

SUSSEX CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT DIAL POST VILLAGE HALL, DIAL POST, HORSHAM, WEST SUSSEX RH13 8NJ AT 8.00PM ON WEDNESDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2016.

PRESENT Robin Johnson (Brighton Mitre CC) - Chairman, Mike O'Gorman (Worthing Excelsior CC), Geoff Smith (Eastbourne Rovers), Steve Dennis (East Grinstead CC), Mick Kilby (Lewes Wanderers), Kathleen Collard-Berry (...a3crg), David Collard-Berry(...a3crg), Ann Human (Eastbourne Rovers), Peter Moon (Eastbourne Rovers), Jon Fry (Horsham Cycling), Chris Parker (Hastings & St Leonards CC), Don Parker (Brighton Mitre CC).

01/16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Paul Thatcher (Brighton Mitre CC).

02/16 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 02 December 2015 were accepted on a proposal by Ann Human and seconded by Geoff Smith.

03/16 MATTERS ARISING

None (all items had been dealt with in subsequent committee meetings).

04/16 REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

GENERAL SECRETARY

Mike O'Gorman had circulated a copy of his written report with the Agenda. There were no issues or questions arising from the report. The number of clubs in the Association has now increased to 25.

The General Secretary's Report was accepted on a proposal by Jon Fry and seconded by David Collard-Berry. A copy is appended to these minutes.

TREASURER.

Paul Thatcher had produced the audited accounts for 2016 and these were circulated with the Agenda.

The monies from the SCA Hill Climb arrived too late to be included and these will be reflected in next year's accounts. The situation shows about breakeven overall.

The Accounts were adopted on a proposal Mike O'Gorman and seconded by Geoff Smith. A copy is appended to these minutes.

TIME TRIAL SECRETARY

Steve Dennis reported on the Open Events promoted during the year and had provided a detailed written report for distribution with the Agenda.

The Time Trial Secretary's Report was accepted on a proposal by David Collard-Berry and seconded by Mick Kilby. A copy is appended to these minutes.

COMPETITION SECRETARY REPORT

A full report of competition details was tabled by Ann Human and can be found here: [Web link to 2016 Competition Report](#)

Ann highlighted the key points including various winners and also new records established. It was also confirmed that we do have a trophy for the Ladies Points Competition

The Competition Secretary's Report was accepted on a proposal by Jon Fry and seconded by Steve Dennis.

WEB MASTER REPORT

Mike O’Gorman had circulated a copy of his written report with the Agenda.

The Web Master’s Report was accepted on a proposal by Mick Kilby and seconded by Jon Fry. A copy is appended to these minutes.

05/16 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Mick Irons (Worthing Excelsior CC)
VICE PRESIDENTS	The following Vice Presidents were re-elected unanimously; Andrew Attwood, Vanessa Attwood, Su Balcombe, Eric Bonner, Roy Fairchild, Mick Kilby, Alan Limbrey, Ken Wells, Pearl Wells, Alan Wright, Mike Anton, Ann Human and Steve Dennis.
CHAIRMAN	Robin Johnson (proposed by Mick Kilby; seconded by Mike O’Gorman)
GENERAL SECRETARY	Mike O’Gorman (proposed by Robin Johnson; seconded by Pete Moon)
TREASURER	Paul Thatcher (proposed by Robin Johnson; seconded by Ann Human)
TIME TRIAL SECRETARY	Steve Dennis (proposed by Mike O’Gorman; seconded by Robin Johnson)
COMPETITION SECRETARY	Ann Human (proposed by Mick Kilby; seconded by David Collard-Berry)
AWARDS SECRETARY	Peter Moon (proposed by Mick Kilby; seconded by Steve Dennis)
ANNUAL LUNCHEON	Robin Johnson
WEBMASTER	Mike O’Gorman (proposed by Robin Johnson; seconded by Jon Fry)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Chris Parker, Kathleen Collard-Berry, David Collard-Berry, Jon Fry, Mick Kilby.
AUDITOR	Ivor Calder

After many years in the role Geoff Smith stepped down from the position as Awards Secretary. Huge thanks were expressed to Geoff for his sterling efforts during that period. We are grateful to Peter Moon for volunteering to take on the role for the coming year.

