



# The Dark Side

## Doncaster Wheelers Newsletter — January 2012

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It seems like De Ja Vu here at the editing office as it was at this time last year that I was writing on the newsletter about 'being careful out there!' and it seems like some have forgotten! Two weeks ago we had slippery conditions and some attempted to go for a group ride and had to abandon it, our glorious leader Trev ending up with a hole in his new bottoms and then the very next week its cold with patches of ice and they head off through Laughton Forest, tree covered, no sun,...black ice! And down like a box of tricks goes Alex Perkin and two others (Trev again!) with Alex ending up in DRI with a broken top end of his femur and now a metal plate to match! Being the hard man that he is and a true reflection on us as cyclists he got up and rode on to the café at Epworth before giving in to it!

Now come on,

**BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!**

*The Editor*

All the Best for 2012, Bring it on...Olympics, Team Sky, Cavendish, Wiggins, Sizzler, Premier Handicap League, Rudy Project, Open 10' what more could you want!



Osmotherly YHA Weekend 2011

## Famous Last Words...

"We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the way out." *Decca Recording Co. rejecting the Beatles, 1962.*

"Who the h\*\*\* wants to hear actors talk?" *H.M. Warner, Warner Brothers, 1927*

"No flying machine will ever fly from New York to Paris." *Orville Wright.*

"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us." *Western Union internal memo, 1876*

"Could have been worse...you could have broken something!" *T. Siddons, on seeing A Perkins lying on the ground.*

## Premier Handicap League 2011

### Race Report & Statistical Statistics

In the history of the Premier Handicap League, there have been a few occasions where the title was decided on the final evening. This year was no exception with Steve Coleman holding a 3pts lead over John Ensor with just 10 miles of racing to go. However, no-one could have predicted that the outcome would be down to the very last rider & that it would be decided in such a spectacular fashion that is unlikely to ever be repeated. In an exclusive interview after the event, William Shakespeare said "you couldn't have written this."

First back to the timekeeper from his no 3 starting slot was Steve Coleman who clocked his 3rd fastest time of the season. His handicap time of 22.00 is the target time the handicaps are based on. John Ensor not only needed to beat this time but he also needed at least 2 other riders to go faster than Steve but slower than himself. This had not happened since 14 June.

Rod Dugher was the next man back recording his 4th fastest ride of the series but his handicap time was 4s slower than Steve. Ian Cross was 12s slower than his previous weeks ride but his handicap time was 13s shy of Steve.

Jack Dugher was only 2s away from a pb but his handicap time saw him move to the top of the leaderboard on the evening. Riding his first event of this series, Fred Easton's handicap time was just 2s quicker than Steve. Next man in Tony Randall was 1s quicker than last week but had an identical handicap time to Fred's. Club stalwart & knowledge of everything Doncaster Wheelers Mr Sizzler Siddons commented "if I'd known yesterday that it was going to be this exciting I wouldn't have slept last night.

In his first race since 26 July, Gary Ward clocked his slowest time of the season from 13 rides. Unlucky? James Jones knocked 10s off his previous best set 6 rides previously. Contrast this with his first 7 rides where improved a total of 4m 12s.

John Ensor was now in sight & he needed to clock 22m 47s to tie with Steve for the season long title. Timekeeper Mr Sizzler Siddons said "I can't look." As the boy Ensor hurtled towards the line, Menace screamed "you've got to, all these years of time-

keeping you owe it to yourself." Amazingly the clock stopped at 22m 47s. If you think how can a game of cricket end in a draw after 5 days, how can you begin to explain a draw after 4 months of man to man combat?

Former champion Andy Gurnhill brought the season to a close with his 2nd fastest ride of the series from 4 starts & 1 puncture.

You've got to go back to the 1987 Sealink International where Malcolm Elliott won by 1sec after a dramatic 1 mile time trial in Norfolk Park, Sheffield for such drama

See you next year?

