

Tommy fastest in club 10

Tommy Wilson was fastest in last Wednesday evening's Ballymena Road Club – Northstone – 10 miles time trial at Woodgreen.

Tommy recorded a time of 23 minutes 37 seconds on a very windy evening, on the A26 Antrim road course, to beat fellow veteran Derek Dougan (23.50) by 13 seconds. Adrian Kerr was third with 24.29 while David Kennedy and David McClean tied for fourth when they both recorded 25.01. (6) Martin Ruddy 25.04 (7) Nigel Kernohan 25.34 (8) Martin McKernan 25.42 (9) Louise Fullerton 26.15 (10) Leo McCavana 26.42 (11) John Maxwell 27.10 (12) Peter Smyth 27.40 (13) Steven Carruthers 28.13 (14) Stephen Smyth 28.27 (15) Maeve Savage 28.47

Handicap. Nigel Kernohan was the only rider to show an improvement on the night and his time of 25.34 was 40 seconds faster than his previous best time of 26.14 recorded on 20th April. He won the handicap section with a nett time of 23 minutes 20 seconds. Another newcomer, Peter Smyth was second on handicap with a nett time of 24.01 (3) Martin McKernan 24.07 (4) Leo McCavana 24.20 (5) David Kennedy 24.32 (6) Stephen Smyth 24.34 Nigel Kernohan and Ryan Currie are equal first in the handicap league after the first three rounds. They have 9 points, Adrian Kerr is third on 8 points, while there is a three way tie between Peter Smyth David Kennedy and Bobby Currie for fourth, and they each have 6 points.

Visitors (1) Simon Stockton (Madigan) 22.34 (2) Sean McAteer (Bann Valley) 22.39 (3) Gerry McCullagh (Bann Valley) 26.11



Ulster women's time trial series.

Mary Hunter (Dromara) won the second round of the Bikeworks Ulster Women's Association Time Trial League at Woodgreen last Wednesday night. The Dromara rider took her first outright win in the series after finishing joint first, with Rachael Withers, in the opening round at the same venue.

She recorded a time of 26 minutes 11 seconds in windy conditions, to beat Louise Fullerton (Ballymena RC) by just four seconds. Kay Hack (Bann Wheelers) was third with 26.24.

The next round will take place on Sunday 29th May at Toome.

Bikeworks UWA T.T. League Round 2 Results - 10 miles Woodgreen

(1) Mary Hunter (Dromara) 26:11 (2) Louise Fullerton (Ballymena) 26:15 (3) Kay Hack (Bann Wheelers) 26:24 (4) Gillian Orr (Ards) 27:32 (5) Kelly Donnelly (Spires) 28:06 (7) Amy Brice (Phoenix) 28:14 (8) Maeve Savage (Ballymena RC) 28:47 (9) Bernadette Donnelly (Bann Valley) 31:17

Youth time trial.

Adam Kerr was fastest in last Monday night's BRC youth section 2.5 miles time trial from Michelin to the Ecos roundabout and back. He recorded 6 minutes 33 seconds (2) Chris Surgeoner 7.27 (3) Josh Barr 8.03 (4) Emma Gordon 9.03 Aaron Swan (TSC) also took part and he clocked 6.13.

Calendar

Wednesday 25th May. Ballymena Road Club – Northstone – cyclists will hold their annual Rex Bonar cup 25 miles road race over five laps of the Lisnamurrigan circuit at Broughshane. Riders should assemble at Houston's mill. The youth section riders will be racing for the Clarke's tyres cup in their one lap 5 miles road race at the same venue.

Under 16 youths should note that a directive was issued by Jack Watson Hon Secretary, Cycling Ireland on Wednesday 18th May which effectively states that "underage" riders aren't permitted to compete with seniors in club or open road races even if the race distance is within their permitted maximum mileage. Thankfully Ballymena Road Club has a comprehensive calendar of youth section events so no one should miss out on competitive racing as a result of this ruling.

The relevant part of the press release reads "U16 youth riders should be aware that they are forbidden to ride A4 races even though these may be run over a distance which U16 youths are permitted to ride. The Board has been made aware of some youth riders competing in A4 events contrary to Cycling Ireland Technical Regulations. Currently riders in question have been written to but if this persists it will become necessary to apply the disciplinary rules. Commissaires and competent persons appointed for defined non open races must ensure that Youth riders do not ride in senior road races."

Saturday 28th May. Phoenix CC promote their Bobby Crilly road race at Hannastown as part of the Ulster classic road racing league series.

Registration is at Lamh Dhearg GAA from 10am, the race starts at 11am.

Monday 30th May. Ballymena Road Club will hold their Ballymena schools' championship mini stage race at Broughshane from 7pm.

The event comprises a time trial, road race and hillclimb.

Any youth, or junior rider who is in full time education at a school in the Ballymena area is eligible to take part. The event is also open to BRC youth members who don't attend school in the Ballymena area but who are members of the club.

Ballymena Road Club cyclists were shocked to hear that a former club mate, Trevor Cameron is in intensive care following what is believed to have been a hit and run collision.

Trevor, who has been living in Alicante, Spain, in recent years, was struck while out cycling near his home on 22nd April. A local NI newspaper carried the story last week where his sister outlined the seriousness and extent of his injuries which include a broken jaw and short term memory loss. Trevor was in an induced coma for the first two weeks after the accident. Everyone at Ballymena road club has fond memories of this talented rider, who was a first category licence holder while in BRC, and they wish him a speedy and complete recovery.