



Chaingang News

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Race Director

Vacant race directors position

After many weeks of uncertainty, the IVCA finally has a race director for the new 2006 season. Arising from a meeting between key IVCA members and directors we can announce that Alice Sherratt has agreed to take up this important role. For those of you who are familiar with the Irish racing scene, you will know that Alice has been an important figure in Irish Cycling for many years. She has organized and coordinated many high profile events such as the Junior Tour, several large events held at Phoenix Park and the Gorey three day, to mention just a few.

As Jimmy Lally went onto explain, "We had asked Alice some weeks ago, but we didn't want to make this known to all the IVCA members just incase Alice was unable to accept. Imagine the disappointment".

It is a great boost to the IVCA to have such a prominent figure like Alice as our new race director. On behalf of us all, I would like to welcome Alice to the IVCA.

Marshalling changes

New points and guidelines

As you maybe aware, the Health and Safety aspect of our events has been in the forefront of many discussions recently. Just one area this has touched is how we marshal our events. As mentioned in a previous edition of Chaingang News (November 2005), under Health & Safety legislation the IVCA is required to produce a Safety Statement. Tosh Lavery has provided a Safety Statement giving useful tips on organising and marshalling of races.

It is conceivable that more marshals maybe needed in the future than in the past.

However, to meet the requirements of the Safety Statement, it is conceivable that more marshals maybe needed for future events than we thought was adequate in past events.

This is a concern, considering that people willing to marshal at race events is in decline.

Taking an excerpt from the Safety Statement, we will print the guidelines that help explain the role of a marshal in next month's newsletter.

Stop Press

Never too late

I must apologize that the Chaingang newsletter is a little late for January, but at the last moment we were able to include the news of the new race director and the 2006 race calendar. Lucky for me, I was able to fill the newsletter with some worthwhile features - Lucky for you, you don't have to read what I had originally planned!

Leisure events for 2006

News and updates

Leisure Director

GAY FARNAN

The Irish Veteran Cyclists Association Leisure League is primarily a 10 round series and not exclusively for our leisure and touring members. These events are not competitive and are designed to encourage members of all abilities to take part. Each event is controlled at a 'leisure' pace, with points awarded for participation. A perpetual trophy is awarded to the cyclist with the highest points at the end of the series.

The dates of these events will remain the same, but the distance and starting points may vary. Any changes will be published in the Chaingang newsletter or on the IVCA web site before the date of the event.

I would like to hear from anyone with a suggested leisure route with a start point that is within easy cycling distance from our usual starting point in Phoenix Park. The distance should also be between 80Km and 100Km, with some parking for members who may have to drive to the start. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find safe routes that we haven't covered before. My phone number is,

087-2579406 or using the web site: www.ivca.info

Finally, there is one other event that is held in April. The Peaks and Valleys 100Km ride starts on the 16th in the Square at 9am. However, this event does not count towards the leisure league trophy.

Race calendar for 2006

News and updates

DERMOT DIGNAM

Once the dust had settled, Dermot kindly rushed over a copy of the 2006 race calendar.

LEISURE CALENDAR 2006

JANUARY 15 TH	EAST MEATH TOUR
PLACE: POPES X	
TIME: 10.00AM	
75Km, 2 points for Leisure League	
FEBRUARY 19 TH	NORTH DUBLIN TOUR
PLACE: POPES X	
TIME: 10.00AM	
70Km, 2 points for Leisure League.	
MARCH 19 TH	50 IN 4
PLACE: POPES X	
TIME: 9.00AM	
80Km, 3 points for Leisure league.	
APRIL 9 TH	LIAM HORNER MEMORIAL
PLACE: CLONEE	
TIME: 9.00AM	
80Km, 3 points for Leisure league.	
MAY 14 TH	EAST COAST TOUR
PLACE: MERRION SQUARE	
TIME: 9.00AM	
120Km, 3 points for Leisure League.	
JUNE 11 TH ,	WICKLOW 200
PLACE: UCD	
TIME: 7.00AM	
200Km, 3/5 points for Leisure league.	
JULY 16 TH	MEATH 'AGAIN' TOUR
PLACE: POPE'S X	
TIME: 10.00AM	
90Km, 2 points for leisure league.	
AUGUST 20 TH	100 IN 8
PLACE: POPES X	
TIME: 9.00AM	
160Km, 4 points for Leisure league .	
SEPTEMBER 10 TH	WEST WICKLOW
PLACE: TALLAGHT	
TIME: 9.00AM	
100Km, 3 points for leisure league.	
OCTOBER 8 TH	JOE HOARE TROPHY
PLACE: POPES X	
TIME: 10.00AM	
TBN Km, 2 points for leisure league.	

