

BUTE WHEELERS
ROTHESAY WEEKEND 2021
18th & 19th September

RACE MANUAL

Race HQ. Craigmore Bowling Club (turn left off the ferry, 1 mile approx.)

Organisers: Bute Wheelers, contact Murray Doyle on 07592 633650

Welcome to this year's Rothesay Weekend, thank you for signing up.

Prizes: these are awarded as overall winners and by category.

Additional 'Sponsor Prizes':

- Fyne Home Serpentine Hillclimb fastest time
- Bute Backpackers 10mile Time Trial fastest time
- Jim McAlister Memorial Trophy 2Up fastest team

Yellow Jersey Prizes:

Gents best combined placings over 4 races (Serpentine, 2-Up, 10TT, APR)

Ladies best combined placings over 4 races (Serpentine, 2-Up, 10TT, APR)

Junior best combined placings over 4 races (Serpentine, 2-Up, 10TT, APR)

Rothesay Weekend Club Trophy:

Awarded to best club performance over the weekend

Timekeepers:

Linda & Geoff Smith

Jim Smith

RACE PROGRAM Saturday 18th:

Junior Serpentine Hillclimb:

Sign-on: from 09:15

Start Time: 11:00

Serpentine Hillclimb:

Sign-on: from 09:15

Start Time: 11:25

Round the Island 2-Up Team Time Trial:

Sign-on: any time after Hillclimb events' registration complete

Start Time: 14:00

RACE PROGRAM Sunday 19th:

Bute BackPackers 10mile Time Trial:

Sign-on: from 09:00

Start Time: 10:45

Novice 20mile Road Race:

Sign-on: any time after the 10TT registration is complete

Start Time: 14:00

APR 40mile:

Sign-on: any time after the 10TT registration is complete

Start Time: 14:15

WEEKEND SPONSORS:

Fyne Homes Ltd – fastest up the Serpentine

Bute BackPackers – fastest 10TT time

Janet McAlister – the 2-Up TTT Jim McAlister Memorial Trophy

Bute Island Foods Ltd – Yellow Jersey Prizes

OVERALL WEEKEND NOTES:

(Please read!)

A big welcome to all, looking forward to a great weekend and taking over the island with bikes!

The farmers of Bute are always busy, so there may still be some tractors and the like on the roads. They will do their best for us, and similarly you are requested to behave responsibly around these.

All major junctions will be marshaled. Some of our courses involve junctions with [right-hand turns](#), so the race will go across line of oncoming traffic. In discussions with local authorities we have agreed that cyclists must be mindful of these as follows: [be prepared to slow down or even stop as approaching these; adhere to the instructions provided by the marshals, waving any red flags! Failure to do so will involve disqualification. These right-hand turns will be sign-posted as such. The key message and issue is that the races are safe.](#)

