

Event No.3

Listooder Saturday 20th December 2008

Our greatest thanks go to Malcolm & Colin McMillan for the kind use of their land at Listooder, for what was a very enjoyable days' coaching.

The day started off with the usual bike scrutineering and sign on activities and Andy noted that it was great to see the early Christmas presents on show, with both Gareth Mackey & Ryan Sailes having a debut ride on their new 125cc Evo Beta machines. After a few minor back break teething problems, Andy quickly got Young Ryan off and running.

Giving that the date was the last weekend before our Christmas break, and parents are usually busy shopping for presents etc. We were very pleasantly surprised to have such a very high turnout of both coaches, A class riders and B class riders. To coin a footballing term "It was a game of two halves" with the beginning of the day lending itself to maximum grip and the best of springlike weather, only for the drizzle clouds to come overhead during the lunch break, and make the afternoon session very interesting on the slippery, grassy banks of Listooder.



A very big thanks from all the committee members at JHYTA for all the coaches who **again** volunteered freely, their time / experience and braved the afternoon weather, to provide the youth with what can only be described as a "Fantastic days coaching" Thanks go to Jonny Hagan, Michael Davidson, Philip Hanlon, Mervyn Hanlon, Glenn Drennan, Russell Houston, Shaun Turkington, Matthew Johnston and by no means lastly Sam Turkington. It was also great to see the new additions to the coaching team, getting "right in there" and involved in such a pro-active manner. It is testament to efforts of the jhyta committee and the desire for a school to provide training activities that, although we initially only required six coaches per event, the support is such that the number of coaches are growing as the events progress.

It has also been very encouraging to both listen & see the interest being created with the possibility of the addition of youth C & D for 2009. Again we can only achieve the inclusion with the help of volunteers from within our sport.

Our compliments go to Mr Gordon Mackey for providing his, very well received hot soup & Fresh rolls, again just hot from the oven, and we definitely have to mention that along with the complimentary Tea and coffee, they were very efficiently distributed by our great team of Debbie Dempster and Fiona Lunney. Great job Girls.