

NEWSLETTER

On yer bikes...

ROAD RACING

The racing season kicks off this weekend (2nd April) with the first of our road races for the year. The Ham Hill and Pittards road races will be run on the usual course, Yeovil, Queen Camel and Ilchester.

The race HQ for this year has been changed to Ilchester Town hall, in order that we can use a more suitable finish, free from the ever increasing traffic in Yeovil. The racers will leave Ilchester at 10.00 and 10.45 respectively and finish outside RNAS Yeovilton at approx. 1.00pm.

The event is as popular as ever with a full field for both races well in advance of the closing date for entries. Pittards are again sponsoring the race enabling us to provide a high standard of safety as well as a good prize list. It is good to see some entrants in both races from Yeovil CC, good luck to you all.

Additional helpers are always welcome on the day so if you haven't already been volunteered then give Kevin Mahon a ring. Or why not just come along on the day and enjoy some great cycle racing.

TVCRA

As yet the starting date for the Race Training sessions, which take place on Merryfield Airfield at Ilton each Tuesday

evening, has not been confirmed. It will be either the 18th or 25th April. Further details and passes will be available from Nick Armstrong soon.

OPEN TIME TRIALS

Following a change of date, which surprised everyone (including the Organiser) the first Open 10 is now on 9th April at 07.00.

If you are thinking of entering you only have a day or two left to get your entry forms in. This is likely to be the only race held on the U37 this year (the old 10 course) so if you want to get your season off to a really fast start then get your entry in to David Notley, the closing date is officially the 28th March, provided there is not a full field then entries will be accepted up to 31st March.

Once again volunteers to help with the Marshalling etc. would be most welcome, so ring me before I ring you!

CLUB TIME TRIALS

The Club Time Trials will start on 20th April. Neil Boxall has now taken on the position of Time trial secretary and will be in charge of the Thursday evening events. The HQ will be the Podimore Service area for all events, entry fees remains the same as last year, as does the request that every one is signed on

BCF Regulations

There has been a great deal of discussion relating to the forthcoming rule changes for BCF races. Some of the less contentious changes have already been introduced, the new points system and gear restrictions changes, whilst others are still in the pipe line, no more bike checks, notices on driveways and roads all round the course and written notification to all households on a race route two weeks prior to the event.

Our BCF representative (and road race secretary) Kevin Mahon continues to represent our feelings at the regional meetings and we can only hope that common sense will prevail at the end of the day. I am sure we do not want to see road racing banished to closed circuits, which we all fear would be the inevitable consequence of some of the new regulations.

Club Clothing

We currently have in stock Road Jerseys, both short and long sleeve, shorts and skin suits. A new supply of training tops and specifically ordered clothing will be delivered in April, so if you want anything new for this season let me know sooner rather than later.

If you want me to include something in the next issue then drop me a line or let me have some copy on one of the Club runs. David Notley Oakley, Church Road, Sparkford, Yeovil BA22 7JN. Copy date 25th June.



Handbooks

The RTTC and BCF 1995 Handbooks are now available from Kevin Mahon, 21 Park Gardens, Yeovil price £3.25 and £3.50 respectively.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM took place at Preston School and during a brief and efficient meeting the following officers were elected:

President	—
V President	W Perry, I Walker
Chairman	G Mitchener
Gen Secretary	K Mahon
Treasurer	D Todd
TT Secretary	N Boxall
RR Secretary	K Mahon
Records Secretary	M Northcott
Membership Secretary	M Northcott
Runs Secretary	G Mitchener
Press Secretary	G Mitchener
TVCRA Representative	N Armstrong
Newsletter/Sponsorship	D Notley

I would like to express the thanks of the Committee, and the Membership, to those people that have retired this year; to Stuart who has done an excellent job as Membership Secretary, to Tony who showed us how good the club runs can be, to Andy who organised the evening Time trials so well, and finally to Gareth for his brief spell as Secretary.

It is great to see some new faces coming forward to help with the organisation of the Club. If you feel there is a skill or area of expertise that you could contribute then please don't hesitate, step forward now.