

Time Trial Secretary's Report

Southport CC has a popular, highly competitive series of evening 10s held on the Tarleton course. There are also three 25-mile events, although one had to be cancelled this year because of a road-traffic accident (involving cars not bikes). Races attract quality fields (sometimes better than a lot of Open events) and with many other riders from many other clubs SCC members are definitely in the minority. On quite a few occasions we got close to a full field of 50, and once we did exceed it. To ensure SCC riders get a ride I would recommend they contact me in advance. SCC also promotes one Open 25, usually on a Sunday morning (thanks to Dave Hilton for organising this for the past 5 years or so). This has seen diminishing fields over the years, so for 2014 the proposal is for a Saturday afternoon event on the Bickerstaffe course.

The club also organises a Boxing Day event on the Coastal Road, although this was cancelled in 2012 because of prolonged flooding. A hill-climb is held in conjunction with other Merseyside clubs on Ashurst Beacon.

Whilst club events and the Keenan Points Competition have high levels of interest the club sees relatively few representatives in Open events - generally the flag was flown by Pete Leonard, Alfie Shaw and Richard Cary.

Race results are posted on the SCC website.

To cope with the demands on marshalling and timekeeping we have proposed a system that expects competitors to do their fair share - to volunteer to help at one race for every 6 competed in. This has worked well, and we will be doing the same again next season.

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