

2016 Reg Porter Competition - Round 2 - The Freewheeling - Sun 10th January 2016

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Pos	Name	Reg Points
1	Darren Brockhurst	30
2	Rob Pelham	29
3	Paul Gibbons	28
4	Darren Benedict Haynes	27
5	Micky Turner	26
6	Chris Martin	25
7	Brett Davis	24
8	Paget Cohen	23
9	Ian McGuckin	22
10	Martyn Crawford	21
11	Pip Jones	20
12	Dominic Lowden	19
13	Bob Evans	18
14	Ali Brockhurst	17
15	Zoe Georges	16
16	Lisa Davis	15
17	Simon Farmer	14
DQ	Simon Yates	0

Extract from Press Report by Paget Cohen

The damp and drizzly morning on Sunday 10th was the date of the second leg of the club's Reg Porter Trophy - a three event competition run in the winter months designed to attract people out onto their bikes for a bit of riding and a hopefully a lot of fun. The 18 riders assembled at the summit of Stone Hill near Horam each had to freewheel down said hill and, strictly without pedalling, get as far up the other side as possible and stick their allocated marker into the adjacent grass verge in line with where their front axle happened to be at the time. Historically the event has tended to favour those who can adopt the most aerodynamic position on the bike or those who've piled on the pounds over Christmas, or ideally both.

Having suffered the ignominy of finishing last in 2015 having failed to even crest the brow of the hill Darren Brockhurst has clearly either been practicing or piling on the pounds as, assisted by new tyres, his extreme tuck position saw him overturn the formbook and claim victory. Event organiser Paul Gibbons experimented with an even more radical 'Superman' position, with his legs outstretched behind, but it clearly paid dividends as he finished third behind fastman Rob Pelham.

New recruit Pippa Jones performed well on her first attempt with a fine 11th place ahead of several of the men. Going into the final event, the Speed-Judging, on 7th February club Chairman Chris Martin has a one point advantage over Micky Turner, with your correspondent a further 2 points back and several others still in contention. **PC**

Extract from Club Run Report by Paget Cohen

Round 1 - The Tourist Trial - Sunday 8/11/15
Round 2 - The Freewheeling - Sunday 10/01/16
Round 3 - The Speed Judging - Sunday 7/02/16

Earlier in the week the club, narrowly, voted for a new kit, but there are still clearly some getting mileage out of the mustard-hued jersey, namely the two miscreants lying in wait for us on the starting ramp. Chairman Slow having raised himself, if not to clean his bike, then at least to ride

out all the way from home was in the company of Simon Yates his tri-bars attracting not only instant disqualification, but also puzzled stares. What looked from a distance like some kind of submarine-like bath-time toy wedged between said bars turning out upon closer inspection to be an aero drinking receptacle with 'suck-tube' for those like Simon who don't want to get out of the tuck position when tackling a 24.

Reg Porter Competition 2016 Overall Points after Round 2					
Pos	Name	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total Points
1	Chris Martin	30	25		55
2	Micky Turner	28	26		54
3	Paget Cohen	29	23		52
4	Ian McGuckin	27	22		49
5	Brett Davis	22	24		46
6	Dominic Lowden	26	19		45
7	Ali Brockhurst	26	17		43
8	Lisa Davis	22	15		37
9	Darren Brockhurst	DNF	30		30
10	Rob Pelham	DNE	29		29
11	Paul Gibbons	P	28		28
12	Darren Benedict Haynes	DNE	27		27
=13	Dave Hodgson	26	DNE		26
=13	Simon Yates	26	DQ		26
15	Martyn Crawford	DNF	21		21
=16	Aiden McConville	20	DNE		20
=16	Pip Jones	DNE	20		20
18	Dan Street	19	DNE		19
19	Bob Evans	DNE	18		18
20	Zoe Georges	DNE	16		16
21	Simon Farmer	DNE	14		14

For a change I thought I'd go off early in order to witness more of the denouement and I was most pleased with my result given that flat bars are a definite disadvantage when it comes to attaining a low drag coefficient and I'd been relatively disciplined over the Xmas period. I was somewhat behind our early leader Simon and for that matter DBH, but as it proved ahead of the disappointed Merida cyclo-cross boys, Martyn, Bob and the girls and only just behind Brettski. It was no shock to be behind Chairman Slow, Micky and Mr P, but revelation of the day was Darren B who failed to crest the brow last year, but this time came down in a most extreme Sagan-like tuck position (not good for ones back) to set a new mark. As Si Farmer trickled to a halt way back down the slope that left only Mr Gibbons, taking inspiration from the Obree-school, to sweep past legs stretched out behind him to snatch 3rd behind Mr P. **PC**

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A few more dignified words from the leader on GC - Chris Martin

Thanks to Paul for running the event. I'd freewheeled down from Heathfield and getting there a little early had a chance to give the hill a test. The road surface was pretty rough, with plenty of potholes and loose material to be avoided and to cap it all a lot of standing and running water. My run was trouble free (no cars at bad points) and I was brave, in that I didn't touch the brakes and tried to take the best line into and through the corner at the bottom and hold as much speed as possible. With Micky finishing two places ahead of me, I was pleased to see the rider between us was Simon, who'd been disqualified before even starting! Thanks to Simon, I go into the final round with a very tenuous one-point lead over Micky, whilst Paget is also very much in the mix. Actually, with my experience on the Speed Judging yo-yoing between winning it one year and being virtually last another - it's going to be a lottery, with any of the top 14 riders still technically capable of taking the trophy.

Last stop the Speed Judging. **CM**



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