

Track n Trail's Sprint Scramble
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Race Report by Track n Trail
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Adult Jan Kirtley Youth Jackie Cogdell

With the sun shining everyone was in high spirits as they gathered for Track n Trail's first ever Sprint Scramble. Having been forced by the endless wet weather to postpone the event the week before, everyone had been holding their breath during the run up but this time the conditions were perfect.

The course wound around one huge 500 acre stubble field with rolling hills, through small copses of trees scattered around and this made for a mostly fast and flowing course just over the 4 miles long.

With a good number of spectators and almost 300 riders entered the timetable for the day was intense for the organisers with five races to pack in before the light died, but for riders it was a new relaxed and fun format. With the classes split the Sportsman and Trail riders were able to enjoy the course without the tension of riding with the faster riders. The experienced riders had the benefit of a faster course without hold ups.



Chris Gunter on his way to win Sportsman 4

The first heat started at 9.00am with the Sportsman over 40's off the line first. The race was dominated by three Pauls who held the top 3 places for the entire hour, Paul Smith coming out in first Place. The second heat though saw the honours go to Paul Cox. Sportsman 4 stroke saw Chris Gunter, newly up from Track n Trail's youth section battle it out with newcomer John Pozzoli in both heat 1 and 2, with Chris taking the win in both cases.

And John Pozzoli giving chase



Chris Stevens dominated the Sportsman 2 stroke the only rider to complete 7 laps but he could not maintain this pace in the second heat and we saw two more of our young riders take 1st and 2nd Lewis Dowle and Jack Hooper in that order.

Chris Stevens Sportsman 2
stroke heat 1 winner



With all the Trail riders enjoying the shorter sessions, it was James Bowditch who took the win in the first heat, and Paul Cottrell 2nd. Paul held his 2nd in heat 2 but James dropped to 4th as Mark Burbidge took the win.

Andy Sanigar took 3rd in
Heat 1 in the Trail class.



Daryl Bolter out for a
BLAST

In both heats the Championship boys all completed 8 laps, unsurprisingly Daryl took the win but both Phil Studley and Ross Blackmore were flying along behind him enjoying a quick blast carving up the berms before Christmas.

Mark Kirby Over 40's
Expert Winner

The over 40's Expert saw all the usual suspects in the top places, with Mark Kirby taking 2 good wins Over Gary McCoy, just seconds separating them in both heats.

It was young Liam Taylor who dominated the Expert class in both heats despite a great effort from Ashley Hudson and Matt Pemble to hold him back.





Mark Pemble, Experts flying round the course

Clubman 2 stroke saw George Frazer take 2 wins with Mark Goddard and Harry Scott taking 2nd and third swapping in heat 2. Clubman 4stoke saw Joe Dyke and Joshua Blunt take 1st and 2nd in that order for both heats.



Clubman winners George Frazer and Joe Dyke

The Youth event saw Tommy Alba flying around the course, with no one able to challenge him he set the 4th fastest lap of the day ! He was the only 125cc rider to complete 11 laps in their hour and a half race. 2nd place went to Jordan King and 3rd to Daniel Richards.



Tommy Alba 18 takes 125 cc 1st place
and Daniel Richards 3rd

Newcomer, Ayrton Fiorenzio, ensured that Dylan Baynton did not, for a change, have it all his own way in the 85BW class as he took the win over Dylan by 30 seconds both on 10 laps, Owen Richards matching his brothers 3rd Place.

Ayrton Fiorenzio 1st
place 85BW



Josh Coleman and Stefan Millward took 1st and 2nd in 85SW from start to finish both on 9 laps with Jake Meaker taking 3rd.



85Sw 3rd Place
Jake Meaker



65cc 2nd place
Isacc Atherley

The 65cc class saw Bradley Rowland maintain his domination of this class taking yet another 1st place on 8 laps. Isaac Atherley took a great

2nd and Arthur Williams 3rd.

It was a great day and a good finish to Track n Trails 2009 year of events, we now all look forward to 2010, which kicks off with Slab Common on 17th January.

Happy Christmas to all our riders.