



Secretary's Report 2019

1) 2019 has been another very busy year for the Club and I would like to start by thanking all the Landowners for their generosity and their continued support as we move into 2020.

By the end of December we will have staged 13 Winter Series trials, 3 Summer Series trials, Nigel's Memorial trial, The Father & Son Boxing Day Cup and the now popular Wight Two Day trial.

The Observer incentive scheme is working well with an estimated 80% of sections now being observed throughout the year.

We rely on donations from the riders in order to fund this scheme. Rider donations have however been steadily decreasing in recent months and I suggest this is something for the new committee to look at in more detail at their first meeting.

2) The 2019 Wight Two Day trial proved to be another well attended event that attracted 143 entries – the best attended Centre event for the third consecutive year! Very well done to all those involved.

The entry has already opened for next year's Two Day with 5 entries to date. There are some important changes being introduced for the 2020 trial. The sub-committee has decided, due to lack of interest to drop the option for roadwork. The trial will revert back to being all off road. The decision has also been taken not to hold a social evening, following this year's poor attendance. The entry conditions for our Club members (to provide a helper) was successful in 2019 and is being repeated for the 2020 trial. Once again The Southern Centre ACU have agreed that both days will be treated as individual Centre rounds – a tempting chance for Centre riders to score double points in one weekend.

3) 2019 has been another very successful year for the Club with some superb individual achievements with many riders representing the club at mainland events.

Chris Stay (in only his second full year since his return to trials) won the 2019 ACU British Expert Championship. Chris will be taking part in Trial 2 in 2020 – on behalf of the Club I would like to congratulate him on his win and wish him every success for his 2020 campaign. Chris along with Josh Stephens also finished the Scott Trial – one of the toughest trials in the domestic Calendar.

In The Southern Centre Championship, Dan Locke won the Youth C championship – at his first attempt. James Stay and Rob Howard finished 3rd & 4th respectively in the Experts, Scott Milton came 2nd in the Novice class with Nick Symes taking 3rd place in the Twinshock's.

I would like to send our best wishes to Jos Wright as he continues his recovery following a recent and horrific car accident. Jos remains in hospital but is now back on the Island and he is making some good progress.

4) With the continued hard work, effort and support from The Committee, The Landowners, Volunteers & The Members - we should look forward to another busy and successful year ahead.