

Club Chairman Report 2022

2022, at last some normality to life from spring onwards, when all restrictions were lifted for COVID-19: The club was nearly back to normal running, barring the club dinner held on the 18th June, rather than its normal slot in late January. The club also ran its full set of race fixtures along with the VP tea run in September too.

All committee meetings were held on Zoom, and again club AGM was held on Zoom for second year. I can't see this changing for the foreseeable future, as it is convenient to all of us who are home after working, and then would have to go back out again.

Club runs back to their normal strength and introduction rides for the first Sunday of each month started alongside the normal Sunday rides too.

Again, as in recent years, my thanks to small band of club members who run the various groups. More details will be in the Club Captains report.

I would like to thank all of our race organisers: Vince Freeley, Ian Bibby, Alex Cohen and Neal Marrin, and the many members of the Park who came out and gave their free time to marshal and help at our events in 2022. Without you we can't race!

On one note with time trials, our 50 and 25 open were switched to the F2 course and ran on Saturdays, with the devastating assault on the clubs open records at both events. More details in the time trail secretary's report.

My thanks again to all club officers and committee members for their hard work and dedication during 2022:

2022 was last road race for organiser Alex Cohen. It was his last of six races.

We are very fortunate to have new road race organiser Andrew Yeo as road race organiser for 2023, with Alex as second in command. Again, as with Alex, I urge the club to support Andrew for help as and when required.

As Club Chairman, I would like to thank Brian Edrupt for his many, many, years as Club Curator. His dedication to collecting photographs, signed dinner menus for all those present, and any other artefact relating to the club, has been a tremendous effort.

Cheryl Smith in July 2022 took over as the club's curator, and will be the new guardian of the club's history.

Cheryl will be stepping down as dinner and prize presentation organiser after this dinner in February 2023. She has been running this event for a number of years, and has done a very fine job indeed.

I work like to say thanks to her on behalf of the club, for which at times can be a difficult event to run.

The club will be looking to find a replacement for the dinner fixture in 2024, so please if interested, reach out to Cheryl.

We sadly said goodbye to Patsy Hill who passed away in July 31st. A member of the San Fairy Ann, she was the wife of Ted Hill who was member of our FPCC.

She was known to our older members and attended a high number of club functions, and had close ties to the Park.

She was an honorary life member, club president, and held many other roles within the San Fairy Ann and to Kent cycling generally.

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.

If I have to have a grumble, then it will be the slow response to the call of marshalling and helping at club races. 2022 was a very poor show.

My thanks to all those who did step forward and volunteer their services to our sport. It was very much appreciated.

Requests were sent out again for marshals and help for events in 2023 back in December 21st and again response has been poor.

Please can I remind you all, that the only commitment the club asks of you is to help at least twice a year?

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

Club Chairman and marshalling Secretary Kevin Megan

Hon. General Secretary Report.

Committee meetings: Committee year begins following the AGM.

11 meetings were held March 2022 through January 2023.

All meetings were 'virtual' over Zoom.

Attendances

Name	Present	Apols		Name	Present	Apols
K.Megan	9	2		R.Pimlott	8	3
C.Lodge	7	4		S.Neatham	9	2
P.Bullen	10	1		V.Freeley	11	-
I.Trzcinski	9	2		I.Bibby	9	2
A.Yeo	7	4		D.Andrew	9	2
D.Karamitsios	4	7		N.Marrin	5	6

John Winstanley, President, attended 7 committee meetings, overcoming Zoom problems.

Cheryl Smith attended 5 meetings as Club Dinner secretary.

Membership: Club membership at 31st January 2023 is recorded as follows: -

	2022	2021	2020
President	1	1	1
Vice Presidents	5	6	6
Honorary Members	21	21	19
Members	101	106	93
Second claim	9	9	11
Junior	2	2	2
Total	139	145	134

- 9 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' 15 members (mostly inactive) due to house moves etc.

