

Club Chairman Report 2021

Again, I start my chairman's report very differently from what I have done in previous years, just as I did for 2020. A second year with Covid-19: National lock down at the start of January 2021, and a nationwide vacation programme again were the order of the day.

We all got used to the new terminology, Delta; you're on mute, new normal, to name a few.

Lockdown lasted to March 8th with restrictions still in place which lasted to end of June.

But unlike 2020 the club was able to run its entire race programme, which will be reported by my fellow officers.

Alas the Presidents' Tea Run was regrettably cancelled in September.

All committee meetings were held on Zoom, but again a first for the club was the AGM held on Zoom, which all went very well and a good attendance from the club.

Club runs again were restricted for the first part of the year, but once rules were relaxed, then the introduction rides for the first Sunday of each month started alongside the normal Sunday rides too.

The FPCC club run in recent years have gone from strength to strength, and is a key element for the future of our club with new members joining most months. Membership is at levels that I have not seen in many a year. This is all down to a small band of Parkers who arrange the runs, and again this will be highlighted more in the Captains report.

Club dinner to cover club year 2021 at the moment has been postponed as recently posted on Face Book. The committee is working hard to make sure that the highlight of our club calendar goes ahead, and also ensure everyone is kept safe.

As stated earlier, the club was able to run a full race programme of club and open events. We also run a new sporting time trail course care of the efforts of Neal Marrin.

But again, things were not quite the same: No mingling around results board mulling over the "what if's" as we still had restrictions in place.

I would like to thank all of our organisers Vince Freeley, Ian Bibby and Alex Cohen, and the many members of the Park who came out and gave their free time to marshal and help at our events in 2021. Without you we can't race!

The biggest compliment we get is when our fellow racers say what well run events we put on.

My thanks again to all club officers and committee members for 2021:

As you may now already know Alex Cohen is stepping down as road race organiser after this year's race in 2022.

I would like to extend my thanks and gratitude to Alex, for what is our most intensive race of the year. We had close to forty members of the club helping in 2021.

This year's race is also going to be very different. British Cycling in the south east has a shortage of Chief and assisted commissaries. This has resulted in two races on the same day in the morning and the afternoon. This will be for all races, and not just ours.

It is a challenge that the club is up too, but it does highlight an area we should all be aware of; that is volunteers to step up and help and assist in the running of the club and cycle sport: We would like to find a replacement for Alex, to shadow him at this event with the knowledge that they would receive the full support of the club.

This also applies to other aspects of the club too. We will be running the Audax event in 2022, and again the club is actively looking for volunteer to run which was a very successful event in 2019.

With high membership now, it would be encouraging to see new faces help with the running of the club.

So please bear this in mind with this forthcoming AGM.

Finally, I wish everyone to be safe out on the road, and have a great season.

Club Chairman Kevin Megan.

Hon. General Secretary Report.

Committee meetings: Committee year begins following the AGM.

10 meetings were held March 2021 through January 2022.

All meetings were 'virtual' over Zoom.

Attendances

Name	Present	Apols		Name	Present	Apols
K.Megan	8	2		R.Pimlott	9	1
C.Lodge	8	2		S.Neatham	10	-
P.Bullen	9	1		V.Freeley	10	-
D.Kendall	0	6		I.Bibby	7	3
G.Smith	0	1		D.Andrew	8	2
D.Karamitsios	6	3		N.Marrin	5	5

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

John Winstanley, President, attended 4 committee meetings, overcoming Zoom problems.

Cheryl Smith attended 5 meetings as Club Dinner secretary.

Membership: Club membership at 31st January 2022 is recorded as follows:-

	2021	2020
President	1	1
Vice Presidents	6	6
Honorary Members	21	19
Members	106	93
Second claim	9	11
Junior	2	2
Total	145	134

- 16 new members were elected during the year 1st Feb 2021 to 31st Jan 2022 as a result of initiatives by Simon Neatham, membership secretary.
- We 'lost' 5 members due to house moves etc.
- Honorary membership was granted to Patsey Hill and Pam Farnell.

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	Archives	B.Edrupt

Vince Freeley, Hon. General Secretary

Captains Report 2021

After the very limited 2020 calendar 2021 has bought a bit of normality back to much of the club programme. Our Open TTs, Road Race and the Club Odams were all well attended and both in organisation and participation a great reflection on the club and all involved.

Club runs have been very well attended and most Sunday mornings see a very busy corner at Potters Bar with 4 different groups regularly setting off. Thanks must go to the regular group leaders who continue to make our club runs a success.

Many newer members who have joined us over the past couple of years have represented the club in Time Trials and Crits this year as the racing calendar has opened up again.

The Victoria TT series was especially well attended with up to 12 'parkers' on the start sheet at a couple of events.

I think the club is in a very good place right now considering we've been pretty restricted over the past couple of years.