Sid

### Handicap League Table - Final Positions 2011

Position	Points	Name
1st	145	S.Coleman, J.Ensor
2nd	130	I.Cross
3rd	114	J.Jones

### Records fall in 2011

Time trial records fell in 2011, the 10' record fell by the slenderest margin of 1 second to 20:45 by Dave Furniss in an evening North Notts Olympic event whilst Rob Watkinson smashed the 50' record of 1:49 with a 1:47:07 in the Yorkshire RC 50'. Not satisfied with that result to end the season he entered and rode the National Hill Climb and finished a very creditable 31st. Well done Rob and Dave.

Not a record but an honourable mention should go out to Gary 'Big Dog Daddy' Ward who entered and finished his first 100' mile (The National 100') time trial in 58th place with 4:30:49. A fantastic ride in not the best of conditions. It hasn't put him off as he's in full training now for a better attack at it in 2012. Anyone up to keep him company by riding the event as well?

# Annual General Meeting - December 2011

## Road Race Reports/2012 plans

Martin Maltby reported a full field for last years event which made a profit. Martin will arrange the DW Pickburn Summer Road Race date to be confirmed. Andrew Belks event was successful but with a depleted field due to a clash with another race in Hull. Andrew also commented about the lack of marshals on the day. Date to be confirmed for 2012.

## Time Trial Reports/2011 plans

Open 10 on the 19th March 2011 (Sat pm) and a successful National Round of the Rudy Project Series on the Beckingham/Gringley course on the 7th May 2011. Again the lack of marshals was commented on. Dale Coan to run a 10 on the Hatfield course on the 17/03/2012. Trevor Siddons to run The Rudy Project National Round on the Beckingham Circuit on the 26/05/2012. It was reported that the evening 10 numbers were down this year. Next year the CTT levy is going up to £2 per rider per race. It was proposed by Charlie Hindley that the evening 10 be run on a fortnightly basis. This was agreed, dates to be posted on the website forum. Plus other events to be arranged including Beckingham circuit time trial.

Club championships are to be over the following distances/events: 25, 50, 100, 12 hours and hill climb

## Social Secretary

This years the social event was reorganised and held on a smaller scale. This event to be tried again for 2012, more details when available.

The youth hostel trips have been very successful this year and will probably be repeated in 2012.

## Sponsorship

Currently we have Don Valley Cycles and Ziniz Restaurant as existing sponsors but have now got club member Chris Parkinson offering to fill the place left by Pacy and Wheatley with his own company, Parkinson Dental Cabinets. A meeting to be called with the sponsors ASAP to decide on jersey design etc.

## Club Subs

After the experiment carried out this year re marshalling for a reduction in their club fees it was decided to fix the fees at £15 for 2012 due to a lack of uptake of the offer by other members and still the same faces turning up to help out at events. Anyone who marshalled in 2011 will have their promised discount applied as they earned it under the previous membership scheme.

## Training Run Leader

It was asked that club runs that are in fact 'training runs' be advertised under a separate heading on the forum. This has now been arranged and any runs which are to be organised which will meet at the library but which would be in fact a training run i.e. its up to you to keep up, no hanging about etc must be placed in the Training Runs section. The Club Runs section will list any organised social runs, which will also meet at the library, but would be run at the pace of the slowest rider on it with everyone looking after each other etc.

## Club Clothing

T Siddons reported that an order was going in very shortly which will reduce the club's bank balance as soon as the latest jersey design has been finalised.

## AOB

It was proposed and seconded that Maurice Hart will be made a life member and thoroughly deserved as well. Well done and many thanks Maurice for all your efforts helping out with the clubs promotions.

## Club 'Sporting' 13 and a bit TT

### Official Fastest esult

33.43 Gary Ward  
34.32 Michael Timmins  
36.22 Big Dog

### Official Handicap result

30.32 Michael Timmins  
31.07 Shaun Paterson  
31.55 Rod Dugher

### Race Report

Amidst the coolness of British Summer Time our intrepid heroes lined up for the first lung bursting opportunity of the 2011 season. The only flesh on show was the boy Rushworth's calves but hopes were raised when Beth Perkin made a late appearance. However, a shrift "the puffer jacket is staying on" soon put a damper on that idea.

