

FPCC Officers reports for 2019 AGM – Tuesday 4th February 2020

Club Chairman Report

As I have said in the past, my thanks once again to all officers and members of the committee for running our club through 2019. This gratitude also extends to all club members who organised all of our club's events throughout the year, from the dinner, reliability trial, time trails, road races, training camps in Spain and social events.

Through their efforts, volunteering their own free time, the club made 2019 again a successful year. Also, I would like to extend my thanks, to all members, who marshalled and assisted at all of our promotions and associated cycling events.

Club runs, and the introduction rides are as strong as ever, and is our first point of contact for new members. Peter Andrew Simon Jeremy and Dennis have again done another fine job, which is now a year-round fixture for the club.

A new event for the club calendar was our inaugural Audax Jetsetter at the 200k distance. Running from Potters Bar and back again proved to be a great success. Organiser Joff Verby is to include the 100k distance for 2020. It is a branch of cycling, with a semi competitive element, and I hope will grow over the coming years.

The club joined in 2019 "London Cycling Campaign" with all the benefits that it entails. The LCC is charity, making sure that everyone who cycles, or wants to cycle, has a voice in Greater London.

The club also assisted with a donation towards the refurbishment of Gosling Velodrome, for the continual use of club members for the future.

Our current club president Norman Gardner has been doing a fine job again in 2019, attending committee meetings, presenting prizes and helping out at races, and organiser the president tea run again at the Country Bumpkin last September.

Those who attended the dinner (Jan 2020) would have seen the splendid efforts of Vince Freely and Peter Bullen with club medals ready for our 2019 winners, with club colour ribbons attached. The savings compared to our previous supplier is large, and our medal sectary will be sending out back log of medals owed during 2020

The club has a new April time trail promotion for 2020, on the F14 course, with Neal Marrin as organiser. This again, is our response to the continual support of Spoco SE.

Writing as Marshalling Secretary we had a fair attendance from the membership in 2019 covering the six events the club promoted. As I have stressed before, this is the only commitment that we asked of club members, and with the ever increasing of traffic levels, it is essential that there is a high visible presence out of the road.

There were still of number of "no" replies for request for help in some quarters of the club, which I find disappointing.

2020, we have four open time trails, one Audax event and one road race to cover. Details to be sent out soon.

I wish everyone a successful season for 2020, to be safe, and maybe, see you out on the road.

Kevin Megan, Club Chairman

Hon. General Secretary Report.

Committee meetings: Committee year begins following the AGM.

10 meetings were held between March 2019 and January 2020.

All meetings were held at Southgate Hockey Club, Trent Park, London.

Name	Present	Apols	Name	Present	Apols
K.Megan	10	1	J.Greenwood	7	4
C.Lodge	7	4	S.Neatham	11	0
P.Bullen	8	3	V.Freeley	11	0
D.Kendall	0	11	I.Bibby	7	4
J.Verby	7	3	D.Andrew	10	1

** Dave Kendall managed his TT Secretary duties via email and social media from his temporary home abroad.

Norman Gardner, President, attended 4 committee meetings.

Cheryl Smith attended 2 meetings as Club Dinner secretary.

Membership: Club membership at 31st October 2019 is recorded as follows:-

	2019	2018
President	1	1
Vice Presidents	7	7
Honorary Members	21	21
Members	95	100
Second claim	9	6
Junior	1	1
Total	134	136

- 13 new members were elected during the year as a result of initiatives by Simon Neatham, membership secretary.
- 15 members left the club, mostly due to moving out of London for family and work reasons.

Club Property

Road race equipment	V.Freeley	Club clothing	S.Neatham
Club medal stock	V.Freeley	TT race equipment	V.Freeley
UHF radios x 4	V.Freeley		

Vince Freeley, Hon. General Secretary

FPCC Membership and Captains Report

2019 has been another good steady year for our club. Club runs now regularly have three different speed groups leaving Potters Bar each Sunday. Our Odam series was once again well supported and we again put on a calendar of events that much larger clubs struggle would be very proud of. The year kicked off with our Reliability Ride which raised a generous amount for Cancer Research. On the competitive side we have had a great year with some amazing TT times on the fast courses as well as great attendances and placings on the Spoco events with FPCC winning the South East team prize yet again.

