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15th ANNUAL POKER RACE

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Sunday 20th September 2013.

Five laps of the Silverton Heritage Trail on a Mountain Bike is a tough assignment on a good day. Add a stiff Northerly breeze together with 35+ Degree heat and things become a whole lot tougher. That's what confronted 49 riders of this great event, now in its 15th year. Never in the history of the race has the media interest been so great. The time & effort put in by the 'BDT' & 'Southern Cross Television' has given our club excellent exposure, both locally & throughout country South Australia. ABC Radio & 'For Real Magazine' also provided coverage, locally & nationally, to help put Broken Hill & Silverton on the map.

It looked like local riders were going to be for some fought competition when they hit the start line. There was an influx of Mexicans from south of the border, with nearly half of the competitors coming from the Coomie Mountainless Bike Club. They were looking to test the local club on their home turf and racing was going to be very fierce. In the final wash up the Mildura boys took out the chocolates, posting the overall fastest time overall & the best poker hand on the day.

As soon as the race got underway a "Battle Royale" began to unfold at the head of the field, for line honours. When Steve 'Lambsy' Chinner & Sam 'Young Gun' Barnden headed out on their last lap they were neck and neck, Sam's more youthful legs held out on the climbs to gap Steve and hold on to first place, eventually winning by 14 seconds. It was a great spectacle to see these to push each other to their absolute limits in the third fastest time in the history of the event. Mildura's Mike Osborne finished in 3rd place a little over 6min behind Chinner.

The Veterans section (over 50) had record numbers this year, even without Barney Stevens who missed the start line for the first time in many a year. Team Broken Hill (Dad's Army) filled all positions on the Podium. Trevor 'evergreen' Barrie executed his race plan to perfection by allowing Professor Lyle & Tony 'look at my man rug' Hepburn some freedom out front before storming home to claim victory. Well Done Young Fellas!

Our 1 and only female solo rider seems to have scared off all the competition, winning the open female section. Megan 'wotever' Algate finished 8th overall and has left her husband wondering if he will ever beat her again. (Nick is still paying for his ongoing banter from last season!)

U17 boys completed 3 laps of the short track and it was another potential MTB star, Tyler Berlusden (Mildura), who won this section. Young Danyan Olsen toughed out the blistering conditions and finished in a very credible 3rd place.

U13 boys category had 3 Broken Hill boys' complete 2 laps of the short track. Well done to Oscar Jones (1st), Ryan Borchard(2nd) & Finley Adams(3rd) who all put in Herculean efforts. The future of the sport shows some promise with the 'never give in' attitude of these little champions.

U13 girls saw the 'Olsen Girls' punch out 2 laps together with only 1 second splitting them across the finish line. Holly Borchard needs a Gold medal for her ride and made it ¾ the way around the track before accepting a rider back to home.

Team McDougall/Moore took out the open teams section whilst Team Dawes won the junior team category.

"Stunt Gone Wrong" award went to Team Harriss from Mildura who thought it would be a good idea to pull-a-mono at the finish line. All well & good, but if you are going to attempt a spectacular manoeuvre like this, make sure you don't end up lying on your back in the dust! No harm done, but there were plenty of strained gut muscles from the bemused onlookers. Ha ha ha.



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Best Poker hand and winner of the Clark Barrett Original artwork was Steve 'Fat Bike' Baldwin, who pushed around a tredlie with tyres that wouldn't look out of place on a dune buggy, a fitting reward for a long day in the saddle.

The day, in spite of the weather, was a huge success due to the tireless efforts of the organising committee, the commitment of the riders in very 'Ordinary' conditions and the help & support of the Volunteers & Sponsors in our community. The Club would like to thank the following people, businesses and organisations for contributing to the successful day;

Broken Hill traffic Control, Clark Barrett, Tydvil Hotel, Silverton Souvenirs, RUBENA tyres, JADE Signs, Boris Hlavica, Shutterbug, Silverton Hotel, St Johns, Outback Cuppa's, Silverton Fire Brigade, Silverton Trust, Elgas, Silverton Cafe, 39 dips, Silver City Cinema, MacDonald's, Quandong Farm, Limestone Station, Woolworths, Coke a cola, NAB, Endura Nutrition, Advance Traders, Steve Pascoe, Darryn Sammut, Tania Demery, Donna Stephenson, Brodee Borchard, Ebony Pascoe, Ebony & Jasmin Algate and Emily Saurman

Next Event:

The Club's next event will be the Silverton Time Trial held on Sunday 3rd November

The Start/Finish is located 400m past the Quandong farm on the Silverton Road.

Rego from 6:45 -7.15am. Race starts at 7:30am.

For more info visit Broken Hill Mountain Bike website.

