

JHYTA Event No.5

Mountain Road Newtownards

After listening to the feedback from our parents and giving the standard of the previous 3 training academy sessions, training session number 4 at Bertie Moore's could only be described as "The best yet". It was an overall combination of location; coaches (including our new coaching additions), weather and the revised agenda that helped create a terrific atmosphere around the whole day.

On the previous three events, we as a club have taken the time to pen a few lines of thanks to the participating adults, who all made the events a success. We included such people as land owners, coaches, caterers, organisers etc, again this is the case, but we feel that on this occasion the biggest thanks must go to the efforts of our youth riders. Without exception all the riders have "raised their game" to a higher standard and the riders are now pushing for the sections degree of difficulty to be increased.

Unfortunately we can't name all the riders who are excelling under the guidance of our coaches, but some of the riders who "really stood out" were. Youth rider Aaron Martin, who moved up into grade A, he has pushed his own boundaries beyond even his own expectations. Robert McCrory, a young rider who is now attacking obstacles with a new level of confidence, never seen before in his riding, and may we say it is great to see a young rider grow in confidence and transfer that confidence into his results on the trials scene. Gareth Mackey "What a change" a young rider, who in his own uniquely quiet way is continually progressing and impressing and is visibly excelling within the group format. Gareth is without doubt catching the eye of, not only his peers, but also the coaches and parents around him.

In grade B we could cover many riders and write a book on the individual achievements to date but unfortunately that isn't possible, so on this occasion we will select only to name but a few. Ashley and Kyle Turner "What a transformation". The two young riders, whose level of ability is visibly increasing with every completed academy, it is becoming ever more apparent that dad Colin (Main GAS GAS importer) will soon be made redundant from his minding duties. Aaron Cathcart "what's that all about" where has he found all this new aggression and confidence from? I just happened to be viewing one of his more difficult sections when I overheard the comments "Isn't it great to see such an improvement in his all round riding, the distance he has travelled from the start of the academy training sessions has been remarkable".

Gemma Morton,

"Afraid of nothing" a young rider who is relatively new to the sport, but is always asking questions on how to improve her riding technique, a great strategy, and bearing in mind Gemma listens too all the advice and comments and is able to put them into practice, it has helped her raise her own level beyond everyone's expectations. I think the massive effort put in by Gemma is not only great for her own development, but it is definitely inspirational to all those who ride alongside her.



We are looking forward to our next venue, Event number 4 that was re-scheduled and will take place in Dechoment on the 21st March 2009. With a special thanks to Mervyn Hanlon for securing the fantastic venue

Last but not least we would like to thank all the motorcycle clubs for allowing John Hagan Youth Trials Academy to avail of their ground. It's good to see all clubs are willing to help and support the youth training activities, which in turn should grow the sport and assist in the development of the trials stars of the future.