

# **ISLE OF MAN YOUTH TRIALS CLUB LIMITED AGM Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec at Knock-Froy clubhouse Santon**

## **I AM VERY PLEASED TO PRESENT MY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO MEMEBERS FOR 2011.**

Firstly just a mention our of change of club year – our year now runs from 1<sup>st</sup> October to 30<sup>th</sup> September making this the 1<sup>st</sup> year a very short one – just nine months.

2011 has been another very good year with continued growth & development. Our club championship was very well supported in 2010 with over the course of the year 115 different riders taking part – an increase on the previous year. Another new & very successful initiative this year was our practice sessions the day before the trial – unfortunately we had to curtail these sessions due to other commitments of our committee but we do intend to run more next year.

Talking of new initiatives we ran a mini summer series for C, D, E & newcomers classes as these classes are not catered for in the adult series, again the success spoke for itself & we will be running a bigger & better series in 2012.

Online entries continue to be a big benefit to us on a Sunday morning; we regularly have 30% plus entered online please keep it going.

It goes without saying that our events could not take place without observers, we now set out 14 or 15 sections at all trials in an effort to provide the best quality event for all competitors, this obviously makes finding volunteers more & more difficult & probably presents the biggest challenge to the club, we have tried a number of different ideas, none with any real success & we remain at the mercy of the same volunteers time after time turning up to help & we thank them all hugely.

We do however encourage riders to bring along a willing helper, anyone can help & we are all here to help any new volunteers, ***THE LAST THING WE WANT TO DO IS MAKE IT COMPULSARY ON A ROTA BASIS - BUT WE HAVE CONSIDERED IT...***

Surprisingly only one of our members, Thomas Knight, rode at National level this year, finishing a very creditable 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the D class British championship - very well done to Tom.

I would encourage any young rider with aspirations to get away & ride as the experience & improvement is massive, if any member is considering competing off Island please don't forget to apply to the club for help with funding or approach any committee member for advice, you really won't regret it...

On that subject here are some dates for your diaries, we are very pleased to announce that we have secured a double header weekend in 2012 with 2 British championship A & B rounds back to back on 21 & 22 of July, this is a fantastic achievement for the Island & is our chance to put on the best events of the series. Please watch the website & Facebook for more news. It does however mean a lot of work for us all and we will be putting out work party appeals nearer the time.

We are now in our 2<sup>nd</sup> year without a club championship sponsor and whilst we have managed to remain solvent we have been forced to make a few changes – it is difficult in these times to find willing sponsors but if you do know of any please get in touch with us.

I have a few people to mention & I would like to start by thanking the committee, we have a very strong committee with a good blend of youth & experience. I must mention both Gaz Temple, in his first year as competition secretary & Susan Everitt our general secretary, for all their behind the scenes work, without which we would not function.

I would also like to thank Dave Megson for the excellent work maintaining the Club's web site, the scoreboard team of Jane & Julie for the all-weather commitment, Steve Colley for his help at our presentation, the Peveril club for the use of the Clubhouse and last but not least all of the landowners for their understanding, we are indebted to you all.

On a personal note, I have enjoyed my 2nd year as Club Chairman and if re-elected, would very much like to continue with our plans.

Thank you.

Andy Birchall

7<sup>th</sup> Dec 2011