

With the season drawing to a close on another successful year for Diss MCC, being topped off by a fantastic final round of the BEC with the Muntjac in Thetford. Riders and organisers have a few months to reflect on the year gone by, and begin preparation for the year ahead, with work already underway for the first round of the Eastern Centre enduro championship, the Santon enduro, organised by Diss.



George Ellis

Diss MCC were represented throughout most classes in all disciplines, with some very strong performances, and good results to go with them. In the Eastern Centre Solo Motocross Championships, Ben Talbott, the clubs sole representative in the expert class, finished a very good 9th position overall, with some consistent results, and topped off by a 2nd in race 2 and 3rd overall at round 3 at Lyng. In the juniors youngster George Ellis represented the club brilliantly by finishing 3rd overall, with 3rd place finishes at Lyng and Mildenhall, and a 2nd at Wild Tracks and highlighted with a win in the third race.

There were good rides also from Bruce Bavin, Tim Clark and Aaron Hopkins who finished 25th, 26th and 27th overall in the championship respectively, with many more club members also picking up points throughout the year.

On to enduro and again the club were represented well throughout all classes, with 3 riders competing in the very tough Championship class. Top of the pile was Tim Rose in 11th overall with some consistent rides. Followed by Lee Whitney in 21st, and Adam Ranson in 24th, although both riders were unable to compete in all rounds and will look to go better next year. In the Experts, Alex Barkshire finished 7th, Ross Taylor returned from injury for the second half of the season and rode to a great 2nd place at Little Hadham and 9th overall in the championship, showing he will be a force to be reckoned with come next year. Having an indifferent year, and only riding the first two rounds David Stevens finished 19th overall, and will also be looking at going better next year, in the increasingly competitive expert class.

In the expert over 40s, 3 wins out of 5 sealed the championship win for the experienced Mark Chapman who has represented the club at both centre and also British level for many years, and proving he still has the speed by winning a very competitive class. Martin Stevens was the pick of the Diss riders in the Clubman class with a win in round one at Santon and second at round two at Butley, unfortunately he couldn't quite keep his early season form going for the whole season but rode well at the remaining rounds, picking up consistent points to claim 3rd overall.



Martin Stevens

Also in the points were Rob Aldridge in 9th, Chris Wright 12th, Adam Durkin 13th, George Ellis 14th and Richard Bensley 25th. In the Clubman over 40s Wayne Fulcher finished 12th overall, helped by a win in the first round at the Santon, Paul Wilkinson was 21st overall. Followed by Michael Wyatt in 22nd, and Chris Jeffries in 28th. Last but not least is the Clubman over 50s, Diss were represented strongly again, with Clive Stevens matching his son Martin Stevens early on with a win at the Santon and 2nd place at Butley, he went on to grab second overall in the championship standings. With good rides also from Dave Ward finishing 10th overall after a 2nd at the Santon, and Tim Leech rounding off the Diss riders in 21st.

In the Dave Barkshire 2man championship there were some great results in the Expert and Clubman classes with Diss representatives winning both classes, through Rob Aldridge and his partner taking the win in the Experts, followed by the all Diss pairing of Martin and David Stevens in second, and Diss member Ross Taylor and partner Michael Ridge taking 4th. In the clubmen the spoils went to the all Diss pair of Chris Wright and Daniel Willis, whilst Tom Morris and his partner took 5th, and the veteran pairing of Diss members Clive Stevens and Terry Largent picked up a respectable 6th.

Finally to trials, and in the Twinshock class, it was a tight battle between Diss trio Mark Chapman, Richard Snowden and Peter Bavin all the way through with positions changing throughout the season, but in the end it was Mark Chapman, picking up another championship trophy to go alongside his Expert over 40s trophy, just edging it from Peter Bavin and Richard taking third.



Mark Chapman

The Diss club would like to thank everyone who has helped with organising, setting up and running our successful events, and all of the club members for their continued support. And wish all members the best of luck for the coming season.

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