

# JOE BROWN MAJOR TRIAL RESULTS

## APRIL 27, 2014

Originally called the Major Trial and for experts only, this event dates back to 1937. No one dominated the Major Trial more than member Martin Spriggs who won it ten times. The original trophy was the Doug Whittier trophy, reconstructed by Martin, and is now used for the Expert Trials series. The event was renamed in memory of former member Joe Brown (deceased) who was a keen competitor and supporter of the VMC. A new trophy is now used for this event.

The Annual VMC Joe Brown Major Trial was held on April 27th at the ISTC property in West Shawnigan Lake. The popular format of running vintage bikes only on Saturday was used again this year, and was blessed with amazing weather!

A great turnout of 9 local vintage riders showed up to challenge the super technical sections that were setup by a large team of helpers that included Rick Kool, Jim Laing, Riley Ferguson, Brandon Volk, Micaela and Steve Fracy. There were some notable entrants worth mentioning. It was great to see the three young guys, Brandon, Riley and Liam all ride their very first vintage trial! They all rode well and had a blast! Special congrats to Riley Ferguson who borrowed an extra TY 250 that Dave Bissenden brought with him to the trial. His ride was mentionable having never ridden or seen the bike before the event and with no warmup or practice, placed 2nd in the Vintage B class!

The highlight of the day for most of us was the inspired riding of longtime member Gary Nordstrom! Not only did Gary have an amazing ride losing only 10pts (even bettering the top Junior score who rode the exact same lines on Sun), he shared some amazing stories with all of us! Gary was of course riding his trusty TY that he, in fact, bought from Joe Brown. The stories of Gary and Roger Boothroyd competing in the very first FIM World Trial in Calgary in which Gary was the top finishing Canadian rider, we're amazing and only solidify the great history that VMC trials riders hold in our sport!

In the Vintage A class, a great battle took place for 2nd place between Dave Bissenden and John "Jonny Walker" Clement. In the end, some great rides by John helped him squeak out the win over Dave!

After brilliant weather Saturday, overnight rain greeted all the Sunday riders with very slippery conditions. Although the day didn't look too promising to start with, it ended up being a pretty nice day in the end. There was some great battles in all the classes.

In the Junior class, young Nik Ferguson once again came out with the win, edging out Liam Donaldson and Eddie Graham. The Intermediate class was won handily by Owen Stearns-Smith. The biggest class of the day was Sr. Intermediate. Ernie Ferguson edged out Kevin "traction master" Couves and Andrew Twamley for the win.

The Sportsman class was also very competitive. Jeremy McChesney just edged out Neil Cottier by 3pts for the win, with young Brandon Volk rounding out the top three.

There were four riders in the tough Expert class. With absence of club Champion Thomas Cordner, Andrew Watson was in a class of his own handily taking the win!

A total of 34 riders attended this year's event! A big thank you to everyone who helped out and especially Lorraine and Micaela Fracy who handled all the sign up and results. Thanks to everyone who came to ride, we hope you had fun!

**Vintage B:**

1st- Gary Nordstrom Yam - 10pts  
2nd- Riley Ferguson Yam - 29pts  
3rd- Brandon Volk Hon - 43pts  
4th- Brad Adams Yam - 48pts  
5th- Liam Donaldson. Hon - 69pts

**Vintage A:**

1st- Steve Fracy. Fantic - 13pts  
2nd- John Clement. Fantic - 50 pts  
3rd- Dave Bissenden. Yam - 53pts  
4th- Burke Petrofski. Yam - 67pts

**Junior:**

1st- Nik Ferguson. GG - 11pts  
2nd- Liam Donaldson. GG- 18 pts  
3rd- Eddie Graham. GG - 19pts  
4th- Don Cameron. Ossa - 46 pts

**Intermediate:**

1st- Owen Stearns. GG - 46pts  
2nd- Ben Cox. GG - 59 pts  
3rd- Rick Kool. Mon - 92 pts

**Sr. Intermediate:**

1st- Ernie Ferguson. GG - 14pts  
2nd- Kevin Couves. GG - 20 pts  
3rd- Andrew Twamley. GG - 22 pts  
4th- John Clement. GG - 39 pts  
5th- Andrew Graham. GG - 55 pts  
6th- Sean Millard. GG - 80 pts  
DNF- Hugh Williams

**Sportsman:**

1st- Jeremy McChesney GG - 53 pts  
2nd- Neil Cottier. Beta - 56 pts  
3rd- Brandon Volk. GG - 63 pts  
4th- Aaron Fisher. Mon - 89 pts  
5th- Riley Ferguson. GG - 93 pts  
6th- Dallan Salmon. GG - 142pts

**Expert:**

1st- Andrew Watson. GG - 46 pts  
2nd- Steve Fracy. Beta - 73 pts  
3rd- Rhys Hathaway. GG - 89 (4 cleans)  
4th- Dave Fracy. Ossa - 89 (1 clean)