

Report by John Davies

A good entry was received for the club trial at Torry Estate near Cairnyhill on 2nd January. The weather was bright to start with but gradually got colder. Not a day to hang around and the 34 riders didn't spend too long inspecting the 10 sections laid out by Willie Gillespie and his helpers in the heavily wooded hillsides.

Top man was Crawford Carrick-Anderson, just back from a spell of Enduro and Downhill Mountain bike racing. The former SACU Trials Champion and winner of the SACU Enduro Championship for the last two years, Crawfy was just unbeatable. He was mounted on yet another Scorpa supplied by dealer Ian Shedden, as indeed were the next three experts.

Clean laps were provided by 2nd placeman Neil Dawson and Ian Shedden, who was just two marks adrift. Allan Adamson lost one more mark for 4th spot.

The tussle for best Non-expert was even closer, after a high scoring 1st lap, Stephen Baird got it all together and ended up in top spot with the rest covered by just 4 marks.

Reigning club Champion Grant Dempster had an easy win in the Novice class after 3 consistent laps. As usual, the over 40s produced the largest entry, with Kevin Duke securing a close win over Kenny Drummond despite opting to ride the hard route – well done!

The youth classes were won by Ross Corry, fresh out of the B class, Mark Buchan and Ewan Allan.

RESULTS

Experts: 1. Crawford Carrick-Anderson [250 Scorpa] 5; Neil Dawson [250 Scorpa] 13; Ian Shedden [250 Scorpa] 15; Allan Adamson [250 Scorpa] 16; Stuart Corry [250 Gas Gas] 23; Jamie Reid [250 Scorpa] 30.

Non-experts: 1. Stephen Baird [290 Sherco] 47; Neil Chalmers [280 Gas Gas] 51; Scott Taylor [280 Gas Gas] 51.

Novice: 1. Grant Dempster [290 Sherco] 48; James Foster [125 Gas Gas] 61; Crawford Whyman 83; Colin McNiven [200 Beta] 97.

Over 40s: 1. Kevin Duke [250 Scorpa] 25 (hard route); Kenny Drummond [250 Gas Gas] 26; Steven Corry [250 Gas Gas] 31; Mike Little [250 Scorpa] 37; Ross Hendrie [250 Montesa] 47; Bob Malloch [250 Montesa] 50 (hard route).

Youth A: 1. Ross Corry [200 Gas Gas] 30; Mike McNiven [250 Beta] 69.

Youth B: 1. Mark Buchan [125 Sherco] 69; John Smith [125 Gas Gas] 72.

Youth C: 1. Ewan Allan [125 Sherco] 87.