Our road race was once again a great success and massive thanks go to Alex Cohen for doing what is one of the hardest jobs we have, organising this event.

New for 2019 was the first FPCC 200km Audax which was a great day with a full entry and great support from many members both riding and helping out. Joff Verby did a fantastic job organising and our Audax is expanding in 2020 with the addition of a shorter 100km route.

Our current membership stands at 134 and in 2019 we welcomed 13 new members. Luke Norbury, Robert Lobatto, Hugh Crawshaw, Peter Morgan, Sean Poulter, Alex Allison, Josie Griffin, Katie Vooght, Pau Riera, Nick Threlfall, Toby Mann, Patrick Dodds and Paul James.

On the downside we lost 15 members. This does seem to be quite normal though and our membership has remained pretty steady for the last few years.

As we go into 2020, I think the club is in a pretty good shape. We always punch above our weight when it comes to promoting events and all our members are active and supportive when the call goes out for marshals and helpers.

I like to think of FPCC as quality rather than quantity. If I spot another FPCC jersey out on the road I'll nearly always know who it is, I hope that never changes.

Simon Neatham, Club Captain

Road Racing Secretary Report

First of all, I would like to say a massive thank you to Alex Cohen for running and organising his 3rd successive Finsbury Park Road Race. It was like a well-oiled machine once again. A real triumph. Giant kudos Alex

The 2019 race season has been pretty active. A few new faces flying the Finsbury flag around various criteriums in London. Sarah Cakebread, Jeremy Greenwood, Andrew Neidhardt and Alexander Craig Thomas all broke their racing cherries in 2019. Jeremy also braved his first road race and was promoted to 3rd cat. Seems Jeremy has found his calling in the race scene and looks like he's not slowing down in 2020. Here's to 2nd cat this year.

In the masters racing, (along with Jeremy), myself, Alex Cohen and Dominic Bray have all been keeping it real. I managed my second only win at Houghill and my first ever 3rd place and retained 2nd cat. Maybe a master's team for 2020 with the return of Gray Turnock?

Amir and Mani have been smashing it at Hillingdon with 50 points between them. Amir bagging several podiums and just 4 points shy of second cat.

Although not huge the race scene does seem to be growing and hoping this year will be even bigger and brighter.

And the race report from Alex

Once again thanks to the dedication of the club's amazing hoard of helpers the 2019 Finsbury Park Road Race was a success.

The cold and wet conditions meant we only had 40 riders but the official start sheet was full and we made a 'profit' of just over £300.

The 2/3/4 race was on the Rickling Green course again and was won by Rob Walker of Cambridge University CC with our very own Greg Smith coming in 11th.

Massive thank you to all the club members who made the event possible.

Gregory Smith, Road Racing Secretary

Track Secretary Report

A subdued year on the track this season but with one or two highlights worthy of mention.

The level of racing at the Full Gas Winter League seems to go up a bit every season so my move from the B group to the C group was a wise one. Last year's B group were this year's C group. And when you see that some Lee Valley B group are Welwyn A group... well it's all relative.

Don't be put off though, there's a group for you somewhere. As I proved with regular high placings and a total of 26 league points scored.

But disaster struck with a heavy crash early in the year and a good few weeks off the bike. In fact, there was a spate of crashes in the weeks that followed so maybe I was lucky to get mine out of the way early. No more than coincidence and this winter's events have been a lot safer.

In the Spring it was off to Welwyn again but the good luck with weather they have enjoyed for the last couple of seasons deserted them in 2019 and Friday night always seemed to be raining. Halfway through the season, they shut down for a few weeks to renovate the track surface (FPCC contributed to the fund that help to pay for that) and so the stop /start of the League season meant that attendance suffered. So did I – trying to race in a reduced numbers B field with fewer wheels to follow.

