# $\frac{1}{4}$ TODMORDEN 

NEWS, MOTIVATION, INSPIRATION, RACING, OBSESSION, MEMORIES, BANTER AND MORE!

# Blooming Toddies 

The weekend of the club prize presentation (6th Dec) saw the final race in the Red Rose Cross Country season bring in another host of fine performances from Todmorden Harriers. The Vets teams have enjoyed spectacular success - confirming the club's position as one of the best clubs for Vets in the region. Both the Men's and Women's Vets won their overall Championships, with the Men's team taking the title for the second year in a row. To add to this glory the Women's team secured 3rd place in the Open Seniors Championship with the Men's team taking 4th in the Open Seniors Championship. In the individual Championship Andrew Wrench claimed the V50 title with Nick Barber taking 3rd place in the V40 category.

Celebrate Tod Harriers Red Rose supremacy by attending the presentation night where you can eat your body weight in pie and pea's. We are entitled to 14 tickets for the Presentation Night (plus 2 additional Guest tickets for Jim Smith \& guest) on 04 March 2016 at Horwich RMI Social Club at a cost of $£ 42$....thats $£ 3$ per person. Plannig too attend? Post on the forum on the club notice board - celebrating red rose supremacy thread.


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## Important news Your club needs YOU!

A big thanks to all contributors in the club, race organisers, marshalls, vest wearers, pack runners and committee meeting attendees. It should go with out saying that the club could not be what it is by the sometimes unacknowledged work that goes into the club.

The Red Hot Toddy (in aid of Calderdale flood relief and incorporating a fun run) Replaces the Winter Warmer in our GP

7th March AGM - Venue has not been decided. See the forum for info. This is your club so come along.

The position of club secretary has become available. Short term post are available:

- Attending club monthly meetings and taking the notes.
- Entering club teams for various events - and sending the bill to the club treasurer.
- Applying for club places in the London Marathon and entering the details of the lucky club ballot winners.
- Passing on the monthly sportsshoes.com discount code and any other interesting snippets sent to you as secretary.

Press officer needed to submit TH news once every 4 weeks. Short term post are available.

Keith Parkinson famed web administrator and esteemed former Toddie has departed the club. Keith is a well known character who developed the Todmorden Harriers website well in advance of most other clubs having any web presence. Keith was well known for often having Tod Harrier race results posted faster than you could get home from the race and in addition often included lots of good quality photographs. In 1989 Keith was the first recipient of the Clubperson of the year award and won it a further 3 times (only bettered by and only just one place behind Mandy Goth - that's how important Keith was!) He also told me he ran a sub 75 half marathon so he could also motor as well!

Best wishes Keith from all of Todmorden Harriers
Sadly on the 19th December Toddie Chris Drinkwater passed away. Chris had joined the club in recent years and was an enthusiastic and improving fell runner. Winning the most improved runner award in 2013....I think? Todmorden Harriers was an important part of Chris's latter years.

Keep up to date with Todmorden Harriers via:
www.forum.todharriers.co.uk
twitter:@todharriers
Facebook: Todmorden Harriers

