



# **Kent Youth Trials Club**

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**NEWSLETTER**



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### *Riders on the Committee*

*Ross Thompson & Stevie Dunk*

EDITORIAL

Well here we are again, and the second trials part of the year again already, the time really does go round so quick, it doesn't seem like a month since the last one.

I hope that all of those who attended the combine that Kent Youth hosted at Peters Pit, Woudham had an enjoyable time. I had hoped to be there to help observe, but unfortunately I had to work, which was most annoying as I could have walked there being so close to home, and I must admit I do miss the observing doing this job.

I was asked to give a very special thank you to a new member, or I should say his father, because they joined the club at the Matfield practice and as everyone else got stuck Mr Bennet very kindly pulled everybody out of the field with his Land-Rover. Many thanks Mr Bennett.

It was very nice to see so many new faces at the Robertsbridge trial observing, although I must apologise for not knowing your names. I will remember them in time, even though I'm good with faces and have a hard time putting the name to it.

Well I know that there must be something else for this department but as my mind has gone blank, (this is nothing unusual) it only leave me to say have a happy and safe trialling year.

Judy.

TRIAL AT ROBERTSBRIDGE3rd FEBRUARY 92'

The trial at Robertsbridge met us with a very cold damp day, and what didn't help was the fact that like quite a few of you I was expecting to buy some food from the caravan on the grounds which was shut, and we were left with no food or drink throughout the trial. Still never mind I can do with losing some weight.

The trial consisted of 4 laps of 10 sections.

Section 1. Observed by Philip Leahy

Reds, riding along on the top of a shallow hollow between trees, and out through the gate which was two tight trees.

Blues, down a small sharp bank into the hollow, right around a tree, then left over a tiny log to come up the bank on a slight camber to the top, then along and out of the same exit gate.

Whites, same to the top of the bank, but then they had to turn right to go round the back of a tree, back down bank, left at the bottom to then come back up across the path, tight right turn between trees, then out. Grant Stone and Dean Heathfield both doing well here.

Yellows, going across the path down a small steep bank taking a left turn on a camber, up a small bank, right turn between the poles, then the same.

Section 2. Observed by Bernard Latter.

Reds, up a little hill, along on the ridge, left turn on a slope around a tree on a slippery camber, left turn around a tree to go up a small sticky slope, left turn down the slope to go out.

Blues, same to start but on the ridge had to take a left turn to go down a short sharp hill, wide looping turn at the bottom, then up a steep slippery hill, left turn to go round the back of a tree then out.

Whites, same to the bottom of the hill, across then up a sharp steep slippery hill between trees, right turn to go along the top out. Stephen Dunk doing very well here.

Yellows, having to drop up and down the steep hill 3 times, then up steep slippery hill to do a tight wiggle around trees at the top to go out. Bryn Matton and Ross Thompson doing well.

### Section 3. Observed by Nigel Craig.

Reds, wiggling around the trees coming down the slope, then up to the exit gate. Robert Bennett and Adam Goodsell both did well here.

Blues, around a tree taking a tight turn to drop down a steep hill, around some trees at the bottom then back up the hill to the exit.

Whites, same but with a steeper bank and tight turn around a tree at the bottom of hill, then the same.

Yellows, same start, then a tight turn and a steep bank on hill to go down and across on a camber bank to go out. Graham Rodemark cleaning this.

### Section 4. Observed by Sue Dowland.

Reds, through gate and down a slippery bank, left turn into the hollow riding along taking a left and right looping turn to the exit.

Blues, left turn down a steep bank to go across the hollow, straight up a steep slippery hill, left turn around a tree at the top of the bank, then down hill to follow reds route to exit.

Whites, same to start but at other side of the

hollow, left turn up a steep slippery step at the beginning of the hill, left turn at the top to go across and ride in front of the tree, down the hill up opposite bank right turn around a tree to drop back down the hill then the same to exit. Halfway through the 3rd lap there had been no clears as they were all getting stuck on the 1st hill. Luke Paine managed to clean this on his 3rd and 4th laps.

Yellows, same to the hollow then bearing right going across, then halfway up on opposite hill taking a left to to keep in front of a marker on a camber, then a drop down a step into the hollow, right turn to go up over a root step, then left in front of a tree, down across the hollow, up a bank around a tree along and down on a camber, around a tree and out.

Section 5. Observed by Peter Stevenson.

Reds, around the back of a tree, up a little hill and out. Alec Stephenson and Hugh Stephenson both found this easy.

