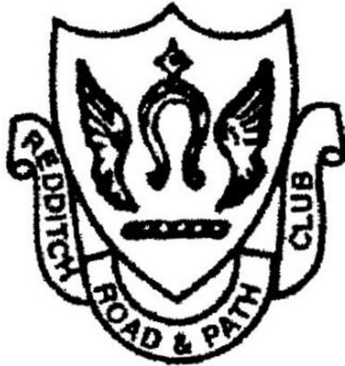


REDDITCH ROAD AND PATH CYCLING CLUB



MEMBERS' HANDBOOK

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1. INTRODUCTION

Redditch Road and Path Cycling Club was founded in 1885 providing a friendly union for cyclists interested in various cycling disciplines long before motor cars became available to the masses. In the twenty-first century the club continues to thrive and promotes an inclusive range of cycling interests with something for everybody.

- **Go-Ride:** Through affiliation with British Cycling (BC), the club offers a popular and comprehensive cycling skills training programme for young people. A series of scheduled weekly sessions are organised and staffed by qualified coaches.
- **Time Trials:** On alternate Tuesday evenings run from spring to late summer through affiliation with Cycling Time Trials Midlands DC.
(Note: many club members also participate in 'Bromsgrove Olympique' Club's time trials on alternate Thursday evenings.)
- **Reliability Ride:** This is an annual event organised by the Club, held in February.
- **Saturday and Sunday Rides:** Leisure and training rides at a range of speeds and distances to suit members' needs and abilities.
- **Social Gatherings:** A range of on- and off-bike activities are organised each year, including the annual dinner/awards presentation night.
- **Open Events:** Through its expertise, the club commands an important presence in West Midlands cycling, organizing a calendar of open events attended by riders from other clubs.

Affiliations

The club is affiliated to the following organisations:

- Cycling Time Trials (CTT)
www.ctt.org.uk
- British Cycling (BC)
www.britishcycling.org.uk
- British Schools Cycling Association (BSCA)
www.bsca.org.uk

2. TROPHIES

The club has a collection of trophies that have been donated throughout its history. Some were first awarded over a hundred years ago and are part of the club's rich heritage.

A. Partridge Cup – Points Trophy

Donated by Alan Partridge who was the first club member to 'beat the hour'. Awarded to the rider with the highest number of points gained in club events.

- a) 5 points for riding an event
- b) Actual placing : 3 points for 1st place, 2 points for 2nd place, 1 point for 3rd place.
- c) Handicap placing: 3 points for 1st place, 2 points of 2nd place, 1 point for 3rd place.

For juvenile and ladies, points gained in 5 mile events will be taken into account for this award.

A medal is awarded to the highest place rider in each of the remaining four categories.

J.A. Gold – Handicap Trophy

Donated by J.A. Gold who was president before 1939.

Awarded to the rider with the highest number of handicap points in club events only. Points awarded: 3 points for 1st place, 2 points for 2nd place and 1 point for 3rd place on handicap placing.

For juvenile and ladies, points gained in 5 mile events will be taken into account for this award.

Tom Baylis Cup (1891)

Tom Baylis was a club member who loved and took part in all forms of sport and encouraged others to do the same. The trophy was won outright by A.E. Morris. His widow subsequently donated it to the club.

Len Cocker Memorial Trophy – Junior B.A.R.

Now awarded to the Slipstreamer who, over the year, accumulates the greatest number of points from activities.

- 2 points per mid week training session
- 5 points for a weekend activity organised by the club
- 10 points for taking part in any regional event organised by another club.
- 20 points for taking part in a national event
- 50 points for taking part in an international event.

Paul Balcombe Memorial Trophy – Juvenile B.A.R.

Paul Balcombe, Junior B.A.R. holder in 1979, son of Phil and Gill was tragically killed and the trophy was donated in his memory from a members' collection.

Awarded to the junior rider with the highest average speed over two 10 mile and two 25 mile TT in open, club or inter-club events.

A.L.Pitts Cup – Senior B.A.R.

