

## 2014 Roller Competition Race Evening Report and Results

It was pleasing to see a healthy number of youth riders from all categories taking part - a fact that offset the fact that only one rider took part in the Senior/Junior/Veteran/ladies category. The Youth riders put in some remarkable performances with many of the younger riders claiming the scalps many riders in the next age group!

The under 16's standard was set in the first round by Melissa Baker & Will Lewis both taking 13 seconds dead for the flying 250M.

2012 Champion Ben Hardwick raised the bar by clocking 11.96 followed by 24.12s for the standing start 500m to give him the title despite a nasty fall in first round that bruised his ankle somewhat. The battle for second overall was won by Melissa who set the 2nd fastest 500m time leaving a battle for the 'Bronze' and under 14's title to contested by Isabelle Cumming and Will Lewis.... 'Izzy' rode very strongly in the second round coming from behind to claim 3rd overall and first under 14 year old.

The under 12's category was won by Oliver Baker from Christian Loumidis with Ethan taking third spot....

But is the under 10's and one of the under 8's who put in the best performances of the evening...

Grace Lister rode 'out of her skin' to not just win the U/10's category but finish 6th overall, ahead of all the under 12's!

Not far behind Grace in 7th spot overall and second U/10 was Jacob Thomas again ahead of the 12's! Third U/10 was Evie Hardwick, Ben's younger sister and this was her first race!

The under 8's category was won by Noah Thomas from Natasha Loumidis both posting some very creditable times.

Despite having the comfort of a uncontested ride for the Senior title. Ben & Evie's Dad - Carl was keen to post some fast times.

But without the spur of head to head competition this is often very difficult to achieve and Carl had to be content with his reward after several years of trying.

The 'roller sessions' held over the cold winter nights have obviously paid off for many of the riders and will stand them in good stead in the forthcoming season.

Finally many thanks to all those who helped on the evening your support is very much appreciated - especially by the riders!

Regards Robin Kyte Event Organiser.