

Josh limbers up.

After a wet and windy night the opening round of the 1st Choice Windows 2009 championship, promoted by the IOM Youth Trials club, started in chilly but dry conditions, albeit very wet underfoot. Numbers were slightly down probably due to the poor weather and the worse forecast. 3 long laps of 11 very testing sections were laid out for the A and B youth classes along with the Adult expert and clubman riders. Josh Brain set the standard in the A class on the new Gasser with a very accomplished return of 25 marks, leading from start to finish, ahead of Jordan Birchall on a similar mount. Josh, who has recently been training with Steve Colley, is perfectly timing his peak form with the British championship curtain raiser now just around the corner and with a very busy calendar planned for the year including junior European and world rounds. B class saw a returning Carl Owen take the win from Oliver Lace, now getting to grips with the ex Josh Brain Academy Sherco, and a rapidly emerging Mark Turner on the ex Jordan Birchall Gasser - this class looks like being a very close battle throughout the year. The C class along with the Adult sportsman and Twinshock boys did 4 laps of 8 subs. C class, now growing in numbers with all of the regular D+ riders making the step up, was taken by 2008 champion Juan Lace from another very talented newcomer Brandon Bailey closely followed by Ben Collins, the clever money would be on Juan not having it as easy this year. It should be noted that reigning D class champ Adam Kelly has chosen to ride out of class this year to stretch himself for a go at the D class British championship. Another class that will be very difficult to predict at this early stage is the D class and another close battle saw Sophie-May Smith take the win from Thomas Knight with Max Lewthwaite rounding off the podium. Thomas's fist lap of 8 compared to Sophie's 5 proved his downfall as he could only manage to pull back 2 of the deficit by the end of their 3 laps of 8. Katelyn Cannon struggled through the conditions guiding her Electric Oset to victory in the D novice class. The youth support classes saw Matthew Asbridge take B+ and Ryan Wilson take C+. Michael Jackson took the Adult expert class when his only rival Nigel Sharpe failed to finish. Damien Owen took his Beta to the top of the pile in the clubman class ahead of Andy Cannell and Gareth Temple. Maurice Kelly returned to take the Sportsman class from another returnee, regular sidecar passenger Nigel Woods, and newcomer Ed Duggan. Paul Ansermoz took the Twinshock class after the challenge of Peter Hindley fizzled out when his Ossa expired.

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A class				B + class				
1	Josh Brain	Gas Gas	25	1	Matthew Asbridge	Sherco	91	
2	Jordan Birchall	Gas Gas	96	2	Steven Teare	Gas Gas	120	
3	Ryan Corkill	Gas Gas	116	C + Class				
4	Craig Norrey	Beta	150	1	Ryan Wilson	Gas Gas	24	
-	Oliver Megson	Sherco	rtd	2	Matthew Corkill	Sherco	42	
B Class				3	Kasey Corlett	Gas Gas	49	
1	Carl Owen	Sherco	105	Expert				
2	Oliver Lace	Sherco	115	1	Michael Jackson	Gas Gas	75	
3	Mark Turner	Gas Gas	123	-	Nigel Sharpe	Gas Gas	rtd	
C Class				Clubman				
1	Juan Lace	Beta	35	1	Damien Owen	Beta	40	
2	Brandon Bailey	Gas Gas	41	2	Andy Cannell	Gas Gas	50	
3	Ben Collins	Beta	42	3	Gareth Temple	Gas Gas	66	
4	Callum Kinrade	Gas Gas	60	4	Aleyn Taggart	Beta	77	
5	Jack Kelly	Gas Gas	64	5	Russel Moore	Gas Gas	102	
6	Aaron Molyneux	Beta	86	8cl	-	Mike Buttimore	Gas Gas	rtd
7	Adam Kelly	Beta	86	5cl	Sportsman			
8	Dillon Killeen	Gas Gas	96	1	Maurice Kelly	Gas Gas	10	
-	Henry Dorman	Sherco	rtd	2	Nigel Woods	Montesa	16	
D Class				3	Ed Duggan	Beta	21	
1	Sophie-May Smith	Gas Gas	10	4	Rodney Callister	Beta	23	
2	Thomas Knight	Gas Gas	11	5	George Crossley	Gas Gas	24	
3	Max Lewthwaite	Gas Gas	27	6	Barry Teare	Sherco	24	
4	Lewis Brew	Gas Gas	34	7	Paul Buchanan	Gas Gas	29	
5	Martin Hindley	Beta	42	8	Gary Corlett	Gas Gas	40	
6	Max Bradshaw	Sherco	49	-	Andrew Dorman	Beta	rtd	
7	Ben Batchelor	Beta	51	Twin shock				
D Novice				1	Paul Ansermoz	Fantic	18	
-	Katelyn Cannon	Oset	105	-	Peter Hindley	Ossa	rtd	
-	Rhys Keown	Oset	rtd					
-	Isabel Dorman	Sherco	rtd					