

## CENTRAL LANCASHIRE GRAND PRIX – THE FACTS, FIGURES AND RESULTS

I was of the opinion, perhaps too optimistically, that you all knew about the new league Wesham joined this year, the **Central Lancashire Grand Prix (CLGP)** which I personally, with permission of the committee, signed the club up to in 2009. My main reason was to give the whole of the clubs members a new stimulus.

In the past we have been famous for our willingness to support in large numbers all local and often not so local races. It attracted new members and we also had winning teams in both male and female categories. The **CLGP** seemed made to measure for us, however I made the mistake of not really selling this new venture for which I apologise and hopefully I can rectify my mistake.

The idea is that each club involved in the series organises a race and all 9 clubs have teams at each of the races. Simple so far, but I suspect I did not make clear what comprises the make up of the said club teams.

### **Here is a breakdown to help you understand the series.**

An **“A” team** comprises the first 10 males from the club over the line. (No selection, no fuss) but you must have 10 males finish the race.

Just to keep runners interested there is a **League for a “B” team**, comprising the next 8 males who finish the race. (Again no selection, no fuss) So it's 18 runners to count. The first 6 male vets to finish form a team in a **Vet's league**. (Again no selection, no fuss)

There is also a league for the first 4 females over the line (once more no selection, no fuss).

### **All teams can drop their worst result.**

There is also an individual competition with vet categories included, (**Men 40** and above and **Ladies 35** and above in 5 year steps). To qualify in these it is your best 6 results.

The remaining races are itemised below, they are also on our website. Your attendance at them is your choice (No selection). To assist I will send emails on **Brenda's** round robin system the week before each race.

**Wednesday 14th July    Horwich 5 mile**  
**Wednesday 4th August    Chorley 4.4 mile**  
**Sunday 26th September    Swinton 10 mile (Road Race & Age Related C/Ship Race)**  
**Sunday 10th October    Gin Pit 5 mile**

I just hope that the **Wesham** love of racing is not fading and that enough of you are available to make the effort to support as many of the remaining races as you possibly can.

Remember there is no pressure and even more important, we are not targeting any specific individuals but it would be nice to get at least 10 male and 4 female to all the remaining races and of course the icing on the cake is 18 + 4 to them all. CLGP league updates and individual positions are usually sent out after each race on a round robin and also shown on our web site.

At this moment in time the emphasis is on our Ladies Teams and Ladies individual results, which are spectacularly good.

However, the men appear to be wimping out with none of our so called super stars prepared to risk their credibility at this level, which is a bit surprising, but I'm sure they will all find an excuse! (Sorry,

reason!). For these last four races perhaps some of you can just try a little harder and at least give the ladies some support, because I think they really deserve it, I'm sure you do to?

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