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 2022

After the very limited 2021 calendar, 2022 saw the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions allowing a somewhat limited return to 'normal'. However, the Odam series seems to have lost its shine and there was very low engagement by members. Our Open TTs, and especially the Road Race had good fields and excellent support from members; 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 go to the regular group leaders who continue to make our club runs a success. So, it's a big shout out for David Andrew, Peter Bullen, Ian Burns and Andrew Yeo for keeping our club runs on track; they help ensure we enter 2023 in good health.

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 continued to be of interest and attracted several 'Parkers' during the year.

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 2022

We welcomed 9 new members (Feb 1st 2022 – Jan 31st 2023). Hello to Eduardo Andreu Gonzlez, Chris Northrop, Alexander Rankin, Ryan Bishop, Howard Johnson, George Speight, Sonia Crewe, Richard Hart and Emily Clarke. However, Club Membership reduced by 6 in 2021, but our Club runs and Introductory rides remain the main entry point to the club.

15, mostly inactive, 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 139

Honorary Members 21

Second Claim 9

New in 2022 6

Simon Neatham, Captain and Membership Secretary

Track Secretary's Report 2022

A quiet year for the club as far as track racing went. I was pretty much the only FPCC rider out there and it wasn't a good year for me.

A very slow start to things and an illness interrupted season meant it was heavy going at Welwyn Track League and the Monday night training sessions there. Even then, these evenings are enormous fun and it would be good to see more of us there in 2023 when it starts up again in April. I promise you'll have company at the back of the field!

A diet of Welwyn and drop ins at Lee Valley continued through the year in the run up to the postponed BC National Masters at Newport Velodrome, which were held in September - a post Covid move from the June /July slot. It's back to the usual slot this year.

Anyway, if you are not going OK by the Autumn you can forget the year. I wasn't. So, the Nationals were really just to keep my hand in and socialise a bit. In fact I was quite pleased with my short distance timed events. Not as far off the pace as I'd feared. Nonetheless, I was slower and that really showed up in the endurance events. Oh dear.

Then on to Lee Valley Winter Track League. I rode the first event. OK and some signs of improvement at last, so plans to race all of these were made. BUT...

Next up on the Annus Horribilus season, I started crashing. First a fairly decent spill on the club run and , no sooner over that, than another off at Lee Valley in a Vets session. Both of these put me out for weeks and it was game over for 2023. I was missing in action from the BMCR National Champs for, I think, only the second time since its inception.

All of which makes Track Racing sound hard and not enjoyable. Well, it is hard, but it's very enjoyable so it would be great to have some company. In 2023, we have Welwyn again, the Alkmaar training weekend in Holland, the Nationals, the BMCR, and culminating in the UCI Masters World Championships in Manchester. Best laid plans and all that but I'll be at these. Just ask for more info about how you could be too.

Chris Lodge. Track Secretary

Time Trial Secretary, Report 2022

The club was well represented on the TT scene during 2022. Despite reports from Cycling Time Trials (CTT) that numbers for open TT's were down following the effects of Covid-19 the previous year, we had approximately 90 entries by Finsbury Park CC riders in all open events. The majority of these entries were on 'Sporting' courses which were predominantly part of the SPOCO SE (Sporting Courses South East) series.

2022 was again a year when Andy Turnock made a clean sweep of the TT awards for the Season. Andy's continuing form produced some impressive results including personal bests in the Finsbury Park CC Open 25 and ECCA Open 50.

For many years now riders in Finsbury Park CC have entered the SPOCO SE series with great success. 2022 was no exception to this in a series which is very popular with our members as it is on sporting courses and is therefore one which challenges a rider's overall bike skills as well as their fitness. Andrew Turnock claimed 3rd overall in the event and helped the club to also win the team prize for another year along with Dominic Bray and Ian Bibby.

The first event of the season was the Sporting 25 which was successfully promoted by Neal Marrin on the F14/25. Again, this year the results were used as part of the SPOCO SE series. Numbers were slightly down on the previous year's event but it was still well attended and will no doubt go on to continue with the same if not

better success in the future. The event was won by Timothy Torrie, TBW23 Stuart Hall Cycling, 52:12. A very good result considering the strength of the wind blowing across the open fields on the Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire borders. The club had five riders on the start sheet however with none starters and the continuing effect of Covid only 2 of our riders started.

