

Dirt Master & Dirt Mistress Ultimate Off Road Endurance Challenge



Australian Dirt Master Championships YOU ARE A DIRT MASTER!

*18 Off Road Champions Inducted into the
Dirt Master Hall of Fame!*

Hosted at Riverside Oaks Golf Resort, the Sydney Hills Dirt Fest delivered a non-stop, heart pumping flurry of Hardcore Adventure as 20 seasoned champions lined up for the Dirt Master & Dirt Mistress Ultimate Off Road Endurance Challenge along with 400 other 'Off Road' enthusiasts!

Taking on everything from the Tre-X Off Road Triathlon, Trail Running among the ridges and escarpments on the banks of the Hawkesbury, and Mountain Biking through some of the most challenging and technical terrain in the Sydney Hills, it was neck and neck excitement as these athletes pushed their hearts, minds and bodies to the limit in 2 days of Hardcore Off Road Action.

Connie Silvestri and **Andrew Beevors** took the lead after the Tre-X Off Road Triathlon on Saturday morning with a strong win from Connie and a lead she would not relinquish all weekend, Andrew finished in a strong time to give him a 2.15mins lead over the rest of the field.

With a short break for lunch there was a little chance to relax and loosen up for the afternoons trail run, taking competitors back up over the escarpment alongside the Hawkesbury.

A strong run from **Curtis Hancock** took him back to within a few seconds of **Andrew Beevors** whilst an amazing run from **Soeren Schramm** to take the win proved that he was going to be a force to be reckoned with the next day.

It was anyone's title in the Dirt Master event and with **Andrew Beevors** leading into day 2 of the competition by a mere 41 seconds from **Curtis Hancock** in 2nd and 5 minutes from **Geoff Suess** in third. Over 50k's anything can happen and the top 3 were pushed hard by both **Connie Silvestri** and **Soeren Schramm** through each lap as they all vied for the lead and the chance to make a break for those couple of minutes that could make all the difference.

The break came in the final lap as **Connie Silvestri** blasted past the male competition to take the line honours in a blinding time of 2:14:45 and **Geoff Suess** with a strong finish took a well-deserved win in the male field in a time of 2:15:40.

And after the adventure, dirt, thrills and spills were mixed with a bucket load of guts, heart and determination, it was **CONNIE SILVESTRI** from Qld taking out the title of NSW Dirt Mistress Champion in a time of **4:24:28** demonstrating that gender is no barrier to achievement when it comes to Off Road Racing. And in another shock upset it was **CURTIS HANCOCK** from the ACT bringing it home for the guys as the NSW Dirt Master Champion in a time of **4:26:35**, just 2 minutes and 7 seconds behind Connie.

Dirt Master Hall of Fame

Of the 20 contenders for the Dirt Master & Dirt Mistress title the following 18 athletes proudly take their place in the DIRT MASTER HALL OF FAME:

TITLE	NAME	FROM	TIME
NSW Dirt Mistress Champion	Connie Silvestri	Bardon, Qld	4:24:28
NSW Dirt Master Champion	Curtis Hancock	Franklin, ACT	4:26:35
Dirt Master	Andrew Beevors	Thirroul, NSW	4:27:39
Dirt Master	Geoff Suess	Thornlands, Qld	4:29:26
Dirt Master	Dave Silvestri	Bardon, Qld	4:51:44
Dirt Master	Soeren Schramm	Wentworth Point, NSW	5:09:40
Dirt Master	Andrew Handyside	Queensland	5:12:24
Dirt Master	Michael Jones	Waratah, NSW	5:17:12
Dirt Master	Nathan Fallowfield	Hornsby, NSW	5:30:12
Dirt Master	Dominic Hatton	Chatswood, NSW	5:37:46
Dirt Mistress	Katrina Skellern	Thirroul, NSW	5:46:15
Dirt Master	Joshua Lee	Maroubra, NSW	5:50:33
Dirt Mistress	Rebecca Connolly	Cessnock, NSW	6:15:18
Dirt Master	Craig Hancock	Fisherman Paradise, NSW	7:04:07
Dirt Mistress	Karen Hall	Pymont, NSW	7:07:48
Dirt Mistress	Janelle Annis-brown	Waratah, NSW	7:13:21

And the action doesn't stop there... The next rounds of the Australian Dirt Master Championship will be heading to Victoria at the Novotel Forest Resort, Cessnock on the 17th & 18th March, 2012 and in Queensland on the Sunshine Coast on the 21st & 22nd April, 2012.

So if you think you've got what it takes to join these athletes in the **DIRT MASTER HALL OF FAME** go to www.in2adventure.com.au or contact the team via email at info@in2adventure.com.au