## Grand Prix 2015 in names and numbers

2015 saw a record turnout of 97 running at least one GP race. It is also notable that for the first year ever all the major trophies road, fell, XC, trail, GP and club champion won by different members. Oddly, then, it was also the year when we had a zero turn out at a fell race and, as a club, our least impressive performance in the English Fell Championships for many years.
Overall we have had a good presence at many events - over 20 turned out in 4 fell races, 2 trail and 2 road - including a near record of 36 at the Mandy Goth 5k. Our most prolific runner this season was David Leslie who both completed 21 of the 33 races, closely followed by Richard Butterwick with 20; they both ran the most fell and roads though Rachael Whitaker was the only person to do all 6 trail races.
The road races saw 49 of our members entering at least one race and 9 qualifying - 4 of whom left it to the last race to do so and just two women qualified, giving the female trophy to an outside, Nic Corrigan. Winning his 2ndth Road Championship which he last secured in 2008 top man was Richard Butterwick
A total of 76 ran on the fells - with 12 qualifiers, though this included just one woman. More used to contending the Road trophy the unchallenged female winner was Mel Blackhurst. Qualifying for the first time since 2011, the male winner was Paul Hobbs. Numbers were higher for the Trail Races - 16 qualifiers out of the total participation of 52. The champions are the highest placed runners who have not previously won any other trophy - and this year it's two relative newcomers: in her first year running with the club Jane Mitchell and also after coming 3rd on the fells, the male trail winner was Chris Goddard.
This year just 4 made the qualification of 6 races for the Club Champion- which is one from each Fell and Road category, short medium and long. Winning this award for the 3rd time was Nick Barber.
As the main focus of our racing season its good news that a record 97 runners entered at least one GP race and 18 qualified by doing at least 8 races. 4 members, all fairly new to the club, qualified for the first time: Nina Fedorski, Matt Flannigan, Chris Goddard and Stu Worstenholme
The GP Champion for the second time was Kath Brierley, she last won it 7 years ago in 2008. There was a further member receiving the Tankard Trophy for completing 10 or more GPs - only the 7th in the club to do so. Mel Blackhurst is the first female to register this achievement - and, impressively, only the 3rd ever after Peter Ehrhardt and Dave O'Neill to complete 10 consecutive GPs.

The following tables show just the qualifiers in our club trophies for 2015.
The full tables of all runners plus results for this and previous years are on the website.

GP QUALIFIERS - 2015

| Pstn | Name | Cat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | w 0 0 0 0 0 0 |
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| 1 | Kath Brierley | F50 | 10 | 1019.0 | 5 | 93.9 | 2 | 107.6 | 3 | 111.5 | 3F-2R-3T | 845.5 |
| 2 | Mel Blackhurst | F45 | 12 | 1192.2 | 7 | 95.1 | 3 | 103.2 | 2 | 108.5 | 3F-3R-2T | 818.5 |
| 3 | Paul Brannigan | M50 | 8 | 771.7 | 5 | 94.7 | 2 | 92.4 | 1 | 113.4 | 5F-2R-1T | 771.7 |
| 4 | Richard Butterwick | M40 | 20 | 1757.0 | 7 | 77.3 | 9 | 92.3 | 4 | 96.3 | 2F-4R-2T | 768.0 |
| 5 | Richard Blakeley | M70 | 8 | 758.5 | 2 | 93.5 | 4 | 96.6 | 2 | 92.6 | 2F-4R-2T | 758.5 |
| 6 | David Leslie | M60 | 21 | 1885.5 | 8 | 87.3 | 9 | 90.3 | 4 | 93.5 | 2F-3R-3T | 753.3 |
| 7 | Michael Harper | M45 | 13 | 1182.0 | 2 | 87.7 | 7 | 89.7 | 4 | 94.6 | 2F-4R-2T | 747.7 |
| 8 | Matt Flannagan | M40 | 13 | 1168.6 | 6 | 86.7 | 2 | 91.7 | 5 | 93.0 | 2F-2R-4T | 744.7 |
| 9 | Chris Goddard | M | 11 | 968.9 | 6 | 87.1 | 2 | 80.8 | 3 | 95.0 | 3F-2R-3T | 714.4 |
| 10 | Peter Ehrhardt | M65 | 18 | 1467.8 | 7 | 79.9 | 6 | 82.9 | 5 | 82.2 | 3F-3R-2T | 683.6 |
| 11 | Guy Whitmore | M45 | 8 | 680.6 | 2 | 78.5 | 3 | 88.0 | 3 | 86.5 | 2F-3R-3T | 680.6 |
| 12 | Louise Abdy | F50 | 8 | 675.6 | 2 | 80.6 | 2 | 79.0 | 4 | 89.1 | 2F-2R-4T | 675.6 |
| 13 | Stu Worstenholme | M40 | 12 | 957.6 | 8 | 77.7 | 2 | 81.0 | 2 | 86.9 | 4F-2R-2T | 661.3 |
| 14 | Paul Cruthers | M50 | 13 | 998.0 | 3 | 73.5 | 6 | 75.7 | 4 | 80.9 | 2F-2R-4T | 650.8 |
| 15 | Kevin Coughlan | M50 | 9 | 706.6 | 3 | 71.9 | 3 | 81.6 | 3 | 82.1 | 2F-3R-3T | 637.1 |
| 16 | Nina Fedorski | F50 | 9 | 704.7 | 3 | 76.6 | 3 | 79.0 | 3 | 79.3 | 3F-3R-2T | 630.7 |
| 17 | Dave O'Neill | M55 | 12 | 801.9 | 4 | 64.5 | 3 | 67.7 | 5 | 68.1 | 2F-3R-3T | 552.6 |
| 18 | Dan Taylor | M | 8 | 511.9 | 3 | 57.6 | 2 | 63.0 | 3 | 71.1 | 3F-2R-3T | 511.9 |

