

## Rider Profile – NickB#34

Name..... Nick Boustead  
 Age..... 35  
 Spannerman..... Pete Burchett  
 Home..... Havant  
 Race Bike..... M620ie  
 Title Sponsor..... W.M. Snell, Alton  
 Race experience..... Desmo Due for 3 seasons  
 Race Number..... #34



### So what's Desmo Due?

Desmo Due, more affectionately known as “DD”, is a UK race series born in 2005 designed by the members of the Ducati Sporting Club (DSC) to be a stepping stone for its members wishing to move on from trackdays and dip a toe in the water of club racing. It has, however, become much more than that – some very good racers with national experience have been granted entries to the series, and many rapid riders have emerged from within the club's rank-and-file, so the racing is fast and close, very entertaining (so I'm told!) and not to be underestimated by the sight of so many novice vests.

The emphasis is to keep it relatively cheap and focus on rider ability rather than the size of the wallet, so the series is for Ducati 2 valve 600/620 post 1992 bikes, which will allow the SS, Multistrada or Monster.

DD is supported and sponsored by Ducati UK, Pirelli and Shell(UK), so it's a pretty high profile new series in the world of club racing. The series has seen coverage in the motorcycle press including MCN, Performance Bikes, Fast Bikes and Motorcycle Racer Magazine. Guest rides have been welcomed to the grid where names include Michael Neeves and Mark Potter from MCN, and Rob Hoyles from Motorcycle Racer Magazine.

### Summary of achievement so far...

2005 was my first season racing after having only six trackdays to my name, so while hopes were high expectations were not. The season started with a very nice surprise at Cadwell, where we managed 7<sup>th</sup> place in race 1 and 6<sup>th</sup> in race 2. Both races being the first novice past the flag and beating some established racers in the process! With a 5<sup>th</sup> place in the final round, Team 34 finished the championship in 5<sup>th</sup> place out of more than 40 entrants. Not too shabby for a first try!

2006 saw much more experience on the grid, but it was to be a good season with my first podium, a 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the wet at Brands Hatch. The season was closed off with a race in New Era Superclub which earned me a trophy for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, beaten to my first win by literally a couple of millimetres!!!

For 2007 I took a step back and raced only half of the rounds, this was to allow me to train a novice rider in the series. My trainee ended up doing very well, with 3 podiums to his name by close of play.

This year I'm chuffed to bits to be awarded the Steve Hambrook Trophy – this is a 'rider of the year' award voted for by the whole paddock based upon the performance of a rider both on track and in the paddock. It's an honour to hold this award through the coming season.

**W.M.SNELL**

Alton, Hampshire

*Dementor*

**2008 outlook**

It's always difficult to forecast the next season! With riders leaving and others joining, not many have a good idea where they'll finish. In the coming season however, I'd like to think it's reasonable to assume top ten finishes throughout the year, although my target will be to try for 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Form shows that with a lot of effort, and just as much support, this should be within reach – but I'll need to be cheered on!

The bike will be performing much better – all previous seasons it's been pretty much a standard road bike with the lights taken off, which makes the results so far quite impressive. Over the winter the bike has been getting some performance treatment to seek out some real 'race power', along with a full race fairing with plenty of space to decorate!

I seem to have made a good enough impression on my personal sponsors from the previous seasons for them to offer us further support for this year, so I'm REALLY privileged to once again show the W.M.Snell, Dementor, JG and Psychlist stickers, and we consider them an invaluable part of the team.



Snetterton – June 2005



'Steve Hambrook' Trophy - 2007

**The Bike**

Ducati Monster 620ie



W.M.Snell Open Day

Modified to ACU regulations plus:

- Pirelli Diablo Tyres
- High Level Sil-Moto exhausts
- Ohlins suspension
- Ohlins frame mounted steering damper
- 10° Race Clipons
- 996 Brembo Twin Disc Conversion
- 996 Rearsets with custom mounts
- Ducati Performance Oil Cooler
- Modified Compression and Cam Timing



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