

Championship title. The number of points he scored this year is his highest ever, beating his previous best which was achieved way back in 2000.

A respectable turnout of 72 ran on the fells – though this year’s qualifiers, like the road, were down: only 11 is another lowest ever. Thus we are missing, for example winners in the M50 and F40 categories where there should have been plenty of tough competition.

The lack of road and fell qualifiers had an impact on the Club Championship where only two runners made the cut– Peter Ehrhardt was second to Paul Brannigan who has now won the Club Championship for the 4th time.

This year’s new criteria for the Trail Championship of just three races to qualify has happily resulted in an increase to 12 qualifiers out of the total participation of 53. Unlike last season we have a female winner – Issy Pollard; overall male winner Trevor Davis ran the most races – 5 of 6.

Back to the prize that the club’s season is built around. This year’s GP Champion is, for the second year running Paul Brannigan. He is also able to boast another achievement – a points haul of 858 impressively surpasses Andrew Wrench’s 2009 total of 841.

There is also another record breaking total – the highest number of race points. Both Dave Collins and Richard Blakeley scored 117.1, strangely in the same event, Reservoir Bogs. Now, Richard has queried how they both ended up with this equal total. Well they didn’t; to be precise Dave scored 117.15 and Richard 117.09 – so the latter should have accepted the draw.

It is always encouraging to see the Grand Prix, the focus of our club activity, attracting qualification from diverse abilities. Happy to report that 9 members have qualified for the first time: Trevor Davis, Ben Crowther, Robert Gray, David Leslie, Paul Alexander, Paul Cruthers, Issy Pollard, Joe Daniels and Andrea Marshall. Let’s hope that one or more of them can, in future years, emulate the following.

The GP Tankard is the least awarded trophy in the club, going to a runner on the completion of their 10th Grand Prix qualification. Only three members have bagged more than 10 since 1997 – Peter Ehrhardt, Paul Brannigan and Dave O’Neill. This elite trio are now joined by a 4th. His first qualification was in 1997, a season he won it for the first of a record four times. So 17 years on we can congratulate Richard Blakeley on finally completing this 10th.

Club championships - Final Results Table

			Pendle	Buckden Pike (EC)	Blisco Dash (EC)	Crow Hill	Hades Hill	Ovenden	Fairfield (EC)	Reservoir Bogs	Turner Landscape (EC)	Withens	Micklefen	Wasdale (EC)	Howton	Edale (EC)	Tour Pendle	Blabburn 10k	Garstang 10k	Rochdale 10k	Ron Hill 5k	St Annes 10m (Lancs)	Otley 10m	Pier2Pier 10	Preston 10	Spennithorne (Yorks)	Sheffield Half (Yorks)	Langdale Half	Capesthorpe Half	QUALIFYING TOTAL
1	Paul Brannigan	M45	89.5		50.9	94.0	92.6	89.1	89.0		88.8	88.5	86.1			90.5		88.1	99.6		93.6			99.1		97.2		98.4	101.0	573.2
2	Peter Ehrhardt	M65	56.2	57.5	56.5	62.8	59.8	55.0		61.3	59.0		51.2						63.5		60.8	61.1	62.4	64.4	62.3	56.0				359.2