

Sunday May 6th 2018 saw the third round of the 2018 CHAIN REACTION CYCLES WA Gravity Enduro Series at the Goat Farm Mountain Bike Park in Greenmount in conjunction with the MTBA WA Gravity Enduro State Championships and it was a ripper for spectators and competitors.



Giant Whippets U13 enjoying a great day out at the Goat Farm

Saturday practice saw about 150 competitors checking out the 7-stage course testing race lines, checking jumps and enjoying the sunshine during the official 3-hour practice window. We expected a few minor abrasions as the Goat Farm's unforgiving natural terrain punishes anyone who doesn't keep it rubber-side-down. Although we welcomed the cooler low 20°C's, the course was still dry and sapped energy of our competitors while we added the final touches to more than 8km's of course bunting and over 20 signs.

Giant Whippets Under 13's continues its strong representation with more than 20 competitors awaiting race briefing Sunday morning. The weather turned, and a few overnight showers and morning drizzle was a welcome sight to keep the dust down and make for some faster trails.

Once again, Mark from Rock n Roll Mountain Biking watched over the field as they descended firstly down Stage 5 Dugite before making the climb again for complete Stage 7 Pulmonary Embolism. We were very excited to see another new face for the Female Whippets in 2018 with Megan Smith taking the honor with an excellent time of 7:01.98. For the Male Whippets, 3rd place Kirby Roach (5:27.41) did an excellent job trying to keep up the cracking pace of 2nd place Angus Nichols with a 5:21.02 and 1st place Harper O'Donnell who is proving a force to be reckoned with a 5:16.07 winning both stages comfortably.



Harper O'Donnell finishing off Stage 7

With the Whippets back and presentations complete, it was almost time for the main event race briefing.

Learning from the challenges of Linga Longa having 7 stages on offer but only 6 stages of timing equipment, we added a 7th timing stage to our Sportident arsenal to ensure free-flowing enduro racing for the day. This went a long way to stretching out queues and making things much easier for our valued marshals.

As usual, we try and make the course a little more demanding for competitors at the top of the table while trying to ensure the course is completed in a 3 hour window (while planning for the unknown). We prepared a 6 stage course for the Female Elite, Male Expert, Male masters and Male U19 and a 7 stage course for the Male Elite. All other competitors remained challenged on a large 5 stage course taking in many of the exciting trail features that the Goat Farm has to offer.



Competitors checking out Rex Dubois' 'A' line on Stage 4

So, onto the 7 stages on offer for Round 3 of the Chain Reaction Cycles WA Gravity Enduro Series at the Goat Farm...

Stage 1 – The Goat's Backside

A staple stage of the Goat Farm, this fast and flowing stage was attacked by many competitors taking in the favourite rock-garden 'Bouldertron.' Jimmy PRITCHARD posted the fastest overall time with a 2:25.94 closely followed by Roly KYME with a 2:27.32.

Stage 2 – Bacon & Eggs

One of the longest stages of the day at 1.2km, this Stage also boasted one of the most difficult A/B lines 'Huck Norris' which as suggested, is a feature requiring skill and bravery as competitors drop down approximately 2m vertically and 4m horizontally on the A line to set themselves up for a long flat ride before the finish.



Taking the 'B' line is the wisest choice for most of the field



Blake PEARCE styling the 'A' line

Stage 3 – SPD Frank's Revenge

The longest Stage of the day at 1.3km and taking in the 'Rock Temple' rock garden, competitors fly down to join side-by-side with Stage 5 on the fire road before heading down the old favourite A-Kline. Ryan DOUGLAS posted the fastest time for the Male Expert with a 2:44.54.

Stage 4 – The Prospector

Interestingly, Devin's Descent into Madness at Linga Longa (Stage 4) and Devin's Drop at the Goat Farm (Stage 4) must mean that Devin has something to prove on Stage 4...and low-and-behold, Devin STAFFORD posted the fastest time for the Male Masters 40-49 with a 2:12.70, pipping Dave STEPHENS at the post by 0.08 seconds.

Stage 5 – Dugite

For the jumpers and the spectators, Dugite features a huge tabletop jump 1/3 down the trail and is backed up by an even larger 'Dugite Sender' towards the end of the Stage. 'Dugite Sender' claimed some victims in 2017 so we were pleased to see this area was relatively incident-free in 2018, especially with every competitors required to complete Stage 5 for their overall time. Timothy CHESTER posted a 2:08.52 for the Male Sport, clear of Ben RANSLEY by 1.4 seconds.



Head's up! We love incorporating natural trail features

Stage 6 – Washed Up Downhiller

Incorporating one of the toughest rock-gardens on course before descending in to the old 4x track, Stage 6 is another challenging stage with plenty of rocks shaped like axe-heads to ensure you stay upright as long as possible. For the Female Elite, Tanya BAILEY is showing her dominance with a 1:43.71, more than 3 seconds clear of young-gun Lily GREVETT, and for the Female Sport, Catherine SLOAN posted a 2:07.55 – more than 8 seconds clear of Jessie OVENDEN.



