

Broken Hill Mountain Bike Club race write up

Last Saturday the 17th of February saw the Broken Hill Mountain Bike Club kick start their 2007 race series with the inaugural twilight race meeting being held at the clubs nine mile road track, it was something different to be racing in the twilight of the evening with the sun setting behind the hills the riders where faced with very trying conditions as it was still quite warm and humid in the late evening.

A number of the clubs members were sporting new fast lean machines for the 2007 series in the race to gain that little extra edge over their arch rival, which is great to see.

The club had 27 competitors compete in the opening race of the series showing the mighty enthusiasm shown for the sport, the club would like to welcome back both old and new face's in particular Randall Burt, Adrian Stanley, Royce Beck, Jason Attard, and in the junior category Alexis Lenton, Kirstie Lenton, Amanda Keast, Stephanie Finnis, Tyson Finnis and Myles Burt.

Now on to the action the stage was set for a tough race the track was particularly sandy and rough in patches however this didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the group of three senior men category riders in Dave Clarke, Jason Attard and Joel Ryan who all took off from the start line and immediately set an absolutely cracking pace, however not to be deterred Trevor Barrie and Brian Devlin where in hot pursuit unfortunately that fast take off from the start line was enough to keep the three leaders out in front and after the 3 laps had been completed. The three men took the line honours one, two, three respectively.

In the sport men category Tony Hepburn blitzed away from his competitors leaving David Garne, Randall Burt and Royce Beck a three tussle for the minor placings in the category however at the end of their three laps it was David Garne prevailing with Randall narrowly edging out Royce for third great riding guys.

In the women's two lone ladies did battle for the category win, at the end of their two laps it was Bronwyn Lees that prevailed over an ever improving Jo lenton terrific riding ladies.

The junior category saw eight great little riders take to the start line first time riders Tyson and Stephanie Finnis were escorted by dad Simon, both Tyson and Stephanie did a fantastic job in trying sandy condition, also in the juniors a great little tussle was forming between Alexis Lenton, Kirstie Lenton, Amanda Keast and Myles Burt with all four riders finishing within a minute or two of each other. Excellent effort ladies and gentlemen, however the two seasoned campaigners of the junior ranks Cec Fraser and Jason Limbert had a tough battle each pushing each other to the finish line but on the day Cec prevailed as the victor. Congratulations to all the riders' terrific effort in such trying conditions

Results

Juniors	lap 1	lap 2	lap 3
Cec Fraser	15.13	32.43	(lap 2 optional)
Jason Limbert	15.30	35.13	(lap 2 optional)
Alexis Lenton	22.57		
Myles Burt	22.59		
Kirstie Lenton	23.14		
Amanda Keast	30.34		
Tyson Finnis	39.32		
Stephanie Finnis	41.06		

Women	lap 1	lap 2	lap 3
Bronwyn Lees	14.52	30.44	48.37 (lap 3 optional)
Jo Lenton	18.13	37.38	

Sport Men

Tony Hepburn	14.14	29.48	45.42
David Garne	16.05	32.57	50.13
Randall Burt	16.48	34.01	50.32
Royce Beck	16.23	33.51	50.35
Mark Lenton	16.54	34.32	52.49
Adrian Stanley	16.14	DNF	
Chris Limbert	16.52	DNF	
Simon Finnis	40.50	57.00	

Senior Men

Dave Clarke	12.06	25.04	38.28
Jason Attard	12.36	25.54	39.01
Joel Ryan	13.10	26.45	40.33
Trevor Barrie	13.27	27.24	41.50
Brian Devlin	13.35	28.02	43.31
Barry Gentle	14.45	29.23	44.51
David Goodman	14.40	30.11	46.20
Daniel Hynes	14.44	30.29	46.55
David Lyle	12.58	27.06	49.50

A huge thank you must go to the ladies that did the timekeeping and the members that helped set up and pack up for the race, its greatly appreciated.

The clubs next event is at their Wentworth rd track on the 18th of March with rego at 7.30am, anyone wanting any more info about the club and its events can jump on the web at www.bhmtb.asn.au or contact Dave on 8088 7050