

Yorkshire Classic MCC
Rd. 6 Championship Trial
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The venue at the lead mines at Greenhow near Pateley Bridge high up in Nidderdale on a sunny weekend must be one of the most picturesque and tranquil pieces of trials land available anywhere and much appreciated by the 53 riders who contested this event.

The scope for laying out good natural sections is endless which made the clerks of course job quite difficult as they are spoilt for choice. In the end they went for three sections on the steep valley sides and seven in the streams and becks that makes this area so unique. If you can master the rock then your in with a shout and three class winners all did this to share the final result

The youngest of the Emmott family, Tom out on dad's big Triumph twin instead of the Cub tied with Hedley Cockshot, Cub and Steve Thomas, Bantam all on 13 marks lost. The big bikes are not as nimble on some of the tighter sections so Toms ride was all the more remarkable as he beat Scotlands third place man Robin Luscombe, Triumph Twin, by fifteen marks (it's that Dave Emmott bike that produces the winners).

Sections two and three both took marks with only two riders Ian Barker (Ariel) and Joel Brayford (James) cleaning both sections. Section three was the most difficult as the rocks were bigger and very slippery to start with. The section is straight for twenty yards and is then joined by the Clubman route, before right and left turns over angled rocks to the exit up a steep gully. Emmott and Luscombe were both clean as were Thomas and Cockshott which gave them a big lift towards those class wins. The Clubmen found this challenging with no cleans at all from them.

The first one in the river, section six was deceptive. The early riders on lap one gained an advantage as the water was still clear and you could see where all the big rocks were and plot a course. Later with all sections being ridden upstream the water turned brown and obscured everything leaving 80% of the entry to lose marks in the deep water at the start.

Section nine was a beauty, long, twisty and slippery which defeated the entire normal route entry. Best were Jason Lee on the Francis Barnett and Cockshott on two marks lost with many others on double figures. The eased route saw cleans from class winners Atkinson, vintage two stroke, on the rigid James and Anderton, James class K along with Joe Morgan on the Bantam.

With a two mile moorland circuit linking it all together and with riders bathed in sunshine all day this really was one to savour.

RESULTS

Class A Pre Unit : Pete McCanna (R/E) 20 marks lost, Ian Barker (Ariel) 23, Dave Wear (R/E) 60.

Class B Tele Fork Rigid : Chris Nutter (Ariel) 26, Tim Pawson (Ariel) 40

Class D Unit Machines under 250cc: Hedley Cockshott (Cub) 13, John Greenbank (Cub) 26,
Steve Rayner (Cub) 29

Class E Unit Machines over 250cc: Mick Clarke (B40) 21, Bob Baker (B40) 33,
Steve Culf (C15) 33.

Class F Two Stroke: Steve Thomas (Bantam) 13, Joel Brayford (James) 24, Andy Greenbank (James) 26.

Class G Twin Cylinder: Tom Emmott (Triumph) 13, Robin Luscombe (Triumph) 28, Dale Harrison (Triumph) 29

Class H Vintage Two Stroke: Eric Atkinson (James) 16, Barry Doran (James) 74, Bill Hill (F/B) 76.

Class K Clubman: Neil Anderton (James) 7, Terry Wright (James) 12, Joe Morgan (Bantam) 15.

Specials Class: Keith Hobson (McD Cub) 12, Robert Moore (Cub) 36, Paul Harrison (Bantam) 66.