

WORTHING EXCELSIOR CYCLING CLUB

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

1982

A successful year? Depends on how it's measured - if you used membership numbers, finance, new club records, open event promotions or total club event entries as a gauge, then your answer must surely be "yes". However, if your criteria included the number of open event victories or Sussex championship wins, perhaps you wouldn't be quite so enthusiastically positive.

RACING.

The inter-club "25" with Bognor was held for the first time since 1965, and with each club's six best riders forming the team we managed to win by some 9 minutes.

Four of our members regularly competed at Preston Park track, and there is talk of their being joined by a further four in the coming season.

Club events, which included two early season "10"s on the new Steyning by-pass course, frequently attracted entries in excess of 20, and although 9 of our 23 trophies were won by the Locks (man and boy) the remainder were shared between a further ten members.

New club records were set by our senior men, schoolboys and ladies at distances ranging from ten miles to one hundred miles, and included several updated place-to-place times.

Once more we conquered the rest of Sussex to regain the 25 mile team championship, - a trophy which, incidentally, we presented to the S.C.A., in 1926. Paul Toppin placed 2nd in the Sussex Best All Rounder competition (a real B.A.R. this, including the 12 hour) and Andy Lock was successful in the County divisional schoolboy road-race championship.

TOURING, CLUB RUNS AND EXCURSIONS.

The tourist trial was won by a rejuvenated Tony Palmer and the season-long touring B.A.R. by Dave Hudson, who not only arranged trips to the Rotterdam "6" and the Rouen weekend together with the all-night ride in June, but was also the chief instigator behind our participation in the National 400km randonnee.

OPEN EVENTS.

Four open events were promoted.

RELIABILITY TRIALS.

50km and 100km rides were held on a very wet and very hard February Sunday, the 42 entries resulting in only 19 certificates being awarded.

10 MILE TIME TRIAL.

This event was run on a Saturday afternoon, with 91 competitors, once more being impeccably organised and once more being cursed with appalling weather.

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25 MILE TIME-TRIAL

More than 100 riders entered this well-established event - the winner breaking the event record with an excellent 54.41.

ROAD-RACE

Ashurst vilage hall provided us with the Headquarters for this 45 mile, all-category event successfully staged in the spring.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

The monthly fund-raising and the Milk Race draws both contributed handsomely to the club treasury - our thanks are certainly owed to Dave Hudson and Carol and Bill Procter. Thank-yous are also due to the Cox's, Brian and Betty, and the Hughes, Jim and Connie, for the various lumps of catering equipment now on the club inventory.

John Grant has continued with his researches into our distant past, and repeats his plea for any old photos of club interest or further details of club history.

Our participation in the Chatsmore Fete, with a small stand and a set of rollers, was repeated, thus enabling us to make a donation to multiple sclerosis research.

The annual dinner was held for the second year at the Windmill in Littlehampton and again seemed to be enjoyed by the majority of those present. It has therefore been re-booked for '83.

Our membership at 31st December totalled 127, an increase of 11 during the 12 months under review.

Please note that our present Chairman, Press Secretary and Runs Secretary have all indicated that they will not be available for re-election in the coming year. So if you have any ideas for suitable nominees for any of these positions, please discuss it with them before the A.G.M. This could save a lot of people a lot of time.

In closing this report, I bring to your attention the following events in 1983. If you require further details, please contact the person named.

SLIDE SHOW	22 FEB	DAVE HUDSON
OPEN ROAD RACE	9 APR	ROY HOLDEN
OPEN 25	15 MAY	TONY PALMER
OPEN 10	2 JULY	PAUL TOPPIN
SUSSEX 100	10 JULY	TONY PALMER
OPEN ROAD RACE	16 JULY	NORMAN WRIGHT
NATIONAL 400km RANDONEE	23/24 JULY	DAVE HUDSON
SUSSEX 12 HOUR	7 AUG	RAY DOUGLASS
CLUB DINNER	5 NOV	NORMAN WRIGHT

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P.S. In our early days, club-run discipline was maintained with a bugle, value 7/6d. This, together with twelve china eggs and teaspoons, was last heard of 1903. Can we have them back please?