Donated by Mr A.L.Pitts, local garage owner and the club's most successful track rider between the two world wars.

Awarded to the rider with the highest average speed over 25, 50 and 100 mile TT in open, club or inter-club events.

Tom Blount Trophy – Vets B.A.R. on standard

Tom was a life member who held every office in the club. He donated the trophy in appreciation of the enjoyments gained from cycling.

Awarded to the rider with the highest average speed over 10, 25 and 50 mile TT in open, club or inter-club events.

Clem Jackson Memorial Trophy

Cycle dealer, club and open timekeeper for over twenty years. Donated by the Jackson family who have also made a Centenary donation. This donation has been invested and the interest provides a replica trophy each year.

Awarded to the fastest RR&PCC rider on handicap in the RR&PCC open 10 mile TT event.

Presidents Cup (1934) – Novice Award

Donated by Major Frank Smith, pre-war club president and managing director of Enfield Cycle Co. Ltd, Redditch.

Awarded to the most improved novice rider (a novice being a rider who has never previously beaten 1hr 8 mins 0secs) recording the fastest 25 mile time trial in open, club or inter-club events.

Curry Cup

Donated by Mr J. A. Fairest, former club President and Manager of Curry Limited.

Awarded to the rider who records the best time in a 25 mile TT in open, club or inter-club events.

J E Partridge Cup

Donated by Mr J. E. Partridge (Father of Alan Partridge)

Awarded to the rider who records the fastest time in a 50 mile TT in open, club or inter-club events.

RR&PCC Wyndham Crescent Wheelers Shield

Put up by the club for track racing and was won outright by the Wyndham in 1921. It was given back to the club on the condition that it retained their name.

Has been awarded to the rider with the most points obtained in road races which are on public highways only. Points awarded: 6 points for 1st place down to 1 point for a 6th place.

Neville Arms Trophy

Donated by John Reavley, proprietor of the Neville Arms, New End and a former vice-president.

Formerly a mountain bike racing trophy, this is a Ladies Cyclo-Cross Trophy (as of 30th October 2008).

Challenge Cup

Engraved with the name W.Lewis esq, the history is not known.

Awarded for track racing. Points awarded: 6 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 6th place. Finals only. Believed to have been reassigned to Ladies Audax.

Cyclo-Cross Trophy

Purchased by the club to replace the Terry Voyle Cyclo-Cross trophy that was broken.

Awarded for cyclo-cross. Points awarded: 6 points for 1st place down to 1 point for 6th place.

Hill Climb Shield

Made by John McHugh, past president and vice president. Featuring a gold medal which was returned to the club by person(s) unknown.

Awarded to the rider recording the best time in the club hill climb.

Holmes Cup

Donated by pre-war member Jack Holmes of Alvechurch in order to encourage young people to take part in sport.

Awarded to the rider covering the greatest distance in club free-wheel competition

Len Rudge Trophy

Men's Audax. Awarded to the rider who gains the highest number of points in Audax events. 1 point for every 100km in completed events.

Fred Machin Appreciation Award

The committee awards this to the person they think has provided a greater service to the club than their position calls for, as and when necessary.

Male and Female Trophy

Awarded to the male and female couple riding the club 2-up 5 mile TT.

Graham Dickenson Darts Trophy

Awarded to the club member winner of the darts knock-out competition.

Track trophies – fixed wheel (2 off)

Donated by Mr E Walter Carr in 2003.

Awarded to the boy and girl who gain the greatest number of points at the Halesowen Friday Track League .

Track trophies – free wheel (2 off)

Donated by Pam and Steve Yates.

Awarded to the boy and girl who gain the greatest number of points at the Halesowen Friday Track Free-Wheeler league.

Speedway Trophy

Awarded to the boy or girl who over the year gains the greatest number of points taking part in speedway races.

Hill Climbing Trophies 2003 (2 off)

Awarded to the boy and girl with the lowest recorded time cycling up Gorcott Hill.

Cyclo-Cross Trophies 2004 (2 off)

Awarded to the boy and girl who over the year achieve the greatest number of points competing in the West Midlands Cyclo-Cross League events.

