

The 1973 SIMMONS CUP TRIAL

Sunday 9th September 1973

Start and finish at the Warren, Star Lane, St. Mary Cray

Present Day Note:

There is no programme in the Sidcup Club archives. Has anyone out there got one?

Many thanks to Richard Whitebread for the loan of the results sheet.

Sidcup's Trials Secretary, **Brian Goldsmith**, wrote about the trial in his October 1973 "Trials Talk" in the Compass.

Trials Talk extended to five pages this month, reporting on the National Clayton Trial in Wales, the Harvest Trial and the Southern Trial. The bit about the Simmons Cup Trial follows.....

On 9th September, the North Kent Trials Combine event took place, and it was the turn of the Sidcup Club to start the ball rolling with the Simmons Cup Trial. This was started from the Warren at St. Mary Cray, in which there were nine sections ridden twice, six in Bourne Wood, five in Calfstock Lane, and three in the Gully.

The ground was very dry and it was quite difficult to find the type of section for a Combine Trial. Even the swamp in the Warren had virtually dried up and where at one time we used to have sections along its edge, we now run right across the middle.

The Simmons attracted an entry of 79 solos and 9 chairs, which for the season's first event was, I think, quite good. I don't think we had any complaints about the trial, in fact many competitors did say how much they had enjoyed it, and we did have a good Steward's Report.

The trial was won by an Erith import, namely **Don Smith**, who informs me is making another come back. Don lost 15 marks, with **Tim Bateup** four behind him, **Barry Burns** (both from Kent & Sussex Club) with 21, and **Dave Randall** (Met. Police) on 26. **John Pattinson** had a good ride and finished in fifth placing, keeping the Gravesend flag flying (if only at half mast).

Messrs **Pascoe** and **Adams** won the sidecar award, and the Erith Club as Sidcup dropped out, sort of won the Team Award.

May I say thank you to everyone who turned up and helped run the Simmons, particularly the observers of which we had just sufficient, also to **Graham Holland** for successfully running his first trial (and not his last, you lucky lad) also to the landowners for the use of the ground on which the trial was run.

Sections were at The Warren (1 to 9), Canada Heights (10 to 14),
Jackson's Gully, (15 to 17), Bourne Wood (18 to 23), back at The Warren (24 to 32)

FINAL RESULTS

Posn.	SOLO		Experts and Novices		
	No.	Rider	Class	Pts.	Award
1	35	Don Smith	Expert	15	Solo Premier
2	48	Tim Bateup	Expert	19	First Class Award
3	25	Barry Burns	Expert	21	First Class Award
4	7	Dave Randall	Expert	26	First Class Award
5	61	John Pattinson	Expert	27	First Class Award
6	51	Chris Dark	Expert	30	First Class Award
7	8	Alan Ketley	Expert	34	First Class Award
8	56	Brian Friend	Expert	40	First Class Award
9	57	J. Plant	Expert	43	Second Class Award
10	5	Roger Thompson	Expert	44	Second Class Award
11	38	Bob Adams	Expert	46	Second Class Award
12	18	A. Grew	Expert	47	Second Class Award
13	62	Howard Beedle	Expert	50	Second Class Award
14	50	Les Matton	Expert	52	
15	34	P. Lecrove	Expert	55	
16	27	M. Rogers	Expert	56	

17	47	R. Thomas	Expert	56	
18	28	D. Joyce	Novice	61	Best Novice
19	31	K. Gillett	Novice	62	Novice Award
20	49	Gordon Davis	Expert	63	
21	39	Reg Dodd	Expert	65	
22	3	C.A. Smith	Novice	69	Novice Award
23	13	P. Stewart	Novice	70	
24	24	J. Douglas	Expert	71	
25	46	B. Mills	Expert	75	
26	30	R. Wilsher	Expert	76	
27	43	Geoff Mitchell	Novice	78	
28	15	S. Towner	Expert	78	
29	16	J. Jeffreys	Novice	78	
30	11	Frank Rider	Expert	79	
31	33	J. Thompson	Expert	80	
32	66	Vic Moyce	Expert	81	
33	78	R. Smith	Novice	81	
34	44	Lou Roberts	Novice	82	
35	55	R. Rance	Novice	83	
36	74	David Plumb	Novice	88	
37	9	Joan Westbrook	Novice	89	
38	70	R. Warwicker	Novice	91	
39	21	K. Reed	Novice	92	
40	52	P. Dark	Novice	92	
41	2	R. Leighton	Novice	93	
42	54	Rod Sopp	Novice	94	
43	77	B. Phipps	Novice	95	
44	26	B. Bartlett	Novice	96	
45	19	S. Welsh	Novice	106	
46	71	Julian Grebby	Expert	109	
47	32	Stan Metcalf	Novice	110	
48	59	W. King	Novice	112	
49	67	B. Jarvis	Novice	115	
50	6	P. Jeffrey	Novice	117	
51	76	C. Spence	Novice	120	
52	72	J. Sharp	Novice	121	
53	1	S. Walkling	Novice	126	
54	63	C. Russell	Novice	128	
55	14	J. Roberts	Novice	134	
56	41	G. Palmer	Novice	128	
57	40	S. Brock	Novice	128	
58	75	E. Philpot	Novice	133	
59	23	K. Morris	Novice	134	
60	53	R. Scowen	Novice	142	
61	60	D. Parsonage	Novice	147	
62	69	D. O'Donovan	Novice	151	
63	29	C. O'Donovan	Novice	153	
64	79	T. Burtonwood	Novice	Retired	
65	37	B. Golden	Expert	Retired	

SIDECARS Experts and Novices

Posn.	No.	Rider	Class	Pts.	Award
1	30	P. Pascoe / A.M. Adams	Expert	40	Sidecar Premier
2	87	John Hall / T. Tidman	Expert	58	First Class Award
3	89	Dennis Etheridge	Expert	65	Second Class Award
4	83	Ron Macbeth	Expert	77	
5	86	M. Hall	Expert	89	
6	84	Nigel Westacott	Expert	115	
7	81	Ray Denyer	Novice	Retired	
8	85	R. Hollinshead	Novice	Retired	
	82	R. Head	Expert	Retired	

NON-STARTERS

John Excell, S. Marks,, Derek Baker, B. Walder, P. Redpath, M. Onslow,

Les Watts, K. Mackney, D. Cuckow, B. Mersh, P. Fanning.

TEAM AWARD		
Number	Erith Club	m.l.
35	Don Smith	15
8	Alan Ketley	34
31	K. Gillett	62
	Total	111

In the October 1973 Compass there was news from the ACU where proposals for introducing a nationwide annual competition licence from 1st January 1974. The rates for a full year were:

International Licence for all sports except trials - £5.50; Trials - £2.75.
National Licence for all sports except trials - £3.30; Trials – £1.65
Restricted (below National) for all sports including Trials - £1.10