



Nomads News

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The news letter of the Hitchin Nomads Cycling Club

I hope everyone is keeping well. The racing season is fast approaching, and I'm sure I glimpsed the Sun for a while this week. Can Spring be far away?

Scott.

Club Clothing Order

I will be putting in a clothing order at the end of February. Anybody who is looking for items that we don't usually carry in stock, (bibshorts racing jersey, long sleeve training tops are stock items), will need to let me know before the end of February. You can visit www.impsport.com or contact me as I have a catalogue, to see what is available.

All non-stock orders will need to be accompanied by a cheque for the full, non-VAT price, remembering to allow the extra for extra colours etc. that will be stated on the website. If in doubt, ask me, I won't know the answer, but its good to talk.

Remember the order is going out at the end of Feb. after that its too late.

Scott.

Weather forecast for Feb. 26th.

As some people will know, Feb. the 26th sees the start of the North Road Hard Riders TT. A few Nomads are riding in this event. This will give me something to put in next month's Nomads News, which is always a bonus. More importantly, reports on the weather from previous editions of the race do not make good reading.

Expect: snow, fog, ice, frost, wind, rain, hail, and probably all at the same time. This is especially true as I've entered this year.

It is a flat course isn't it.....???

Scott

Hi Guys

Firstly, a happy New Year to everyone.

Interesting article in the Club Newsletter on insurance. My own view is that it's more important than ever to cover three things: Third party - if you cause the accident; personal injury and damage to the bike. I have all three through the CTC, which even covers for time trials. Until my accident I only had third party - that's now changed.

As you are aware I was one of the unlucky Nomads to be taken off their bike last year. My case was made just that tidge more complex because the driver didn't have the courage to stop and see if I was dead or alive. At first I was told by everyone that I'd not be able to claim for anything - who would I claim against? Then by chance one of my work colleagues mentioned an organisation called the MIB - Motor Insurers' Bureau. It seems that they cover insurance claims for "no trace drivers" or those with no insurance at all. I went through an internet link from the MIB site and then got a phone call from one of those "no win, no fee" solicitors who advised that they wouldn't take on the case - because they had no one to claim their expenses from. Undeterred, I thought that I'd try the CTC - don't know why I didn't think of them first, but that's retrospective thinking you. Their solicitors are now handling the whole thing and it looks quite possible that I'll receive personal injury and property damage compensation. However, I've been told that the MIB is currently overwhelmed with claims and not to expect anything for the foreseeable future - what a sad reflection of our society when the organisation who covers uninsured or no trace drivers is overwhelmed with claims!!!

Moral of my story - never give up even if you don't have anyone to claim against, if you have a will you'll find the way.

Lets hope that this year is a little better for all of us.

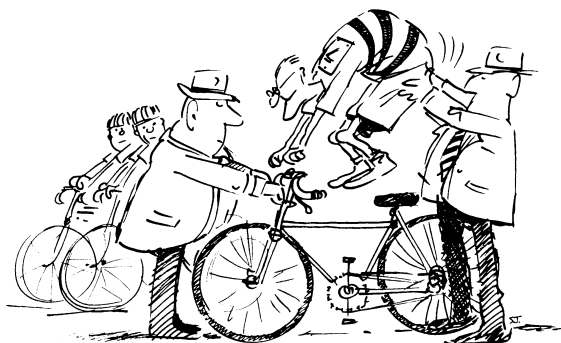
Dave Wentworth.

London North Millenium Trophy.

This is a series of events run in the London North district. I believe that points are scored in each round, and go towards the final total. I'm not sure how many events count towards the final score, but if you ride them all you can't go wrong.

The events are:

| | Date | Club | Course |
|----|-------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | 26/02/2006 | NRCC | F7/25 |
| 2 | 26/03/06 | IRC | F12/28K |
| 3 | 14/04/06 | WW | F3/50K |
| 4 | 22/04/06 | MKCC | F5/20 |
| 5 | 23/04/06 | Team Cambridge | F14/25 |
| 6 | 06/05/06 | Northampton & District | F5/11 |
| 7 | 01/07/06 | Verulum CC | F3/27 |
| 8 | 29/07/06 | Norlond TT | F14/12 |
| 9 | 28/08/06 | Aylesbury CC | F5/11 |
| 10 | 02/09/06 | NRCC | F14/12 |



Roy Robinson wonders, "is this a sign of things to come", for the older members of the club.

Membership Renewal.

A final chase-up to catch any stragglers who haven't paid their subs yet. Can you make payment to-

Nigel Tooke
32 Symonds Road
Hitchin
Herts
SG5 2JL

Thanks, and remember, you can't score points in club competitions if you are not a member.

Early Warning.

On the 2nd of July the national 3-up TTT is being held. Last year we managed to enter and race two teams, with moderate success. Both teams managed to finish. This year we want to do better. The aim is to enter as many teams as we can get riders for, and also to train a bit before hand. A well oiled (no not that sort of oiled Frank) Nomads team could be in with a shout at a top ten place.

On the 30th of July, Elmet CRC are running a 12hr TT. Not for me, you may think, but wait. This is a 12hr you can ride as a team. Maximum team size is 4, but 2 and 3 rider teams are also acceptable. All the fun and atmosphere of a twelve, without the pain and suffering, sounds ideal.

If you're interested in either event, let someone on the committee know. Preferably Steve Robinson, Nick Senechal or Myself.

For Sale

Freiburg Tandem, Lady back.

Fair weather rider, so only used in the rain if caught out.
Low mileage.
Unfortunately, disability forces sale.
£340

Phone 01438 224427

Please phone the owner direct.

However, I do have a 2Mb picture with some more detail, if you want it e-mailed to you.

Scott.