

SQTA HINCLIFFE REPORT



As the above photo will attest, our 6th scheduled event of the year looked nothing like inviting at 7.00am on Sunday morning but as everyone up here knows, never underestimate the start to a Queensland winters day.

The weekend began around 9.00am Saturday with yet another unavoidable labour intensive "Saturday Soiree" but to my delight there was a steady role up of volunteers streaming thru the front gate topping out at an impressive 25 members and non-members fronting up to lend a hand. With such a large turnout, the number of which surpasses entries at some club events just quietly, there is a bit more management required to get everyone gainfully employed, but after the first couple of sections were set everyone seemed to filter off and do their bit leapfrogging around the loop until our standard fare of 10 All Division sections were set.

One benefit of having such a big turnout of helpers is that there are plenty of hands on deck to do clearing so we took advantage of that fact and cleared two & a half brand new sections adding to our already impressive portfolio located in every corner of the property, not to mention Logan River's contribution adding to the selection when they hold events there. With a clockwise loop this time, we included the dreaded hill climb from Section 5 in the creek up to Section 6 up on the top of the hill giving everyone who wanted a bit of a blast and a chance to clear their pipes and lungs out on each lap, not to mention a fair bit of finger curl toward the end of the day. We had everything taped, set, loop arrowed and Divisional split by 2.30pm allowing the campers plenty of daylight to practice their skills and the rest to head home for an afternoon nap in front of the tellie and heater.

Sunday dawned both cool and foggy with the shock of the day being Walshy showing up first at the Sign In tent. Lucky we were sitting down at the time and talk about wetting the bed! By the time the rest had all checked in by around 9.00am we had 60 riders ready and rearing to go. Not a club for enforcing any particular over officious pre entry deadline requirements for any of our gigs, it is always a pleasant surprise, no matter how many roll up, to see the eventual number of final entries and in the same breath always a pleasure to welcome the constant flow of new and used riders, with Mick Whips & Bourke Alford filling the latter mentioned criteria, all wanting to have a taste of our particular easy going way of doing things. How good was it also to see so many kids riding around on mini bikes during the day. Their parents, a little too optimistically, entered them into the event but that soon turned into a bit of a free ride

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around the car park after a partial first lap for most of them. One Div 6 Junior worthy of note who finished the day and who always displays a big heart and smile to go with it was Kelsey Gomersall, joining her Dad and two Uncles making it a real family affair and threatening a take over the long held Reed “cast of thousands” dynasty. Apparently there is still another Gomersall brother out there waiting in the wings who may actually tip the balance if he decides to join the party.

Not wanting to sound like a broken record, probably too late for that now anyway, we had another great turnout of Observers yesterday with 7 of the 10 Section expertly manned and womaned plus a permanent Score Tent co-ordinator in Wilma Somerville. An ideal number really, with the rider rotated final 3 Sections being a little too far away to expect Observers to trek to anyway. How good was it to see our old friend Shorty Hall back with us again after all his health dramas looking fantastic to boot and great to have him manning a Section for us, and giving plenty of cheek in the process. We hope that this is his first step toward straddling a bike again whereby we will all have a chance to get our own back again! Special mention must also go to my old mate Roger Galpin who is nursing a shoulder injury at the moment but still comes along to observe for us. Alas he always seems to get the Siberia posting on the strength of him being the youngest!!!! You did say it was a shoulder injury didn't you Rog, a leg injury would have ensured a closer Section you know!! J Good luck in the Isle of Mann next month too, fly our flag high, don't forget to take your name plate and send home some photos.

The loop and Sections certainly kept the scores ticking over with probably the most talked about Section being the 80m long Section 3, taxing some Alzheimer suffering riders with section split short term memory loss. There was even a bike drowning which we were pleased to see wasn't terminal with both rider and machine managing to finish, thanks in no small part to the lunch break me thinks. There was a bit of everything on offer in regard to terrain with probably the most polarizing Sections, for one rider anyway, being the logs in 9 & 10. No points for guessing that Frithy kept reminding his riding partners how much he hated logs to the point of taking 5's on them on the first two laps but manning up and making a remarkable turnaround for the last two finishing without any damage to limb, machine or psyche. Well, maybe a bit too the latter? This event also saw the final farewell to our Czech friend Dominik Wunsch who leaves for home in a couple of weeks. It's been a pleasure to have him attend our events and give everyone a master class on how it can be done and we look forward to seeing his name on the result sheets of future European World Rounds and maybe back here in Australia one day, if and when we ever get another gig back in this country.

