



Dylan Jackson rides through the forest towards the beach. PHOTO: Darren Goddard

Bike challenge a runaway success

THE first Blythedale Coastal Resort Mountain Bike Challenge took place on Valentine's Day and was a success.

More than 430 riders took part in the race over diverse terrain including dense coastal forest, cane fields and a section of beach. Some of KwaZulu-Natal's top riders took part as well as a team from the South African Rugby Legends Association. Riders could choose between the 40km and 19km route and there was a 6km fun race for children and less energetic adults.

The course started at the Cane and Spoke mountain bike trail centre and wound its way through most of Blythedale Coastal Resort.

Race organiser, Max Cluer, said he was thrilled by the turnout. "What a fantastic way to celebrate Valentine's Day. The Blythedale Coastal MTB Challenge gave the riders the opportunity to literally 'fall in love' with this magnificent development on the KwaZulu-Natal north coast as well as ride on brand new mountain biking terrain," he said.

Results

40km men's race

1st Andrew Warr
2nd Brendon Davids
3rd Peter Smith

19km men's race

1st Craig Jarret
2nd Bryce Rawlins
3rd James Damant

40km women's race

1st Eszter Erdelyi
2nd Jean Hackland
3rd Claire Matthews

19km women's race

1st Debbie Edwards
2nd Karen Lategan
3rd Trudy Forster

