

1994

At the AGM on the 8th December 1993 Keith Butler was elected as President of the Club. John Cleeve and Graham O'Sullivan were elected as Vice-Presidents.

The major change in the Racing Rules was that from 1994 the Club Time Trial Champion would be the Club Short Distance Time Trial Champion based on any four 10-mile events, two 25-mile events and a 50-mile event held in the London South District courses. The Open Time Trial Champion is the Best All-rounder Champion based on any Open events over 50 and 100 miles and a 12-hour.

As a prelude to the 1994 season Jon Jennings and Allison Butler contested the Tandem Club National Hill Climb over Ivinghoe Beacon on the 26th February and were fastest mixed pair and hey won the handicap. At the Headquarters afterwards they were also presented with the trophy for the fastest mixed pair in the 1993 National Tandem '25' Championships.

Jon Jennings and Allison Butler rode the Catford 15 miles time trail on the Leeds Castle/Charing course and finished in 34.54 for 3rd place and, subject to ratification, the fastest mixed tandem at this distance. The following day Jon Jennings completed the East Surrey Hardriders '33' in 1.23.36. Gethin Butler (RT Italia) won in a course record 1.11.38 taking 1.40 of his 1990 record time. Those not wishing to ride the hills went off to the Sussex CA '25'. Pete Danckwardt was our fastest in the teeth of the gale with 1.4.14 for 7th place just in front of Harry Featherstone's 1.4.26 for 8th place. With Stan Worrell arriving with a 1.5.59 for 10th place the Paragon won the Team race and fastest on Age Standard (Harry). Our road men had similar conditions on the Ottershaw circuit for the Surrey League race. Jeff Wiseman came in the remains of the bunch whilst Dave Woods was a lap down.

The Club '10' in conjunction with the CDCA on the 19th March showed the Paragon strength with 5 of our riders in the top 10 overall. Pete Danckwardt was fastest on this bright but cold morning with a splendid 22.58. Mark Kench was 2nd fastest with a personal best of 23.13. Then came Nigel Everett 24.14, Stan Worrell 24.37, Ross Bartlett 24.44, Jeff Wiseman 25.47 and Dave Woods 27.11. Mark Kench took the handicap by 1 second from Nigel Everett 21.43 to 21.44 with Ross Bartlett 3rd in 22.14. That afternoon Harry Featherstone went down to the Sotonia '10' and took fastest on Age Standard with a 22.33. Jeff Wiseman finished with the bunch in the Surrey League road race at Ripley.

Saturday 26th March and Harry Featherstone was up on the A1 for the Luton Arrow '10' where he finished in 22.35. Not far down and riding his first competitive event for 1994 was Rowan Vacher with a 22.53. Next morning we had a team in the Mid-Oxon CRT '25'. Stan Worrell had quite a bit of incentive for a fast time as Pete Danckwardt was starting just 3 minutes behind him. Stan stayed away to record a 59.00 to Pete's 57.52. Harry Featherstone had a late start but got the full force of the rising wind went

round in 58.01 but did win the fastest on Age Standard award. Ross Barlett stayed nearer to home for the SCCU Sporting '25' at Cranleigh where he took 1.12.48 to complete this rather undulating course. Steve Roach took a trip to Lancashire for his sister's wedding and whilst in the vicinity rode the Darlington VC Hilly 28.5 time trial. He took 1.23.30 for the course but it cleared the handover nicely.

The Surrey League Easter 3-day was a target for our road men. Jon Jennings going away with the winning break after 5 miles of the 70-mile stage around Chiddingfold and finishing 14th in the sprint. Chris Marshall and Steve Roach came in with the bunch but both Ray Puttick and Ray Runham retired. Stage 2 around Lurgeshall saw both Chris and Jon going away with the winning break after 20 miles. Chris came 15th to move up to 18th overall whilst Jon was 20th and that put him in 10th place overall. Steve had mechanical trouble and finished well down. Stage 3 and Jon Jennings took off very early in the race. Two other riders came with him and after 15 miles the bunch did not trouble them again. In the final sprint Jon came 2nd and that moved him up to a fine 5th overall. Chris and Steve finished with the main bunch. Overall Chris Marshall came 21st and Steve 33rd.

On Saturday 9th April Dillon Adams and Josh Ansell came 4th in the South Eastern 2up around Cranleigh recording 1.6.25 for the 27.5 miles., Mark Kench came 5th in the Bishops Stortford Hilly 27.5 with 1.17.256 for this testing course. Harry Featherstone went to Wales for the weekend and had two wins. He won the VTTA (South Wales) '25' in 1.2.43 and the Abergavenny Veterans '25' in 1.0.43. The typical welsh weather putting pay to any fast rides on the courses. . Stan Worrell took in the Braintree '10' where came 5th with 23.57 and he reported cold, breezy weather with occasional snow flurry. Riders in the Kingston Pheonix '10' did not have snow but they did have progressively heavier rain throughout the morning. Pete Danckwardt did 23.48; Ross Barlett 26.44 and Jon Jennings and Allison Butler came 2nd in the Tandem section with an unrecorded time. Josh Ansell came 20th in the Catford 1st category road race on the Lingfield circuit.