Blues, bearing right up the hill, left turn on the camber, down the hill to take a right turn to then zig zag up and down the hill twice with very tight turns, at the top of the hill around a tree and out.

Whites, up the hill, left turn on a camber to go down a hill, then a right turn to zig zag up and down the hill twice with very much tighter turns, then the same. Stephen Craig did well here.

Yellows, the same as the whites but with even tighter turn on the zig zag.

Section 6. Observed by Gary Moore.

Reds, left turn to go over a little hump, right turn to go along and out of exit.

Blues, same to start but near the end having to go up over a rocky step, right turn and out. Stevie

Thompson cleaning this 3 ou of the 4 laps.

Whites, same over the hump, then a left turn to go up a steep step, left turn over a root between trees then a right turn down a slope between tree to the exit.

Yellows, same but at the bottom of the slope having to take a left and right turn to go out. Robbie Nutbrown made easy work of this one.

Section 7. Observed by Vic Stone.

Reds, left turn to go up a small bank, around some trees, then right turn to go down a slight step bank between trees, left turn to go along and over a small log out.

Blues, up a little hill on a camber between trees, right turn around a tree at the top of the hill, left turn to then go along and out of exit. James Moore doing quite well here.

Whites, left turn up over a hump on the bank, tight right turn between trees halfway up hill, left turn to go over the top, around the back of a tree, to then come down and across up a steep sharp bank, left around a tree to go down and out.

Yellows, same to start, but at the top of the hill having to loop up and down the hill 3 or 4 times, then across and up a very steep slippery sheer step, then a left turn to jump down a sheer 4 foot step to exit.

Section 8. Observed by Les Matton.

Reds, left turn down a little step, along between trees, then a right turn to go between tree into a little dip to go out.

Blues, into a little dip, right turn around a tree, then along on a camber to drop down a bank, then up over a step around a tree to go through to exit. Nicky Lynch having a good ride here.

left turn to go up a steep slippery hill, right turn at the top to go along and down a bank, then having to pick up the blue route out.

Yellows, same as the whites, but with a sharp decent turning left to go up a sharp step, right turn to go across on a camber, right turn down a slippery bank around the back of a tree, then same.

Section 9. Observed by David Paine & Carol Dunk.

Reds, Through markers into a little bowl, right turn across and up a little bank, then along taking a left turn to go down through some trees to the exit.

Blues, Same as reds, but having to ride along the top in the middle of the bank.

Whites, left turn to go up slope, right turn over a hump, to then go down and across, then having to go up to the top of the opposite bank, left turn and then bearing right to go down a steep slippery bank, right turn to go up to the of a bank, then left to go down, right turn around tree, then up another bank to go out.

Yellows, same as the whites, but with an extra couple of loops to go up and down the banks. Simon Bird did well here.

Section 10. Observed by Bernie Nutbrown.

This section was like a route march for all. It was very easy to lose your way.

Reds, having to ride all the way around the outer side of a very large bowl like hollow riding up and down some little banks. Nicky Dowland finding his way and cleaning each time.

Blues, similar route to the reds, but having to drop down a bank into the bowl to ride over a low

RIDER OF THE YEAR POINTS

AFTER 2 TRIALS

EXPERTS

A Class

40 R.Nutbrown 36  
120 G.Rodemark 22  
52 S.Bridges 13

B Class

77 D.Gilbert 18  
115 S.Bird 15

NOVICE

A Class

58 B.Matton 36  
3 R.Thompson 26

B Class

28 S.Dunk 36  
66 G.Stone 26

C Class

7 S.Thompson 27  
55 B.Smith 18  
95 D.Jeffery 13

D Class

37 N.Dowland 36  
83 A.Goodsell 26  
61 A.Stephenson 15  
2 L.Sadler 9

## Bobs Section

What a busy this month has been! First a Club trial at Robertsbridge, then a Combine Trial with an entry of 94, then a practice, followed by a S.E.Centre, finishing with another Club Trial! All this preceded by the Awards Evening!

Pnew.....

First thing first, thanks to all who came to the Awards Evening, to my mind this was a most enjoyable evening. To many people to thank here but I must mention a few, all our guests, who donated auction goods, all those who donated raffle prizes, Carol & Roger for selling tickets, Bernie organising the raffle, Ron Stevens for an entertaining auction. Finally Carol & Roy for organising it all. Elsewhere you will find the report I sent to the T.M.X.

Sorry I wasn't at the last trial but thanks again to John, Steve for setting the course, and to Carol for standing in for me.

