



May 2010 Newsletter

Ramblings from the President

The winter rains have finally arrived so time to get that wet weather gear and long gloves out of the draw following a great summer for riding.

It has been a very busy couple of months with Track Nationals, Club Road Nationals, Junior tours (including our own) and BikeNZ R&T age group team selections. More on all of these below.

Last weekend saw the second running of the North Harbour Junior Schools Tour showing that 2 day tour racing is here to stay in the Auckland region. Nearly 160 riders took part this year – a significant increase on last year. Huge thanks must go to the NHCC committee and helpers for making this a very successful event. We have had great feedback and as is always appreciated excellent constructive comment on how we may continue to improve this event going forward.

Time has slipped by and with it the AGM and prize giving. We will be looking to schedule these shortly and will let you know.

We race this weekend (May 30th) then break for June before racing again in July and August. We encourage all members to take part in these races as a core component of what the club is doing for you.

Regards,
Graeme

Race Sunday May 30th

Time for a bit of something different!!

RACE THIS SUNDAY May 30th.

HANHAM RD CIRCUIT

START KUMEU HALL

REGISTRATION FROM 8.00

RACING FROM 9.00

\$5 ENTRY

OPEN FOR ALL LICENCED RIDERS

- Race format**
- **2-up TT.**
 - **Random team draw**
 - **2 laps**
 - **Bikes - Road, TT or fixies**

Race Manager – Tod Penberthy

VOLUNTEERS WILL BE REQUIRED AS MARSHALLS AND FINISH LINE JUDGES SO PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR ASSISTANCE SHOULD YOU BE APPROACHED ON SUNDAY MORNING.

Tod Penberthy will be taking a bunch ride to the race leaving from the corner of the Albany and Upper Harbour Highways at 7.30 Sunday morning for those wishing to join him for the warm-up.

Celebrating Success

Age Group Track Nationals

Belated congratulations to all the NHCC riders at the Age Group Track Nationals in March. Podium results for our riders are as follows:

W15 Girls 1500m Scratch	Hannah Beazley	2 nd	
W 17 Girls Sprint	Racquel Sheath	2 nd	
W17 Girls 8km Points	Racquel Sheath	2 nd	
W17 Girls 2000m IP	Racquel Sheath	2 nd	
W17 Girls 5km Scratch	Racquel Sheath	2 nd	
W 17 Girls 2000m IP	Georgina Wilson	3 rd	
W19 Women 2000m IP	Georgia Williams	2 nd	
W19 Women 6km Scratch	Georgia Williams	3 rd	
W19 Women 12.5km Points	Georgia Williams	2 nd	
W19 Women 3000m TP (Akl)	Georgia Williams	1 st	
M19 Men's Sprint	Regan Sheath	2 nd	
M19 Men's Team Sprint (Akl)	Regan Sheath	1 st	1 st
M19 Men's 8km Scratch	Regan Sheath	1 st	

Club Road Nationals

U19 Women TT	Georgia Williams	2 nd	
Masters 2 Women TT	Mireille Sitters	3 rd	
U23 Men TT	Taylor Gunman	2 nd	
U19 Women Road Race	Georgia Williams	1 st	
U17 Girls Road Race	Georgina Wilson	2 nd	
Women's Masters 2 Road Race	Mireille Sitters	2 nd	

Congratulations to our National Champions, Georgia Williams and Regan Sheath, and all podium finishers proudly representing North Harbour Cycling Club and the Auckland Centre.

Junior Tours

Ultimo CHB 2 Day Junior Tour

U19 Men KOM	Dan Cross	1 st
U19 Men GC	Dan Cross	2 nd
U19 Women KOM	Georgia Williams	1 st
U 19 Women GC	Georgia Williams	2 nd
U17 Girls KOM	Georgina Wilson	1 st
U17 Girls GC	Georgina Wilson	1 st

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U17 Girls GC	Georgina Wilson	2 nd
U17 Girls KOM	Georgina Wilson	2 nd
U17 Girls Sprint Ace	Georgina Wilson	3 rd
U17 Boys Sprint Ace	Harry Ross	2 nd
U19 Women GC	Georgia Williams	2 nd

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U17 Girls GC	Georgina Wilson	1 st
U19 Women GC	Georgia Williams	1 st
U19 Men GC	James Oram	1 st

National Age Group Representatives

The following NHCC riders have been selected in the 2010 BikeNZ Road & Track Development Squads.