2006 Race Calendar

Month	Sun.	Tue.	Type	Mls.	Sign-On	Time	Event	Course
	26		DMS	36	Batterstown	9.15	SL1	Dunsany
April	2		CP	45	Ashbourne	9.15	SL2	Soldiers Hill
	9		Fred Smith TT	25	Enfield	9.15	SL3	Enfield
	16		DMS	45	Summerhill	9.15	SL4	Mullagh
	23		CP	45	Duleek	9.15	SL5	Duleek
		25	TT.	10	Trim Road	7pm	TL1	Trim Road
	30		DMS	45	Batterstown	9.15	SL6	Dunsany
May		2	CP	30	Curragha	7pm	TL2	Soldiers Hill
	7		CP	45	Kentstown	9.15	SL7	Navan
		9	DMS	30	Batterstown	7pm	TL3	Dunsany
	14		TT	25	Enfield	9.15	SL8	Enfield
		16	CP	30	Boot Inn	7pm	TL4	Boot Circuit
	21		CP	45	Curragh.	9.15	SL9	Milltown
		23	TT	10	Oliver Bright	7pm	TL5	Clane Road
	28		DMS	45	Duleek	9.15	SL10	Duleek
		30	DMS	30	Curragha	7pm	TL6	Soldiers Hill
June	4		TT	2	Green Sheds	9.15	Ushers	Green Sheds
			CP	36	Dunsany	11.30	Ushers	Dunsany
	5		CP	40	Batterstown	9.15	Ushers	Mullagh
	18		CP	45	Ashbourne	9.15	SL11	Soldiers Hill
		20	TT Champs	10	Trim Road	7pm	TL7	Trim Road
	25		Age Founders	50	Summerhill	9.15	AS1	Mullagh
		27	CP	30	Duleek	7pm	TL8	Duleek
July	2		TT Champs	50	Enfield	9am	SL12	Enfield
		4	DMS	30	Boot Inn	7pm	TL9	Boot Inn
	9		DMS	45	Batterstown	9.15	SL13	Dunsany
		11	TT Alfresco	25	Batterstown	7pm	TL10	Trim Road
	16		Age Rel. Champs	50	Summerhill	9.15	AS2	Circuit
		18	CP	30	Curragha	7pm	TL11	Soldiers Hill
	23		TT Kelly Cup	25	Enfield	9.15	SL14	Enfield
		25	DMS	30	Duleek	7pm	TL12	Duleek
	30		Age Std. Champs	50	Batterstown	9.15	AS3	Dunsany
August		1	CP	30	Boot Inn	7pm	TL13	
	6		TT 10/25/50		Enfield	9am		Enfield
		8	DMS	30	Curragha	7pm	TL14	Soldiers Hill
		15	Millennium	30	Batterstown	7pm	TL15	Dunsany
	20		CP	50	Clane Road	9.15	SL15	Circuit
	27		DMS Memorial	50	Ashbourne	9.15	SL16	Soldiers Hill
Sept.	3		Sonny Cullen	36	Batterstown	9.15		Dunsany
	17		Sanyo Cup	25	Batterstown	10am		Trim Road
	24		Hill Climb	2	Long Hill	10am		Kilmacanogue

Race news

Winter events are proving to be very popular.

JIMMY LALLY

In the old days, December was generally a quiet month for any sort of cycling event. However, today things seem to be very different. More and more riders are keeping their fitness levels topped up over the winter period while entering club staged events. A good few IVCA members were in action over the Holiday period and produced some good results.

OBELISK CC ROAD RACE

Shay Weston	2 nd place
Martin Farrelly	4 th place
Steve Fennell	5 th place
John Lawless	7 th place

THE JOHN SWEENEY MEMORIAL RACE

Sean Lally	3 rd place
Paddy Fitzsimons	5 th place
Sean Kelly	6 th place
Jimmy Lally	7 th place

ORWELL WHEELERS CHRISTMAS RACE

Dermot O'Gorman	4 th place
Mick Usher	5 th place

Ecumenical Service

WILLIAM PARNELL

The annual Ecumenical Service of the IVCA will take place on Sunday 29th January at 3pm, in the church of St. George and St. Thomas, Cathal Brugha St. Dublin. The church is opposite the College of Catering, just off O'Connell St. The service will once again be led by Rev. Katharine Poulten and Fr. Sean Cassidy who have become good friends of the IVCA over the years. As was the case in recent years, the service will contain a mix of music, humour and some prayers too. Many members who have attended over the last few years since the structure of the service was revised have commented on how enjoyable the afternoon is. It is not an overtly religious ceremony and whether you have some religion or none at all, you should find the gathering enjoyable. Family and friends of deceased members of the IVCA are especially welcome to attend. Refreshments will be available afterwards.



FBD Insurance RÁS 2006

First ever team time trial stage

PAUL DEANS

History will be made in the 2006 edition of the FBD Insurance RÁS. For the first time ever, a team time trial could have an effect on the overall rider classification. The race against the clock has been the scene of many historic battles between riders and teams. For the spectator, this is a visual spectacle that is one of the most dramatic in cycling.

The event will take place on the morning of day 6 and raced over a 24-kilometre route. Set around the area of the Gaeltacht village, An Cheathru Rua, (Carraroe) County Galway. In the afternoon the team time trial will be followed by an 83-kilometre road stage, testing the rider's recovery.

Like the team time trial in major tours, rules will guarantee that no team will lose large amounts of time. Instead, the time loss will be capped to 20 seconds between first and second places and each placing thereafter a further 5 seconds. So for a team finishing in fourth place, thirty seconds will be conceded to the winning team. Full details of the race can be found on the web site

www.fbdinsuranceras.com

