

## **IMBIL CTR 15/16 July 2017 Ride Report and Scores**

The Eastern sky lights up with a flash of lightning, there is a slight drizzle of misty rain and in the distant we hear a rumble of thunder to the South East . It's 4.30 Sunday morning on 16 July and I'm standing next to the Stirling Crossing Endurance facility looking eastward. 4 hours to go to the start of IMBIL CTR 17 and I will admit to a slight sense of nervousness that it is going to be a very long wet windy day. After nearly 50 hours of trail recon, marking, 1200 kms of highway and bush driving, the track is ready, the judge points are ready, we've got 39 riders ready and now it's all up to the weather. In the end it couldn't have been a more beautiful Queensland day weather wise. Clear blue skies and a cool breeze. Perfect CTR weather.

I'd decided to try a slightly different format to previous SCATER CTRs, this time I'd be offering a double loop ride both of 10k. Breaking more SCATER traditions I'd used other than Pink Ribbon to mark the second loop. (As a member rightly pointed out after my ride brief, I will agree Orange & Green are not one colour J) Riders were required to return to the ride base after 10k. then venture out again for another ten. The majority of Judge points were completed within the ride base prior to departure or after completion of the first loop. My goal was to try and balance the management of the Judge points /Judges so we can get the JP results into the Ride Secretary without causing too much delay in announcing the ride results. I can see pluses and minuses with this type of format however with some tweaking I believe the format was successful and could be considered in the future.

Back in March 17 we'd approached Matthew Sample at Stirling Crossing Endurance who offered very generously his support to host our club allowing full access to his world class facility. It's not very often that each camp site has their own high pressure water point, the ride secretary has an air conditioned office & the Campers have access to a Resort style heated toilet and shower complex with only a 5 minute safe ride to the Imbil forest . Starting with such a great foundation we were off to a good start.

Judge points were a combination of old and new.

Both The Red and Green box ( Step Up- Dismounted /Mounted) made their first appearance at a CTR – my inspiration came from Barry's Horsemanship clinic – from the comments of many riders it will hopefully be their last - yes they were difficult however not impossible as two riders completed the task requested. The dismounted lead /mount, walk & trot was given a slight twist with spare hand carrying a bag of sawdust. This gave the rider something else to think about while completing the JP .

Teeter Totter - made a repeat appearance from Red Road CTR 17 and The Judge Point Day to the delight of most . It doesn't seem to have the awe that it previously had.

After a quick side pass to the right it was off on the first 10k- down the Race - thankfully only one rider went the wrong way .

As best as we could at Imbil – I'd tried to stay out of the high country and the going was good under hoof. Some riders were distracted by the beauty of the forest, the sound of bell/whip birds that they may have missed a turn or two however most completed the first loop in the required time.

On the way out it was across the Zebra Bridge with Michael /Ron to be greeted by Keith /Jude on the way home at Stirling Crossing with a swag carry over the Yabba Creek crossing then back to the Ride base to complete the final 4 Judge Points.

It was great to have Chrissy judging the Shamrock ride over the tarp around the drums.

After a very late withdrawal of a Judge, Hillary thankfully covered the V Rein back .

Finally we brought back the Roundabout from Imbil 2016 to finish off the judge points for the day. My personal view is the last 10k was the pick of the ride with a combination of native /hoop pine forest under a full tree covered canopy and kind under hoof.

Most riders judged their ride times well with no time penalties. Under this changed format several riders decided the first 10k was enough for the day and withdrew on vet out. 35 riders completing the ride safely.

CTRs require many folk to make them work. My thanks to the SCATER Committee in particular Debbie, Brendan and Carmel for their assistance with preparation, Michele and Shannon at Horse Health, the various TPR Stewards, Judge Point Judges, Pencillers and a special thanks to Georgie and Simone who ably ran the Ride Secretaries office for the ride. Catering by Sandy and the BBQ Wranglers Roz and Mick made sure we didn't go home hungry.

Finally a big thank you to Matt Sample for the use of the Stirling Cross Endurance Facility. While I'm handing out thanks another goes to the SCATER members and guests who left the place as we found it. It was noticed and complimented on. Most importantly personally a huge big shout out and acknowledgement to Rose my wife for her assistance with everything with the set up and running at her first CTR.

Thanks all and we hope to see you at Wamuran in August.

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IMBIL CTR 17

## **IMBIL CTR PLACEGETTERS AND SCORES**

### **JUNIOR:**

1ST - BRIANNA PENNY 423  
2ND - JAMEIRA KNIGHT 351  
3RD - MARYANNE EDER - 330

### **NOVICE:**

1ST - KYM HOOLIHAN 455  
2ND - TRACEY GLAVAS 431  
3RD - BARBARA CLACK 421

### **SUBSEQUENT SCORES:**

403, 371, 357. 325, 302, 301

### **OPEN:**

1ST - BARRY HUMPHREYS 436  
2ND - SANDY BINNERTS 393  
3RD - CARMEL PENNY 379

SUBSEQUENT SCORES:

375, 279

375 (WDL)

**TEAMS:**

1ST - JADE MCKINVEN & SERENA BRON - 433

2ND - SARAH LOVE & MIA BEZONI - 411

3RD - GLENDA HARTLEY & ANNIE NOLAN - 401.5

SUBSEQUENT SCORES:

391, 384, 369, 356.5

452 (VO), 356 (VO)

*ALL TRAINING RIDERS ISSUED WITH INDIVIDUAL SCORE SHEETS*