

Secretary's Report 1974

Open Events

We undertook the promotion of three open events during the year.

- a) 25 mile Pine Trial - again held on a June Saturday afternoon and helped by the generous sponsorship of Ron Mills Cycles.
- b) Road Race - on a course utilizing the old S.C.A. 12 hour finishing circuit.
- c) 50 mile Reliability Trial - attracting an entry in excess of 50 riders who were favoured with excellent weather.

Racing

Club events over the shorter distances have been fairly well supported, with the evening 10 mile series proving particularly popular.

In open events we have not met with a surfeit of success, losing the Strudwick Trophy for the first time in many years and only edging into the runners-up position in the S.C.A. 25 mile team championship. However George Matthews did secure several Sussex Track victories at Preston Park.

Touring

The resurgent interest in club runs continued, possibly assisted by the new trophy donated by our chairman. The Tourist Trial which was promoted by Bognor's own Brian Cox attracted the largest entry and was the most successful for several years.

Social

The christmas tea and the Dinner Dance were well supported although the aged combo performing at the latter function evoked some comment.

Club room attendances have generally improved and this is surely reflected in the increased canteen profit.

Publicity

Don Lock appears to have cornered this particular market by not only continuing in his capacity as magazine and press supremo but also by securing a regular weekly slot as cycling correspondent to Radio Brighton.

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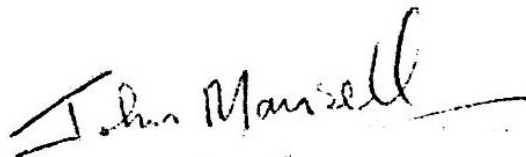
Finance

A profit shown, largely due to the fund raising scheme and the sale of waste paper, but bear in mind the fact that we had no major capital expense and that we are presently locked in combat with Worthing Council over their proposed tripling of the hiring charge for the club room.

General

A winter, weight and circuit training programme presented by "Coach" Macmillan has been well received by our racing fraternity, who should benefit from our successful application to join the East Sussex Cycling Association, whose promotions will now be open to us.

In closing I invite the continuance of your support of our future activities - both social and athletic.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "John Mansell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John Mansell
(Gen. Sec.)