The meeting expressed its sadness at the recent passing away of two Vice Presidents: Mike Hayler and Reg Searle.

06/16 EVENTS PROGRAMME FOR 2017

Steve Dennis presented the Events Programme for 2017 as agreed by the General Committee at the last Committee Meeting.

Sun 05 March	Open Hard Riders Time Trial	GS/194	Steve Dennis
Sun 09 April	Open 2-Up Team Time Trial	GS/987	James Stone
Sat 29 April	Open 10 Mile Time Trial *	G10/97	Jon Fry
Sun 30 April	Open 25 Mile Time Trial *	G25/93	Steve Dennis
Sat 10 June	Open 15 Mile Time Trial *	G15/93	Robin Johnson
Sun 02 July	Open 50 Mile Time Trial *	G50/10	Robin Johnson
Sun 30 July	Open 30 Mile Time Trial *	G30/91	Robin Johnson
Sat 26 August	Open 10 Mile Time Trial	G10/45	Robin Johnson
Mon 28 August	Open 25 Mile Time Trial	G25/49	Robin Johnson
Sat 30 September	Open Hill Climb *	GH/92	Chris Putnam

* Signifies Sussex CA County Championship Event.

The Association will not be promoting a 100 Mile Time Trial in 2017, but the Championship will be incorporated in the Southern Counties event on the 23rd July on the G100/61. The 12 hour Time trial will be incorporated into the Kent CA event on Sunday 25th June.

The Events Programme for 2017 was accepted.

07/16 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

It was agreed that the Annual Subscription for Member Clubs for 2017 would remain at £20. Mike O’Gorman will initiate the renewal process.

08/16 ANNUAL DINNER AND PRIZE PRESENTATION

Robin Johnson reported on the dinner to be held at the Dial Post Village Hall on the 4th December. The numbers are slightly reduced from last year. As per usual the pre-event ride is being organised by Steve Dennis.

09/16 ANY OTHER COMPETETENT BUSINESS

Ann Human had prepared a proposal regarding the scope of medal awards for consideration. The proposal was circulated in advance together with the Agenda.

Proposal To consider the scope of medals.

Proposal for the meeting to consider the scope of medals available each year and whether these awards are still relevant to incentivise, recognise or reward the achievement of riders, especially in the Championship events.

Medal awards available currently stand at 200, being 144 available from championship events, and a further 56 from a combination of competitions as follows:

Championship	Overall	Vets	Women	Junior	Juvenile	Team	Total
10mile	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
15mile	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
25mile	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
30mile	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
50mile	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
100mile	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
12 hour	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
Hill climb	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
	24	24	24	24	24	24	144

Competition	Overall	Vets	Women	Junior	Handicap	Team	Vet Team	Total
Long distance BAR	3	3	1	1	-	3	3	14
Middle distance BAR	3	3	-	-	-	3	3	12
Short distance BAR	3	3	-	-	-	3	3	12
Points	3	-	1	-	-	3	-	7
SPOCO	3	-	1	1	3	3	-	11
	15	9	3	2	3	15	9	56

A discussion took place but there was no conclusion reached. This is to be considered further by the committee during the coming year.

10/16 DATE OF NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Wednesday 22nd February 2017

Venue: Dial Post Village Hall

Time: 8.00pm

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

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CHAIRMAN.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

INTRODUCTION

It is pleasing to report 2016 has been another successful year for the SCA, with an extended racing programme comprising events throughout the racing season from March to October. The new Championship 30 was held for the fourth time, and the Championship 15 was held for the second time.

There have been a number of different winners of SCA events from different clubs, as well as some new individual names and also new club names in the SCA competitions. As always Ann Human has done a fantastic job in keeping SCA riders informed of results and competition standings throughout the year.

The SCA jumble sale organised by Robin Johnson and held in August continues to be well attended and makes a valuable contribution to the association accounts.

Using the same format as in recent years Robin Johnson has once again organised the excellent SCA lunch (preceded by the awards presentation), which this year will be held on Sunday 4th December at Dial Post village hall. Steve Dennis will again be leading the 'social ride' in the morning, setting off from Dial Post at 9:00.

