

## Manchester 17 MCC Ltd – Wednesday Evening Club Trial – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2009

The second of Manchester 17 two experimental 'Wednesday Evening Trials' was held at the Beard Hall Farm, New Mills Derbyshire.

The weather having been very wet for the previous two days meant that the going between the sections was sometimes harder than the sections themselves. However, Mike Finch and his team put together an excellent course with the majority of sections situated in and around the long rocky stream which runs through the venue.

The winners of both the hard and easier routes fell to riders with good throttle control, with both winners far ahead of the competition.

Top place on the hard route went to local resident Mark Reynolds who rode using his trade mark combination of high gears and delicate throttle control to lose a miserly 5 marks, all his marks lost on section eight a series of muddy climbs and descents in out of the rocky stream. Following Mark were Liam and Iain Robinson [no relation] on 15 and 22 respectively with Iain riding for the first time a new Gas Gas and unexpectedly losing six marks on section ten, a series of log climbs which didn't cause any problems to either Mark or Buxton resident Liam.

The easier route was dominated by O/40 riders who occupied the first five places, with first place going to another rider known for delicacy of throttle control Adrian Bellis.

Adrian rode round for a score of 11 which contained only one three to finish 9 ahead of his nearest rival. Only three marks separated the next five places with David Watson in second place riding in only his second trial this year. Think what would happen if he rode on a more regular basis! One mark behind David was regular Sheffield visitor Leigh Elliott.

Section nine a graded hill climb proved very popular with riders, spectators and photographers alike. Though few marks were lost, there was much fun, mostly for the benefit of the photographers, seeing who could make the most spectacular exit from the section.

### **RESULTS**

#### Hard Route

Mark Reynolds	Beta	5
Liam Robinson	Gas Gas	15
Iain Robinson	Gas Gas	22
Lee Sealey	Gas Gas	30
Mike Critchlow	Gas Gas	31

#### Easier Route

Adrian Bellis	Beta	11
David Watson	Montesa	20
Leigh Elliott	Gas Gas	21
Henry Rosenthal	Gas Gas	22
Kevin Keenan	Gas Gas	22