

GAS GAS GRIND 2014 RESULTS

By Dave McCullough

It was perfect conditions for a race, a little drizzle in the morning and then just cool and moist all day, just enough to keep the dust down on the road sections. There were 74 racers signed up, a couple had to bow out early due to various reasons. The largest class of riders by far was the junior over class with 21 riders. It was a very impressive showing for the Tansky riding area. There was one A/B split which, for the first lap so I'm told "was handy," but for subsequent laps the B split got very torn up and was giving the B's a good technical workout. There was only one person got stuck in a mud hole that needed rescuing (the name will be withheld to protect the innocent) but she/he got a special award, and only a couple minor injuries that the St. John Ambulance team were eager to address. One of the best spots for crashes was at the finish crossing the road right in front of the St. John ambulance where they all stood and watched in anticipation. The top racers in the top classes were very close to each other the whole race with only a couple of minutes separating them at the end, very tough indeed for a course of this type and a race this long. We had plenty of volunteers out helping, some were in the bush taking pictures and videos of people muscling through the tough spots others manning a check, and others cooking food. At the end the atmosphere was electric, everyone was telling their tales of the big root or rock that took them out, but fun was had by all. There was a 50/50 draw held to help raise money for the EC course on the club property, the interest in the project by these racers is huge, they bought tickets and donated money, a total of \$234 was raised. Trophies and gifts were presented and then the cleanup began. It was a lot of work, many hurdles due to Venue change but in the end I think it was all worth it. Thanks - David McCullough.

The committee consisted of Dave McCullough and Tim Corder.

Thanks to all the helpers and volunteers – they were: Bill Anderson, Bruce Taylor, Andy James, Kevin Marshal, Quinn McCullough, Chris Lechti, Tony Wilson, Martin Kaama, Don Cameron, Jean-Guy Poulan

The results are:-

<u>Masters,</u>	only one rider, Al Wilson 33.33 best lap.		
<u>Expert</u>	1st Paul Gallagher	2nd Quinn McCullough 33.34 best lap	
	3rd Chris Lichty		
<u>Vet Expert</u>	1st Eric Neilson 33.24 <u>FAST TIME OF DAY</u>	2nd Graham Turner	
	3rd Adrian Corcoran		
<u>Senior Expert</u>	1st Franklin Dahl	2nd Bob Stewart	3rd Craig Mirraay
<u>Intermediate</u>	1st Evan Tudor Jones	2nd Liam Buss	3rd Russ Mellson
<u>Super Senior</u>	1st Chris Williams	2nd Andrew Graham	3rd Don Cameron
<u>Vet. Amateur</u>	1st Tim Coleman	2nd Geir Opdahl	3rd Jamie Prince
<u>Sr. Amateur</u>	1st Rob Howland	2nd Selwyn Buss	3rd Don Sanclair
<u>Junior Over</u>	1st Jessie Scott	2nd Jason Ribl	3rd Clint Meiner
<u>Women</u>	1st Cheri Cawdell	2nd Bobbi Bjornholt	3rd Emma Knock
<u>Junior Under</u>	1st Myles Mellsohn	2nd Dillon Scott	