

FEBRUARY 2008 NEWSLETTER

Welcome from the Committee of Tauranga Road Cycling Club.

CLUB EVENTS

See the website (www.taurangacyclingclub.co.nz) for the latest list of Club events.

We have the new Oropi Road time trial which we will cover under a separate heading.

Please note the following upcoming events for March 2008:

Saturday 8 March 2008 at 2.00pm – Club road race at Armstrong Road circuit.

Saturday 22 March 2008 – Individual time trial championships at Te Puna Road, Maketu. Be there at 1.30pm for a 2.00pm start.

Tuesday Night Rides

Tuesday night rides continue to be extremely popular with a good turn out of riders. Please attempt to organise group lapping and when the front riders leave roundabouts or intersections, don't hare off at a great rate as this causes the breaks.

With autumn upon us, it will be appropriate to consider having rear lights on your bikes for the ride and also for riding back to your own home on completion of the ride.

Oropi Road Time Trial

The inaugural Oropi Road Time Trial was held on Wednesday 27 February 2008. There were 11 competitors, one observer (Simon Binnie) and timekeeper Gary Higgins.

We were favoured with a slight tail wind which was most helpful. Times posted were as follows:

Andy Collins	25m39s
Greg Taylor	23m50s
Sally Fraser	25m32s
Nigel Hines	29m46s
Keith Thompson	28m49s
Jon Peterson	23m02s
Lindsay Vette	26m02s
Steve Came	22m15s
David Mustard	32m22s
Richard Bates	23m58s
Mike Bosomworth	25m59s

We look forward to attendance from as many Club Members as possible as this is a particularly good workout.

We need a timekeeper for next Wednesday. If there are any volunteers can you please contact Greg Taylor, evening 578 1403 or mobile 0274 949 911.

Thursday Night Racing

Thursday night racing, 6.00pm, Te Tumu Road-Maketu Road intersection.

The Club racing is every Thursday afternoon during daylight saving and this year will run through to 3 April so there is still plenty of time to get involved and have a go.

The race is an open handicap event over two 13km laps of flat public roads and has an entry fee of \$1 for members and \$3 for non members. Prizes are awarded on a lucky draw basis for which the club provides Coke and chocolate bars and this year we have also received sponsorship from Sporting Edge NZ Limited who have donated PVM nutritional bars. Please support our sponsors.

Handicapping is done on a mixture of honesty and Club officials keeping a watchful eye out for 'burglars'. Men and Women race together according to their ability. The first riders start at 6.15 and faster riders of increasing ability are started at regular intervals until the scratch riders set off at 6.30. Obviously the tactic is to stay ahead of the riders starting behind you and catch and pass the riders starting before you. Currently we have between 13 and 30 riders participating which includes visitors and riders from Rotorua who come over regularly.

This type of racing, while being very sociable, is very helpful in building speed and stamina as the need to maintain maximum speed within each group by rotation of the lead means everyone is working at near maximum for the full 26 km. It is also excellent race practice for those members entering national events.

Contact Talbot Munro 543 0060 for further information.

Saturday Morning Rides

Saturday morning rides are continuing under the tutorage of Steve Came leaving at 6.30am from Koops Cycles, Corner of 17th Avenue and Cameron Road.

Not only do you get a good ride, Steve is happy to provide advice and impart his knowledge.

Sunday Morning Rides

The Sunday morning ride continues to leave at the Barkes Corner roundabout at the intersection of Pyes Pa Road and Cameron Road at 7.25am each Sunday morning. We are now encouraging riders to make their way across the harbour bridge, turn right at Chapel Street and head to Zaggers which is about 50 metres from the intersection, opposite the Mobil Service Station. So, throw a bit of loose change and call into Zaggers after the ride at around 9.30am, have a coffee and a muffin.

JERSEYS

We still have a number of our excellent Club jerseys available. Jerseys are being sold at their cost price through the Club of \$100 per jersey. We would like to sell as many of these jerseys to Club members this season and your support would be greatly appreciated. Brian Melville has the jerseys and is contactable on phone 541 0499.

A Club jersey would make an excellent birthday or Mothers Day present, etc.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership is currently standing at 158 members, which is very encouraging.

Please encourage any non-members to join the Club if they are participating in our events.

AROUND THE RACES

Steve Came was one of 863 starters contesting Yarrows Taranaki Cycle Challenge around Mount Taranaki. With 80km to go, Steve and one other rider broke from the main bunch with Steve managing to stay clear and win the race overall, along with his age group. Steve averaged better than 40km/h for the 160km journey.

Jon Peterson, our American-Kiwi, entered the 3-day, six stage Masters event as part of the Hamilton Masters Games. Jon had to race with Masters ranging from 35 years of age up. He won his age group, but more impressively hung in there and was only 3 minutes 45 seconds down on overall GC. Jon also won his age group in the Masters road race a few days later.

Richard Bates competed and won his age group in the individual time trial for the Masters Games.

Sally Fraser, our Kiwi-American, entered the Women's Elite Section of the Rev 120. For a good part of the race Sally was the leading female on the road before becoming isolated. A bunch of men brought forward 4 women up to Sally and in the final sprint Sally was out-sprinted, finishing third overall. Well done to Sally.

Please feel free to channel through any results that you are aware of for Club members.

WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY TEAM TIME TRIAL

The Waikato Bay of Plenty Team Time Trial is scheduled for 29 March 2008 at Woodlands Road, Gordonton, starting at 11.00am. There is a 40km Open event, a 40km Veterans event, a 40km Women's event, along with an Under-17 Male/Female, and Under 15 Male/Female.

We enclose a copy of the flyer.

The entry fee is \$15 per team.

Club Members interested should contact Richard Bates A/H 576 7838 or Greg Taylor A/H 578 1403, or email the Club on taurangacyclingclub@gmail.com.

BIKE FOR SALE

2007 Giant TCR Composite O, Dura-Ace components, Mavic Ksyrium Elite wheel set, frame size 56cm which is medium/large. Suitable for plus or minus 6' rider. Contact Richard Coffey 021 354 374. Price \$3,000.