



The Overflow

Well this weekend's trial actually started on Wednesday for some, the continual rain certainly put a dark cloud (no pun intended) over this event. So to put our minds at ease Brad scouted out the property to see how it was handling the rain, it was all good news. So Andrew, Brad and John decided to camp for a couple of nights and started setting sections on Friday. With some additional help on early Saturday the sections were set by lunch leaving plenty of time for an ale or 2 or was that 5-6...can't remember. Anyway thanks to those that helped out and got involved...awesome!

Just about every section was observed and it was great to see members helping out when queues were forming, but considering the humidity it was a good excuse to sit on the bike just to take a breather. I'm pretty sure the results would have been different in cooler weather, well that's my excuse.



Great to see the juniors back and hopefully we will continue to see them return. Division 5 attracted all the numbers again and there are close scores between the top 10. This will be the hotly contested division to watch this year.

High humidity on Sunday certainly made the days riding very challenging, especially when you're following and guiding 2 "super" juniors through every section, hats off to their loyal parents.

The sections were mixed for each grade with the odd challenge thrown in, section 8 observed by Marg was the talk of the town for the Div. 2 riders. It had everything, if you turned early, dropped over the edge you got the ride from hell but gave you a great line to get up the gully to confront a rock face and just to finish it off was that off cambered log that forced errors. There was great feedback on the sections, they were a good mix and even the easy looking ones caught people out with those loose "goolies".

We've been trialling a new electronic scoring system and ran a parallel system on the weekend. There are still some minor bugs to sort out and it was the cross checking that took a little extra time to get the results out. But pretty sure the usual free sausage sizzle made up for it. The attached results are the end product of what this electronic system captures and how it can report. A special "Thank you" to Chris, Kerryn and Peter for being so patient in this department.

With everybody that could help thanks for creating another great trial and remember if you can't make the next trial please give me 7 days' notice so we can accommodate visitor riders in our limited spaces. Of course these riders will need to be nominated by a SOTA member and if space allows they will be invited to ride at our next meeting.

