



# Worthing Excelsior Cycling Club



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## ***Club 25 Time Trial Championship - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018*** ***Course G25/95***

***Qualifying event for the following Competitions:***

***WECC Championship Points, WECC Vets Championship Points, WECC SPOCO***

***John Clapshaw Cup (Handicap Winner)***

**Event Promoter: Chris Putnam: [Email](#)**

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G25/95 is always a challenging course, which is why it is included in the SPOCO series. This year had the added spice of an extensive section of newly laid loose chippings to be negotiated twice.

The Annual Club 25 Championship is always a low entry event due to the particularly lumpy course and this year only saw 10 riders entered with no private entries at all. En route to the start fog was engulfing the course and it was looking like it may follow in the footsteps of many events so far this season and be cancelled. However, Martin had used the ride up from home as his warm up and Chris had driven the course to place the signs out and the fog was starting to lift so it was decided to go ahead.

Ahead of the race John and Karen McGrath had sent apologies and Rick, Neil and Mike made their decisions not to start due to the conditions, leaving a field of five riders to compete with a slightly delayed start time of 0800 hours. It was cold and moist due to the fog and fingered gloves were the order of the day.

None of this affected Nik Allen as he just carries on knocking out superlative performances. His 56:41 is a new course record, beating Jeremy Wootton's 2011 figure of 58:31.

He won the Bennett Cup (25 mile champion) and the John Clapshaw Cup (25 mile handicap winner). He takes the maximum 20 points into the Championship Points competition and the SPOCO competition. As fastest vet he takes maximum points into the Vets Championship Points competition. Not a bad morning's work really.

Everybody else finished in short hour rides with Cheesy just pipping Trevor to second place by a handful of seconds which led to some good-natured banter about the amount Cheesy's new bike cost compared to Trevor's tried and tested kit with little gain!!

Martin and Paul secured course PB's and all riders managed to negotiate the various potholes, gravel and other hazards around the course and went for a well deserved breakfast! Thanks to Chris Putnam, Joan Lennon, Mick Irons and Claire Booker for marshalling, event sec and tea duties in chilly and damp conditions. Allan Orman (handicapper) is to be congratulated on getting such a tight grouping of results.

## Club 25 Championship Results

Pos	Rider No	Name	Cat/ Age	Actual Time	VTTA Std	Vet +/-	Position on Std	Champ Pts/ SPOCO Pts	Vets Champ Pts
1	10	Nik Allen	V46	56:41	1:07:15	+10:34	1	20	20
2	5	Ian Cheesman	V49	1:01:12	1:07:50	+6:38	3	19	18
3	7	Trevor Leeding	V52	1:01:29	1:08:26	+6:57	2	18	19
4	9	Martin Booker	V49	1:02:10	1:07:50	+5:40	5	17	16
5	3	Paul Townsley	V69	1:07:30	1:13:37	+6:07	4	16	17

1	Neil Crowther	V45	DNS(A)
2	Karen McGrath	WV56	DNS(A)
4	Rick Hughes	V55	DNS(A)
6	John McGrath	V54	DNS(A)
8	Mike O'Gorman	V66	DNS(A)

## Handicap Competition

Overall Position	Rider No	Name	Actual Time	Handicap	Adjusted Time
1	10	Nik Allen	56:41	0:00	56:41
2	5	Ian Cheesman	1:01:12	4:30	56:42
3	9	Martin Booker	1:02:10	5:15	56:55
4	7	Trevor Leeding	1:01:29	4:30	56:59
5	3	Paul Townsley	1:07:30	9:00	58:30

## SPOCO Competition Standings

Pos	Rider	Rides	Points	Ashurst Circuit	Long Furlong	Club 25
1	Ian Cheesman	3	54	19	16	19
2	Martin Booker	3	52	17	18	17
3	Nik Allen	2	40		20	20
4	John McGrath	2	39	20	19	
5	Neil Crowther	2	32	15	17	
5	Trevor Leeding	2	32	14		18
7	Rick Hughes	2	27	12	15	
8	Spencer Kirkham	1	18	18		
9	Nolan Heather	1	16	16		
9	Paul Townsley	1	16			16
11	Dominic Maxwell	1	13	13		
12	Jeff Blunsdon	1	11	11		
13	Ian Newbold	1	10	10		
14	Phil Frean	1	9	9		
15	Andy Haste	1	8	8		