Chippenham Wheelers 2014 Time Trial Report

2014 saw us blessed with some excellent weather and although I write this many months removed from the start of the season which always softens the memory. The fact I am only just going to get this published before the end of the year may also mean I have not stretched my memory too hard and the rosy glow of the festive season's alcohol may be playing a part. However, I am looking out on glorious sunshine with a frosted lawn thinking that apart from a few commuting rides (base training of course) how dry it has been this year.

I have just remembered of course the Kilo on the 1st of January which was so wet and windy that only a few brave souls turned out to compete. Kimberley Andrews put many to shame by riding the children's Half Kilo, showing considerable character and taking her opportunity as the opposition decided to remain sheltered in their family cars.

Although the Medium Gear event failed to attract any starters, which may have been due to the fact we were using a new course, the year started well with good numbers for early events. Unfortunately we had a major incident early in the season when Steve Wallis was in a collision with a tractor and suffered significant injuries, which put things into perspective for many. This also led to a review of our procedures as although we comply with the CTT requirements there were things we felt could be improved and all riders will be asked to renew their race registration forms at the start of the 2015 season. Thankfully Steve has made good progress in his recovery and is back on his bike and we continue to wish him well in his rehabilitation.

We had some new starters again this year and number of last years first timers reappeared to test their mettle. Their were some interesting appearances with Rachel Still for example choosing a 25 mile time trial for her first event! Indeed there were 3 new lady riders this year and I am hopeful with some persuasion they will ride club and open events next year and start to win local prizes.

As always my and the riders thanks to all who officiate at the evening events and the family members and riders who marshal at the various points on the course where this is needed. As a reminder without marshals we cannot race and although we have usually managed to be alright on the night all riders should look to their conscience and marshal at least one event if not more.

Over the season there were 327 finishers across all events and 46 (including 8 juniors) club riders took part in a Jack Nunn Series event. There were numerous non-member riders from other clubs, as well and they were welcome for that extra element of competition they gave the evenings, as well as some guests who later joined as members. Only 8 men completed the 6 qualifying rides needed to compete in the Jack Nunn series and sadly no ladies completed 6 rides. Simon Cox won the men's fastest rider prize with the best average performance over 6 rides. For the juniors Jack Fieldhouse won the juniors Jack Nunn prize.

	Men	**Average of Best 6 times for 2014**
1	Simon Cox	0:23:33
2	Paul Winchcombe	0:24:22
3	Phil Akerman	0:25:17
4	Jimmy Barton	0:25:18
5	James Currie	0:25:19
6	Andrew Summers	0:26:49
7	Ben Lovegrove	0:27:06
8	Dylan Spencer	0:27:19

Juniors	Average of Best 4 Times for 2013
Jack Fieldhouse	28:15

The handicapping for the Jack Nunn Series attracted a lot of attention this year as there were some fairly large changes of position throughout the year. This is because rider handicaps change throughout the year if they do not have a handicap from last year. This year we had a tie for the Jack Nunn between Paul Winchcombe and Dylan Spencer. Not surprisingly Dylan also won the most improved rider having taken another 20 seconds off his handicap time for next year (a fairly staggering 1 minute 15 seconds over 2 years). He is going to find it harder to be in the running next year although there are rumours of a time trial bike being considered.

Jack Nunn Points Results Table

Position	Rides Entered	Total	
1=	10	68	Paul Winchcombe
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3	9	52	James Currie
4	9	50	Simon Cox
5	6	43	Ben Lovegrove
6	8	35	Jimmy Barton
7	5	34	Andy Stuart
8	4	32	Andrew Spearman
9	5	30	Graham Forrester
10	4	27	Rob Richardson
11	8	26	Phil Akerman
12	4	26	Nigel Copeman
13	6	25	Andrew Summers
14	3	23	Chris Tweedie
15	4	19	Piers Dibben
16	2	18	Yasha Checknik
17	3	16	Steve Barber
18	2	15	Alan Collier
19	4	11	Paul Freegard
20	2	11	Steve Wallis
21	2	9	Mark Evans
22	2	5	Dan Hunt
23	2	2	Mike Cox

Although there is not a prize for fastest single ride on a Jack Nunn event for the record the best individual times are below:

Fastest Individual Jack Nunn Ride

1	Simon Cox	00:23:00
2	Dan Hunt	00:23:03
3	Paul Winchcombe	00:23:54
4	Rob Richardson	00:23:58
5	Steve Wallis	00:24:25
6	Graham Forrester	00:24:29

7	James Currie	00:24:35
8	Will Matthews	00:24:36
9	Caroline Gay	00:24:37
10	Nigel Copeman	00:24:38
11	Andrew Spearman	00:24:39
12	Andy Stuart	00:24:40
13	Jimmy Barton	00:24:54
14	Phil Akerman	00:25:00
15	Peter Cusick	00:25:04
16	Mike Cox	00:25:10
17	Elliot Brunt-Murphy	00:25:13
18	Thomas Hogan	00:25:15
19	Chris Tweedie	00:25:19
20	Neil Lewis	00:25:22
21	Gary Hewitt-Long	00:25:23
22	Andrew Summers	00:25:26
23	Paul Freegard	00:25:33
24	Yasha Checknik	00:25:58
25	Ben Lovegrove	00:26:01
26	John Carter	00:26:09
27	Dylan Spencer	00:26:12
28	Steve Barber	00:26:14
29	Mike Gibbons	00:26:15
30	Piers Dibben	00:26:16
31	Philip Proctor	00:26:47
32	Joshua Price	00:26:50
33	Susan Jefferies	00:26:58
34	Mark Evans	00:27:13
35	Ben Hogan	00:27:29
36	Alexandra Stubbs	00:27:46
37	Alan Collier	00:27:48
38	Jack Fieldhouse	00:27:55
39	Rob Wild	00:28:35
40	Ben Coward	00:29:13
41	Josh Coward	00:29:48
42	Adrian Barrance	00:31:15
43	Terry Hogan	00:32:46
44	Steve Walters	00:33:23
45	Kathleen Hogan	00:34:39
46	Paul Metcalfe	DNF

