

Sizmunds Property "Misty Oaks"
Ferny Glen Qld
March 2021



Well the first Sunday in March it was back to the traditional first event of our trials season being held at the stunning Misty Oaks property owned by the Sizmund family. After the 3 or 4 month off season I'm sure there were a lot of people looking forward to this one. A big thanks should go to our club president Harry who works tirelessly for the club but went above and beyond to give up his Friday RDO to whippersnip the property for an event he couldn't attend to ride.

Saturday morning was another good turn-out of volunteers with the plan to set some sections with some variation to the usual. Where we would normally run a direction from the compound west, we decided to start at the other end and work our way back running the sections in the opposite direction. We finished setting our 10 sections at the usual time not long after lunch. At least this time we did have a handful of campers with a few going into the local Canungra pub for dinner.

Sunday morning came and we had a field of 72 riders across all grades signed in, which is a sign of the current state of trials in Qld. Healthy would be the diagnosis. As often is the case with our March trial at Misty Oaks, the weather was absolutely perfect. The feedback from the riders seemed to indicate the section setters had done a stellar job. There were no major spills reported but the creek fronting the compound once again claimed a couple of victims. You know who you all are, haha.

Even with 72 riders there didn't seem to be too much queuing happening and everyone got finished at a reasonable time. As usual once the sections were pulled in there were free hotdogs on offer to all before the scores were scrutinized. This trial was a little different with scoring being done on a new scoreboard system instead of a boring spreadsheet. There was plenty of positive feedback for the new scoreboard and after a few little hiccups early it was rather successful. It's being fine tuned as we speak to run like a well oiled TY for the next time it's utilized.

It was another great event and as per usual had many people doing their bit to make it all happen for everyone to enjoy. On behalf of the club I would like to thank the Sizmunds for use of their property. All the section setters from Friday and Saturday did a cracking job. Christine and Evan did a fantastic in the score tent, without them I would have seriously lost my marbles. Thanks to Denys for taking care of the toilet, Mal for collecting bread rolls and ice, Drew for doing the section bags and Owen for looking after drinks. None of these things happen by themselves so without these people we wouldn't have a trial.

We now look forward to an even bigger event in The Big Loop hosted by SOTA and LRMTTC in a joint initiative to run a 2 day Easter trial with 15 sections spread across the Hinchcliff's property, see you all there.

Cheers
Brad

