

SIDCUP AND DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE CLUB

The SECOND SIMMONS CUP TRIAL

Sunday 9th November 1930

Report in the December 1930 issue of the Sidcup Club Monthly Bulletin

All the Clubs invited to this event sent entries and 45 hopeful riders assembled at the "Lion", Farningham. Nearly 50% were destined not to finish however, on most of the 12 sections.

Calvestock Lane proved a "tit-bit" for the combinations, while the solos found Wisers Lane, The Avenue, Parish Road, Hatch Hill Wood and Burnt Oak Lane real "snoopers", as the boys say.

G.H. Bull (Sydenham M.C.) was unfortunate, damaging his ankle on a jutting tree root, and having to retire on Comority. The delay caused was partly responsible for time being "washed" out in working out the results.

Percentages were lowered to 95%, 90% and 80%.

Results:-

SIMMONS CHALLENGE CUP AND REPLICA

A.D. Jones (OWLS Club)

THE CLUB CUP

D. Wheatley

VISITORS CUP

V.A. Bryant (OWLS Club)

TEAM AWARD

OWLS M.C. Team: A.D. Jones, V.A. Bryant, E.W. Preece

SILVER CUPS

R.J. Holloway, S. Agutter, J. Collins

SILVER MEDALS

C.J. Bond, J.M. West, E.W. Preece, C.B. Catchpole, L. Mitchell.
C.J. Janes, F.S. Sibbald, F.H. Brackpool

BRONZE MEDALS

E.R. Phillips, A.T. Smallwood, V. Beretta, L. Davis

Present Day Note: The **FIRST** Simmons Cup Trial was on 10th November 1929. It started from the "Wings on the Morning" Filling Station, Wrotham Hill. It was the Sidcup Club's first Restricted Trial – previous trials in 1928 and 1929 were for Sidcup Club members only.

An announcement of the trial and an appeal for observers was in the October 1929 Monthly Bulletin, the 4th issue. However, the 5th issue was not until January 1930, and there was no mention or results of the first Simmons Cup Trial. No doubt the trial was discussed at the weekly Club meetings, but it was irresponsible for the Club not to realise that some 90 years later the results were wanted for the Club's website!

In the above report of the 1930 Simmons Cup Trial, Calvestock Lane is now named Calfstock Lane, and is the Byway which starts by the main gate to Canada Heights.

Does anyone know what the last line of the report about percentages mean?