

# BETHEL SUPERCROSS BMX

## 2023 AWARDS BANQUET

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***1982-2023***

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Bethel Supercross BMX has held bicycle motocross races in Bethel for 41 years. The track is located in Mitchell Park on Old Hawleyville Road in Bethel, CT. Bethel Supercross BMX, Inc. is sanctioned by USA BMX and operates as a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation.

Our track is run and staffed entirely by volunteers. Without the support of all of the volunteers, parents and local businesses, as well as the Town of Bethel, the track would not function as smoothly as it does.



New volunteers are always welcome!

We need a lot of volunteers - and those with different skillsets and contacts are vital to helping improve and maintain the track, assist during races, and promote BMX racing throughout the area. Your unique abilities can be put to use right away— and the reward to you will be the satisfaction of knowing that you are making it possible for children in our area to enjoy a great family sport.

For more information call Don Olson at 203-744-7962.

# RIDER OF THE YEAR

## MATTHEW HORJATSCHUN



Matt elevated his racing this year with speed that was matched by his smooth style. Now a 14X, Matt has worked his way through the ranks over the years. His hard work and commitment drove him to steadily build both skill and speed—a deadly combo on the track. Matt's consistency and dominance throughout the season helped him earn the Rider of the Year title.

The Rider of the Year earns the highest total points in 2023 and will receive free racing and license renewal at Bethel Supercross for the 2024 season.

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# *Congratulations*

**We would like to congratulate each and every rider for their achievement in the 2023 season and thank them and their parents for supporting Bethel track and our racing program.**



# TRACK CHAMPIONS

*Our Top Riders in each overall class for the 2023 season!*

## **FEMALE EXPERT** **Pippa Sweet**



## **TOP EXPERT** **Matt Horjatschun**



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## **CRUISER** **Mike Savage**



## **FEMALE CRUISER** **Pippa Sweet**



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## **INTERMEDIATE** **Walter Heimann**



## **NOVICE** **Conor Albohn**



# TOP RIDERS OF THE YEAR

## TOP EXPERT

1. MATTHEW HORJATSCHUN
2. COLIN GORDON
3. AUSTIN DOHAN

## TOP CRUISER

1. MIKE SAVAGE
2. CHRISTOPHER PEDERSEN
3. AUSTIN DOHAN

## TOP FEMALE EXPERT

1. PIPPA SWEET
2. KYRIE SWEET
3. OLIVIA SMITH

## TOP INTERMEDIATE

1. WALTER HEITMANN
2. DESI SALVATO
3. DAN SEARS, III

## TOP FEMALE CRUISER

1. PIPPA SWEET
2. KYRIE SWEET
3. RAQUEL OLSON

## TOP NOVICE

1. CONOR ALBOHN
2. RYAN UNGER
3. JACKSON WERNER

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## TRACK CHAMPION JERSEYS

The top 3 riders of the year in each overall class earn the coveted Track Champion Jersey. Congratulations!



*Wear it with pride... You earned it!*



# PERFECT ATTENDANCE

These riders attended all races at Bethel Supercross during the 2023 regular season from April through August. To recognize their commitment and dedication, each rider will receive a coupon for a free race.

RAQUEL OLSON  
AUSTIN DOHAN  
COLIN GORDON  
WALTER HEITMANN  
DESI SALVATO  
MADISON CIOFFI  
EVAN DOHAN  
ELIAS MARROQUIN-COLLADO  
RYLEE OLSON



## ***Balance Bikers are the future!***

Our strider bike program has been a huge success. Many of our pedal bike racers started out racing balance bikes.

