

MOUNTAIN BIKES
Broken Hill Mountain Bike Club Inc.
Saturday 10th July 2010

The Broken Hill Mountain Bike Club held its 12th annual Poker Race weekend, at Silverton on Saturday. Organisers weren't sure whether to even set up, when they encountered gusty 45km winds, and heavy rain; but when riders started turning up to help set up, the decision was made. Thankfully the rain stopped (but the wind didn't), and 42 riders braved the freezing conditions, along with their supporters. This is the most difficult event on our calendar, and is our only real endurance event for those who ride as individuals. It also helped that Jo & Chris had the BBQ cranked, and their special soup piping hot, which proved a hit with the crowd.

The introduction of a teams category injected some fun and entertainment into the event, with two of the teams dressing to impress! This allows teams to ride one lap each, and brings a whole new dimension to the event.

Social class had only one rider, and amazingly he managed to crank out his laps before he discovered he has been riding with a busted frame!

Junior Girls saw the Lenton sisters back in the saddle, and Kirstie was able to hold off Alexis to take the win.

Boys B consisted of Doyle, Max and Patrick; and there was some confusion over which track they were riding, but they all did very well under tough conditions to get their 5 cards.

Boys A showed a very gutsy effort by both Corey and Luke. Corey set a new junior record to be the first Broken Hill junior to complete his 5 laps on the Heritage Trail. Luke completed three laps, even though he had a couple of stacks which resulted in a tooth through his lip!

Megan Algate was the only local female who was up to the solo challenge, and posted very consistent lap times for her first Poker Race. This demonstrated her high level of fitness and determination.

Veteran Men was always going to be hotly contested, and attracted some of the big guns from the Club. The top three were only split by seconds, and they battled for the front for the first 2 laps before David was able to cement his lead into the third. Heppy also pumped out his 5 very consistent laps, and behind him was Dennis Robinson, who made the trip up from Renmark. Dennis showed determination and was able to complete his 5 laps, which is quite an achievement. Mark made the leap from social class into this category, and was able to produce four very respectable laps for his first Poker Race.

Mens B claimed some casualties, with Nick having to withdraw (with an injury he sustained during training), and Stevo and Phil calling it a day after 3 laps. This left Wayne, Joel and Richard to take the podium places.

Mens A was a hotly contested category, with Benny, Royce and ex-local Steve Chinner all pegged as favourites. Benny led for the first lap, but was taken by Royce and Steve crossing together in the second. Brian wasn't far behind, followed closely by Les and Tas. Steve was able to take the lead into the third lap, over Royce and Benny; and this was how they finished. Brian was also able to complete consistent laps, to hold off Les and Tas.

Teams were introduced this year, and were a highlight of the day. A mix of Central Firefighters & partners (Passme Ilkilya), Perilya (Where's Wally?), and Country Energy

& Family (Bondi Rescue); lined up to compete, and some went that extra mile to put on a visual demonstration on bad dress sense! This category was a great chance for those riders who wanted a bit of fun, and a challenge – only having to complete 1 lap (in theory this didn't work out for John, who was called away before he could complete his lap; so Phil had to complete 2 laps).

This was pretty close, with Where's Wally leading for the first lap, until Bondi Rescue overtook in the second lap. Passme Ilkilya must also be commended for the two ladies that filled the team at last minute, for the two Firies that had to withdraw. This was a mammoth effort, and they should be very pleased with their effort. We hope to see them in the future, because they would be a welcome addition the ladies class.

After the event the presentation was held, and it was revealed that the best poker hand of the day went to Benny Goodman.

Fastest overall time, and Poker Race Champion for 2010 went to Steve Chinner.

Social Class Short Course

	Lap1	Lap2	Lap3	Lap4	Lap5	TOTAL TIME	Place
Darren SAMMUT	22.47	24.05	(23.09)			46.52	1st
	10S	KH	7H				

Junior Girls Short Course

Kirstie LENTON	28.05	(4.07)	(2.58)	(3.02)	(2.32)	28.05	1st
	4S	8S	7S	6H	JC		
Alexis LENTON	31.32	(4.16)	(2.44)	(2.53)	(2.44)	31.32	2nd
	10D	3C	AH	KD	AS		

