

Bobby wins Henderson cup for veterans' B.A.R.

Bobby Currie, from Sunningdale Park, has won the Ballymena Road Club – Scott Roof Tiles – Veterans' time trial championship for the 2010 club racing season.

Bobby, who last won this competition in 2007, is a former club veterans' record holder and did remarkably well to win again this year as an allergic reaction to a "Bee sting" sidelined him for several weeks in the middle of the season.

The Henderson cup, for the veterans' BAR, which was introduced for the 1999 season, is awarded to the rider with the best overall age standard performance. Bobby Currie won the competition that first season and also in 2000 and 2001 and then in 2002 Sammy Kerr won for the first time.

Sammy won in 2009 with a record breaking performance of plus 71 minutes 10 seconds. These are the only two riders to have won the competition since its inception.

Each rider is given a universally recognised "par" or standard time for each distance depending on his or her age, and the one with the biggest overall accumulated total time is the winner.

Bobby's performances for the season were: 10 miles; 28 minutes 50 seconds on 14<sup>th</sup> August on the Toomebridge by pass. This was after Bobby's illness and, even though he wasn't on top form, by his own high standards, he still beat his age standard by 3 minutes 10 seconds.

His 25 miles time was 64 minutes 39 seconds on 5<sup>th</sup> May on the Woodgreen, Dunsilly, and Ballee course. This beat his standard time by 17 minutes 14 seconds.

At 50 miles Bobby clocked 2 hours 16 minutes 8 seconds at Woodgreen on 23<sup>rd</sup> June in the Sam McQuigg cup event. This was 33 minutes 51 seconds faster than his age standard and when all three times are added up his total is plus 54 minutes 15 seconds.

Derek Dougan was second with plus 39 minutes 41 seconds (3) David McClean plus 36 minutes 00 seconds (4) Beresford Millar plus 22 minutes 28 seconds (5) Clive Morris plus 9 minutes 50 seconds.

Bobby also finished tenth in the time trials handicap league and eighteenth in the road racing league where his best placing was a tenth position in the inter club H&M Wilson cup event at Slaght, he was fourth best of the Ballymena riders on that occasion.

Bobby, who incidentally celebrates his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday this Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October, will receive his award at the annual prize presentation dinner which will be held in the Adair Arms hotel on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

Bronze medals for fun tourists

Ballymena Road Club – Scott Roof Tiles – cyclists held their fifth ride in the 2010 fun tour series on Saturday morning.

This presented the first opportunity for those with full attendance to earn their bronze medal.

The weather improved greatly from what it had been like on Friday and this encouraged a total of seventy riders to assemble at Rex Bonar house for the 9.30am start.

The touring section had 44 riders and they completed a 40 miles tour which took in Doctor's road to Crebilly, Lismamurrigan, Racavan, Buckna, Braid Sheddings and then on to the Munie road and the descent to the coast down Glenarm glen.

After a short break it was the coast road towards Carnlough and the climb of Glencloy and back in through the Braid to Broughshane and the finish at Ballymena. This was completed well in advance of the showers which arrived in the afternoon.

The "A" group of 26 riders, under the leadership of Alan Blair, completed a 50 miles ride to Larne and around the coast to Glenarm and up the Glen before also coming back in through the Braid and Broughshane.

Their average speed was 18.8 mph with 2390 feet of climbing.

The bronze medalists on Saturday included Geoff Allen, Josh Barr, Steven Carruthers, Tom Caulfield, Christina Clarke, Bobby Currie, Jim Doherty, Tom Douds, Clifford Grant, Billy Jebb, Adam Kerr, Alan Mark, Joe McAuley, Adam McCullough, Hugh McCullough, Paddy Mooney, Davy Rankin, Simon Taggart, Harry Thompson, Andrew Wills, Stefan Wills, Richard Wilson and Wilnor Worthington.

Another £45 was added to the charity fund which now stands at £718.

Mixed two up 10 at Woodgreen.

Sunday morning's "mixed pairing two up" 10 miles time trial at Woodgreen was won by Sean Hargan and Tonya Moran of Phoenix in a time of 25 minutes 40 seconds.

BRC's Louise Fullerton teamed up with Simon Stockton of Madigan and they recorded 26.16 for fourth place.

BRC husband and wife pairing John and Claire McAllister clocked 29.33 for tenth place overall.

Results

(1) Sean Hargan and Tonya Moran (Phoenix) 25.40 (2) Warren and Hannah

Francis (Bikeworks) 25.55 (3) Stephen Harkens and Julie Murphy (Madigan) 26.14 (4) Simon Stockton and Louise Fullerton (Madigan Ballymena) 26.16 (10) John and Claire McAlister (Ballymena) 29.33.

Ballymena riders well placed in Women's leagues.

Louise Fullerton took second place in the final standings of the Ulster Women's Association Time Trial League series, just four points off Rachael Withers in top spot. Maeve Savage took a creditable fourth with Joanne Kee in equal seventh position.

Maeve proved best of the Ballymena girls by finishing eighth in the Road Race League with Joanne ninth, Louise fourteenth and Maria Shannon in twentieth. This has been a superb result for the Ballymena Road Club – Scott Roof Tiles - quartet of Ladies and shows they can mix it with the best in Ulster.

UWA Caldwell Motor Factors Time Trial League Final Points

(1) Rachael Withers (West Tyrone Velo) 114 points (2) Louise Fullerton (Ballymena RC) 110 (3) Julie Mulligan (Omagh) 101 (4) Maeve Savage (Ballymena RC) 83 equal 7th Joanne Kee (Ballymena RC) 54

UWA SportActive Women's Road Race League Final Points

(1) Julie Mulligan (Omagh) 111 (2) Ciara Mulholland (Clann Eireann) 102 (3) Hannah Francis (Bikeworks) 94 (8) Maeve Savage (BRC) 70 (9) Joanne Kee (BRC) 60 (14) Louise Fullerton (BRC) 44 (20) Maria Shannon (BRC) 23

Annual General Meeting

Ballymena Road Club cyclists are scheduled to hold their annual general meeting in early November.

All notices of motion should be forwarded to the club secretary, Hazel Hughes, using the appropriate form, which may be downloaded from the club's new website.

Also nominations for all official positions on the various club committees etc should likewise be advised to the secretary.

Cut price club dinner

Ballymena Road Club's management committee met last Monday evening to discuss the forthcoming prize presentation dinner which is scheduled for the Adair Arms for Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

They decided to cut the ticket price to £15, with a £10 fee for the club's youth section members.

They hope that this will encourage more club members to attend the function and make it an appropriately, successful occasion to properly honour all the prize winners.

It is hoped that the raffle will be well supported both by those donating prizes and of course by those buying tickets on the night. A successful raffle would help subsidise the overall cost.

Tickets will be available soon from committee members.

#### Inter club league dinner

A presentation dinner will be held on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October (probably in Maghera) to celebrate the very successful 2010 inter club road racing league series between Ballymena Road Club, Carn Wheelers, Bann Valley and Bann Wheelers.

Ballymena's Louise Fullerton was equal first in the Ladies league with Kay Hack, while David Dougan was our best placed rider in the main league. Brian Geddis was sixth overall while Martin Ruddy and Alan Blair were equal twelfth. The overall winner of the league was Stephen Walsh of Carn Wheelers.

Please advise BRC's race secretary Tommy Wilson if you wish to attend.