

# SQTA Rd. 1

## Sizmurs. Ferny Glen

Sizzling summer weather at Sizmurs greeted us at Ferny Glen for Round 1 of our club championship and the first meeting of the year. At the start of this new season we greeted a few new members, released the new club riding shirts, paddock jackets and we purchased our own AED, something we don't want to ever use but seeing we are all getting that much older you never know. Saturdays set up was great and reckon we almost got a record number of volunteers to help out, we'd set up 10 challenging sections by midday given everyone had the afternoon off to do whatever they pleased. We broke a camping record, with only one happy camper! who also acted as our private security guard looking after all our trials treasures, thanks Mark.

The humidity was pretty relentless over the 2 days, if you didn't find the sections challenging enough the weather would have seen to that. Some sections seemed straight forward but the recent wet weather certainly started making things slippery and traction became a problem, catching a few out with those dabs everyone hates. We also had at least 4 EM bikes entered and you would think the water sections would short them out, but no ..... Richard Kent took out Division 0 (expert) on his EM. The score sheet shows a number of DNF's and I wouldn't be using this as a guide on who is riding well and who isn't, once again the weather had a big influence on the results.

Speaking of breaking traction, Frithy forced us to open the new first aid kit after his little episode at section 9. For his troubles he also got himself some new scares to show and tell and free tetanus shot, at least it was only superficial damage and Mike will be back.

We had a few juniors enjoying their rides on their little Osets, but don't think their minders had as much fun following them around in that heat, great to see the junior numbers building up.

At the riders briefing we suggested to have a swim to cool down during the day (without your bike of course), unfortunately Chris didn't hear that part and the inevitable happened, bad luck Chris. It was great to see some of the older guys returning to trials, from what I saw and according to the score sheet their riding skills haven't changed, but I did notice a change in hair colour and a few wrinkles have appeared.

The score tent was manned by Christine and Kerryn Reed and I want to thank them for being patient and giving up another one of their days to support us. The free sausage sizzle was again popular and was wonderfully cooked by the bride Aliko Whitfield, oh yes peeling onions in the creek was imaginative and kept the Cluffs cool...thanks guys.

The only problem of the day was the "clickers" most of them were ready for the bin, I only realised at the end of the day that we had 5 new clickers sitting in the trailer, sorry folks, haha, but rest assured there will 10 new ones at our next trial over Easter.

Other than that, we had a great turn out, things went according to plan and everyone had competitive fun...another great day of trials.

Finally, thank you to all the people that made this weekend possible especially to the 5 observers.

Attached are some photos and the preliminary results are attached as well

Enjoy...Harry

