



The Presidents Occasional Newsletter

NBRC Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation January 2017

This year we gathered at The Wheatsheaf pub in Bow Brickhill which was the place where the original meeting took place leading to the formation of the club in 1952.

In a valiant attempt to get the evening started, the President informed the diners of the latest "news flashes", a performance which confirmed his total unsuitability for a second career as a standup comedian.

The news flashes were "As you know Hello magazine have planned to feature tonight's event in their February edition. Unfortunately, their photographer has been caught in traffic, in Paris, and may not get here! Shame. Also, Dave Price is 'fine tuning' his training for his forthcoming title fight at Olympia. He has just announced that he will have Wayne Thomas in his corner.....as 'cuts man'!! Surprisingly, Team Sky are trying to acquire NBRC and have made an offer. The committee however, consider that the depth of talent currently in the club deserves a higher fee and Team Sky have been asked to re-consider their offer!!! Lastly, as there is a possibility that we may have to find another venue for next year's Dinner, several members have requested that we go to 'Pink Punters'.....the committee are considering this proposal!!!!

The evening continued with one or two (one) member slinking in late to collect his silverware, and it was soon time for the awards. As an innovation this year Neill Boddington had put together a series of "fun awards" as a thinly disguised attempt to garner a few gongs and also to get himself some "air time". (He is better at it than me....The President). Despite a long and at times embarrassing address, during which he stooped to ageism!! and items which had the ladies cringing, he failed spectacularly to get enough votes for himself, despite numerous nominations, with Rob winning the 'Pedaleur du Charme', Tim, the "Mechanical Disaster" award, Steve the "Ride of the Year", Steph "Member of the Year" and Mark the "Worst socks" award. What an act to follow!!!! Neill also managed to eat the secretary's pie, causing much confusion. This man is a menace to society and has upset a few people.

Dick ably assisted by Steph, launched into the awards proper, we may be a small club, "but have we got a history and a load of trophies?" The time trial series featured first with James Richardson winning the NBRC League and the Handicap League, Richard Golding of Equipe Velo won the All Comers League and Rob Saunders the Veterans League, Nathan, Tim, Andy and Jason Lee of Team MK also featured as medalists.

James also won the "Goz Goodman" Road Race Trophy and Wayne Thomas the Vets RR Cup.

The President attempted to convince the audience that he may have won the "New Years Day 10" in 2001 but this has yet to be officially authenticated as it was not recorded in Derek Taylor's history of the club. However, Rob won the 2016 edition with 24.43 and tied with Tim for the

Championship 10 in 22.36, James did the fastest ride in the series with 21.04 and a phenomenal 30mph open ride of 19.43 for a new club record, previously held by Jerry Cross who recorded 10.10 in 1993. James also recorded 54.42 to get the Sewell Cup as club 25 mile champion. Aaron McCaffrey won the Viceroy Cup for two laps of Stoke Hammond in 45.07.

Rob Saunders got three trophies for his 1.57.01 50 mile effort. And then we get to our very own mile eater Steve Abraham who last year rode over 7000 miles in a month for a world record!!!

Steve recorded 5.01.50, 241.09 and 439.42 for a 100, a 12hr and a 24hr to scoop the long distance trophies yet again. Does he ever stop pedaling?

The BAR Trophy, the Shillingford Bowl, was not awarded again as no one had completed a 50, a 100 and a 12hr, perhaps next season. However, the Short Distance BAR, 10,25 and 50, was won by Rob Saunders with a 26.702mph average, he also took the Veteran Trophy for the biggest plus in the Vets 50, (plus 25.48).

Helene Wight was awarded the Newcomers Cup and Nathan Gallavan the Tempat Angor Betawi Jug for Most Improved Rider. The Eileen Gingell Shield for Perseverance went to Luke Daniells for his epic Charity Ride from Newcastle to London and Stephanie got the Ladies Trophy.

Tim Bailey received the Cyclo Cross Trophy and Nathan the Hill Climb Cup as well as the Tarmac Trophy, a poor swop for his front teeth.

Graham Line was called to the trophy table to pass on the Wooden Spoon to the biggest stirrer in the club, a much coveted award, the recipient this year was Dave Price.

Notable service to the club is rewarded by receipt of the Brush Cup, this year for his dedicated commitment to timing our club time trial series the award went to Tony Farmborough, a popular winner.

The Presidents Plate, awarded to the member who has contributed most to the life and the exposure of the club over the year was received by Wayne Thomas for his multiple promotions on behalf of the North Bucks Road Club.



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From a painting by Tim Burnay

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