The SCA events in 2016 were run by the following promoters; Steve Dennis, Jon Fry, Robin Johnson plus (new for this year) James Stone and Chris Putnam. As always we are hugely grateful to those who promote events for the season's programme, and of course all those pushers-off, marshals, timekeepers and catering staff. Without all these volunteers there would be no events

Anyone who would be willing to join the committee for 2017 would be more than welcome. The SCA has 25 member clubs at the moment; additional representation from other clubs at either the committee or promoting would help to ensure the Association meets the needs of its members. There are only two meetings per year, plus the AGM so the commitment requirement is a light one.

A year ago the SCA submitted three proposals via London South District for consideration. Those proposals were taken on board and were on the 2015 Agenda for the National Council of the CTT (Sunday 6th December).

The proposals were:

Competitors Machine

Regulation 14, (page 326)

Insert new section (i); "All competitors must start the event with a working red light, switched on, visible from the rear, either flashing or constant, fitted to their machines.

Protective Helmets

Regulation 15, (page 327)

In line one, delete the words "under the age of 18 years and/or Juniors"

Cut-Off Time for Entries

A change to CTT working practice so that the Tuesday cut off time for on-line entries is changed from 18.00 hrs to 23:59 (this to aid both riders and promoters).

The first two proposals were rejected.

The one regarding cut-off time was accepted and has been in operation throughout 2016.

The affiliation with CTT has been renewed for 2017.

REVIEW OF THE CURRENT YEAR

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met on two occasions during 2016 to review progress on this year's programme of events and to consider the programme and the competitions for coming year.

HANDBOOK

As in recent years no SCA Handbook was produced.

Riders, officials and interested parties have been kept apprised of the SCA events and competitions through a variety of electronic means:

1. Continual updates on the SCA Web Site
2. SCA Facebook page
3. Comprehensive updates from Ann Human direct to the SCA riders.

PRESIDENT

Mick Kilby, representing VTTA Surrey/Sussex, has performed the role of President for the past year.

This year will be the turn of Worthing Excelsior CC to nominate one of their members as the new president at the AGM. One member has been approached and is currently considering it.

AFFILIATED CLUBS

The introduction of [semi-online affiliation](#) for clubs via the SCA web site together with an email reminder programme helped to ensure that the affiliation process was completed neatly this year. This will be repeated in the coming year.

Two clubs did not renew: Sussex Revolution (their only time triallist transferred back to Worthing Excelsior CC) and Bognor Regis CC (inactivity by their membership).

In 2016 we were pleased to welcome three new clubs to the SCA: Angmering CC, VC Etoile and Evans Cycles Racing Team. Velopace have now joined for 2017.

TIME TRIAL EVENTS

A more detailed report will be given at the meeting on the full programme of Time Trial events that we promoted in 2016. The winners were:

Date	Event	Winner	
Sun 06 March	Open Hard Riders Time Trial	Chris McNamara	49:34
Sun 17 April	Open 2-Up Team Time Trial	Pete Morris / Mark Emsley	1:01:58
Sat 30 April	Open 10 Mile Time Trial	Simon McNamara	20:44
Sun 01 May	Open 25 Mile Time Trial	Chris McNamara	53:17
Sat 11 June	Open 15 Mile Time Trial	Pat Wright	31:52
Sun 03 July	Open 50 Mile Time Trial	Jonathan Parker	1:49:40
Sun 31 July	Open 30 Mile Time Trial	Keith Lea	1:04:49
Sat 27 August	Open 10 Mile Time Trial	James Boyman	20:57
Mon 29 August	Open 25 Mile Time Trial	James Rix	55:43
Sat 01 October	Open Hill Climb	Richard Cartland	4:25.3

SCA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The results of the [SCA Championship Competitions](#) will be reported at the AGM.

EVENTS PROGRAMME FOR 2017

The Events Programme for 2017 has been agreed and will be presented by the Time Trial Secretary.

PEOPLE

After last season's tragic events for Don Lock this year has seen two more sad departures by kingpins of our sport. Both were long-standing Vice Presidents of the SCA.

Mike Hayler:

Brighton Mitre stalwart and SCA vice-president, Mike Hayler, passed away recently at age 86. He was promoting events for the SCA as early as 1957 and did a few 100's in the 1990's for us. He was also in charge of CTT London South club events for 21 years before computers came along. He was a really good guy who marshalled a lot even though he ceased riding a bike in 1965.