## CLUB CHAMPION QUALIFIERS - 2015

|  | Name | Cat |  |  | $\overline{\overline{0}}$ 0 0 0 0 苟 0 |  |  |  | 岗 |
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| 1 | Nick Barber | M40 | 91.2 | 91.3 | 88.1 | 95.1 | 98.7 | 96.1 | 560.5 |
| 2 | Richard Butterwick | M40 | 78.6 | 81.1 | 73.3 | 93.6 | 86.4 | 88.6 | 501.6 |
| 3 | David Leslie | M60 | 71.0 | 68.6 | 56.3 | 78.7 | 72.4 | 74.7 | 419.7 |
| 4 | Peter Ehrhardt | M65 | 58.2 | 61.2 | 45.3 | 65.4 | 61.3 | 62.6 | 353.6 |

FELL QUALIFIERS - 2015

| 1 | Paul Hobbs | M |  | $\mathbf{8}$ | 712.1 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{5 4 7 . 8}$ |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 2 | Ben Crowther | M 40 |  | $\mathbf{7}$ | 615.5 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{5 4 0 . 1}$ |
| 3 | Chris Goddard | M |  | $\mathbf{6}$ | 520.0 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{5 2 0 . 0}$ |
| 4 | Dave Garner | M 45 |  | $\mathbf{6}$ | 492.7 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{4 9 2 . 7}$ |
| 5 | Matt Flannagan | M 40 |  | $\mathbf{6}$ | 491.2 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{4 9 1 . 2}$ |
| 6 | Dave Collins | M 55 |  | $\mathbf{6}$ | 475.5 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{4 7 5 . 5}$ |
| 7 | Stuart Worstenholme | M 40 |  | $\mathbf{8}$ | 583.0 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{4 4 1 . 9}$ |
| 8 | Mel Blackhurst | F 45 |  | $\mathbf{7}$ | 508.8 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{4 3 8 . 4}$ |
| 9 | Richard Butterwick | M 40 |  | $\mathbf{7}$ | 502.2 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{4 3 7 . 3}$ |
| 10 | Matt Annison | M |  | $\mathbf{6}$ | 406.7 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 6 . 7}$ |
| 11 | David Leslie | M 60 |  | $\mathbf{8}$ | 523.8 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{3 9 6 . 8}$ |
| 12 | Peter Ehrhardt | M 65 | $\mathbf{7}$ | 393.5 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{3 3 8 . 6}$ |  |

