

The Jean Whitting Memorial Trial

Badgers Quarry: 11th October 2026

A bright sunny day greeted the 57 riders that had journeyed a little further than our normal locations to ride in what I think is our first memorial trial since I have been involved with the club over the last 26 years, and from what I can remember of my first Poachers event at Panton, Jean, Stuart and Kevin were all in attendance then. So, it was nice to see the three generations of the Whitting family riding in Sunday's event at Badgers Quarry, to celebrate Jean's love and enjoyment of motorcycle sport. Badgers Quarry is a venue that is managed by Scunthorpe Motorcycle Club, and it is hoped that Poachers will be able to include in next year's fixtures.

The Trial was set out with a little local knowledge by Kevin Whitting, Paul Nicolls, Steve Fewster and David Hird, and they did a great job with the sections that extracted marks from almost 60% of the entry, their philosophy I think was not to send us home thinking that we wouldn't like to come back, and from general feedback everybody had a good day with no retirements.

The idea is to present an award to the best Poachers Club member winning each route, so in this case the best Expert, Inter and Clubman rider. With such low scores the outcome will be decided on the "Oldest Rider" bases, and the award will be presented at our awards lunch in January.

Moving on from Sunday, we have two new venues to visit in November, which I'm sure will be excellent, and then it's the final runup to our ever-popular Charity Trial on the 27th of December at Smiths Farm.

We need to start to collect in the Annual awards over the next two Trials and David Hird will be on hand to receive them. We will be updating the Championship standings, and these will be with me on the 1st of November.

I have updated a couple of errors on the results, we had a bit of an IT issue yesterday, so please accept my apologies if your scores were not correct.....all fixed now, fingers crossed.

Thank you to all our Scunthorpe area contingency that was involved in Jean's Trial...I'm sure she would have enjoyed the day as much as we did. MG.