

## **Lawrenceville March 17, 2019**

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CVOTC opened the 2019 season at Lawrenceville, VA with the seasoned Gary Heyer, Trials Master hosting an outstanding day. Weather was just about perfect as it warmed up to a sunny 53-degrees. The weeks leading up to the event were marked by epic rainfall amounts, swollen rivers and slippery conditions however the several sunny days leading up to the event saw the ground firm up and provide some excellent traction...for those that waited for it.

Eight sections were ridden four times for a total of 32-sections. Five of the sections included moss covered rocks in a fast-moving creek. Sections were on the easy side for all classes; scores were relatively low and there were a few tie breakers based on cleans and ones. Consistency paid off in the end. Everyone was able to finish by the designate 4PM cut-off time; no one looked too fatigued.

Twenty-eight (28) riders competed and a few folks were riding Exhibition and schooling their new bikes. There was a wonderful range of rider age and we had some of our future Youth stars riding some closely supervised Novice lines; riders ranged from 7 to 70+. CVOTC saw many new members join in the fun as well as some faces from the past; once you've been bitten by the trials bug, you're in it for life!

A word about club spirit: Gary Heyer noted that in the weeks leading up to the event he was very appreciative of the many members that showed up to groom sections and the loop. Dave Webster, Competition Director, debuted the club's new poly-coated, reusable gate cards. Riders went out after the 4PM end-time and retrieved gate markers making the Trials Master's clean-up job a whole lot easier. Throughout the day it was common to see friendly competition, mentoring and coaching that CVOTC is known to provide. It seems to me that riders in our club compete against themselves first always trying to do better than they've done before and secondly against other club members. For all of the challenges life throws at us...we get to ride on Sundays!

### **RESULTS:**

#### **EXPERT**

Jeff Hensley 8

Dave Webster 15

Justin Huffman 107

#### **ADVANCED**

Joe Palrang 11

Mark Barnette 12

Allan Hensley 30

David Lawson 38

Tommy Francis 50

#### **SPORTSMAN**

Josh Hendricks 17  
Jim Ellis 23 (19 cleans)  
John Hendricks 23 (17 cleans)  
Chris Buzzelli 25  
Joe Walters 38

### **VINTAGE SPORTSMAN**

Greg Hales 8

### **INTERMEDIATE**

Jim Carey 7  
Berndie Lunsford 14 (23 cleans and 7 ones)  
Rusty Lacy 14 (23 cleans and 6 ones)  
Kevin Hobbs 19  
Conner Yuckel 21  
Jason Kinsey 27  
Frank Wolf 29  
Mark Redbond 32

### **VINTAGE INTERMEDIATE**

Rick Schill 9  
Scott Porter 25

### **NOVICE**

David Snapp 18  
Brennon Shepard 46