



Worthing Excelsior Cycling Club



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Club Hard Riders - Sunday 1st March 2020 Course GS/195 (shortened to 22.8 miles)

Qualifying event for the WECC SPOCO Competition:

(Held within the SCA Hard Riders):

Results

Pos	Name	Bike	Cat/ Age	Actual Time	VTTA Std	Vet +/-	Position on Std	SPOCO Pts
1	John McGrath	TT	V56	0:58:45	03:02	+4:17	1	20
2	Nik Allen	TT	V48	0:58:47	01:34	+2:47	2	19
3	Simon Steeles	TT	V49	1:05:41	01:45	-3:56	3	18
4	Ian Cheesman	Road	V50	1:07:04	01:55	-5:09	4	17
5	Colin Toppin	Road	V47	1:07:52	01:24	-6:28	6	16
6	Rick Hughes	TT	V56	1:08:55	03:02	-5:53	5	15
	Dominic Maxwell	Road	V46	DNS	01:13			

The SCA/WECC Hilly/Hardriders event is always a little bit of a lottery with the weather. last year saw all three WECC riders DNS due to extremely windy and potentially dangerous conditions. Whilst the 2020 event seemed to have escaped the clutches of Storm Jorge, there was still sufficient surface water to mean that the course had to be shortened to 22.80 miles due to a road closure near the end of the course. Whilst winds were still gusting up to 25 mph there were seven entrants from WECC which may be the biggest club field in his event in recent history.

Our riders made their own decisions as to their equipment choice and with John McGrath and Simon Steeles citing riding their TT rigs as "scary" those opting for road bikes may have chosen wisely! It was a difficult ride with a cornucopia of pot-holes and puddles to be avoided and quite breezy at some points. Worthing put in a good and solid performance and if nothing else it would be a good race training ride. The results were:

- 1. John McGrath (TT bike) 58.45 (7th)**
- 2. Nik Allen (TT bike) 58.47 (8th)**
- 3. Simon Steeles (TT Bike) 1.05.41 (24th)**
- 4. Ian Cheesman (Road bike) 1.07.04 (27th)**
- 5. Colin Toppin (Road Bike) 1.07.52 (29th)**
- 6. Rick Hughes (TT Bike) 1.08.55 (30th)**
- 7. Dom Maxwell (Road Bike) DNS**

Placing are provisional as Cheesy had to rely on his eyesight and counting!! It should be noted that Rick had to deal with a shipped chain which impacted his time but John won his age category and came 3rd on VTTA Std, as well as taking club honours, just 2 seconds ahead of Nik. Had Dom not been suffering from a cold WECC would have won the road bike category by default.

A good start to the 2020 season with some early points for our riders in the SPOCO competition.