

MOUNTAIN BIKE Orienteering State Championship Results for 2001



GREATER KNOT HILL

25 November 2001

Last year at the state champs we had a heat wave with 40 degree temperatures. This year it was only 15 degrees when the first starters cycled away at 9 am! A few light rain showers didn't put off the hardy 63 starters. This was a pleasing number and a slight improvement on 2000.

The original Knott Hill MBO map made by Claire Davill & Karl Hillyard was extended to the east by Reuben Smith. The names of the bike shop sponsors were prominently displayed on the map. Bicycle Express; Norwood Parade Cycles; Lifecycle; International Cycle Centre and the Cycle Rider generously gave \$800 in vouchers as prizes. In the end the voucher distribution extended down to all 3rd placegetters. The remaining voucher was shared between Phil and Claire Davill for both getting very competitive 4ths. The traditional coffee mugs for places were also well received.

Amber Tomas was the designer of the interesting courses. There was lots of variety, especially for the longer 2 courses which even had a boardwalk section to ride! There were the usual sandy tracks well associated with Knott Hill, some muddy sections, some freshly mown tracks and some fast sections. Many thanks to the Wallaringa organising team of Phil and Lisa Stocek, Frank Tomas, and Peter and Robyn Cutten who toiled away in the cold while the rest of us got warm out on the courses.

During the earlier MBO events about 50 % of participants were non OASA members, while in the Champs it was 42%. Tjuringa was the best represented O club with 19 people, with Tintookies next on 8.

It was really pleasing to see many from a mt biking background do really well. Martin Fidge managed to topple defending champion Steve Sullivan by a solid 6 minutes to take the open title, while Penny Thyer and Ruth Harris were rewarded with 2nd and 3rd in the open women's class. In M35 Lee Merchant had great opposition from the speedy Neville George, but Lee reigned supreme. Scott Keneally has improved with each event and did well to take 3rd. He is race director for Adelaide Mt Bike club and obviously enjoys a different challenge. Well done to Anthea Williams who walked back to the start from no 4 with a puncture, and then continued on to finish her course.

The 2002 State Mountain Bike Championships will be on a brand new map of **Wirrabara Forest**, about 2 and a half hours north of Adelaide. This will be a weekend spectacular with a foot o event and a normal mass start mt bike race available on the Saturday afternoon. For the MBO event we will try to encourage more participation by allowing pairs in some junior classes and in an open B class for adults. Also in November the Australian MBO Champs will be held near Bendigo, so this should be accessible for us South Aussies to compete at. On Easter Friday, near Goulbourn, will be the final selection trial for the first ever World Championships to be held in France.

Andrew Slattery	TT	41.59
Brett Merchant	Tj	47.57
B & M Ward		120.40

M16 15 km

Lachlan Hallett	Ya	66.35
Gareth Williams	Tj	68.07
Troy Merchant	Tj	68.33
Chris Davill	Tj	72.56
Michael Ashforth	Wa	72.59
Greg Brown	Tj	85.16
Dion Bennett	Tt	94.17
Aaron Young +1		105.10

Men Open 25.5 km

Martin Fidge		82.27
Stephen Sullivan	Ya	88.26
Ruhi Afnan	Ya	89.50
Gary Dodd		98.18
Scott Irrigang		98.30
Bruce Greenhalgh	As	100.43
Dan Crosby		157.10

M35 20 km

Lee Merchant	Tj	80.53
Neville George	Wa	80.53
Scott Kenneally	As	87.45
Phil Davill	Tj	92.58
Simon Capp	Tj	94.43
Scott Bradley		95.10

Ian Winn	Oh	96.18
Lloyd Samson	Tj	97.19
Heinz Leuenberger	Oh	101.52
Peter Clark	Wa	105.03
Steve Williams	Tj	112.42
Jim Townsend		(unoff) 95.03

M50 - 15 km

Paul Hoopman	Tj	61.16
Peter Haarsma		73.53
John Fidge		74.23
Peter Mayer	Ya	74.45
Tim Lebbon	Wa	79.20
David Tillbrook	Oh	88.48
John Sennett	Tt	97.20
Dennis McCarthy		97.30
David Poole	Tt	99.02
Henry Pecanek		104.00
Chris Brown	Tj	105.18
Rob Hillyard	Tj	111.37

M60 13 km

Clive Nelson			3 c
Adrian Gatto + 2 (unoff)		mech	

W16 - 13 km

Kate Radford	Tt	77.20
Louise Hutchinson	Tt	88.44

W Open - 20 km

Kay Haarsma	Tt	87.08
Penny Thyer		100.41
Ruth Harris		106.13
Claire Davill	Tj	106.38
Sandra Afnan	Ya	119.32
DeAnne Smith		120.04
Alison Campbell +1		154.01

W 35 - 15 km

Robyn Brown	Tj	76.16
Janet Davill	Tj	79.32
Louise George	Wa	95.39
Anthea Williams	Tj	127.07
Sue Merchant	Tj	155.20

W50 – 13 km

Helen Smith	Tt	99.29
Pat Mc Crohan		105.35