather that we had in February!

The report of the Chairman generally covers a number of thank you's. I apologise now if I have inadvertently miss anyone. As Chairman, I would like to pass on both my personal thanks and those on behalf of the Club to the many people who help us over the year.

Firstly, my thanks must go to the Committee, all of whom have put in time & effort to make this Club what it is today. As with any Club of this type new faces on the Committee are always needed & I would appeal to all parents to get involved. It is not a huge commitment and we really do always need new faces & fresh ideas. An especial thanks must go to Andy for organising the permits etc & to Sue for the thankless task of acting as Secretary/Treasurer and being the signer oner!

I would like to thank Dave Megson for the excellent work he continues to do in maintaining the Club's web site. Dave stepped down from the Committee in 2009 but has continued to give us his full support which is most appreciated.

Thanks too must be passed onto the landowners, both private & Government. Without these people we would be unable to run our sport. It is therefore vitally important that we maintain good relations with them & not abuse their kindness. As a Club we obtain proper permissions & permits, but all too often there are certain individuals who abuse their kindness. I would appeal to all individuals that if they wish to practice outside organised events they ensure that they have the requisite permission to do so! Please do not take the risk of losing sites that we need to hold events.

I would like to express our thanks to all our helpers both regulars and casual who have turned out, in all weathers to assist with observing, setting out, etc. I make no apology for repeating the plea made by me last year to those riders amongst us:

These people give up their time to allow **you** to participate in the sport **you** enjoy, a thank you at the end of the section is always most appreciated even if you have not ridden it as well as you could have. Sadly, I have seen too many riders that can barely grunt to acknowledge the observer. Please show them some appreciation, it the very least you can do!

We enjoyed the support of Gary Thompson of First Choice Windows as main Club sponsors in 2009. First Choice supported us for the last 3 years, but we are looking for a replacement sponsor for 2010. If anyone has any contacts who may be interested in supporting us please get in touch. The cost is not excessive & we will endeavour to give them as much publicity as possible.

In August 2009 we supported five riders to compete in the 2009 Inter Centre Team Trial, held in Newquay, Cornwall. I would like to thank Andy Birchall for his assistance in helping to organise the team. It was a long & quite fraught trip! Hopefully, riders were not put off & once again we will be aiming to organise a youth team on behalf of Centre for the IC trial which this year being held at Scarborough.

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During 2009 once again a number of our riders competed in National rounds on the adjacent Isle. In particular, congratulations must be given to Adam Kelly who finished a fine 4th in the D Class and to Josh Brain who finished 5th in the A class. Josh now moves on into the adult classes & will, I am sure, be a future Island Centre Champion and have success in the National adult championship rounds he aims to compete in.

Finally, thanks must be passed onto the Peveril club for once again allowing us the use of the Knok Froy Clubhouse for our AGM – it is most appreciated.

On a personal note, I have enjoyed my second year as the Club's Chairman. However, as my son is now no longer a youth rider, I believe that it would be beneficial to the Club to appoint a new Chairman. I therefore do not wish for my name to be put forward to stand once more in this position for the forthcoming year. I will however, be happy to provide whatever support is needed to the new incumbent.

Thank you. I hope that you will see fit to approve my report.

Graham Taggart
24 March 2010

Postscript to the AGM

To keep all members informed I have attached below a copy of the Club's financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009. The accounts were approved by the members present at the AGM.

A new Committee was also elected at the AGM (see separate section on the website for details).

I wish to thank Andy for taking on the role of Chairman and welcome our new committee members Gareth Temple & Damian Owen. I will, of course, continue to offer whatever help I can to Andy & the Club and wish it continuing success in the future.

Thanks too must go to Sue Keown and Brian Madrell who both stepped down, each having served several years on the committee.

Unfortunately, at the AGM, we were unable to appoint a replacement Secretary/Treasurer for Sue. She has kindly offered to temporarily help us out by continuing to act in this position whilst a replacement is found. **If any member or parent is able to help us in this regard please will contact Andy (or myself). Any help would be much appreciated.**

Graham

Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 December 2009

	2009	2008		2009	2008
INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
Entry Fees	3,121.00	6,966.00	ACU Insurance	809.40	1,988.35
Membership Fees	740.00	490.00	ACU Trials Levy	803.00	1,314.00
1st Choice Windows Sponsorship - 2008	1,000.00	1,000.00	DAFF Licences	204.00	145.00
2009 National Round	4,533.84	200.00	2009 National Round	3,952.10	286.72
Centre Levy Contribution	353.50	181.67	Donations Paid	865.00	885.00
Annual Dinner Tickets	1,390.00	1,355.00	Annual Dinner Costs	2,201.41	2,321.65
Raffles	275.00	308.00	Awards & Engraving	1,514.14	1,102.08
Inter-Centre Team Trial Contributions	250.00	340.00	Inter-Centre Team Trial Travel & Entry fees	1,998.76	2,266.59
Centre Grant re Inter-Centre Team Trial	815.00	400.00			
Graham Jarvis ACU Grant	-	800.00			
Centre Training Grant	-	500.00			
Other Income			Other Expenses		
Donations-Other	25.00	-	IOM Government Fees	-	395.00
Bank Deposit Interest	5.34	114.34	Website Registration Fee	75.00	150.00
Club Shirts	-	180.00	Club Shirts	-	170.40
			ACU Affiliation Fee	20.00	20.00
			Sundry Expenses	259.27	310.19
			Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Year	(193.40)	1,480.03
				£ 12,508.68	£ 12,835.01

REPRESENTED BY:

Opening Bank Balances

Surplus (Deficit) for the Period

10,695.94 9,215.91
(193.40) 1,480.03

£ 10,502.54 **£ 10,695.94**

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SUE KEOWN
TREASURER

M Poole

M. W. POOLE, FCMA
HON. AUDTOR

Closing Bank Balances
Current Account 2,125.11
Special Reserve Account 8,570.83

£ 10,502.54 **£ 10,695.94**