

Hull Thursday Road Club Circuit TT championship event 6

Handicap TT Tuesday 18th May 2010

Finally after 5 events with the weather either wet, windy, cold or a combination of all two/three we got a nice warm evening with not too much wind that made racing much more enjoyable. With the breeze behind riders up the long start finish drag it was reasonably quick

The event was a handicapped event with riders been given a handicap based on their last performance on the Little Weighton event or their previous performances generally if they did not ride that event. 29 minutes was set as the scratch time and all things been equal everyone should end up with a very similar time

The plan wasn't too far adrift with 4 exceptions. Rob stones made a massive improvement between the two events and easily won the event. Having rode the first event on a standard road bike and then ridden a bike with Tri-bars meant my handicapping was a far too optimistic but fair due to Rob he recorded the 6th fastest time of the night and was fastest veteran by a good margin despite been a super vet – top performance Rob.

Nathan Chester also received a slight generous handicap allowance but didn't start training until late in the season and so has gained a lot of fitness since the earlier event and is getting back to his usual level of fitness – again good result Nathan

The other two handicapping blobs were Paul Purdy and Mike Kilgour who were out the other way. Both rode standard road bikes last night that probably explains some of the error, especially as Paul rode a lo-pro in the earlier event but in Mike's case I had no performances to base his time on and got it wrong –sorry mate!

Other than that everyone was contained within a 65 second gap, which is pretty accurate handicapping and probably about as good as can be expected really.

Generally everyone improved their times since the first event but strangely Karl Downs improved least. Not quite sure why and judging by the speed he passed me (on my second lap) and disappeared own the road - not too much to worry about. Karl set the fastest time by a huge margin. It was also the 4th fastest time ever recorded on the circuit and the quickest since the start was moved from further up the road and he must feel pretty cheated to have only got 29 points for his efforts. I guess he'll get his revenge at the next event. For information the quickest ever was 28.10 recorded by James Frith back in 2001.

Two junior ladies from 3Xtri club joined us for the first time last night and both rode a single lap – 6 mile race and recorded very good time for their first events – hopefully they will ride some more events in the weeks ahead.

I will put together the overall points table after the first 6 events in the next day or so and post it on the website

The next event is next Tuesday 2nd June at Sproatley. Meet on the school car park. All riders should be at the HQ NLT 6.20pm assigning on will close at 6.40 pm sharp

Fingers crossed for the warm and sunny weather to continue

Result

Position	Rider	Time	H/C	HC Time	Points
1	Rob Stones	00:31:36	5.07	00.26.29	50
2	Nathan Chester	00:32:32	5.25	00.27.07	47
3	Neil Dean	00:32:54	5.42	00.27.12	45
4	Simon Jack	00:32:19	5.00	00.27.19	44
5	Nick Coupland	00:31:51	4.29	00.27.22	43
6	Simon Pickering	00:31:08	3.25	00.27.43	42
7	Amanda Dean	00:38:44	11.00	00.27.44	41
8	Paul Noble	00:31:39	3.54	00.27.45	40
9=	Paul Kilvington	00:32:31	4.45	00.27.46	39
9=	Tony Goundry	00:30:07	2.21	00.27.46	39
11	Mark Walker	00:30:33	2.45	00.27.48	37
12	Mark Summer	00:32:11	4.20	00.27.51	36
13=	Simon Mason	00:33:47	5.55	00.27.52	35
13=	Paul Campbell	00:32:22	4.30	00.27.52	35
15	Dave Millson	00:34:39	6.44	00.27.55	33
16	Richard Guymer	00:35:58	7.59	00.27.59	32
17	John Savage	00:35:15	7.00	00.28.15	31
18=	Andy Carroll	00:32:04	3.45	00.28.19	30
18=	Karl Downes	00:28:27	0.08	00.28.19	30
20	Paul Purdy	00:32:34	4.03	00.28.31	28
21	Mike Kilgour	00:35:10	6.30	00.28.40	27

1 lap	Fiona Batty	00:18:12
1 lap	Kat Roberts	00:17:24
Private	Pete Lynas	00:29:39