I was also disappointed to miss every round of the Herne Hill Exodus Vets League in 2019. Every date clashed with something or other and it just wasn't to be.

That Full Gas crash put me out of one of the year's regular events, the LVRC Omnium in February. It would have been my last ride in that age group and, looking at the field, I had a lucky escape. Masters are obsessed with birthdays and who is in and out of their group each year and my group would have been all big hitters at any age. This year's event is fast approaching and my entry is going in soon.

At the other end of the year we had the LVRC Nationals. The last under that banner before the rebrand to British Masters Cycle Racing. This event gets better each year and has a high-quality field to match anything that BC offers. Vince and I rode that one. Vince will admit he was off the boil on that weekend and the timed events weren't his friends. But he fared better in the bunches despite combined age races and being up against the likes of World record holders and World champions, Geoff Wiles and Geoff Cooke. He did enough to secure the club Track Championship for 2019.

In the summer I rode the BC Nationals and troughed big time. The schedule meant I that I didn't ride the TT, and if I look at the likely result there it might have put me in a better frame of mind for the rest of the Champs. Instead, my first event was the Pursuit and I rode my worst ever time. That screwed with my mind for the rest of the Champs and I was only really hanging on in the Scratch and Points. A couple of days later back home and I was going OK again.... a "weekend sans" betrayed by my body clock. The lesson perhaps is to ride that TT whenever they put it on. Or not overthink things.

And then the biggest event of them all. In October, the UCI World Masters at Manchester. The funny thing is there is less pressure at the Worlds in some ways (unless you are Vince). It's more about being there. Not great results again but even PBs wouldn't have made a difference at that level of competition. And I loved every minute of it. Big event, big atmosphere, big fun.

Chris Lodge, Track Secretary

TT Secretary Annual Report

With a change of job roles allowing a sabbatical for the racing season, Dan Northover was determined to take training seriously and see just how good he could be. None too shabby as it turned out and he was unchallenged for club honours over the distances he chose to race.

These were mainly 10s and 25s with a few 50s thrown in for fun. His tally of 7 wins, 6 second places and 2 third places shames what many of us achieve over a lifetime. He went sub-19 six times over 10 miles and knocked out three 48s over 25, not to mention five club records. The first of these was 48:22 on the fast Welsh R25/3H course in early June then 18:24 on the F11/10 in mid-June before returning to Wales to go a little faster with 48:15 a week later.

Dan was warming up for the National 50 Championships at the end of June. Not seeded amongst the favourites he caught a few big names and beat many more producing the 6th fastest ride of the day. Sadly, an inexplicable brain faze moment saw him still sitting on the rollers when he should have been at the start line; his 3 min late start gave him an official time of 1:46:07 for 14th place.

The amazing form continued through July. He started by winning the Finsbury Park CC Memorial 50 on the F1b/50 in a time of 1:41:20 which swelled his coffers winning a special prize for breaking the event record. Back-to-back wins on his local 10 course were followed by the ever-fast E2/50c where he smashed the club 50 record with 1:38:05. This was followed by setting a newly recognised club record over 15 miles with a 27:57 which is also the national vets competition record.

Maybe the strain on his body was mounting or just 'one of those things' but Dan then suffered a few weeks of sickness and had to miss his biggest target of the year at the National 10. He had recovered enough to ride the National 25 at the end of August where his 48:44 on a super-fast course was below what he'd have expected just a few weeks before and 'only' good enough for 15th place. With that Dan hung up his wheels for the foreseeable future with work once again taking precedence.

It was a quiet season for both of the main two BAR competitors from the last few seasons, Julian Elliott and Gray Turnock, though both would again win the Touche Cup and the Miller Cup (runner-up). Honours went to Julian anchored by a new club record on the E2/100 with 3:38:02. In fact, I don't think Julian strayed off the E2 all year and his times of 50:50 and 1:46:24 gave him a combined average speed of 28.512mph. Gray rode just enough to qualify and was runner-up with an average of 26.419mph. Julian also won the Gordon Stewart Bowl for the handicap improvement (or closest).