# CRUISER

## 7 & UNDER CRUISER

1. MATIAS CULCAY
2. BENTLEY CLARK

## 8 CRUISER

1. AUSTIN DOHAN

## 11 CRUISER

1. SAMIR FAYAD

## 13 CRUISER

1. SAWYER SPENCE

## 15 CRUISER

1. MARK AQUILLO
2. DAMIAN CONLEY

## 16 CRUISER

1. CHRISTOPHER PEDERSEN

## 31 – 35 CRUISER

1. STEVEN KLUCIK

## 46 – 50 CRUISER

1. MATT DALLAS
2. MICHAEL TAYLOR

## 51 – 55 CRUISER

1. JOE DOHERTY
2. ERON LEFEBVRE
3. JOHN WOLF

## 56-60 CRUISER

1. MIKE SAVAGE
2. JEFF MEYER
3. MARK REALE

## 61 & OVER CRUISER

1. ROGER BILLINGS





# FEMALE CRUISER

## 11 – 12 CRUISER

1. RAQUEL OLSON

## 13 – 14 CRUISER

1. KYRIE SWEET
2. OLIVIA SMITH
3. FALLON NASSE

## 15 – 16 CRUISER

1. PIPPA SWEET
2. ELLA URBAN

## 36 – 40 CRUISER

1. JEAN DOHAN

## 41 – 45 CRUISER

1. MELISSA ADAMS



# EXPERT

## 6 EXPERT

1. BENTLEY CLARK

## 7 EXPERT

1. MATIAS CULCAY

## 8 EXPERT

1. AUSTIN DOHAN
2. ELI RUOPP
3. JEREMY RUOPP

## 9 EXPERT

1. MYLES ROHM

## 10 EXPERT

1. SEBASTIAN GONZALEZ

## 11 EXPERT

1. RYLAN SPENCE

## 13 EXPERT

1. SAWYER SPENCE

## 14 EXPERT

1. MATTHEW HORJATSCHUN
2. KUBRIK TARRANT
3. JAYDEN JONES

## 15 EXPERT

1. RYAN ASSHETON
2. DAMIAN CONLEY
3. JAMES WOLF

## 16 EXPERT

1. COLIN GORDON
2. CHRISTOPHER PEDERSEN
3. CHRIS STRANDBERG

## 17 – 20 EXPERT

1. RICHARD REALE
2. JESSE SALVA
3. JOEL GEIER
4. SEAN ADAMS

## 26 – 35 EXPERT

1. PETER BALOTTI

## 36 – 40 EXPERT

1. GEOFF SCHREINER
2. DANIEL KING
3. DONALD HOTTES

## 41 – 45 EXPERT

1. MANNY NASSE
2. SHANE WEHNER

## 46 – 50 EXPERT

1. MATT DALLAS
2. BRIAN SMITH
3. MICHAEL TAYLOR

## 51 – 55 EXPERT

1. ERON LEFEBVRE
2. JOE DOHERTY

## 56 & OVER EXPERT

1. MIKE SAVAGE
2. SHANE HAYES





# GIRL EXPERT

## 7 EXPERT

1. KIRA SPENCE

## 13 EXPERT

1. KYRIE SWEET
2. FALLON NASSE

## 14 EXPERT

1. OLIVIA SMITH

## 15 – 16 EXPERT

1. PIPPA SWEET

## 17 – 20 EXPERT

1. SAMANTHA SPERRAZZA



# INTERMEDIATE

## 6 INTERMEDIATE

1. LONDON DARROW
2. SYMEON LOCKE
3. PARKER ROHM

## 7 INTERMEDIATE

1. GUNNER CSANADI
2. MAXTON PASIAK
3. TREY DAVIS

## 8 INTERMEDIATE

1. JEREMY BAIO
2. EZRA NAGY
3. ZIGGY SOMMER

## 9 INTERMEDIATE

1. ELLIANA ALBOHN
2. ETHAN PELLETIER
3. SERAPHIM LOCKE
4. MATTHEW VERBANIC
5. WYATT WEHNER
6. EVAN DOHAN
7. LIAM LAMONTAGNE

