

Eastern Centre Grass Track Sub Committee Report for 2019.

This year the centre as a whole we held 7 grass track meetings. 5 was run by GW Racing at Gosbeck, Iken and Henley. Southend ran the Donut Meeting in August and the 500cc Sidecar Association ran for the 2nd year running at Hylands House the British Championships.

GW Racing held five meetings during the season and also ran the Eastern Centre One Day Championships at Gosbeck.

Onto the Eastern Centre One Day Championships which was held in June and the weather was not kind to the organisers it had wet weather over the Friday evening and into Saturday morning and it was touch and go if the meeting would get off the ground, eventually practice started on a very slippery surface with many riders pulling out due to the conditions however the club deserves a pat on the back for sticking to their guns and running the event, the racing got better with smaller field than expected but the Centre Championships was run.

So the winners that will received the Centre Championships Trophies at the Centre Function in February 2020 are as follows.

250 Solo Winner was Carl Hard

500 Solo Winner was Harvey Mutten

Uprights Solo Winner was John Yeldham

GT 140 Solo Winner was Alex Ketteringham

1000cc R/H Sidecar Winners was Colin Blackburn/Carl Pugh

The 350 cc and 500cc Sidecar Trophies was not contested so will not be presented.

GW Racing then made their annual trip to Iken in Suffolk in July and on a new field the track was lot of grass and a smallest track but it went very well with a good turnout of riders. Then the club then went to Henley in August for a first ever event and at the request from the landowner it was for a Solo only meeting first the set up was pits one field the track the next field and the public parked in another field on a very hot day with some brilliant races and a very good response from the landowner. The other meetings also went well at Gosbeck with some good races and reasonable entries.

Southend ran in August for their annual Donut Meeting at Latchingdon they had a reasonable entry and just as practice started we had a rain showers that lasted throughout the session, after that the weather brighten up and we had some good races also several spills which resulted in some delays to the programme, we finished with 12 riders would go around till the last rider on each lap would be black flagged off the track until the last rider completes the last lap. All riders receives a pack of 5 donuts and the winners then get some more donuts and trophies.

The 500cc Sidecar Association was eventually awarded the British Championships for the 2nd time on the trot at the Superb Hylands House track, they did a wonderful job in setting it up and when I visited it before the meeting to check on everything. Overall the day was a brilliant meeting with the track looking in tip top condition and with some top class racing with a reasonable crowd.

Sadly the Norwich New Stars had to shelve their planned meeting in September but held a training/fun day instead, so hopefully they will return to run a meeting in 2020.

Dusty Miller Trophy the committee had an email about this award and the winner was awarded to Archie Rolph for going to his British Championships down in Roche Cornwall where he was crowned British Champion so the committee decided to award him the trophy for this outstanding achievement.

Centre Shield the committee discussed this over email and the Centre Shield was awarded to 500cc Sidecar Association for the British Championships held at Hylands House where the club did a marvellous job with the track and the circuit looked superb for the second year running.

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