



The HUX - 2017 Bruce Dominey Cup Report

2017 has flashed by and it is the first weekend in December, which traditionally heralds the Hillingdon and Uxbridge Clubs' main trial of the year the "Bruce Dominey Cup".

This year was certainly not going to disappoint. All the clubs entries now come in online, so by Friday we had amassed the grand total of 75 riders. With this in mind there was a very keen band of helpers at "Benington Lordship" near Stevenage, Herts, to set out a great bunch of sections to accommodate the full and varied range of classes. Sections were set to be challenging but with some overnight rain some sections invited the word challenge to be spelled with a capital "C". One section within the Chalk Quarry had to be altered which took the sting out of it, this rendered it on the easy side but it still took a lot of single dabs. This confirms that sections do not have to be stoppers to extract marks from the unwary, or even the eventual winner Daniel Greeves, for it was here that he lost one of his final score of 4. The rest of the field succumbed to the same fate, lack of concentration. As it turned out this was the case for the rest of the sections except for number ten, an evil turn on a very slippery camber, which felled all but the very skilful.

Most of the sections were concentrated around a vast sand and ballast quarry. Some little nadgery ones around the banks created mayhem, again for the unwary. Section 9 a long sandy climb looked horrible but was tamed after the first couple of laps by most, once compaction had set in and riders realised that trying to blast their way through only resulted in digging themselves an early grave.

From what I saw there was some very fine performances from all classes, notwithstanding Daniel Greeves amazing final score of 4, closely followed by club stalwart Graham Haslam on 8, the rest of the eleven strong expert entry all had highly commendable rides. Much like the trial-long tussle in the Intermediate class between another club member David Bathe and "Wycombe" member Jason Clifford, they battled all the way through to end on 23 a piece, with David just edging out Jason on furthest-clean rule.

Another very full class was for Clubman, which turned out to be very competitive with some extremely fine rides on the middle route but all were outshone by Adrian Steel from "Oxford Ixion" who finished on a very creditable 14. The Novice class was also well contested, with all marks twenty/thirty or so between class conqueror, Ivan Thatcher's 34 and the rest of the dozen strong contenders.

The HUX club is producing a fine crop of riders, for another member cruised home in the Sportsman class for the loss of only 6. "Oxford Ixion" also featured well in the results, for another longstanding member Ken O'Brien shows that with many years of experience kept his feet glued to the pegs but forfeited a miserly 1 to be best in the Pre 65 class .

Comments at the end of the event confirmed that all the effort and skill of the club members at setting out was well worth it.

On behalf of the HUX club I, as Secretary of the meeting, would like to thank all members and Observers for their generous help and the riders for making this another very successful event.

Bruce Dominey Cup	Daniel Greeves	TRS	4 marks lost
1 st class,	Graham Haslam	Beta	8 marks lost
Intermediates	David Bathe	Montesa	23 marks lost
Best Novice	Ivan Thatcher	Vertigo	34 marks lost
Best Clubman	Adrian Steel	Beta	14 marks lost
Best Twin Shock	Stephen Clements	Fantic	23 marks lost
Best Sportsman	Bruce Ingram	Montesa	6 marks lost
Best Pre 65	Ken O'Brien	BSA	1 mark lost

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