U19 Cody CUNNOLD making it all look too easy

Stage 7 – Pulmonary Embolism

Aptly named to remind the Male Elite that 7 stages in 3 hours will lead to a shortness of breath, this 1.2km stage wraps up a massive course at the Goat Farm as competitors rip back and forth along the slope before descending into the fun at the Skills Park for a flying finish near the race village. Luke BRUNT for the Male U17 posted his category win with a 2:43.08 – clear of Gus KYME by 0.24 seconds, and it was great to see pro-photographer Sean LEE take it out for the Male Expert with a 2:30.42.



Sam RUBERY on his way to 2nd place for the Male Elite



Jen ROUGHTON ready to Rock'n'Roll down Stage 5



It wasn't all easy street as the early rains had little impact on some trail sections



Photo credit: Sam Loder



Keeping the competitors honest with some steep pushups to the heavens above





Queues were kept to a minimum for most of the day with 7 stages open to spread out the field



Jimmy PRITCHARD on his way to 3rd for the Male Elite



Cadel ADAMS on his way to 8th place for the Male U19



Congratulations to everyone that took part
and well done to our podium placers!



And once racing was complete, competitors poured over their results sharing stories of the day and enjoying some delicious food thanks to Rock'n'Roll Mountain Biking

MALE EXPERT

1st	Ryan Douglas	14:02.8
2nd	Aaron Kanters	14:14.7
3rd	Mike Ball	14:26.1

**MALE U15**

1st	Nicholas Regan	11:54.8
2nd	Tom Rubery	11:54.9
3rd	Cody Morgan	12:16.3

**MALE U17**

1st	Gus Kyme	11:58.1
2nd	Matthew Robinson	12:12.4
3rd	Cambell Lyne	12:15.8

**FEMALE U15**

1st	Emma Smith	14:14.8
2nd	Sophie Taylor	15:32.3

**FEMALE U17**

1st	Jennifer Roughton	14:04.2
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**MALE GRAND MASTERS 60+**

1st	Kevin Stafford	14:21.6
2nd	Ron Wettstein	14:27.5
3rd	Graham Dixon	14:38.4

**MALE SUPER MASTERS 50-59**

1st	Ian Daniel	12:33.5
2nd	Tim Roach	12:58.7
3rd	Mike Pardon	13:06.0

**FEMALE SUPER MASTERS 50+**

1st	Cas Ryan	17:22.3
2nd	Carol Willcocks-Daniel	18:52.2

**FEMALE MASTERS 40-49**

1st	Sandra Connor	15:53.2
2nd	Belinda Mcentee	16:30.5

**MALE U19**

1st	Jesse Morgan	13:26.0
2nd	Tate Mcbroom	13:28.8
3rd	Jaxon Sawyer	13:48.0

**MALE MASTERS 40-49**

1st	Dave Stephens	13:32.8
2nd	Devin Stafford	13:36.7
3rd	Paul McEntee	14:53.9

**MALE SPORT 19-39**

1st	Bryn Green	12:02.2
2nd	Ben Ransley	12:04.4
3rd	Jamie Wood	12:15.4

**FEMALE SPORT 19-39**

1st	Catherine Sloan	15:55.4
2nd	Jessie Ovenden	17:10.5
3rd	Heather Fraser	17:58.8

**FEMALE ELITE**

1st	Tanya Bailey	15:44.6
2nd	Lily Grevett	16:46.7
3rd	Heidi Strickland	17:15.4

**MALE ELITE**

1st	Todd Madsen	15:25.2
2nd	Sam Rubery	15:36.3
3rd	Jimmy Pritchard	15:43.7

Huge thanks once again to our amazing marshals – we could not have run a safe, fun and fair race without you! Cheers Amy, Russ, Adam, Terry, Frank, Lynn, Mark, Margaret, Joel, Neil and Luke! They gave up their time to stand out in some average weather conditions to look after all competitors and ensure a safe and fair race.

We were once again pleased to donate \$2,160 to Rock'n'Roll Mountain Biking who in turn prepared a hearty mouth-watering lunch perfect for the coolers day, and we are once again happy to donate \$500 to the Goat Farm to assist with ongoing maintenance.

Huge thanks to our bunters and course designers – Dave, Toby, Frank, Jono and Rhys and another huge thanks to our debunting team who earned themselves some sweet discounts for future races.

In total, WA Gravity Enduro was thrilled to share more than \$5,400 in cash, prizes and donations as a part of Round 3 of the Chain Reaction Cycles WA Gravity Enduro Series at the Goat Farm!

Thank you to the St John Paramedics who did a fantastic job looking after our riding wounded with professionalism as always.



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