

Melville MCC Press Release:



Melville Motor Club Hare and Hound at Lochhouses Sunday 19th November

The Melville Motor Club Hare and Hound on Sunday 19th November was the final round of the Melville Cross Country Championship. The weather was favourable despite the heavy rain leading up to the event. It was a beautiful day for the 130 riders, although it was very cold towards the end of the three hour event.

The riders started in their respective classes with the Experts away first. The Motocross riders dominated the first hour with Tom Grant and Darren Scott battling it out at high speed. Darren Scott pulled away after the first refuel into a strong lead. Derek Little was pushing hard and had closed the gap during the first stop but Dad John turned him around at his second refuel in record time. Darren was now feeling the effects of riding at a furious pace for so long that he needed a longer second refuel stop. This allowed Derek to take the lead and he never looked back with Darren finishing second. Murray Thomson 2006 Scottish Expert Enduro Champion also pulled up in the running during the last hour, overtaking Tom Grant for third place. Tracy Thomson even managed a quick splash and dash refuel for Murray with one lap to go, guaranteeing the third place finish.

Andy Flockhart won the Over Forty Class in only his second outing this year. Andy was struggling after three laps as his arms were feeling the effects of the rough track. Once he regained a rhythm through the trees he charged on for the win. Sean Woolley finished second at his first visit to Lochhouses and he enjoyed the event. David Salkeld finished third with Dougal Walker fourth.

Neil Chatham won the Clubman Class with his first attempt at a three hour hare and hound. Despite starting a minute behind the experts he managed to mix it with them after one lap. Neil was as high as third overall at the half way point but Murray Thomson overtook Neil during his second refuel stop. Stuart Mowbray finished second with a consistent steady ride and Craig Jagla finished third.

The Sportsman Class was by far the largest with seventy riders entered. Anthony Robson won completing 12 laps with Liam Beaty second and Alan Bishop third.

The Melville Motor Club would like to thank all the people who helped at this event especially the ladies who stood in the cold, lap scoring, for the three hours. It would not have been possible without them.



Pictures are available from www.ecossepix.co.uk and the next event is the Melville Motocross at Lochhouses again on Sunday 18th December. Download regulations at www.melvillemc.co.uk