



**Round 1 Track n Trail Summer Series 09
Another day Another 2-Valley's
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Race Report by Track n Trail**

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The weekend saw the sun shine on Two Valleys as the Track n Trail riders arrived on Saturday for a full weekend of riding.

Saturday was a Track day which offered a chance for riders to practice enduro skills and set their bike up for the race the next day. It also offered the less experienced riders the excitement of a cross country race course without the race day pressure. Easy and hard routes ensured it was rideable for all abilities. Mike had also laid on an Auto track for the very young riders, which meant that this truly was a family day: it was great to see the up and coming riders of the future having a good go at their first enduro track!! Both Adult and Youth riders enjoyed a relaxed and fun day. A special test to find the fastest Adult and Youth rider of the day threw a bit of competition into the mix. Marcus Clare, only just moved up to Adults from the Youth, put in an excellent performance with a consistently fast 4 laps to take the Adult Honours. In the youth it went to 125 rider Liam Manchip who showed all the Adults they had better watch out when he moves up!

With the atmosphere buzzing from the days riding everyone gathered to celebrate the successes of the Winter Series Championship as the presentations were made to all the prize winners. Spirits were high as the riders retired for the evening looking forward to round one in the morning.

As the sun rose so did the riders it was now time for the serious business of the weekend. Round 1 of the Summer Series.

The now famous 2 Valleys track offered a fast flowing circuit, with a large Moto-X section, and with the dry conditions we saw some very fast laps completed by the top boys. There were still some challenges with hard route climbs that offered the rider little or no run ups, a steep falling descent down polished stones that rolled like marbles beneath you, plus more than a fair share of off camber going on, that kept you well on your toes right till the end.



Jon Hinam on his way to victory

The Championship class were quickly on the pace, the holeshot was taken by Phil Studley who had a 53 second lead on Jon Hinam at the first lap. But Jon as usual was on fire and took the lead on the 2nd lap. David Biles, as quick on his bike as he is with his tongue, took the lead from lap 8 until lap 11 demonstrating to everyone he was back on form. However Jon put in the fastest lap of the day, 12:01.32 on lap 11 to regain the lead until the end. Phil Studley also put in his fastest lap to take second. The three finishing in this order.



Phil Studley
keeping up the
pace

David Biles on his
way to third.



The Over 40's Expert Class is known for its highly competitive nature and today was not different. Ian Proudfoot took the lead early on but could not maintain the pace that he had set. Peter Archer took advantage of this slipping into first by lap 4 only to be thwarted by a big off that left him reeling and bruised. So by Lap 5 it was Euan Harrison, previous expert champion who took the lead, using his experience to pace himself he maintained the lead throughout although he was constantly challenged by Stuart Keedwell just seconds behind him. Stuart took the lead on lap 11 but a final effort from Euan assured him of the win. Nick Dyer took third, having performed consistently throughout. Special mention must go to Pete who despite his blow on the head took the fastest lap of the class, 13:15.96, on lap 10, perhaps that was why!!



Euan Harrison on his way to the Over 40's expert win.

Bill Richards on the motorcross track, finished in 11th place



The expert class was dominated by Mark Pemble and Mark Kirby. Throughout the early stages Pemble led but Kirby was only seconds behind. Lap 8 saw Kirby take the lead briefly but Pemble regained it stretching his lead to a minute by race end. Third went to Marcus Alba on his first time out in the expert class. Marcus put in a great effort just missing the 14th lap.

Experts pack on the first bend.



Matt Pemble riding with style to take 1st in the experts



Marcus Alba checking they got the picture before going on to take 3rd.

Clubman 2 stroke saw lots of jostling for positions but the honours finally went to Dave Kirtley who showed steady form throughout and stepped up a gear to lead from lap 10. Second and third was closer but Darren Gregory took 2nd by 30 seconds over Sam Richards.



Clubman 2 stroke winner David Kirtley leading up the hill climb.

2nd Place Darren
Gregory.



Phillip Gilder led from the start in Clubman 4 Stroke, but Nathan Wood was closing in on him with every lap, but time ran out for Nathan and Phillip took the win by 17 seconds. Things were just as close for 3rd and 4th but 3rd went to Jason Humpries over Dean Lukins. Special congratulations must go to Mark Morris for his best result to date in 5th place.



Clubman 4 stroke
winner Phillip Gilder



Nathan Wood 2nd
Clubman 4 stroke

Sportsman Over 40's saw Ian Baldock and Andrew Trott in a closely fought contest with Ian taking the win. Sportsman 2 stroke win went to Daniel Price and Marcus Clare took Sportsman 4 stroke convincingly . Trail win went to Jason Ham.



Winner of Sportsman 4
stroke, first time up from
the youth racing, Marcus
Clare.



Andrew Trott 2nd place
Over 40's sportsman



Daniel Price 1st place
Sportsman 2 stroke



Expert Daniel Beaven and Trail Rider Jamie Miller side by side.

And with the Adult race drawing to a close the 80 youths started their bikes in readiness for the parade lap.

Back on the start, the 125cc lined up and all eyes were on George Baylis and Tommy Alba, both boys totally focussed, who would win out today? It was Tommy who took the holeshot but by lap 3 George had pulled a 20 second lead over Tommy. Unfortunately George was forced to retire for bike problems so Tommy had his Day. Daniel Richards put in an excellent effort to take 2nd and Chris Noyce 3rd.

The 85cc Big wheel class saw Connor Davis take a strong lead, in the early stages only to have to retire on lap 4. Lawrence Harper put in a great performance to take 2nd over Owen Richards and Ashley Scott.

The small wheel class that is so often dominated by Dylan Baynton saw Dylan have to work hard for his win today as Mitchell Miller put in an excellent performance to lead Dylan to midway, but Dylan stole the lead on lap 4 to take the win over Mitchell. 3rd went to newcomer Bradley Ley.

Bradley Rowland although challenged in the early stages by Aaron Gordon, took another great win in the 65cc class, 2nd went to Aaron and 3rd to Issac Atherley.

Thanks to everyone who took part in this great weekends racing - we look forward to seeing you all on the 19th July.