Pete Danckwardt won the Club '10' on Saturday 16th April on the Homwood course. On a cold and blustery morning times were much slower than riders wanted. (Not that this is unusual!) Pete's time was 24.23 that only underlines the previous sentences. Mark Kench came 2nd in 25.01 from Ross Bartlett 26.39 and Roger Amer 29.15. The Handicap made no difference to the order only each rider closed up on Pete Danckwardt's scratch time.

Mark Kench won the Surrey League 3rd category road race on the Crowhurst circuit with Steve Roach in 2nd place and Ray Puttick in the bunch. Nigel Everett was the fastest Paragon rider in the Redmon '25' recording a 1.3.52 whilst Ross Barlett did 1.6.42. Four Paragon riders were riding the 2nd and 3rd category race and Josh Ansell gave them a hard time. With two laps to go Josh attacked and went away on his own. With 7 miles to go three others joined him and just one of them managed to get by Josh in the sprint. To go with Josh's 2nd place Dillon Adams was 7th, Jeff Wiseman 8th and Dave Woods 9th. Harry Featherstone went for the Bournemouth Jubilee '25' and

was inspired by having a fast lady start one minute behind him. He finished 5th fastest with 1.0.54 and took fastest on Age Standard and did not get caught.

More rain on the 23rd April did not prevent Harry Featherstone finishing the VTTA (London) '10' in 23.37 and taking fastest on Age Standard prize. Next morning in the Viking '25' in warmer and drier conditions Harry came 13th with a 56.18. Stan Worrell, who started 3 minutes in front of Harry, held him off to get within 26 seconds of his best ever with a 57.17 for 17th. John Yates rode his first '25' of the season and was pleased with his 59.41. Nearer home Nigel Everett improved his personal best to a 1.1.49. (2.03 minutes off), Ross Bartlett also improved to a 1.2.48 (3.54 off) and Dave Adams in his first '25' of the year recorded 1.5.07. Rowan Vacher rode the Marlboro '25' recording 1.0.04 and was a little miffed at not having those magic numbers '59' against his name due to be mis-directed by a marshal.

On the 30th April Stan Worrell did 23.42 in the Epsom event. Nigel Everett recorded a 1.59.31 in the Tooting Sporting '42' that was actually nearer 45 miles due to a diversion. This was good enough for him to take 10th place. Harry Featherstone and John Yates rode the Hillingdon Veterans '25'. Harry came in with 58,29 winning the fastest on Age Standard prize and John finished in 1.0.37. We had six riders in the Surrey League Handicap Championships on the Henfold Hill Circuit but only Josh Ansell was placed at the end in 12th position the other were in the main bunch.

The next weekend John Yates and Stan Worrell rode the ECCA '50'. Stan was riding his first race over this distance for 3 years came in with a 1.58.46 less than a minute from his personal best and a good ride from an early, cold and wet start, John Yates did a 2.2.57 for his first '50' of the season. Josh Ansell rode the Kent League race forced an eight-man break out to a 2.30 lead and then 'blew' on the last big hill and retired. Josh was stirring up the action in the Kent League race at Beneden going away in a small group for 35 miles but was caught at the bottom of the last climb to the Finish and subsequently was placed with the leaders.

After two weeks in Majorca Pete Danckwardt was hoping for a fast time in the Catford '10' but had to be content with a 22.31. Riding his new four-spoke wheels down the "ski-slope" start was a bit unnerving for Pete but he will persevere. Next morning things were much better and Pete was in the top ten of the field in the Addiscombe '25' with a 58.08. With backing from Rowan Vacher 1.0.24, Steve Roach 1.0.50 and Stan Worrell 1.0.54 the Paragon won the Team race. Jon Jennings came 4th in the Surrey League handicap at Charlwood with Bob Patton in 11th place. In the Kent League event near Hastings Jon missed the break in the 2nd and 3rd category event but picked up 14th place at the end. Jeff Wiseman and Ross Barlett finished the 3rd category League race at Henfold Hill but were unplaced. Bob Patton has been getting in the Points during the Monday Competition at Herne Hill, Last Monday he came 2nd in the Point to Point.

Dreadful weather was experienced in the League 3rd category race at Barcombe on the 22nd May. Only 15 riders made it to the Finish. Steve Roach was in the break of seven riders wanting just 1 point to be upgraded to 2nd category. Unfortunately he finished 7th and collected no BCF Licence Points at all. Ray Puttick and Ross Bartlett both finished but we have not discovered their positions. Stan Worrell finished the Surrey RCC '25' with a disappointing 1.3.32.

