

**STOCKPORT CLARION CYCLING CLUB
NEWSLETTER
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THE SCCC CLUB DINNER AND PRIZE PRESENTATION

will take place on Friday 17th December at Heaton Mersey Sports and Social Club (ie, the Clubroom). Derek Hodgins is the man to see about tickets etc. The New Year Æ Sunday Lunch is being planned by the clubs massive social sub-committee but a date is not yet confirmed. Find out more at the club nights.

CLUB HILL CLIMB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dunbars hill was the tough venue for this years event, which had several novice entrants, not least, Dave Armstrongs Camper Van. Front runners Andy Norton (anagram, NOT ON RANDY) and Aki beat the favourite for the Vets title, Derek "Available for Timotay Adverts" Hodgins, only to find that the clubs youngest veteran, Graham Pearce, had gone even faster to take the Vets title and 3rd place overall on what turned out to be his 40th birthday, though he kept this very quiet until several beers were out of the way during the lunchtime refreshments. Armos bus managed an admirable second place overall.

THE CLUB DOWNHILL FREEWHEELING CONTEST

(greatest distance without pedalling) took place after a two hour weight gaining session in "The Wild Boar", and once again miraculously resulted in no crashes. The favourite, Dave Whitehead could only match Graham Pearces' considerable effort, despite a dubious last gasp push of the bike as he came to a halt. However this turned out to be immaterial as Rob Shaw had defied the rules of gravity to come steaming though the finish area and win by thirty feet in an event usually decided by inches, despite sitting up through the finish area. Robert Shaw is an anagram of WHAT ROBERS.

CLUB ANAGRAM COMPETITION

Dave Whitehead has submitted

PAUL DALGLIESH = DUALL SHAG PILE

and

PETE BREWER = BEER PEWTER

whilst Doug noticed that

MICHAEL GORMLEY = ALERGIC MONEY

ANDY MAGEE = RENEW DAMAGE

JANET SHAW = ATHENS JAW

GRAHAM PEARCE = AMPERAGE CHAR

TONY COUGHLAN = O THONG LUNACY

GRAHAM OBREE = HARE EMBARGO

And

CHRIS BOARDMAN = RDB,NO CHARISMA.

Dave W wants to start a club "acronym" competition, and entered

PAULINE = "Pretty And Unusually Leggy In Nighttime Environment".

However, he wasn't aware that a certain club officials name is an acronym of

"Weighty Hairy Intellectual Timetrialing Eccentric Having Extra Ample Derriere" !

CLUB OFFICIALS

Following Novembers A.G.M. the major change was the election of Julian Mortel to the post of Club Treasurer. Julian will shortly be collecting club subs (raised slightly at the meeting to cover Club room fees etc, which other bike clubs have to pay on top of their membership fees). Another important newcomer was Armo, who was elected unanimously to the dizzy heights of SCCC club mascot. God help him.

NEXT YEARS CLUB 10 MILE SERIES

SCCC are to organise fourteen club events in 1994, on Wednesday nights, mainly on the Chelford course. On these nights, the club night might move from Heaton Mersey to Alderly Edge. Dukinfield CC may once again be invited to officiate in the second half of the season.

THE NEW YEARS DAY 10 will take place on the Chelford course at 11 am. Hangovers will be compulsory. To satisfy Andy Magees question, it can be confirmed that the date of this event will be 1/1/94 !

THE GHENT SIX DAY TRACK RACE was witnessed by no less than nine SCCC members. Four went by car, three by plane, and two more foolhardy types went by bike. The temperature was 3.5 Obrees below zero, but substantially warmer at the indoor track. Travelling to such an event, with a Belgian good beer guide, can be highly recommended. Cycling across Belgium in the snow cannot.

RACING NEWS

The Clubs incredible start to the 1993 season was always destined to frizzle out a little, with injuries, house movings, and discoveries of good beer by several racing members. However there have been many respectable road race placings and Derek Hodgins recorded no less than 246 miles in the 12 hour, putting him into the national Vets top 10 despite increased aerodynamic turbulence due to his new found hair, whilst Doug resorted to going on a southern course to break Paul Dentiths club event 10 mile best by 8 seconds with a 21©18 win. Several members still hope next year to modify the official record by Paul Dalgliesh (anagram APES GUILDHALL) of 21©33. Merlins attempt will be marginally helped by Graham Obree handlebars, hough Graham Obree legs would be far more useful. Other results can't be reported on because nobody told the editor, to whom news still can be relayed c/o anybody sober and a bit official looking at the club night.

THE NOMINATION OF KEN HODGINS for the BBC Sports Personality of the year has once again regrettably not been accepted. It is difficult to perceive how our sport will ever achieve full recognition in this nation of overweight armchair bound football fans when such oversights occur on the part of the sporting establishment.

OTHER NEWS

Over heard on a recent club run

"Where are we now in relation to where we are now ?"

PAUL DENTITHS MOUNTAINBIKE HIRING BUSINESS is launched on 6th December. The local landscape and beer are reported to make for good mountainbiking.

Next year is the National Clarions 100th EASTER MEETÄ and will take place in Lincoln, the first time it has come inland since Harold was a lad (well, the 1970's at least). At least 20 SCCC members are expected, for a sociable weekend of racing, drinking, eating and being ill. The mileage trophy looks within our grasp if we can get about 10 people to ride the 100 miles to Lincoln. Tailwinds are guaranteed. Be there...or don't. Ä
Boots! Arsenal!