

# SCOTTISH VETERANS TIMETRIAL ASSOCIATION

## TIMETRIAL REPORT 2015

Most of our members will be glad to see the back of the 2015 season. With the poor weather, lack of timetrials in the middle months and poor publicity of events unless you were on the internet. I am quite sure some members lost out knowing what events were taking place.

The three distance B.A.R. is going through a lean spell due to lack of hundred mile and fifty mile events. Only two 100's appeared in the calendar this year and they were in Aberdeen and Inverness, so if the dates didn't suit you lost out being a contender for the B.A.R.

I looked out the S.C.U. handbook for 1962 and counted twenty nine 50 mile events fifteen 100 mile events and six 12 hour events of which I personally rode four 100's, ten 50's and one 12 hour. So it grieves me to see so little B.A.R. events in our present day calendar.

2012 saw a change in the standards format also the committee changed the way that the B.A.R. competition was to be compiled. As I read on the V.T.T.A. website that some groups down south were going to stay with the old system I informed our Committee I would do likewise, in my mind B.A.R. means converting time taken into M.P.H. This year I had a query from a member why we were not using the new V.T.T.A. system so I took of my blinkered vision of the B.A.R. and worked out both systems and as you see positions in the tables differ. So I have not named our B.A.R. champion until discussion from the body of the hall.

2015 brought new members into the Group to keep us on a level keel welcome all. Derek Stewart completed a good year with adding two National Championships the ten and twenty five miles to his four Scottish ones. Derek was also 1<sup>st</sup> on standard in the Archie Speed Trophy.

New Member Jon Entwistle was 1<sup>st</sup> on standard in the Reilly Trophy. Jon came late to us so look out for him in 2016.

Keeping in the Deeside Thistle vane Malcolm Young this year is our under 50years B.A.R. winner. Also figures in the top ten position in the B.A.R.

Steve Davidson takes the Jackie Connor trophy for being the most improved B.A.R. for 2015. Steve also was 1<sup>st</sup> handicap in the Jim Sharpe handicap hundred. He also figures in the top ten of the B.A.R. and Archie Speed Trophy.

The Shetlanders are still to the fore, taking the team awards in the B.A.R., fifty and hundred mile championships. Christine also was 3<sup>rd</sup> on standard in the fifty mile Championship. Christine also placed in top ten of the B.A.R. and Archie Speed trophy. Carlos also features in the first ten B.A.R.

Carlos on his way home from the "Island Games" rode the Team Swift "100" in July taking first Place with 4hr.01m.43s which seemed to be incorporated the Team Swift "12 hr," event in which Graham Jones returned a mileage of 236.85 ml. which gets his name on the John Cusker "12" trophy for the third time.

While on the long distance theme our very own George Berwick minus a stoker for his tandem rode the Mersey Roads "24" solo returning 264.16 mile to gain another age record.

Jocky Johnstone had a quiet year but still managed to be 1<sup>st</sup> on standard in the Willie Smith Boomerang Trophy.

The Falkirk Bicycle Club gets its name on two of our trophies via Steven Dunn who was 1<sup>st</sup> handicap in the John Cramb handicap "25". And Robert Regan who is over 60years road race champion gets his name on the Jim Lyon trophy.

Jim Cusick gets his name on the Lennon Trophy for the second time. Jim's B.A.R. times makes him the actual fastest with 25.642 mph to get his name on the Ben Smith Shield. Jim also is in the top ten in both B.A.R. and Archie Speed Trophy. Jim just keeps on going.

Derek McMillan has returned fast times in all events this season. Placed in the top ten in both the B.A.R. and Archie Speed trophy. Derek turned his hand to Road Racing and won the S.V.T.T.A. R.R. championship.

Our northern member Alastair Washington at 78years young still returns times that some of our younger members would be happy with. Alasdair figures in the top ten in both B.A.R. and Archie Speed Trophy.

Graeme Cockburn is chapping the door for championships he had a good season let down by his "100" time this season the lack of certain events controls your B.A.R. prospects.

Iain Grant never got his name on any of our trophies this year he was second to Derek in the "25" and "50" events 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Archie Speed Trophy and with club mate Tom Gordon the 1<sup>st</sup> team in the "25" championship. I think I can safely say that Iain is the fastest timetrialist in Scotland at the moment.

David Millar had a good season after the bicycle accident he had towards the end of 2014. he gained equal 1<sup>st</sup> on standard in our twenty five championship and was 2<sup>nd</sup> on standard in the Archie Speed Trophy. So watch out 2016 David has joined the three score and ten team. The rumour that David has supplied a certain cycling club with white paint so that they can mark out their event turn is'nt true.

the S.V.T.T.A. wish to thank all the cycling clubs that incorporated the groups events into their own.

May I wish you all the best for 2016

Jim Harris