

Racing Secretary Report for 2009

With 17 evening club events and two open events we have had a busy year. So, first of all, a big vote of thanks to Dick, Andy, and Eddy who helped to ensure the successful promotion of all these events. New club member, and Alton resident, Adam Bell, has proved to be the big winner this year by taking the 10 Mile T.T. Championship with an excellent 23 minutes 13 seconds ride and the 25 Mile T.T. Championship with a 58 minutes 03 seconds effort. Continued good rides enabled Adam to take the Club Short Distance B.A.R. (2 x 10 Mile T.T. & 2 x 25 mile T.T.) with an average speed of 25.975 MPH and The Club Events Championship with an average speed of 26.06 MPH for the counting 5 x 10 mile T.T.'s and one 25 mile T.T.

Shaun Blow also had a good time trial season which saw him win the 10 Mile League Trophy, improve his 25 mile T.T. to 59 minutes 15 seconds and get to within one second of his best ever '10' time. Shaun managed to maintain form into October and was able to claim the club Hill Climb Championship.

We had a fairly quiet season on the Road Racing front but Andy Watson kept the Alton flag flying and as a result is our new Road Race Champion. Andy bravely volunteered to promote a road race under the LVRC but due to lack of entries had to cancel the event.

Our second claim members, Chris and Michelle, who attend most of our Calshot track sessions, had a good summer with Chris getting his '25' time down to 54 minutes and Michelle twice got under the hour with her best effort a 'short 58'.

Malcolm Rogers, our current track champion, is intending to defend his title when we hold our championships on January 30th at Calshot. However, Mike Hayward who only lost to Malcolm by one point last year, will be going all out to reclaim the trophy that he last won two years ago.

I would also like to take this opportunity to mention that a good number of club members have taken part in various audax/sportive events this year. Old favourites such as Watership Down in January, Test Century in April, and The Gridiron in October, were all well supported and successfully completed by Alton C.C. cyclists. Of course, the Etape de Tour is the most well known sportive and I am pleased to report that Mike Hayward successfully completed the 2009 version which finished with the 13 mile climb of Mont Ventoux. Great ride Mike!!

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