TRAIL QUALIFIERS - 2015

| 1 | Chris Goddard | M40 |  | 3 | 282.4 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{2 8 2 . 4}$ |
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| 2 | Matt Flannagan | V40 |  | 5 | 442.4 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 3 . 6}$ |
| 3 | Michael Harper | M45 |  | 4 | 350.3 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 0 . 6}$ |
| 4 | Jane Mitchell | F35 |  | 3 | 245.9 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{2 4 5 . 9}$ |
| 5 | Guy Whitmore | M45 |  | 3 | 237.7 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 7 . 7}$ |
| 6 | David Leslie | M60 |  | 4 | 297.9 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 6 . 4}$ |
| 7 | Paul Cruthers | M50 |  | 4 | 287.7 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 8 . 4}$ |
| 8 | Kevin Coughlan | M50 |  | 3 | 214.8 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 4 . 8}$ |
| 9 | Dan Taylor | M |  | 3 | 213.2 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{2 1 3 . 2}$ |
| 10 | Steve Corrigan | M50 |  | 3 | 202.5 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 2 . 5}$ |
| 11 | Julie Graham | F45 |  | 3 | 196.3 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 6 . 3}$ |
| 12 | Rachel Whitaker | F40 |  | 6 | 346.6 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 4 . 0}$ |
| 13 | Peter Ehrhardt | M65 |  | 5 | 308.9 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 2 . 6}$ |
| 14 | Dave O'Neill | M55 |  | 5 | 287.9 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 2 . 0}$ |
| 15 | Nina Fedorski | F50 |  | 3 | 180.1 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{1 8 0 . 1}$ |
| 16 | Myra Wells | F55 |  | 4 | 225.7 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{1 7 5 . 7}$ |

ROAD QUALIFIERS - 2015

| 1 | Richard Butterwick | M40 |  | 9 | 781.5 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{5 3 4 . 7}$ |
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| 2 | Michael Harper | M45 |  | 7 | 582.3 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{5 0 6 . 7}$ |
| 3 | Joe Courtney | M |  | 7 | 509.3 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | 443.4 |
| 4 | David Leslie | M60 |  | 9 | 646.2 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{4 4 0 . 0}$ |
| 5 | Josh Murphy | M |  | 6 | 432.2 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{4 3 2 . 2}$ |
| 6 | Paul Cruthers | M50 |  | 6 | 403.3 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 3 . 3}$ |
| 7 | Peter Ehrhardt | M65 |  | 6 | 375.8 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{3 7 5 . 8}$ |
| 8 | Nic Corrigan | F40 |  | 6 | 361.6 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{3 6 1 . 6}$ |
| 9 | Myra Wells | F55 |  | 6 | 326.7 | $\mathbf{Q}$ | $\mathbf{3 2 6 . 7}$ |

XC MEN QUALIFIERS - 2015

| 1 | Andrew Wrench | M50 |  | 3 | 278.5 | Q | $\mathbf{1 8 9 . 5}$ |
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| 2 | Nick Barber | M40 |  | 4 | 369.6 | Q | $\mathbf{1 8 7 . 1}$ |
| 3 | Dwane Dixon | M40 |  | 4 | 359.5 | Q | $\mathbf{1 8 4 . 2}$ |
| 4 | Graeme Brown | M |  | 2 | 181.0 | Q | $\mathbf{1 8 1 . 0}$ |
| 5 | Craig Stansfield | M45 |  | 3 | 256.0 | Q | $\mathbf{1 7 3 . 8}$ |
| 6 | Ben Crowther | M40 |  | 2 | 172.4 | Q | $\mathbf{1 7 2 . 4}$ |
| 7 | Robin Tuddenham | M45 |  | 3 | 253.3 | Q | $\mathbf{1 7 1 . 6}$ |
| 8 | Paul Brannigan | M50 |  | 4 | 327.2 | Q | $\mathbf{1 6 9 . 6}$ |
| 9 | Ivan Gee | M45 |  | 2 | 167.0 | Q | $\mathbf{1 6 7 . 0}$ |
| 10 | Dave Garner | M45 |  | 3 | 246.7 | Q | $\mathbf{1 6 6 . 0}$ |
| 11 | Darren Tweed | M |  | 2 | 161.0 | Q | $\mathbf{1 6 1 . 0}$ |
| 12 | Simon Galloway | M50 | 2 | 145.9 | Q | $\mathbf{1 4 5 . 9}$ |  |

