

RRND

Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club



Chairman's Chatter

My thanks to those of you who were able to attend the AGM. It was a very pleasant evening with some good food and good company, and with the official bit out of the way there was ample time to chat and catch up. Not all of our award winners were able to get along to the AGM so Pete was given the task of passing on those remaining awards at the Club trial at Blacklands Farm. If you have not got yours yet please contact him, although I suspect most were passed on at Blacklands.

I have one award still in my possession - the Committee Cup. This is awarded by the Committee to the member they feel has done most for the Club over the past year. I am pleased to say that it has been awarded to Brian Edwards (for the second time) for the excellent work he does in collating and adding up the trial results for us each month. The cup will be heading your way again Brian just as soon as it is engraved - many thanks from all of us for your hard work.

I am glad that the last week has been warmer as we have attended some very cold events this month. The temperature at the BSEC round at Aldershot on the Saturday (11th) was -12c and not much better on Sunday (12th). The ice and frozen ruts meant that a shortened course was used and the Championship class left it to the Clubmen to break the ice! First man on the course in front of all the spectators? Malcolm - no pressure there then! A class place of second on the Saturday and third on the Sunday were achieved in difficult conditions. There are a few good videos posted. Not one shows Malcolm in action! It was an interesting experience but one which we may not repeat as in its shortened form it made for very expensive racing - over £1 per minute (that's just for the entry).



Malcolm in action!

Whilst many of you were enjoying Blacklands Farm, Malcolm and I were acting as Clerk of the Course and Secretary for the Surrey Police Enduro. With 180 riders, 16 in Championship class, this is a big event and one which took a great deal of work to make a success.

Saturday night saw me sleeping on the floor of a horsebox (trailer) in a child's sleeping bag, whilst Malcolm slept in his car, in order that we were there to meet the first of the competitors who started to arrive from 0645am. I'm glad it wasn't -12c! Every time I breathed in the zip split open on the sleeping bag - I have had more comfortable nights!

With that event over you may see one or other of us at trials again as a trials bike will shortly be squeezed in to the garage. It remains to be seen if it will run!

Richard Coles

AGM held 15 February 2012

Thank you to those of you who attended the AGM and Awards Evening held on 15th February - luckily more than 20 of you came so business could be voted on!

Limited Company Status

The Committee raised the issue of whether or not the Clubs should convert to limited company status. The membership voted for this proposal, so the Committee will be investigating this with a view to implementing the change in the near future.

New Club Rules

The members present voted to adopt new Rules for both the AMCA and ACU Clubs with immediate effect. Both sets of these Rules are now available on the website, under 'About the RRND'.

2012 Committee

The following were voted by the members to office as the Committee for 2012:

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In addition, the following people assist the Committee:

Camping Weekend Organiser - Neville Lewis

Results Co-Ordinator - Brian Edwards

Championships & Handicaps Organiser - Antony Read

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Clubman's Cup

This is the Cup awarded by the membership to the member of the Committee in recognition of their time and effort expended during the past year. Our Membership Secretary, Rob Edwards, was the deserving winner of the Cup for his work during 2011. Congratulations Rob.

Committee Cup

This is the Cup awarded by the Committee to a member who has shown exceptional dedication to the Club over the past year. As Richard has already said above, the Committee decided that this Cup be awarded to Brian Edwards, for all his work preparing the results of each of our trials for us over the past year. This is an onerous task which Brian has undertaken for us, so congratulations Brian for this well deserved award.

Club Nights

It was decided that Club nights would continue to be held at The Red Lion PH Betchworth for the foreseeable future, as they have made us very welcome there, and we do not pay for the exclusive use of their downstairs room!

Following a suggestion received in advance of the AGM from one of the members, Club nights will in future be held on a Thursday evening, on the first Thursday of each month, and Committee meetings will be held on a different night, so that members of the Committee are free to socialise. We hope that many of you will come along.

Next Club Trial

The next Club trial is on Sunday 25th March 2012 at Faygate Tip. Volunteers to lay out, sign on and take down are required - please contact Colin Don on 07768058411 or by e mail to debbie.don1@btinternet.com if you can assist in any

way.

Club Trials - General Regulations

Course	Club trials may be either five laps of eight sections or four laps of ten sections. In both cases there will be a break after the second lap. It is preferred that riders ride the course as laps starting at whichever section they prefer and not keep riding the same section continuously.
General	<p>Please note that all parents/people with parental authority are responsible for under 18 year old riders and it is required that you sign their entry forms. For safety reasons do not ride around the course alone but in small groups observing each other in the sections. Always check a section is clear before entering and no practising in the sections before or during the trial. If caught practising you may be disqualified.</p> <p>HELMETS ARE OPTIONAL FOR ADULTS BUT YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO WEAR ONE. ALL UNDER 18 RIDERS MUST WEAR A HELMET.</p> <p>Club trials are AMCA events run by Reigate & Redhill North Downs Motorcycle Club.</p>
Entries	Please download an entry form from the website at www.rnd.co.uk (under What's on) and bring fully completed to save time when signing on, together with the correct money. Please remember to bring your Membership Card. If you cannot produce a current Membership Card, you will be charged as a guest rider - it is not the responsibility of the volunteer(s) undertaking the signing on to check whether you have renewed your membership.

February Club Trial at Blacklands Farm

A great turn out of 49 riders at Blacklands Farm on a lovely day, 32 of whom were Club members and 17 were guest riders - thank you all for your support at this event, it makes a great deal of difference to Club finances!

