Yorkshire Classic MCC

10th Championship Trial, Skyraikes, Skipton

Round 10, Full Club Championship – 13th October 2019 Report by Ian Livingstone.

3-Way tie at the Top.

Low mist and rain greeted the 33 riders who braved the day on the hills above Skipton. Fortunately, the mist lifted, enabling the observers and riders to find the 10 sections plotted by Clerks of Course, Gary Marshall and John Feather, on a very wet day before. This did not deter Paul Dennis, Jimmy Noble and Paul Preston who each lost only 1 mark. They were closely followed by Tony Calvert and John Maxfield on 2 and no-one lost their marks on the same section. Of the Premier Group only Nick Jefferies managed to stay in single figures, losing 3 of his 5 marks on section 9, the biggest mark taker of the day. A twisting climb up the grassy hillside, which caught Mick Clarke for 11.

Both the Intermediate and Clubman had a tough day with double figure scores. Section 1's uphill climb to the finish over grass and rock slabs needed accurate positioning to succeed, with Intermediate, John Holdsworth, riding his son's Bantam, best here on 8. The long uphill stepped climb of Section 8 got muddier as the day went on, with Steve Rayner and John Feather best here on 6 and 7. The Clubmen also struggled here with Barry Fieldhouse on 5, followed by Malcolm Bell on 6. Section 9, modified for Clubmen to run along a muddy slot to the end, became very slippery with Chris Wilson on 1, followed by Barry Fieldhouse and Malcolm Bell on 5 and 6.

The weather improved as the day progressed and our thanks go to the Landowner, Clerks of Course, Observers, Riders, and Barry Pickard for results.

Results

Premier route

<u>Class A - Pre-Unit Springers over 347cc</u>
Chris Haigh (Velo) 17, Mick Clarke (Ariel) 18.
<u>Class D - All Cubs</u>
Paul Dennis 1, Jimmy Noble 1, Tony Calvert 2.
<u>Class E - Unit over 246cc</u>
Johnny Cooke(B40) 38.

Class F- 2 strokes

Paul Preston (James) 1, John Maxfield 2, Nick Jefferies 5, (Bantams).

Class S - Specials

Ian Myers (McD) 11.

Intermediate Route

Class I - Open Intermediate

Chris Wilson (Bantam) 26, Steve Rayner(Cub) 29, John Feather(Ariel) 54.

Clubman Route

Class K - Open Clubman

Chris Forshaw 19, Barry Fieldhouse 22, (Bantams), Malcolm Bell 24, Mick Whitlow 36 (Cubs).

Class K/Sp - Clubmen Specials

Phil Kendrew (Tri) 46.

Class T - Pre-unit springer

Carl Winstanley 23, Colin Benson 57, (Ariels).