## 10 INTERMEDIATE

1. CARTER CLOSE
2. JAMES BAIO
3. KOLOMAN PASIAK
4. SARAPHINA SPERRAZZA
5. TYLER HEAD
6. SAMUEL FLOWERS

## 11 INTERMEDIATE

1. WALTER HEITMANN
2. DESI SALVATO
3. CASH EDELMANN
4. DANTE RIZZI
5. DREW JERNSTROM
6. SAMIR FAYAD

## 12 INTERMEDIATE

1. RAQUEL OLSON
2. SHAUN ROHM
3. MADISON CIOFFI
4. ELIAS LOCKE
5. JACKSON BAIO





# INTERMEDIATE

## 13 INTERMEDIATE

1. GAVIN CLARK
2. BENJAMIN PERNA
3. AJ TORIZZO

## 14 INTERMEDIATE

1. HUNTER WILDGOOSE

## 15 INTERMEDIATE

1. WILLIAM GALE
2. TOBY SCHOONMAKER
3. DYLAN BONIELLO

## 16 INTERMEDIATE

1. DAN SEARS III
2. ADRIAN SUAREZ
3. ELLA URBAN
4. JACK BOTELHO
5. CONNOR DALLAS

## 17 – 20 INTERMEDIATE

1. ZACHARY ADAMS

## 41 – 45 INTERMEDIATE

1. WILLIAM VERBANIC
2. DANIEL SEARS
3. EDWIN CLARK

## 56 & OVER INTERMEDIATE

1. ROGER BILLINGS



# NOVICE

## 5 & UNDER NOVICE

1. RYAN UNGER
2. AMAYA COLLINS
3. LIAM HANNA
4. BRODY MANSFIELD

## 6 NOVICE

1. CONOR ALBOHN
2. JACKSON WERNER
3. LUCAS NAGY
4. KARTER BALOTTI
5. WILL ALLARD
6. HALEY PETROVICH
7. LILLI SALVATO
8. CALEB SPENCER

## 7 NOVICE

1. ORVAL UNDERWOOD JR
2. HUDSON PASIAK
3. KADEL SCHREINER

## 8 NOVICE

1. AJENSEN STIGER
2. JAMESON CLOSE
3. AVERY CIOFFI
4. ANTHONY RACINE
5. JORDAN HEAD
6. LUKAS NAKANO
7. LUKAS SALVATO
8. HENRY RICKETSON
9. BRIANNA ZECK

## 9 NOVICE

1. ELIAS MARROQUIN-COLLADO
2. FINLEY EDELMANN

## 10 NOVICE

1. NOAH NEUNER
2. EMILIA CONLEY
3. LILY ROONEY



# NOVICE

## 11 NOVICE

1. GUNNER KILTON
2. VIVIAN TISI
3. JAMES SCHREINER
4. RYAN COSTA
5. GAVIN ZECK

## 12 NOVICE

1. CHRIS YARRISH

## 13 NOVICE

1. OLIVIA SHAPIRO

## 14 NOVICE

1. BROOKE MOULD
2. GEMMA SALVATO

## 15 NOVICE

1. JAKE OBOY
2. JILLIAN ASSHETON

## 26 – 35 NOVICE

1. KRISTAN KILIAN

## 36 – 40 NOVICE

1. BENJAMIN KILTON





# BALANCE BIKES

## TRACK CHAMPIONS

1. LUKE WERNER
2. CALEB DARROW
3. ANNABELLE ALBOHN

### 1-2 YEAR-OLDS

1. AJ WERNER
2. BROOKS McCORMACK

### 3 YEAR-OLDS

1. EMILLIA UNGER
2. CADEN HANNA
3. BRODY GORE
4. AUSTIN BALOTTI
5. ISADORA ROHM

### 5 YEAR-OLDS

1. CASH MADORRAN
2. LUKE BATTESH
3. DYLAN PACELLA

### 4 YEAR-OLDS

1. LUKE WERNER
2. CALEB DARROW
3. ANNABELLE ALBOHN
4. RYLEE OLSON
5. MARCUS KOPCHICK
6. KADE LAUDANO
7. RUBY UNDERWOOD
8. BRYSON SPENCER
9. BROMLEY PETROVICH
10. JACOB SPENCER
11. ELLIOTT AUGUR
12. EMMETT RIVERA



