

2022 VMC Paperchase Road Ride

On probably the nicest day of this year, 14 riders attended this years event. 1st run in 1948 by Les Blow, we are able to keep this short but pleasing ride alive and well, 74 years later. I want to Thank those riders involved for making this happen.

This is my 9th year of hosting this event, I was hoping to start at Westshore Town Centre and end at the Cycle Park. Halfway through my proposed loop, the traffic scared me to death. The difference in traffic over the years has become painfully evident.

New plan steered me to the calm of the Saanich Peninsula and Ten Mile point end of town. I refer to the following riders as the “usual suspects”, Klaus Kreye & Phil Turner were the only 1st time “Paperchasers”, and Phil knocked it out of the park.

Rider		Mileage (81.4km)	Spokes (116)	Spokes +/-	Mileage +/-
Erick Holmes		78.9	78	-38	-2.5
Dave Brown		80	126	10	-1.4
Stephanie Dunphy (n.m.)		80.4	250	134	-1
Russell Blow		80.64	80	-36	-0.76
Allan Holmes		80.68	140	24	-0.72
Graham Turner	3rd	81.33	73	-43	-0.07
Phil Turner (n.m.)	1st	81.39	85	-31	-0.01
Rob Beecroft	2nd	81.45	120	4	0.05
Kendra Beecroft (n.m.)		81.5	97	-19	0.1
Klaus Kreye		81.62	125	9	0.22
Kevin Puddy (n.m.)		81.8	87	29	0.4
Gary Dunphy (n.m.)		84.24	137	21	2.84
Mike & Suzanne Iverson		93.3	120	4	11.9
Monte Belson		97.7	16.3	0	16.3

Unbelievably close scores, but we did not need the tie breaker this year, which usually is the case. I have been supplying lunch up until Covid, this year was “should I or shouldn’t I” and low and behold there was a cancelled entry due to Covid, looks like we are not quite done with this yet.

Here’s hoping for summer to show up on a regular basis, see you all next year.

Rick Kool