Membership Report 2021

Club Membership has grown by 11 in 2021 with 16 new members (Feb 1st 2021 – Jan 31st 2022). Our Club runs and Introductory rides remain the main entry point to the club.

Five members have not renewed due to one reason or another but overall, our membership remains active and involved. We've never been after growth for the sake of it and as I've written previously, we're definitely a club of quality over quantity. If you see a rider in an FPCC jersey it's pretty unlikely that you don't know who it is and long may that continue.

Current Membership 145

Honorary Members 21

Second Claim 9

New in 2021 16

Simon Neatham, Captain and Membership Secretary

Track Secretary's Report 2021

After the wiped out 2020 season, Track racing re-emerged during 2021 albeit with restrictions and the bigger events still suffering postponements and cancellations.

First back were the Lee Valley training sessions with the usual formats of Drop ins, Deryn, Sprint and Vets sessions. Apart from the smell of hand gel and the individual pens, they gradually became no different from normal sessions and they've been as well attended as ever. They don't let you in until 30 minutes before the start of the session and that's not been popular – especially with equipment heavy ditherers like me. Slots are at awkward times if you have a life. I don't, so if anyone wants to join me, I'm there once or twice a week.

Welwyn Track League also returned along with the Monday night training sessions. Here the big change was no EOL and refunds for rained off nights. Other than that, it was return to WTL's heyday. Riders are getting younger and faster though. There were signs that we'd have some good Park participation at Welwyn. John Sorzano, Jeremy G and Bob McNaughton all showed up for Monday nights and John progressed to racing a few Friday nights. All three had seasons cut short by accidents away from the Track and I was left as the sole Parker again. No points here – the B group are quicker than ever.

Then the welcome return of Full Gas Track League (still running as it overlaps years during the winter). A few points for me in this. Mostly in the Devil where High Speed Cunning is worth almost as much as speed itself.

Once again, I didn't make it to any of the Herne Hill events but I understand they ran very successfully.

Cancellations have been the BMCR Omnium and the Worlds Masters, the much-missed European Masters hasn't run for a few years anyway. Postponements (at present) are the BC and BMCR Masters Nationals – maybe taking place in Autumn. With that in mind, the training camp that I organise in Holland (Parkers welcome!) is also currently postponed until maybe the Summer.

So... '21 was better than '20; and '22 should be better again.

Chris Lodge, Track Secretary

Time Trial Secretary, 2021

The club was well represented on the TT scene during 2021, despite challenges presented by Covid-19 restrictions. We had more than 120 entries in all open events, the majority being away from the traditional 'drag strips' continuing the general drift towards more 'sporting' courses.

Once again, we gave our full support to Victoria CC 10-mile series where 12-14 members contributed to 64 rides in solo and 2 up entries; 16 in May, 17 in June, 14 in July and 17 in August. The Victoria CC series continues to be the easiest, most attractive entry point to TT discipline for new members.

The fast riders, Julian Elliott and Andy Turnock clashed frequently during the season, and this year, it was Andy who had the edge. Julian produced a run of sub 21 minute 10's in June and July, but Andy had best in the Lea Valley, E2, on 3 July, returning in 19:52, to Julian's 20:01. This result together with others, including 4:00:04 in the Kent CA 100, gave Andy a clean sweep of TT awards for the season.

Our open time trials were enthusiastically supported by the membership and there were many tributes from riders about the excellence of marshalling. Of particular, welcome note was a move off drag strips and the successful SPOCO promoted by Neal Marrin on the F14/25 that drew a good field of 79 entries. Won by Ashley Cox, Team Bottrill, 49:47. The club had five riders face the starter.

At the open 50, a pleasant windless morning turned into a virtual deluge as the early starters completed their first 25m lap and several riders opted to call it a day and headed for Tempsford Memorial Hall HQ to dry off. Some others turned around at intervening RAB's on their outward second lap; but the rain WAS heavy.

However, it didn't stop scratch man, Ashley Cox, Team Bottrill, returning in a new course record, 1:49:47, in his first stab at the distance, to claim top spot.

The women's competition was very, very close as Karina Kaufmann, CC London, clocked 2:04:53, a mere 3 seconds ahead of Ingrid Salisbury, Mercedes AMG Petronas CC, 2:04:56.

Grey skies and a strong wind from the South – South West faced riders in our open 25 as they started off from the deceptively calm start line. Luckily the rain stayed away until shortly after the event but with such a strong headwind on the outward leg riders found it difficult going on the exposed sections of the course.

This year saw brothers Luke and Ross Clarke swap places for 1st and 2nd place with top spot going to Luke (TMG Horizon Cycling Team) with a time of 51:12 with a narrow margin on 31 seconds ahead of his brother Ross (TMG Horizon Cycling Team) who posted a time of 51:43. Covid-19 impacted on entries this year and there were no women riders on the start sheet; we hope for better in 2022 on new course F2/25.

Marshalling by club members was excellent as usual.

