St.Ives CC Road Race Report 2016

The club successfully put on 3 road races in each the racing bodies the club is affiliated too.

Road race promotions in the ERRL went back to basics this year with a successful running of a Regional B race held on the Upton Circuit. The race was well received by the riders and will follow a similar format next year

The second event of the year was the clubs NCRA promotion on the Monks Wood Course. This time a Regional A event and despite the numbers being a little low the race was competitive and very well received by riders.

The third and final road race of the year was the traditional season closing race of the LVRC Percy Stallard Series in September. Organised by Andy Wylde and Alan Moules the event lived up to its usual high standards.

On the road riders representing the club were a little lower than in previous years but there has still been success to celebrate.

Over 20 riders have raced in club colours over the 2016 season on either Road, Circuit or Track events with many riders giving racing a go for the first time.

The club finished a very respectable 10th in the Eastern Road Race League with 93 points, scored from 6 different riders. With Jack Burgin recording a win for the club in the Regional A Hopton Road Race.

In the NCRA spring handicaps Robert Tillott scored an early win for the club staying away from the chasing pack and pipping 3 St.Neots riders to the line.

Rider numbers were not as high in the NCRA Rockingham as in previous years despite the club assisting in two events for members to receive discounted entry fees. However there was more success here with Brian Stacey riding to a solo victory in a 4th Cat Scratch race early in the season.

In Womens racing Jennie Tillot has continued to represent the club and continue her good form to amass 71 national points throughout the season and collect 3 podium finishes along the way.

Overall the club have scored 346 National Road & Track BC points from 12 different riders, with Jason Kierman having another successful year on the track scoring 147 points together with multiple wins chalked up over the season as well as 2 top 10 results in the UCI World Masters Track Championships.

Moving to 2017 St.Ives will remain part of the ERRL and NCRA. As part of this commitment the club will hold a road race for both. With the ERRL promotion to be a Regional B road race held

on the Upton circuit on Sunday 7th May and a Regional A road race to be run on the Monks Wood circuit for the NCRA on the evening of Tuesday 11th July.