

Tales from the field:

Participants' feedback on the Netti MTB Enduro 2009

Hiya,

1st off, toughest race I've ever done but some of those single trail sections made it about the most enjoyable...talk about earning the fun though!

Anyways, after punching out fairly hard and aiming for a 6hr finish I thought it was all over at 25km....the Anthem starting making some very ugly noises which had me staring in amazement at the top tube which had parted from the seat stay!!! One dead Anthem I limped it out to the hwy and back to Mogo with some late assistance from another racer. Once back, my race was clearly over but was my day? The Scott dealer saw my dilemma and straight up offered me a ride on a carbon Spark to complete the 2nd 50km I figure I'm hear so why not?...maybe dehydration, cramps, a coupla flats was a good reason not to but that was all ahead of me. 10 minutes setting up the bike and I was away.....some of those single trails made the effort well worth it.

I can't thank the Scott guys enough, their enthusiasm for the sport turned my ruined day into a gem.

+ve rep, will ride again!

cheers,

Justen Simpson

Hi Guys,

Myself & a group of 3 mates defected from the local Highlands soccer club & started riding about 12mnths ago. Our ages varied from 38-45, I'm sure that all would agree that what started as a hobby in the interest of losing a few kgs & improving our overall fitness has now grown into a full blown obsession!!! We called ourselves the Labrats - because as any of you know that after long weary hours in the saddle you begin to feel like your a Labrat on that never ending wheel - not to mention that whenever we all go out & ride together we tend to flogg ourselves senseless & so the name!! As with anything you enjoy it evolves..... what started out as a few casual mornings a week on budget mountain bikes only has now grown to most mornings on mid to high end mountain bikes and now includes roadbike training as well..... at the start there were a few of us that would make the comment - I'll never ride in lycra.....I'll never ride in cleats..... I'll never ride a road bike.....I'll never shave my legs....., well it can be clearly said that we have done all these things we said we'd never do & so much more - even had Krank Dirtwear design our own team Labrat outfits!!!. We consequently have a team motto - "Never say Never" - who'd have thought that just 12mnths down the track we'd have completed the Angry Doctor & loved it so much!!!!

Just wanted to say to the Team at AROC and all involved in organising the Angry Doctor - "Thanks for an awesome event" - it was superbly organised, staff &

volunteers were awesome & The Labrats will definitely be back next year!!!

Regards

Treston Bamber

Labrat....

Hi Aroc,

Yesterday I completed the Angry Doctor and have a story about my race that you may or may not want to promote.

I was cruising along at about the 72km mark, in my own world wondering how I was going to summon the energy to finish. I was going up a hill so I was just concentrating on my front wheel trying to keep it together, when out of the top of my peripheral vision I noticed an really black, 3metre long log.

I looked up, assessing if I was going to have lift my front wheel for this log or if I could just ride over it, when I noticed it wasn't that thick but it was suspiciously glinting in the light. It was about then that the 'log' moved and hissed at me.

I skidded to a stop, about a meter away from what I now realized was a huge black snake. At this crucial moment when I would have liked to have been retreating at pace, both my thighs locked in a vice like cramp and I was stuck straddling my bike, eye balling this black snake who had been quite enjoying sunning himself on the track before I rudely interrupted him.

We stared at each other for what seemed like minutes, him hissing - me chest heaving and cursing in pain. Eventually, to my relief, Mr Blacksnake cruised away into the bush and left me alone to try and get off my bike and stretch my legs back into order.

Cheers,

Nick Hyde