

Yorkshire Classic MCC

Annual Two Day Trial

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Despite the recent deluge suffered in the region, The Yorkshire Classics Two Day event at the old lead mines near Pateley Bridge was once again favoured with fine weather

Thirty five riders set off on Saturday afternoon in bright sunshine to tackle four laps of ten sections making use of the rocky stream sections and steep valley sides. The sections seemed to favour the smaller bikes with Bantam mounted John Maxfield and Mike Grant dropping 2 and 4 marks respectively on the harder route, whilst Dave Emmott dropped 13 to head the pre unit class on this Triumph Twin. His son Tom lost 22 on a unit Triumph twin to lead the twin cylinder class. Andrew Scott continued his run of good form on the cub dropping only 10 to head up the small unit class.

On the eased route, local man Geoff Walker went clean on another Bantam to take first position in the clubman class. Gary Marshall on his side-valve Triumph Twin used his rodeo skills to overcome the rocky sections, losing a very respectable 5 marks in the rigid class.

Sunday was three laps of fifteen sections and saw a fresh crop of riders just riding the one day championship trial bringing the total up to 85 riders. Eight sections were tightened up from the previous day and seven new sections were added by course plotters Judy and Duncan Macdonald and Dave Emmott.

The combination of the previous day's practice, the long hill climb and the rocky stream sections meant that the bigger bikes were less disadvantaged. Saturday night barbeque organiser Dave Emmott obviously suffered no ill effects from the late night, losing only six marks on Sunday. His score was only bettered on the harder route by Norman Shepard riding his Francis Barnett in the two stroke class. In the same class, John Maxfield suffered a very rare "over the handlebars" excursion into the stream on the very rocky section 11. Despite picking up a five as well as a soaking John held off a strong challenge from Mick Grant. Andrew Scott repeated the previous day's score of 10, to take the small unit class win by a big margin on his ever improving Cub.

The Clubman Riders sections were eased except for the early narrow stream section and the famous Jeffries Gully which were the same for both routes. Andrew Webbe on the Royal Enfield took the honours on Sunday with a clean sheet while overnight two day leader, Geoff walker took the two day win dropping seven to hold off a strong challenge from Eric Boocock.

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

Two Day Results

Class A Pre Unit Springer: Dave Emmott (Triumph) 19 marks lost, John Feather (Ariel) 65,

Class D Unit Machines under 250cc: Andrew Scott (Cub) 20, C. Lister (Cub) 78,

Class F Two Stroke : John Maxfield (BSA) 9, M. Grant (BSA) 11, Richard Thorpe (James) 32

Class G Twin Cylinder: Mick Whitlow (Triumph) 36.

Specials: Duncan Macdonald (Cub) 31

Class J Small Pre Unit: Adrian Brayshaw (C12) 27

Class B Rigid: Gary Marshall (Triumph) 18, Chris Nutter (Ariel) 38

Class K Clubman: Geoff Walker (BSA) 7, Eric Boocock (Cub) 11 Phil Holey (Cub) 20,