

SQTA "CROWS NEST" 2 DAY REPORT

We ventured north by north west to Crows Nest for our second last event of yet another jamb packed year of Moto-Trials and being a long weekend we decided to reprise our Easter 2 Day and what better place to do so then at a brand new property. Being located north of the Brisbane Line (Google it if you don't know) we expected NSW numbers to be down a bit, somewhat akin to ANZ Stadium and the NRL Grand Final in fact, and they were, aside from a couple of diehards in the form of the Schneider's and Gately's! Regardless we still managed to field an entry of over 40 riders on each day with the overall consensus being that it was well worth the drive, no matter where or how far you came from.

The property is a true trials haven just off the side of the New England Hwy and an Andrew Atkinson led coalition of both SQTA members, and non-members, spent the last month or two preparing and clearing a raw property to great effect. The entry road itself was a bit of a challenge for the two wheel drives and caravans but if you took it slow you were eventually rewarded with a beautifully cleared camping area with fire pits, firewood, drinking/showering water, picnic table and BBQ, in fact the works. Talk about not only being spoilt but raising the bar that bit higher once again.

The event kicked off at 1.00pm on Saturday afternoon with the only instruction to the riders being to be finished 4 laps of 11 Sections by nightfall and I'm pleased to say that no search parties were required so Day One mission accomplished I'd say. Being a 2 Day, and not to mention being in the middle of nowhere, the campsite was nicely full but albeit a little subdued with many hitting the hay early in preparation for the 9.00am following morning start.

After a particularly chilly night Day 2 dawned clear and sunny and by the time we had a captive audience at Rider Briefing we had over 40 riders again suited up and raring to go. Kudos to the early risers who had done an early morning rejig of about 60% of the Sections affectively turning Day 2 into a new event giving us all a new spin on the same old dusty loop but ensuring that the scoring would be keen. Turned out it worked for some Divisions with some of the Day 1 leaders succumbing to nerves of a hard charging pack closing in. Great to see the property owner himself having a ride for the first time in many years on what sounded like a 4 stroke Sherco but looked like a 2 stroke. He and his mate might not have finished but they sure seemed to have been having a lot of fun regardless. Great also to see a few more new faces riding with us for the first time and getting a taste of what makes us attract their like in the first place.

We decided to make this an Observer Free Zone this weekend but we never seem to be able to achieve it with about 5 or 6 floating observers wandering the loop and scoring for us in the process. I must admit it was a bit hot and dusty to be chained to one Section all day but Chris and Sharon didn't seem to mind. Thanks everyone who helped out in that regard.

Day 2 wound up around 1.00pm which allowed us to kick off the BBQ and supply lunch for everyone at the "Riverbend Parklands" whilst scores and awards were handed out. The Easter Bunnies may have been 7 months old but they did the trick. Better than keeping them for next Easter I guess? Once the food was all gone the majority pulled up stumps and headed home in readiness for the NRL Grand Final with the rest of us spending a leisurely afternoon sipping cold ones in the "Riverside Parklands" before heading back into The Old Crow pub to witness one of the most extraordinary games of Rugby League I've ever seen. Although I am a Broncos supporter how good was it to see the Cowboys miraculous come from behind to break their hoodoo?

There were a few of us that spent yet another chilly night under the quickshade's or in tents but it was all worth it to be able to have a leisurely pack up and be back home in time for an afternoon nap. The remaining "HIV" lads headed out for another expression session in the heat which made me feel so much better with the air conditioner blowing in my face on the way home. It was yet another great weekend away and thanks to everyone who helped make it so.

As a reconfirmation for everyone, our 11th and last event of the year is being held at our traditional Eden Creek playground on the weekend of **24/25 October** down over the border. I'll be in touch with more details in a couple of weeks time.

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As a post script, all of you no doubt remembered the smoke we were seeing all weekend and speculating whether we may have to high tail it out of there in the middle of the night, well the inevitable happened yesterday and the photos below show the result in the camping area and at Section 6. You could say we dodged a bullet but there are more Section uncovered than you can poke a stick at now!



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DIVISION ZERO	<i>Day 1</i>	<i>Day 2</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Place</i>
ISSAC SOMERVILLE	70	60	130	1st
DIVISION No.1			0	
ANDREW ATKINSON	17	9	26	1st
DAVID GOLDSMITH	40	34	74	2nd
BRIAN BALL	X	42	DNC	
JUNIOR TITLE				
SAM ROGERS	69	51	120	1st
DIVISION No.2	<i>Day 1</i>	<i>Day 2</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Place</i>
BRIAN FULLER	13	2	15	1st
PAUL MOORE	8	8	16	2nd
JAYDEN DALEY	13	4	17	3rd
CHRIS LYON	17	6	23	4th
BRADLEY SCHNEIDER	45	33	78	5th
PATRICK WHITFIELD	49	35	84	6th
DARREN CRESSWELL	56	X	DNC	
DAMON DERRICK	X	34	DNC	
CRAWFORD PIRIE	X	40	DNC	
JUNIOR TITLE				
RYAN DERRICK	43	20	63	1st
DIVISION No.3	<i>Day 1</i>	<i>Day 2</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Place</i>
JAY MURRAY	12	8	20	1st
PETER CLARK	17	18	35	2nd
MARK THOMPSON	28	20	48	3rd
NEVILLE DERRICK	26	24	50	4th
TONY GREEN	31	20	51	5th
EVAN HUNTER	38	22	60	6th
MARK HAYWOOD	41	22	63	7th
NATHAN HAIG	50	30	80	8th
JEFF BROWN	108	37	145	9th
JOSH LACEY	94	65	159	10th
DARREN CRESSWELL	X	39	DNC	
DAVID JAMES	72	101	DNF	
JUNIOR TITLE				
ADEN GOLDSMITH	97	82	179	1st
DIVISION No.4	<i>Day 1</i>	<i>Day 2</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Place</i>
IAN ROGERS	15	5	20	1st
JOHN BARWICK	15	7	22	2nd
JERRY RIDES	7	15	22	3rd
DENYS REED	32	7	39	4th
PAUL WALSH	28	29	57	5th
PETER GATELY	31	30	61	6th
LINDSAY HAIG	61	DNF	DNF	
DIVISION No.5	<i>Day 1</i>	<i>Day 2</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Place</i>
STEVE NAPPER	23	28	51	1st
MARK GREEN	41	25	66	2nd
DAVID LAMB	33	41	74	3rd
JUNIOR TITLE				
JACK TURNER	X	57	DNF	
DIVISION No.6	<i>Day 1</i>	<i>Day 2</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Place</i>
BRAD McALISTER	36	4	40	1st
BRUCE SHIPP	13	34	47	2nd
MURRAY SEYMOUR			DNF	
CLAYTON FILL			DNF	
NEIL ENGLUND			DNF	