

Youth Trials go Green...

Sunday saw the resumption of the First Choice Windows 2008 Isle of Man Youth Trials club championship after the traditional summer (what summer?) break. A well attended practice day the previous Saturday at the same venue laid the foundations for another very successful trial; astonishingly both events were graced with beautiful blue skies & sunshine.

Setting off to start 4 laps of 8 testing sections of the slate quarry were 26 youths & 22 adults. Early morning dew made the start very slippery & costly for the early runners. The only 2 adult expert riders, Robin Arnold & Jamie Blackburn, chose to drop down to the clubman class after attempting the early sections, leaving the youth A class riders alone on the premier route. A superb finishing score of 29 for Sherco mounted top 10 National rider Josh Brain did not really reflect the severity of the sections, perhaps more accurately reflected by fellow top National runner Tommi Maddrell's return of 51 in second place.



A class winner Josh Brain



B class winner Jordan Birchall

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B class National rider Jordan Birchall again rose to the top of the pile, after dropping some uncharacteristic early marks whilst getting to grips with the brand new 2009 125 raga rep Gasser. Another top National runner, little Joe Yeardsley, riding up a class, took an early lead on his Beta but fell away slightly later to finish 10 marks down in second place. A recent injury had sidelined Oliver Megson but he sportingly turned out to observe.

Juan Lace again took the C class with ease on his Beta & now cannot be beaten to the championship with 5 straight wins.



Electric determination – Benjamin Batchelor on his Oset.

D class once again saw more new faces, another tribute to the very successful practice sessions, with Lewis Brew taking his Gas Gas onto the podium on his debut ride. Second place went to a slightly off form Thomas Knight with reigning title holder Adam Kelly taking the win 9 marks ahead of Knighter. Another first for the club – **ahead of the TT** - saw little Benjamin Batchelor make his debut on his electric Oset, Benjamin battled away bravely, although a little overawed at times, to finish the event well & hopefully others, who have attended our practice sessions, will now follow.

The support classes saw the chairman’s son Aleyn Taggart win B plus, Stephen Teare win C plus & Ben Collins take the honours in D plus with a clean ride, indeed the top 3 of Ben, Dillon Killeen in second on 1 mark & Aaron Molyneux third on 3 marks are further proof that the extra practise sessions have paid dividends & these guys are now just about ready to move up to the C class.

The adult clubman class saw Damien Owen continue his recent run of good form take the win with a measly loss of 4 marks on his 270 Beta. A very tight 3 way tiebreak for second saw Jamie Blackburn come out on top of Graham Christian & Robin Arnold respectively, all on 11 marks. A slightly off form Neil Christian made up the top 5 dropping 12 marks.

The sportsman class saw pensioner Peter Christian easily take the win on his Montesa, Peter opting to drop down a class recently after a few tumbles in the summer series. David Harding jnr finished in second, maintaining his grip on the series lead.

Dave Megson took the Twin Shock class on his recently restored Majesty Yamaha.

This is an exciting time for the Isle of Man Youth Trials club, with many new faces & ideas. In order to continue this growth & development we feel it has become necessary to ask competitors to provide observers. This appeal will be put into practice during coming events. Our aim is to provide 2 observers per section in an effort to reduce queuing & further improve the quality of our events.

We will be conducting observer training at our forthcoming practice sessions, more details will be available on www.manxyouthtrials.com shortly.

Our next events will be a practice session, for all youth classes, at Kings Forest on Saturday 11th October with signing on at 12:30, followed by round 6 of our club championship at the same venue on Sunday 19th – please note this event will start earlier than normal, at 9:30am as the venue is being shared with the Vintage MCC for their afternoon event.

A big thanks to all officials & the Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries for helping to make the event a success.

Results

A class			Total	Clubman			Total
1 Josh Brain	Sherco		29	1 Damian Owen	Beta		4
2 Tommi Maddrell	Sherco		61	2 Jamie Blackburn	Gas Gas		11 28cl
- Ryan Corkill	Gas Gas		rtd	3 Graham Christian	Gas Gas		11 27cl
				4 Robin Arnold	Montesa		11 25cl
B Class				5 Neil Christian	Montesa		12
1 Jordan Birchall	Gas Gas		14	6 Craig Magee	Scorpa		15
2 Joe Yeadsley	Beta		24	7 Sam Ansermoz	Gas Gas		21
3 Oliver Lace	Gas Gas		48	8 Nick Warburton	Beta		22
4 Carl Owen	Sherco		63	9 Colin Scarfe	Scorpa		25
C Class				10 Gareth Temple	Gas Gas		26
1 Juan Lace	Beta		61	11 Russell Moore	Gas Gas		61
2 Jack Kelly	Sherco		86	12 Mark Bimson	Sherco		69
				- Dean Taylor	Sherco		rtd
D Class				Sportsman			
1 Adam Kelly	Gas Gas		5	1 Peter Christian	Montesa		2
2 Thomas Knight	Gas Gas		14	2 David Harding Jnr	Beta		17
3 Lewis Brew	Gas Gas		20	3 Rod Taylor	Sherco		24
4 Sophie-May Smith	Gas Gas		23	4 Barry Teare	Sherco		26
5 Max Lewthwaite	Beta		49	5 Rod Callister	Beta		27
6 Ben Batchelor	Oset		64	6 Chris Keown	Montesa		38
7 Rhys Keown	Xispa		96	7 Gary Corlett	Gas Gas		51
				8 Brain Kinrade	Beta		95

B + class

1 Aleya Taggart	Beta	55
- Matthew Asbridge	Sherco	rtd

Twin shock

1 Dave Megson	Yamaha	14
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C + Class

1 Stephen Teare	Gas Gas	21
2 Matthew Corkill	Sherco	33
3 Kasey Corlett	Gas Gas	39
4 Ryan Wilson	Sherco	51

D + Class

1 Ben Collins	Beta	0
2 Dillon Killeen	Gas Gas	1
3 Aaron Molyneux	Beta	3
4 Henry Dorman	Sherco	21