

The Yorkshireman 25/02/2018 Ings

We had such horrendous weather at Ings last year that it left a dent in the memory. However, the forecast this time promised fine weather and fresh air, although that air was straight from Siberia.

Mike Salton had set out the sections on a craggy little fell by the name of Grandsire at Hag End. It's about two stops on the bus from the paddock, far enough to make you think about taking your lunch, fuel, tyre pump, extra jacket, tool kit, Lucozade Sport (other isotonic drinks are available), anyway you get the idea but it is well worth it when you get up the fell. The cars/trailers in the paddock can be seen in the picture on the right.



I was looking after Hill 5 which had several advantages: It was out of the wind, in the sun and came with wonderful views of Windermere. As I was part of the fixtures and fittings you are just getting a Hill 5 Report rather than a broader appreciation of the event (other hills were available). Hill 5 was long, from the start gate you headed out to the left for a steady climb around a hefty hummock then back down and out to the far right for a sharper climb before dropping down to the left into a hollow before a serious climb to a finish. Everybody made it to the hollow in the morning but Mike changed it in the afternoon bringing the course back to start level after the seven gate and putting in a tight turn and climb to a finish. Even that developed a kink for the last round. All good fun.

Jeff Armitstead brought along a very nice chap (according to the the memsahib) to passenger for him and finished fifth just ahead of Bob Packham to win the Docker Cup, B Class Award and Live Axle. Brian Thornton and Chris Hodgson were seventh and eighth, separated only on clears. They were followed by Andrew Woodhead, Phil Yarwood, Barry Hogg and David Halsall. All finishing within five points of each other.

Then there was a short commute to Neil McHardy who finished a couple of points ahead of Ben Hodgson, the C Class Award winner. It turned out to be a remarkably competitive day. Everyone finished within a point or two of a fellow competitor, apart from Andy McHardy who was ploughing a lone furrow behind Mike Storrar and Richard Waterhouse (who finished with fewer gears than he set out with) but two bus stops ahead of the C Class brethren. John Adamson finished in front of Barry Attwood and Andrew Jones.

Up at the front of the bus was Martin Grimwood in fourth on a score of 13 just one behind Bill Rhodes.

For the second time in a week Richard Sharp and Bryan Walker put on an excellent display and once again Bryan prevailed by the narrowest of margins. Roll on the next one. . . and that's the Stuart Butterfield/Stone Trough two day at Gale Hall.

Special Mentions

Jeff Armitstead – 5th, B Class, finding Ings

Martin Grimwood – 4th, setting out

Bill Rhodes – 3rd, after a decoke



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Entry Number	Round 1						Round 1 Total	Round 2						Round 2 Total	Running Total	Round 3						Round 3 Total	Running Total	Round 4						Round 4 Total	Overall Total	Position	Club Class	Club Points							
	1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3	4	5	6			1	2	3	4	5	6												
	PAR FOR THE COURSE TODAY						0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3					
6	Bryan Walker / Mark Simpson						0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	6	1	A	30			
9	Richard Sharp / Joe Sharp						0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	2	A	28		
8	Bill Rhodes / Tom Bamber						0	0	0	1	1	1	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	8	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	12	3	A	27	
18	Martin Grimwood / Julie Grimwood						0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	3	4	8	13	4	A	26	
15	Jeff Armitstead / Andrew Little						0	0	0	1	3	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	4	0	0	5	0	9	14	0	0	3	2	4	0	9	23	5	B	25	
19	Bob Packham / Mark Tallon						0	0	4	1	2	0	7	0	0	0	1	1	1	3	10	0	0	3	5	0	0	8	18	0	0	0	1	7	0	8	26	6	B	24	
4	Brian Thornton / Tom Anson						0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	5	7	0	0	2	6	5	0	13	20	1	0	3	1	4	0	9	29	7	A	23	
11	Chris Hodgson / Cameron Bradley						0	2	0	1	2	0	5	0	0	2	1	1	0	4	9	2	3	0	0	4	0	9	18	2	0	4	1	4	0	11	29	8	B	22	
17	Andrew Woodhead / Mike Storrar						0	2	2	2	3	1	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	11	0	0	2	1	4	2	9	20	0	0	3	1	5	3	12	32	9	A	21	
20	Phil Yarwood / Richard Howell						0	1	2	1	0	0	4	0	2	2	1	0	0	5	9	2	3	7	0	4	2	18	27	0	0	3	1	4	0	8	35	10	A	20	
5	Barry Hogg / Joanne Hogg						0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	5	6	0	3	2	0	4	0	9	15	5	3	8	1	4	0	21	36	11	A	19	
14	David Halsall / Steven Halsall						0	0	0	2	1	1	4	0	2	2	1	0	1	6	10	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	16	0	0	2	7	7	5	21	37	12	B	18	
3	Neil McHardy / Andy McHardy						0	0	1	1	2	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	7	0	3	8	5	4	2	22	29	0	0	6	7	7	5	25	54	13	B	17	
1	Ben Hodgson / Cameron Bradley						0	2	0	2	1	0	5	0	2	2	2	0	1	7	12	0	3	3	5	4	4	19	31	2	3	4	8	7	1	25	56	14	C	16	
16	Mike Storrar / Andrew Woodhead						4	3	4	2	4	1	18	0	3	4	1	3	0	11	29	0	6	4	10	4	5	29	58	2	6	3	1	7	1	20	78	15	B	15	
21	Richard Waterhouse / Andrew Little						0	1	1	4	2	1	9	0	2	3	4	3	1	13	22	2	3	8	6	6	4	5	28	50	2	3	5	7	9	3	29	79	16	B	14
2	Andy McHardy / Neil McHardy						0	6	4	9	1	1	21	0	5	7	9	0	0	21	42	0	3	8	6	6	3	26	68	2	0	4	6	9	7	28	96	17	B	13	
7	John Adamson / Ben Adamson						11	6	7	9	4	4	41	5	4	4	9	4	4	30	71	5	6	8	4	4	3	30	101	7	6	8	4	11	6	42	143	18	C	12	
12	Barry Attwood / Dave Nickson						5	10	8	9	4	5	41	6	6	3	9	1	1	26	67	9	4	8	9	8	3	41	108	2	6	8	7	9	7	39	147	19	C	11	
10	Andrew Jones / James Jones						11	5	2	9	3	6	36	5	5	8	6	4	1	29	65	11	6	8	10	6	4	45	110	2	7	8	9	7	6	39	149	20	C	10	

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Organising Club - NPTCC

Site - Ings

A Round of the NPTCC Championship

Overall Winner - Bryan Walker / Mark Simpson

A Class - Bryan Walker / Mark Simpson

B Class - Jeff Armitstead / Andrew Little

C Class - Ben Hodgson / Cameron Bradley