The second event of the season was our open 50. As always promoted very successfully by Vince Freeley and well represented by Finsbury Park CC members who help with Marshalling etc. This year there was a change of course to the very popular F2/50 in Cambridgeshire. The race was well attended with just under 80 on the start sheet. Conditions presented a moderate westerly wind, (about 9mph), assisting riders on the Madingley to Caxton Gibbett leg, with the return, Caxton to Madingley into the wind, providing a couple of faster gradients. 49 riders reached the finish, accumulating 28 improvements on current times. The F2/50 near Cambridge keeps on giving, yielding a course record to Christopher McNamara, Nuun-Sigma Sport-London RT, who galloped round to take 2m 25s off his own previous course record in a time of 1:36:11. Likewise, Rachael Elliott and Ian Greenstreet, lowered their own tandem course record by 1m 5s to 1:40:29. Eight women, from eleven on the start sheet decided to give things a miss, to the benefit of the winner Kim Barfoot-Brace. The team prize was won by a very close grouping in times by the Ely & District CC/B&T Motor Repairs team; only 6 seconds separated the 3 riders.

Our last open TT of the year was the Open 25. Promoted by Ian Bibby for another year and assistant very enthusiastically by members of the Club. Like the 50 it was decided this year to move the event to the F2A/25, a move which proved very popular with over 160 entries. On the down side it resulted in over 30 entries having to be returned. Conditions were near perfect for this year's event. Of the 120 riders plus 10 reserves we had 107 finishers with 5 riders on a DNF due mainly to mechanicals. Out of the 107 finishers 41 recorded improvements on current times which is testament to the potential of the Cambridgeshire course. We were delighted this year to have so many Women enter the event with 19 starters. The Men's event was won by Oliver Peckover, Ribble Weldite Pro Cycling, recording a time of 46:42. In the Womens event Kate Allan, Team Bottrill won in a phenomenal time of 50:32. After the success of this year's event we have increased the entry for next year to enable 150 riders.

At club level no report would be complete without details of the Odam club 10's competition. Thanks again to Vince Freeley for all his time in running the event. Despite the first event having to be cancelled due to an RTA on the course the first events were well attended. Sadly, as the season progressed numbers dwindled however, predominantly due to other commitments that riders had and the fact the season entered the summer holiday period. A result of which being that for 2023 we have changed the course and will compact the series so that riders can complete the series before the holidays come along. Andrew Turnock took the Martyn Odam trophy only 1 point short of a perfect score of 50. Gary Chambers was 2nd with 41 points and 3rd was Charlie Millbery with 37. Andy Turnock also secured the scratch award with an average of 26.135mph.

The final event, the hill climb, was won this year by Alex Cohen in 3min 32sec followed by Andy Yeo and Alex Diamantopoulos. Sadly only 3 riders entered but with the rain coming down in torrents and the Essendon Hill turning into a near river it was of no surprise. Despite the short distance it was a test of endurance. Congratulations to Vince for organising and the riders for entering in the conditions.

Ian Bibby, TT Secretary.

Road Racing report 2022.

It was an active season for the club in 2022 and we had ten members mixing it in the bunches with a total of 66 races being contested. Greg Smith and Lucy Neatham featured in 20 races each, Greg mostly in the Full Gas

League where he was always up with the best. Lucy rides road races in Team Watto-LDN colours, so cannot qualify for club awards, otherwise she would have pushed our men out of the reckoning for the Clifford and Yule trophies. Ian Trzcinski and Amir Eshtehardi featured mostly at Hillingdon in the Mische West Kent League where Ian had top 10 finishes. Of our newer members, Charlie Millbery and Morgan Newman show much future promise.

The vast majority of racing was on circuits and therefore classed as criteriums and there were very few traditional long road races. Morgan Newman finished ahead of Greg in our own FPCC Road Race to grab the Road Race Champion title; he also gets the Road Race Aspirants award and best club novice.

Awards:

- Road Race Champion Morgan Newman
- Road Race R/up Greg Smith
- Criterium Champion Greg Smith
- Criterium Champ R/up Ian Trzcinski
- Road Racing Aspirant Morgan Newman

And, of course the FPCC road race.

