



Worthing Excelsior Cycling Club

HILL CLIMB SERIES - No 1 (GH/95)

Thursday 13th August 2015

Promoted for and on behalf of **Cycling Time Trials** under their rules and regulations

Report

A confusing start to the hill climb season but thankfully all sorted out in the end. Defending Hill Climb series champion Mark Newnham was highly delighted to have recorded a personal best only to find that he had been given a time some 22 seconds slower. Investigations showed that one of the stop watches was faulty and had affected the last four finish times. So the times have been adjusted to be correct and a replacement watch is on order.

For once the weather worked in our favour. The torrential rain and thunderstorms of most of the day abated and we were treated to warm dry conditions with a slight tail wind. It couldn't be better, and this was reflected in some very fast times being achieved. Five of the six riders with 'previous' improved upon their best times.

Mark Newnham made it look easy as he put just over seven seconds into his personal best as he broke his own course record. In fact he now has the five fastest runs of an Excelsior rider (Kevin Wilson having the sixth fastest).

In an excellent second place was Chris Putnam, also with a personal best. Chris is the current Excelsior Hill Climb champion (a title that he got when winning the club championship event on Steyning Bostal last October).

Well done to all those who took part and were prepared to tackle the challenge. Grand chapeau richly deserved all round and especially to the 'newbies'.

WECC riders in Open Time Trials

Last weekend

Two Excelsior riders featured in the VTTA (Veterans) National 50 mile time trial held in Hampshire on Sunday. Mike O'Gorman recorded a personal best time of 1:53:31 and finished in fifth place in the national rankings (with +33:35). This was the fastest 50 by an Excelsior rider so far this season. Trevor Leeding, who previously had the fastest 50 (1:55:27), had the misfortune to puncture after completing 30 miles whilst on a very fast schedule.

In the East Sussex Cycling Association 100 on the same day Rick Hughes produced a fine ride in his first attempt at that distance with a time of 4:26:33. It was just his second outing on his new bike and this put him in an excellent 15th place overall.

Upcoming events

On Saturday Mike O'Gorman is in the North Hampshire Road Club 25 at Bentley (H25/8). This has a full field of 150 riders, with 10 reserves and very many unsuccessful applicants.

On Sunday it will be another of our club events, being the Pulborough Circuit on GS/993.



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Overall Position	Name	Club	Actual Time (mins)	
1	Mark NEWNHAM	WECC	01:29.3	Improves on his previous PB of 1:36.86
2	Chris PUTNAM	WECC	01:43.8	Improves on his previous PB of 1:45.51
3	Mike O'GORMAN	WECC	01:51.0	Improves on his previous PB of 1:54.80
4	Andy HASTE	WECC	01:53.3	Improves on his previous PB of 2:00.36
5	Rick HUGHES	WECC	01:53.6	Improves on his previous PB of 1:59.07
6	Darron MUGGERIDGE	WECC	02:06.5	
7	Jamie WASTELL	WECC	02:12.0	First ride
8	Graeme GILL	WECC	02:33.9	Improves on his previous PB of 2:38.77
9	Rome BHAMRA	WECC	02:39.2	First ride
10	Simon TOPPIN	WECC	02:44.6	First ride
11	Schaeff POTTER	WECC	DNS	

Event Secretary

Graeme Gill

Very Grateful Thanks To:

Timekeeper (start):	Joan Lennon
Timekeeper (finish):	Mick Irons
Recorder:	Phil Freat
Start Marshal:	Malcolm Hales
Results Service:	Mike O'Gorman