## XC WOMEN QUALIFIERS - 2015

| 1 | Pauline May | F |  | 2 | 199.6 | Q | $\mathbf{1 9 9 . 6}$ |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 2 | Rebecca Partick | F40 |  | 3 | 269.7 | Q | $\mathbf{1 8 1 . 6}$ |
| 3 | Mel Blackhurst | F50 |  | 4 | 360.4 | Q | $\mathbf{1 8 1 . 2}$ |
| 4 | Sarah Glyde | F40 |  | 3 | 270.3 | Q | $\mathbf{1 8 0 . 4}$ |
| 5 | Nerys Rolinson | F50 |  | 3 | 248.2 | Q | $\mathbf{1 6 6 . 4}$ |
| 6 | Claire Duffield | F40 |  | 4 | 322.8 | Q | $\mathbf{1 6 4 . 0}$ |
| 7 | Michelle Fuller | F40 |  | 3 | 237.3 | Q | $\mathbf{1 5 9 . 0}$ |
| 8 | Jane Leonard | F55 |  | 2 | 154.3 | Q | $\mathbf{1 5 4 . 3}$ |
| 9 | Louise Stunell | F45 |  | 3 | 223.8 | Q | $\mathbf{1 5 1 . 3}$ |
| 10 | Moyra Parfitt | F70 | 4 | 267.7 | Q | $\mathbf{1 3 6 . 4}$ |  |

## 2015 Grand Prix Report and Presentation Do!

Report by Jo Daniels and Dave O'Neil
Todmorden Harriers held their Grand Prix Celebration and Christmas get together on Saturday 6th December. The 2015 Grand Prix season has once again reflected the diversity of our club with large numbers of runners of all abilities and ages running fell, road, trail and cross country races of differing difficulty. The Grand Prix is contested over 33 races with the different disciplines of fell, road, trail and cross country each commanding their own hotly contested trophies. The most prolific runner this season was David Leslie who both completed and impressive 21 of the 33 races.

## The Road Championship

The road races saw 49 Todmorden Harriers entering at least one race with nine qualifying for the Grand Prix. Nic Corrigan took the title of Road Champion with Myra Wells a worthy runner up. Winning his 2nd Road Championship was the 2008 winner, Richard Butterwick. Michael Harper and Joe Courtney were 2nd and 3rd respectively. V50 Champion was Paul Cruthers, V60 Champion was David Leslie and V65 Champion was Peter Ehrhardt.

## The Fell Championship

The fell championship saw 12 qualifiers with 76 Harriers competing in at least one of Fell Grand Prix events. More used to picking up prizes on the roads, but enjoying a successful season on the fells was the winner of Ladies' Fell Championship Mel Blackhurst. Qualifying for the first time for the Championship since 2011 was the men's Champion, Paul Hobbs, topping off a very strong season's running. The first and second runner up were Ben Crowther and Chris Goddard. The other Champions in the men's fell event were: V45 Dave Garner, V55 Dave Collins, V60 David Leslie, V65 Peter Ehrhardt.

## The Trail Championship

This trophy is given to the highest placed runners in the Grand Prix who have not previously won any other trophy and is intended to encourage participation in the Grand Prix from relative newcomers to the club and the sport. This year's Champions were Jane Mitchell and Chris Goddard.

## Cross Country

The final race of the cross country championship was only contested on the afternoon of the Grand Prix prize giving. The victors were Pauline May and Andrew Wrench.

## The Grand Prix

To qualify for the Grand Prix runners must complete at least eight races covering each of the terrain disciplines. An impressive 18 runners qualified for the prestigious competition. The winner was Kath Brierley, taking the title for the first time since 2008.

The first runner up was Mel Blackhurst with Paul Brannigan taking the second runner up spot. Mel Blackhurst was awarded the Grand Prix Tankard for qualifying for ten consecutive Grand Prix.

