

January 2003

Brympton boys clean up – well almost



Chris Absolom: Evening TT Series, Hill Climb
 David Walters: Senior RR Champion, 28 points
 Gary Swain: Club Handicap
 Mike Loader: The TT Champ (BAR) 25.94 mph;
 Best 50, 1:50:39; Short Distance BAR, 28.687 mph;
 Best 25, 53.00; Veteran BAR +5.567; Best in a
 Yeovil Road race, 12th (Pittards); Best in a National
 Championship, 55th in National 10
 David Notley: Webb Shield

Congratulations to the winners,
*(especially those that did it on
 their bikes – next year I will do
 better, I will do...)* most of the
 club silverware is now spread
 between two homes in Brympton
 and virtually all of it in the hands
 of a veteran. Come on you
 youngsters, especially the juniors
 and juveniles, are you going to let
 them get away with it again this
 season?



Attached is your
 Yeovil Sports & Social Club
 Membership Card for 2003.

2003 Time Trials

A full listings of all the 2003 time trials in both the West DC and the South West DC can be found on the Calendar page of the website (together with the road races and the Yeovil CC events). Listed below is this seasons evening TTs, note there is no event on 17 April (Easter weekend). The two final events (*) will be for Yeovil members only, with rear lights being compulsory. At the time of going to press we do not have anyone to take over from Mark as TT Secretary, if you would like to volunteer...

Date	Dist.	Headquarters	Start
April			
03	10	Podimore	18:45
10	10	Podimore	19:00
24	10	Podimore	19:00
May			
01	10, 2-Up	Podimore	19:00
08	10	Podimore	19:00
15	10	Podimore	19:00
22	25	Podimore	19:00
29	10	Podimore	19:30
June			
05	25	Podimore	19:30
12	10	Podimore	19:30
19	21, 4 -Up	TVCRA event	19:00
26	50/25	Podimore	18:30
July			
03	10	Podimore	19:30
10	25	Podimore	19:30
17	10	Club H'cap, Podi'	19:30
24	25	Podimore	19:00
31	10	Podimore	19:00
August			
07	10	Podimore	19:00
14	10	Podimore	19:00
21	10	Podimore	18:45
28	10	Podimore*	18:45
September			
04	10	Podimore*	18:45
October			
12-Oct-03		HC, High Ham	10:30

CTT Handbooks



If you want a copy of the 2003 Cycling Time Trials (formerly the RTTC) Handbook, which contains details of all open time trials to be held in the UK, you can download a form from the RTTC website or use the one below:

Send to:
**Dept WWWHB, 2 Central Avenue,
 Atherton, Manchester M46 9RG.**

Send _____ Handbook(s) @ £4.50

I enclose a cheque for £_____ payable to "Cycling Time Trials"
 (Please make sure you write the correct date on your cheque, especially for orders in 2003)

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone* _____

* in case of query

The Annual General Meeting for 2003 will be held on Monday 10th February at the Yeovil Sports Club, starting at 8 pm.

The meeting is open to all Club members, if you would like to submit an item for inclusion on the Agenda please send it to Kevin Mahon by Saturday 1 February to 21 Park Gdns, Yeovil BA20 1DW. The agenda will be available at the meeting, or seven days prior to it on request.

There is one important vacancy on the Committee that of Time Trial Secretary. The paperwork for 2003 is agreed so the task for this year would be to set out the signs, oversee the signing on, prepare the results, and administer the accounts. There is an allowance per event to cover petrol costs and volunteers for timekeepers, so it should not be too time consuming or arduous, any volunteers please?

All of the posts on the Committee are open to change, if you would like to nominated then please submit your intention preferably in advance, or on the evening, where it will be voted on

by those present.

There is a provisional report on the Club Finances for 2002 below, a full version will be available on the night.

One of the proposals from the Committee is to update the rules and alter the Club's year to the calendar year. The changes are basically:

1. Amend any references to the CTT (RTTC) and BC (BCF).
2. Change the AGM to September and combine it with date fixing. Alter dates in line with the new "year".
3. Remove outdated rules.

Accompanying this Newsletter is a copy of the current rules and a set of the proposed rules with the changes highlighted in red. There will be a formal proposal to adopt the new rules at the AGM, but any aspect of the changes can be discussed or amended at the meeting.

