

Tenko - *The Ultimate Jungle Track* – Saturday 14th June

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Conditions were perfect for the race in the jungle at Tenko. As luck would have it the weather did cool off for the race after a few days of blistering sunshine. There was a delightful cool breeze coming out of the woodland and the trees gave the riders a lot of shade through-out the race.



The 2.5 hour Hare & Hounds battle covered the best parts of the jungle and flowed satisfyingly with sandy terrain and sinuous woodland. The few boggy sections that were added for a bit of fun didn't cause much fuss and the sun dried them out in the days running up the race. Track n Trail had some encouraging feedback which reflects what a great day it was.

Yet again Track n Trail riders turned up and gave it their all to reveal some awesome riding and competitive results. Wayne Player unfortunately injured his finger quite badly on the practice lap and yet still managed to drive himself to hospital and come back later to support his son Josh Player. Everyone wishes him all the best and a speedy recovery so he can get back on the bike.

Starting with the Championship, there was some consistent riding from all 6 competitors who all rode unflinching through-out the race holding the same positions until the 10th lap where there were Ross Hancock jumped into 1st, only to get trumped in the last lap by his brother Keelan Hancock to maintain his 1st place position. Danny Hall was another great contender who

nearly managed to claim 3rd place, however Daniel Price came through and gave it his all in the last lap to take 3rd.

In the over 40's Experts Chris Salt made the long trip down from Docklands to join in on the fun and walk away with a deserved 2nd place. Jim Browning showed what he's worth and was able to smash out 11 laps which was one more than all the other riders in the class to succeed 1st place. In 3rd place Euan Harrison put in an assorted performance and shot back to 3rd after falling to 6th in his 6th lap.

The top 3 in the Experts class was dominated by all ex youth riders. With Dominic Thomas leading the race from his 3rd lap onwards to a victorious 1st place whilst Bradley Rowland first time out in the adults put in an amazing performance and looked certain to take 2nd until late on when Harvey Dark was able to punch some speedy laps to steal 2nd place and push Bradley to 3rd.

Clubman 2 Stroke was set in stone after the 4th lap, with Darren Handyside in 1st, Kody Richards in 2nd and Shaun Philp in 3rd. The Clubman 4 Stroke was an exciting one to follow



with Matthew Dark confidently taking 1st place whilst Daniel Dicker and Rob Higgs getting off to a dodgy start but managing to climb back up the ranks and Daniel getting 2nd and Rob slotting in 3rd.

The Over 40's Clubman was a great battle in the top 3 with the race ending with Geoff Brigden taking away 1st, Simon Thomas who kindly helped a fallen rider came in 2nd and Mark Bartlett in 3rd. Old boys Over 50's showed their youth with a cracking performance by Graham Darby that looked unlikely to finish 1st after being in 6th on the first lap. After the 4th lap the top 3 settled and Gary Appleyard finished in 2nd and Steve Curtis in 3rd.

In Sportsman 2 the top 3 didn't resolve until the final lap where Joseph Chase was able to gain 1st, with Matthew Lovelock following in 2nd and Mark Richmond in 3rd. Richard Perkins was able to take a clear 1st with 1 more lap in Sportsman 4 Stroke and Nick Pottow in 2nd and Marc Newland in 3rd.

The Trail class was a very heated race with a lot of overtaking, with Darren Plant managing to ascent from 7th place to 1st position. The boys from Thorncombe, Jon Lucas and Howard Strawbridge put in a fine performance and ended with Jon in 2nd and Howard Strawbridge settled for 3rd.

It's always great to see the youth races showing off their future potential and competitiveness, yet again they put in a solid performance. In the Youth 125 Archie Box was able to pinch 1st place with getting in an extra lap than Ben Harvey who put in an impressive performance to make 2nd place and taking the fastest lap of the day. Liam Bartlett was comfortable in 3rd throughout most of the race.



Alfie Webb and Harry Ridgway

Youth 85 SW was a concrete race with Alfie Webb taking 1st, Jamie Turner in 2nd and Thomas Appleyard in 3rd. In Youth 85BW Brett Rowland who's brother of Brad in the Experts was able to conquer 1st place and Harry Allaway 2nd. Last but certainly not least, the Youth 65 had two riders with Harry Ridgway shooting ahead to take 1st place and Kyle Chaplin in 2nd.

All in all it was an awesome race day with some really positive vibes and a great atmosphere. Track n Trail were yet again blessed with abundant sunshine and with the graceful shadow of the trees which took a bit of heat off when needed.

The fun doesn't end just yet though as Track n Trail have another Freeride coming up next Sunday which is dated 29th of June at the Highhammx track. This is a real Old School motocross track with plenty of character which should prove to be a very exciting ride for all levelled riders. For further details of the race, visit Track n Trails website events page on <http://www.trackntrail.co.uk/Highham%20FreeRide.htm>.