

## **"The kids are all right"**

Glorious weather at Scarlett on Sunday rounded off a great weekend for the annual IOM Youth Trials club First Choice Windows sponsored 2 day event. Early on Saturday morning 44 competitors set off for 3 laps of 8 testing sections spread over an extensive lap of Kings Forest in Greeba, a shorter lap of 6 sections for the very competitive small wheeled class. The large newly acquired whiteboard at the end of section 8 for lap by lap tot ups was to prove a big hit with all competitors & spectators alike. After lunch a further 3 laps of different hazards saw pictures starting to unfold throughout the classes. A slightly disappointing A class entry, with Tommi Maddrell competing off Island & Josh Brain sidelined through injury, saw a straight battle between Gas Gas mounted close friends Ryan Corkill & Kieran Jones, the latter was forced to take fives on the last few hazards due to clutch problems which gave Ryan the chance to create a cushion ahead of Sundays proceedings. The B class saw an off colour Jordan Birchall slip behind on his Raga Gas Gas with a hefty return on the last lap of the day to end some 11 marks down on current B class champion Oliver Megson now getting to grips with the newly acquired Paxau Sherco. C class saw Juan Lace finish the first day in familiar position in front of Jack Kelly with some very gutsy rides. The D class was where the real tussle was unfolding as early in the day there was very little to choose between the Gas Gas mounted trio of Thomas Knight, Adam Kelly & Sophie-May Smith, the very determined small wheeled guys revelling in the competition. However a costly 5 towards the end of the day saw Sophie fall behind into a very solid third place leaving Adam & Tom to battle it out & battle they did! With Adam a single dab ahead at the close on Saturday. Alyn Taggart held the reins in B plus ahead of Steven Teare. C plus saw Ryan Wilson emerging as favourite 11 ahead of Kasey Corlett at the close. In D plus one of the favourites Aaron Molyneux, retired early on the first day with ignition problems leaving the way clear for Beta mounted Ben Collins & motor crosser Callum Kinrade Gas Gas, to finish the day joint leaders on 6 dabs apiece, with a further tie between newcomer Alex Lewthwaite & Dillon Killeen both on 15. The clubman riders were being lead by Damian Owen on the crackling 270 Beta finishing the day some 32 marks clear of Craig Magee on his Scorpa. Onchans Beta mounted David Harding was again proving the pacesetter in the Sportsman class coming home 12 clear of the returning Maurice Kelly.



Sophie-May Smith in action on section 8 at Kings Forest.

Sunday morning saw an additional 12 competitor's line up in the sunshine for 3 laps of 8 along the rocky coastline in the south of the Island, traditionally easier on the Sunday the route stretched all the way out to neighbouring Scarlett farm for the first tests. With the whiteboard again in action at the end of section 8 the story was to unfold lap by lap bringing an extra dimension to the trial. Ryan Corkill maintained his 13 mark advantage by the lunch break over Kieran Jones in the A class, setting the scene for the final 3 laps in the afternoon, Ryan in fact increased his lead to take the win by 19 marks at the close. The B class saw Jordan Birchall, now back on form, clawing back 7 dabs on Ollie Megson by the break, Ollie was to secure the win by matching Jordan dab for dab in the final stretch to finish 4 ahead at the close.

C class honours went to Juan Lace as Jack Kelly failed to start on the Sunday. Again all eyes were on the whiteboard as the D class neared its conclusion, Thomas Knight handed the advantage to Adam Kelly on the final section of the first lap by missing the end cards & incurring his only penalty for the

lap, 3 dabs from Adam Kelly saw the gap now 3 in his favour with Sophie-May splitting them on 4 for the lap. Turning up the heat in true Knight family tradition by cleaning the rest of the trial was to prove too much for Adam as the pair finished the weekend on 13 marks apiece for Thomas to take the win by a whisker on a superior clean count back of 70 to 67. B plus & C plus went with the early indications as expected with Alyn Taggart & Ryan Wilson taking the wins. D plus again had to be split on cleans as both of the joint overnight leaders cleaned the entire Sunday route with eventually Ben Collins emerging as class winner by virtue of 72 cleans to Callum Kinrade's 71 out of 75 sections for the weekend. The Adult clubman class also went with the form book as Damian Owen came home 61 marks clear of Craig Magee with Tom Sharkey taking 3<sup>rd</sup> on a tie break decision over Dean Taylor. David Harding secured his second Sportsman's win in succession 26 ahead of Maurice Kelly, with Barry Teare closing to within 5 marks in third. Neil Christian took the honours of the Sunday only riders in the clubman class 1 clear of his brother Graham who in turn took second on a count back of 1's from Robbie Skillicorn.

### Results

#### A class

|                |         | Sat | Sun | Total      |
|----------------|---------|-----|-----|------------|
| 1 Ryan Corkill | Gas Gas | 84  | 12  | <b>96</b>  |
| 2 Kieran Jones | Gas Gas | 97  | 18  | <b>115</b> |

#### B Class

|                   |         |     |     |            |
|-------------------|---------|-----|-----|------------|
| 1 Ollie Megson    | Sherco  | 21  | 30  | <b>51</b>  |
| 2 Jordan Birchall | Gas Gas | 32  | 23  | <b>55</b>  |
| 3 Craig Norrey    | Beta    | 75  | 41  | <b>116</b> |
| 4 Ollie Lace      | Gas Gas | 123 | 111 | <b>234</b> |

#### C Class

|              |        |    |    |            |
|--------------|--------|----|----|------------|
| 1 Juan Lace  | Beta   | 61 | 48 | <b>109</b> |
| - Jack Kelly | Sherco | 89 | -  | <b>rtd</b> |

