

MOUNTAIN BIKES

9 Mile 14/09/08

Race number 8 for the Club saw near perfect riding conditions for the 9 Mile event, and 26 riders lined up for battle. Junior Girls and Boys B were up for 1 lap of the modified course, Junior Boys A were doing 1 lap, and women 2 laps of the standard course, and the men had 3 laps of the standard course to look forward to.

There have been all sorts of secret training going on, but the most unconventional method saw 1 rider reach the puke zone before the race had even started! There were stacks, and mechanicals galore, and a cheer squad waiting to catch the action in the final creek crossing.

For the Junior Girls, we had the talkative trio face off yet again. Alexis was too strong on the day taking out the big points, with Abi close behind for second, and Kirstie rounding them up to take third.

Junior boys saw some old and new talent competing. Cec continues to improve every race, (now giving many of the seniors a hiding) and took out first place (as well as completing an extra lap), with consistent Corey not far behind to take second. In the B class we had new Club member Luke riding very well to take the big points (and do an extra lap), with newcomer and very determined Doyle taking second (also slugging out a second lap), and Blake very hot on his heels to take third. It is very encouraging for our Club to have such a talented and polite group of Juniors, so well done to you all.

It was nice to have some ladies in amongst the mix, with a welcome return to competition from Helen. Shelley managed to hang in to take first place, with Jo hot on her heels for second, and Helen nicely rounding up in third.

Sport Men had some very close battles going on, and some very impressive times posted. Steve managed to pass Burty into the third lap to take first place, Burty held on for second, and new Club member Wayne doing very well to hold third. Only seconds separated the other placing, and Taz was pushing so hard in the third lap that his chain couldn't handle the pace.

Senior men were always going to be very interesting, and the boys didn't disappoint. There was some very impressive riding going down in both categories, but Dave Clarke was able to hold them all off to take line honors. Royce continues to dominate the field, and his hard work in the saddle secured him second place. Brian is another rider in good form, who rode well to hold off the rest of the field to take out the final podium position. Well done to everyone for getting out there, and making the most of the beautiful countryside that Broken Hill has on offer.

Thanks goes out to our time keepers, Honour, Nat, Jason, and Darren, and to everyone who gets in there to lend a hand setting and packing up. Also to Gary and Bob from St Johns Ambulance for standing by at our events, and looking after our busted riders.

The next Club event will be the Silverton Time Trial, on Sunday 12th October. Registration from 7.30am, race starts at 8am. For any further information see the Club website www.bhmtb.asn.au or phone Richard Walker on 0409 578 824.

JUNIORS'	lap1	lap2	lap3	Place
Boys A-standard course				
Cec Fraser	14.44	(29.57)	-	1st
Corey Sammut	18.01	-	-	2 nd
Boys B-mod. course				
Luke Baldwin	16.54	(36.24)	-	1 st
Doyle Vaughan	20.48	(51.50)	-	2 nd
Blake Milne	20.51	-	-	3rd
Girls- mod. course				
Alexis Lenton	18.16	-	-	1st
Abi Beck	19.59	-	-	2nd
Kirstie Lenton	20.02	-	-	3rd

WOMEN-standard course

Shelley Clarke	15.05	31.05	(51.50)	1st
Jo Lenton	16.21	33.36	-	2nd
Helen Cameron	19.28	39.52	-	3rd

SPORT MEN-standard course

Steven Kelly	12.24	24.58	37.20	1st
Randall Burt	12.08	24.57	37.29	2nd
Wayne Demery	12.59	26.28	39.39	3rd
Barney Stevens	12.48	27.13	40.47	4
Jono Spain	14.18	28.45	43.04	5
Mark Lenton	14.36	29.49	45.11	6
Richard Walker	15.12	32.08	51.50	7
Taz Johnston	13.01	26.47	DNF	8

SENIOR MEN-standard course

Dave Clarke	11.13	22.59	34.45	1st
Royce Beck	11.22	23.09	34.49	2nd
Brian Devlin	12.07	24.36	36.57	3rd
David Lyle	12.23	24.46	37.08	4
Barry Gentle	12.50	25.35	37.42	5
Trevor Barrie	12.48	25.34	38.47	6
Tony Hepburn	13.01	26.37	40.27	7