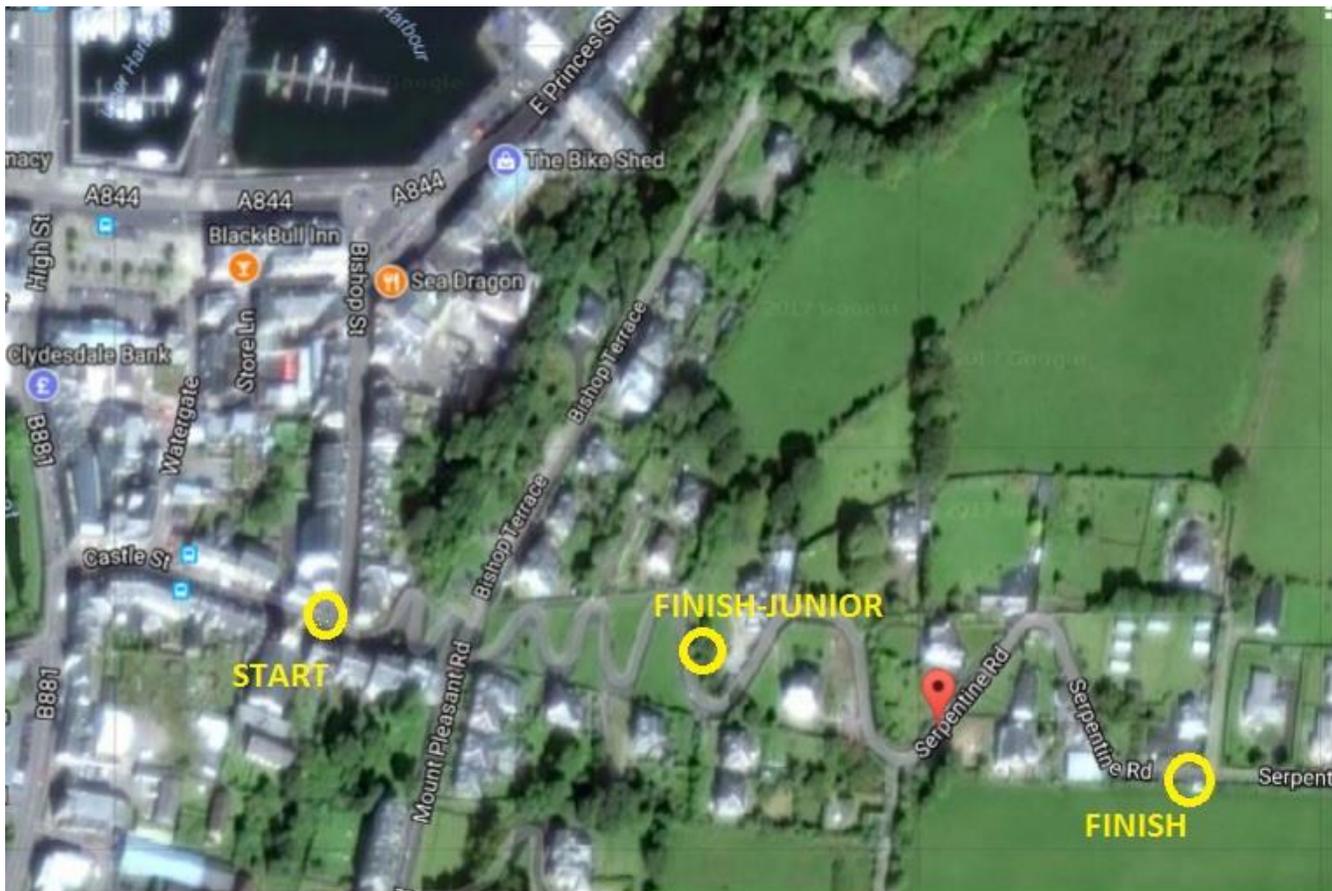
In general please adhere to the traffic laws during the races and also respect towards locals who may or may not be favourably disposed towards bike racing.

Helmet required for all races. We also require use of rear red lights for the 10mile time-trial event.

Huge thanks to our timekeepers and marshals, across a busy weekend; definitely couldn't do it without them!

SERPENTINE HILLCLIMB RACE INFORMATION:

This race is promoted for and on behalf of Cycling Time Trials under their Rules and Regulations'. Juvenile Serpentine event starts at 11:00, full Serpentine event starts at 11:25. All riders must be off the course before these races start. For the full distance, once finished the race we request that riders continue on up to the t-junction and turn right, as a safer way of coming back down to the start...rather than coming back down the Serpentine. However for the Junior race this isn't really applicable. Despite the surface being somewhat worse for wear in places, be sure to enjoy this iconic jewel of Bute ☺



'2-UP' TEAM TIME TRIAL RACE INFORMATION & COURSE:

This race is promoted for and on behalf of Cycling Time Trials under their Rules and Regulations. Starting at 14:00, riders head out around the main island loop in counter-clockwise direction, as shown in map below. All junctions will be marshaled.

After approximately 0.4 miles the course runs through a residential area with traffic, with the hazards that this can bring. **PLEASE USE A FRONT LIGHT**

The finish line is just below on the HQ, along the main coast road. A 1 mile-to-go sign will be displayed.

