

JOE BROWN MAJOR TRIAL RESULTS

APRIL 27, 2014

Originally called the Major Trial and for experts only, this event dates back to 1937. No one dominated the Major Trial more than member Martin Spriggs who won it ten times. The original trophy was the Doug Whittier trophy, reconstructed by Martin, and is now used for the Expert Trials series. The event was renamed in memory of former member Joe Brown (deceased) who was a keen competitor and supporter of the VMC. A new trophy is now used for this event.

The Annual VMC Joe Brown Major Trial was held on April 27th at the ISTC property in West Shawnigan Lake . The popular format of running vintage bikes only on Saturday was used again this year, and was blessed with amazing weather!

A great turnout of 9 local vintage riders showed up to challenge the super technical sections that were setup by a large team of helpers that included Rick Kool, Jim Laing, Riley Ferguson, Brandon Volk, Micaela and Steve Fracy. There were some notable entrants worth mentioning. It was great to see the three young guys, Brandon, Riley and Liam all ride their very first vintage trial! They all rode well and had a blast! Special congrats to Riley Ferguson who borrowed an extra TY 250 that Dave Bissenden brought with him to the trial. His ride was mentionable having never ridden or seen the bike before the event and with no warmup or practice, placed 2nd in the Vintage B class!

The highlight of the day for most of us was the inspired riding of longtime member Gary Nordstrom! Not only did Gary have an amazing ride losing only 10pts (even bettering the top Junior score who rode the exact same lines on Sun), he shared some amazing stories with all of us! Gary was of course riding his trusty TY that he, in fact, bought from Joe Brown. The stories of Gary and Roger Boothroyd competing in the very first FIM World Trial in Calgary in which Gary was the top finishing Canadian rider, we're amazing and only solidify the great history that VMC trials riders hold in our sport!

In the Vintage A class, a great battle took place for 2nd place between Dave Bissenden and John "Jonny Walker" Clement. In the end, some great rides by John helped him squeak out the win over Dave!

After brilliant weather Saturday, overnight rain greeted all the Sunday riders with very slippery conditions. Although the day didn't look too promising to start with, it ended up being a pretty nice day in the end. There was some great battles in all the classes.

In the Junior class, young Nik Ferguson once again came out with the win, edging out Liam Donaldson and Eddie Graham. The Intermediate class was won handily by Owen Stearns-Smith. The biggest class of the day was Sr. Intermediate. Ernie Ferguson edged out Kevin "traction master" Couves and Andrew Twamley for the win.

The Sportsman class was also very competitive. Jeremy McChesney just edged out Neil Cottier by 3pts for the win, with young Brandon Volk rounding out the top three.

There were four riders in the tough Expert class. With absence of club Champion Thomas Cordner, Andrew Watson was in a class of his own handily taking the win!

A total of 34 riders attended this years event! A big thank you to everyone who helped out and especially Lorraine and Micaela Fracy who handled all the sign up and results. Thanks to everyone who came to ride, we hope you had fun!

Vintage B:

1st- Gary Nordstrom Yam - 10pts
2nd- Riley Ferguson Yam - 29pts
3rd- Brandon Volk Hon - 43pts
4th- Brad Adams Yam - 48pts
5th- Liam Donaldson. Hon - 69pts

Vintage A:

1st- Steve Fracy. Fantic - 13pts
2nd- John Clement. Fantic - 50 pts
3rd- Dave Bissenden. Yam - 53pts
4th- Burke Petrofski. Yam - 67pts

Junior:

1st- Nik Ferguson. GG - 11pts
2nd- Liam Donaldson. GG- 18 pts
3rd- Eddie Graham. GG - 19pts
4th- Don Cameron. Ossa - 46 pts

Intermediate:

1st- Owen Stearns. GG - 46pts
2nd- Ben Cox. GG - 59 pts
3rd- Rick Kool. Mon - 92 pts

Sr. Intermediate:

1st- Ernie Ferguson. GG - 14pts
2nd- Kevin Couves. GG - 20 pts
3rd- Andrew Twamley. GG - 22 pts
4th- John Clement. GG - 39 pts
5th- Andrew Graham. GG - 55 pts
6th- Sean Millard. GG - 80 pts
DNF- Hugh Williams

Sportsman:

1st- Jeremy McChesney GG - 53 pts
2nd- Neil Cottier. Beta - 56 pts
3rd- Brandon Volk. GG - 63 pts
4th- Aaron Fisher. Mon - 89 pts
5th- Riley Ferguson. GG - 93 pts
6th- Dallan Salmon. GG - 142pts

Expert:

1st- Andrew Watson. GG - 46 pts
2nd- Steve Fracy. Beta - 73 pts
3rd- Rhys Hathaway. GG – 89 (4 cleans)
4th- Dave Fracy. Ossa – 89 (1 clean)