

Michelin cyclists to ride around Lough Neagh this Saturday.

The Michelin “Team Bib-sport” cyclists are scheduled to hold their annual ride around Lough Neagh this Saturday morning 19th March.

The 75 miles ride will see the participants assemble at the Enkalon car park on the Randalstown road in Antrim. The starting time is 9.30 am and I understand there will only be one group at the start although I’m sure this will sub-divide once the pace starts to quicken. The half way stop is at Moy where refreshments will be available.

The ride will be repeated again on Saturday 26th March for all those who find themselves on the “wrong shift” this Saturday. The Michelin cyclists have issued an open invitation to other local club men and women to come and join them.

Racing continues.

This Saturday Castlereagh cycling club will promote their annual John Moore memorial road races at Carryduff.

The event, which has a 10 am starting time is open to senior category A1, A2, A3 and A4 with the A race 100 kilometres and the B race 65 kilometres.

The organiser is Gerard Heverin 07812114235 or email gheverin@hotmail.com

Last year Ballymena’s Leo McAllister finished third behind Adam Armstrong (Eurocycles) and Simon Williams (Orchard)

On Sunday 20th March the Carn Wheelers Classic road races are scheduled to take place over two distances of 56 kilometres and 77 kilometres.

The organiser is Pdraig Dougan 07788563759 or email padraig.dougan@btinternet.com

Tour of the North Marshalls Required.

The organisers of the 2011 P&O Ferries Tour of the North, now just 6 weeks away, are looking for help with marshalling, particularly with Motorcycle Marshalls. Anyone available over the Easter weekend should contact BRC’s Joan McCullough on 028 2582 0274 or 07846 094646.

Ladies in Donegal.



Last weekend 11th – 13th March a group of female cyclists from all over Ulster converged on Buncrana for the Cycling Ulster training weekend.

A large group of women battled the elements as they headed out on the first of their training rides. The weekend training camp was supported by the David McCall Foundation as well as Cycling Ulster and Sport NI. Many thanks to North Pole members who turned out to help.

Women interested in competing in the Ulster Women's Association "Bikeworks" TT League should note that there have been some slight changes to the League, which once again sees the Ballymena Woodgreen course used on no less than six occasions. The diary dates are:

Wed 20th April Woodgreen – 10 miles - 7pm: Wed 18th May - Woodgreen – 10 miles - 7pm: Sunday 29th May - Toome – 10 miles - 9am:
Wed 1st June - Woodgreen – 25 miles - 7pm: Thurs 23rd June - Omagh Cookstown Road – 10 miles - 7pm: Tues 28th June - Ballybogey Road, Portrush – 10 miles - 6.30pm: Wed 6th July - Woodgreen – 10 miles - 7pm:
Wed 10th August - Woodgreen – 10 miles - 7pm: Wed 17th August - Woodgreen – 25 miles - 7pm.

(There will possibly be a 10 miles at Warrenpoint on 23rd August but that date is to be confirmed)

The Ballymena dates will see the ladies races being held in conjunction with the Ballymena Road Club – Northstone – club race events.