

Yorkshire Classic MCC
Club Two Day Trial
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The Yorkshire Club ran its Two Day event at Greenhow lead mines near Pateley Bridge where riders were camping on both Friday and Saturday nights in this glorious setting amongst the hills. Fine weather on both days made for a great weekends riding particularly for Richard Thorpe on the James who the outright leader on the first day on one and only added two to his score on Sunday to take the overall win.

Saturday was three laps of ten sections with five extra sections added for Sunday to toughen it up a bit. Eight sections were ridden again on the second day along with seven new ones which were in the rocky stream which runs all through the valley.

Dale Harrison on the Ariel was lying second in the Pre Unit class after the first day on eight marks lost but pulled back with an excellent ride on day two to add only another four marks to pinch a win from Dave Emmott on the Triumph Twin by three marks.

Another rider who went well over the two days was Alan Scott on the Cub for a total of eight to give him first place in the small unit class from Andy Greenbank now getting to grips with his Cub after a year or two on the big Ariel.

Sections three, four, five and six are some of the best natural sections anywhere in this area with six being Jeffries Gully, a trials section since the 50's, a stony uphill climb between two high banks that always takes marks from even the best riders. John Maxfield , Tony Calvert and Paul Heys who all rode on Sunday cleaned it on every lap but they were in a minority.

Of the new sections ridden Sunday only section ten in the stream proved to be troublesome with just five cleans all day. Richard Thorpe was one who didn't make any mistakes here but did take a dab on the easier section eleven for one of the only two that he lost all day. The Clubman didn't find this section easy with just a few cleans, with the very impressive Judy Macdonald taking a rare dab on her way to recording a class win on both days beating the opposition by a country mile.

One of the highlights was a very impressive hill climb at section nine on the Saturday that had riders wondering initially if it could be ridden so steep did it look at first glance. However once one or two brave souls had tackled it and found the right line and technique it proved to be great fun as some blasted up while others floundered with a lack of grip and spun to a halt.

An excellent weekend enjoyed by the campers, riders and observers thanks to organizers Dave Emmott and Duncan Macdonald.

RESULTS

Class A Pre Unit Springer: Dale Harrison (Ariel)12 marks lost, Dave Emmott (Triumph)15, Mick Mison (Matchless) 32.

Class D Units under 250cc: Alan Scott (Cub) 8, Andy Greenbank (Cub) 46, Steve Rayner (Cub) 59.

Class F Two Strokes: Richard Thorpe (James) 3, Graham Atkinson (James) 6, Steve Thomas (Bantam) 10.

Class H Vintage Two Stroke: Eric Atkinson (James) 69,

Class G Twin Cylinder : Mal Cocking (Triumph) 13, Mick Whitlow (Triumph) 31.

Class K Clubman: Judy Macdonald (Cub) 14, Richard Bainbridge (Cub) 23, Colin Pawson (Cub) 37.

Specials: 7