**West Coast Night Event – Swinside – January 2014**

Firstly, apologies for the lateness of the this report – my laptop died, so it took me a while to recover the results ! Second apology is for the quality of the map. It was disappointing and I know a few people struggled with it. I should have used a 1:50,000 and will do in the future.

A total of 29 people turned out for the 2nd of the 2013/14 West Coast night events, which was held at the Swinside Inn, Newlands Valley. Although it wasn’t completely dry, it was a fairly pleasant night and certainly a lot better than the night before and the couple of day after !

The event area was quite large, which I had planned to make people think a bit and plan a route, as the ‘clean up’ wasn’t going to happen. The choice seemed to be either a trip around the lake, mopping up a few controls around Catbells or alternatively a combination of Whinlatter and the Newlands Valley. I had expected the majority of people to opt for the tour of Derwent Water as the riding was fast and most controls were low lying, but surprisingly the majority stuck to the Newlands Valley.

The large area certainly worked, as there were a large variety of routes, but despite this, scores were very close.

The highest scorer of the night (280) was Neil Hamblin (M21), who opted for a clockwise tour of Derwent Water and avoided the ‘harder’ controls on Catbells, using his time to get lower lying controls along the lake shore.

The M40 class was tight with Keswick Bikes’ rider, Andy Wrigley, winning the class with 277 points. Andy made it hard for himself by opting for the Whinlatter and Newlands circuit. He was just ahead of 2nd place Kevin Hodgson (270) and 3rd place Alan Hartley (260).

Alastair Silver won the M50 class with 260 points, ahead of 2nd place Ade Gidney and 3rd place Bernard Moore (who was kicking himself for not spotting that the control near Lingholm Gardens was worth 30 points).

Ange Sims got the highest score in the womens with 180 points.

The most impressive score of the night was in the mixed category – Angela Wakefield and Peter Leeson who won their class with 270 points, placing them 3rd overall.

All results are attached on the next page.

Thanks to everyone for coming and thanks to Eve Pricket for collecting a load of controls the following day.

Chris Hope

**Results**

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|  | **Name** | **Total** | **%** | **Final Position** |
| **M21** | Neil Hamblin | 280 | 100.0 | 1 |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| **M40** | Andy Wrigley | 277 | 98.9 | 1 |
| Kevin Hodgson | 270 | 96.4 | 2 |
| Alan Hartley | 260 | 92.9 | 3 |
| Alistair Dunlop | 239 | 85.4 | 4 |
| Shaun Monico & Stuart St.John | 227 | 81.1 | 5 |
| Mark Hopkins | 159 | 56.8 | 6 |
| Matthew Walker & Graeme Campbell | 151 | 53.9 | 7 |
| Gerraint Barratt & David Williams | 110 | 39.3 | 8 |
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| **M50** | Alastair Silver | 260 | 92.9 | 1 |
| Adrian Gidney | 247 | 88.2 | 2 |
| Bernard Moore | 240 | 85.7 | 3 |
| Tony Brand-Barker | 170 | 60.7 | 4 |
| Chris Swift | 160 | 57.1 | 5 |
| Richard King | 0 | 0.0 | 6 |
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| **W40** | Angela Sims | 180 | 64.3 | 1 |
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| **W50** | Jane Hornsby | 108 | 38.6 | 1 |
| Zoe Ferguson | 101 | 36.1 | 2 |
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| **Mixed** | Angela Wakefield & Peter Leeson | 270 | 96.4 | 1 |
| Helen Brownlee & M Jewell | 240 | 85.7 | 2 |
| Roger Jackson & Margaret Mackenzie | 130 | 46.4 | 3 |
| Vic Keeton & Andy Sudell | 108 | 38.6 | 4 |