# SNACK SHACK

Philip Adams, Michele Marucci, Drew & Tess Cioffi,  
Lorena Conley, Sean and Zachary Adams,  
Christy, Marissa and Samantha

*Thanks for feeding us every week with delicious food.  
Home of the best BMX burgers ever!*



Philip Adams, Drew Cioffi and Lorena Conley





# IN LOVING Memory

## Donald Olson, Sr.

Don has been the true heart and soul of Bethel Supercross. He served as the Track Operator for decades and has been involved with the track ever since it started 41 years ago, helping to clear the land where the track now stands. Don truly loved all of the riders and families and lived for making the track a special place for us to come together each week. He left us with many cherished memories.

*We love you Don!*





# COACHING CLINICS, GATE PRACTICE AND WORK NIGHTS

**Coaching Clinics** – We had a series of very successful coaching clinics this season. Coach Donnie Olson organized lots of different clinics for all levels of riders. Special thanks to Samantha Sperrazza, Damien Conley, Adrian Suarez, Jean Dohan, and Raquel Olson for assisting, with numerous parents who lent a hand on during Thursday night clinics. We were able to help many new riders gain confidence and also assist more established riders with perfecting their race skills.

**Gate Practice** – We had very successful Monday night gate practice sessions. Thanks to: Tom Assheton, Don & Kathy Olson, Michele Marucci, Phil & Melissa Adams, Donnie Olson, Stephanie & Kim Langyel, Dustin Conley, Mike Gordon, Donny Waterhouse, and Shane Hayes.

**Track maintenance** and grooming goes on during practice and on separate nights. Thank you to all who came out to help. It's very much appreciated!

**Coaching Clinics were a huge success!**



# Wednesdays = BMX Family Time

Race nights are special because we get to spend quality time with our family & friends. We're so much more than a race track, we're a tight-knit community. Everyone is part of our BIG BMX FAMILY and we love seeing you every week.



# CT State Championship Series

*How to earn a CT State Plate  
Non-CT residents are now eligible!*

## Two Easy Steps:

1. **Compete in 3 of the 4 State Championship Qualifier races** during the 2023 season (each of the four CT BMX tracks will hold one qualifier race, including Bethel Supercross).
2. **Compete in the 2023 State Championship Final**

Non-CT residents can become eligible for a CT state plate by racing in [8] CT single-point races by July 15. The USA BMX rulebook explains the points.

State Plates are awarded right after the State Championship Final. Riders can run state plates on their bike for the entire next year (instead of their assigned



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# Winter Sprinters

Our first Winter Sprinters was a big success! We had new riders from 2-5 years old that learned to ride and improved their skills each week. Our junior coaches Madison, Raquel and Olivia did an amazing job helping out. Join us this winter!



  
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# TRACKSIDE





*We couldn't do it without you!*

Countless people work in the background, providing their unique talents to ensure that Bethel Supercross can offer the best possible BMX racing program. We would like to recognize the following individuals for their extra effort.

Melissa & Philip Adams  
Tom & Kristen Assheton  
Ryan & Jillian Assheton  
Zach & Sean Adams  
Dustin & Lorena Conley  
Matt Dallas  
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Shane Hayes  
Eron Lefebvre  
Joe Doherty  
Abby Caruso  
Drew, Tess , Madison and  
Avery Cioffi  
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Al Torizzo  
Shane Hayes  
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Mike and Lisa Unger  
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Jesse and Melissa Salva  
Michele & Jim Strandberg  
Olivia & Angela Shapiro  
Pat & Steve Deuschle  
Blandino Family  
Close Family  
Darrow/Moulde Family  
Samantha Sperrazza  
Sean Adams

**“THANK YOU” to all of the volunteers who  
helped make racing at Bethel Supercross  
a fun and rewarding experience in 2023!**