The Combine Trial proved to be a great success after a load of worrying on my part, all unfounded. After setting the trial attending my brothers surprise birthday party, and returning to Peters Pit by 8.30, I apologise to anyone I may have been short with. A great trial enjoyed by all the riders I gather. I attended the Combine meeting on the Wednesday, and I take pleasure in printing the report from the Group Steward.

"This event took place at St Peters Pit, Woudham, an area of greater scope than is normally available for N.K.T.C. events. I was glad to see the club had made full use of the area. The Trial started on time at 10.00am and all sections were adequately manned.

With trials to be run in the afternoon, I

ended, having to ride all the way around the outer side of a very large oval like hollow riding up and down these little banks, in the heat and finding the track very hot and clogging with litter.

After a slight ride to the south, but having to drop down a bank into the bowl to ride over a log

## 1st May 1981 - Vasey, M. - 12

The 1st May A Class was won by Dave Fisher on his 10th trial. Nick Everybody I spoke to was enjoying a good days sport and I did not receive any adverse comments. A shower during the day made some of the exposed sections much more difficult. Fortunately the rain was not prolonged and therefore did not spoil the event. An excellent Trial which deserves the thanks of the Combine to all concerned. Standard of organisation excellent."

Brian Jarvis.

I think this says it all.

Congratulations to Carol Dunk and Nigel Craig (who stood in for Stuart Gilbert at short notice) in passing the National Clerk of Course exam at ACU headquarters Rugby. It says something for some of the members of this Club who use their spare time and own money to allow us to continue to run so successfully.

I seem to spend most of my time thanking people but thanks to Lynda for organising the Matfield practice along with Pete Sadler, and all who mucked in at short notice. Special thanks to Mr Bennett for dragging you all out at the end!

We have coming up next month our A/B National event. Lets see the same spirit that the Combine generated. At the time of writing this it appears that the Trial will have to take place at Stowting Woods. For various reasons we cannot use Greenfields.

Bob.

## Awards Evening

One hundred and twenty members and friends attended the Kent Youth Trials Club annual awards evening recently.

Held for the first time at the Russell Hotel near Maidstone, the venue proved ideal.

After the traditional speeches by the Clubs President and Chairman, messrs Howard & Thompson, the serious business of presenting the Rider of the Year trophies got under way. Mr Roy Cary presented the A&B Class trophies with the premiers going to Stephen Wass and David Gilbert respectively in the expert class, Andrew Wilson & Simon Bird in the A/B Novice section.

The C&D winners received their awards from the clubs most successful rider A Class champ Graham Jarvis. C Class premier went to Stevie Dunk with Stevie Thompson picking up the D.

Trials videos were being played away from the main area for those who cannot get enough of the sport, and the bar was doing good business for those who cannot get enough.....

The South Eastern Centre awards were presented by Mrs Dee Southern representing the Folkestone Motor Cycle Club (who put up the trophies). The A Class winner being Jonathon Allen, B Class Simon Bird, C Class Stevie Dunk, and D Class Stevie Thompson.

The next speaker Mr. Gordon Davis representing the ACU was pleased to see that the South East Centre award for the A Class was still in circulation, as he was involved in winning the original in Belgium so 10 years previous! The ACU South East Centre donating the trophy to the youth division.

Robbie Nutbrown received the Michael Nutbrown Trophy for the Most Improved Rider of the Year voted by the riders themselves. The Brian Hodges Award for the most sporting rider went to Stuart Bridges and the Kent Reliance Shield voted on by the observers went to Stevie Dunk these were presented by Mrs Kay Stevens of local trials dealer Stevens & Stevens.

After a well represented raffle with prizes donated by the families, the annual auction with goods supplied by generous benefactors of the club was held with Ron Stevens as auctioneer.

*This led to much mirth with lads bidding for gloves, oil, riding shirts and a rear tyre.*

Special awards were presented to parents who have done so much to ensure the Club goes from strength to strength. Mrs and Trevor Smith, Cliff also received

Club goes from strength to strength. They were Cliff Jarvis, Dave Allen, Dixie Dean and Trevor Smith. Cliff also received his son Graham Jarvis's original application form framed as a memento. It was pointed out that under the question Previous Experience? was written....none.....

*A great evening was had by all.*

## RIDERS REPORT - ROBERTSBRIDGE 2nd FEBRUARY 1992

### A & B Report

The February trial was held at a slippery, foggy Robertsbridge. There was a very small field of riders, probably due to the fog.

