

Race Report Snake Gully Sunday 13/04/08:

Last Sunday the Broken Hill Mountain Bike Club hold its second competitive event for the year and its first ever race at the new Snake Gully Circuit. The race was held in great conditions with a slight southerly breeze assisting riders on the outbound side of the 11.5km track.

The event was well supported with 23 competitors signing up to sample the new course. The club would like to welcome new competitors Toby Loch-Williamson, Jono Spain and Gerald Vandenhevel who all completed the race with respectable times, well done!

As usual the race pace was coming from the front of the Senior men category with ever improving Royce Beck just heading the hard charging Dave Clark and ever consistent David Lyle off for a great win. With this race being held over 2 laps of the track the extra length allowed for some real tactics to come into play.

The sport men also completed 2 laps of the new circuit, Gnarly Steve Kelley once again proved that there is no substitute for time in the saddle with a comfortable win ahead of newcomer Toby Loch – Williamson and Richard Walker rounding out the podium. The Senior Women event finally saw some competition for Jo Lenton although the outcome was a similar one with Jo taking a narrow victory from Shelley Clarke who is on her comeback trail, we have a feeling this category will hot up as Shelley has time to build her fitness. It would be great to see more ladies out there having a ride if you are interested feel free to check our website www.bhmtb.asn.au for details and contacts.

The junior girls again proved to be our most social category with the three competitors sticking together for a chat before getting serious at the end of the 5.5km modified loop. Alexis Lenton has this technique worked out as she narrowly defeated her sister Kirstie with Abi Beck only two seconds behind, great racing girls, keep it up!

Our Junior boys event was staged over 2 laps of the modified 5.5km track with Cec Fraser blasting through the twisty sections with ease, hot on his hammer was Corey Sammut who is improving with every outing. Both these boys are committed competitors who do their best every race. This category also struggles for numbers and we would love to see more kids out there having a ball with Cec and Corey.

If anyone would like information regarding the Broken Hill Mountain Bike Club please visit the website or come along to our Sunday morning social rides which leave from Charlottes in the town square at 9am.

MOUNTAIN BIKES
Snake Gully 13/04/08

JUNIORS	lap1	lap2	Place
Boys			
Cec Fraser	15.07	30.41	1st
Corey Sammut	18.38	39.14	2nd
Girls			
Alexis Lenton	22.05	-	1st
Kirstie Lenton	22.40	-	2nd
Abi Beck	22.42	-	3rd
WOMEN			
Jo Lenton	44.26	-	1 st
Shelley Clarke	47.17	-	2nd
SPORT MEN			
Steven Kelly	31.46	1.04.31	1 st
Toby Loch-Williamson	39.55	1.19.28	2nd
Richard Walker	38.15	1.20.13	3rd
Mark Lenton	40.18	1.20.22	4th
Clyde Thomson	40.04	1.21.04	5th
Jono Spain	41.35	1.23.43	6th
Gerald Vandenheuvel	41.45	1.23.58	7th
SENIOR MEN			
Royce Beck	30.52	1.01.36	1st
Dave Clarke	32.00	1.01.14	2nd
David Lyle	31.49	1.03.41	3rd
Luke Pickering	31.47	1.04.07	4 th
Steve Chinner	32.43	1.05.36	5 th
Trev Barrie	32.25	1.05.48	6th
Tony Hepburn	32.54	1.05.57	7 th
Jason Lyall	33.15	1.05.58	8 th
Barry Gentle	33.54	1.10.11	9th