



Sydney Cycling Newsletter November 2003

Newsletter Editor

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Welcome to a new guard in the annuals of Sydney Cycling. As I'm sure you're all aware nominations and voting for the new committee members for 03-04 was quietly and quickly completed last Wed night, with the result being...

George Schneller and **Richard Dodds** remain in their current positions, with a few new faces on the team below.

Jamie Bedford has stepped up from Club Captain, (a role he admirably "filled" for some years) to President...no more breaking in of new cyclists for Jamie! As this position is currently available, we'd love to hear from you if you're interested.

Debbie Pearce has vacated the seat of Race Secretary (thanks Deb) leaving Rice Cake aka Tim Rice to squeeze into Deb's place..Best of luck Tim, and thankyou from everyone who races in the club for taking on the onerous task of grading and organising the club events.

A big thankyou to Paul Rigby for filling our Club Presidency role for the past year...one word ONYA!

Thankyou too to Sam Kosky for her past contribution as Social Secretary. In her place is the lovely Ms Ruth Lax, best of luck Ruth, I'm sure you'll plan a ripper of a party for all of us at Christmas this year...and for upcoming events.

Cheers and cheerio as well to Andrew Hudson (Hubbard) for his role as Boutique Manager. Thanks for the memories kid! As this role has yet to be filled as well, please feel free to put your hand up if interested.

And finally to my predecessor Malcolm Wade, thanks for setting up a template for me for the past few years. I know you're still involved somewhat in distribution, so ta for that too...enjoy not stressing about content and deadlines for a while!

To the cyclists of Sydney Cycling, I hope you embrace this new guard and appreciate that they give up their time on a weekly basis to provide you with support and information...lets all get behind them and make Sydney Cycling a club to be proud of!

You'll also notice a few changes to our "old" newsletter over the coming months. We hope to bring you a monthly read that's informative as well as being entertaining to read. If you have any news or interesting cycling tid bits, please forward it to me at bebe@moondesign.com.au.

Club Captain

Ex: Jamie Bedford.



We are hoping to have the position of Club Captain filled in the next couple of weeks, but in the interim I would like you to read the letter below. The cyclists involved have given their interpretation of adverts and I believe there were some mitigating circumstances. That being said we ride with SSC jerseys and our actions reflect on all members. Running red lights and inconsiderate behaviour seems to be a growing trend in all aspects of road use. Commuter cycling makes our members look like total angels. But to quote the great 60's comedy Get Smart " If only they had used their power for good, instead of evil" Lets do our best to promote the good face of cycling.

PS. Yes I am well aware of my own indiscretions.... F****off to taxi driver on Oxford St this morning and F***** Hubbard to the commuter cyclist that road off the gutter and nearly collected me etc. I will endeavour to set a good example.

Jamie

Dear Sirs

I had an altercation with two of you members this morning on Flinders Street and continuing down Oxford Street at about 10.50am and thought you should be aware of it.

I was outraged when two cyclists went through a red light, after our traffic had started moving, and I almost collected them. I hit my horn and received an abusive gesture. I wasn't impressed, but was prepared to forget the incident.

Further down the road, after seeing them weaving in and out of heavy traffic in my rear view mirror, they pulled into the left lane beside me at a set of traffic lights. This turned out to be about 3 streets before they actually wanted to turn right.

Before the lights had turned green they took off and then cut into my lane (without any hand signals) and slowed down. Obviously I had annoyed them and they wanted to let me know.

I changed into the left-hand lane and wound down my window. I advised them, loudly, that the road rules are for everyone on the road, not just the cars and that they had to obey them as well. I was advised to "Suck my c**k!". This was said to me about 3 to 4 times during my conversation with them. I had my 12 year old daughter in the back seat and I was very impressed!

As a fellow cyclist who is trying to educate car drivers I found their behaviour not only dangerous, but offensive. They did not give cyclists a good name and if I personally wasn't one I think I would be very aggressive towards the next ones that I came across. Imagine what the other drivers on the road thought.

I know that you are not, and cannot possibly be, responsible for your members. However, I think you should be aware of the name that your club will be getting if this is their regular behaviour on Sydney roads. Your club name was all over their attire.

I know how dangerous cars can be, and that sometimes you have to take the lane or be aggressive, for your own safety. However, I don't believe that their behaviour was as a result of this. There were a number of times when they moved in amongst the traffic when it wasn't necessary as the break down lane is very good on that part of the road. Obviously later on they needed to take the lane, but not once did they give any of the cars a warning as to what their intentions were. I would be surprised if they don't eventually get hit. They came close at least twice while they were in my sight, me and the taxi beside me being the first to have a near miss with them.

Thought you should be aware of it.

Debbie Fulham

Ruth Lax:
Social Secretary.



Bookings closing for Christmas function!

The Trophy Presentation night and Christmas dinner is shaping up as THE social event of the year and time is running out for those who have not yet reserved their spot. As well as good food, drinks and the usual excellent company of other cyclists and their guests, you should come along to hear the results of the various club championships, many of which are hotly contested this year.

Bookings and payments are required by Wednesday 19th November so we can finalise arrangements with the Dolphin-on-Crown.

Details are:

Saturday 6 December at 412 Crown Street, Surry Hills. Drinks 6.00pm for dinner 7.00pm. The cost is \$55 per person. Cheques should be made out to Ruth Lax and addressed to 10/9 Edward St Bondi 2026.

Tim Rice: Race Secretary



Firstly, thank you for voting me in as your new Racing Secretary I will try my best to live up to the high standard set by past secretaries.

Secondly (and I may regret this one) please send through to me tim@ideassociates.com.au any comments/suggestions that you feel should be considered/adopted in regards to 'racing' and SCC - all correspondence will be strictly confidential. I will take on board all received comments and may suggest these changes to the committee.

Please don't be shy sending through your racing results (as you achieve them) – I would much rather here it from 5 sources than not know at all.
Obviously I will be at most races but not all.

Lastly I will attempt to have as seamless a transition possible (between Deb and I) but as there is only two races left this year, please bare with me and I promise I will be up and running for the next year of racing.

Kind regards
Tim Rice.

Cycling News.

SBS will continue its support of the international and domestic cycling scene with a new program "Cycling Central" programmed into its summer schedule. Airing Sunday afternoons at 5:30pm, it's sure to ease the end of weekend cycling blues for 10 weeks over summer. More information can be found on www.sbs.com.au

By the time this newsletter is released new entry level coaching courses will be available to those wishing to obtain accreditation. The package consisting of a workbook and video allows anyone interested to study by correspondence, with an end of year assessment to assess competency. For more information contact Ron Bonham or the Development Manager, Glenn Doney at the CA office on 02 9644 3002.

Classifieds.

For Sale
LOOK KG381 Team

2003 model carbon frame, integrated headset, 10 spd Record carbon leavers, Ergobrain, HED low profile carbon clinchers, carbon hubs, FSA pro team carbon cranks, Cinelli RAM one piece carbon bar and stem, USE Alien carbon post, Sella Italia SLR saddle. As new \$7000 contact John Tsalos on 0403 262 339