His years of devotion to riding as many races in a season as possible paid off handsomely for Neal Marrin as he put a new name to the Johnson-Hussey Cup as Club Champion with an average speed of 25.023mph for the six rides over 10, 25 and 50 miles needed to qualify.

Apart from winning the fastest 10, 25 and 50 of the season, Dan also picked up the Vets Shield with an amazing ten minute improvement on Julian's record time from last year with a combined 5:32:38. That's almost 50 minutes faster than the record at the start of the decade!

The Odam series of club 10 mile races again saw a close outcome with winning honours going to Pete Morgan with 48 out of a possible 50 points, and the scratch going to Greg Smith – not surprisingly as he won five rounds – with an average of 25.707mph.

Greg also proved fastest up Essendon Hill in winning the club hill climb in a time of 3:11. Sadly none of the women's trophies had qualifiers nor did anyone venture for a day out for the 12 hour or 24 hour trophies.

As ever the Park were represented well in SPOCOs throughout the season with honours spread out evenly. Finsbury Park continued their run as team champions (Greg, Dominic Bray and Neal) for the 4th consecutive year and Neal also won the handicap prize.

David Kendall, Time Trialling Secretary

Hon Treasurers Report

Income & Expenditure Account 31/10/2019

Item	2019			2018		
	Income	Expense	Balance	Income	Expense	Balance
Subs	2009.50	0.00	2009.50	1994.25	0.00	1994.25
Donations in	78.00		78.00	25.00		25.00
Donations out		850.00	-850.00		550.00	-550.00
Open 25	534.39	485.00	49.39	410.35	372.00	38.35
Open 50	369.00	369.00	0.00	359.40	423.20	-63.80
Road Race	1543.00	1233.83	309.17	1366.00	1205.65	160.35
Audax/CX	970.17	561.01	409.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tea run/club room	216.00	480.00	-264.00	225.00	520.00	-295.00
Club TTs	364.00	336.00	28.00	303.00	274.00	29.00
Reliability	680.65	90.00	590.65	662.70	198.00	464.70
Club Dinner	1628.00	1880.00	-252.00	1396.40	1629.99	-233.59
Affiliations	0.00	153.00	-153.00	0.00	165.00	-165.00
Printing & Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Open SPOCO	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clothing	3129.71	3317.60	-187.89	4708.00	5697.60	-989.60
A.G.M.	0.00	50.00	-50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Engraving	0.00	138.00	-138.00	0.00	159.00	-159.00
Medal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Website	0.00	119.98	-119.98	0.00	119.98	-119.98
Misc.	0.00	40.00	-40.00	0.00	35.00	-35.00
Current A/C interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Savings A/C interest	22.03	0.00	22.03	14.25	0.00	14.25
Total	11544.45	10103.42	1441.03	11464.35	11349.42	114.93

Notes:

1. 2019 Club Dinner subsidised by club as agreed at committee.
2. tea run subsidised by the club as agreed at committee
3. Misc. includes cost of flowers as thanks for catering
4. Donations out includes £250.00 for Welwyn track refurbishment

Club Assets at 31 Oct 19

Assets	2019	2018	Change
Current Account	7,863.10	7016.55	846.55
National Savings	3059.61	3037.58	22.03
Sub-total	10922.71	10054.13	868.58
Clothing	2986.50	2763.00	223.50
Medals (replacement cost) incl VAT	174.36	457.14	-282.78
Trophies (1996 valuation)	1150.00	1150.00	0.00
Liabilities (accrued expenditure/income)	104.98	677.43	
Total	15128.59	13746.84	1381.75

Notes**Liabilities (accrued expenditure/income)**

Deposits not credited by 31-Oct-19	50.00
Payments not made by 31-Oct-19	154.98
Cheques paid from 2019 included in 2018 account	677.43
Deposits included in 2018 account	0.00
check	868.58

Peter Bullen, Hon Treasurer.
