

## Cyclo-Cross Secretary - November 2007

The Wheelers have run two cross events since the last AGM Jan 28<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Oct January's event the weather was not so kind with the stadium course very damp creating some very slippery and tricky conditions. Highlights for wheelers were a Craig Ansell 3<sup>rd</sup> in the seniors, Shawn Hammond 5<sup>th</sup>, Andy Jones 12<sup>th</sup>, Rob Burns 15<sup>th</sup> in the Vets and Ed Gill 2<sup>nd</sup> in the youth.

This October's event was the second Fred Williams Scramble with a £2500 prize list attracting 32 youth riders, 118 Vets/Juniors and Women, 42 Seniors and 84 U12's. This was by far the biggest fields yet of the 2007/8 Midland League cross season for the day's events. There was a village type atmosphere with trade tents from Williams, Ridley, ProVision and an excellent hot drinks and home made cake stall which made £240 profit. With the great weather adding to the occasion it was perhaps the best supported Midland League event of the season so far.

Next event is Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January and we have been asked to incorporate the British University Cyclo-Cross Championships into the day's events. We do have two strong contenders for honours with Craig Ansell and Rob Burns now at University.

There were some excellent rides by club members: John Cooper 9<sup>th</sup>, Alexander Jones 10<sup>th</sup> in the Junior race. Andy Jones 12<sup>th</sup>, Rob Burns (Sen) 13<sup>th</sup> in the Vets event. Ed Gill 3<sup>rd</sup> in the youth. We also had an excellent turnout of riders in the U12's which bodes well for the future.

### **WHEELER RIDERS RESULTS**

#### **Midland Cyclo Cross League results 2006-7**

Wolverhampton Wheelers 2nd place in the team competition

##### **U12**

Sam Morris 36<sup>th</sup> overall 11th under 8

##### **Youth**

Edward Gill 4<sup>th</sup> overall

##### **Juniors**

Rob Burns 4<sup>th</sup> overall

Alex Jones 10<sup>th</sup> overall (from only eight out of ten scoring events)

##### **Seniors**

Craig Ansell 3<sup>rd</sup> overall

##### **Veterans**

Rob Burns 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, 1<sup>st</sup> 45+

Andy Jones 8<sup>th</sup> overall 2<sup>nd</sup> 50+

Shawn Hammond 36<sup>th</sup> overall (from only five out of ten scoring events)

Malcolm Wilson 66<sup>th</sup> overall (from only four out of ten scoring events)

Ian Morris 67<sup>th</sup> overall (from only seven out of ten scoring events)

Martin Stevens 73<sup>rd</sup> overall (from only three out of ten scoring events)

Alan Cooper 84<sup>th</sup> overall (from only two out of ten scoring events)

#### **National trophy league results 2006-7**

##### **Junior**

Rob Burns 15<sup>th</sup> overall (from only three out of five scoring events)

Alex Jones 16<sup>th</sup> overall

##### **Veterans 40+**

Rob Burns 33<sup>rd</sup> overall (from only three out of five scoring events)

##### **Veterans 50+**

Andy Jones 10<sup>th</sup> overall Finished 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> in the five events.

## West Midland Cyclo Cross Championships 2006-7

### U12

Sam Morris 46<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> under 8

### Youth

Edward Gill 13<sup>th</sup>

### Junior

Rob Burns 7<sup>th</sup>

Alex Jones 11<sup>th</sup>

### Senior

Craig Ansell 24<sup>th</sup>

### Vet 40+

Shawn Hammond 9<sup>th</sup>

Rob Burns 15<sup>th</sup>

Ian Morris 43<sup>rd</sup>

### Vet 50+

Andy Jones 5<sup>th</sup>

## National Cyclo Cross Championships 2006-7

### Youth

Edward Gill 44<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> under 15

### Junior

Alex Jones 19<sup>th</sup>

### Veteran 50+

Andy Jones 22<sup>nd</sup>

## WHEELER RIDERS RESULTS for the Season 2007 so far.

### Midland Cyclo Cross League 2007 - 8

There are more club members riding cross this year than there have been since I started racing again two years ago. Last weeks Halesowen A&CC event at Bromsgrove had at least 15 Wheelers. Ed Gill was 3<sup>rd</sup> in the youth. Andy Jones had his best league result 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Vets with Rob Burns (Sen) 14<sup>th</sup>. Alex Jones had a great start but could not quite hold the pace of the leading juniors to finish 6<sup>th</sup> with John Cooper in 8<sup>th</sup>. Craig Ansell 16<sup>th</sup>, Kevin Newbrook 20<sup>th</sup> and Rob Burns (Jun) 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Seniors.

Lauren Carr in Women's event finished 4<sup>th</sup> and although she is new to cross this season Lauren has really taken to it and she is the leading the Women's Midland League and all being well looks likely to take the honors at the ends of the season. Lauren is 25<sup>th</sup> in the national women's rankings, well done Lauren. Another mention should go to Alison Cooper who rode her first cross event on her mountain bike, she may have finished last but her work with the young riders is beginning to show with an increase in the number of young Wheelers joining the cross training sessions and riding the U12's events.

So far in the Cyclo-Cross League riders are performing well

Vets - Rob Burns is 8<sup>th</sup>, Malcolm Wilson 14<sup>th</sup>. Andy Jones is 15<sup>th</sup> but two scoring events behind.

Seniors - Rob Burns (Jun) is 4<sup>th</sup>, Craig Ansell 18<sup>th</sup>

Juniors - Alex Jones 13<sup>th</sup>, John Cooper 14<sup>th</sup> but both are three events behind the leaders.

Youth - Ed Gill lies 6<sup>th</sup> but again is two scoring events behind.

### National Trophy 2007 – 8

Shawn Hammond rode to an excellent 16<sup>th</sup> place in the first vet's event at Abergavenny.

Andy Jones 13<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in the two events so far and is 12<sup>th</sup> in the National Vets 50+ League.

Alex Jones 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in the two events so far and is 19<sup>th</sup> in the National Junior League.

Ed Gill 25<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in the two events so far and is 23<sup>rd</sup> in the National Youth League.

Andy Jones