

THE WORTHING EXCELSIOR CYCLING CLUB

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No controversy, little comment, just the facts. That is to be the tenor of this year's report - a quiet twelve months having no notable scandals and no spectacular successes with a further contraction of racing activity, perhaps being counterbalanced by an expansion of club run interest.

This interest being fostered in no small measure by Dave Hudson who has enthusiastically continued with his issuing of runs lists and organising of hostel weekends and the popular motor assisted day runs. His most recent innovation being the proposed annual award for runs attendance

The contracting racing activity is evidenced by the lessening of interest in road racing coupled with the non awarding of the B.A.R., 12 hour and Hill Climb Championships, together with the fact of no club records being broken and our lowly placing (4th) in the S.C.A. team championship 25. The support of our junior riders was most erratic, varying from an entry of 10 in one S.C.A. event to only 2 in another.

However, Dereck Pearce did manage to record a brace of victory's in S.C.A. 10 mile promotions and George Matthews managed several first in road events - also retaining for the club, practically single handed, the Strudwick Trophy.

We again promoted two open events - the 25, with generous support from local cycle dealer, Ron Mills, being won in a course and event record time of 54-53, and the 50 mile road race once more, attracting the maximum permitted number of competitors.

Both the annual dinner and the Christmas tea were, this year, held at new venues - the former at the Beach Hotel, somewhat smaller than the Warnes, but better suited to present support, and the latter at the club room, again attracting a field of some sixty starters.

Financially we have had very much a "plus" year, handsomely offsetting last years 'minus' the overall profit being due, in a large part, to the very successful fund raising 50 scheme.

In closing, I would express my usual thanks to all our supporters, helpers and friends.

John Mansell
Hon. Gen. Sec.