## Club Champion

Over Road and Fell was Nick Barber, who took the title for the third time.
The Most Improved Runner award was presented to Richard Butterwick. Club Person of the Year was Simon Anderton.

## GRAND PRIX AND 2016 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS ESSENTIAL INFORMATION - THE BASICS!

The 33 races are split into 12 road races, 15 fell races and 6 trail races to choose from. There are 7 championships:
1 Fell (6 fell races of different lengths to qualify)!
2 Road (6 road races of different lengths to qualify)!
3 Trail (3 trail races of any length to qualify)!
4 Club Champion (3 fell races of different lengths plus 3 road races of different lengths)
5 XC Champ - 3 races of the Red Rose series
6 New for 2016 the Todmorden Harriers Ultra Championship
7 Grand Prix ( 8 of any races, but a minimum of 2 road, 2 fell and 1 trail). This is the only championship that is handicapped according to age and sex thus arguably finding the best 'pound for pound' runner.
Our statistician calculates your points by dividing your finishing time by the average of the first 3 finishing times and multiplying by 100.
A lot of races are pre-entry especially the English championship fell races and some road races. It is important to enter these races early as they do get over subscribed. You must wear a club vest.

## GRAND PRIX CHAMPIONSHIP!

This championship encourages participation from club members and aims to find the best runner making an allowance for age and sex.
Points: Points are calculated by dividing your finishing time by the average of the first 3 finishing times and multiplying by 100. As this championship is handicapped once you reach veteran status your points are multiplied by a factor that is higher for women and increases with age. Some races are eligible for a bonus (see Rules section). Qualifying: 8 races from 33 will ensure you qualify, which must include a minimum of:
2 road races, 2 fell races 1 trail race
Combinations such as 5 fell, 2 road, 1 trail or 2 road, 2 fell, 4 trail or 5 road, 1 trail, 2 fell are examples of how to qualify.
(subject to meeting the minimum requirements above).
Top ten finishers get trophies and all qualifiers get certificates.

## FELL CHAMPIONSHIP

This championship encourages participation from club members who enjoy fell running and aims to find our best fell runner. This championship incorporates 15 fell races selected by the fell race committee. There are 5 each of long, medium and short fell races. 3 of these races are British championship races and 3 are English championship.

Points: Points are calculated by dividing your finishing time by the average of the first 3 finishing times and multiplying by 100 . There is no handicap applied for age/sex, but some races are eligible for a bonus (see Rules section). Qualifying: 6 fell races from 15 will ensure you qualify, which must include a minimum of: 1long 1 medium 1 short. Combinations such as 1 short, 2 medium, 3 long or 2 short, 3 medium, 1 long are examples of how to qualify.
If you do more than 6 races then your best 6 scores are the ones that count (subject to meeting the minimum requirements above).
Trophies are awarded for all gender/age categories.

## ROAD CHAMPIONSHIP

This championship encourages participation from club members who enjoy road running and aims to find our best road runner. This championship incorporates 12 road races selected by the road race committee. There are 4 each of long, medium and short road races.
Points: Points are calculated by dividing your finishing time by the average of the first 3 finishing times and multiplying by 100. There is no handicap applied for age/sex, but some races are eligible for a bonus (see Rules section). Qualifying: 6 road races from 12 will ensure you qualify, which must include a minimum
of: 1 long 1 medium !1 short!
Combinations such as 1 short, 2 medium, 3 long or 2 short, 3 medium, 1 long are examples of how to qualify. If you do more than 6 races then your best 6 scores are the ones that count (subject to meeting the minimum requirements above).
Trophies are awarded for all gender/age categories.

