

Cyclo-Cross Secretary - November 2008

The Wheelers have run two cross events since the last AGM Jan 27th and Oct 5th. For January's event the course was fairly dry and fast. Over two hundred rides signed up to race once again one of the biggest turnouts of the Midlands league. The highlights for wheelers were a Craig Ansell 8th, Rob Burns (Jnr) 9th and Anthony De-Leon in the seniors, Shawn Hammond 2nd, Andy Jones 9th, Rob Burns 19th in the Vets, Lauren Carr 2nd Lady and Ed Gill 2nd in the youth.

The Fred Williams Scramble on October 8th had some of the worst rain of the winter the night before so conditions were extremely wet and muddy. It was a challenge to get the course marked out in such wet and muddy conditions but club members turned out in numbers to help. Thanks to everyone.

Thanks to Fred Williams Cycles who helped swell the prizes for the day by over a £1000 and also provided certificates for all the finishers in the U12/U10 race. Despite the atrocious weather and the event clashing with the National trophy we still had over 230 riders sign on. Even with the rain still pouring down there was still a great atmosphere. Eventually the sun did come out for the last event but this only made the mud stick to the rider's bikes and unfortunately for many of the seniors they suffered rear mech failures.

Once again Hilary's cake stall did really well perhaps because it was the only dry place left to stand but more likely because of the fantastic donations of cakes from members. Special notice should go to the Tom's Ginger Bread men dressed in club kit. Takings were just over £300.

There were some excellent rides by club members: John Cooper 2nd in the Juniors. Andy Jones 4th, Rob Burns (Sen) 8th, Shawn Hammond 13th, Ian Spark 21st in the Vets event. Lauren Carr 2nd in the women's event. Craig Ansell 4th, Rob Burns (Jnr) 5th and Chris Alcott 13th in the seniors

We also had an excellent turnout of riders in the Youth, U12's and U10's which bodes well for the future.

U10's: Matthew Lewis 7th Sebastian Bacon 16th, Sam Jones 27th

U12's: Josh Evans 17th, Gemma Evans 23rd

Youth: Chris Brookes 5th, Adam Lewis 7th, Thomas Childs 8th, Adam Evans 21st, Toby Robinson 28th and Lauren Evans 31st.

Next event is Sunday 25th 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.

WHEELER RIDERS RESULTS

Midland Cyclo Cross League results 2007-8

Wolverhampton Wheelers 2nd place in the team competition

U12 League

Sam Morris U10 39th overall

Dan Morris U8 48th overall

Sam Jones U8 66th overall

Youth League

Edward Gill 2nd overall

Chris Brookes U14 25th overall

Juniors League

John Cooper 11th overall (from only eight out of five scoring events)

Alex Jones 13th overall (from only eight out of four scoring events)

Ladies League

Lauren Carr 1st West Mids League Champion

Seniors League

Rob Burns 7th overall

Craig Ansell 8th overall

Tony De-Leon	16 th overall	
Kevin Newbrook	18 th overall	
Veterans League		
Andy Jones	5 th overall	1 st West Mids League Champion 50+
Rob Burns	7 th overall,	3 rd 45+
Malcolm Wilson	23 rd overall	
Ian Morris	31 st overall	

National trophy league results 2007-8

Youth

Ed Gill 18th overall

Junior

Alex Jones 18th overall

Veterans 50+

Andy Jones 16th overall

West Midland Cyclo Cross Championships 2007

Youth

Edward Gill 6th

Junior

Alex Jones 8th

Senior

Rob Burns 20th

Vet 40+

Rob Burns 21st

Ian Spark 27th

Vet 50+

Andy Jones 5th

National Cyclo Cross Championships 2008

Youth

Edward Gill 20th

Junior

Alex Jones 22nd

Senior

Vet 40+

Shawn Hammond 23rd

WHEELER RIDERS RESULTS for the Season 2008/9 so far.

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There is an increase in club members riding this year's league and in each of the categories we are well represented with riders placed in the top ten of all but one age group. After five events Matthew Lewis is 6th in the U10's. Adam Lewis 5th, Chris Brookes 11th in the youth. Rob Burns (Sen) is 2nd and Andy Jones 8th in the Vets. Rob Burns (Jun) 2nd in the seniors. Lauren Carr 6th in the Ladies. Ed Gill 7th in the Juniors but has only scored point in two of the events.

National Trophy 2008 – 9

Shawn Hammond rode to an excellent 16th place.

Andy Jones 11th in the first vet's event at Abergavenny.

Ed Gill 13th, 13th and 22nd in the three events so far in the National Junior League.

Andy Jones