

SCOTTISH VETERANS TIMETRIAL ASSOCIATION

TIMETRIAL REPORT

2014

I think I can safely say I'm an armchair cyclist. After sixty odd years of rising on a Sunday morning before the Dawn Chorus I enjoy my bed now. On saying that may I thank all the clubfolk and organisers for keeping me informed of timetrialing results by way of their posts on various websites.

Again Iain Grant is the S.V.T.T.A. timetrial Champion. Iain also was 1st on standard in the under 50 years B.A.R., Actual fastest B.A.R. and with Jim Cusick took the team award. On the S.C.U. front he was 10 and 25 mile Champion and 2nd in the 100 mile Championship and no doubt with his clubmates will figure high in the S.C.U. middle distance B.A.R.

Derek Stewart goes from strength to strength even with the new standards to give the younger Vets a chance, Derek still gets the better of them. 1st on standard in 10, 25, 30 mile Championships also taking 3rd place in the Archie Speed Trophy. Derek again travelled down South and competed in the 10 mile N.V.T.T.A. Championship taking equal 1st on Standard. In the 25 mile Championship he claimed 2nd place.

David Millar's name has been to the fore in Scottish Cycling since the early 1960's. His name is on numerous S.C.U. Trophies as well as our own cups and shields. This year his name goes on the Archie Speed Trophy knocking Iain Grant into second place. David had a nasty cycle fall in the towards the season end with multiple injuries we wish him speedy recovery.

The recipients of our trophies are wide spread this year. The Rielly and The Jackie Connor [most improved B.A.R.] wing their way up to Alasdair Washington in Caithness. Alasdair is no stranger to winning Group Championships.

The Jim Sharpe 100 mile Handicap Trophy was won this year by Ed Rattray who bides in Dufftown and is a member of the Elgin cycling club. Ed has come on in leaps and bounds since joining two years ago.

The Boomerang Trophy this year has gone to the Moray Coast via Peter Ettles. Peter spends his season between timetrialing and the track.

The John Cramb Handicap Trophy was won this year by new member Malcolm Young who takes it back to Deeside.

Edinburgh also gets into the picture with Graham Jones for the second year winning the John Cusker 12hr Trophy. Graham has been since joining the vets never been out of the limelight.

James Cusick I can't say anything that has not been said before. Jim is a legend in Scottish Cycling. Besides still winning open events Jim has been supporting Iain Grant along side Tom Gordon this year. Jim was 1st on standard and fastest S.V.T.T.A. in the Bill Lennon Trophy [Trossachs] this year.

Comeback man Frank Anderson was 3rd on standard in the 10 mile Championship. Frank also rode the S.V.T.T.A. R.R. Championship [organised by Falkirk Bicycle Club] and came 1st in the over 60yrs. Category event winning the Jim Lyon Trophy. New member Steve Dunn came 1st in the Jackie Connor R.R. Championship.

A few of our members have travelled down to England to events and returned good times. We Had five entered the Pendle Forest 10 mile event with Tom Gordon taking top honours with a time of 19min.44sec. and we have our Border member Randle Shenton who does all his timetrialing down south saying he finds it convenient to get to events.

Graeme Walsh had a fine result in the Mersey 24 hour event finishing with a excellent 461.78 miles for 4th place and also 1st team with Stirling Bike Club mates Mark Leadbetter and Nigel Holl who came 3rd in the event. Graeme also returned 245.853 miles in the Welsh C.A. 12 hour . The tandem Pair of George Berwick and Philip Jurcyk also rode the Mersey 24 hour returning 340.25 miles after returning 305.58 miles in the R.T.T.C. event in June.

The Shetland Wheelers stalwarts Christine McLean and Carlos Riise had a quiet start to the season. Christine had both hips replaced and Carlos I believe was not feeling to good early on. fitness came to both of them mid season with times to place them in positions in the first ten in the Archie Speed Trophy.

The S.V.T.T.A. has had the good fortune to have in our membership new members who return fast times so making future Championships interesting. But we must'nt ignore the members who return modest times, for this was what this Association was established for so that forty years and older club cyclists who would have given up cycling to return to the sport and ride for their age standards. So all you riders out there forget the fasties ride your own race and collect your standard medals and if lucky a plaque and book a place in our luncheon and presentation to receive them.

The S.V.T.T.A. gives a thank you to all the clubs who incorporated its Championship events into their open ones. THANK YOU

May I wish you all a successful 2015 and good wishes for the coming year.

Jim Harris