## CLUB CHAMPION

This championship encourages participation from club members who enjoy fell and road running at all distances and aims to find our best all-round runner. This championship incorporates the 12 road races and 15 fell races. It does not include races from the trail championships.
Points: Points are calculated by dividing your finishing time by the average of the first 3 finishing times and multiplying by 100. There is no handicap applied for age/sex, but some races are eligible for a bonus (see Rules section)!! Qualifying: You must do:

1. 1 long fell race
2. 1 medium fell race
3. 1 short fell race
4. 1 long road race
5. 1 medium road race
6. 1 short road race

Your best scores in each of the above categories are the ones that count. The club champion is the person attaining the highest total.
Trophies are awarded for all male and female club champions.

## TRAIL CHAMPIONSHIP

This championship encourages participation from newer members and those who have not previously won a championship. You are eligible for this championship if you have not won a championship (grand prix, club, road, fell or trail). This championship incorporates 6 trail races that include local category B and C fell races and races advertised as trail races. Races are selected by the road and fell race committees. They will cover a range of distances.
Points: Points are calculated by dividing your finishing time by the average of the first 3 finishing times and multiplying by 100. There is no handicap applied for age/sex, but some races are eligible for a bonus (see Rules section)! Qualifying: 3 trail races from 6 will ensure you qualify. They can be any distance. If you do more than 3 races then your best 3 scores are the ones that count.

## XC Championship

3 races of the Red Rose series

## New for 2016 Tod Harriers inaugural Ultra Championship

There are 8 races to choose from in 2016. To qualify you will need to complete at least 2 short Ultras (below 50m) and 1 long Ultra (over 50m). They have been spread through the year to enable you to get training in early in 2016, and for it all to be done and dusted by October so you can focus on Grand Prix or Cross Country if you wish to. Results will be scored in the same way as other champs like Road, Fell, Trail on performance and not age graded.

## So with that all explained now seems a good time to look at the fixtures on thefollowing page.

Good luck to you all in wherever you run and race and I hope to that plenty Tod Harrier vests are seen at all the races.
www.todharriers.co.uk/club-championship For entry details updates and confirmation as fixtures can change. At time of print 3 short road races are yet to be confirmed

| 2016 Todmorden Harriers club championships |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Fell | Road | Trail | Ultra | XC tbc. |
| Jan | 17th <br> Stanbury <br> M. |  | 3rd <br> Hit The Trail |  |  |
| Feb | 27 Feb <br> Midgley <br> S. | 7th <br> Tod Harriers <br> Red Hot <br> Toddy10K <br> S. <br> 14th <br> Liversedge <br> Half <br> L. |  |  |  |
| March | 20th <br> Heptonstall <br> L. | 25th <br> Caldervale <br> 10 <br> M. | 30 Mar Cowm 5K | 12th <br> Haworth <br> Hobble <br> S. |  |
| April | 9th Wardle <br> M. <br> 26th <br> Orchan <br> S. | 3rd Darwen Half L. |  | 9th <br> Calderdale <br> Hike <br> S. |  |
| May | 7th Up The Nab S. |  | 1 May Bluebell Trail | 22nd <br> Keswick <br> Mountain <br> Festival Ultra <br> S. |  |
| June | 11th <br> Pedol Cwm <br> L. <br> 19th <br> Castle <br> Canter <br> M. | 8th <br> Otley 10 M. |  | 4th <br> Calderdale <br> Way Ultra <br> L. |  |
| July | 9th <br> Sedbergh <br> S. <br> 24th <br> Holme Moss <br> L. | 3rd <br> Halifax Half L. | 17 Jul Pendle Trail |  |  |


| Aug | 20 Aug <br> Pendle 3 <br> Peaks <br> M. | 7 Aug Riverside 10 |  | 6th <br> Long Tour of Bradwell S. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sept | 4 Sep Castle Carr L. 17 Sep Merrick M. | 25 Sep Rochdale Half L | 13 Sep Jim Smith 5K | 3rd <br> The Grand <br> Tour of Skiddaw S. <br> Hardmoors 60 <br> L |  |
| Oct | 8 Oct <br> Langdale <br> L. <br> 29 Oct <br> Summit <br> S. |  | 1st <br> Rivington <br> Trail | 8th <br> Lakes in a Day <br> L. | 8th Usually at Leigh tbc. |
| Nov |  | 5 Nov Through the Villages M |  |  | 5th <br> Usually at Hyndburn tbc. 19th Leverhulme Park tbc. |
| Dec |  |  |  |  | 3rd <br> Marl Pitts tbc. |

