

Adam Kerr is Ballymena schools' cycling champion.

The Ballymena Road Club – Northstone – youth section cyclists took part in their annual inter schools mini stage race championship at Broughshane last Monday evening. The racing was very competitive with a different winner on each of the three stages.

Adam Kerr (Ballymena Academy) was the overall winner and he got off to a great start by being fastest on the opening stage - a 3.1 miles time trial- in a time of 8 minutes 45 seconds. (2) Steven Carruthers (Cambridge House) 9.09 (3) Chris Surgeoner (Dalriada) 10.00 (4) Josh Barr (Cambridge House) 10.18 (5) Emma Gordon (Cullybackey HS) 12.10.



The second stage was a 3.1 miles handicapped road race which saw Chris Surgeoner catch Emma Gordon late on to win by 8 seconds in a time of 9.58. (3) Carruthers at 24 seconds (4) Kerr at 25 seconds (5) Barr at 52 seconds.

The third and final stage was a hillclimb up Caherty road. Steven Carruthers was fastest this time with 1 minute 29 seconds with Adam Kerr and Chris Surgeoner equal second on 1.39 (4) Barr 1.46 (5) Gordon 2.34.

Overall result (1) Kerr 20.47 (2) Carruthers 21.00 (3) Surgeoner 21.37 (4) Barr 22.54 (5) Gordon 24.50. The Brian Russell inter schools team trophy went to Cambridge House.

Many thanks to everyone who turned up to help marshall and officiate at the event and a special thanks to the person who made a very generous anonymous donation to the prize fund.

Peter has PB to win Combat Cancer trophy.

Last Wednesday 1st June. Ballymena Road Club – Northstone – promoted their annual “Combat Cancer Cup” 25 miles time trial at Woodgreen. The recent windy conditions continued and this slowed the times considerably.

Steven Workman was again fastest with a time of 58 minutes 07 seconds with Ryan Currie second on 60.28 and Tommy Wilson third 60.46.

However the Combat Cancer Trophy is awarded to the winner of the handicap section and newcomer Peter Smyth was the only rider to improve on the night and he will collect the silverware. Peter recorded 67 minutes 11 seconds to beat his previous best by nearly two minutes.

Results BRC fastest (1) S Workman 58.07 (2) R Currie 60.28 (3) T Wilson 60.46 (4) Adrian Kerr 63.37 (5) Simon Taggart 63.52 (6) Martin Ruddy 65.24 (7) Nigel Kernohan 66.54 (8) Peter Smyth 67.11 (9) Louise Fullerton 67.43 (10) David Kennedy 67.54 (11) Jim Burns 71.12 (12) John Maxwell 71.30 (13) Bobby Currie 71.34 (14) Stephen Smyth 74.14 (15) Beresford Millar 76.33 (16) Maeve Savage 78.01 (17) Steven Carruthers 81.10

Handicap result (1) P Smyth 58.06 (2) R Currie 61.51 (3) Kernohan 62.15 (4) Fullerton 62.40 (5) Maxwell 62.51 (6) Wilson 63.03

Visitors (1) Simon Stockton (Madigan) 57.40 (2) Paul Vaughan (Sport Active) 58.28 (3) John Hunter 61.58.

Handicap league.

Ryan Currie leads the time trial handicap league after the first four rounds. He has amassed 14 points. Nigel Kernohan is second on 13 with Peter Smyth up to third with 12 points. (4) Adrian Kerr 8 (5) John Maxwell 7 = (6) Bobby Currie and David Kennedy 6 points each.



Two in a row for Louise.

Louise Fullerton (Ballymena Road Club) followed up her win in last Sunday's Ulster women's association 10 miles time trial league event at Toomebridge by recording the fastest time in the women's league 25 miles event at Woodgreen on Wednesday. Louise clocked 67 minutes 43 seconds to narrowly beat Mary Hunter (Dromara) by 26 seconds.

Kay Hack (Bann Wheelers), returned from her recent racing trip to Jersey to take third with a time of 70.23. Gillian Orr (Ards) had a great ride on the night, clocking a PB and taking 4th with a 71.28. (5) Linda Tomb (Carn Wheelers) 76.50 (6) Maeve Savage (Ballymena Road Club) 78.01.



Result of Thursday night's inter club road racing league event promoted by Ballymoney cycling club.

(1) Oliver Bateson (Ballymoney CC) (2) Gareth McBride (BCC) (3) Stephen Law (Carn) (4) Graeme Montgomery (Bann Wheelers) (5) Liam O'Connor (Bann Valley) (6) Martin Carroll (BCC) (7) David Park (BW) (8) Aaron Dickey (BCC) (9) Damien Hazlett (BW) (10) Gerry McCullough (BV)
The scratch riders failed to catch the limit group. Mark McCullough (BRC) finished thirteenth after taking third place in the bunch sprint, Simon Taggart

was 21st. Ladies (1) Kay Hack (BW) (2) S Cameron-Mitchell (BCC) (3) C. O' Hagan (BCC).

Calendar

Wednesday 8th June Ballymena RC 42 miles Grand Prix of the Glens time trial for the Tommy Talbot cup. The race starts at 6.45pm on the Broughshane road in Ballymena and takes in Broughshane, Carnlough, Waterfoot, the six miles climb of Glenariff Glen and finishes on Fry's road. Head marshall is Hugh McCullough, assisted by Harry Thompson, Joan McCullough, Mark McCullough and Adrian Kerr

Thursday 9th June 10 miles time trial league event Glenshane road 7pm

Saturday 11th June Emma McMullan trophy 60 miles road race Hillsborough 12 noon.

Sunday 12th June Noel Teggart memorial road race. HQ Banbridge hockey club from 10am.

Monday 13th June BRC youth section 2.5 miles time trial Michelin to Ecos roundabout and back, starting at 7pm.

Tuesday 14th June Bann Valley four laps road race Lisnagrot circuit at Kilrea.

Wednesday 15th June Road racing league continues.

After the first two rounds of the BRC road racing league Alan Blair, who collected the maximum points in the H&M Wilson cup event at Slaght, is in the lead with 16 points David Kennedy is second with 12 points while Tommy Wilson's win in round two at Broughshane's Rex Bonar cup race has moved him up to third with 11 points. Equal fourth are Steven Carruthers and Matthew Brennan on 9 points each. (6) Simon Taggart 8 points. Equal (7) Leo McCavana and Colin Scullion 7 points each. (9) Derek Dougan 6 points Equal (10) Bobby Currie and Maeve Savage 5 points each. A rider's best six scores from the seven rounds will count towards the overall result. This means that a competitors league chances aren't spoiled by having to take their turn at marshalling.

The next round will be the Sammy Connor cup “scratch” road race at Broughshane on the Sheddings circuit on Wednesday 15th June. The head marshall for this race is league leader Alan Blair and he will be assisted by Declan Butler, Sammy Kerr, Ryan Currie, Geoff Allen, Bobby Stewart and Tom Douds