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MOUNTAIN BIKE XC Interclub Series

Round 2 Race Report – Albury (Nail Can Hill) – 29/6/08

The hills of Nail Can were well and truly alive today as they played host to the second round of the RAMBO (Riverina, Alpine Mountain Bike Open) Interclub Series. The Interclub series is a competition between Albury/ Wodonga, Beechworth, Mt beauty and Wagga Wagga. At each race riders gain both Team and Individual points for the series. 77 riders from all clubs turned up to this event which was not only the largest of the series so far, but those 77 provided the closest racing the region has seen for a long time. Albury/Wodonga extended their overall lead with the club series points. They now have 148 points followed by Mt Beauty 121, Wagga 75 and Beechworth 36.

Race organizer Danny King said “Its great to have so many riders turn up today. Mountain biking is one of if not the fastest growing sports around and its great to see riders of all abilities turn up and support this event.”

Team Mt Beauty’s Neil Van Der Ploeg and Kim McCormack won the open men’s and womens race respectively. Kim had a comfortable victory but Neil had to scrap all the way with Albury rider Damien Gillard and fellow Team Mt Beauty rider Mark McDougall. Damien stuck like glue to Neil for the first 3 laps before Neil made a fearless assault on the descent, gapping Gillard and then staying away for the rest of the race.

In the Junior event Mt Beauty rider Phillip Bellingham gapped Alburys Sean Maloney on the first lap and was able to hang on for the win. Sean was eventually involved in a 3 way sprint for the line with Sam Giltrap and Scott Simpson. Sean held them off with Sam rounding out the positions.

Ann Schilg and Matt Lees, both from Albury had good wins in the U16 category. Ann held off Katrina Rose and Stephanie Tracey (Both of Albury) to win comfortably. Matt had a bit more of a fight on his hands with another Albury rider Mathew Frost, Eventually winning by only 15 seconds with Jeremy Scott (Wagga) third.

In other results Alburys Greg Boyall held off Barry McCormack (Mt Beauty) and Burnie McArdle (Mt Beauty) for a win in the masters men division, Alburys Jeanette McLaren comfortably accounted for Leonie Lewis (Albury) and Ronice Goebel (Albury) with a win the masters women. The Veteran Male category was convincingly won by Mt Beauty rider Jeremy Childs with Wayne Hildred (Mt Beauty) and Marcus Richardson (Albury) rounding out the places. Single Speed category was won by Bjorn Hancox (Beechworth) followed by Terry Richardson (Albury) and Jukka Pirkola (Beechworth). Sport Male 1st place was Josh Thompson (Beechworth) Followed by Luke Barlow (Albury) and Dean White (Beechworth)

In the end I think everyone had a good time except for single speed Bjorn who just wanted a bit more value and to some more laps. That’s fair enough I thought. It’s a great course, why wouldn’t he want to do more laps ☺



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The next round of the series will be held in Wagga on the 20th of July. For more information log onto www.mtbwagga.asn.au

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