There is also a proposal to increase the subs for £2003 to £12.00 (plus £3.00s joining fee). Juniors, juveniles and full time students to remain unchanged at £5.00.

Summary of Account 2002

Opening Balance	3600.11		
Income	2729.62	Expenditure	3234.87
Subscriptions	537.00	Affiliations and Permits	681.25
Race Promotions	551.26	Clothing	1735.70
Pittards Sponsorship	360.00	Jackets/Signs	149.27
Clothing	842.00	Trophy Engraving	104.72
Bank Interest	35.04	Galway Donation	50.00
Boiler Hire	15.00	Newsletter Postage/Printing	67.35
Insurance refund (2001)	27.50	Jubilee Tops (Deposit)	444.60
Jubilee Tops (Deposits)	340.00	Miscellaneous	1.98
Miscellaneous	21.82		
		Excess of Expenditure over Income	505.25
		Closing Balance	3094.86

2003 subs

The YCC annual subscription for this year will be decided at the AGM, when it is due. You will have until April to pay after which the fee goes up by a further £2. So save yourself the extra and bring your cash or cheque along to the meeting or post it to Mike Loader (details on back page).

If you wish to join the race training sessions at Merryfield you will need to get a licence from Chris Absolom. The cost for this year is £20.00, that is a one off payment for the entire season, there will be no fee per session. The first event is on 1st April (no joking).

2003 LICENCES - EARLY SEASON

In order to assist those riders who wish to compete in road and track events run under British Cycling Regulations in January 2003, they may do so without the need to purchase a one day competition licence, on submission to the organiser of an appropriate valid 2002 BC Licence. This facility is only available to those who have submitted their 2003 BC Licence application for BC Membership and Licence to BC Headquarters prior to the date of that event which they wish to ride.

The full listing of road races in the South West Division can be found on our website.

If you have already applied for a racing licence then don't forget it will be sent to our Club Secretary and not back to you. John's contact details are on the back page.

CTC CYCLING HOLIDAYS

Independently arranged tours led by experienced members of the CTC. Some leaders will have covered their route previously, others will be breaking new ground. The varied styles of the leaders produce a wide range of holidays from which to choose. It should be noted that a support vehicle will be provided only on tours where stated. Participants must be full CTC members. It is possible to join the CTC once you have been accepted onto a tour; ask your leader for details. Some tours are not overly demanding, quite suitable for those new to cycle touring, while others require a fair amount of experience, fitness and self-sufficiency. Links to the holidays can be found on the CTC website.

HARDY RIDES

500 people have registered for CTC's birthday party in 2003. The CTC Hardy Rides from August 2-9, near Dorchester, Dorset will mark the 125th anniversary of CTC's formation and is being run by Wessex CTC. For the first time, CTC will have sole use of the event HQ, which this year will be the Warmwell Holiday Park. Self-catering accommodation is available on site but only for those quick off the mark. There will be on and offroad routes, family rides, time trials and events for children, in addition to a wealth of non-cycling activities and tourist attractions available at Warmwell or within easy reach. For full details call Della McGavin on 01483 520737, email her or visit www.ctcbirthdayrides.org

OPEN TIME TRIALS.

Following the change from RTTC to CTT (Cycling Time Trials) a revised set of entry forms and procedure will take effect from this season. All entries for Open Events **must** be submitted on the new entry form. Copies of the new form at: www.rttc.org.uk/pages/forms.htm. There are two pages to the form, you only need the first page unless you are entering a team event or need the Parental Consent section. There is also a mandatory requirement for riders to sign on at the event before riding.

A brief resume of the last committee meetings. Topics covered elsewhere are mentioned only briefly.

November

Matters Arising Mark Askill has been asked to order new signs and numbers. Insurance Premium. The assumption was made that no progress had been made on this matter, as Kevin was not present. A report form has been submitted to the CTT for the accident involving Adam Pearse in the Autumn 10. A question was raised about the risk assessment for the U30/10 course, DN reported that the onus for carrying out risk assessment for time trial course lies with the CTT who will be producing one for all courses.

General Secretary Report Received correspondence was handled. The secretary intends to distribute meeting minutes in advance, this was thought to be a good idea.

Treasurer Report £94.40 paid to the CTC for affiliation. £11.60 paid to CTT to cover outstanding levy.

