



# Nomads News

What's this. The Sun peeking out from behind the clouds. Could it be that spring is upon us. Time to put those winter miles to the test. And now without further ado, the news letter.

Scott.

For those of you following this series with baited breath....

## Cycling Games: Part 3.

### *Homas Tour / Um Reifenbreite (board/PC)*

This obscure board game seems to be very well thought of in the gaming community, judging by Web pages I have seen. However, it has had very limited circulation, not least owing to most of the copies being destroyed in a warehouse fire, and has barely reached the UK. A freeware PC version has been produced by an enthusiast, and print-your-own game cards can be downloaded from the Web, but the copyright position is dubious. Not having played it, I don't know much more.

### *Whirly Wheelers (Palitoy)*

I can't remember where we got this battery-powered toy from - a jumble sale I think. Four model cyclists race around a velodrome, powered by slightly randomised movements of magnets under the game. Much less effort than a trip to Welwyn, but (nearly) all the excitement!

*by David Rossall*

## April Time Trials

Some TT information that the racers may find useful. Kindly supplied by Steve Robinson.

9<sup>th</sup> April – Elite CC – E2 10 – Fast, flat, dual carriageway course near Newmarket.

10<sup>th</sup> April – **INTERCLUB 10**

16<sup>th</sup> April – Norlond – F12 10 – Reasonably flat, quite fast, based around Leighton Buzzard.

17<sup>th</sup> April – Beds Road – F1 25 - Choice of medium gear or slowest 90 events. Fast course.

23<sup>rd</sup> April – Milton Keynes – F5 20  
Mix of dual carriageways and roundabouts! 2-up and solo.

24<sup>th</sup> April – Team Cambridge – F14 25  
Lumpy course around Guilden Morden.

Note the Interclub 10. All those able to ride please let me know in good time. Entry is £1, and this is the event that cost us the championship last year, so lets have a strong turnout. I will be badgering people from now on, you have been warned.

Scott.

## Results

The first club event of the season was ridden by 8 riders, about double the riders from the previous year. On a cool morning with a fresh Northerly wind David Ledgerton took the honours. The times and riders were as follows-

David Ledgerton 45:14  
Steve Robinson 46:44  
Andy Herbert 47:31  
Julian Siedlecki 47:34

Nigel Tooke 49:00  
Scott Edwards 49:59  
John Harrison 51:28  
David Summerell DNF (off course)

Thanks go to Richard Bland for both pushing off and time keeping duties. The event was followed by an impromptu wheel changing exercise, as Richard's car had a puncture. Just how many Nomads it takes to change a wheel should be best left unsaid.

## Results 2

A pleasant Sunday morning saw a good turnout of Nomads for the Medium Gear 25mile TT. The fresh breeze assisted riders along the Growers Road and up Shuttleworth Hill, but was less than helpful around the back of the course. Congratulations go to Julian Siedlecki for the win, and it was good to see that the top three riders were all on fixed gear machines. The full results are-

Julian Siedlecki	01:14:41
Scott Edwards	01:15:27
David Ledgerton	01:16:34
Nigel Tooke	01:18:35
David Summerell	01:20:14
Andrew Herbert	01:11:45 *Not Medium Gear*

Time keeper was Richard Bland and Pusher off was Mike Webb. Thanks.

## Things to do on Good Friday

Anybody at a loose end on Good Friday morning, could do worse than get out and support the Nomads riding the Welwyn Wheelers Hilly TT. The route is from Welwyn, alongside the A1, Through Codicote to Hitchin, out along the A505, up Offley Hill ( an excellent vantage point to see riders suffering ). The route returns to Welwyn through the lanes via Whitwell ( up Horn Hill), Kimpton and Wheathamstead. I believe our riders are off quite early, and will be tackling Offley Hill at around 08:35 to 08:45ish. I'm sure they would appreciate any and all support.

## Books For Sale

If anyone is interested in old cycling books, circa 20 years ago, then contact Richard Bland, as he has been asked to dispose of some by an old member of the club.

Have a good Easter. Remember dark chocolate is less fattening than milk chocolate.  
Scott.