Mike rode 2 24's when in his 20's including 405 miles. His interest in 24's stayed with him and, when the Mitre had about only 25 members, organised an open 24 in 1994. This was followed by a 2nd one in 1999.

Perhaps his proudest moment was the 2011 E.S.C.A. 24, organised by him, including the National Championship when a field of 98 riders saw Andy Wilkinson achieve a new competition record of 541 miles in not ideal conditions. Mike was a great family man, thought the world of his wife, Jean, and was so impressed by everything his sons did.

Reg Searle:

Reg Searle was a life member of the Worthing Excelsior CC for many years and was a generous benefactor to the club.

He joined Excelsior from the defunct West Sussex Road Club along with Keith Dorman and John Mansell in the very early 60's. Reg competed for many years on solo, trike, tandem and also on tandem trike. Although not the speediest of competitors it was something that he thoroughly enjoyed taking part in. During his time he had held many records, both at standard distances and place to place. He continued racing for a long period, right up to 1998.

He was a playing member of the Petworth town band.

Mike O'Gorman
General Secretary

November 2016

AUDITED ACCOUNTS

SCA Income and Expenditure Account 2015/16

Income		Expenditure	
Subscriptions	440.00	Engraving	960.20
Events	705.38	Events	341.61
Lunch	350.00	Lunch	294.00
Interest	1.08	Donation	60.00
Jumble Sale Profit	337.00	Website costs	-
		Sundry expenses	49.00
		CTT	30.00
	1,833.46		1,734.81
		Income-Expenditure	98.65

Detail of Totals for Event Income & Expenditure 2015/16

	Income	Expenditure	Surplus/(loss)
Hardriders 22.5	135.73		135.73
2-up	381.10	132.00	249.10
SCA 10	120.37		120.37
SCA 25	63.00	10.39	52.61
SCA 30		96.66	(96.66)
SCA 15		36.31	(36.31)
SCA 50		66.25	(66.25)
August 10 and 25	5.18		5.18
Hillclimb			0.00
	705.38	341.61	363.77

Balance Sheet

31/10/2015

31/10/2016

HSBC Current Account	3,870.25	HSBC Current Account	3,967.82
HSBC Deposit Account	1,678.98	HSBC Deposit Account	1,680.06
	5,549.23		5,647.88
		Balance on Year	98.65

Income and expenditure account completed on a cash basis

The above payments and receipts account for the year end October 31st 2016 is in accordance with the Sussex Cyclists' Association records and the explanations given to me, and in my opinion represents a fair view of the transactions for the year.

P Thatcher Honorary Treasurer

I Calder Honorary Auditor

18/11/2016

TIME TRIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Time Trial Secretary's report to the Sussex CA AGM for the 2016 season

The season kicked off in the usual fashion with the Hardriders on the 6th March. The event had to be shortened this year by just over a mile because of roadworks on the bridge in Handcross. There were 56 riders entered (49 internet & 7 paper) A fair selection of local stars featured including both Mac's, Conall Yates, Liam Maybank and Pete Tadros.

Dry but cold conditions met the riders and there were a fair amount of non-starters, probably down the fact that it was mothers day and some riders must have been given an ultimatum!

With favourite, Pete Tadros being among the non-starters, the winner was Chris McNamara of Nuun-Sigma Sport London RT in a time of 39:34. Other prize winners included:

2nd Liam Maybank Twickenham CC 51:04

3rd Simon McNamara South Downs Bikes 51:05

4th Stanley Kennett PMR@Toachim House 52:17

1st Vet on target time Geoff Smith Eastbourne Rovers +5:53

2nd Vet on target time Mike O'Gorman Worthing Excelsior +5:31

1st Woman Helen Webb Sussex Nomads 1:08:49

1st Team: South Down Bikes 2:43:16 (Simon McNamara; Kevin Plummer 55:36; Richard Cartland 56:35)

2-up Trophy Event Team Time Trial

This event, held on 17th April was promoted for the first time by Brighton Excelsior's James Stone. James put on a superb event that attracted 64 senior teams and one junior team. The day was bright but chilly with a cold N-Westerly blowing. Pre-race favourites Peter Morris and Mark Emsley of Team ASL360 delivered the goods in 1:01:58 for the 28.6 miles 2-lapper by a mere 2 seconds from Tom Lane and Andy Langdown of Blazing Saddles. 3rd place went to Crawley Wheelers' Mark Smith and Brindley Taylor in 1:02:46.