After approximately 12 miles there is one **right-hand turn (Scalpsie junction)**, so the race will go across line of oncoming traffic. In discussions with local authorities we have agreed that cyclists must be mindful of these as follows: **be prepared to slow down or even stop as approaching these; adhere to the instructions provided by the marshals, waving any red flags!** Failure to do so will involve disqualification. These right-hand turn will be sign-posted as such. The key message and issue is that the races are safe.

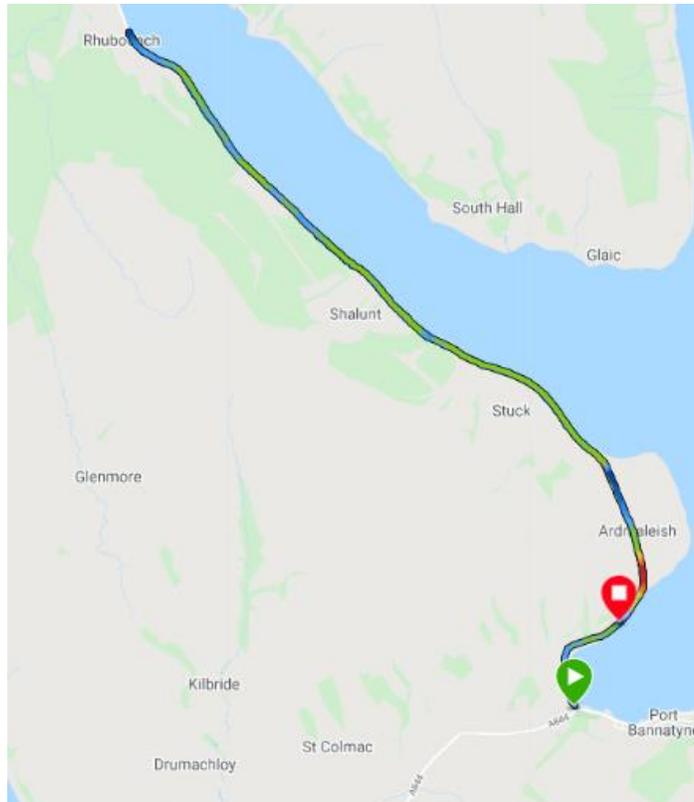


10MILE TIME TRIAL RACE INFORMATION & COURSE:

This race is promoted for and on behalf of Cycling Time Trials under their Rules and Regulations. Start Time 10:45. To get to the start, head into Rothesay from HQ, and keep going another 2.5 miles or so...so altogether about 3.5 miles from HQ. The start and finish points have been moved this year, just look out for the Bute Wheelers sails. We request that there is no build-up of vehicles and warming up in the parking/picnic area, as this brings too many others too close to the racers.

Notes

- Start line is approx. 3.5 miles from HQ; please ensure you do not miss your allotted start time
- No warming-up on course; there are other adjacent roads in the area
- Keep Start and Finish areas clear for other riders safety



