

CTT Newsletter – February 2020

A sparkling evening at Champions Night celebrating achievements of 2019;
 publication of a new guidance note on the use of rear lights;
 Sigma Sports road bike category and details of the finalised criteria;
 and presentation of two Gold badges!

Champions Night – Saturday 18 January 2020

More than 240 people, including riders, their friends, families and 2019 championship event organisers, helped the National Champions of 2019 celebrate their successes at Champions Night, which was once again held at Heythrop Park in Oxfordshire.

As the Board have been looking at expenditure, a new format was trialled. Age Category winners had received their medals at the events where they had achieved their honour rather than at Champions Night. It was agreed by all who attended that the new format was a great success. After a superb three-course meal, the award winners were invited to join the Chairman, Sheila Hardy, and chief guest Russell Downing to the stage to receive their trophies and medals. After the main awards were presented, a live band played some excellent music keeping the dance floor full for most of the time. Presentation of the Milestone Awards and the Joe Summerlin Award took place when the band took their break. Michael Broadwith set the scene for the Summerlin Award which was presented to an extremely surprised and a very emotional Rachael Elliott. This was followed by MC Michael Hutchinson ‘chatting’ to Russell Downing about his cycling career and new roles in retirement. A short presentation by the RRA then took place with tandem teams of Rachael Elliott and Ian Greenstreet and Tim Bayley and Adam Broyad receiving caps and certificates from officers of the RRA for their achievements in 2019. Further dancing followed with some superb music for those who crowded the dance floor.



Left to right: Michael Broadwith presenting the Joe Summerlin Trophy to Rachael Elliott, with Sheila Hardy, CTT Chairman.

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

Guidance Note 24 – Rear Red Light

A guidance note regarding the new Regulation 14(i) – Compulsory Use of a Rear Red Light has been uploaded to the website setting out the requirements and how to provide this in

practice. This has also been emailed to all district secretaries, club secretaries and organisers.

<https://www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/documents/index/guidance>

Start sheets and results

Can organisers please upload the full start sheet to the CTT website before the rider list, otherwise that may not be processed until the start sheet is in place. This is so the riders, officials, etc can get all the necessary information at once, rather than having to keep checking for it. There is now a blind copy (bcc) function when notifying the riders, etc, that the start sheet is online, this is so organisers can also send it to the timekeepers, district officials and anyone else who is needing it. This also applies for results, please do not forget to upload the full results sheet as well, that includes the 'event cover details'.

The start sheet can be downloaded by going to either the Event Details or Rider List pages on the website and clicking on the blue button Download Startsheet. Results can also be viewed in the same manner.

Sigma Sports Classic series – finalised criteria for road bike category

As mentioned in the October 2019 newsletter, a road bike category is being introduced this season as part of the Sigma Sports Classic Series. The Board has now finalised the criteria for the category as below:

- No tri bars, clip on bars or Spinaci bars.
- No disc wheels. Both front and rear wheels must have a minimum of 12 spokes each. The maximum rim depth on all wheels is 65mm.
- No aero helmet or a helmet that covers the ears or a helmet with a visor to be used.
- Riders must not ride with their forearms resting on the handlebars at any time.

District	Date	Start time	Event	Course	Closing date
South	29/03/20	09:00	Sigma Sports Classic Series (1 of 6) (3C Cycle Club)	P183	17/03/20
Manchester	10/04/20	11:00	Sigma Sports Classic Series (2 of 6) (Buxton CC/Sett Valley Cycles)	J8/3	28/03/20
Midland	26/04/20	08:00	Sigma Sports Classic Series (3 of 6) (Beacon RCC)	K22/39	07/04/20
Scotland	10/05/20	09:00	Sigma Sports Classic Series (4 of 6) (Dumfries CC)	WS25/01	28/04/20
North	24/05/20	09:00	Sigma Sports Classic Series (5 of 6) (Border City Wheelers CC)	L143	12/05/20
London East	31/05/20	09:00	RTTC National Circuit Championship/ Sigma Sports Classic Series (6 of 6) (London East DC)	E33/25	05/05/20

Gold Badges

CTT Chairman, Sheila Hardy was delighted to attend the Chippenham Wheelers Annual Dinner to present Gold badges to two of their stalwarts and long serving officials. It was an emotional evening for all present, not least the recipients. The Gold badges had been ready for presentation when one of the recipients was taken gravely ill and sadly did not recover. It was agreed that we would wait to present the awards and so it was that this occasion presented itself as a suitable occasion.



