

WHERE TO IN 1986 ?

The 1985 AGM included a rather 'heated' debate about what type of activities should be undertaken by the Club, and its members. As a result of this discussion a questionnaire was distributed to the membership, with the purpose of assisting the incoming Executive in preparing a programme for the forthcoming year.

After a great amount of discussion, a series of proposals is being put forward - hopefully to provide activities to suit our broad membership profile. Once again, the results rests with those who participate in the proposed activities.....

Weekend Tours/Functions

+ **Sofala Weekend** - a repeat of the tour held about 3 years ago, starting from the Lithgow rail and riding through the Central Tablelands to Sofala (an old gold mining town), staying the night then back to Lithgow. Great food at Flat's Cafe and beautiful scenery... (May or October)

+ **Hunter Valley Tour** - a repeat of the weekend based on a stay at the Neath Hotel. Riding through the Upper Hunter Valley, visiting wineries and practicing crossing 'pick-a-plank' bridges. (anytime)

+ **Cooma - Kosciusko (Charlottes Pass) - Jindabyne** - Possible rides from Sydney, Cooma or Jindabyne up to the top, staying at a lodge in Charlottes Pass for the weekend. Bushwalking, etc. A 'long' weekend prior to Easter or October onwards.....

One Day Rides

- + Wisemans Ferry - Spencer - Yarramalong - Wyong
- + Picton - Mittagong - coast - Sydney
- + Penrith - Thirlmere - Woollongong

Other Events

Bushwalks: Otford to Bundeena Blue Mtns (Blue Gum Forest)
Cross Country Ski Weekend
Halley's Comet Weekend (ride out to 'clear skies' for a look)

We Need your response to these suggestions, so that further arrangements can be made. Please give some thought to these ideas and then discuss them during the 'regular' rides or Sundays at the kiosk...

Remember, forward planning must be done, give us your comments...
M. Griffith, P. Montesin, B. Vote, O. Lowe, T. Wilhelm, D. Sigsby

Next Meeting:

PICNIC / BAR-B-QUE

VALENTINES DAY @ BRONTE PARK - FROM 5:00 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

SWIMMING AT THE BEACH

*** BRING THE FAMILY, FOOD AND DRINK

OR THE BATHS.....



TOURS/EVENTS

* **KANGAROO VALLEY TOUR** - This Annual Event will take place on 15-16 MARCH this year, once again staying at the caravan park in the beautiful valley. Contact Bruce Vote before 27 Feb to reserve accommodation.

ALBURY - MELBOURNE: Bruce Vote and John Beauchamp are planning a 'fully loaded' tour along this scenic route, and may be willing to include other riders. They plan to go by rail to Albury on 27 February, returning from Melbourne on 3 or 4 March. Contact Bruce for details (399-9452).

CROSS COUNTRY SKI WEEKEND - (July or August): Contact Paul Montesin for further details. (519-6215)

* **BAR-B-QUE and PICNIC:** Sunday, 20 April - Ride to Karingal Picnic Area in Royal N.P. from the Centennial Park Kiosk (8:00 start). Meet family there, and spend the day at leisure. B.Y. O. food and drink...
Hike to Burning Palms beach.
Anyone for a time trial to Waterfall Weir???

Paul Montesin, our Race Secretary wants to remind all competition members that the Teams Time Trials (PREMIERSHIPS) are scheduled for 26 July. He hopes to put forward a team in the Senior and Veteran categories, and plans to begin training sessions in Mid-May. Contact Paul on 519-6215 for details.....

Vine Farmstead

I have just returned from a visit to McLaren Flat in South Australia. I spent a delightful week at Don and Elanor Beavis' Chateau overlooking the vineyards of McLaren Vale. Don and Elanor are tiring of the quiet country life and are making sounds of returning to the city, but to me, with my over stimulated city senses it seemed a perfect spot!

