



# UK GP45 CHAMPIONSHIP

## Race report rounds 11 and 12

18th-19th August 2012

Wales's most picturesque and challenging circuit, Anglesey, has become a popular venue in bike racing. It's corkscrew, banked hairpin and fast sweepers provide something for everyone and always produce exciting racing.

### Saturday 18th August, round 11

Following the official NGRRC Friday test day the paddock set about preparing for a weekend of racing at Anglesey Circuit tucked away in the far corner of North Wales.

Despite the south of the country enjoying the hottest day of the year so far Anglesey was shrouded in cloud and drizzle for the first half of the day. Come the GP45 qualifier things were looking better and the track was nice and dry.

Having already secured the Super Single title for 2012 Pistol Pete Carr could relax and just enjoy the racing. James Stacey however had other ideas with a recent run of excellent finishes.

Unusually the mini-twins and GP45s were joined by the Sound of Thunder class on the grid.

The wide, fast sections of the course would place the little 450s at a disadvantage but *pistolracing.co.uk* Pete Carr got himself well in the mix finishing an superb 7th spot on-the-road and first of the GP45s, collecting a course lap-record for the Super Singles in the process with a 1:17.37. Equally impressive on the *Bluebell Lakes* Honda was James Stacey finishing in 11th place overall and 2nd GP45, Stacey was delighted to discover he had left a few SoT machines in his wake.

*ARK Racing's* novice rider Nick Beere was back for some more GP45 experience and was enjoying the challenge from *Bluebell Lakes'* other rider Tony Bridgefoot on the red and white Honda CRF based machine. The pair were separated by just over a second at the line.

The final was nice and sunny with blue skies – the perfect complement to the stunning views of the rugged coastline and distant mountains of Snowdonia. It was to prove an interesting battle for Pete Carr who was now eager to take the race to the Sound of Thunder boys. Whilst engaged in an exciting dice with a Triumph 675 he found himself off the track and struggling to stay on board the little green Kawasaki. Once composed and back on the tarmac he rejoined without losing or gaining a place and crossing the line with another strong 6th on-the-road finish. However, once back in the pits the GP45 champion discovered that his overall time was to suffer a 10 second penalty for track infringement as a result of the scuffle! This punishment laid the way clear for *Bluebell Lakes'* Stacey to capitalise and take his first class victory. Despite the penalty Carr was to take away with him another course lap record with an impressive time of 1:16.05

### Sunday 19th August, round 12

Sunday dawned dreary and damp, light drizzly rain was the order of the day. The GP45 qualifier featuring the Sound of Thunder grid drew to the line with everyone well aware that a certain little green Kawasaki from the Isle of Wight would prove something of a challenge to beat in these conditions.

Not being one to disappoint and still reeling from the previous day's penalty, Carr got cracking. In the opening laps he promptly dispatched a 1098 Ducati and a KTM RC8 along with several mini-twins. Darren Rumley's SoT winning RC8 proved too fast and Carr had to settle for 2nd place on-the-road out of the 26 strong field – not bad for a bike with less than 50bhp. >



**Above:** Nick Beere enjoyed some excellent results at Anglesey on the ARK Racing Yamaha.

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Also up for the challenge was *Bluebell Lakes* rising star James Stacey. The Honda mounted rider found himself hot on the heels of Ben Marsden's mini-twin to take 2nd GP45 spot and 8th overall. The GP45 riders all shone in the sketchy conditions as Nick Beere on the ARK Racing Yamaha WR450 put in one of his best performances so far with a 12th on-the-road finish, collecting a well deserved 3rd GP45 Super Single.

The final was a mixed affair with a drying track and some damp patches through the steep corkscrew. Pistol Pete wasn't to have it all his own way this time and worked his way through the field in the wrong direction to finish 7th on-the-road but taking first of the GP45s. Nick Beere swelled his collection of championship points even further with a 2nd GP45 finish and *Bluebell Lakes'* Tony Bridgefoot collected 3rd place. Bridgefoot's team mate James Stacey failed to score when he suffered an uncharacteristic crash in the opening lap.

The next round takes in the bumpy Wiltshire circuit of Castle Combe which should prove a new experience for most of our riders. The circuit attracts an army of local spectators, seated up close and personal to the action on track. Visit [www.ngroadracing.org](http://www.ngroadracing.org) to enter the meeting or find out more.



**Above:** Championship leader Pete Carr puts in another outstanding performance but receives a 10 second penalty. **Credit:** [www.EDPphoto.co.uk](http://www.EDPphoto.co.uk)



**Above:** *Bluebell Lakes'* rider James Stacey raced to his first GP45 victory. **Credit:** [www.EDPphoto.co.uk](http://www.EDPphoto.co.uk)

**Pirelli UK GP45 Championship results:** Peter Carr 256, James Stacey 127, Matthew Andrew 90

**Next round:** Castle Combe 1st September 2012. Visit [www.ngroadracing.org](http://www.ngroadracing.org) and [www.gp45.co.uk](http://www.gp45.co.uk) to find out more.