At the pre-race breakfast at the nearby Garden Centre, the excuses were coming faster than the coffee's. I had 1 hour less in bed, it was a long ride down, it was a fast ride down, I can feel a cold coming on, I'm a bit heavier than I should be were just a few reasons I could think of that swayed my decision to officiate. Notwithstanding the £5 reduction in next years club subs offer.

Sad to say that the best excuses were post race. Kev Russell joined in the 2nd breakfast of the day & promptly took an early lead in the excuse of the year award with "I forgot to move my clock forward 1 hour last night." You have to admire the simplicity of the excuse. The timing was perfect, for that excuse will not be able to be used again this year at least. If he follows this up by forgetting to complete his Census tonight, that will be a financial loss of £1005.00 for the day.

Furthermore Master Sly later advised that his car broke down "dramatically." One can only imagine his Bugatti Veyron screaming a fanbelt, a fanbelt, my kingdom for a fanbelt. With no DNS's or DNF's to report, it is baffling how we could possibly have 2 DNM's (did not marshall). Suffice to say that the fact that next years club sub's are still £25 for them is enough punishment.

Steve Paterson, author of a 31 minute 10 the previous week got the event underway while pater Shaun author of a 29 minute 10 in the same race was savouring the fact that he had taken the boy out for 65 miles the previous day & sent him to bed without supper.

Buster Mottram was arguing a strong case for a re-assessment of his handicap. "How can you put me off scratch when I got dropped on the clubrun a couple of weeks ago? he pleaded. The handicapper replied "that's easy, I haven't a clue what I'm doing & just write down the first number I think of & divide it by 3."

First back to the timekeeper was no 3 starter Michael Timmins the former Sky rider who has mysteriously emerged in Saxo Bank colours. The clock stopped at an impressive 34.32 & with a generous 4mins handicap his 30.32 looked unassailable unless someone could go faster. Next man home Shaun Paterson came closest, his 39.07 left him 35secs short of handicap glory.

Big Dog put in a mighty sprint to finish in a brilliant 36.22 but he was knocked to the bottom rung of the podium when 21sec later, Big Dog Daddy stormed home in 33.43 to retain his title. "You may go home now son & have some dinner" said the smiling winner.

Buster Mottram powered in & justified his reservations about his scratch seeding with a un-Mottram like 37.03. Rod Dugher was within sniffing distance of catching Buster & he finished with a satisfied smirk after clocking 36.25. Meanwhile the boy Jack growled in the timekeepers car "my dad wouldn't let me ride today 'cos he knew I was gonna whup his ass."

Is it me or is there a pattern emerging here with these father/son contests? Contrast this with Michael Timmins who sat in the warmth of the Cafe afterwards waiting for his dad to drive over to give him a lift home. An auspicious start for Michael, 1st Junior, 1st Handicap.

I was going to thank all the officials & marshall's, but the reality is £5 off your club subs for next year is more valuable than any praise I can bestow upon you.

Sid

*The Final Word.....*

***'Nothing ever happens in the Wheelers!'***

## Wheelers have a bit of Rough Stuff!

This year, there was a new venture for the Wheelers...cyclocross! Club member Chris Morrey was up for a challenge and with various supporting agencies, the Keepmoat Stadium, DMBC etc his put a lot of effort into what turned out to be a well run and supported event. Here is his report on it.

The 1st edition of the Wheelers Super Cross saw 90 riders across all age categories compete on the Keepmoat Stadium course and what a course it was. Many riders commented that it was the hardest course they'd tackled for years. BC officials are eager to bring the National Trophy series to our course and encouraged Doncaster Wheelers to enter an application to stage a round of the series for 2012/13

### Onto the racing!



The main event of the day was the Senior/Elite race run over an hour plus a lap. 30 riders took part including several top cross riders (Quality not Quantity) and the current national champion (Paul Oldham). With a prime on the line for the first rider across the line at the end of the first lap the riders charged off at the start along the road section. Once on the course the riders tackled the first climb with David Fletcher (Boardman Elite) taking the lead with Paul Oldham (Hope Factory Racing) in close contact. At the end of the first

lap Fletcher took the prime and the pair battled it out until half distance where Oldham put the hammer down and opened up a clear lead never to be closed. Various battles behind the leaders emerged and kept the spectators entertained, including a local head to head with Tom Stewart (Doncaster Wheelers) and Dieter Droger (Team CF, Barnsley). At the bell Oldham had a clear lead of 30 seconds and the other riders were fighting for the minor placings. On the line Paul Oldham took the victory from David Fletcher & Dave Collins.

