

ACU Ltd Affiliated

MARCH 2014 – NEWSLETTER

Hi All

Well the first round of the 2014 Summer Championship is now behind us and overall it was a successful meeting. It was nice to see many new faces along with the old. We hope to continue the trend in boosting the clubs membership to fill the gates. This year membership is UP, it is something the committee have been working on but most of the credit belongs to you, our members, as most say how nice and friendly the club is and how relaxed the paddock is, so a big pat on the back to you all and lets keep improving the vibe.

TEAM EVENT

We will be entering the 'ACU TEAM EVENT' again this year (our 2nd year) to be held at Blaxhall Pits. We do have a team manager in mind, however he has not been approached so if any members out there fancy putting forward any names please do so before 1st April. All contenders names will be placed in a hat and a name will be drawn. Please call Riona (07912 516729) who will go through any queries/questions you may have before you wish to put names forward as this is a busy but very rewarding task. All nominations are to be emailed secretary@msmxc.co.uk. Also if anyone would like to sponsor this event and have their logos on the team kits please let us know. Last year (our first year) we won the best turn out team award – lets win it again!

MID SUSSEX MCC AND GEST HASTINGS

This year we have held talks with GEST and both clubs have agreed to waiver the day membership. So if you are not a member of GEST you will save £7 (Every little helps ③) Please ensure you have your membership cards and Licences at the signing on table though.

BRAND NEW ACU SOUTH EASTERN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

Look out for the downloadable forms, they will be available shortly, a championship within a championship, another little bonus.

PICK UPS AND TRACK INVADERS

Now for the bit I wish I didn't have to write...

It was blatantly apparent that after this weekend, the pick ups will now have to be set a marshal point to point, to cover on the track and will NOT be able to run around the infield chasing their own rider with total disregard for the other little riders on the track. This is off-putting and unfair to these little guys who are riding their nuts off, but most of all its totally unsafe. Let me give you an example....in one of the auto races, a rider was lying on the start straight and all pick ups were long gone, it was shameful and was left to a 65 riders dad to run from the pegging area to help the young chap.

Also in a Junior race my son flipped it off the gate (thankfully picked up by a 65 dad) but most of the pick ups were running up 'on the track' right in front of him where he then had to play dodgems to get around the first corner. All pick ups need to be aware of all riders. I have a duty of care for all riders on the track and any pick ups seen to be running around after their own rider will be asked to leave the track immediately and will not be allowed back on the track for the rest of the meeting. They will also incur a 1 race meeting ban from being a pick up. Only signed on Orange Mid Sussex Hi Vis pick ups will be allowed on track for pick up duties. This is for the safety of our riders.

All in all 2014 is looking to be another cracker of a season, I wish you all good luck and thank you for your continued support.

Stay Safe

Colin Woodman