

## **TT Sec Report - 2019**

The 2019 Season has proved to be a successful one for SCC riders.

New club records have been set

Male 10 mile Record– Simon Deeley – 19.59 - 22 Jun 2019 – Course L1015 Levens

Female 10 mile Record – Madeleine Scott – 22.52 – 6 Jun 2019 – Course D33/10 Tarleton

Female 25 mile record – Madeleine Scott – 1.02.51 – 30 May 2019 – Course D25/5 Tarleton

Simon Deeley finished 2<sup>nd</sup> Vet in the CTT National Sigma Sport series of sporting course events.

A number of other club members set PB's during the season – with Peter Leonard showing no sign of slowing down at the age of 68 with new PB's for 10 and 25 miles

18 club members have gained CTT ranking points by competing in open events, and a total of 34 club members have ridden at least one of our 'Club' events including the Hill Climb. Ages range from 12 to 84 (Geoff Hornby is still riding events in Yorkshire)

The early season 'Road Bike Challenge' was run in March and was essentially a test event for the new D33/10 course between Tarleton and Banks. 9 riders took part on a blustery day, and Martin Bailey was the winner.

### **The Evening TT series**

The evening TT's got under way in early April, and after a couple of issues with finding a suitable event HQ, we eventually came to an arrangement with Mere Brow Village Hall to use their car park. This has proved to be a great success with riders and marshals alike. The bar in the village hall has proved popular for post race discussions. The evening TT's are still proving popular, with 26 SCC members – including 4 ladies and 5 Juniors having ridden at least one event. During 2019 over 150 riders from 40 different clubs took part in our events. The course is gaining a reputation for being quick and safe. The course record now stands at 19.44 by Phil Jones of Transition RT. Club record on the course is 20.46 by Simon Deeley, but Karl Addison finished the season strongly with a sub 21 PB only a handful of seconds behind. Several other SCC riders have produced PB's on the course this season, including Mads Scotts impressive new ladies 10 mile TT club record.

The new 10 mile TT course has proven to be both popular with riders, and has produced some very good times. It seems to have addressed the gradual fall in rider numbers that occurred on the old course due to poor road surface and safety issues. We even had 50 riders turn up for one of the evening 10's – which is unheard of in recent years.

Evening 25 Mile TT's have again proved popular – with 20+ riders for each event.

The evening TT's continue produce a healthy revenue stream for the club.

### **Open 10 Mile TT**

The inaugural Open 10 mile TT proved to be a success, despite unforeseen clashes with other local events. We had 65 entrants including 12 from SCC. On the day of the event, there was atrocious weather in the morning and afternoon which put quite a lot of entrants off travelling, but fortunately the rain stopped about an hour before the event, and most riders were able to ride on dry roads – albeit in cold and blustery conditions. There were 47 starters and 45 finishers. The event was won by Olympic Champion Steven Burke, with the first sub 20 ride on the course.

The event 'broke even' financially.

**The Club Hill Climb** was held on the 6<sup>th</sup> October on Ashurst Beacon, with 15 riders braving the wet conditions. Male champion was Martin Bailey, Female Champ was Maddie Scott, with Adam Dillon fastest U18.

**Boxing Day TT** Notification forms have been submitted to CTT and Merseyside Constabulary for the event. – Start time 10am – Course - Coastal Road between Weld Rd and Pontins R/A

### **2020 Season**

Planning is under way for the 2020 with the date for our Open 10 mile TT being fixed for Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June. We will not be promoting an open 25 in 2020 as dates had to be submitted by the end of September to CTT for approval.

I have a provisional booking for Mere Brow Village Hall as event HQ for the Open 10. Hire of the Hall will be £200. Assuming the same level of prizes and other costs as this year, to break even, we would need to attract at least 80 riders – up from 65 last year ( Max permitted 100 riders), but with the change of date and the course gaining a bit of a reputation this should be achievable

The move of HQ to Mere Brow Village Hall has been successful, with après event refreshments in the bar proving popular with competitors and marshals alike.

The Proposed 2020 TT programme is attached – this has been forwarded to Liverpool District CTT, and to NLTTA to keep neighbouring clubs informed.

Once more I would like to move a massive vote of thanks to our dedicated group of volunteers, without whose help these events could not take place. New volunteers are always more than welcome.