Circuit Racing Trophies (2 off)

Donated by Mr Nick Yarworth, BC Regional Development Manager, 2005. Awarded to the boy and girl who over the year gain the greatest number of points taking part in circuit racing events.

- 2 points for taking part plus
- 5 points for a win
- 3 points for a top five placing
- 1 point for a top ten placing

The Joyce Griffin Memorial Cup

Donated by Mrs Desi Hand in memory of her mother in 2003.

Awarded at the discretion of the club committee to the girl Slipstreamer of the year, in recognition of her commitment to the club and the sport of cycling.

The Cundy Cup

Donated by the Cundy family before they left for Australia in 2005.

Awarded at the discretion of the club committee to the boy Slipstreamer of the year, in recognition of his commitment to the club and the sport of cycling.

The Eric Morse Memorial Trophy

Eric was a member of the club for over 40 years, ex Club President and life member. A regular competitor in road races and time trials. The trophy was donated by his sons Steve and Brian Gough following his death in 2008.

Awarded to the Junior or Youth with the highest accumulated total mileage in qualifying events of Audax and Reliability over the year.

Club Veteran Time Trial Trophy

Donated by David Brearley in 2008.

Awarded to the club rider who is over 40 years with the best 'Veteran on Standard' performance during the club year. To be based on the best two 10's and the best two 25's.

Members are expected to keep a tally of accomplishments through the season and make a trophy claim at the end of the club sporting year (by 21st October) – see club rule 13.

Glossary

Audax	Latin for 'bold'. Long distance, non-competitive cycling events. See www.audax.uk.net
B.A.R.	Best all round rider
'Beat the hour'	Complete a 25 mile time trial in less than an hour.
Cyclo-Cross	Usually winter events that take place over a cross-country circuit, often involving the rider carrying the bike at some stage. A test of stamina and bike handling skills. Search for 'wmcl' in Google.
Hill Climb	Competitions that tend to take place towards the end of the racing season with timed individual rides up a hill.
'On Standard'	System of positive handicapping for veteran riders.
Open/Closed	Events put on by the club are either closed (only for club members) or open (intended for any rider who meets the entry criteria).

Reliability Rides	A traditional cycling event taking part as a precursor to the racing season to test the state of fitness for man/woman and machine. Often a ride of around 50 miles and, in theory, non-competitive.
Time Trials	Individual race against the clock with riders starting a minute apart. Most races are fixed distances e.g. 10miles, 25 miles. Occasionally riders will ride as pairs known as 2-up. See: www.midlanddc.org.uk
Vet	Veteran rider – over 40 years old.

For all things to do with cycling, see: www.sheldonbrown.com

3. RECORDS ARCHIVE

CLUB RECORDS

SCHOOLGIRL		
5 mile T.T.	Heather Belford	14m 12s
10 mile T.T.	Lauren Carbutt	28m 36s
25 mile T.T.	Heather Belford	1hr 19m 02s
SCHOOLBOY		
5 mile T.T.	Paul Styler	11m 13s
10 mile T.T.	Tom Ward	21m 17s (27.06.10)
15 mile T.T.	Gavin Boyes	39m 20s
25 mile T.T.	Paul Styler	56m 30s
JUNIOR		
10 mile T.T.	Gary Chapman	20m 43s
15 mile T.T.	Tom Ward	35m 27s (12.09.10)
25 mile T.T.	Gary Chapman	53m 30s
30 mile T.T.	Paul Smith	1hr 12m 02s
50 mile T.T.	Gary Chapman	1hr 56m 09s
LADY		
5 mile T.T.	Sandra Curtis	12m 42s
10 mile T.T.	Sandra Curtis	23m 02s
25 mile T.T.	Sandra Curtis	58m 30s
50 mile T.T.	Sandra Curtis	2hr 09m 40s
SENIOR		
10 mile T.T.	Martin Gotrel	19m 39s
25 mile T.T.	Martin Gotrel	52m 10s
30 mile T.T.	Martin Gotrel	1hr 04m 56s
50 mile T.T.	Martin Gotrel	1hr 51m 42s
100mile T.T.	Eric Morse	4hr 08m 15s
12 hour T.T.	Eric Morse	254miles 204yds