There were ten good sections and four laps. The yellows seemed to be pretty easy with Robbie finishing on 13 and the only other A Expert Graham Rodemark finishing on 46.

The white sections were slightly difficult but there were no dangerous ones. The winner finished on 74.

Overall a great trial

Ross Thompson

### C & D Report

Our February trial at Robertsbridge started off in thick fog. The ground was quite slippery, damp but most riders I spoke to have enjoyed the trial. The D Class especially seemed to be enjoying themselves. Stevie Thompson in C Class found the going a bit hard at times, but the older riders were enjoying the ride.

Stevie Dunk

three times before going back out of bowl on the far side to rejoin the red route.

Whites, Tight turns between trees to jump across a ditch (which was the brave way) or turn left to drop into the ditch, then following on to the right to go up a slope to get onto the bank, (Stephen Craig jumped this each time) (brave lad) then they had to follow the blues route to the bottom of the bowl with an extra turn over some tree roots, then following blues right across to then go up a steep bank to the top near exit.

Yellows, same as whites, but at the root step having to turn left to go over a 2 foot root step, and near the exit having to go over two tight extra logs.

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Judy

PRACTICE AT SHEPPEY16th FEBRUARY 92'

Very sincere thanks to Tony and Andy of the Sheppey club for allowing us to use their ground at very short notice.

A dry bright day with an extremely cold wind coming off the sea greeted us all for the February practice. Twenty four riders signed on, with mum and dads, brothers and sisters all out for a good days riding, blowing all the cobwebs away.

Special thanks to our Chairman Bob and his lively wife Lynda, who started setting out the sections immediately.

It was good also to see our older riders and ex-members all enjoying themselves.

Many thanks to everyone who observed:- Philip Leahy, Gary Moore, Eric Kennedy, Albert Trevatt and Tony Groucher.

Many thanks also to Brian for all his help.

Results as follows :-

<u>Reds</u>		<u>Blues</u>		<u>Whites</u>
N.Dowland	0	D.Jeffrey	19	S.Dunk
N.Bullock	0	J.McMahon	42	R.Thompson
D.Bullock	14	P.Trevatt	52	
J.Lindsay	14	G.Kennedy	75	
G.Hadfield	23	J.Moore	84	
L.Sadler	Ret	C.Thompson	Ret	
C.Mercer	Ret			

Well done everyone.

Carol Dunk.

NORTH KENT TRIALS COMBINE - PETERS PITWOULDHAM - 9th FEBRUARY 1992THE VALENTINE MASSACREHOSTED BY KYTC

As Nigel Craig and I were driving to Rugby to attend the National Youth Trials Seminar, our thoughts were also with other members of our club setting out the combine trial.

Nigel and I were in Rugby to sit an exam to be licensed Clerks of Course for Youth National Trials. We both enjoyed the day and luckily passed our test.

But back at WOULDHAM, Bob, Pete, Roy, Roger, Les, Stuart, Harley, Ross were busy all day setting out the trial.

I arrived Sunday morning, having left Brian in bed with flu, only to find out our competition secretary Cathy also had gone down with it as well. So that left John very busy signing everyone on at the caravan, very competently I must add, with helpers, Bobs mum, and Carols sister in law busy with food and drink. Vic Stone was busy sorting out his observers, Bob was starter and busy sorting riders out.

I was introduced to our group Steward for the day, and quickly got all the officials for the day signed on.

I was told the course was a long way round. I'm glad I didn't have to walk it three times, once was enough.

A very good trial and well set out, and everyone

enjoyed it.

Very special thanks to all the observers who stood out in the very cold weather. Mums and Dads I won't name but did a wonderful job. Boys I will, James Moore, Grant Stone, Stevie Dunk, Philip Leahy, Harley Stevens, Stuart Bridges, Adrian Howard and Caroline, Ross Thompson, Bryn Matton, Stephen Craig, Robbie Nutbrown and Simon Bird.

They all did a marvellous job, and there were many comments from many riders expressing this.

Kent Youth again managed to come up trumps once more, having hosted this trial in past years and hopefully will be able to do so in the future.

My own sincere thanks for the support to everyone who helped in whatever way to make it a success, it was after all a combined effort.

Carol Dunk

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" 22nd Barham Club Host S.E. Centre Round.

A & B National - Otter Vale.

April 5th KYTC Trial Stowting Woods,

" 12th KYTC Practice Challock

Combine Day / C&D National - Islwyn

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