Best on the day were as follows:

	1st	2nd	3rd
White/Expert	Simon Mepham* - 47	Scott Dark - 50	
Inter	Stephen Farrall* - 15	Eric Clarke - 40	Marcus Faulkner - 47
Novice Blue	Toby Robinson - 32	Ashley Deacon* - 42	Jo Faulkner* - 45
Blue Over 40	Rob Edwards - 42	Pete Jenkins - 55	Robert McKenzie - 58
Red	David Cutler - 40	Bob Collins - 41	Paul Newman - 57
Red Under 16	James Dark - 114		
Yellow	Hannah Moore - 34	Mike Hammond - 77	Curtis Howell - 125

* = Guest Rider



Blacklands Farm Report from Comp Sec

Chris Dark, Mike Hammond, Keith Cross, Matt Don and myself arranged to meet just before 9am to lay out February's Club trial at Blacklands Farm. Alan Stanley also offered to help, and as this was his first time laying out, he was paired up with Matt for them to do the blue route together. I put up the start and finish cards with Chris, Keith and Mike doing the white, red and yellow routes respectively.

The usual assortment of drop ins, climbs and cambers were laid, giving riders a selection of typical Blacklands sections. For those of you who have not ridden at Blacklands Farm, a dominating feature of this venue is the stream! It is well worth travelling that tiny bit further to this great venue.



At about 10.30am I went to assist Carol and Grace Dark with the signing on - a good entry of 49 riders on a beautifully sunny day. Riders were away at 11am. Before Matt and I started, a quick drink was the order of the day.

When we reached section 1 I could see riders stretched out over the next few sections and I did wonder if queuing was to be part of the day. As it happens all the sections appeared to flow well with just a quick wait for 1 or 2 riders.

Section 1 on the red route and section 4 on the blues were giving riders big problems. It was decided to change these sections after the break which made these sections much better and cleanable for the better riders, but still taking the odd 1 or 2 out of us less capable mortals!

The other sections were riding well from what I saw with some good scores posted.

Thanks to those who helped take down, and to those of you who set out. The next Club trial is at Faygate Tip, and volunteers for the red and white routes are still required.

Colin Don

2012 Championships

Two events down, and the Championships are already hotting up! Remember it is the best 8 scores that count for the year. Here are the current standings:

Name	Jan	Feb	Total
Expert			
Scott Dark	12	12	24
Samuel Brightman	11		11

Inter

Chris Dark	12	9	21
Eric Clarke		12	12
Marcus Faulkner		11	11
Matt Don		10	10

Novice Blue

Stuart Hescott	10	11	21
Alan Stanley	12		12
Toby Robinson		12	12
Tom Charman	11		11

Over 40 Blue

Pete Jenkins	11	11	22
Rob Edwards	10	12	22
Colin Don	9	7	16
Pat Lloyd-Jacob	12		12
Robert McKenzie		10	10

Novice Red

Paul Newman	12	10	22
David Cutler	9	12	21
Keith Cross	11	9	20
Luke Edwards	7	8	15
Paul Brightman	6	5	11
Ben Edwards	4	7	11
Bob Collins		11	11
Dave Charman	10		10

U16 Red

James Dark	12	12	24
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2011 Season Facts and Figures

Here are some facts and figures for the 2011 season, and some comparisons with earlier years. Our thanks to Antony Read for compiling these.

They show that in 2011, member numbers riding were the same, but there was an increase in guest riders.

Month	Venue	Total Entry	Club Members	Guests	Retired	Average Loss
Jan	Shamley Green	36	26	10	9	39
Feb	Ockley Stream	36	33	3	4	76

Mar	Blacklands	36	32	4	2	68
Apr	Sparticals	35	29	6	6	55
May	Dunsfold	26	20	6	2	43
June	Hookwoods	37	25	12	7	40
July	Ockley Stream	17	13	4	0	39
Sept	Betchworth	44	30	14	15	38
Oct	Blacklands	38	28	10	10	42
Nov	Faygate	30	26	4	2	41
Dec	Betchworth	49	27	22	6	28
Totals		384	289	95	63	509
Average for 2011		35	26	9	6	46

	Total Entry	Club Members	Guests	Retired	Average Loss
Average for 2010	30	26	3	5	60
Average for 2009	37	29	7	6	47
Average for 2008	38	28	10	4	49
Average for 2007	39	26	13	7	44
Average for 2006	40	33	7	7	53
Average for 2005	41	33	8	6	42
Average for 2004	40	32	8	7	49
Average for 2003	28	20	8	4	49

Average for 2002	29	24	5	6	53
Average for 2001	31	26	6	10	57
Average for 2000	28	25	3	5	63
Average for 1999	25	23	2	6	71
Average for 1998	29	25	4	8	

Laying out Teams

Just a quick update on the laying out teams.

Three teams are in the latter stages of being established, with Rob Edwards, Pete Jenkins and myself as team captains.

Rob's team have already picked 3 dates to lay out - 15 April at Sethern, 15 July at the Old Quarry and 28 October at Blacklands Farm.

I'm waiting for Pete's selection and my team will pick up what's left.

If you would like to join a team and help lay out / sign on, please let me know as soon as possible. Setting up a fourth team would be even better and give everyone else a rest, so please come forward and volunteer!

Don't forget that riders will still be needed to take down on the day!

Feet up!

Colin Don

Club Night

The first of the Thursday Club nights at the Red Lion Betchworth was attended by about 15-20 members. Having the Club night on the 1st Thursday of the month gave everyone plenty of opportunity to give/hear all the old excuses for their performance at the Blacklands Farm Club trial!

The staff at the Red Lion are making us most welcome and the food is really good. Do try and attend the Club nights if you can as its a good opportunity to exchange views & ideas or just chat without the normal pressures on time as happens at the trials.

I have spoken to Rick Parish who is prepared to give us a 'BikeSafe' type talk at a future Club night.

If there are any wives or girlfriends out there reading this, get your bloke to bring you along as Debbie, Carol & Grace will be glad to see another female face!

Colin Don