

# Toilet Seat 2008

Welcome to the first edition of the Toilet Seat 2008! As ever, Auntie Hazel and I are eagerly awaiting your tales of woe and misery – quite a few of you have already dished the dirt on your clubmates – keep ‘em coming!

Yours,  
Uncle Barry

**Christmas gift recycling?** Roger & Paula Hawarth were about to go away for a Christmas break. They gave Colin & Claire a present for Eleanor (Duncan and Sandra’s baby). Duncan and Sandra were not at home so Colin wrapped the present, along with his own present to Eleanor, in a plastic bag and looked for a safe place as it was raining. He placed the gifts into a bin containing “grit” for the path. He pushed a note through the door, “Presents in bin”. Poor Eleanor - the grit turned out to be ashes from the stove and the bin men came and took the lot away! That’s 10 points to Colin – 5 for each lost gift.

**Wrong pub (again):** A very late Dave Collins turned up for the Wednesday Club run in January - at the Masons Arms in Todmorden – should have been at the White Swan in Hebden! 5 pts

**Which way Martin?** Being last man off on the Handicap and having seen all others going off to the left, Martin Roberts was spotted heading off to the right, causing much ado, yelling and waving to get him on the right track. Not content with this blunder, Martin even managed to get lost later into the race. When taken to task on this after the race, Martin said that he wasn’t lost and was merely misled. Follow the stud marks in future Martin and collect 5 points on each count

**Senior moment:** Jane Smith discussing the Black Coombe Fell Race with Colin Duffield: “That second climb was really hard” said Colin. Jane’s response of “Well, Colin, when did you do it?” was met with a baffled look as Colin replied, “Er, last week on a recce with you, Jane!” 5 points Jane (perhaps your early retirement is just in time, eh, Jane?)

**Going Solo?** Phil Hodgson had planned to go cycling on an early morning Chain Gang ride and was then to work from home for the rest of the day. Already tired out, poor Phil overslept and cried off from the ride. It was only after breakfast when Phil adjourned to his office that he realised that he’d forgotten to bring home vital journals from work, resulting in a very soggy Phil doing a 5 mile sprint to work and back with said journals and 5 points.

**Party tricks** A very red faced Phil Hodgson was spotted at Martin’s 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party after a conversation with Ian Ferguson. It went something like this:

Ian: “I fancy doing the Jura this year – can you get me in as I tend to be a bit lax at entering races”

Phil: “You do realise this is a hard race Ian? It’s got some very tough climbs in it and you have to qualify by doing some long A races first.”

A.N.Other: “Phil! Do you realise who you’re talking to? Ian has done Jura before – in fact he came second in it! And he’s won more races than you’ve had pints of Timmy Taylor’s!” 5 pts.

**Ever ready?** Not in Mark Harris’ case. One week before he was due to take a group of students to Europe for a skiing trip at half term, Mark found his passport had run out. Wife Ali had then to run out (to Liverpool) on a mercy trip to renew it for him. 5 points Mark.

## LEAGUE TABLE

Colin Duffield	10
Martin Roberts	10
Phil Hodgson	10
Dave Collins	5
Jane Smith	5
Mark Harris	5

## ANTE POST BETTING

Current champion, Jane Smith, off to a good start, has proven form: 5:1  
Colin Duffield, Martin Roberts and Phil Hodgson all off to a flying start but stamina could be suspect: 10:1  
Dave Collins, always a threat, should stay the course: 12:1  
Mark Harris, a dark horse – could be a good outside bet: 15:1  
20:1 the field