Other Trophy winners included:

1st Male Vet Team Rupert Robinson & James Rix Evans Cycles/Crawley Whs +17:09 (1:03:30)

1st Lady Vet Team Michelle Peckham & Clare Johnson Horsham Amphibians Tri +04:24 (1:25:23)

1st Mixed Team on scratch Steve Williamson & Laura Bartlett ...a3crg 1:11:25

1st Mixed Vet Team Mel Sang & Barrie Robinson Sunderland Clarion +10:35 (1:16:46)

1st Junior & Vet Team Chris Putnam & Schaeff Potter Worthing Excelsior 1:14:06

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1st Ladies Team Katerina Avermides & Sarah Phelps Brighton Mitre 1:15:44

1st Juvenile Team Chris Dunstan & Jack Churchill Brighton Excelsior 1:13:50

1st Juvenile & Vet Team (1 lap) Mike & Laurence Coyle Brighton Mitre 28:26

1st Club team of 3 pairs ...a3crg (Joel Gardiner/Leon Fielding; Rob Sherrin/Darryl Barr; Jonathan Hepper/Warren Peters) 3:23:10

10 Miles Championship

Jon Fry of Horsham Cycling promoted this event, held on 30th April. Cold and bright were the order of the day again with that north-west wind still hampering riders on the return leg. Scratch man (from 67 riders entered) Chris McNamara had to settle for 2nd place in favour of his twin brother Simon, beating him by 14 seconds. Simon clocked an impressive 20:44 to head up the South Downs Bikes squad who also took the team award.

Sally Turner of GS Stella won the womens race ahead of Lewes's Tamar Vanderhaas.

1st Simon McNamara South Downs Bikes 20:44 (SCA Champion)

2nd Chris McNamara Nuun-Sigma Sport London RT 20:58

3rd Gary Brind South Downs Bikes 21:17

1st Vet on target time Mike O'Gorman Worthing Excelsior +6:17 (SCA Champion)

2nd Vet on target time Alan Robinson Central Sussex CC +5:56

1st Woman Sally Turner GS Stella 24:31 (SCA Champion)

1st Jun/Juv Schaeff Potter Worthing Excelsior 24:06 (SCA Champion)

1st Team of 3 South Downs Bikes 1:04:02 SCA Champions ((Simon Mac; Gary Brind; Kevin Plummer 22:01)

25 Mile Championship

On Sunday the 1st June it was my turn to promote the 25 Championship. Cold and bright was better than the continuous rain of the previous year. There were 74 entries and 8 non-starters. South Downs Bikes were out in force again with Simon McNamara topping their list. Other seeds included Conall Yates, Steve Kane and Chris McNamara.

The rising sunshine soon warmed the air a bit, with riders only having to contend with a lighter N/W breeze than the day before and triathletes doing their cycling section. More of a problem for the marshals and timekeepers than the riders themselves, I think. In the end though, it was Chris who got the better of his brother this time with a fine ride of 53:17. It is Simon however who becomes SCA Champion as Chris is not in an affiliated club.

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SCA 25 result.

1st Chris McNamara Nuun-Sigma Sport London RT 53:17

2nd Simon McNamara South Downs Bikes 53:47 (SCA Champion)

3rd Conall Yates In-Gear Quickvit Trainsharp RT 53:49

4th Gary Brind South Downs Bikes 54:21

1st Vet on target times Mike O'Gorman Worthing Excelsior +12:40 (SCA Champion)

2nd Vet on target times Christian Yates East Grinstead CC +12:29

1st Woman Laura Bartlett ...a3crg 1:02:27 (SCA Champion)

=2nd Woman Tamar Vanderhaas Lewes Wanderers & Amy Forshaw In-Gear Quickvit Trainsharp RT 1:05:18

1st Jun/Juv Jack Churchill Brighton Excelsior 1:03:39

1st Team of 3 South Downs Bikes 2:44:49 (SCA Champions) (Simon Mac; Gary Brind; Kevin Plummer 56:41)

15 Mile Championship

Robin Johnson again promoted this edition of the 15 Championship, held on Saturday 11th June. There were 33 solos and one tandem pair entered on what turned out to be a super morning.

