



## THURSDAY NIGHT RIDES 2017

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A quick recce of the course pre-ride ruled out the "new bits" of Condors. If this event had been scheduled 24 hours earlier it would have been a total washout. The extreme rain of Wednesday evening just aided the rapid growth of the hazardous blackberry. The decision was made to revert to the old familiar Condors track and avoid the worst of the flesh eating monsters. It's not a good look to attend all the Christmas functions with massive gouges across the extremes, specially if you have been eyeing up the office lady with evil intentions.

So the dozen riders who signed up for this evening emerged relatively unscathed post event. Young gun Jack shot out of the blocks from the get go and was never troubled for his whole four laps. Behind Jack though, it was a different story. Sharn and Warren were engaged in an epic tussle for 2nd slot for three laps, until Sharns Pioneer preparation broke the shackles on lap 4.

Another battle was being fought for fourth fifth and sixth with Peter W. excelling by holding off Matt and Justin. This was Peter's best four laps ever proving that the endurance events he has been riding can also benefit speed.

Justin brought along a new face in the form of Carl. Unfamiliar with the finer points of the Condors track, Carl followed local expert Alana for a familiarisation lap before heading off to chase the rest of the field. He caught Euan and tailed him for laps 2 and 3, then completed a fourth lap alone as Euan was called away on beersness.

Alana was quickest lady but could not get in the groove this evening. She did mention Christmas lunch earlier in the day but I doubt that would have an effect. Ange and Steph completed the ladies field both completing three laps with Steph approaching the finish line from a different direction on each lap. Peter B completed the field on his fat tyres and sporting his usual smile.

And so endeth the year's Thursday rides. The final Enduro is this weekend so Christmas is looming large. Hope you all have a special time and come back next year invigorated with lots of good intentions and goals set. One resolution should be to attend as many Thursdays as possible, we start again on 18th January.

Forgot to mention a couple of things in last Sunday's report on King of the Hill. Firstly and importantly a big thanks to the sponsors of the event, Cycle World. I think everyone received a spot prize so a bunch of happy riders. The winners did not receive their trophies because last years winners are hanging on to them. Could Josh and Liv please pass them on to Jeremy and Alana, you can have them back next year if you train hard.

See you all next year.

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