



Nomads News

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The news letter of the Hitchin Nomads Cycling Club

Editorial

As cyclists we keep an eye on the weather and hope that we get good weather for our cycling and training, so with this in mind Ann and I decided to have a week in the sun in Madeira just to give a kick-start into spring. We were able to receive BBC1 on the TV in our room, so each morning I would watch the weather forecast for the UK and note that the weather is perfect for cycling and in my case working on the allotment, and then I look out of the apartment window and black clouds would be rolling in off the top of the mountains with the result that we had rain five days out of the seven we were there. The upside was that we had a good rest.

My thanks to Richard for his report of the club lunch.

And we think that 12-hour rides are hard but they as nothing compared to James' brothers challenge, I wouldn't do it on a mountain bike never mind run it.

My classic computer isn't up to viewing 'you tube' at the moment, but once it is, then I will check the link that Mike has sent.

This issue is the last reminder of renewal of membership.
Clive

Prize giving Luncheon

Sunday the 22nd February saw the small but loyal band of Nomads and some family guests meet at the Sun Hotel in Hitchin for the annual prize giving luncheon. The meal was very nice, thought by some to be an improvement of the previous years. The service was good and we all enjoyed pre lunch drinks thanks to the generosity of our Vice President and founder member Irene Stacey who, sadly couldn't join us but put money behind the bar for us to enjoy.

The childish inflation of balloons that were then released to screech around the room amused some of us for a while, perhaps not so the serving staff who were left to pick up the pieces. Frank initiated a bit of "Cross Toasting" to add to the entertainment.

After the meal, with a toast to Irene and a thanks to Frank for organising this and many other social and touring events in recent years the proceedings of the presentation got underway but without our regular, "presenter of awards" Dave Renney this year, we were at a bit of a quandary as to who should do it, with a bit of connivance between Frank and Richard it was decided to spring it on our most elderly member present, Tony Furby, who willingly obliged.

The Club 50 Handicap Trophy, the Fastest 100 Trophy, the Alan Porter 30 Handicap Trophy and both the Senior and Vets BAR Trophies were presented to Clive Collins; the 12 Hour Trophy, the Fastest 25 Trophy, the Dave Gudgeon Handicap 25 Trophy and the Dave Gudgeon Scratch 25 Trophy was presented to James Cornell; the Hall 25 Handicap Trophy, the Sporting All-rounder Trophy and the 25 Medium Gear Trophy was presented to Neil JJ Fraser; the Short Course BAR Trophy was presented to David Ledgerton; the Geoff Denny Memorial Trophy and the Clubman's Trophy were presented to Frank Turner; David Ledgerton and Richard Bland shared the Most Meritorious Trophy award.

Trophy winners along with Toby Blyth and James Gomm received a plethora of medals for their top three placements in the events they hadn't actually won. Well done everybody and the very best of luck for the 2009 season, Let us hope that next year we'll all be back picking up the "pots" with a few more people to applaud the achievements!

Members who did not attend the luncheon should contact Frank to arrange receipt of their awards, resigned members will be credited with their achievements by having their names engraved on the trophies but will not be allowed to hold them.

Richard

Results
North Road Hardriders
February 22nd

David Ledgerton 1:21:48

March Club Events

March 8th	Spring Hilly
March 15th	Two up Team Time Trial
March 22nd	Medium Gear

March Clubruns

March 1st	Reed
March 8th	Barney's Café Hertford
March 15th	Waresley Garden Centre
March 22nd	Café Bliss Bedford
March 29th	Burwash Barns Barton

Marathon Des Sables

From James Cornell

Dear All,

My brother has decided to take part in the Marathon Des Sables in April of this year. For those of you who don't know what this is, it is widely accepted as the most difficult footrace in the world - 243km through the Sahara desert. Competitors must carry all their own provisions. Only about half of competitors who start complete the course. Andy is not the most natural distance runner so this is an extraordinarily stupid, but admirable attempt to raise some money for Children's Liver Disease Foundation which seems a very worthy cause and has some personal associations for him.

The below link is to an article published in his local paper recently.

There is a link to his "just giving" page in the article. He would be delighted with any support. Unlike many of these challenges where the organisers take costs out of the amounts raised, Andy has financed the significant costs of taking part himself and any funds raised go direct to the CLDF.

Please don't feel any obligation to donate but I think this attempt is so remarkable and the cause so worthwhile, it is worth sharing with as many people as possible.

http://www.yourlocalguardian.co.uk/news/local/elmbriidgenews/4103049.Cobham_man_takes_on_Marathon_des_Sables/

Thanks and regards, James

I received the link below from Mike Toddington.

Thought you would like this if you have not seen it before.
Mike

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TjFHcNUwDE>

Mystery Member!

Nigel has received a membership fee from someone who paid their £15 subscription into the Croydon branch of the HSBC bank on the 12th January.

