

CTT Newsletter – January 2019

With the new season fast approaching we have details of awards for champions of the sport both on the bike and off; a new sponsor for the Classic Series and dates; information on course records; District Officials Forum; and finally, don't forget to order a 2019 handbook!

Champions Night – Saturday 19 January 2019

Heythrop Park in Oxfordshire was once again the venue for this year's Champion Night, where nearly 400 guests celebrated their achievements from last season. Our principal guest was Alf Engers, known to many as 'The King' who, back in August 1978, was the first rider to achieve 30mph for a 25 mile event completing the course in 49:24, the first rider to beat 50 minutes for the distance. After dinner, Alf was interviewed by author, Paul Jones, and together they gave an insight into Alf's racing career.



Left to right: David Barry, CTT Director and Bidlake Trust Secretary, Michael Broadwith, Martin Roach and Sheila Hardy, CTT Chairman.

In a departure from the fabulous RTTC awards, the Bidlake Trust had asked if their 2018 F T Bidlake Prize could be awarded at our event as the recipient was to be Michael Broadwith who was being feted for his amazing Lands End to John O'Groats record ride in June. Michael had already been surprised to be the recipient of the Joe Summerlin Memorial Bowl, presented to him by the legendary Dick Poole, a former RTTC National Coach, someone whom Mr Broadwith had long admired, but never met.

Dick gave a short speech about his relationship with Joe Summerlin and the RTTC. Clearly an emotional moment for Michael, further emotion came when he sat and watched some excellent footage of his adventures on the End to End record ride. A standing ovation followed Michael's acceptance speech.

A very unique occasion with a very popular rider being rewarded for good things, which he had been very pleased to speak about on numerous occasions around the country, 'selling' our sport to many, many people who may not have otherwise heard.

An excellent evening was had by all, with many positive comments from the guests and award recipients. A big thank you to Alison Torode for organising such a successful event, to the CTT Board members, their families and friends for their help on the evening and over the weekend.

For a full report on the event please go to

<https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/articles/view/415>

Sigma Sports Classic Series

CTT are pleased to announce that for the 2019 Classic Series the new sponsor will be Sigma Sports. The Surrey-based road cycling and triathlon experts, Sigma Sports, have taken over with the aim to support a growth in time trialling events across the country. The Classic Series is returning for its 25th year with the following events.

District	Date	Start time	Event	Course
South	24/03/19	09:00	Sigma Sports Classic Series (1 of 6) (Wessex Road Club Hilly 24)	P427
Midland	07/04/19	08:00	Sigma Sports Classic Series (2 of 6) (Beacon RCC)	K22/37
Manchester	19/04/19	11:00	Sigma Sports Classic Series (3 of 6) (Buxton CC / Sett Valley Cycles)	J8/3
Scotland	12/05/19	09:00	Sigma Sports Classic Series (4 of 6) (Dumfries CC)	WS25/01
North	26/05/19	09:00	Sigma Sports Classic Series (5 of 6) (Border City Wheelers CC)	L143
West	09/06/19	09:00	RTTC National Circuit Championship/ Sigma Sports Classic Series (6 of 6) (West DC)	U601

For more on the new partnership, please visit

<https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/articles/view/405>

Course Records

A new function has been added to the website so that course records can now be added and updated. The website will automatically update records as results are uploaded, but 'CTT Support' can also manually update them. To view a course record: click on an event which is being held on the course you are interested in, go into Event Details, then on the lower half of the page on the left-hand side (underneath Organiser Details), you will see 'Event Details' and in that section 'Course', click on the blue course number and any records held will show.

RTTC Trophy Trustees – a brief history

The Road Racing Council was formed in 1922 to control cycling time trials held on the roads of England and Wales and in 1937 changed

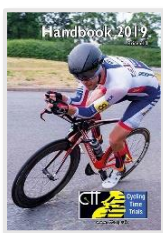


its name to the Road time Trials Council, to many known simply at the RTTC. The RTTC continued to control time trials until 2002 at which time by an agreement dated 1 December 2002 this control was transferred to Cycling Time Trials (CTT), a not for profit

company which is limited by guarantee. By a Deed of Trust dated 26 October 2002 the championship trophies held by the RTTC were transferred to “The RTTC (Trophy) Trust”. There are five trustees and they are responsible for the safekeeping of the trophies. The original trustees appointed in 2002 were Peter Walthall, Graham Morris, Frank Minto, Susan Robinson and Trevor Bracegirdle. Following the sad passing of Peter Walthall in 2008, Sandra Bracegirdle (Trevor’s daughter) was appointed as a trustee in Peter’s place. Graham Morris and Frank Minto retired in 2016 to be replaced by Peter McGrath and Keith Lawton. Finally, Trevor and Sandra have retired recently and Julian Gee and Phillip Minto have been appointed in their place, which means that the current trustees are Susan Robinson, Peter McGrath, Keith Lawton, Julian Gee and Phillip Minto.

Gold Badges

CTT Chairman, Sheila Hardy, was delighted to be invited to join Didcot Phoenix CC (London West) to present the fine array of prizes at their annual prize presentation and supper. At the end of the formal proceedings a surprise presentation of an RTTC Gold badge was made to Mick Fountain, who was delighted to be recognised by this award for a lifetime dedicated to all areas of cycling, but particularly for time keeping, organising and keeping the sport on the road. Giving a short thank you speech, Mick thanked his wife Marian for her constant support in every way, always there doing all the jobs that needed doing. Perhaps the best surprise of the evening came when the Chairman asked Marian to join her, to receive her own Gold badge. The look of amazement on Marian’s face, was wonderful. To know that she was appreciated just as much as her husband, who she always supported in every way, everything always done together; neither working without the other. They epitomise what cycling is about. A lifetime of dedication. Though other couples have been recognised with such awards over the years, it has been on separate occasions. Mick and Marian have always been everywhere together as timekeepers, organisers, club stalwarts, and this is believed to be the first time that gold badges have been awarded to a married couple on the same day both thoroughly deserved. Congratulations to them both.



2019 handbook

The 2019 handbook is now available to order online from the CTT shop (link below) at a price of £10 (+p&p).

<https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/shop>

District officials' forum

As mentioned in the December 2018 newsletter, a district forum is being planned for Saturday 9 March, with one committee member being invited from each district. The event will be held at Hellidon, near Daventry. Districts are invited to suggest topics for discussion and email these to the Chairman (sheilactt@sky.com) by the 31 January, a short list will be drawn up. Also include the name of your district representative. Further details will follow.

Finally – Riders CTT profile. All riders must have their own profile, you MUST NOT enter someone else into an event using your profile and it is essential that you check all the details on your profile are absolutely correct and up to date, including your phone number and email address. Please do this now – just to be sure that everything is absolutely accurate.

Many thanks.