VETERAN		
10 mile T.T.	Bob Hampton	21m 43s
25 mile T.T.	Mick Cooper	54m 14s
30 mile T.T.	Roy Smith	1hr 11m 21s
50 mile T.T.	Mick Cooper	1hr 52m 39s
100 mile T.T.	Mick Cooper	4hr 03m 19s
12 hour T.T.	Alan Partridge	234.129 miles
VETERANS ON STANDARD		
10 mile T.T.	R.Hampton (age 57)	22m 21s +6m 45s
25 mile T.T.	M. Cooper (age 53)	54m 14s +17m 43s
30 mile T.T.	R. Hampton (age 57)	1h 13m 08s +16m 46s
50 mile T.T.	M. Cooper (age 53)	1h 52m 39s +38m 19s
100 mile T.T.	M. Cooper (age 53)	4h 03m 19s +80m 38s
12 hour T.T.	A. Partridge (age 60)	234.129 miles +40.59miles
TRICYCLE		
10 mile T.T.	Kevin McHugh	26m 52s
25 mile T.T.	Kevin McHugh	1h 06m 13s
50 mile T.T.	Kevin McHugh	2h 23m 12s
100 mile T.T.	Kevin McHugh	5h 23m 40s
TANDEM MIXED CREW		
10 mile T.T.	Miss S. Curtis/ C. Ward	20m 29s
25 mile T.T.	Miss S. Curtis/ M. Gotrel	54m 14s
TANDEM SENIOR		
10 mile T.T.	A. Philpott/ G. Chapman	18m 45s
25 mile T.T.	M. Gotrel/ C. Ward	50m 38s
50 mile T.T.	A. Philpott/ J. Crumpton	1h 50m 46s
AUDAX		
Paris-Brest-Paris	A. Partridge	1200km 64h 21m

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PLACE TO PLACE RECORDS

REDDITCH TO BROMSGROVE AND BACK		
Paul Styler	Schoolboy	37m 09s
Paul Smith	Junior	36m 52s
John Crumpton	Senior	38m 47s
Bob Hampton	Veteran	35m 10s
Mark Wells and John Crumpton	Senior Tandem	37m 58s
REDDITCH TO STRATFORD AND BACK		
Graham Knowles	Junior	1h 15m 32s
John Farmer	Senior	1h 11m 19s
Bob Hampton	Veteran	1h 14m 59s
Kevin McHugh	Trike	1h 32m 40s
REDDITCH TO TEWKESBURY AND BACK		
Mick Farley	Junior	2h 33m 21s
Eric Morse	Senior	2h 26m 21s
Mick Cooper	Veteran	2h 20m 51s
Kevin McHugh	Trike	3h 13m 00s
REDDITCH TO OXFORD AND BACK		
Alan Partridge	Senior	4h 40m 08s
Bob Hampton	Veteran	5h 11m 51s
Kevin McHugh	Trike	5h 49m 17s

The 'place to place' records were achieved some years ago with different road conditions to those existing today. The Club has no plans to reintroduce these particular events but the records are recorded as a club memoir.