#### D Class

|                    |         |    |    |            |       |
|--------------------|---------|----|----|------------|-------|
| 1 Thomas Knight    | Gas Gas | 8  | 5  | <b>13</b>  | 70 cl |
| 2 Adam Kelly       | Gas Gas | 7  | 6  | <b>13</b>  | 67 cl |
| 3 Sophie-May Smith | Gas Gas | 19 | 11 | <b>30</b>  |       |
| 4 Max Lewthwaite   | Beta    | 96 | 15 | <b>111</b> |       |
| 5 Rhys Keown       | Xispa   | 97 | 53 | <b>150</b> |       |
| 6 Toby Collins     | Beta    | -  | -  | <b>rtd</b> |       |

#### B + class

|                    |         |     |     |            |
|--------------------|---------|-----|-----|------------|
| 1 Alyn Taggart     | Beta    | 118 | 117 | <b>235</b> |
| 2 Steven Teare     | Gas Gas | 171 | 112 | <b>283</b> |
| - Matthew Asbridge | Sherco  | 155 | -   | <b>rtd</b> |

#### C + Class

|                     |         |     |     |            |
|---------------------|---------|-----|-----|------------|
| 1 Ryan Wilson       | Sherco  | 57  | 59  | <b>116</b> |
| 2 Kasey Corlett     | Gas Gas | 68  | 62  | <b>130</b> |
| 3 Matthew Corkill   | Sherco  | 78  | 92  | <b>170</b> |
| 4 James Everitt     | Beta    | 106 | 90  | <b>196</b> |
| 5 Kingsley De-Botte | Gas Gas | 100 | 104 | <b>204</b> |

#### D + Class

|                   |         |    |    |            |       |
|-------------------|---------|----|----|------------|-------|
| 1 Ben Collins     | Beta    | 6  | 0  | <b>6</b>   | 72 cl |
| 2 Callum Kinrade  | Gas Gas | 6  | 0  | <b>6</b>   | 71 cl |
| 3 Dillon Killeen  | Beta    | 15 | 6  | <b>21</b>  |       |
| 4 Alex Lewthwaite | Beta    | 15 | 7  | <b>22</b>  |       |
| 5 Henry Dorman    | Sherco  | 54 | 30 | <b>84</b>  |       |
| 6 Aaron Molyneux  | Beta    | -  | -  | <b>rtd</b> |       |

#### Clubman

|                  |         | Sat | Sun | Total      |       |
|------------------|---------|-----|-----|------------|-------|
| 1 Damian Owen    | Beta    | 9   | 11  | <b>20</b>  |       |
| 2 Craig Magee    | Scorpa  | 41  | 40  | <b>81</b>  |       |
| 3 Tom Sharkey    | Gas Gas | 54  | 47  | <b>101</b> | 48 cl |
| 4 Dean Taylor    | Sherco  | 59  | 42  | <b>101</b> | 43 cl |
| 5 Nick Warburton | Beta    | 75  | 60  | <b>135</b> |       |
| 6 Gareth Temple  | Gas Gas | 121 | 25  | <b>146</b> |       |
| 7 Howard Sharkey | Beta    | 111 | 95  | <b>206</b> |       |
| 8 Russell Moore  | Gas Gas | 142 | 80  | <b>222</b> |       |

#### Sportsman

|                     |         |    |    |            |
|---------------------|---------|----|----|------------|
| 1 David Harding jnr | Beta    | 6  | 18 | <b>24</b>  |
| 2 Maurice Kelly     | Gas Gas | 18 | 32 | <b>50</b>  |
| 3 Barry Teare       | Sherco  | 25 | 30 | <b>55</b>  |
| 4 Gary Corlett      | Gas Gas | 48 | 38 | <b>86</b>  |
| 5 Adam Jones        | Scorpa  | 75 | 77 | <b>152</b> |
| - Chris Morris      | Beta    | 23 | -  | <b>rtd</b> |

#### Twin shock

|               |        |   |   |            |
|---------------|--------|---|---|------------|
| - Dave Megson | Yamaha | - | - | <b>rtd</b> |
|---------------|--------|---|---|------------|

#### Sunday only

##### C Class

|                   |      |           |
|-------------------|------|-----------|
| 1 Callum Millward | Beta | <b>43</b> |
|-------------------|------|-----------|

##### D Class

|                   |      |           |
|-------------------|------|-----------|
| 1 Matthew Hindley | Beta | <b>50</b> |
|-------------------|------|-----------|

##### C + Class

|                    |        |            |
|--------------------|--------|------------|
| - Rachel Warburton | Sherco | <b>rtd</b> |
|--------------------|--------|------------|

##### B + class

|                 |      |            |
|-----------------|------|------------|
| - Steven Currie | Beta | <b>rtd</b> |
|-----------------|------|------------|

##### Expert

|                  |         |           |
|------------------|---------|-----------|
| 1 Kevin Millward | Gas Gas | <b>43</b> |
|------------------|---------|-----------|

##### Clubman

|                     |         |           |          |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| 1 Neil Christian    | Montesa | <b>10</b> |          |
| 2 Graham Christian  | Gas Gas | <b>11</b> | most 1's |
| 3 Robbie Skillicorn | Gas Gas | <b>11</b> |          |
| 4 Andrew Cubbon     | Gas Gas | <b>26</b> |          |
| 5 Michael Cannon    | Gas Gas | <b>50</b> |          |

##### Sportsman

|                 |         |            |
|-----------------|---------|------------|
| 1 Rod Callister | Beta    | <b>37</b>  |
| - Jason Moy     | Gas Gas | <b>rtd</b> |

A very big thanks to all landowners & officials for a very successful weekend. Please note the club will be hosting its inaugural TT Trial on Laxey Beach on Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> with 5pm signing on for a 6om start all welcome – please see [www.manxyouthtials.com](http://www.manxyouthtials.com) for entry details.