

MOUNTAIN BIKES

9 Mile 16/05/2010

The Mountain Bike Club held its fourth event of the year, at the 9 Mile track, and drew good numbers considering the threat of rain! The early morning drizzle helped to settle a very sandy track, and the cooler weather made for comfortable riding. 23 riders lined up for the start, and with two of the top male riders performing their time keeping duties for the event, it was going to be a very interesting race.

The crowded start made for some spectacular pile ups in the first two creek crossings, and those that managed to stay away from the action, made some good ground on the rest of the field.

The social class had some numbers, and there was some interesting tussles going on amongst the pack. Mark "I'm going tubeless" Fisher found out all about the frustrations of flatting during an event. Phil "secret training" Eberle did very well to take the top spot, with Darren not far behind. Jason was back for another ride with the Club, and did well to finish under the heavy conditions.

The junior boys were quite spread out with their varying degrees of experience, and they all did well to post very good lap times.

There were only two ladies braving the wet weather, and both looked as glamorous as ever amongst an ugly bunch.

Sport Men had a good field, but Joel was once again too strong. Barney continues to dominate this class, and Richard did well after some time off the bike – just able to hold off Nick. There was a father/son battle going on, but experience paid off for David. Unlucky Phil had a battle going on with Megan, and who know what could have been if his hamstring was in better shape.

Senior Men were off to a flying start, and it was very impressive to see Brian and Les line up after completing their 24 hour solo event only last weekend. Tas led for the first lap, but was unable to hold off Brian. There were some very close tussles going on amongst this pack, with some position changes along the way. Hip replacement Heppy started very strongly, but some suspected arthritis may have hampered him into the third lap, and he dropped his position to Les, Trev and David. Wayne did well to hold on to the group, but fell off into the final lap.

The next Club event will be the Silverton Poker Race, on Saturday 10th July. Registration is from 9-9.45am, and the event starts at 10am. This year will see a new category for teams (up to 5 riders), as well as individual riders. There will also be a prize for the worst dressed on the day, so use your imagination.

For any further information see the Club website www.bhmtb.asn.au or phone Club Secretary Tas Johnston on 8088 8945.

	lap1	lap2	lap3	Place
SOCIAL CLASS				
Phil EBERLE	18.00	-	-	1st
Darren SAMMUT	18.26	-	-	2nd
Jason MAK	24.05	-	-	3rd
Mark FISHER	25.06	-	-	4
JUNIORS				
Boys				
Corey SAMMUT	13.09	(28.03)	-	1st
Doyle VAUGHAN	15.20	-	-	2nd
Max EBERLE	26.53	-	-	3rd
WOMEN				
Shelley CLARKE	16.52	34.50	-	1 st
Megan ALGATE	18.15	36.09	-	2nd

SPORT MEN

Joel SIM	13.34	27.27	40.41	1st
Barney STEVENS	14.57	29.45	45.10	2nd
Richard WALKER	14.39	30.31	46.11	3rd
Nick ALGATE	15.34	31.30	47.01	4
David GARNE	16.28	33.13	49.41	5
Derek GARNE	16.45	33.33	49.59	6
Phil DUPAL	17.20	35.54	54.28	7

SENIOR MEN

Brian DEVLIN	13.19	26.30	39.23	1st
Tas JOHNSTON	13.09	26.30	39.40	2nd
Les BORCHARD	13.39	27.17	40.19	3rd
Trevor BARRIE	13.44	27.25	40.43	4
David LYLE	14.13	27.37	40.44	5
Tony HEPBURN	13.39	27.19	40.52	6
Wayne DEMERY	14.13	28.05	42.31	7