Junior Boys B Short Course

Doyle VAUGHAN	30.09	(3.01)	(2.41)	(2.09)	(2.13)	30.09	1st
	JC	4C	5D	5S	9H		
Max EBERLE	41.48	(48.09)	(6.54)	(4.59)	(3.27)	41.48	2nd
	6S	QC	QD	4S	AS		
Patrick EBERLE Mini	5.14	(4.47)	(4.18)	(4.20)	(4.28)		3rd
	JS	6D	4D	5C	AD		

Juniors Boys A Long Course

Corey SAMMUT	24.13	25.00	(26.10)	(26.29)	(29.26)	49.13	1st
	7D	9H	JS	KS	AS		
Luke BALDWIN	32.08	39.37	(37.57)	(2.54)	(3.27)	1:11'45"	2nd
	2H	8H	3C				

Women

Megan ALGATE	29.30	28.07	28.49	(28.50)	(28.59)	2:24'15"	1st
	AC	3D	9D	3H	9D		

Veteran Men 50+

David LYLE	20.38	21.11	20.55	21.38	21.56	1:46'18"	1st
	2S	3H	KH	8C	QC		
Trevor BARRIE	20.30	20.43	21.23	22.18	23.29	1:48'23"	2nd
	2D	QH	9D	2C	2D		
Barry GENTLE	20.32	21.04	22.00	23.28	24.26	1:51'30"	3rd
	10C	KC	2H	10H	3S		
Tony HEPBURN	23.28	23.42	23.40	25.09	24.53	2:00'52"	4
	7C	4C	KD	6H	5S		
Dennis ROBINSON	24.43	25.25	27.08	27.34	27.50	2:12'40"	5
	7S	JH	10C	7S	8H		
Mark FISHER	24.51	26.38	28.04	30.41	X		
	4H	10S	3D	JS			

Open Men B

Wayne DEMERY	21.04	22.18	22.22	22.58	23.03	1:51'45"	1st
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Joel SIM	10H 20.54	2S 22.37	8C 22.34	5S 27.12	KD 28.47	2:02'04"	2nd
Richard WALKER	7H 25.04	5S 24.53	QS 25.21	JD 31.45	9C 30.15	2:17'18"	3rd
David STEPHENSON	KS 22.33	8D 23.52	3C 23.53	JS X	9H X		
Phil EBERLE	5H 41.42	JD 29.10	KC 29.53	X	X		
Nick ALGATE	8H 31.18	KD X	8S X	X	X		
	4H						

Open Men A

Steve CHINNER	19.31 3C	19.24 5C	19.16 6C	19.17 9C	19.50 10S	1:37'18"	1st
Royce BECK	19.32 10D	19.24 KS	19.33 2D	20.03 7D	20.35 9S	1:39'07"	2nd
Benny GOODMAN	19.25 AD	20.19 QC	20.12 AS	20.30 8H	20.39 AH ^{BEST HAND 3 OF A KIND}	1:41'05"	3rd
Brian DEVLIN	20.31 AH	21.14 JH	21.01 QS	21.01 4D	22.05 KS	1:45'52"	4
Les BORCHARD	20.52 3S	21.41 QH	21.19 3H	22.18 9S	22.21 6C	1:48'31"	5
Tas JOHNSTON	21.03 2C	22.29 AC	22.13 6C	23.32 5H	24.59 6S	1'54'16"	6

Teams

BONDI RESCUE	24.11 4S	26.06 7C	29.46 6D	27.54 3H	24.33 KH	2:12'30"	1st
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(Phil DuPAL, Mark LENTON, Steve CORRADINI, Jo LENTON, & John COLLINS)

WHERE'S WALLY?	24.04 6S	27.13 2H	31.30 9C	29.50 8H	29.26 JD	2:22'03"	2nd
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(Stephen PASCOE, Lance BARRON, Nicholas MILSTEAD, Kristian SUMMERS & Karl WILLIAMS)

PASME ILKILYA	37.04 5D	36.50 QD	32.30 QS	25.13 3D	17.59 4C	2:29'36"	3rd
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(Paul BURKE, Jackie NOWLAND, Emma LUMSDEN, Nathan PASCOE, & Dave CLARKE)

The next Club event is the Silverton Timetrial, (from Broken Hill to Silverton); on Sunday 8th August starting at 9am. This event is 23kms long, and it is Club policy that juniors under 13 will not be permitted to participate, for safety reasons. Riders must carry enough water and provisions to be self supported. For more information contact Club Secretary Tas Johnston on 80888945 or visit www.bhmtb.asn.au