## The Guinness* Book of Grand Prix Records *other, better, stouts are available

Tod Harriers club championships first started in 1989 under a very different system for both scoring and qualification. GP, Fell and Road points have been calculated under the current system since 1997 (first trailed for the GP but not the other trophies in 1996). All these stats date from then.

Here are both individual and club achievements and a list of trophy winners will be added to a 'Roll of Honour' on our web-site. These records will give aspiring runners something to aim for.

Highest number competing in a season
97 in 2015; 96 in 2009
Highest number of Qualifiers
34 in 1999; 28 in 2013
Lowers number of Qualifiers
10 in 2007, 13 in 2006 \& 2010
Highest turnout for a race
42 at Rochdale 10k and 40 for a Littleborough $5 k$, both in 1999. More recently and on the fells, 38 at Flower Scar in 2012 (it did double as a Wednesday night Pack Run!) Most GP Championship wins
4 Richard Blakeley; 3 Paul Brannigan
(It has only been won once by someone without handicapped points - Alex Whittam) Highest winning total
858.4 Paul Brannigan in 2013, also 846.7 in 2014
(Lowest winning total 708.4, Richard Blakeley, 2003 - and ok, l'll have to include it lowest qualifying total 508.3 Dave O'Neill 2014)
Highest score at a race
117.1 Dave Collins and Richard Blakeley in the same race, Reservoir Bogs in 2013 (local navigation knowledge may have been a factor!); 116.8 by Kath Brierley at this year's Jimmy Cricket
Most races in a season
24 John Devlin in 2002 - that was all the races in the GP that season. Total fixtures have varied over the years, but next best is 21 by David Leslie in 2015 and Paul Brannigan in 2013 from a possible 33.
Saddest bit of Statto work
In 18 GPs (there was no competition in foot and mouth year 2001) I've counted that 115 runners have qualified in one or more years. Just bear that total number in mind for the following:
Most Prolific Qualifiers
Only 7 have qualified for more than 10 GPs

Peter Ehrhardt 18 (yes, that's all of them), Paul Brannigan 16, Dave O'Neill 13, Richard Blakeley 11, Simon Galloway, Andrew Bibby and Mel Blackhurst 10. Of these, only Peter, Dave and Mel have qualified in 10 consecutive years.
Most Trophies in a season
Andrew Wrench in 2009 won GP, Fell, Road and Club Champion - the first and only clean sweep.

If you are not already lost interest, here's some more of the same info on Fell and Road

## Fell

Highest number competing in a season - 81 in 2009
Highest number of Qualifiers - 23 in 2008
Most male wins - 8 Andrew Wrench (plus another 6 under the old system)
Highest Total of points (male) - 609.9 Andrew Wrench 1999
Most Female wins - 5 Jane Leonard (nee Smith)
Highest Total of points (female) - 533.4 Lauren Jeska
Most points in a race - 103.9 Chris Smale 2005

## Road

Highest number competing in a season - 75 in 2009
Highest number of Qualifiers - 18 in 2009
Most male wins - 10 Paul Brannigan
Highest Total of points (male) - 593.8 John Lloyd 2012
Most Female wins - 5 Sue Beconnsall \& Mel Blackhurst
Highest Total of points (female) - 491.5 Sarah Glyde 2013
Most points in a race - 103.3 John Lloyd 2012
Club Champion (first awarded in 2002)
Highest number of Qualifiers - 10 in 2009
Lowest number of Qualifiers - 2 in 2013
Most wins - 4 Paul Brannigan
Highest Total of points - 591.9 Andrew Wrench 2009

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