U19 Women to travel to Canberra	Georgia Williams
U17 Women to travel to Canberra	Georgina Wilson
U19 Men to travel to Canberra	Dion Smith
	Dan Cross
U19 Men to travel to Canada	James Oram

Congratulations to all our NHCC riders to represent New Zealand at the above events.

North Harbour Junior and Schools Tour

The weekend of May 15 & 16 saw the second running of the return to Auckland of a multi-stage, multi-day tour. 160 riders from U19 to Yr 7/8 intermediate riders took to the road on the roads of Kumeu, North Harbour Stadium and Taupaki.

Stage 1

Saturday morning dawned fine and calm despite a dreadful forecast. A fast 6km TT faced all riders to kick the tour off.

The top 3 in the U19 Men were covered by just 2s but it was James Northey who took the points from Mitch O'Sullivan and James Oram. Hamish Jefferies and Hardy Michel had comprehensive wins in the U15 and U17 boys respectively. At the top of the U15 Girls it was a close thing with Samantha Croft heading off Maxyna Cottam. Georgia Williams and Georgina Wilson took out the U19 and U17 Girls respectively.

Stage 2

Mid day Saturday saw the rain arrive for the first of the road races. A slippery corner and poor visibility brought cancelling the stage close but all riders showed their true determination and continued. Some great racing ensued with the U15 girls riding hard to the bitter end where Alana Lythe took the honours. The course and racing format ensured hard racing through the whole field in the battle for placings. In the U17 Boys Jamie Marr, Auckland Grammar, had to split 2 Sacred Heart riders, Sean Kirby and Greg Potter for 9th and the extra point for him and the school. This story was repeated in the U17 Girls where the 2 Rangitoto riders, Isabella Williams and Lauren Hobson, were split by Waikato Diocesan's Robin Hacker-Cary for 8th, 9th and 10th.

The rain stopped for the second race groupings Saturday afternoon and most got to ride in the sun. Stage wins went to James Northey, Alex Heaney and Liam Kane in the U19, U17 and U15 Boys respectively. In the Girls it was Georgia Williams, and Racquel Sheath who headed the U19 and U17 races.

Stage 3

A new introduction to the event this year was racing over 2 stages on Sunday for Year 7 & 8 riders. The Points race at North Harbour Stadium was a great introduction to bunch racing for this group as well as many across the other categories.

With a sprint for points every 2 laps the racing was tough for all with dead legs for the final dash for the line the order of the day.

The Year 7/8's split quickly with a group of 6 riders containing Holly White (St Cuthberts), Bryony Botha (Norcross Intermediate), Nia Kenny (Diocesan School for Girls), Mikayla Harvey (Alfriston College), Liam Ward (St Kentigern College) and Alexander Wilson (Auckland Normal Intermediate) fighting for the top placings. Liam and Holly taking out the top points for the Boys and Girls.

Stage 4

The final road stage at Taupaki proved the deciders for all the categories. Road works caused a late route change meaning a tough hill climb just 1 km into the stage. This split many of the races with all of the U19 women except Madison Oram withdrawing from the stage handing Madison the stage victory.

In the closest finish of the day the Stage and Tour win for the U17 Girls was taken by Georgina Wilson (Diocesan) by just a wheel width from Racquel Sheath (Whangaparoa). The dash for the line in the U15 Boys saw Liam Kane edge out his Auckland Grammar school mate Fintan Nelson and Sacred Heart's Henry Draper taking 3rd.

As in Stage 2 the race for points throughout each race ensured honest efforts by all. Even the Year 7/8 parent (and brother) support riders were seen puffing as they crossed the finish line with their charges safely in front of them.

