

HUX Bruce Dominey Cup Trial. 6th December 2015

2015, all of a sudden it is December and for the Hillingdon and Uxbridge MCC (H.UX) club this is time for the annual Bruce Dominey Cup Trial in the South Midland Centre. For the club this is an eagerly awaited event as it invites riders from neighbouring centres. Unfortunately there were a number of events being held all around us which had a profound effect on our entry. With this particular trial we have a closing date for entries so we can be sure to cater for the calibre of the different classes and make good use of the chalk and gravel quarries and the root lined earthy banks.

Groups of very keen club helpers gathered at the aforementioned areas on Saturday morning to lay out sections that would be challenging but not be too difficult, as heavy rain was forecast for Sunday morning, which would make a nonsense of all the hard work. With this in mind, our clerk of the course was extremely satisfied with our efforts by mid-afternoon.

At 10 o'clock there was no sign of rain so the 44 assembled riders were on the blocks and champing at the bit to move on before the heavens opened. Well! the trial gods must have been with us as the "dampness" did not start until half way through the third lap, which turned out to be perfect. For up until now the sections had been very rideable but challenging to the unwary. Once the rain started to fall the men were really sorted out from the boys as the sections changed in an instant.

The eventual winner Daniel Greeves, showed his class by continuing to clean everything before him except his bogey section, nine, for here he dropped 8 of his 11 total. But Daniel and many others will have to watch their backs as Daniels ride would have been eclipsed by "A" class youth Samuel Rolls who was cursed by a first lap 5 for a lapse on concentration in the sandy hollow of section four which prevented him from cleaning up, on 7. It would seem that this talent runs in the family as Samuel's younger brother Charlie was the best rider on the red route with 10, riding as a "B" class youth on his little Beta 80.

The intermediate class was topped by Wayne Geary who came over the border from the Normandy Club, easily out shone the opposition on 11, but this score had been hiked up by 3s on the last lap in the rain on sections Three and Ten respectively. The best Novice was Alex Garrett from West Sussex who dropped 13, narrowly beating Chris Hackett from the Luton Club on 14.

The South Midlands ever present smiley face of Nick Boxall missed out on claiming the best clubman accolade by deciding to take his own route out of section one on the first lap which in the end put him two marks behind the winner of the class, Chris Aylott's 22. Everyone in the Pre 65 class was swept aside by the steady riding of long standing HUX club member Jim Bell on 14, who is able to coax the best out of his beloved Greeves Scottish, who appears totally unflustered, except when taking a tumble with "yours truly" along with said little Greeves after a failed attempt on the very slippery exit of section two. Another evergreen stalwart of the Centre, Roy Phypers took best sportsman on his trusty Itsabitsa on 5.

All in all the day turned out to be perfect, this reflected on the hard work put in by club members, helpers and Observers to make the whole thing tick, many thanks.

Results: Bruce Dominey Cup	Daniel Greeves	Beta 300	11ml
Best Intermediate	Wayne Geary	Sherco 300	11ml
Best Novice	Alex Garrett	Beta 250	13ml
Best clubman	Chris Aylott	Montesa 250	22ml
Best Pre 65	Jim Bell	Greeves 250	14ml
Best sportsman	Roy Phypers	Itsabitsa 175	5ml

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