CTT Chairman, Sheila Hardy with (left) Mike Edwards and (right) Sue Andrews

Chippenham Wheelers club president, Mike Edwards has spent his whole life supporting time trialling, time keeping, course measuring, organising many many events and doing whatever has been required both in the district and his club and as is the usual format, he had absolutely no idea at all that he was to receive a Gold badge. Mike's wife, Sheila had also spent her whole life in very similar roles to those which Mike had undertaken and, as he knew she was to receive a Gold badge, he had told her about it when the family realised that she was not strong enough to attend any function to receive it. What Mike had not appreciated was that he too was to receive a Gold badge and so it was with delight, amazement and huge emotion that he accepted his own award. What a delightful gentleman.

More surprise was to follow when Mike's daughter Sue Andrews, who herself, being well trained by Mum and Dad, for many years has been a timekeeper, organiser, District Committee member and all things that time trialling relies on, was asked to step forward to receive her Mum's award, given posthumously. Gold badges are generally awarded to folk who have given a huge amount of their lives to time trialling and all that that entails. Awarding the badge is one of the nicest parts of my role as Chairman, the delight and amazement shown by the recipients is just wonderful. Certainly, neither expected nor deemed worthy in their own eyes, believe me, they have all given a huge portion of their lives in support of our sport. Without such people, there would be no time trialling. The best bit is of course, that the award is kept a closely guarded secret until it is presented.

There are many many more good people out there who are deserving of such an award, but we need you to tell us who they are, what they have done and for how long, so that their service can be acknowledged. Occasionally the Board are aware of folk, but generally this is not the case and it is the districts who nominate the candidates. Please have a think who may have been missed in your district and let's get them recognised.

Race numbers and starter packs

Starter packs are available again this year for clubs promoting events for the first time. These are heavily discounted at £100 to include P&P and VAT and consist of six large event triangles, four medium event triangles, ten direction arrows, one finish board, one start

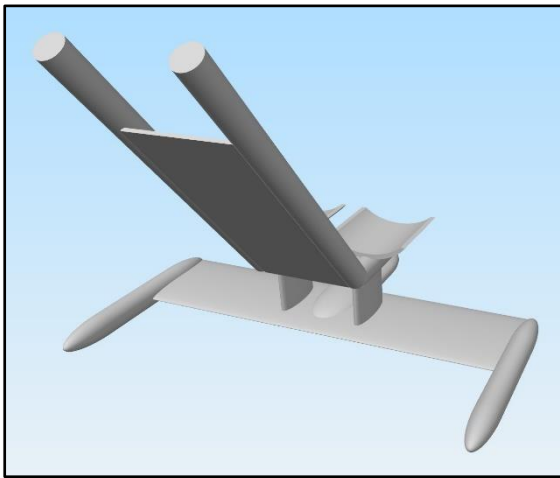
board. A full set of race numbers can be added with a total price of £200 (including P&P and VAT). Signs/numbers can be ordered additionally, please contact stewart.smith@cyclingtmetrials.org.uk for the full list/costings.



2020 handbook

The 2020 handbook is now available to order online from the CTT shop (link below) at a price of £10 (+p&p).

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



Mono tri bars

All competitors are reminded of CTT regulation 14(h) which states:

“The use of recumbent machines, protective shields or windbreaks is prohibited”.

The Board has been made aware of tribars designed as a mono construction. Any such bars will be classified as a protective shield or windbreak and are deemed “illegal” under Regulation 14(h). Armrests must be separate and not of a mono construction design.

“Mono” tribars should not be used in CTT events.

Finally – please check club contact details are up to date, recent mailings have shown quite a few are incorrect. Without these details we can’t update members with important information.

Many thanks.