

## Raise the Standard

### RESCHEDULED EVENT 4 DECHAMONT MOUNTAIN DROMORE

Disappointed after the cancellation of event 4 on Saturday 17th January, we rescheduled to a more picturesque venue courtesy of the Banbridge M.C.C.

Sometimes we try to run a perfect event and a perfect write up afterwards, Apologies for the delay as we have experienced writer's block!!

We do try and involve everyone in the event, but sometimes, the forgotten hero's are undoubtedly the mums,

Without whom our youth riders wouldn't have the immaculate turnout and great photos.

Great job Judith it's your turn this month.

But back to the main focus of our event activities "The Riders" this was a perfect time to take the Standards up and set the members of each group exactly around that thinking.

When breaking the students up into their training Groups, we purposely selected two of the high end riders in that grade with two of the lower end members of the same grade. This was to try and enable the natural competitions within the riders to push themselves to try and attain the level of those above within the group.



The twin's perfectly turned out

After viewing the results, this proved to be a format we will use in the future events. With the practice areas purposely laid out around some 5 of the actual 10 sections Banbridge MCC Trial earlier in the month. It was great to see our A Grade Riders attack the adult B line in the respective areas.

This was very encouraging to watch at how coaches viewing and adult supported each of the riders to a leave that encouraged them to a push their own boundaries and without exception every rider was taken outside and beyond their own "comfort zone" (no major casualties to report). A good example would be Shelly Hanlon. When asked what do you need to work on and she replies "steps". The instructors are very willing to work on areas the rider's request and it was great to see Shelly push herself outside her own comfort zone.

Its remarkable to see the overall improvements within your ranks, when we analyse the weekly results and we can now see the top 5 youth results all fall within the respective places in the adult grades and on no less than 3 occasions the top 4 youth A scores have fallen within the top 5 places in Adult C to the academy committee this is a very positive measuring mechanism that, "what we are doing is working" and helping "Raise the Standard".