

Yorkshire Classic MCC

Round 6, Pre unit Championship, at Robin Hood, Silsden 17th August 2014

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A windy day on the hillside

A dry but windy day welcomed 43 competitors to an interesting and varied course plotted by John Feather and Barry Pickard on the hillside above Silsden, mindful of the expected rain expected later in the morning. Section 1 acted as a good tester, a rock strewn uphill gully with a double turn at the end to catch riders out. Only Brent Cordon, Steve Rayner and Ady Brayshaw were clean here all day, with Malcolm Cocking losing his only mark in an otherwise faultless ride. Section 2 likewise was not easy, a twisting stream bed full of loose rocks and high grass on each side making it difficult to see your route, with only 6 riders clean all day.

The biggest mark taker though was section 5, a steep drop down with turn and long climb up the hillside. A tricky turn across a grassy camber and into a gulley near the top caused many marks to be lost with only Brent, Malcolm, Ady and Mick Preston clean and the pre-unit rigids having a tough time here. The sting in the tale came at section 9, a climb over 2 rock slabs followed by a descent and right hand turn through 2 large rocks and immediate rock step to the finish making positioning critical. Again Brent, Malcom and Ady went clean along with Paul Jackson on his Velocette.

Congratulations to Brent and Ady, who is back on top form, for faultless rides all day.

In the Non Competitive Class, the same sections were the main challenges with section 1 taking most marks. Whilst Steve Thomas, Andrew Scott and Andy Webbe were clean all day there were quite a lot of marks lost, with section 4, a difficult turn in through mud and a tightish turn at the end where positioning was critical, taking marks from half the entry. Fortunately the expected rain did not arrive until the end, so the many grassy climbs were left unscathed.

Thanks for a very enjoyable day to the landowner, C. of C.'s, Observers and Barry Pickard, for the results.

Results

Pre-Unit Springers

1st Brent Cordon Ariel – 0 2nd Paul Jackson Velo – 7 3rd Graham Lampkin R Enfield – 33

Pre-Unit Rigid

1st John Feather Ariel - 6 2nd Steve Rayner Matchless – 9 3rd Steve Cordon Matchless – 10

Twins

1st Malc Cocking Trifield – 1

Pre-Unit Rigid under 347cc

1st Chris Bacon C10 BSA - 10

Vintage 2 stroke Rigid

1st Eric Atkinson James – 19 2nd Paul Harrison Bantam - 35

Vintage 2 stroke Springer

1st Ady Brayshaw James – 0 2nd Mick Preston James – 12 3rd Neil Anderton – 46