Last man off, Pat Wright of Paceline RT produced the fastest ride of the day with a storming 31:52, 28+mph ride. There was a scrap for 2nd place between Steve Kane and Simon McNamara with Steve getting the verdict by a single second in an equally impressive time of 32:01. Fastest lady on the day was Lewes Wanderer's Tamar Vanderhaas.

1st Pat Wright Paceline RT 31:52

2nd Steve Kane Brighton Excelsior CC 32:01 (SCA Champion)

3rd Simon McNamara South Downs Bikes 32:02

4th Howard Bayley Blazing Saddles 33:28

1st Vet on target times Alan Robinson Central Sussex CC +9:09 (SCA Champion)

2nd Vet on target times David Pollard In-Gear Quickvit Trainsharp RT +8:52

1st Woman Tamar Vanderhaas Lewes Wanderers CC 38:25 (SCA Champion)

1st Juvenile Jack Churchill Brighton Excelsior CC 36:56 (SCA Champion)

Tandem Jon Frost (Redmon CC) & David Abbott (GS Stella) 37:05

15 Champs cont.

1st Team of 3 Worthing Excelsior CC 1:46:36 SCA Champions (Dominic Maxwell 34:58; John McGrath 35:28; Mike O’Gorman 36:10)

50 Miles Championship (3rd July)

The 50 Championship was held a week after the SCCU event on the same course. Possibly the reason for attracting only 44 entries. (The counties event got 66). Robin Johnson was the promoter and with a light south-westerly breeze picking up, the conditions were favourable for some fast times.

1st Jonathan Parker Team Bottrill 1:49:40

2nd Steve Dennis East Grinstead CC 1:53:21 (SCA Champion)

3rd Dominic Hill Bec CC 1:54:28

4th Steve Kane Brighton Excelsior CC 1:54:36

1st Woman Tamar Vanderhaas Lewes Wanderers CC 2:12:11 (SCA Champion & new record holder).

2nd Woman Katie Crow Dulwich Paragon CC 2:13:41

1st Vet on target times Mike O’Gorman Worthing Excelsior CC +25:28 (SCA Champion & new vets record holder).

2nd Vet on target times Steve Dennis East Grinstead CC +24:08

1st Juvenile Jack Churchill Brighton Excelsior CC 2:13:12 (SCA Champion & SCA record holder for a juvenile rider).

1st Team of 3 Brighton Excelsior CC 6:11:09 (SCA Champions) (Steve Kane; James Stone 2:03:21; Jack Churchill).

100 Miles championship (using the SCCU event)

With no SCA 100 for 2016, we used the Counties event on 24th July. In contrast to the ESCA event of two weeks’ prior, the weather was much more pleasant, although times were down due to the toughness of the course. Overall winner was Brighton Excelsior’s Steve Kane in 3hrs 51mins 43 so not only does he get the Counties crown but he’s the SCA champ too. Mike O’Gorman gets the vets and also from Worthing Excelsior, Nicole Patterson-Lett is the womens champion with 5:19:49

1st Steve Kane Brighton Excelsior CC 3:51:43 (SCA Champion)

2nd Dominic Hill Bec CC 3:57:02

1st Vet on target times Mike O’Gorman Worthing Excelsior CC

30 Miles Championship

Robin Johnson promoted this event on Sunday 31st July that had 39 entries.

1st Keith Lea Paceline RT 1:04:49

2nd Steve Kane Brighton Excelsior CC 1:06:00 (SCA Champion)

3rd Kevin Plummer South Downs Bikes 1:09:14

1st Woman Katerina Avramides Brighton Mitre CC 1:21:43 (SCA Champion)

1st Vet on target times Mike O'Gorman Worthing Excelsior CC +16:45 (SCA Champion)

2nd Vet on target times Ben Fielden GS Stella +14:08

SCA 30 Championship Cont...

1st Team of 3 Worthing Excelsior CC 3:35:37 (SCA Champions) (John McGrath 1:10:35; Trevor Leeding 1:12:22; Mike O'Gorman 1:12:40)

Sporting weekend 10 & 25

Robin Johnson was the promoter of these events held over the August bank holiday (27th & 29th). A sizzling hot Saturday saw some sizzling hot times as course records fell all round. Farnham RC's James Boyman was the winner in 20:57, taking 34 seconds off Chris McNamara's 2014 record. 2nd placed Alex Napier of Blazing Saddles took a single second off the vets record in 22:09 and Brighton Mitre's Sarah Phelps was fastest woman in 27:10, taking 39 seconds off the record that has stood since 2010.