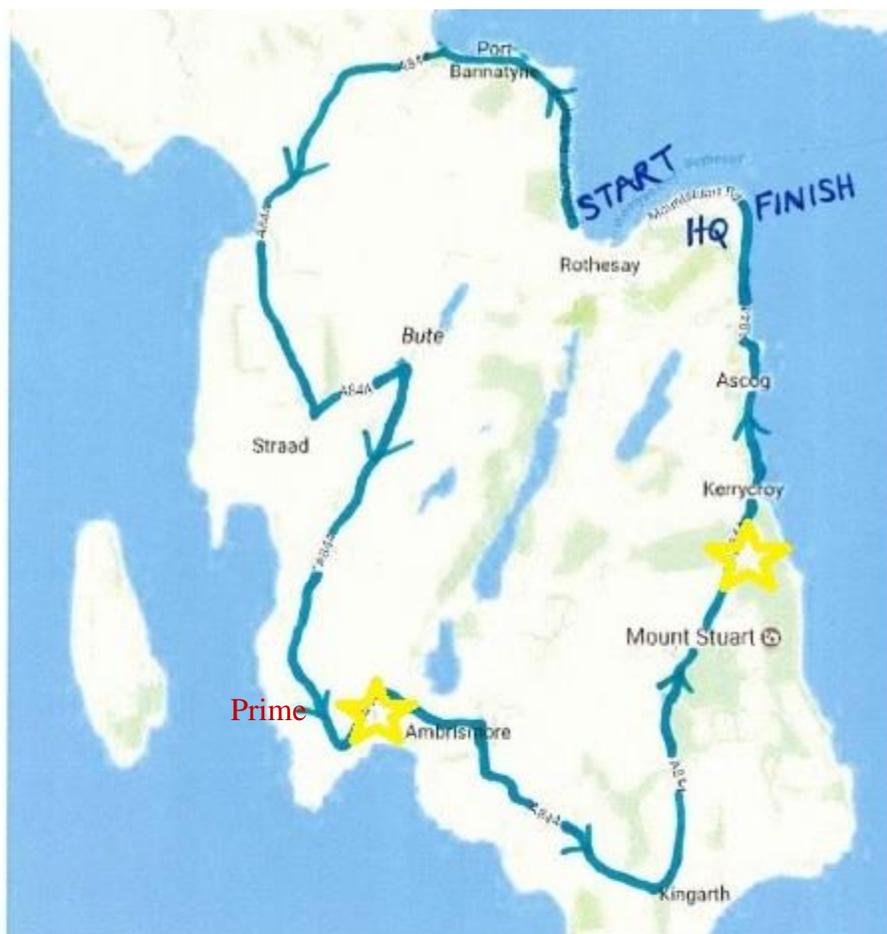
NOVICE 20MILE ROAD RACE INFORMATION & COURSE:

Start is at Sailing Club about 1.5 miles from HQ: go into Rothesay and continue about 0.5 mile out the far side. The race heads out around the main island loop in counter-clockwise direction, as shown in map below. The 1st mile will be neutralized to escort riders through a sometimes busy residential area. All junctions will be marshaled. The race finishes just below the HQ, along the main road; a 1 mile-to-go sign will be displayed.

Notes

- a lead motorbike or car will police the front of the race
- a car will follow behind the race
- there is a right-hand turn across the line of traffic at Scalpsie Junction, which will be sign-posted. Riders are required to be prepared to slow down or stop, and follow instructions of marshals.
- A race prime is being offered, for 1st rider to cross an intermediate sprint line, after approximately 10.5 miles (it will be sign-posted as '200m Prime Sprint')

There are two bends that riders should exercise particular caution around: descending into Scalpsie Bay area and descending down Mount Stuart hill towards Kerrycroy village.



DANGEROUS BEND

APR 40MILE INFORMATION & COURSE:

This year the Race starts at 14:00 just below the HQ, proceeds around the island in a clockwise direction and then back anti-clockwise, to finish in same area as Start; a 1 mile-to-go sign will be displayed. All junctions will be marshaled.

Notes

- a lead car will police the front of the race
- a car will follow behind the race
- a motorbike will travel in front of the scratch group
- Some of our courses involve junctions with **right-hand turns**, so the race will go across line of oncoming traffic. In discussions with local authorities we have agreed that cyclists must be mindful of these as follows: **be prepared to slow down or even stop as approaching these; adhere to the instructions provided by the marshals, waving any red flags! Failure to do so will involve disqualification. These right-hand turns will be sign-posted as such. The key message and issue is that the races are safe.**

The turn at the end of lap 1 (clockwise) into lap 2 (anti-clockwise) is shown below.

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NOTE: We're hoping to do **Prime** prizes, after approximately 10 miles and then again at the same point on way back (approx. 30 miles), 1st over an intermediate sprint line. Will be sign-posted ('200m to Prime')