Don took me out to see the local club in action (Don says he will ride a few club races this coming year - his waistline is beginning to frighten him.) and what a beautiful spot they have to race. They have a number of road circuits they use, the one I saw was a short (perhaps 1.5 km) loop with a couple of little hills and beautiful long finish, almost no traffic! What a pleasure! They have an old church they use as a clubroom after the races, a really comfortable setup.

Don sends his regards, to all. Though they are considering moving back to the city, as I sat by their pool sipping Don's own Chenin Blanc (he's a vineron now) I couldn't for the life of me think why...

GOSSIP !!!

Versatility has always been an attribute for cyclists; however, it's just been taken a step further by Bob Hampshire. Bob joined the club last year and quickly established himself as a force to be reckoned with at both, Heffron Park and Homebush Bay. Not content with cycling, Bob has recently set sights on the Opera House, he had a part in a recent opera production, during the Sydney Festival.

Several cyclists were seen in the audience, including Christine and John Sunde. We're not certain, but Phillip Anderson may also have been there, as he was in Sydney to do some promotion with his agents - SPORTS PLUS AUSTRALIA.

Desma and Perc Carter have been sighted catching waves around Cronulla with their new surf skis. Alan Smith managed to cut his while having a go on a ski, better stick to the snow...

Marjorie Lobban was seen talking with Eddie Merckx, Greg LeMond and Gianni Motta at the Long Beach Bicycle Show. Plans for the next World championships, no doubt!

Past his prime

POLICE ordered bicyclist Rodney Laursen to pull over after he ran a red light in downtown San Francisco. Laursen kept pedalling. Police finally caught Laursen 12 blocks away after a chase involving one motorcycle officer, two police cars and a paddy wagon. Laursen was booked on a variety of charges. Police said he told them: "You would not have caught me 10 years ago."

John Beauchamp states that he can sympathise with Mr. Laursen, and thought this might amuse members.

Tom Wilkels

Itching for a ride ?

In spite of claims to the contrary at the AGM, there are still several 'regular' rides being staged for members to participate in.....

+ **WEEKDAYS** - Almost every weekday morning will find some members riding around the Centennial Park circuit, either on the bikeway route or the figure-of-eight going up the York Road hill. These riders usually start at about 6:00 am and ride until 7:30 or so. Some illustrious personalities have been seen with these riders. Leo Scofield - champion of Park cyclists - and more recently, Jill Wran...

+ **Tuesdays and Thursdays** - At 6:00, a group leaves from the Park kiosk for Port Botany and the Maroubra hills, then returning to the Park. This group has tended to be the 'ironmen'; however, rumor has it that a new group of candidates has begun to participate...

+ **Saturday** - There is usually a group leaving from the park kiosk at 6:30, for a casual ride to LaPerouse or Watsons Bay.

+ **Sunday** - Because of concern about the 'crazies', the Sunday Waterfall Ride tends to include few S.C.C. riders these days. We will begin our own series of 'extended' rides - either to Waterfall and Stanwell Tops, or to Calga. These will start at the Park kiosk at 6:30, forming a separate bunch.

Another ride leaves at 7:00 for a more casual pace, usually going to Dolls Point or further before returning to the Park for the usual chat 'n' munchies.



Two Clubs in One !

For some time now, various members have been going to prepare a history of the Sydney Cycling (or is it Cyclists') Club. Little snippets appear from time-to-time regarding the beginnings of this 'august' body of riders. There have been some links with the Sydney Bicycle Club, and the earliest bicycle race meetings held at Moore Park. Others claim the 'club' is a splinter from Eastern Suburbs A.C.C..... Please will some of the earlier members put forward their recollections???

When a Constitution was 'formalised' in 1983, the Executive was embarrassed to discover that there was already one in existence - or claims were then made to that effect!

Suffice to say (for the sake of the newer members) there are two clubs, at present. The SYDNEY CYCLISTS' CLUB is seen as a social/touring club to which all members must belong; whereas, the SYDNEY CYCLING CLUB is a 'racing' club which is comprised of those members affiliating with the New South Wales Amateur Cyclists' Union for the purposes of supporting cycle racing, and competition in the N.S.W.A.C.U. events.

