

## NORTH KENT TRIALS COMBINE MEETING HELD 15th July 2010

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**Clubs Present:** Bexleyheath, Double Five, Erith, Kent & Sussex, and Owls.  
(5 clubs with 6 delegates present)

**Chair:** Colin Mote                      **Secretary:** Steve Westley

**Apologies for absence:** from Dick Dickenson were accepted

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Accepted without change

**Matters arising from those minutes:** None

**Jun 13th Erith Round 4:** This took place at Horsmonden with Colin Mote as the Clerk of the Course and the Stewards report was read out, sections laid out to our combine standard and it was well organised and enjoyed by all spoken to, well done Erith club. Comment from those present agreed that it was an excellent course which needed accuracy in places. There was an issue with the Inter B and Expert B riding numbers which were the wrong background colour and the B was noted as being too small – it gave some observers a bit of a problem.

Clubs please note that Inter B should be a red background with a large black B next to the number and Expert B should be a blue background with a large black B next to the number – the reason for this is that Inter B ride on the red route until they reach a section noted 'Inter B ride Blue' when they will ride entirely on the blue route, and Expert B ride on the blue route until they reach a section noted 'Expert B ride White' when they will ride entirely on the White route. Clubs do not have to set out sections for the 'B' riders if the terrain is too difficult to get safe sections, and they will ride entirely on the route colour of their number card. Rules 40, 40b, 43 and 47 refer to this. Observers have a problem if the wrong colour is used.

Discussion on how we might improve the identification of the 'B' riders to the observers – try out a fluorescent green or other distinctive colour sticker.

**July 11th Double Five Round 5:** This took place at Chads farm, Ridley with Dave Plumb as the Clerk of the Course and the Stewards report was read out it being a very good trial, no problems. Comment from those present agreed that it was a good event. The club had laid out a sportsman route to try and get some of the B&W riders to come to NKTC events and to see what level the red route is set to. The aim is to increase the numbers in the Novice class. The Sportsman class was the largest on Sunday and discussion took place about introducing a Sportsman Championship at certain venues that allow it, 4 venues could be used for 2011, propose this for AGM in Oct.

**August 8th Owls Round 6:** confirmed all ok to run event at Sevenoaks Weald, Double Five to provide the NKTC Steward.

**Sept 12th Bexleyheath Round 7.** Confirmed ok at Burwash, Owls to provide Steward.

**Any other urgent business:** Trophies handed out at Double Five Trial – riders made aware that they need to return them after the Dec 2010 event asap to any Committee members.

Southend Motorcycle Club (SMC) had applied to affiliate to the SE Centre and as they met the criteria in ACU Handbook, this had been approved at Centre Management meeting but at the National Council meeting, ACU Directors asked for contact with Eastern Centre first, although they (ACU Directors) had meetings years ago and were aware this was likely to happen. The SMC if approved, had indicated their wish to be part of the NKTC and this was approved unanimously, Secretary to write to confirm requirements. *Note contact on hold until approval at Rugby confirmed.*

Due to low numbers attending and holidays there is no August NKTC meeting.

**Date of next meeting is** 16th Sept 2010 at 8:30pm Meeting closed 22:15pm

Agenda for the NKTC meeting on Sept 16th 2010

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes & Matters Arising from last meeting
3. Aug 8th Owls Round 6
4. Sep 12th Bexleyheath Round 7
5. Oct 10th Kent & Sussex Round 8
6. Nov 7th Sidcup Round 9
7. NKTC AGM 14th October 2010
8. SE Trials Combine AGM Wednesday 20th October 2010
9. SE Trials Clerk of Course Seminar Saturday 23rd October 2010
10. Inter Centre Team Trial 15th August 2010
11. The Kent Trial – National at Cowden 25/26th September 2010
12. Any other urgent business
13. Next meeting Oct 14th & AGM