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## **YOUTH PREVAILS - BUT DON'T WRITE OFF THE OLDIES**

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The 27<sup>th</sup> annual Trackmasters meeting staged at the Barleigh Ranch Raceway over the weekend (April 9 and 10) saw youth prevail in the main 2-wheel classes, but there was a strong message – do not write off the oldies yet!

Seventeen year old North Brisbane rider Jarred Brook was the star of the meeting winning the finals of all three classes he contested.

None of those final wins came easy, nor did Brook have it easy winning eight of his nine heat races across the three classes, in many of them he was made work hard.

Young or old, no quarter was given as fiercely competitive racing on both days excited a good-sized crowd and it augers well for the Australian Senior Dirt Track Championship meeting which will be staged at the venue in August.

Strangely in the Pro 250s Brook was the oldest rider on the rostrum after he led home two 16-year-olds – Sam Davies of Kempsey who was an Australian Junior champion last year and Boyd Hollis of Kurri Kurri, who was contesting his first meeting as a senior.

In the premier Pro 450 class it was again Brook, but only after a titanic 'young versus old' battle as he got the better of Paul Caslick, the super fit 48 year old 'veteran', teenager Hollis and the Over 35s winner Tony Thomas.

Caslick, who was quick to acknowledge the talents of the teenagers, also quipped that "there is some life in us old boys yet".

The Pro Open class reproduced the Pro 450 top three, this time with Gunnedah rider Jordan Dall an impressive fourth.

The Over 35s racing saw Thomas and Caslick provided a close battle in each round, with Thomas coming out on top overall as Caslick did not finish in one round relegating him to third overall behind Anthony Dall.

Darren Saxon added to the success of local riders winning the Evolution class, but there would still be riders finishing outside the placegetters who would be well satisfied with their efforts given the improved quality of the line-up compared to recent Trackmasters meetings.

Both the Dirt Track Sidecars and the ATVs had standout performers – Rod O’Meley and passenger Beau Stangl on three wheels and long distance traveler Mal Brandle from Adelaide on four wheels. Both won all their races, but there was still plenty of close action for the minor placings.

The junior racing again turned on its share of excitement over the weekend and showed that the future of the sport looks to be in good hands as these youngsters make their way through the age groups.

The older juniors are no doubt buoyed by seeing some of their opponents from last year making such a huge impact upon their elevation in to the senior ranks.

Hunter region rider Billy van Eerde was the standout in the juniors winning three classes, while Kurri Kurri club member Cameron Dunker was a dual winner.

Others to win classes were another Kurri duo Carter Thompson and Luke Bush, Taree’s Jack Hyde and two interstaters Harrison Voight from the Gold Coast and Zane Kinna from the Victorian Harley club.,

Hunter Motor Cycle Club spokesman Keith Davies was well pleased with the meeting saying that feedback from the fans was very positive.

“It was also pleasing to hear the riders praise the track. A lot of effort has been put in to the track over the past few years to get it how it is’ said Davies.

“It is certainly shaping up well for the Australian Championship meeting in August.”

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