Open Time Trial Events

Open Time Trials remain popular this year with Chippenham Wheeler's crossing the finish line 135 times in CTT Open Time Trial (based on CTT results which do not necessarily reflect all events ridden) events throughout the year (versus 104 last year and 116 in 2012) with 27 riders making up these numbers.

There have been some notable achievements this year but the outstanding ride must go to Robbie Richardson who rode two 12 hour events, in one of which he set a new age group record of 255.79 miles for 50 – 54 year olds. As a result of this ride and his 100 and 50 mile times Robbie is 54th nationally this year in the British Best All Rounder competition run by the CTT organisation. Chippenham riders lifted some prizes in other events and although a £10 cheque may not seem much the fact that your Racing Secretary lifted a couple of these over the year means there is hope for everyone.

Some age group records were broken during the season and well done to those who broke them, some of which appear to have stood for some time.

Club Records

Age 45 - 49	10 Miles	Mark Woolford	00:20:20
	25 Miles	Mark Woolford	00:53:25
Age 50-54	50 Miles	Paul Winchcombe	02:00:59
	12 Hour	Rob Richardson	255.79 miles
Age 55 - 59	50 Miles	Paul Winchcombe	01:58:52

The event organisers of all Club Open Events would like to thank all the marshals, tea ladies/men, cake makers, pushers off, result board producers and last but not least timekeepers. Once again, without your help these events would not take place. If any readers are not sure what all these jobs entail, please volunteer for the next Club event and we would be delighted to show you!

The Club ran several Open Time Trial Events starting with the early season WTTA Hardriders event on U83 run by Paul Freegard. The Open 10 run by Diana Malling had to be cancelled due to the high winds that afternoon which was a shame as we were using the new U85 course and the Golf Club HQ but when the Racing Secretary took his bike out of his car to go for a check ride it was nearly carried away in the wind, so discretion won that day. The Open 25 run by Dylan Spencer was nearly cancelled after the new supermarket in Malmesbury put in place traffic lights while building a new traffic island which resulted in some frantic course redesign and a late approach to Gloucestershire Police for authority to run half a mile into Gloucestershire. Nick Ferris ran the traditional Hill Climb up Bowden Hill which always seems to attract spectators intent on seeing pain and suffering, again the Racing Secretary provided the necessary spectacle while many others produced good times. Finally we had the end of season 3-Up run on U59 courtesy of Andy Cook's organisational skills. Chippenham Wheelers had two teams this year with Richardson/Winchcombe/ Buckley competing against Currie/Kay/Carter – each team with their own non-time trialer in their midst (Richard standing in for his brother Bob and Simon who I understand Jamie just saw fit to enter him). My understanding is that Richard has no intention of doing a 3-Up again as he felt the warm up was unnecessarily hard.

WTTA Hardriders Series

The WTTA Hardriders results are at: http://www.wtta-hardriders.org.uk/showresults.htm?year=2014&type=Results&event=Results&competition=wttahardriders but the site has not been updated for the year end. On the basis of the results published at the moment Chippenham Wheelers riders results are:

13th Paul Winchcombe
33rd Simon Cox
50th Steve Barber

87th Andrew Spearman
98th Michael Gibbons
Unplaced Paul Freegard
Unplaced Gordon Scott
Unplaced Susan Jeffery

Unplaced = 1 event only

Club "Time Trial Competition"

The Club Time Trial Competition based on points from placings in Open Events was run throughout the season and the results table is below. However, the individual results were:

1st Simon Cox	4 pts
2nd Paul Winchcombe	4 pts (on count back)
3rd Paul Freegard	11 pts

I explained "Count Back" last year and the full explanation is at: http://www.chippenhamwheelers.org/page/time-trial-competition-count-back-explanation but the long and the short of it is that Simon beat Paul in any (and all) events where they both competed.

Time Trial Championship (Open Time Trial Series) Results

	Events 2014												
	8 Mar	23 Mar	5 Apr	13 Apr	26 Apr	4 May	11 May	31 May	22 Jun	3 Aug	30 Aug	21 Sep	
Course	U303 Hilly	U32R Hilly	U17 25	U59 Hilly	U375 10	U21/25 25	H8/50 50	U7b 10	U21/50 50	U21/50 50	U85 10	U370 25	Points
Name													
Steve Barber	3		4	5	4						2		X
Simon Cox	1		1		1				1				4
Graham Forrester	DNS												X
Paul Winchcombe	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2		1	1	4
Sue Jeffery			3	4	DNS				5				X
Michael Gibbons				2		4	2		3				X
Paul Freegard				3	3	3	2	DNS					11
Nigel Copeman						2							X
Robbie Richardson								2					X
Gordon Scott									4			2	X