Evening TT accounts did not cover the expenses incurred by the TT secretary, to be amended. £10.99 paid to KM and £5.00 paid to GM, expenses incurred in association with John Andrews RR. Inconsistency in the accounts for the John Andrews Memorial RR noted, a figure of £20.00 was shown on the accounts for the purchasing of day licences, however there was no corresponding figures for EoL. The float held by the outgoing general secretary needs to be settled. JC stated that he would rather incur expenses and then reclaim them. £500 has been transferred from the current account to the deposit account to cover clothing and affiliation fees. Balance: £464.59 (Current Acc.) £2690.21 (Deposit Acc.) £3154.80

Time Trial Secretary Report No report. Passing the club event dates to Ann Wooldridge was raised. It was noted that correspondence may have been received by Kevin requesting this information. Action taken by JC to chase Mark to ensure these dates are submitted. David Notley reported that a new district treasurer had been appointed. Club levy had already been posted to Peter Wilson. The club agreed to donate £50 to the John Galway memorial fund, which is to be used to purchase a award that will be presented to the person who has contributed the most to the district in that year. A cheque is to be sent to Nancy Mcgiveron.

Road Race Secretary Report No report. It is believed that Pittards are to sponsor the RR again this year. Pittards need to be contacted to confirm. Action JC.

Membership Secretary Report Membership remains unchanged at 56.

Runs Secretary Report A lot of rain, consequently secretary has not been on runs, which have been continuing, and

are being supported despite the weather. The runs secretary will pass the intended destination for the Sunday run to DN on a Friday so that details can be posted on the Yeovil CC web site. The idea of a pre-defined run schedule was discussed, it was generally felt that this would be overly restrictive as the run is often determine based on the prevailing weather conditions and the abilities of the assembled riders.

Records Secretary Report No records to report. One claim for club trophies had been received so far, which has been passed onto GM. It was noted that the junior 25 competition could not be awarded this year as no junior had competed in an open 25.

TVCRA Representative Report In the absence of the secretary DN informed the committee that a meeting had been held to discuss options for next year. He believes that the format will be changed so that a single up front entry fee will be charged at the beginning of the year (~£20) rather than paying on an evening basis. Once a month the training session will take the form of 'Steady through and off', the remainder of the sessions being normal 'Road Race Training'. As per previous years there will be no 'Official' racing.

Press Secretary Report The coverage has been patchy recently and has generally been at least a week late. The results from the Open 10 never made it into print, and there have been occasions where events have been mixed up. A new team is responsible for the coverage provided by the Western Gazette.

Newsletter Editor Report The October issue to be distributed to all non-Yeovil CC riders who took part in the evening time trials so they have the results.

Any Other Business GM informed the committee that Yeovil CC and Chard Wheelers have been included in the A-Z Sports and Leisure Directory produced by the Yeovil and District Sports Forum. GM provided details of a meeting he attended held by the Forum, where the concept of a Yeovil and District school games was discussed. The committee discussed the possibility of becoming involved by running either an evening time trial or training evening at Merryfield during 2004. DN reported that some more clothing had been sold. Orders for the 75th anniversary training top are being taken. The deposit cheques received with these orders should cover the deposit for the clothing. The possibility of moving the AGM from February to September was discussed. This would have the advantage of allowing the meeting to be combined with the date fixing meeting. The financial year for the club could then be changed to run from January to December which would synchronise with affiliation to bodies such as BC. Various club rules would need to be updated to allow this change to be made. Action by DN to investigate the updates required. It was also noted that it would useful to provide a sub-set of rules that are applicable to existing/new members. DW stated that the landlord of the Prince of Wales on Ham Hill had expressed interest in providing some form of sponsorship for the Ham Hill road race. Post race refreshments or the possibility of sponsoring some primes were discussed. The committee were happy for this to be investigated further as long as this did not cause any clash with the Pittards sponsorship for the Pittards road race.

December

Matters Arising Insurance premium refund of £27.50 received. Inconsistency in the John Andrews RR accounts – 2 advance entries had been received from riders who did not hold a BC racing licence. Consequently these riders purchased a day licence, but did not pay an entry fee on the line. Based on this information, the accounts are accurate. Kevin also indicated that BC had not charged the club for the day licences. The outstanding balance held in the outgoing secretaries float needs to be returned to the treasurer. KM indicated that he expect to return approximately £15 to £20. DT indicated that when last calculated the balance was £48.75. The cheque for the payment of the First Aid for the John Andrews RR has still not be presented by Dan Coast. The cheque (£51.92) was dated 27th June 2002 and as such will expire soon.

