



BikeTrial

Newsletter



The Bracken Rocks Cup Trial

Round 1 of the UK National BikeTrial Championship 2007

Firstly, the organisers wish to thank so many of you for turning up to this first ever round of the UK National BikeTrial Championship events - it couldn't happen without you and we appreciate your support.

Secondly, we thank all of the observers who spent the day in the heat and among the ants watching you all ride - the event couldn't happen without them and everyone appreciates their help.

On now to the event ... what a day!

Lots of riders with 62 pre-entries, thank you all for that. But don't forget, at BikeTrial we will never turn a rider away if they've "forgotten" to send the entry form off, unless of course the entry is so full that it would be impossible to accept any more! It just makes it so much easier for everyone if you do send it in advance, and at least then you know before you arrive that there is room for you.

Weather-wise it was a perfect weekend. The Clerk of the Course has set up many trials at Bracken Rocks in the past, but always in the wet, rain and mud, which has meant they had to be easy. The promise of a scorching weekend meant that sections that had been avoided in the past because of slippyness could at last be used. This did of course make for some hard riding, perhaps a little harder than some riders are used to, and perhaps on a level with World Championship sections. Quite a few high scores were evident, and a few people changing route, but no-one's ever going to improve if they don't attack a challenge and most people had a damn good go at it. The heat didn't help and there were a lot of red faces at the end of the day.

Well done to everyone.

It was really good to see so many young riders there, and particularly our three young ladies on the podium. Make sure you keep turning up girls, we'll try to make it easier for you at the next round.

Full results are enclosed.

Various items were left at Bracken, contact 07850 505298 to reclaim!

Addingham Moorside

Bradford Council have just served the landowner with a notice to close the amazing venue of Addingham Moorside - devastating news to all trials-riders.

We have written to the Lord Mayor of Bradford and other local councils, and to the local police outlining the benefits of this venue to cycle-trials riders; also to the landowner offering support.

If you have access to the internet, please visit www.biketrialuk.co.uk and sign the online petition on the 'news' page to support an appeal against the closure.

The Blackpool Tower Trophy

Round 2 of the UK National BikeTrial Championship 2007

For the first time ever the sea front at Blackpool North Shore will be turned over to BikeTrial on 20th May for the 2nd round of the UK National BikeTrial Championship. We're expecting a lot of entries, possibly with some from outside the UK, and as the event has been listed on the Blackpool Tourist Information news brochure since late last year, there's a promise of lots of spectators too!

Your entry form is enclosed, we may need to cap entry to this event so make sure you send yours off NOW. Priority will be given to everyone who rode the first round providing their entry is received by 1st May; after that it will be a free for all based on first-come-first-served basis. *(Delayed in the post is not an acceptable excuse - we don't believe you!)*

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

ACU / BikeTrial UK

Anyone who held a BIU licence in 2006 will have received a letter from the ACU / BikeTrial UK Secretary on Monday 16th April. If you didn't, then don't worry about it!

For those who did, it's sad that they continue to try to discredit our work, our organisers, and the work of TykeTrial and NBTC.

Let us make it clear to you the differences between the two organisations:

BTUK / ACU

- Join ACU Club
- Buy ACU licence
- Get BIU licence
- Enter event
- ACU rules
- ACU governed
- World team selection

BikeTrial (us)

- Enter event
- BIU observing rules
- Self governed

Let us also make it very clear that both the TykeTrial Club and the NBTC Club will NOT join the ACU / BikeTrial UK through choice, and for very good reasons.

The BTUK/ACU organisers have the advantage that the new BIU Delegate is a member of this group. He will use the ACU results to make his selection of the following year's world entry list from their "British BikeTrial Championship", but only for riders who have bought an ACU licence.

BikeTrial do not have this advantage. What they do have is the regime for all riders to have the ability to test their skills against other competitors from all over the country in a rider-friendly, easy to enter environment at the UK National Championship events.

In our opinions, BikeTrial should not be dominated and over-ruled by a motorcycling organisation, and that both organisers and riders should have the freedom of choice.