<http://www.bhmtb.asn.au/>

MEN'S A OPEN - 5 Laps

		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5
1	SAM BARNDEN	0:15:48	0:32:20	0:49:00	1:05:38	1:22:29
2	STEVE CHINNER	0:15:48	0:32:20	0:48:58	1:05:38	1:22:43
3	MIKE OSBORNE	0:16:44	0:34:05	0:51:44	1:10:45	1:28:59
=4	BENNY GOODMAN	0:16:10	0:33:48	0:51:42	1:10:44	1:30:57
=4	ROD LAMBERT	0:16:09	0:33:46	0:51:56	1:11:30	1:30:57
6	PAUL ELSTON	0:17:58	0:35:53	0:54:33	1:13:40	1:33:24
7	WAYNE DEMERY	0:17:50	0:36:35	0:56:11	1:16:01	1:36:34
8	DAMIEN GIBSON	0:18:31	0:38:20	0:59:31	1:20:54	1:41:10
9	LES BORCHARD	0:16:43	0:36:34	0:56:12	1:16:15	1:41:40
10	NICK ALGATE	0:18:56	0:40:01	1:02:02	1:24:30	1:47:11
11	JASON DAWES	0:18:57	0:41:09	1:03:55	1:28:51	1:54:11
12	MARK FURY	0:19:54	0:41:51	1:05:48	1:29:36	1:55:06
13	STEVE BALDWIN	0:19:56	0:41:32	1:05:52	1:38:07	2:03:15
14	THORELL LEES	0:19:29	0:42:16	1:07:47	1:37:30	2:04:03
=15	CRAIG OLSEN	0:21:48	0:44:03	1:08:18	1:36:56	2:05:33
=15	NICK DEW	0:18:52	0:41:49	1:08:58	1:36:40	2:05:33
17	GEORGE ADAMS	0:43:37	1:09:33	1:29:36	1:50:28	2:12:30
18	LEON PEDERSON	0:23:47	0:51:48	1:24:13	1:56:01	
19	RICHARD WALKER	0:22:10	0:49:12	1:22:10		
20	DEAN WINDERS	0:25:33	1:03:17			

VETERANS - 5 Laps



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		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5
1	TREVOR BARRIE	0:18:55	0:38:42	0:59:36	1:20:14	1:39:39
2	DAVE LYLE	0:18:13	0:37:57	0:57:55	1:19:27	1:40:26
3	TONY HEPBURN	0:17:49	0:36:36	0:56:29	1:18:20	1:40:36
4	MARK FISHER	0:19:20	0:40:46	1:03:13	1:26:48	1:51:43
5	TERRY PARIS	0:21:07	0:43:57	1:07:12	1:32:47	1:59:50
6	PHIL SULLIVAN	0:23:59	0:50:15	1:23:17	1:52:27	2:22:48
7	GERARD HARRINGTON	0:24:05	0:51:08	1:22:19	1:55:19	2:29:28
8	ANDREW ZAYONS	0:22:51	0:48:26	1:19:06		

WOMEN - 5 Laps

		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5
1	MEGAN ALGATE	0:18:24	0:37:43	0:57:30	1:17:41	1:37:31

U17 BOYS - 3 Laps Short Track

		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3
1	TYLER BERLUSDEN	0:13:59	0:32:04	0:51:17
2	KEIREN BAMFORD	0:20:30	0:51:50	1:23:00
3	DANYAN OLSEN	0:23:04	0:57:28	1:35:52

U13 BOYS - 2 Laps Short Track

		Lap 1	Lap 2
1	OSCAR JONES	0:23:54	0:46:33
2	RYAN BORCHARD	0:29:33	1:07:22
3	FINLEY ADAMS	0:37:05	1:20:51

U13 GIRLS - 2 Laps Short Track

		Lap 1	Lap 2
1	OAKLEIGH OLSEN	0:36:53	1:31:12
2	SIARRAH OLSEN	0:36:51	1:31:13
3	HOLLY BORCHARD	1:00:00	

SOCIAL - 2 Laps Short Track

		Lap 1	Lap 2
1	KAYLEE OLSEN	0:28:41	0:54:52
2	DARREN ORR	0:36:54	1:16:21

TEAMS

		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5
1	TEAM McDOUGALL/MOORE	0:25:51	0:48:27	1:15:25	1:37:55	2:04:11
2	TEAM BRAY/BALDWIN	0:23:29	0:50:07	1:15:01	1:42:15	2:06:12

TEAMS - JUNIOR

		Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5
3	TEAM DAWES	0:19:45	0:48:05	1:12:23	1:34:04	1:53:48
4	TEAM HARRISS	0:29:45	0:57:01	1:26:35	1:58:26	2:30:08



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