

NBL Blue Ridge National – Race Report

January 15, 2010

January 9th & 10th, 2010 marked the first national for the 2010 Racer's Edge NBL team. We had 15 riders in attendance and we made our presence known with authority! As a team, we finished 8th out of 12 teams on Saturday and an amazing 4th out of 12 on Sunday! Not too bad for our first outing as an official team.

The team's best result was turned in by Mike Hummel (30-34 Cruiser), who was perfect all weekend. John Stanton (19-25 Nov.) missed a perfect weekend by one moto but still managed to win both days. Tony Lemons (26-34 Nov.) pulled solid seconds all weekend. Mark Bell (40-44 Cruiser) displayed the benefits of his new training regiment by pulling 3rd place both days in a deeply stacked class. Rounding out the team sheet, Christi Hartlove (35-39 W.Cruiser) battled back and fourth with RC and Suzi Levan all day Saturday and finished 3rd by less than a bike. Christi would sit out on Sunday to take care of the team as husband, Mike, took a serious thumping in the first moto on Saturday.

Other teammates in attendance were, Casey Wasler, finishing 4th in his first race as 14 Novice. Derrick and Madison Harner both raced well on Saturday and took off Sunday. Billy Hartlove raced his first cruiser race on Saturday and finished 3rd in both classes. Sunday Billy grabbed 2nd place in his 20" class. Connor Hartlove took a solid 4th on Saturday and 8th on Sunday. Tom Kuehn made the last-minute trip from Conn. to make his main both days in a stacked 35-39 cruiser class.

Perhaps the best news of the weekend was the acquisition of Anthony Jefferson (Nat.#3 40-44 Cruiser) and his son lil' Anthony. The team also picked up Chris Bryan (25-29 expert and Cruiser) and David Mock (30-34 Cruiser). The team is still accepting riders for the 2010 NBL season. If you are interested, please send your resume to theracersedge@comcast.net.

Lastly, we would like to acknowledge our crew of volunteers for all of their efforts. In no certain order...Michelle Bell – team manager, Beverly Wastler – asst. manager, Marty Wastler – team photographer, Vicky Anderson – team “Mom” and Don Hampton – marketing and sponsorship coordinator. Without these folks the team would never be able to achieve such great success.

Check back for future updates as Racer's Edge will be unveiling our 2010 team sponsors and official team roster.