

MMBC Junior Cross Country Round 1

South Barrule Plantation - Sunday April 9th 2006

Race Report

For the first time in a number of years the Manx Mountain Bike Club are running a Junior Series.

Sundays race at South Barrule dawned clear and sunny but a little bit cool. Despite this the racing turned out to be hot.

The 8 and 9 year old boys race was around a half mile fire track course with a few challenging corners and a gradual climb to the finish. At the start everyone took off at a pace that would have shamed some of the seniors from earlier in the day.

The first lap times were incredible, with half a mile being covered in a little over two and a half minutes. Clearly everyone wanted to win but Jacob took the honours with an 8 second lead over James. Callum finished off the podium a further 37 seconds back. Euan crashed on lap one but bravely limped to the line for a fourth place finish.

In the 8 and 9 year old girls Breeshey won in a very good time of 6 and a half minutes.

In the 12 to 14 year old boys race the course was extended to take in a steep tricky climb and added in a section of single-track that the seniors had raced down less than 30 minutes before. In this race Scott took off with a very quick first lap of 4 mins 45 seconds giving him a 10 seconds lead over Jonathon. This didn't last though with Jonathon putting in consistently fast times to take the win with a total time for four laps of 22:19.

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