As soon as a clear picture of the beginnings of the 'Club' is put forward, it will be printed for the edification of the membership.....

INSURANCE

During 1985, the N.S.W.A.C.U. (The Union) investigated various insurance coverages for its members. To date the results of these investigations have led to provision of a Public Liability coverage being provided for all members, while in N.S.W. (This would presumably cover a rider for any Third-Party claims while riding). The cost of this coverage, which has been adopted and is mandatory for all members, is \$3.00 per rider. Let's hope it really works, and will remain valid once some claims have been made... That \$3.00 was added to the annual membership subscription of all members by-the-way...

There is a proposal before the Union at present to provide "playing members" with a Personal Injury Insurance. This proposal would provide up to \$30,000 for death or major disablement, with lesser amounts for less serious injuries..... The premiums for this coverage is \$5.00 for Seniors and \$3.00 for Juniors. No mention is made about Women or Veterans... This proposal will be discussed in the near future, and it may be important for the Sydney Cycling Club to make representations.....

WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE "VETERAN" CATEGORY ???

Upon phoning the 'Union' to confirm the subscription rates for 1986, it was interesting to note that the Veterans fee is now only \$10.00 (was 25.00). The reason for the reduction had something to do with the fact that "the Vets are supposed to look after themselves, regarding racing in 1986!!!!" A statement from 'Union' headquarters..... Further comment suggested that the situation may change about April...

Does anyone know what this is all about ??? If so, how about some info so we can report to our numerous ranks of veteran racing members.

HELP -
FOR THE
NEWSLETTER

CHAINS

As much as I love to ride the bicycle the cost of equipment annoys me at times and I am always looking for ways to cut costs. A few years ago the necessity of buying a new cluster and chain (which I did about once a year) and throwing out the perfectly good cluster started to trouble me.

I spoke with Clay Kesting about the matter and he said that he had recently read about someone cycling their chains and I immediately realized it was the answer.

Next time I needed a new chain I bought two, and a new cluster. I keep each chain on for one month, then swap it with the other one. In between times the dirty chain sits in a tin of mineral turps when I think of it I take it out wipe it clean oil it and put it in a plastic bag, ready to go on at the end of the month. One excellent side effect, though I didn't realize this until later, is that you always have a clean chain! Outside of swapping them over I don't clean chains any more, very handy.

So, those two chains lasted three years. The system works so well that I have extended it to three chains! By my reckoning this cluster ought to last five years, a great improvement. The only tools that you need are a link remover, and cluster remover, but the cost of those is trivial compared with the savings involved.

Next time I'll get four chains, then five.... *Tom Wilhelm*

To the Executive Committee

Mention was made at the AGM of the lack of news available, and other associated difficulties experienced in publishing the Club Newsletter. In the past most of the news published has been related to club activities; I guess it has been the Editor who alone gathered this news. It must have been extremely difficult, time consuming and frustrating to find enough material to fill the pages of a newsletter.

I would like to suggest a way to alleviate this problem which may only require minimal effort and co-operation from other members. Most members read many interesting articles about cycling and related subjects throughout the year. Why not share this information with other club members? There are at least two ways in which this sharing could be accomplished:

1. Prepare a precis or appropriate comments about any worthwhile article(s) which could then be published, or -
2. Send a photocopy of the article(s) to the Editor who would then arrange to have the appropriate precis or comments prepared for the newsletter. This work might be done by other members who can spare the time. Members willing to help should advise the editor.

This system would not only broaden the sources of information and points of view presented in the newsletter, but it could also increase the scope, contents and variety of material presented.

Tony Hamrozi

THE EDITOR(S) AGREE, HOW ABOUT SOME RESPONSE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP!!!

NSWACU Racing

For those enthusiasts intending to compete or spectate, herewith a reminder of some upcoming N.S.W.A.C.U. events. All the track events mentioned are being held at the Canterbury Velodrome...

