

A damn fine trial. Great weather, neither sun block nor an extra vest needed and dry enough to leave your washing out.

Matt Sharp was clerk for the event and he and his helpers had done a grand job with a finite and familiar few acres. The sections here are planted on the SW face of a dell where the Sun can be blinding if it's out and you're lucky enough to get up the slope.

Francis Regan was really unfortunate as his Sherpa suffered a broken axle after four hills and he left to catch his ferry. The first round saw Richard Sharp and Bill Rhodes clearing all hills bar 5 & 6 and weren't to be caught. Bill was within a badger's nadger until the last round when a dozen or so points crept onto his card.

Bob Packham and John Firth each had tremendous second rounds and Andrew Woodhead with them. Andrew might have had a lunchtime lead were it not for a missed gate in the first round but it mattered not as the Concord broke a belt became too hot to handle. Bob's third place gave him leading live axle and the far more prestigious Docker honours.

Brian Thornton and Jeff Armitstead rolled up in fifth and sixth but took markedly dissimilar routes. After a slowish start Brian was his usual 'Mr Consistency' but Jeff struggled to select a gear in the second round (this was not indecision but a mechanical problem) which lost him 48 points instead of half dozen, maybe. That Crosslé does seem to have a lot more grip now it's painted blue.

Lewis Hall and John Cressey were next up. What can be said about Lewis? A barnstorming performance. His climb up hill 5 in the first round was brilliant only equalled by Richard. Great to watch. John had some good climbs too, a 3 on hill 6 in the first round and a few clears before the pressures went up.

Neil McHardy and Joe Armitstead brought up the rear but both were beset with gremlins. A most enjoyable event and all participants deserve a wave of the stick and a Grace Brothers Rosette, however special mentions go to Brian Thornton and Carolyn Dean for best turnout. I was most impressed by Carolyn's shades and 'China Truck Racing' overalls but thought John Firth's 'Fastnet' jerkin especially cool.

Special Mentions

Richard & Joe Sharp – A win sealed with a remarkable effort in the afternoon, dropping just three points after pressures had been raised and sections tweaked.

Lewis Hall & Wilson Park – Class C winners

Chairman's Trophy 2024 - Finishing Order																																									
Entry Number	Entrants	Trial Total	Position	Round 1						Round Total	Round 2						Running Total	Round 3						Round Total	Round 4						Running Total	Round Total	Position	Club Class	Suspension	Car					
				1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4	5	6		1	2	3	4	5	6											
	Average Score / 7 Finisher/s	54		2	0	3	2	5	4	14	1	0	1	0	3	3	7	21	2	1	2	3	4	3	15	36	2	6	2	3	3	2	18	54							
	Best Score	10		0	0	0	0	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10							
29	Richard Sharp / Joe Sharp	17	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	7	0	0	0	0	4	3	7	14	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	1	A	Indi	Cartwright - 1600			
34	Bill Rhodes / Kate Imrie	32	2	0	0	0	0	5	3	8	1	0	0	1	2	3	7	15	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	19	1	8	0	0	2	2	13	32	2	A	Indi	Cartwright - 1500			
30	Bob Packham / Mark Tallon	39	3	3	0	0	2	5	2	12	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	16	3	0	3	0	2	0	8	24	1	0	2	8	1	3	15	39	3	A	Live	Kincraft - 1650			
37	John Firth / Ann Boyes	44	4	1	0	1	2	5	2	11	0	0	1	0	1	3	5	16	1	0	3	1	4	5	14	30	1	8	0	1	2	2	14	44	4	A	Indi	Crossle - 1500			
36	Brian Thornton / Carolyn Dean	61	5	1	0	6	4	5	3	19	3	0	0	0	2	3	8	27	4	0	3	1	3	6	17	44	1	9	3	2	2	0	17	61	5	B	Live	Kincraft - 1650			
38	Jeff Armitstead / Stephen Postlethwaite	73	6	0	0	0	3	5	3	11	0	12r	12r	12r	9	12r	57	68	0	0	0	1	2	0	3	71	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	73	6	B	Live	Crossle - 1500			
32	Lewis Hall / Wilson Park	92	7	3	1	6	1	4	9	24	3	0	3	0	3	2	11	35	4	0	3	7	6	3	23	58	9	8	3	2	6	6	34	92	7	C	Live	SRB - 1440			
35	John Cressey / Paul Coates	107	8	4	0	6	7	5	3	25	1	0	0	0	5	3	9	34	3	8	3	8	9	7	38	72	3	9	3	8	9	3	35	107	8	B	Indi	Sherpa Indy - 1540			
33	Neil McHardy / Andy McHardy	142	9	1	3	10	8	5	2	29	12r	3	10	12r	12r	12r	61	90	3	0	6	1	9	3	22	112	3	8	10	1	2	6	30	142	9	B	Indi	Orangeina - 1400			
31	Joseph Armitstead / Diane Knowles	164	10	1	5	10	3	5	8	32	3	0	10	4	5	10	32	64	4	5	10	6	10	4	39	103	12r	9	10	6	12r	61	164	10	C	Live	SRB - 1440				
39	Andrew Woodhead / Karen Briggs			0	0	5	0	5	2	12	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	16	3	0	2																				
40	Francis Regan / Diane Knowles			0	10	4	5	10																																	

Chairman's Trophy 2024 - 25/02/2024
 Organising Club - NPTCC
 Site - Colston's Farm
 Sec: Andrew Woodhead / CofC: Matt Sharp
 Overall Winner - Richard Sharp / Joe Sharp
 A Class - Richard Sharp / Joe Sharp
 B Class - Brian Thornton / Carolyn Dean
 C Class - Lewis Hall / Wilson Park