



THE WHEELER

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEWYEAR TO ALL



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HELLO TO EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

It has been another very successful year for the club and cycling in particular. Thanks to all the members who have helped out and our first class team of officials, your help has been invaluable

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CLUB NIGHT WEDNESDAY EVENING ALDERSLEY 8.30 AM
COMMITTEE MEETINGS 1ST TUESDAY AFTER 2ND MONDAY
IN MONTH 7.30 PM @ ALDERSLEY STADIUM FAMILY ROOM

The club is delighted to announce that **MAGUS BACKSTEDT** will be the Guest of Honour at the 89th Annual Dinner Dance



Magus's many achievements include Winner of *Paris-Roubaix*, *Tour of Sweden*, and stages of *Tour de France* and *Giro d'Italia* and many more professional victories.

The Dinner dance will be held on Saturday 30th November at the Wergs Golf Club where season long trophies will be presented. Unfortunately ticket sales have now closed.

Time Trial Report (Sec Ian Horton)

Hats off to James Ratcliffe who powered to a superb victory with a time of 23'21" at the penultimate time trial of the season in Bobbington. Well done also to Annasley Park from Abergavenny RC who achieved third overall on her first attempt with a time of 27'29"! All eyes were on the shoot out for the battle for 2nd place overall in the league between Mark Spruce and Paul Hammond - all year Mark has been just behind Paul but tonight the tables were turned with Mark achieving fastest Wheeler on the night and runners up spot in the league after 4 months by only 5 seconds with a time of 27'32" claiming the Vets trophy and bragging rights. Mark was able to cycle home with a big smile and immense satisfaction as Paul had to sit in the pub checking the times and offering many reasons for finishing third. Paul looks back when he had a mechanical failure and didn't start a 22 mile hilly which made the difference between second and third but anyone can get punctures, holidays and work can also get in the way. We had the best turnout of the year with 21 riders and plenty of Wheelers turning up to watch and encourage - good job we had 30 cakes at the end kindly provided by Gary - the Iresons didn't ride but ate the most! It was great to see Luke Burnhope on his birthday putting in another great time winning the handicap on the evening; Luke is looking on course to compete for the overall next year if he keeps up the winter training. The season has seen many PB's throughout as the TT evenings continue to be popular and already many are planning from Boxing Day for next year where we will see even more competition for the top places. It's also nice that Jon Arkell has to pay the drinks bill from tonight, but the landlord said he can wait until Jon's return for the money.

Many thanks to the onlookers and Josh, Mark Primmer and John Ireson for holding up and organising the event. The season has finished on a high which serves well for next year when hopefully we will have even more Wheelers having a go. Congratulations to the overall winners - Josh Burke (overall winner of the League), Ben Manfield (Junior trophy), Mark Spruce (Handicap and Vets trophy) and Ros Clitheroe (Women's trophy). A full list of results can be found on the club website.

Compiled by Ros Clitheroe.

Turn over for more club news:

Track League

The last week of the league saw two wins for Adam Phillips in the Freewheelers A category to cement his position at the top of the table. In a sight that has become familiar over the summer he surged across the top of the pack in the last half lap to win the dash. Then in the Keirin he got the better of Ethan Roberts in a tight finish. A fitting winner of the last Freewheelers event of the summer. Ethan Roberts has himself come on strongly in the second half of the season to take second place in the league. Hollie Owens took third in the league after starting the summer well before concentrating on the step up to the Youth category.

In the Freewheelers B category Ed Pibworth and Grace Lister have been tight at the top of the standings all season. Ed had pulled out a small advantage in the last few weeks and, as with Adam in the A's, confirmed his victory in the last race of the evening and the league, the Keirin. Unfortunately Grace crashed in the first race of the night and wasn't able to compete in the other races (luckily there was no lasting damage; she was merrily showing off her road rash at training on Friday night). I'm sure both of them are looking forward to renewing their rivalry in the A's next year. Sam Askew had a consistently strong night, picking up points in every race to enable him to pip Isaac Stephenson to third place in the league by a single point. Tom White won the other two category B races of the night to highlight his improvement over the second half of the summer.

The Freewheelers have had some very exciting racing and all the kids have had a great time and had their moments in the sun over the summer.

The winner of the Youth Rankings has been a foregone conclusion for some time now. Ben Hardwick built up a lead early on in the season which he has consolidated each week with both powerful and consistent racing. On this, the final night, Ben took first place in each race he entered. We watch with interest how Ben's racing develops in the future. The remaining places in the Youth Rankings are also of considerable interest. Will Manfield-Yorke took second place with Will Lewis in third place both putting in some creditable racing throughout the season and Matty Lewis in fourth place has shown great potential for future seasons. Josef Feiven (Solihull CC) has broken up the party for the Wheelers and done his best performance to date by taking fifth place.

The Wheelers are currently developing a strong and growing group of female Youth riders. In sixth place Georgia Hilleard leads this group. Gabriella Homer riding with the Wheelers for her first season is the second female rider, while Alice Law is the third female, Rebecca Simmons the fourth and Connie Hudson the fifth. They are all making significant progress in their racing both on the track and elsewhere in our sport.

The Senior racing proved no less exciting where Stourbridge CC rider Kevin Payton won the Senior B category for the second consecutive year. Jack Escritt won the Senior A category and thus became the overall

winner of the League. Congratulations to Jack for his first League win.

A more detailed report of the Senior racing plus full Results and Rankings of all categories can be found on the club website: www.wolverhamptonwheelers.co.uk

Compiled by Neil Gage and Dave Brookes

Special thanks go to this year's League organisers *Dave Perry* and *Charlotte Wellsbury*.

Hill Climb Championship Sunday 6th October

Hill Climb Champs saw a very depleted field take to the start line, despite a good many riders meeting at the Stadium or riding over to the event. However, we did have a Professional rider compete as a private ride, Liam Holohan, just returned after a well deserved break following an intensive year with Madison-Genisis. Liam who has ridden many International races including a fine showing in this year's Tour of Britain was interested to see how he might compare against the times set by former 5 times National Champion - Stuart Dangerfield.... As expected Liam was inside the magic 3 minute 30 mark but not quite as fast as Stuart's record of 3.05, which is still highly creditable given that Liam had just returned from a two week layoff and relinquished his race diet for a while.

The competition between Wheeler's members was very close in deed with just 2 seconds covering the top three: in third place was former Club Champion and ex 1st category road man Matt Morris. The ride of the day was surely that of young Joe Lister who was just a solitary second away from a remarkable win - obviously following in his father Ian's footsteps - another 1st category and International road rider. But the win went to Mark Primmer, who since packing smoking and taking up bike riding has gone from strength to strength - a great ride. The Veterans honours were fought out between Ian Horton (club Time Trial secretary) and Pete Escritt who ran out winner in that category. Full results can be found on the club website.

Compiled by Robin Kyte

TRACK TRIP

to the *NEWPORT VELODROME*
Friday 27th December 2013
10.00 noon to 1.00pm
All Ages & Abilities



Price includes coaching
Cost £10.00 per rider (£7.00 u/16s)
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