

WEST HIGHLAND WHEELERS

WINTER LEAGUE

ROUND 6 - NEVIS RANGE ENDURO

West Highland Wheelers set a little piece of sporting history by running the first ever Winter League Enduro style event at Nevis Range. Four timed stages on well-known gravity assisted trails were linked by sociable, non-timed rides between each stage. One of the stages was exactly as per the stage used for the Scottish Enduro event the previous weekend to give locals a chance to see how they measured up. Also on the route map was the Big Doon, a feature of the World Cup downhill track, which proved to be a popular spot for winding riders up before they set off down the hill.

A great turnout of almost 40 riders really enjoyed this new departure from the norm and unanimously agreed that a repeat was essential. Emma Holgate took the ladies race podium top spot with Christina Bell and Mairi Meldrum not far behind. The junior race was won by Keir Coupland who also placed a non-too shabby fourth overall. Stephen Dent was second with Ruaridh Cant in third position. Alastair MacIennan was the overall winner, just in front of Lachlan Blair and a very-well placed Dave Underwood. Three juniors were also placed in the top ten.

Many thanks to Steve Bradley, his trusted band of helpers and Nevis Range for creating a truly memorable, friendly morning ride in Leanachan forest.