

Yorkshire Classic MCC
Final Championship Round
Report : Neil Anderton

Once again it was time for Dob Park near Otley signaling the end of the 2010 series of Championship Trials for the Yorkshire Classic Club. With snow on the ground and sub zero temperatures the sections were eased by clerks of Course Hedley Cockshott and Neil Anderton to cope with the conditions. Fifty three hardy soles turned out to compete including most of the Norths finest Pre 65 exponents.

The first six sections were all in the rocky streams which make Dob Park a bit special and allows trials to run even in adverse weather. Section two started with some slippery angled rocks before dropping into the water and following the bank avoiding the large rocks which caught many footrests before a quick out, turn and back in again to cross to the flags. Out of the first three classes only three cleaned it starting with Russell Rooksby on an Ariel who went onto clean every other section as well, Phil Clarkson C15 and Carl Batty on the James who also went clean for the event. The first five Cub riders all cleaned this one with three of them Tony Calvert, Eddie Aitkin and Jimmy Noble staying clean for the remainder of the trial.

Section four was another good section which needed care to get it right for the slippery rock step in the middle which was just waiting to catch those who got the angle of approach wrong. Rooksby went clean but Chris Haigh Velocette and Dale Harrison Ariel both had dabs but were still easily the best of the big bikes. Batty was clean as was Mike Rapley James paying one of his rare visits to the Yorkshire Classic. The Cub elite all did well here except Paul Heys who lost his only two marks of the day.

The trial moved across to Browns wood for the final four sections which were modified at the last minute as the ground was frozen and slippery. Descents and shallow climbs were the order of the day with just one route on most sections. Chris Gascoigne out on a Cub instead of the Ariel lost his two marks on section nine to relegate himself into joint second place. The Clubmen found these sections a bit easier than the rocks which all helped to make it a well balanced trial for everybody to round off 2010.

The Observers deserve all the praise and credit for turning out in the first place and then sticking with it to the end despite frozen feet and fingers by mid afternoon.

RESULTS

Class A Pre Unit Springer: Russell Rooksby (Ariel) 0 marks lost, Chris Haigh (Velo) 6, Mick Grant (Ariel) 9.

Class B Tele Fork Rigid: Tim Pawson (Ariel) 69.

Class D Unit under 250cc: Tony Calvert (Cub) 0, Eddie Aitkin (Cub) 0, Jimmy Noble (Cub) 0.

Class E Unit over 250cc: S. Anderson (R E) 9, Phil Clarkson (C15) 15, Bob Baker (B40) 31.

Class F Two Strokes: Carl Batty (James) 0, Mike Rapley (James) 3, Carl Winstanley (FB) 16.

Class G Twin Cylinder : Mick Whitlow (Triumph) 13.

Class H Vintage Two Stroke : Eric Atkinson (James) 39.

Class K Clubman: Neil Anderton (Bantam) 29, J. Littlewood (B40) 36, John Brindle (Bantam) 51.

Non Competitive: Keith Hobson (McD Cub) 35, Robert Moore (Cub) 39, Tony Peat (McD Cub) 57.