

Round 2 of the Stafford Road Club Go-Ride Races from Tackaroo Camp Site - Cannock Chase

Another glorious day and the third weekend of racing for some of the youngsters on Cannock Chase. These races are not as, shall we say, strict as the others as we want everyone to have fun, enjoy themselves and go away with a big smile on their faces.



All the riders from Round 2 of the Stafford Road Club Go-Ride Race

As with any of these races, the format is all dependant on who turns up, so initially we decided that all the riders could race on the same course, which had a tight twisty section followed by a long straight for overtaking, but there was always a back-up plan, just in case.

Under 12's

The first race that was held was for the Under 12's and consisted of 2 laps, which was contested by four riders. Now, little did two of the riders know that the other two would not be collecting any placings, as they have been racing in other championships and it wouldn't have been fair to the others. Evie, Ben, Charles and T all lined up on the start and once the race was started they all made a great start. Evie made the corner first, followed by Ben, Charles and T. Evie showed a clean pair of heels to Ben, who did the same to Charles, with T really close behind having a great battle between the two. The race finished with Evie, Ben and then Charles in 1st and T in 2nd

For the second race, it was supposed to be four laps, but due to a technical error (mainly having a laugh with the Under 8's and parents) the bell didn't get rung at the end of the third lap, so they ended up doing five, much to the riders disgust. Oops

Again for the second race, the race started with Evie taking the corner first, then Ben, Charles and T, so it was looking like it was going to be a similar finish to the first, but on the second lap, T and Charles were having a great battle, with



T and Charles collecting their Gold and Silver medals respectively

T overtaking Charles and was pulling away slightly. The race finished with Evie, Ben, T in 1st and Charles in 2nd.

Now this gave a dilemma for the medal ceremony, but as the gap in the second race between 1st and 2nd was greater, the Gold medal was given to T and the Silver to Charles, with both of them surprised that they had got 1st and 2nd once it had been explained why Evie and Ben didn't place.

Well done to Evie and Ben for racing knowing that it was just for pride and Charles and T for great hard but fair racing between them.

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Under 8's

Next up to race were the Under 8's, with a lot bigger field of riders. For the first race, there were 10 riders lining up on the course. For this, everyone lined up in bib number order, with the second race being gridded on the finishing position in the first.

Again the first race was run over two laps and on the same course as the U12's. In this race, Isaac, Harry and Belle made it into the corner first, having the advantage of starting at the front of the grid, with all the other riders making a clean get away. Unfortunately, a few of the riders who were new to Go-Ride and Go-Ride events, were a little unsure of the course with one of the riders not completing the course and Ruby, who initially didn't want to continue, carried on and crossed the line to take the chequered flag. The race finished with Isaac in 1st, Belle 2nd, Harry 3rd, Jonathan 4th, George 5th, Frasier 6th, Spencer 7th, Joseph 8th, Ruby 9th and Yannick DNF

Now because the races are all about fun, it was decided that Joseph, Ruby and Yannick would have their own race, as they haven't been to one of our sessions and were not happy with the course, so for the next race the Under 8's were down to seven riders, with everyone gridding in the position that they finished the previous race. Again, a clean start was made by everyone and they all made it round the first 90° bend. This race was four laps, as we made sure that the bell was rung this time on lap three. There were battles up and down the field as the long straight allowed for plenty of overtaking, with then things bunching back up when going through the single track section. Again this race finished with Isaac in 1st, Harry 2nd, Belle 3rd, Jonathan 4th, Frasier 5th, Spencer 6th and George 7th.

Finally for the Under 8's on the mini course, Ruby, Joseph, and Yannick lined up on the start line for their 3 lap race. Yannick made a great start, closely followed by Joseph then Ruby.

Over the three laps Ruby's confidence really grew and by the third lap was by far the most improved rider of the day. The race finished with Yannick in 1st, Joseph 2nd and Ruby 3rd, with all riders a lot happier than their first race!



Isaac, Harry and Belle collecting their 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals respectively



Yannick, Joseph and Ruby collecting their 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals respectively

A big well done to all the riders!

Relay Race

The final race of the day is always the relay race, as this gives the chance for a lot more riders to win a race and to cheer on their team to help their riders along. The teams were split on ability, to try to make them as fair as possible with the mini course riders doing their course and the others doing the longer course. This did

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make it a little difficult as there were only three for the mini course and one of the riders had to leave early, so one of the riders had to do two laps. As with the philosophy of having fun, it became clear during the race that Team 2 were quite a distance behind Team 1, so some early releases were in order to bring things back a little. Team 1 still won, but it made for a more exciting finish 😊

A big thank you go out to the parents for bringing your children along and to the riders for some great racing and even better cheering!

Hopefully everyone had a great morning of racing and we look forward to seeing you all at the following races: -

Sat 15/06/19	SRC, MTB XC Go-Ride series, Race 3
Sat 13/07/19	SRC, MTB XC Go-Ride series, Race 4
Sat 14/09/19	SRC, MTB XC Go-Ride series, Race 5
Sat 12/10/19	SRC, MTB XC Go-Ride series, Race 6

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