

## **Yorkshire Classic MCC**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Championship Trial, Dob Park, Near Otley**

Round 3, Full Club Championship – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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#### **Tony Calvert and John Maxfield zero (w)in.**

Dob Park is usually a September venue for Yorkshire Classic, but the change to March did not make the event any easier with the heavy rain on Saturday taking double figure scores from all but Tony Calvert, John Maxfield, Jimmy Noble, George Emmott and Paul Preston on the Premier Route and Brian Cooper on the Clubman Route.

Clerks of Course, Colin Pawson and Hedley Cockshott had worked hard in the rain on Saturday to find new sections in the streams and 4 sections on the wet and slippery hillside. An old favorite, Section 1, the long uphill climb in the rocky gully has never been easy for all classes but this year Brian Cooper kept his feet up in the Clubman Class followed by Geoff Walker on 3. A slightly different start for the Premier and Intermediate Classes caught all Intermediate riders, with Steve Gossop best on 1 and John Holdsworth on 4. Getting more difficult as the day went on, the only other cleans in the Premier Class joining the top 5 were Simon Mephram and Simon Critchley.

Whilst the stream sections took their share of marks, Section 7 on the hillside was the most difficult of the day for all classes. Starting up hill, a right turn over tree roots and downhill was followed by an increasingly muddy uphill to the finish with only Jimmy Noble and Dave Ingram joining the 2 winners on clean, followed by Andrew Scott and George Emmott on 1, with Mick Clarke on 2. Riding the Premier Route, best Intermediates were Steve Gossop and Steve Rayner on 6 with Neil Buckley and Dave Brogden on 7.

The downhill start to Section 8 then followed a steep uphill and cross camber down to a sharp turn up to the finish. Best here, after Tony and John, were Mark Feather, Will Harrison, Rob Bratley, Andrew Scott, George Emmott and Dave Ingram, losing only 1 mark. For the Intermediates, Steve Gossop was well clear on 2.

The sting in the tail for the Premier riders was Section 9. Again, a steep up and down to start and final climb catching all but Simon Mephram, Rob Bratley and Simon Bown, keeping clean sheets with the 2 winners and

Jimmy Noble who enjoyed an excellent day on Hedley Cockshott's immaculate Cub, losing his only mark on Section 8 ,which nearly went unnoticed until his fellow competitors started heckling.

On the eased Clubman Route, Section 7 caught everyone except Richard Plume on his vintage Norman. Here, Brian Cooper lost his only mark of the day. The Intermediate Route turned out to be quite hard on a couple of sections on the hillside.

Our thanks go to the Landowner, Clerks of Course, Observers, Riders, (including Club Members Gary Holmes and Geoff Griffiths from the IOM, Edward Dobson from Kendal and Simon Mephram from Hull), Spectators and Barry Pickard for photos and results and everyone for an excellent day in the "Park".

## **Results**

### **Premier route**

#### Class A – Pre-Unit Springers over 347cc

Mark Feather (Ariel) 10, Mick Clarke (Ariel) 14, Chris Haigh (Velo) 22.

#### Class D – All Cubs

Tony Calvert 0, Jimmy Noble 1, Simon Mephram 25, Andy Littler 50.

#### Class F- 2 strokes

John Maxfield (Bantam) 0, Paul Preston (James) 7, Rob Bratley (F/B) 10, Andrew Scott 12, Simon Bown 21, Simon Critchley 21, (All Bantams).

#### Class S – Specials

George Emmott (Tri/Twin) 3, Dave Ingram (McD) 15.

### **Clubman Route**

#### Class B – Pre unit Rigid

Gary Marshall (TRW) 14, John Feather (Ariel) 33.

#### Class V - Vintage 2 strokes

Richard Plume (Norman) 27, Eric Atkinson (James) 56.

#### Class K – Open Clubman

Brian Cooper (Cub) 1, Geoff Walker (Bantam) 10, Nick Atha (James) 14, Barry Fieldhouse 19, Steve Culf 20, Ian Broomhead 18, (All Bantams).

#### Class K/Sp – Clubmen Specials

Keith Hobson (McD) 29, David Cockcroft (Cub) 51.

#### Class T – Pre-unit springer

Gary Holmes (Ariel) 14, Colin Benson (Ariel) 16, Rob Lowther (Tri/Twin) 38.

### **Intermediate Route**

#### Class I – Open Intermediate

Steve Gossop (Bantam) 11, Neil Buckley (R/E) 32, Dave Brogden (Bantam) 34, Steve Rayner (Cub) 36.