

In tropical-like conditions, Manchester 17 held its second round of the club championship at the well-known beauty spot of Haslins.

Star of the day in the Expert class was Mike Roberts with a winner's score of one and now in an almost unassailable position in the club championship, with a maximum of 40 points bagged after the first two rounds, ahead of Dan Greatorex in second place with 32 points.

The Novice class is more or less a rerun of the expert class with Paul Scottney winning his class in the trial on a score of five for the middle route, and a similarly unassailable maximum points score for the first two rounds. The 'David Bailey' of the trial's world Andrew Stewart now lies second in the club championship with one round to go, on a score of 32.

The 0/40 club championship on the middle route is not as clear cut, but it looks like last year's winner Adrian Bellis is favourite to win, taking a total of 37 points from the first two rounds. Adrian Mellor and the near-pensioner Henry Rosenthal are now tying in second place with 26 points. However, winning the middle route of today's trial, with a very impressive no marks lost, was 0/40 Stoke-on-Trent's Carl Machin and Sheffield's Youth A rider Reece Morewood.

Surprisingly, no Intermediate club members entered round one (perhaps the gale force conditions put them off?!) but today, with the sun shining, they appeared. Liam Robinson duly collected maximum points, just ahead of (no relation) Iain Robinson.

An extra Beginner's route with a dead easy status was put on, with Chris Cocking on clean, followed by Gary Farnell on a score of one.

Hard route

Mike Roberts 1
Daniel Greatorex 2
Liam Robinson 7
Danial Turnock 8
Simon Hiscock 11

Middle Route

Carl Machin 0
Reece Morewood 0
Adrian Bellis 1
Paul Mills 3
Adrian Mellor 3

Easy Route

Chris Cocking 0
Gary Farnell 1
Julian Taylor 5
Ian Dommett 5
Alex Jones 7