

## Wolverhampton Wheelers Track League 9th July 2014

### Youth and Senior by *Dave Brookes*

Female racing continues to grow in both popularity and importance and because more females race in the Senior B category than elsewhere it was decided to stage a Women's one lap Handicap. Wheeler Emma Grayson took first place for this race. Emma lives in Worcester so has a lot of travelling for both racing and training but considers it well worth the effort because of the excellent coaching she receives and also the support and encouragement of the other female Wheelers. Georgia Hilleard took second place and Mid Shropshire Wheeler Netty Niblett came in third with Lichfield City CC rider Julie Cooper in fourth place. Then it was back to the Wheelers for fifth and sixth places for Connie Hudson and Maisie Duckworth respectively.

Senior B Men had their own one lap Handicap race which was won by Steve Wilkinson (Lichfield City CC) with Wheelers Brian Handley, Tony Deleon and Carl Hardwick taking second, third and fourth places. Mark Shaw (Walsall Roads CC) was in fifth place followed by Wheeler Alan Hilleard in sixth place.

The rest of the evening's programme consisted of Unknown Distance, Scratch and Italian Pursuit events and full results of these can be found on the website but the final race of the evening continues to be the most exciting: the 22 lap Handicap. Youth riders are not giving up on their dominance of the Intermediate Sprint where their usual discipline ensured the first five places; first was Will Manfield-Yorke followed by Matty Lewis and Joseph Guy. Joseph Lister came in fourth with Seb Bacon in fifth place. First placed Senior rider went to Netty Niblett in sixth position. Wheeler Jason Colledge was first over the line after the full 22 laps followed by Jack Smith and Ben Manfield-Yorke. This result now puts Jason within three points of league leader Jack Escritt - the competition remains as intense as ever!