

2019
SOUTH MIDLAND METEOR GROUP TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP

FINAL RESULTS

The South Midland Meteor Group Clubs had a full programme of twelve rounds for 6 Adult classes, 3 Youth classes and two Club Championships. This year an additional Championship Class for Twin-Shocks was introduced in February and was well contested. All the events were staged over three routes plus a 50/50(hard) route for Intermediates and 50/50(easy) for the Pre-Sixty-Five (hard) class.

Veteran multi-year winner Graham Haslam (HUX) was back in the top spot again this year ahead of joint second placed Matt LeFevre and Paul Oldfield. Although they tied on points Matt scored in one less round than Paul. Last year's Best Novice, Milton Buzzard's Marcus Haynes won the Intermediate class in his first year as an Inter. Second was Darren Haines and third was Paul Heron. The number of riders contesting the Intermediate class is much higher than any of the other Championship classes. Tim Roblett from the Wycombe club improved on last year's third place in the Novice class to win it this year. Second and third places also went to Wycombe members Jim Morris and Steve McHugh.

Winner of the new Twin-Shock class based on the middle (yellow) route was Milton Buzzard clubman Steve Peak who won seven of the nine rounds he contested. Dave Hill was second and Paul Meader third.

The Pre-Sixty-Five (hard) class now runs on a 50/50 route of middle and easy sections but the entries are still disappointing and well below the Pre-Sixty-Five Sportsmen class. The Class was won by Ixion clubman Wayne Hutton on a Triumph Tiger Cub. Tim Blackmore and Julian Wigg were joint second having each ridden once and won once. The Pre-Sixty-Five Sportsmen class on the easier "white" route was much more popular and very closely contested to the end. It was won by HUX's Nick James on the DOT who finished just one single point ahead of David Clarkson on his Bantam. Both Nick and David rode in ten events with Nick winning 4 and David 3. David was very unfortunate to badly injure his hand in the workshop and rode the last two rounds still carrying the injury. Chris Pickup on his Tiger Cub was third.

The Youth Championship 'A' class is contested over the same sections as the Experts and was won by William Clark (Berko) who contested 2 rounds. Max Bird, Gus Oblen and Joe Snelling each won their single ride and tied for second place. Both Max Golla and Adam Day contested the Youth 'B' class on the middle route three times and they each had a win, a second and a third to come top of the class. As Max is the younger rider he is credited with the class win. Harry Chatto and George Clark were joint third with a win apiece. The 'C' class was won by Kai Morris (Wycombe) ahead of Samuel Lefevre and William Sparks.

The two Club Championships were again strongly contested by the Berko and HUX clubs with Wycombe and Milton Buzzard also featuring in the Club Team Event. Berko won the Club Championship by a significant margin from HUX with Milton Buzzard in third place. Berko also took the top spot in the Club Team Championship by 56 points ahead of HUX with Wycombe and Milton Buzzard tying for third a further 16 points behind. The Club Championship is based on the results of all competing experts and intermediates while the Club Team Championship is based on the positions of each club's best rider in the expert, intermediate, novice, pre-65(hard) and pre-65 sportsmen classes and involves a larger portion of the entry.

It is planned to present the trophies to the winners at the BERKO Group trial on 15 March 2020.

All 2020 Meteor Group events will count towards the Group Championship with a rider's best 11 scores counting. The dates for 2020 are:

19 January - Hayes & Southall; 16 February – Barnet; 15 March - Berko; 12 April - HUX; 17 May – K&K; 21 June – South Harrow; 16 August – Milton Buzzards; 6 September – WMA; 4 October – Oxford Ixion; 18 October – NEL; 15 November - Wycombe and 20 December - Farnham Royal.

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EXPERTS

1	Graham	Haslam	HUX	124
2	Matthew	Le Fevre	Berko	88
3	Paul	Oldfield	HUX	88
4	Gus	Oblein	Berko	75
5=	Will	McBain	Ixion	57
5=	Richard	Vockins	F Royal	57

MOST IMPROVED INTER

NOVICE

1	Tim	Roblett	Wycombe	184
2	Jim	Morris	Wycombe	154
3	Steve	McHugh	Wycombe	116
4	Paul	Gobey	Berko	56
5	John	Holdsworth	Berko	47

YOUTH A

1	William	Clark	Berko	37
=2	Max	Bird	Berko	20
=2	Gus	Oblein	Berko	20
=2	Joe	Snelling	S. Harrow	20
5	Zak	Whalen	S. Harrow	17

YOUTH B *

1	Max	Golla	Berko	52
2	Adam	Day	MB	52
3	Harry	Chatto	Berko	40
4	George	Clark	Berko	40
=5	Max	Bird	Berko	20
=5	Alex	Buckle	Berko	20
=5	Ben	Howman	HUX	20

PRE-SIXTYFIVE

1	Wayne	Hutton	Ixion	80
=2	Tim	Blackmore	HUX	20
=2	Julian	Wigg	Berko	20
4	John	Chatto	Berko	17

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Berko	275
2	HUX	142
3	M. Buzzard	92
=4	F. Royal	74
=4	Ixion	74
6	Wycombe	37
7	NEL	25
8	S. Harrow	19
9	Barnet	4
	H&S	
	K & K	
	WMA	

* Youth B Tie break, Winner is youngest rider

INTERMEDIATES

1	Marcus	Haynes	M. Buzzard	154
2	Darren	Haines	F Royal	94
3	Paul	Heron	Wycombe	86
4	Ryan	Tomkins	Ixion	75
5	Mark	George	F Royal	70

Marcus Haynes

TWIN-SHOCK

1	Steve	Peak	M Buzzard	165
2	David	Hill	Wycombe	118
3	Paul	Meador	HUX	66
4	Dean	Devereux	K & K	40
5	Stephen	Clements	Berko	37

YOUTH C

1	Kai	Morris	Wycombe	94
2	Samuel	LeFevre	Berko	55
3	William	Sparks	Berko	37
4	Sophia	Humphrey	M. Buzzard	33
=5	Josh	Brown	S. Harrow	20
=5	Max	Golla	Berko	20

PRE-SIXTYFIVE SPORTSMAN

1	Nick	James	HUX	168
2	David	Clarkson	K & K	167
3	Chris	Pickup	M. Buzzard	145
4	Mick	Clarkson	K & K	117
5	John	Eckhart	Wycombe	106

CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

1	Berko	280
2	HUX	224
=3	M. Buzzard	208
=3	Wycombe	208
5	Ixion	113
6	K & K	104
7	F. Royal	83
=8	NEL	24
=8	S. Harrow	24
	Barnet	
	H & S	
	WMA	

John Eckhart

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