Don & Kathy Olson



Track Operator Don E. Olson



Melissa Adams



Photographer Steve Klucik



**SCORE!** Michele Maruci, Gina Sears and Charlene Clark

# ABOVE & BEYOND

**Those that take on big jobs at the track  
and have BMX in their blood!**

**TRACK MAINTENANCE:** Don & Donnie Olson, Tom Assheton, Jake Oboy, Don Hottes, Shane Hayes, Eron Lefebvre, Dustin & Damian Conley, Jeff McKenna, Michael Taylor, Ben Strano, Donny Waterhouse, Michael & Colin Gordon, Daniel King, Manny & Fallon Nasse, Roger Billings, Jean Dohan, Clark family. Michele Marucci, Raquel and Don Olson, Jr., Mike & Ryan Unger, Matt & Kat McCormick, Kevin Broggy, Ruopp Family, Close Family, Pederson Family, Jeff Mansfield, Owen Bowers, Dan King, Billy Verbanik, Jayden Jones, Samantha Sperrazza, William Gale, Ryan Assheton, Rich Coddington

**REGISTRATION:** Melissa Adams, Kathy Olson, Kristen Assheton, Kim Langyel

**BALANCE BIKES:** Don Olson, Donnie Olson, Jean Dohan, Josh Flowers, Kathy Olson, Charlene Clark, Lisa Unger, The Deuschles

**ANNOUNCERS:** Donnie Olson, Mike Savage

**PHOTOGRAPHY/MARKETING:** Steve Klucik, Michael Gordon, Matt Dallas

**COACHING:** Donnie Olson, Jean Dohan, Samantha Sperrazza, Damian Conley, Adrian Suarez, Raquel Olson

**SCORING:** Stephanie Langyel, Kim Langyel, Jean Dohan, Melissa Adams, Kathy Olson, Alysha Olson, Lorena Conley, Gina Sears, Sam Edelmann, Michele Maruci

**STAGING & STARTING HILL:** Tom Assheton, Kristen Assheton, Don Olson, Marisa Sperrazza, Jean Dohan

**FIRST AID:** Philip Adams, Tom Assheton, Donnie Olson, Gina Sears

**ONLINE CHECK-IN:** Stephanie Langyel, Kathy Olson, Jean Dohan, Michele Marucci

**TROPHY HAND-OUT:** Edelmann Family and friend Emily. Don Olson, Marisa Sperrazza. And the many others who stepped in every time they were asked.

*Thank you to our amazing clean-up crew!*

# CORNER MARSHALLS

We'd like to extend a HUGE thank you to all of our corner marshals. Some do the same corner each week and some fill in when needed. We appreciate your time and enthusiasm and hope you can sign up for next season's Officials Training in April. Every position has its rules and explanations for why it is done a certain way.

Dan Urban  
Donny Waterhouse  
Al Torizzo

Melissa Salva  
Lorena Conley  
Ben Strano

John Daddona  
Jay Tarrant  
Jay Tarantino



## Trophy Dash Cup Returns to Bethel Supercross

CONGRATS to Colin Gordon on winning the 2023 Trophy Dash at the CT State Championship and bringing the infamous historic cup back to Bethel Supercross for the first time in 14 years.



# Wednesdays **Rock!**



# SPECIAL THANKS

A very special thank you to...

**Selectman Dan Carter  
and the Town of Bethel**



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**Rachel McGrath, Director  
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# 2024 RACE SEASON

*We Have Lots Of Action On Tap!*

- 🚲 Monday Gate Practice
- 🚲 Wednesday Races!
- 🚲 Coaching Clinics
- 🚲 BMX Summer Camp
- 🚲 CT State Championship Qualifier
- 🚲 Themed Races & Special Awards
- 🚲 Balance Bike Racing
- 🚲 Warnicke Scholarship Race
- 🚲 Fall Series / Halloween Race
- 🚲 Pink Race/ Police Appreciation
- 🚲 Track Awards Banquet