TRACK RACING

8 February	BANKSTOWN OPEN	
15 February	CLARENCE ST. CUP & TEAMS PURSUITS	
2 March	WORLD SERIES CYCLING (International Riders)	
15 March	WORLD SERIES CYCLING (International riders)	
21-23 March	State Track Championships	

ROAD RACING (Preliminary Programme)

25 April	Nth. Suburbs	Warrlewood
27 "	Snow Wilson Memorial	Heffron Park
1 June	Europa Open	Heffron Park
9 "	Sutherland Vets	Waratah Park
21 "	Hunter Valley Vets	-
28 "	Metropolitan Champs	-
29 "	SYDNEY CITY CRITERIUM	Botanic Gardens
5-6 July	Canberra Two Day Tour	Canberra, A.C.T.
12 "	Sundowner	Coonabarabran

Other events to be advised.....

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Yes members, it's that time of year again. Your annual subscriptions are due (actually overdue!)

Those members wishing to continue their membership of the SYDNEY CYCLISTS' CLUB should send their fee of \$10.00, along with a 'new' membership application to the secretary. Members who wish to affiliate with the New South Wales Amateur Cyclists' Union, and become a member of the Sydney Cycling Club, should add to following amount to your basic subscription:

- Veteran \$10.00
 - Senior \$28.00
 - Women \$23.00
- Non-Competition member \$11.00

Tom Wilhelm, Secretary; phone: 32-1126

MEMBERSHIP IN THE SYDNEY CYCLISTS' CLUB

The new Executive - or The Committee - has just held its first meeting, and reviewed the various bits of material which have accumulated over the past few years. One major concern relates to a lack of records on past membership. We would like to maintain an ongoing Membership Roll, as we are approaching a time when we may wish to organise a Club Reunion.

Because of this, we would like to have all existing members fill out annual membership records. This form will assist in the ongoing recording of membership information for the club. A copy of this form is overleaf, and your prompt attention to completing this, and sending it back to the Secretary, would be greatly appreciated.

Please remember to pay your 1986 fees, as well.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - Procedure

For many years the Club has had an informal membership vetting procedure, whereby prospective members participated with the Club riders for a period of time before actually joining. This system tended to be haphazard, and occasionally led to some embarrassing situations...

We now intend to follow the procedures which were discussed at the 1984 Annual General Meeting. All new memberships will be based on the following procedure, in line with the resolution of the 1985 AGM which calls for 'active encouragement of new membership.....'.

Prospective Members: When a cyclist, or a person who supports the objectives of the Sydney Cyclists' Club, approaches the Club for membership information (either through the Secretary, or any financial member); they will be given an **information prospectus**. Having then had an opportunity to comprehend the objectives of the Club, they may apply for "Prospective Membership" by completing a Membership Application and lodging it along with a fee of \$5.00 to the Secretary. If during the following two month period, they continue to support the objectives of the Club, they will (upon approval of the Committee) be invited to full membership, with their application fee counting towards the annual membership fees.

1986 MEMBERSHIP FEES

Sydney Cyclists' Club:

All members \$10.00

Sydney Cycling Club: (N.S.W.A.C.U. Affiliation)

Veterans \$10.00; therefore \$20.00 total

Seniors \$28.00; therefore \$38.00 total

Women \$23.00; therefore \$33.00 total

NB: Veterans fee may change later in the year.....

Sydney Cyclists Club

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



Name:

Address:

Suburb: P'code:

Phone: (home) (work)

What type of bicycle(s) do you own?

- Touring
- Commuter
- Road Racing
- Track Racing

Do you have any particular preferences for club activities ?

- Fitness rides
- Weekend tours
- Workshops, lectures
- Restuarant parties

Other:

Sydney Cycling Club

Members nominating for the Sydney Cycling Club must provide the following information:

Date of Birth: 19.....

Have you raced previously ? Yes No

previous Licence No. Category:

*I agree to abide by the Constitution, By-laws and Road Regulations of the Club.
I absolve the Committee from any responsibility for injury, loss or damage which may be caused while participating in Club activities.*

Signed:

Date: 19

(For Club records use only)

Application Fee \$

S.C.C. Fee

Committee review: .../.../19 ...

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