Pete Danckwardt won the Old Portlians '25' with a 56.18 and Stan Worrell was 9th with a 1.0.25 but we had no third man for the Team race. In the Bec '10' Pete Danckwardt recorded 22.37 and Herry Featherstone 23.00 and we had no third man! Pete also finished 4th in the London Fire Brigade '10' with Pete Bedford making a comeback after injury with a 29.53 but we had no third man! Pete Dankwardt then came 2nd in the 29th Whs '25' with a 56.08 but at least he was riding alone with no thoughts of a possible team race.

It was unfortunate that Pete Danckwardt had an early start in the Leo '30' as his personal best of 1.6.51 just missed the Club Record that a ride in the warmth the later starters enjoyed would have given him just the edge he needed. Even so he did finish in 5th place with only four riders, all amongst the last 20 starters, managing to beat him. Pete Danckwardt then went to the Milton Keynes '10' and had ideal conditions. His 20.38 was a personal best but such was the standard of the field on a float day he was way down the Finish list! Harry Featherstone rode the earlier and more breezy Veterans event finishing in a new National Age Record of 21.12 and 2nd place on Scratch time. In the Festival RC '25' with near gale force winds Harry came 9th and was fastest on Age Standard with a 59.13.

Autumn arrived on the 3rd September when those in the Redmon '10' had to deal with a heavy and cold drizzle. This was not to Pete Dankwardt's and Ross Bartlett's liking but they recorded 23.41 and 24.16 respectively. Ross was our only starter in the SCCU '25' the next day but he could only manage a 1.1.53. The other took one look at the weather and stayed at home. Harry Featherstone went down to the Frome '10' winning the veteran's event on scratch and on Age Standard plus coming 5th in the main race with a 22.03.

Another wet weekend was experienced on the 10th September. With frequent downpours and plenty of wind Pete Danckwardt decided that conditions were not conducive to fast riding in the Bournemouth Jubilee '10' and desisted. Harry Featherstone soldiered on to finish in 22.44 winning the fastest on Age Standard prize and taking 9th place on Scratch. Stan Worrell went over to Essex for the ECCA '25' finishing in 58.58 for 14th place.

Harry Featherstone rode the Andover '10' and '25' over the weekend of the 17th and 18th September. In the '10' he did a 22.55 whilst on the Sunday he finished in 1.2.55. He won the 60+ age group on both days and the Age section overall for the two days. Jon Jennings rode the Icknield 12-hour event to ensure his qualification for the Club BAR. It was not an ideal day for a 12-hour event with strong winds that make the North Road a nightmare for fast rides or long distances. Most of the fancied riders looking for extra distance

for their National BBAR average packed very early but Jon carried on finishing with 223 miles way below his best. Typically Jon did more miles in the last hour than the previous eleven! Those taking the short option in the Crawley Whs '10' also failed to shine owing to the conditions. Steve Roach was our best with a 22.41 then came Stan Worrell 22.45, Ross Bartlett 24.12 and Dave Adams 24.35.

Only three Paragon riders reported to the Timekeeper on the 25th September for the last Club '25' of the year. A pity as it was a fine warm morning. Stan Worrell made fastest time with a 58.53 from Nigel Everett's excellent 1.0.18 and Ross Bartlett a 1.2.23. Stan won the handicap as well with a nett 54.53.

Ross Bartlett finished 8th in the SCCU BAR with 23.29 mph and Nigel Everett came 10th with 23.21 mph. Further afield our most famous 2nd Claim member, Gethin Butler, won the Harrogate Nova '50' in 1.42.56 and in doing so won the National Best All-rounder competition for 1994.

In the VTTA (London) '25' on the 2nd October Harry Featherstone came in with a 57.46 to win his 23rd Age Standard award of the season. Other were riding the Epsom '25' where Stan Worrell completed the course in 59.08, Ross Bartlett did a 1.0.36, Dave Adams a 1.3.10 and John Yates a 1.1.18 after riding out to the race and performing the perfect time trial as he started at No.1 and was not caught.

Early morning fog put pay to most events on the 9th October and no results have been recorded.

Harry Featherstone won his 24th Age Standard award in the Hillingdon '25' with a 58.45. Stan Worrell came 12th in the Brighton Mitre '25' with a 57.45, Ross Bartlett finished in 1.1.33 and John Yates a 1.3.24.

Steve Roach ensured his 2nd category status for 1995 with a fine win in the Surrey League race at Alford on the 30th October. Breaking away on the last lap he held off everyone to win by 6 seconds.

The Map Reading was in the Colchester area and was won very easily by Jon Jennings in 1.19.19. He had over 10 minutes to spare over the next rider. Allison Butler came 4th with 1.34.25 and was 1st lady. Bob Patton came 9th in 1.43.12 to ensure the Paragon the Team win. John Pocock did a 1.51.17 whilst Steve Roach, Ross Bartlett, Ian Tombleson and Vin Callanan finished in various stages of collapse after two hours awheel.

Jon Jennings won the Club Open Time Trial Championship. Pete Danckwardt took the Club Events Championship. Steve Roach won the Road race Championship and the Off-Road Plaque. Allison Butler won the Ladies BAR and the Road Race Championship