

CTT Newsletter – January 2018

Happy new year and welcome to the first newsletter for 2018.
The season may just be slowly starting but there is still
plenty going on in the background...

Champions' Night

Nearly 400 guests dressed in their finery to attend the grand occasion which celebrates the great and good performances of the season – Champions' Night. This year's event was once again held at Heythrop Park, Oxfordshire. Guest of Honour was former Tour de France Yellow Jersey holder, Sean Yates who during an interview with Michael Hutchinson, gave an insight into his career and some of the events he had ridden with Michael. An excellent evening was had by all, with many positive comments from the guests. A big thank you to Alison Torode for organising such a successful event, and to the CTT Board members, their families and friends for their help on the evening, and over the weekend.



National Ranking System

Progress on the development of a web based National Ranking System has enabled the 2017 open events results to be collected in the background, checking the process works. Following review, enhancements have been introduced to the allocation of points for National Championships and the Knight Composites Circuit Series.

The completed National Ranking System is being presented to the Board of Cycling Time Trials at their meeting on the 4 February 2018 and will go live online on the 1 March 2018. 2018 events prior to launch will automatically be included.

Further enhancements can be considered and incorporated as appropriate.

To support the introduction a standalone document will be published, in late February, and circulated explaining the criteria on which the web based ranking system is based.

Course measuring workshop

The venues and dates for the workshops are now being finalised (see below). Whilst the course is provided free of charge, it is **essential** that you pre-book your place to ensure that sufficient resources are available for everyone. Anyone will be welcome to attend any of the courses – it is not restricted to the districts mentioned.

1. Saturday 10 March at Hellidon Lakes Golf & Country Club, near Daventry, convenient for Midlands/Central/South East Midlands/London North and anyone else who wants to come.
2. Saturday 17 March at Junction 24, Bridgewater, Somerset convenient for South/South West/West/South Wales.
3. Saturday & Sunday 23/24 June. Two venues to be confirmed for Scotland.
4. Saturday 11 August. Venue to be confirmed. Convenient for London South/London East/East/South East/London West.
5. Sunday 29 July. Venue to be confirmed. Convenient for Teesside/North East/North Midlands/Lincolnshire.
6. Sunday 23 September. Venue to be confirmed. Convenient for Yorkshire/North/Liverpool/Manchester.

We hope to welcome both established course measurers and also those who would like to learn more about this process. Course measuring is vital to our sport, it needs to be done as safely as possible. However, it is important to remember that this new process is intended to provide a standardised, safer alternative for those who prefer to use it, and not to replace the traditional 'wheel' which continues to be perfectly acceptable.

Purpose of the day:

- To illustrate and standardise a safer, modern method for creating time trial courses.
- To update CTT course details for website users, and if required, for DC approval.
- To share experience and knowledge amongst DC course measurers at national level.
- To encourage new volunteers to become Accredited Course Measurers.
- To learn about a new initiative for creating 'Measured Miles*' so that traditional methods are still supported.

Delegates will need to bring a laptop, preferably with a mouse/pen, etc, and please note that each course is open to anyone who finds the date and venue convenient – not just for the districts mentioned, provided they have booked in advance.

If you would like to book a place (booking is essential), please email Sheila Hardy (sheilactt@sky.com) letting her know the venue and date you would like to attend. Further details and an application form will be on the CTT website shortly, and email notification will be sent out as soon as the form is online.

*Standard half mile or km as well as, or instead of a standard mile.



National Circuit Championships

In a change to the publicised date, this year's National Circuit Championships held at Thruxton Racing Circuit will now be on Sunday, October 21. The start times will remain as previously advertised. In addition, an Open 4-up TTT for men, women and mixed teams will be added to the programme and take place after the main event. All events will be over 10 miles.

Cycling Time Trials Scholarship 2018

After last year's success with scholarship riders Hetty Niblett and Jake Coward, CTT are pleased to continue the Scholarship programme which was first established in 2006. The aims of the programme have been slightly changed for 2018 and are as follows: **'to help young riders, from a Time Trialling background, compete in high profile CTT events and gain other significant racing experience'**.

Riders must be under-25 and show prominently in the RTTC National Championships/Classic Series. Scholarship riders are also expected to provide a periodic blog for the website and keep the Board apprised of their progress.

Funding is still available for the 2018 season, which will be allocated over the coming weeks, so if you fit the criteria, please email a CV including cycling achievements and future aims to mark.sanders@cyclingt看trials.org.uk

Proposed TRO – V718

Further to our recent email and news item on the website, many of you are aware that Highways England are proposing to enforce a Traffic Regulation Order banning cyclists from riding on the A63 at Hull, this would mean CTT would lose the popular, and fast, V718 course.

Thank you to everyone who has already written to Highways England opposing the regulation and if you haven't yet, and would like to there is still time, all complaints need to be lodged by 9 February, see the link below for further details. Please don't send Highways

England emails, the notice is quite specific as to where objections need to be sent to. If your objection is sent to anywhere else than the postal address stated, there is a significant risk



that it will be ignored. We will let you know of any updates as soon as we receive them.

<https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/articles/view/283>

If you wish to object to the proposed TRO, please could you put your objection in **WRITING** and **POST** it to The Office of the Director, Operations Directorate (Yorkshire & North East), Highways England, 3rd Floor South, Lateral, 8 City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9AT. The objection should quote the reference 'The A63 Trunk Road (North Cave Interchange to Daltry Street Interchange) (Prohibition of Cyclists Order)'.

Objections **MUST** be received to the above address not later than Monday 19 February 2018.

Any objection must be based on the proposed ban on cyclists using the A63. An objection based on the fact that it is a fast time trialling course would not have any merit and would very likely be disregarded.

Gold badges



Sheila Hardy with Bill Stanley

Bill Stanley, of Central District, who is the Treasurer of Central District and President of the Notts and East Midlands VTTA Group was presented with a CTT Gold Badge by CTT Chairman, Mrs Sheila Hardy, at his Group lunch on 21 January.

Barry Fryer, who has just stood down as Secretary of Hinckley CRC after very many years in post, was awarded a Certificate of Honour and Valued Volunteer Badge, in appreciation for all the work he has done over the years.



Barry Fryer with Mick Wills, Midland District committee member and member of Hinckley CRC.

If you know of someone who you think is worthy of either a Gold Badge or a Certificate of Honour do please let us know.

Thank you!

As the season starts a quick reminder to all, please don't forget to thank the organisers, marshals, timekeepers and the helpers at events, they're all volunteers, and appreciation goes a long way. You may have had a bad ride and the conditions were less than favourable but, remember, the marshals gave up their Sunday morning lie-in to stand on an exposed, and often chilly roundabout, to make your ride that little bit safer. A smile and a thank you will make them feel valued!



Race number offer

Are your club's race numbers in need of replacing? We've been made aware of a great offer by J V Graphics, for a limited time you can order numbers 1-120 with eyelets and overprint for £129 + VAT. Valid for orders taken before 1 March 2018. Visit www.jvgraphics.co.uk



2020 Championships

Looking ahead, CTT are currently planning the Championships for 2020. If your district is interested in hosting one could you please send your application to Stewart Smith as soon as possible. (stewart.smith@cyclingt看metrials.org.uk)

Finally – please remember to check your rider profile and update anything that is out of date. You will be surprised how many riders still have inaccurate information!