It was yet another great weekend to write home about and thanks to everyone who contributed to making it so. Often times our best gauge as to how successful an event has been is the number of folk who remain behind for our complimentary BBQ, and if this weekend was anything to go by, it was an unprecedented one with at least 90% of the riders and their families hanging back to hear the results read out whilst chowing down on another expertly prepared menu from Harry's Bar & Grille. Lucky it wasn't a Practice Day hey, or you would have only finished up with a sausage minus the scores???!!! 😊😊😊

It's now 4 weeks before we do it all over again down in cannabis country, where I have it on good authority that a bigger bon fire than last time awaits.

Until then.

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SQTA RESULT SHEET

VENUE:

Hinchcliffe's

DATE:

5/07/2015

DIVISION No.0

PLACE	NAME	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	DOMINIC WUNSCH	C	24
2nd	ISAAC LUFT	C	43
	JUNIOR TITLE	0	0
1st	ISSAC SOMERVILLE	C	58

DIVISION No.1

PLACE	NAME	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	ANDREW ATKINSON	C	17
2nd	DAVID GOLDSMITH	C	22
3rd	NIC DULEY	C	23
4th	RICHARD KENT	C	36
5th	BURKE ALFORD	C	71
6th	DENIS LOVETT	C	80
	JUNIOR TITLE	0	0
1st	SAM ROGERS	C	38

DIVISION No.2

Place	NAME	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	PAUL MORECOMBE	C	6
2nd	CHRIS LYON	C	15
3rd	DAMON DERRICK	C	24
4th	ANDREW McD-SMITH	C	27
5th	BRADLEY SCHNEIDER	C	30
6th	MICHAEL FRITH	C	31
7th	JAYDEN DALEY	C	34
8th	LES HELLYAR	C	37
9th	HARRY VAN DIJK	C	43
10th	DARREN CRESSWELL	C	45
	JUNIOR TITLE	0	0
1st	RYAN DERRICK	C	18

DIVISION No.6

Place	NAME	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	TED RIDES	C	20
2nd	BOB EDE	DNF	0
	JUNIOR TITLE	0	0
1st	KELSEY GOMERSALL	C	73
12th	BRODIE RIDES	DNF	0
13th	JAKE RIDES	DNF	0
14th	JOSH RIDES	DNF	0
15th	KORBEN TRIM	DNF	0

DIVISION No.3

PLACE	NAME	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	JAY MURRAY	C	12
2nd	MARK GOMERSALL	C	13
3rd	PETER CLARK	C	16
4th	EVAN HUNTER	C	26
5th	TONY GREEN	C	33
6th	NEVILLE DERRICK	C	35
7th	DAVE NEAL	C	37
8th	MARK HAYWOOD	C	45
9th	ADAM KING	C	49
10th	RICHIE HESKETH	DNF	0
11th	PETER ALFORD	DNF	70
	JUNIOR TITLE	0	0
1st	ADEN GOLDSMITH	C	120

DIVISION No.4

PLACE	NAME	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	JOHN BARWICK	C	10
2nd	JERRY RIDES	C	10
3rd	IAN ROGERS	C	18
4th	DENYS REED	C	18
5th	MARK GREEN	C	31
6th	MATT MONK	C	32
7th	PETER GATELY	C	35
8th	PAUL WALSH	C	36
9th	BOB ANDERSON	C	59
10th	JOE LUFT	DNF	0
11th	CRAIG PEEBLES	DNF	0
12th	BEN TRIM	DNF	0

DIVISION No.5

PLACE	NAME	DNF/DNS	SCORE
1st	MARTIN GOMERSALL	C	14
2nd	MARK GREEN	C	24
3rd	BEN RIDES	C	36
4th	DAN WILMAN	C	45
5th	IAN DULEY	C	47
6th	ROBIN GOMERSALL	C	49
7th	BRAD McALISTER	DNF	0
8th	MICK WHIPS	DNF	0