

Roy Pitson Twin Shock Trophy 29th March 2015

For a number of years the Hillingdon and Uxbridge MCC have run a twin shock trial, namely the Roy Pitson Trophy on a Saturday after noon as a fun event with only two routes, easy but challenging and easier. As the event gained popularity the club decided to move the event to a Sunday to allow more riders to enjoy a good day out and for the first time to be at Round Hill Wood, Wigginton, Herts

A lot of club members turned up to set out sections and help make this another fun event, which was to be 4 laps of 10 sections. The weather was fine and sunny but the forecast for Sunday morning was for some rain. Baring this in mind, a great deal of head scratching and countless moving of routes was undertaken, until the perfect Twin Shock section had been achieved, tested and signed-off by the clerk of the course.

Sunday morning duly arrived with its appointed showers of rain, which dampened more than our spirits, they also swamped the sections. Every section was rerouted to make them much easier than before. But as we all know rain has a habit of making fools of people. There we are trying to make sections easier and easier, but unfortunately the rain just made them harder and harder. Even some of the very easy straight forward routes became a route to conquer. Sections 4, 5 and 6 were the hardest, each with seemingly simple turns and climbs were not allowing any one to be triumphant. Sections 3, 9 and 10 turned out to be the easiest, so at the end of each gruelling lap riders had some thing to look forward to.

The results show just how tough the sections had become on the red route, with the clubs very own Graham Haslam reliving his "Team Suzuki 78" days, said he was having a terrible day but, it was an all conquering performance of 58 which put him 12 marks ahead of Honda mounted Stephen Young. Tim Blackmore on his little Jones, or is it James, was really on his Jack Jones by being the only rider to punish section 6 for a single dab on his first lap, at the close he was still the only rider to reach the ends cards on each lap but, finishing 26 beyond Stephen.

On the blue route which is meant to be the easier of the two, proved very interesting with a very tight battle between Centre stalwart Nick Boxall, club member Rob Woodcock and Brian Ayres coming down from Nene Valley, the scores were 40, 43, 44 respectively. The mark hungry sections in their case were 4 and 8.

There was then a sting in the tail, for a lot more pushing and shoving in the car park was needed to help get vehicles out. Oh, a day to forget.

The club would like to thank its members for their help, the observers, officials and riders who persevered in miserable conditions. We hope this has not put you of the clubs next event, the Miles and Thomas Meteor group trial at the same venue on April 19th.

Dave Jenkinson.

Results:

Red Route

Roy Pitson Trophy	Graham Haslam	Beamish Suzuki	58 ml
Runner up	Stephen Young	Honda	70 ml
1 st class	Tim Blackmore	Jones	84 ml

Blue Route:

Winner	Nick Boxall	Honda	40 ml
Runner up	Rob Woodcock	Fantic	43 ml
1 st class	Brian Ayres	Fantic	44 ml