

2008 South Australian MTBO Championships
Portuguese Bridge, Mt Crawford Results

19 October 2008

After the two previous year's State Champs had been cancelled due to heat and fire bans it was a relief to see the overcast skies and feel a bit of a nip in the air on Sunday morning at Mount Crawford. 37 riders enjoyed those conditions and the challenging courses set by Andrew Slattery who deserves special praise for his efforts in organising the event. Andrew has been working in Broken Hill so he had to battle the tyranny of distance as well as the usual organisational challenges. Thanks, also, to Carolyn, Helen, Kay, John, Jeffa and Will for their assistance.

Congratulations to all who rode, with a special mention for our young riders who all successfully completed their courses. Results are below, to which I append an unofficial award for persistence over punctures to Philip Hutchinson. Philip flattened early on in his ride and continued to have inflationary problems eventually finishing with his front tyre held together with electrical ties.

Course 6 (7.8 km) – M10-13

- 1 Aiden Sullivan - 45.19
- 2 Jack Allison – 1.26.44
- 3 William Stockdale – 2.20.05

Course 5 (13.5 km) – W14-16

- 1 Phoebe Allison – 1.51.21

Course 5 – W60

- 1 Helen Smith – 1.20.40

Course 4 (18.5 km) – W50-59

- 1 Carolyn Strong – 1.39.10
- 2 Sue Merchant – 2.26.30

Course 4 – M60

- 1 Peter Mayer – 1.23.50
- 2 David Tilbrook – 1.26.37
- 3 Maarten Nieuwenhoven – 1.46.20
- 4 John Such – 1.56.17

- 5 John Williams – 2.07.26
- 6 Rob Hillyard – 2.02.08 (one control missed)

Course 3 (21.8 km) - W40-49

- 1 Michelle Chamalaun – 1.36.50
- 2 Margrit Leuenberger – DNF

Course 3 – M50-59

- 1 John Allison – 1.06.41
- 2 Gerry Velaitis – 1.19.17
- 3 Heinz Leuenberger – 1.24.01
- 4 Paul Hoopman – 1.26.34
- 5 Stu Clement – 1.30.36
- 6 Steve Williams – 1.37.43
- 7 David Poole – 1.41.55
- 8 Jeff Francis – 1.14.11 (one control missed)

Course 2 (25.5 km) – W Open

- 1 Kay Haarsma – 1.43.17
- 2 Anthea Williams – 2.05.51

Course 2 M40-49

- 1 Ian Winn – 1.54.34

Course 1 (32.0 km) – M Open

- 1 Bruce Greenhalgh – 1.57.30
- 2 Steve Sullivan – 1.58.56
- 3 David Clark – 1.59.10
- 4 Ian Fehler – 2.01.37
- 5 Lee Merchant – 2.03.58
- 6 Brett Merchant – 2.09.45
- 7 Ruhi Afnan – 2.09.54
- 8 Adam Starrs – 3.15.20
- 9 Philip Hutchinson – 3.23.50

Course 1 – Pairs (non championship)

1 Adrian Gatto, Jerry Vanichy - DNF