General Classification

2 days and 4 stages of racing for all produced the following results for the podium:

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Yr 7/8 Girls	Bryony Botha (Norcross Intermediate)	Holly White (St Cuthberts)	Nia Kenny (Diocesan)
Yr 7/8 Boys	Liam Ward (St Kentigern)	Alexander Wilson (Auckland Normal Int.)	Nicolo Oporto (Murrays Bay Int.)
U15 Girls	Maxyna Cottam (New Plymouth Girls)	Stephanie Masson (Kristin)	Alana Lythe (Westlake Girls)
U15 Boys	Henry Draper (Sacred Heart)	Fintan Nelson (Auckland Grammar)	Liam Kane (Auckland Grammar)
U17 Girls	Georgina Wilson (Diocesan)	Racquel Sheath (Whangaparoa)	Danielle McKenzie (Rangitoto College)
U17 Boys	Alex Heaney (Te Kauwhata College)	James Judd (Howick College)	Harry Ross (Takapuna Grammar)
U19 Girls	Georgia Williams (Rangitoto College)	Danyela van der Sande (St Cuthberts)	Courtney Hiley
U19 Boys	James Northey	James Oram (Westlake Boys)	Dion Smith (Massey High)

Congratulations to all riders.

Full results can be found at:

<http://www.nhcc.org.nz/Results/2010SchoolsTour/SeriesResults.pdf>

In the keenly contested top school trophy, **Massey High** took the honours from Auckland Grammar and Westlake Girls High School.

Thanks

These events do not simply happen overnight. A huge thanks to the NHCC committee, all the volunteers and Massey for the great food stall both days.

Thanks go to our sponsors and supporters for this event:



<http://fullcycle.co.nz/pages/Avondale-Shop.html>

Vitaco - <http://www.nutralife.co.nz/>

Absolute Plastics

Kumeu Show Grounds

North Harbour Cycling Club – www.NHCC.org.nz

2011

Lock it in your diaries for the weekend of 21 & 22 May 2011.

Other News

PowerCo Tour of Taranaki, Queens Birthday Weekend -
<http://www.cyclingnewplymouth.co.nz/default.aspx>

Australian Masters Road Champs, Ballarat 24 to 28 September -
<http://www.vic.cycling.org.au/default.asp?MenuID=Racing%2F20072%2F16049%2F%2CCalendar%2F20054%2F15554%2F%2C2010%5FAMRC%2F20325%2F34816%2F>

Notes from the BikeNZ Road and Track AGM held Saturday 15th May.

Fees: There will be no changes to licence costs in 2011. Bike NZ is planning for the whole licensing registration system to be done on line.

Trade team riders: It was affirmed that all riders, including those in trade teams, must belong to a club and centre.

Track Championships: There were a lot of remits on track racing, which will result in a complete overhaul of the national championship programme. Features approved by the meeting include the introduction of an Omnium event for U19 Men and Women; Masters events to be run over the same distance as at the UCI World Masters Champs; the introduction of extra Masters events as suggested by Auckland will be dependent on whether they can all be fitted into the programme!
An under 17 team pursuit will be introduced and the 500 metre scratch race for boys may well be deleted.

All Omnium will be run to the Olympic format of six events over two days. The National selectors will also revise qualifying times to reflect the higher national standard of competition – this has not been done this century!

The elite championships will be held over three days, with the possibility of another grade being used to bolster the programme and take the pressure off the age group – masters programme which is likely to be extended to five days. No final dates have been set yet as the elite champs will be fitted into the international programme, but the age group – masters champs will be at a similar time to this year.

Elections: David Osten will join Lynn Murphy and Bruce Goldsworthy on the National Executive. Waikato's Garry Bell remains as President. Aucklander Bert McConnell was elected as a life member of the national association.

Dates for major events:

2010 Club Team Time Trials Champs – in Waikato at Labour weekend

2010 Oceania Track Champs – Adelaide Nov 24-27

2010 Criterium Champs – Takapuna Dec 10/11

2011 Elite Rd Champs at Chch January

2011 Club Rd Champs at Wanganui end of April – start of May

2011 Bike NZ Rd & Track AGM in Auckland

2011 Oceania Rd Champs – somewhere in Australia

2011 Oceania Track Champs – Invercargill November

2012 Elite Rd Champs at Chch January

2012 Club Rd Champs at Hawkes Bay end of April start of May

2012 Oceania Rd Champs – somewhere in NZ

2012 World Junior Track Champs at Invercargill

Note: All National Track Champs are at Invercargill until there is a choice of more than one indoor Velodrome.

Congratulations to Lynn and David on their appointments to the National Executive.