Look out for this event next year.

Thanks again

Chris

## Its That Time of Year Again...Your Yearly Subs are Due!

*Message from our beloved leader Trevor Siddons,*

"Hope you had a good Christmas and I wish you all a happy and successful New Year. Right that's the pleasantries out the way, its membership renewal time, subs are due on the 1st January 2012, rates are of last year:

<b>Under 16's</b>	<b>Free</b>
<b>16 to 18 (Junior) and over 65's</b>	<b>£10</b>
<b>over 18's</b>	<b>£15</b>

Remember if you earnt a discounted subscription for helping out at an event last year (2011) this will be discounted from the fee's above. Trevor has a list of all those who qualified. Please note if you do not intend renewing please let me know and just a reminder as this seems to be forgotten today, that anyone joining another club should resign from their present club in writing before joining another.

## Osmotherly Hostelling Trip—15<sup>th</sup> October 2011

The hostelling trip this year was again to Osmotherly near Thirsk. Fifteen went up on road bikes with another 11 driving up then mountain biking. It was another bright and sunny start and dry. Our first stop for dinner was at Thorpe Arch via Tadcaster before continuing to Cattel Whixley and Easingwold. After this the hills started and the big one up White Horse Bank. This is where John Maughan broke his chain and nearly a nasty accident. But we all made it up to the visitors centre at Sutton Bank where we had our second stop for coffee.

The next and last 15 miles were probably the hardest of the day thro Hawby and onto Osmotherly arriving at 5.30pm. A very undulating ride with another mishap this time Graham Huck braking his chain. Just a word regards Maurice Hart well done Maurice for making it all the way; hope I can still do it when I'm well into my 70s. After a few pints the night before we made our way home This time back to Hawby then on to Helmsley for a coffee stop. We then continued via Hoveringham and Slingsby to Castle Howard. The plan then was to head to Thixendale and on to Fridaythorpe for dinner but there was some concern regards the time so I relented and diverted to Pocklington for dinner. Eventually arriving home at 5.30pm. Another great weekend and some beautiful autumn weather.



## Majorca 2011

The annual pilgrimage to Majorca this year was on the 8<sup>th</sup> May chosen because of the clash with the clubs promotion of the Rudy Project event the day before. It was an early start again with having to be at East Midlands for 5am. Every thing went to schedule and we arrived in Majorca at 10.30am. This time we decided to take our own bikes so booked a private transfer to the hotel which got us there a lot quicker than normal.

The bikes were quickly assembled and we were on our first ride to the lighthouse at Formentor, Gaz Ward who was on his first trip to Majorca was most impressed.

On the Monday we did what was for most of us the biggest ride of the week to Valdermosa via the Orient valley and Bunyola, a very hilly ride out but came back the flat way along the water pipe road but still

covering 100 miles in the day.

On the Tuesday the sensible ones did a short ride to Sineu but some followed Steve Maltby including Gaz Ward and Andy Stokes for a ride round the island setting off at 6am and arriving back in the dark at 7pm. Only Andy Stokes managed to join us for a drink that night.

Wednesday we did the Sa Calarbra which again was a very hard ride, for those who are not familiar it is a 5 mile very steep decent to the bay with only on way back. Most normal people taking about one hour and fifteen minutes to get back up but I believe the record is 35 minutes. This ride is done after a hilly 17 mile ride up to Lulc Monastery first.

Thursday was a flat ride to Cala Bona although we still covered 85miles.

Friday was our last day so had a steady ride again this time to the cake shop at Muro and called at the Caves of Campenet on the way back.

Another enjoyable week with not a sign of rain just sunny and warm very day, just what you want. 2012 trip is on the 27<sup>th</sup> April and details have been posted on the forum.