No TT report would be complete without details of the Odam club 10's competition and this year we had 143 rides, the highest participation for many years. Terry Cakebread took the Martyn Odam trophy with 43 points from a possible 50, Katy Vooght was second on 42 points and Ian Trzcinski 3rd with 41 points. Andy Turnock secured the scratch award with an average of 25.661mph.

And, finally, the hill climb; won this year by new member, Morgan Newman, in 3min 6sec, trailed by last year's winner, Greg Smith, 3min 20sec, and Simon Neatham 3min 36sec. Lucy Neatham took the women's award in 3min 48sec.

All in all, a satisfactory season, especially with difficulties presented by Covid-19 challenges. Club members can be well satisfied both as riders and the excellent marshal support at our opens as we continue to be a force in CTT London North district.

Vince Freeley, for David Kendall, TT Secretary.

Road Racing report.

2021 season in the bunches was very encouraging, featuring new members Ian Trzcinski and Leo Franks, together with Lucy Neatham mixing it with women. Old hands Greg Smith and Amir Eshtehardi were there to show the way. We had five riders who, together, managed a total of 62 races and accumulated 45 points on behalf of the club. Two-day events were in the list to show we are not just a single gallop show.

Ian was on the line in 21 races, including three two-days, collecting 10 regional points.

Leo signed on at 13 races, three two-days, also bagging 10 regional points.

Lucy rode five races, with 2 regional points to her name.

Greg was on the start sheet 14 times, including the FPCC event and scored 2 national points and 3 regional.

Amir also rode the FPCC race in his total of 9 events, scoring 18 regional points.

The jury retired to consider allocation of club road racing awards and the conclusion is:

- Womens Crit Champion, Lucy Neatham.
- Road Race Champion and Crit Champion goes to Amir Eshtehardi.
- Road Race Champion runner up, Greg Smith.
- Crit Champion runner up and Aspirants award, jointly Ian Trzcinski and Leo Franks.

In the FPCC road race, Amir finished two places ahead of Greg; 16th and 18th respectively.

And, of course the FPCC road race.

We are grateful for, and admire the commitment of Alex Cohen for a series of successful promotions.

He has really demonstrated a high level of organisation skills and that personal touch that is so welcome to all the many club members who assisted at our annual event and who also deserve our gratitude.

Alex steps down as road race promoter and we are seeking a replacement for 2022. Alex will still be on hand to mentor and guide his replacement. Please put your hand up if you are prepared to consider taking on this role.

Vince Freeley, for Greg Smith Road Racing Secretary.

Treasurers Report

Club Assets at 31 Oct 21

Assets	2021	2020	Change
Current Account	9159.54	7410.64	1748.90
National Savings	3106.29	3084.09	22.20
Sub-total	12265.83	10494.73	1771.10
Clothing	4028.30	3860.50	167.80
Medals (replacement cost) incl VAT	0	0.00	0.00
Trophies (1996 valuation)	1150.00	1150.00	0.00
Liabilities (accrued expenditure/income)	551.82	677.43	
Total	16892.31	14827.80	2064.51

Liabilities (accrued expenditure/income)

Deposits not credited by 31-Oct-21	104.00
Payments not cleared by 31-Oct-21	655.82
Payments from 2021 included in 2020 account	410.62
Deposits included in 2020 account	0.00

Income & Expenditure Account 31/10/2021

Item	2021			2020		
	Income	Expense	Balance	Income	Expense	Balance
Subs	2131.00	0.00	2131.00	2024.50	0.00	2024.50
Donations in	20.00		20.00	15.00		15.00
Donations out		0.00	0.00		150.00	-150.00
Open 25	370.00	370.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Open 50	403.00	474.00	-71.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Road Race	1560.00	1240.91	319.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
Audax	0.00	51.00	-51.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tea run/club room	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Club TTs	572.00	501.00	71.00	368.00	372.00	-4.00
Reliability	0.00	0.00	0.00	144.08	100.00	44.08
Club Dinner	0.00	0.00	0.00	1392.00	1634.94	-242.94
Affiliations	0.00	118.00	-118.00	0.00	153.00	-153.00
Printing & Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Open SPOCO	948.00	969.36	-21.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clothing	7474.20	7481.70	-7.50	1872.00	2674.40	-802.40
A.G.M.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Engraving	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	138.00	-138.00
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Medal	0.00	573.21	-573.21	0.00	1262.72	1262.72
Website	0.00	91.32	-91.32	0.00	38.62	-38.62
Misc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Current A/C interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Savings A/C interest	22.20	0.00	22.20	24.48	0.00	24.48
Total	13500.40	11870.50	1629.90	5840.06	6573.68	-733.62

Notes:

1. Audax expense is for audax web site hosting
2. Club Hill Climb subsidised by the club as agreed at committee
3. Kit stock includes returned item

Peter Bullen, Club Treasurer
