

# Hinchcliffes Sunday 15 Oct

I'm not really sure where to start explaining how our 10<sup>th</sup> trial of the year went. There was so much happening, the stories coming out were quiet ...umm memorable let's say.

Saturday was a normal day and believe it or not, there was still dust on the ground. Our regular volunteers had all the sections set by pretty well lunchtime, giving some time to spend back at home, setting up your campsite or relaxing with a bit of fresh water fishing in the nearby swimming hole.

For this event we reduced our fee for the 40 riders and gave free rides to the Saturday volunteers who made this trial possible. We had a number of newcomers which was good to see, and have already heard that they had so much competitive fun, they can't wait for our next event.

Anyway, by Sunday morning our property had dodged all the heavy rain that was surrounding us and we started our 4 laps of 10 sections as per usual. Our 2 injured riders Brad and Roger manned the scoring tent thinking it was going to be a cruise day.



By the time people had finished their 2nd lap the rain closed in and didn't let up. Sections 1 and 10, both on the side of hills we gobbling up riders and even the most experienced couldn't find any traction. It was quiet entertaining (well sort of) watching one of our riders perform commando rolls as they parted ways with their bike mid section. These sections were closed down for obvious reasons. With the continual rain there were plenty of riders with smiles on their dials, the harder the sections and dirtier they got the happier they were! Oh to be a kid again hey.



Not too many riders finished their 4 laps. With the sections deteriorating pretty quickly some decided to pack up early whilst others hung around for those promised rib fillet steak burgers masterfully cooked by Russell, who is also our Chief Financial Officer.

As it got too wet and the club championship rounds are over, we decided not to bother too seriously with scorecards and decided to just enjoy the day. Taking photos was an impossible mission so you just have to enjoy

what you see.

I want to thank Marg Cunliffe for observing at that notorious section one in the morning. Your commitment regardless of the weather is admirable .... a new umbrella is on the way to you. And finally I wish Owen N a speedy recovery, who now joins Bradley and Jack Miller with a fractured leg (which he thought he had sprained).

Zac Reed who camped overnight was a certainty for receiving the "You Plonker" plate as he slept through the riders briefing. However, JB took 3 tumbles in 2 different sections and Evan Hunter gets a close second for his efforts. And yes JB, you are never safe from the plate, the HRV boys are always looking for a victim.

