



# Tyke Trial

## is Biketrial

### Newsletter

### March 2010

#### Shipleigh Glen Trial

A lovely day, bright and sunny – I'd had a horrible feeling it was going to snow for us again!!! There were loads of comments about feeling unfit after the winter break so make sure you all get out there practising before the next event and get yourselves fit again. Excellent sections, many thanks to Mick and crew for setting them out, and many thanks to the observers on the day. Results are enclosed/attached.

#### Observers

As a club, we really need to sort out this observer problem. Yet again, it was the same few people at Shipleigh who did it at nearly every trial last year. Unfortunately the biketrial sport is totally reliant on volunteers to organise everything, and to run events on the day – and trials simply can't go ahead without the observers.

You, as riders, are totally reliant on people volunteering to observe. If you don't bring along observers, then it just won't happen – you can't always rely on other people to do it.

We have 8 events planned for the year, we need 8 observers at each trial; a total of 64 observers for the club to run this year. On Sunday we had 63 riders – if every rider brought an observer, or observed themselves, just once in the year there would be no problem.

It's up to you people to make it work.

#### Parents – Please Note (If you're under 18 please ensure your parent reads this)

We now have three club officials who have volunteered to act as Child Protection Officers for our events: Barbara Wright, Karen Carthy, and Gill Morewood – each is currently undergoing a CRB check for your benefit. However, legislation is making things more and more difficult for us to operate and child protection is one of the current issues.

Please remember that at any trials event YOU are responsible for your child's safety. It has come to our attention that some parents are bringing their under-18's, signing-on for them, then going home. This is not acceptable. At the Shipleigh trial we had to send a rider off to hospital with a torn ligament and two dislocated fingers; luckily on this occasion he was over 18 and we could pack him off alone in an ambulance. We could not have done this if he had been under 18 – remember, YOU or your named representative are responsible for your child and should be at the event throughout.

#### Next club competition

Your entry form is enclosed for the next trial at Addingham Moorside on 11<sup>th</sup> April – it'll be good to get back there after almost a year. Please make sure you send it off in good time and definitely to arrive before the closing date of Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April. *We will not accept entries on the day.*

#### British National competition

The first round of the year is to be held at Barrow Farm (Essex Trial & Jump Centre) on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April. The course I understand will be mainly made up of man-made obstacles so a lot different to what you're used to!

For newcomers to the sport – please don't think that because it's a National that you won't be good enough! The classes and the rules are the same as those we run to at Tyke Trial events – they may be a little bit harder, but remember it is the same for everyone attending. The main thing is that everyone has a go and enjoys the day, and competes with different people from around the country – not just from Yorkshire!

An entry form is enclosed – why not send it off with your Addingham entry and save postage! Hope you can all make it, it would be great to see lots of riders from the Club there.

**Hope to see you all at Addingham on 11<sup>th</sup> April.**

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#### PLEASE NOTE

- You should all by now have your membership cards – please don't lose it and please quote your number on your entry forms in the future.
- This newsletter and entry form will only be sent to fully paid up members. If you have any mates who haven't renewed yet, please let them know about the event and tell them to get on and join the club! Membership forms were mailed to everyone at the beginning of January, and can be downloaded from the Tyke Trial page of the website. They can now also complete the membership form on-line and pay on-line.
- To pay on-line for any entry or membership, you do not need to have a PayPal account. Simply click on the "Buy Now" button, then either log into your PayPal account OR follow the "Don't have a PayPal account" continue link. This will allow you to enter your credit/debit card details for direct payment.
- Please remember, entry closes for Addingham on 8<sup>th</sup> April. It isn't satisfactory to ring on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> and say "I forgot". Entries on the day will not be accepted, it is your own responsibility to enter in advance, and to send appropriate payment in advance. Payment not sent with the entry form will incur an extra £5 fee at the event – don't do it !!!