4. CLUB RULES

1. **Title** The Club will be called 'The Redditch Road & Path Cycling Club'.
2. **Club Colours** The Club colours will be green and gold.
3. **Object** The object of the club is to promote cycling in all its forms for the benefit and pleasure of its Members.
4. **Members** The Club will consist of a President, Vice Presidents, Life Members, Senior, Junior, Juvenile, Family and Second Claim Members. Second Claim Members will not be eligible for Club Trophies, Prizes, hold office or vote. Junior and Juvenile Members up to the age of 17 inclusive require Parent/Guardian consent when seeking Membership of the Club. Juveniles up to the age of 13 must be supervised by Parent/Guardian when taking part in Club organized events. All cycles must be mechanically sound, correctly adjusted for height and reach and comply with the requirements as laid down by Law.
5. **Membership** The annual subscription is due on 1st January or initially with application for membership. Subscription of new Members joining the Club for the first time and paying after 30th September in any one year shall carry Membership up to 31st December of the following year. Any Member whose subscription is not paid by 31st March of the current year shall cease to be a member of the Club and must apply for re-election. No Member of the Club may compete in Club Events or represent the Club in Open, association or British Cycling events unless their subscription Affiliation fees have been paid. An initial joining fee will be payable by Members joining for the first time or Members rejoining after a lapse of membership.
6. **Election of Members** Membership of the Club is open to all, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation and religious belief. All applicants for Membership must sign the official Club Membership Form and be duly proposed and seconded by Members of the Club and elected on a resolution of the Committee. The Committee has the right to refuse or terminate Membership. The committee's decision is final.
7. **Management of the Club** The position of the President is Honorary, without executive power in the Committee. The business of the Club shall be managed by the Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Racing Secretary, Club Run Secretary,

Press Secretary, Social Secretaries (2), Youth Secretary, Club Welfare Officer, Website Secretary and a Committee of three plus a representative from our younger members (under 16 years of age on election). All other Officials and Club Delegates to service ex-officio. Five to form a quorum. All Officers and Committee Members are to be elected at the Club's Annual General Meeting. Nominations for officers, duly seconded may be made in writing to the General Secretary before 30th September; such nominations shall be appended to the Agenda sheet sent to each member prior to the Annual General Meeting. Further nominations for Club Officers and all Committee Members will be accepted from the floor at the Annual General Meeting which shall be held in October.

8. Honorary Treasurer The Honorary Treasurer will receive all monies of the Club, sign cheques with the General Secretary or one other from the Chairman or Vice Chairman, pay all accounts passed by the Committee and present a Statement of Accounts at the Annual General Meeting for the year, which runs from 1st October to 30th September.

9. Honorary Secretaries *The Honorary General Secretary* will take the minutes of all meetings of the Committee, conduct the general correspondence and present a report at the Annual General Meeting of the Club's activities for the year.

The Membership Secretary will carry out the administration of new and existing Members' interests.

The Press Secretary shall forward a detailed account of the Club's activities to the local press and cycling journals.

The Club Runs Secretary shall be responsible for organising a Club Run programme throughout the year.

The Website Secretary shall be responsible for the Club's website.

10. Committee Meetings A meeting of the Committee to be convened at the discretion of the Honorary General Secretary, or at the request of the Chairman or any three Committee Members. Four days notice shall be given of the Meeting.

11. Club Promotions All Secretaries and Promoters will submit a detailed balance sheet to the Committee as soon as possible after any event promoted on behalf of the Club, whether Racing or Social.

12. **Club Affiliations** The Club will be affiliated to all cycling bodies at the discretion of the Committee. All events under whichever discipline will be under the Rules appertaining to that discipline.

13. **Trophy Claims** The club sporting year is 1st October to 30 September of the following year. Claims are to be made to the Racing Secretary on or before 21st October, to be substantiated as soon as proof is possible.

14. **Dissolution clause** In the event the club dissolves all proceeds after creditors paid and debts collected will be donated to a registered charity.

15. **Alteration of the Club Rules** No alteration will be made to these Rules except at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose. Notice of any alterations, which must be seconded, shall be sent to each member in writing at least 7 days before such a meeting. These Rules were re-written and approved at the 1995 A.G.M.

Note:

RR&PCC wish to promote cycling in all its various forms. Cycling is, however, a potentially hazardous activity. The club requires that all adults taking part in club-organised activities take responsibility for their own safety and ensure that their equipment is safe and appropriate for its intended use. Youngsters under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent/carer who must ensure the child's safety, and that the child's level of skill and maturity is such that they will not put themselves or others at risk.

Members are strongly advised to take out insurance through either British Cycling or the CTC.

The club committee would be grateful if members would please report any perceived inaccuracies in this publication in writing or by email to the club general secretary. (secretary@rrpcc.co.uk)