General Secretary Report Received correspondence was handled. It was decided that the club will not place a batch order for RTTC handbooks this year. The General Secretary was tasked with responding to the letter received from Huish Episcopi School about becoming involved in cycle coaching.

Treasurer Report £444.60 cheque paid to ProVision for 45 75th Anniversary Training Tops, so far 36 have been purchased by club members. £50.00 paid to Nancy McGiveron for John Galway memorial fund. £234.00 paid to Johnson Park for the club buffet, a profit of £2.25 was made from the buffet.

Time Trial Secretary Report The police notice forms for the 2003 have been completed and submitted, a copy sent to Ann Wooldridge along with the date's for the evening TTs. New signs have been order from Beekay Products.

The First Aid box for the evening TT has been examined and found to be complete with the exception of anti-septic wipes/solution for cleaning wounds. The committee was informed that MA can source suitable solutions he was asked to proceed with the purchase.

Road Race Secretary Report Asked to contact Dan Coast about cheque and also about first aid provision for 2003. Put measures in place so that an alternative backup course based on a Somerton/Langport loop is approved by BC. ML will provide maps that can be annotated with a detailed route to be submitted to Eddie Mclean. The exact details of the proposed course, particularly around the Somerton turn to be investigated prior to the next meeting. It was suggested that Huish Episcopi school could be used as headquarters

Membership Secretary Report

Membership remains unchanged at 56.

Runs Secretary , Records Secretary , TVCRA Representative, No report.

It was noted that Chris Absolom has taken over all aspects of running the TVCRA from Nick and Margaret.

Press Secretary Report The pictures from the Club buffet prize presentation are to be submitted for inclusion in the Western Gazette. DN to email ASAP.

Newsletter Editor Report The October Newsletter was distributed to all non-Yeovil CC riders who took part in the evening TTs. The next issue be published in January after the committee meeting.

Any Other Business It was noted that the club buffet was a success with the food being well received. However some concern was raised over the number of attendees from the club.

Next meetings: 10 Feb, 10 March, 14 April all at Yeovil Sports Club at 8pm.

Cycling Times

By Tony Taylor

The National Cyclists' Union (NCU) was mainly concerned with track racing which had become the sole spectator side of the sport of cycle racing in this country.

Track racing was not just confined to stadiums like Herne Hill or Fallowfield (Manchester), but was also held in parks and on grass at sports meetings, fairs and shows all over the country. Many athletic meetings incorporated some cycling events, and a number of clubs catered for both disciplines – a local example being the Poole Cycling and Athletic Club.

What little bunched competition there was in Britain was called *massed start*, and the few events organised by the NCU were confined to non road circuits. One of the first *massed start* cycle races promoted was at the Brooklands motor racing circuit in Surrey in 1907.

To make team selections for the World Road Race Championships, the NCU initially selected riders on time trial performances, and combined with a distinct lack on any tactical knowledge the riders stood little chance. However there was an exception when in 1922 Londoner Dave Marsh took the amateur road title. That year however, the event was held here in Britain – as a 100 mile time trial. In the 1930's specific events on closed circuits, like Brooklands or Donnington Park, were held to decide which riders went to the Worlds. The first real succes came in 1934 when Charlie Holland (Midland C & AC), took the bronze medal in Leipzig. The very first Isle of Man Road Race, on open roads, was held in 1936 over one lap of the famous motorcycle TT course.

The idea and determination came from the IoM but the NCU took some convincing to grant the event a licence. Charlie Holland was the winner. The following year the race covered two laps and was won by Jack Fancourt (Yorkshire RC). In 1937 Charlie Holland signed professional forms and became the first Briton to ride in the Tour de France. He rode courageously but abandoned in the Pyrenees on stage 11. In 1938 the first NCU massed start National Championship was held and was won by Jack Holmes (Yorkshire RC) and the following year by Jack Fancourt. In those days the only source for knowledge and inspiration for real racing was from the sepia pages of the French magazine *Le Mirioe de Sport*. Among the regular competitors in massed starts at Donnington prior to the outbreak of war, were three riders, two of whom, were later to play major roles in the sport, Ron Kitching and Bob Thom, and one who was to change the sport in Britain completely, Percy Stallard.

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