Could you please contact Nigel at the address below to confirm your payment?

SUBSCRIPTIONS
Your subs for 2009
are due in January.
£15 per member £20 for families
Please send your remittance to the
treasurer Nigel Tooke

Subscriptions

Please send your remittance to: -
Nigel Tooke

Payments can also be made direct to the
HSBC bank account
Sort code 40 -28-14 A/C no 20615021

If you are paying by this method the payee
should e-mail the treasurer to confirm that
they've made payment this way.

Club Prize Giving Lunch Awards 2008

Event	Name	Date	Time/Dist	Speed
Senior Bar	Clive Collins			19.499
Veterans Bar	Clive Collins			19.499
12 Hour Trophy	1 st James Cornell	31.8.08	233.36	19.447
	2 nd Clive Collins	31.8.08	217.33	18.111
	3 rd John Harrison	31.8.08	197.99	16.499
Novice 12 Hour Trophy	No Competitor			
Fastest 100 Mile TT	Clive Collins		5.14.22	19.09
Short Bar 4x25 & 2x50 mile TT	David Ledgerton			22.02
Club 50 Champs -Scratch	1 st Pontus Axelsson	18.05.08	2.15.50	22.09
	2 nd Clive Collins	18.05.08	2.20.51	21.30
	3 rd David Ledgerton	18.05.08	2.22.40	21.03
Club 50 Champs- Handicap	1 st Clive Collins	18.05.08	2.00.35	24.88
	2 nd Richard Bland	18.05.08	2.07.37	23.51
	3 rd David Ledgerton	18.05.08	2.08.56	23.27
Fastest 25	James Cornell		55.41	26.94
Hall Trophy 25 - Scratch	1 st Andy Herbert	29.06.08	1.01.40	
	2 nd Richard Palmer	29.06.08	1.02.52	
	3 rd Neil JJ Fraser	29.06.08	1.04.28	
Hall Trophy 25 - Handicap	1 st Neil JJ Fraser	29.06.08	53.34	
	2 nd Mike Webb	29.06.08	55.28	
	3 rd Andy Herbert	29.06.08	58.58	
Dave Gudgin 25 series -Scratch	1 st James Cornell		1.03.00	23.81
	2 nd Pontus Axelsson		1.07.32	22.22
	3 rd David Ledgerton		1.08.27	21.92
Dave Gudgin 25 series Handicap	1 st James Cornell		1.02.24	24.04
	2 nd David Ledgerton		1.03.45	23.55
	3 rd Clive Collins		1.03.51	23.54
Allan Porter 30 -Scratch	1 st Andy Herbert	27.04.08	1.13.08	
	2 nd Andy Saunders	27.04.08	1.16.33	
	3 rd James Cornell	27.04.08	1.16.44	
Allan Porter 30 -Handicap	1 st Clive Collins	27.04.08	1.11.30	
	2 nd Andy Herbert	27.04.08	1.12.41	
	3 rd Neil JJ Fraser	27.04.08	1.13.00	
25 Mile Medium Gear TT	1 st Neil JJ Fraser		1.05.37	
	2 nd Toby Blyth		1.19.25	

25 Mile 2 Up Team Time Trial	1st Paul King Steve Robinson	16.03.08	1.12.58	
	2nd James Cornell Andy Saunders	16.03.08	1.14.02	
Briercliffe evening 10 TT series	1st Andy Saunders		23.75	Average
	2nd Neil JJ Fraser		23.37	Average
	3rd Steve Robinson		23.24	Average
Fastest 10 on Vets Standard	1st Andy Herbert		+00.04.40	Average
	2nd		+	Average
	3rd		+	Average
Spring Hilly	1st Andy Saunders	09.03.08	51.48	
	2nd Steve Robinson	09.03.08	51.50	
	3rd Andy Herbert	09.03.08	51.52	
Autumn Hilly	1st Andy Saunders	12.10.08	49.33	
	2nd Neil JJ Fraser	12.10.08	49.40	
	3rd Nick Senechal	12.10.08	59.15	
Sharpenhoe Hill Climb	1st Andy Saunders	05.10.08	.2.33.03	
	2nd Neil JJ Fraser	05.10.08	.2.40.04	
	3rd Tony Anderson	05.10.08	.3.22.09	
Charlton Hill Climb	1st Andy Saunders	19.10.08	.1.13.00	
	2nd Neil JJ Fraser	19.10.08	.1.16.20	
	3rd James Gomm	19.10.08	.1.23.20	
Sporting All Rounder	1st Neil JJ Fraser	Points	230	
	2nd Andy Saunders	Points	224	
	3rd Toby Blyth	Points	172	
Clubmans Trophy	Frank Turner	Points	268	
Geoff Denny Trophy	Frank Turner	Points	46	
Meritorious Trophy	Richard Bland David Ledgerton			
Ladies award of Merit	No Award			