

December Newsletter

Results from the summer survey:

Thanks to all the riders that took the time to fill out the questionnaire, I am pleased to give you a brief outline of the findings:

90% of riders thought that the severity of the sections was about right, 1% thought that they could be harder and 9% thought that they were too hard and too tight.

100% of people thought that we currently run enough events at about 1 per month and 20% would like to be involved in other activities, training days etc.

Only 10% of you thought that it was a good idea to avoid trials during July and August, so we will be continuing with events in those months.

¾ of the riders surveyed said that they would like to see larger events, with 15 sections per lap, over 3 laps, but sadly only 5% of you could bring along an observer to man a section, so unless we can attract more observers I think we will have to look at this at a later date.

Again, about ¾ of you thought that we rewarded the observers well enough, with a bottle of wine or box of chocolates, but we are thinking of trying to improve on this to encourage more observers to become involved.

With regards to knowing who the club officials are, only 15% of you were correct, so it will be useful to confirm now.

Secretary Errol Gowshall

Chairman Mark Francis

Treasurer Mike Gallagher

Committee Members - Mick Dawson, Graham Dawson, Graham Cannon, Harold Allen and David Hird.

About a third of you thought that it would be easy to be more involved with the club, which sadly meant that 70% of you thought that it was difficult to take an active role. Within the 30% that would like to become more involved, the majority were interested in setting out an event. We are preparing a form for you to fill in to let us know which event you would like to be involved with, this will allow us to spread the extra help throughout the year.

More than half of you said that they would like a quarterly club night and the majority were willing to travel to the Lincoln area, which is roughly the centre of our catchment area.

From all the returned forms, 70% of the riders rode more than 6 and up to 12 Poachers events per year and 30% of the riders also rode with other clubs.

We are pleased to announce our dates for 2019 and we have done our best to avoid clashing with other local clubs. As a follow up to the questionnaire, we have copied some of the other comments we have had for you to take a look at.

I only ride for fun, not worried about trophies. I think the club is in danger of directing all but 2-strokes for the expert route – less tight please, more choice of line through sections.

Keep up the good work.

No comments, great club.

To be able to drop a round of the championship to cover missed round due to holidays, sickness etc. Double point at camping event to get more riders.

The club is fantastic.

Overall, very pleased with the club.

Avoid date clashes with North Lincs Classic Trials if possible. Poachers is a well-run club / enjoy riding the trials.

Just a thought, maybe a beginner clubman course, remove the hardest 2 sections and we would do 6 sections per lap of an 8 section course.

It's good. Old style sections for old bikes, long climbs rather than tight zigzags.

I think you have got it right and I enjoy doing your trials.

Championship information:

We are making some alterations to the championship trials.

- 1) We will have 10 championship trials in 2019 and 9 rounds will count toward the championship. Trials at the camping weekend at Ledgerwoods will count for both days, scores will be aggregated for each day and positions will be worked out on a combined score. If you are contending the championship, you must do both days. At the end of the championship year, we will drop your lowest score.
- 2) Riders giving up the opportunity to ride to observe a section will receive 10 championship points, this can only be done once per year.
- 3) Riders must complete a minimum of 5 events in any one class to be eligible for inclusion in the final championship standings.

Price increases:

As you are aware, we are affiliated to the AMCA, which gives us the insurance cover that we need to run our events. For our 2019 affiliation, we have been presented with increased insurance costs for both riders and official/observers, which means that we will have to increase our entry fee to £15 per club event. Any excess funds generated from the price increase will go towards the new £10 observer payment. We have held the price at £14 for the past few years and we still think that £15 represents exceptionally good value for money.

Club Membership:

Our membership for 2019 will remain at £5 per member and we have produced a new membership form that covers how we store and use the information you provide us with, which is a nationwide requirement. In signing the form, as a club we will be meeting these requirements.

Volunteer Forms:

We will be posting information in the New Year onto the website about how to become involved with the setting out for a particular event, with email information for you commit to a date.

Newark Show:

We will have a stand at the Morton's Newark Show on January 5th/6th, we will have a full range of club clothing, NBBC t-shirts and calendars for sale, also a display of some of our members bikes, hope to see you there.

Championship Presentation:

2018 Championship Presentation will take place after our trial on January 27th at the Club House at Cadwell Park. I am sure most of you have let Errol know that you will be attending, but if you haven't give him a call on 01507 343745, it is important that we have an idea of the numbers attending.

Social Media

The club also has a facebook page and we would encourage any members to submit postings about all things Poachers Trials related. It would be great to get a few riders to write and post a short review after each trial, perhaps outlining your best and worst sections and thoughts about your days ride. This could also be open to any of the observers who would like to say how riders attempted their sections.