

The Fiddles Trial 17/12/17 Colston's Farm

The inaugural contest for the Fiddles Trophy turned out to be an excellent little point and squirt trial. The Colston's clag was just the right consistency to make it interesting but without any sudden surprises. Rain fell during the morning and it was cold - but once in the shelter of the valley it was a tropical 4°C with a refreshing drizzle.

There was just one hill at the far NW end of the dale (through the gate, sharp left and along the top) supervised by Mike Lawn. Hills 2 & 3 were below the gate (turn right down the track then sharp left) minded by Irving on his Tod Sloan and by Team Ginette-Sarah-Mia. At the far SE corner the slippery slopes were manfully managed by Matthew Kingsley, Bryan Walker and Simon K. It wasn't easy marshalling down there either, with the wide sections and comedy surface.



Richard Sharp and Phil Yarwood had very tidy first rounds with Mike Salton, Martin Grimwood and Andrew Woodhead still in with the chance of a say in the outcome. But the standard was set by Mark Campbell who cleaned Matthew's hill and dropped just fifteen points. Brian Thornton had a cracking second round to leave him and Tom Anson lying fourth at lunch.

Obviously the flask of redbush and 2lb growler worked wonders for Martin as he marmalized the third round with three clears and small change, this eased him alongside Phil on points and ahead on clears which ultimately gave him the B Class award.

Johnathon Hughes also had an excellent Round Three, bettered only by Martin, Mark and Andrew. Johnathon strolled off with the C Class pot, clearly for the last time and Richard Howell took an honourable second in that class with some really lively climbs and a card unbesmirched by double digits.



Mike Storrar made good use of his day off by sitting in with Chris Hodgson which will have done him no harm and Mike's usual partner, Keith Markham passengered Jeff Armitstead. Jeff and Barry Hogg both had unremarkable days as did Bill Rhodes, David H and Bob. The only prize being taken home here is the sheer pleasure of taking part. Ben Hodgson did well to keep up with the pack on a surface that can sometimes be dispiriting. John Adamson didn't really get to grips (no pun intended) with the Colston's clag and should be aiming to make a proper go of it at Croglin 1 in the first trial of 2018. A new year and a fresh start.

So it turned out to be a bit of a two horse race. Richard Sharp was in the kind of form that has put him at the sharp end (again, no pun intended) of two national championships this year but this event was the sort of 'straighten it up and bury it' trial that, a couple of years back, any bookie would have marked up pretty short odds on Mark Campbell picking up a pot - and it's heartening to see that it's still the case.

Results Below

Special mentions

Mark Campbell – a blast from the past (no pun intended)

Richard Howell for a grand effort

Everyone who's turned out to knock poles in and those that have marshalled them in 2017

Good luck to everyone next year. Keep safe.



Fiddles Trophy 2017

Entry Number	Entrants	Round 1						Round 1 Total	Round 2						Round 2 Total	unning Total	Round 3						Round 3 Total	unning 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	1	2	3	4	5	6					
	PAR FOR THE COURSE TODAY	0	3	5	0	2	1	11	1	4	0	2	1	1	9	20	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	23	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	27				
16	Mark Campbell / Mark Watson	0	5	5	0	3	2	15	1	4	0	2	2	2	11	26	0	1	0	2	3	1	7	33	0	0	2	4	3	2	11	44	1	A	30	
10	Richard Sharp / Joe Sharp	0	3	5	3	5	2	18	1	5	0	2	1	1	10	28	0	4	2	3	2	0	11	39	0	0	2	2	2	2	8	47	2	A	28	
20	Mike Salton / Duncan Walker	2	5	5	4	2	1	19	3	4	0	2	3	3	15	34	2	1	0	3	2	5	13	47	0	0	0	5	2	0	7	54	3	A	27	
11	Martin Grimwood / Vickie Hunter	1	5	5	4	4	2	21	4	4	0	11	2	1	22	43	0	0	0	3	2	1	6	49	0	0	5	2	2	0	9	58	4	B	26	
4	Phil Yarwood / Ann Yarwood	1	4	5	4	3	1	18	1	6	0	11	3	2	23	41	1	0	2	2	3	2	10	51	0	0	2	3	2	0	7	58	5	B	25	
3	Andrew Woodhead / Karen Briggs	3	5	5	5	3	1	22	1	4	5	4	2	3	19	41	2	0	0	2	3	1	8	49	0	4	2	3	2	0	11	60	6	A	24	
21	Jonathon Hughes / Paula Scott	2	9	6	6	3	2	28	1	10	0	5	2	1	19	47	1	1	2	3	1	1	9	56	0	0	2	3	3	0	8	64	7	C	23	
15	Brian Thornton / Tom Anson	1	5	5	6	4	3	24	1	5	1	4	2	3	16	40	0	1	0	3	3	5	12	52	0	1	3	3	2	3	12	64	8	B	22	
9	Chris Hodgson / Mike Storrar	2	5	5	5	10	4	31	2	4	2	4	3	4	19	50	1	1	3	6	3	6	20	70	0	1	2	4	2	2	11	81	9	B	21	
12	Jeff Armitstead / Keith Markham	3	4	5	4	4	3	23	4	6	0	3	3	9	25	48	1	3	5	3	3	2	17	65	1	4	2	4	3	3	17	82	10	A	20	
1	Barry Hogg / Joanne Hogg	3	5	5	4	7	2	26	3	5	1	9	4	4	26	52	3	1	3	4	3	6	20	72	0	2	3	6	3	0	14	86	11	A	19	
5	Bill Rhodes / Rob Baxter	6	5	5	5	11	3	35	1	9	0	8	3	3	24	59	1	2	2	3	8	2	18	77	3	1	2	5	3	1	15	92	12	A	18	
8	Richard Howell / Helen Copping	4	5	5	8	8	5	35	2	9	1	8	3	3	26	61	1	5	0	7	4	5	22	83	1	4	2	3	3	1	14	97	13	C	17	
7	David Halsall / Steven Halsall	4	5	6	5	7	2	29	2	6	1	8	4	3	24	53	3	2	1	6	8	6	26	79	9	5	8	5	3	0	30	109	14	B	16	
22	Bob Packham / Mark Tallon	5	4	6	7	8	6	36	4	6	1	9	7	4	31	67	5	5	3	7	8	6	34	101	3	4	3	7	3	5	25	126	15	B	15	
2	Ben Hodgson / Cameron Bradley	6	9	6	8	8	4	41	4	9	2	8	4	8	35	76	3	2	2	8	8	5	28	104	8	5	3	4	3	2	25	129	16	C	14	
19	John Adamson / Ben Adamson	5	9	6	8	9	9	46	12	10	2	8	10	9	51	97	8	7	9	8	8	3	43	140	9	5	4	7	6	6	37	177	17	C	13	
14	Tom Bamber / John Bamber	2	5	5	7	5	3	27	8	9	7	5	10	3	42	69	12	12	2	6	12	12	56	125	12	12	12	12	12	12	72	197	18	B	12	
18	Andy McHardy / Neil McHardy																																	B	dnf	
17	Neil McHardy / Andy McHardy																																	B	dnf	
6	Bryan Walker / Steven Halsall																																	A	dns	

Fiddles's Trophy 2017 - 17/12/2017
 Organising Club - NPTCC
 Site - Colston's Farm
 A Round of the NPTCC Championship
 Overall Winner - Mark Campbell / Mark Watson
 A Class - Mark Campbell / Mark Watson
 B Class - Martin Grimwood / Vickie Hunter
 C Class - Jonathon Hughes / Paula Scott