1st James Boyman Farnham RC 20:57 (Course record)

2nd Alex Napier Blazing Saddles 22:09

3rd Mike Coyle Brighton Mitre CC 22:51 (Vets record)

1st Woman Sarah Phelps Brighton Mitre CC 27:10 (Womens record)

2nd Woman Debbie Percival '34 Nomads CC 27:53

1st Team of 3 Brighton Mitre CC 1:21:33 (Coyle, Phelps, Robin Johnson 31:32)

Sporting 25

Held on the Monday afternoon, this event fielded 40 riders including 4 riding the separate "hub-gear" event. Cooler temperatures but still dry and sunny conditions greeted the riders as they tackled 2.5 laps of the 10 course making up a total of 590ft of climbing, rising up at 8% in places.

A quality field including Saturday's Alex Napier and Mike Coyle was bolstered by in-form James Rix of Crawley Wheelers, Team ASL360's Mark Emsley, Liam Maybank of Twickenham

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and South Down Bikes' Simon McNamara. James Rix got the verdict from Simon McNamara followed a few seconds later by Alex Napier and Mark Emsley. Liam Maybank who would surly have been in the mix was a non-starter. Fastest woman was again Brighton Mitre's Sarah Phelps who unfortunately fell well short of the womens record this time, still held by Elizabeth Brama in 1:04:54 since 2010.

1st James Rix Crawley Wheelers CC 55:43

2nd Simon McNamara South Down Bikes 56:14

3rd Alex Napier Blazing Saddles 56:25

4th Mark Emsley Team ASL360 56:35

1st Woman Sarah Phelps Brighton Mitre CC 1:10:51

Hub-Gear: David Eccles Redmon CC 1:14:26

1st Team of 3 Brighton Mitre CC 3:21:16 (Mike Coyle 58:58; Sarah Phelps; Katerina Avramides 1:11:27)

Hill Climb Championships

Chris Putnam of Worthing Excelsior kindly took over the running of this event from Mel Robertson who ran it for many years. We thank Mel for his efforts.

31 riders entered this edition which was up on previous years and Chris used a different HQ in Bramber which proved adequate. Worthing put on their usual excellent fare with plenty of hot tea to warm the riders after their ride in what can only be described as "biblical" conditions as torrential rain flooded the road in minutes.

With a lot of the usual "big-hitters" absent this year it was time for some new blood to show their worth, and they didn't disappoint either with Richard Cartland, now riding for Team Boardman taking top honours. Brighton Mitre's Gareth Thyer was hot on his heels though at only 2 seconds in arrears.

1st Richard Cartland Team Boardman 4:25.3

2nd Gareth Thyer Brighton Mitre CC 4:27.3 (SCA Champion)

3rd Tom Ficker Farnham RC 4:43.3

4th Callum Middleton Lewes Wanderers 4:44.0

1st Woman Tamar Vanderhaas Lewes Wanderers 6:10.3

1st Junior Nick Martin East Grinstead CC 4:46.6

1st Juvenile Fabien Large Hastings & St Leonards CC 6:42.4

1st Vet on target times John McGrath Worthing Excelsior CC +0:12.3

Hill Climb cont.

1st Team of 3 Worthing Excelsior CC 16:53.5 (Chris Putnam 5:17.1; John McGrath 5:17.7; Mike O’Gorman 6:18.7)

Event Dates for 2017

5 th March	Hardriders	Promoter: Steve Dennis
9 th April	2-up	Promoter: James Stone
29 th April	10 Champs	Promoter: Jon Fry
30 th April	25 Champs	Promoter: Steve Dennis
10 th June	15 Champs	Promoter: Robin Johnson
2 nd July	50 Champs	Promoter: Robin Johnson
30 th July	30 Champs	Promoter: Robin Johnson
26 th Aug	10	Promoter: Robin Johnson
28 th Aug	25	Promoter: Robin Johnson
30 th Sept	Hill Climb	Promoter: Chris Putnam