We are once again grateful for, and have been fortunate to have had Alex Cohen promote our road race for several years. His skills and commitment to the club is an inspiration to us all.

Alex now steps down as road race promoter and we are doubly fortunate to have long time member, Andy Yeo, step up to the plate and take over the reins. Andy worked very closely with Alex during the 2022 promotion and is already up to speed for this year. Alex will still be on hand to provide his wealth of experience.

2022 FPCC Road Race Result

		Cat	Points
1.	<u>Ryan Klein</u> <u>Ipswich Bicycle Club</u>	3rd	30
2.	<u>Andrea Bartoluccio</u> <u>Verulam - reallymoving.com</u>	2nd	25
3.	<u>Edmund Slater</u> <u>GFTL</u>	2nd	21
4.	<u>Monte Guerrini</u> <u>Foran CCC</u>	2nd	17
5.	<u>Andrew Kerr</u> <u>INFLITE</u>	2nd	14
6.	<u>Casper Brazier</u> <u>TRASH MILE</u>	2nd	12
7.	<u>Jacob Lock</u> <u>Velo Club Beverley</u>	4th	10
8.	<u>Alan Jay Brazier</u>	3rd	8
9.	<u>Daniel Rees</u> <u>API-Metrow/Bodyby JR</u>	2nd	7
10.	<u>Alexander Carley</u>	2nd	6

Vince Freeley

Treasurers Report

Assets	2022	2021	Change
Current Account	10,621.68	9,159.54	1462.14
National Savings	3106.60	3106.29	0.31
Sub-total	13728.28	12265.83	1462.45
Clothing	2732.20	4028.30	-1296.10
Medals (replacement cost) incl VAT	0	0.00	0.00
Trophies (1996 valuation)	1150.00	1150.00	0.00
Liabilities (accrued expenditure/income)	487.32	551.82	
Total	17123.16	16892.31	230.85

Notes

Liabilities (accrued expenditure/income)

Deposits not credited by 31-Oct-22	59.00
Payments not cleared by 31-Oct-22	546.32
Payments from 2022 included in 2021 account	655.82
Deposits included in 2021 account	104.00

Income & Expenditure Account 31/10/2022

Item	2022			2021		
	Income	Expense	Balance	Income	Expense	Balance
Subs	2032.50	0.00	2032.50	2131.00	0.00	2131.00
Donations in	20.00		20.00	20.00		20.00
Donations out		475.87	-475.87		0.00	0.00
Open 25	1896.28	1581.76	314.52	370.00	370.00	0.00
Open 50	832.00	832.00	0.00	403.00	474.00	-71.00
Road Race	1540.00	1220.00	320.00	1560.00	1240.91	319.09
Audax/CX	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.00	-51.00
Tea run/club room	168.00	480.00	-312.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Club TTs	0.00	257.00	-257.00	572.00	501.00	71.00
Reliability	225.87	100.00	125.87	0.00	0.00	0.00
Club Dinner	900.00	952.00	-52.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Affiliations	0.00	138.00	-138.00	0.00	118.00	-118.00
Printing & Postage	0.00	20.00	-20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Open SPOCO	611.40	550.00	61.40	948.00	969.36	-21.36
Clothing	1032.60	0.00	1032.60	7474.20	7481.70	-7.50
A.G.M.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Engraving	0.00	184.00	-184.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Medal	0.00	404.30	-404.30	0.00	573.21	-573.21

Website	0.00	91.32	-91.32	0.00	91.32	-91.32
Misc.	0.00	445.76	-445.76	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	0.31	0.00	0.31	22.20	0.00	22.20
Total	9258.96	7732.01	1526.95	13500.40	11870.50	1629.90

Notes:

1. Tea run, club TTs and dinner subsidised by the club as agreed at committee
2. Kit stock 2021 included a returned (paid for) item swapped with 2022 stock item
3. Donations out from Reliability ride income plus club donation to Cancer research and contribution to new floodlights at Gosling (Welwyn) track
4. Misc. expense is payment to CTT for signs and returned duplicate subs

Peter Bullen, Club Treasurer
