

Yorkshire Classic MCC
Rd.2 Championship
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ROUND two of this years championship was held at Lady Lane, Bingley where 66 hardy souls confirmed the popularity of this exposed venue. With a biting east wind but only a flurry of snow battle commenced on the four lap ten section circuit which Tony Calvert on the Cub managed to tame with a clear round.

While the ground was solid to start with some sections cut up to leave a slippery surface on some of the climbs. Section five was the first of those where the final slope to the end cards caused lots of problems. Only three riders Calvert, Mick Clarke B40 and Graham Lampkin C15 remarkably kept clean sheets while most struggled badly to get any grip at all.

Section six was twisty and stony and suited the lightweights but Mal. Cocking on the big Triumph Twin made it look easy to record a rare clean for the big bikes. On section seven, a rocky stream bed with a steep path to exit all the clubmen lost marks with the exception of Dave White on the immaculate Matchless. With both routes very similar it was left to all the class winners, Dale Harrison, Alan Whitton, Eric Boocock, Calvert, Cocking and Clarke to register cleans on what is probably the most traditional of all the Pre 65 sections at this venue.

By far the most challenging was section nine with its boggy middle bit stopping momentum for the rocky climb to the finish. The approach to the mud was slow and on the turn for both routes but the rock step on the hard route took some getting over with a spinning rear wheel fighting for grip. Some good efforts by Richard Thorpe, Whitton and Tony Dillon set the standard but nobody cleaned it except that man Calvert with total control and no wheel spin to make it look simple. The vintage two stroke riders Mick Preston and Eric Atkinson did well as did Frank McMullen to produce the best rides on the Clubman course. Thanks go to the observers who were brilliant to turn out on such a bleak day so that riders could enjoy a really good trial.

RESULTS

Class A Pre Unit : Dale Harrison (Ariel) 17 marks lost, Ike Myers (AJS) 22, Ian Barker (Ariel) 22.

Class B Tele Fork Rigid : Chris Nutter (Ariel) 12, Colin Pawson (Matchless) 41.

Class D Small Unit Construction: Tony Calvert (Cub) clean, Derek Brooks (Cub) 17, Tony Dillon (Cub) 18.

Class E Large Unit Construction: Mick Clarke (B40) 16, Bob Baker (B40) 43, Barry Whitaker (B40) 49.

Class F Two Stroke: Alan Whitton (James) 7, Richard Thorpe (James) 9, Gary Mitchell (F B) 15.

Class G Twin Cylinder : Mal. Cocking (Triumph) 6, George Emmott (Triumph) 11, Mick Whitlow (Triumph) 28.

Class H Vintage Two Stroke: Mick Preston (James) 6, Eric Atkinson (James) 6, Barry Doran (James) 63.

Class K Clubman : Frank McMullen (Cotton) 7, P. Deakin (B40) 9, Les Humphries (Cub) 12.

Specials Class : Eric Boocock (C15) 32, Paul Jackson (Cub) 32, Richard West (B40) 58.