

I AM VERY PLEASED TO PRESENT MY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO MEMEBERS.

2012 has been another very good year with continued growth & development. Our club championship was again very well supported with over the course of the year 130+ different riders taking part – another year on year increase which is very pleasing. On the subject of our club championship 2012 saw us change the point scoring system for youth riders in order to **A** reduce the costs of trophies as we no longer have a club sponsor, and **B** to encourage youth riders to ride their age appropriate class. However I am not sure the message reached all riders as there was still a lot of needle going on in the plus classes towards the end of the year. Whilst competitive urges is nice to see the simple sure fire way of scoring more championship points than a rival is to ride the age appropriate class. We will of course continue to run plus classes at all events.

Finding observers continues to be a challenge, however we seem to have settled on a better format with 3 laps of 10 sections giving the more experienced riders and the small wheeled brigade alike the challenge they expect whilst also minimising queuing.

Somewhat disappointingly, to my knowledge anyway, only one of our members competed off Island this year – young Bradley Calvert flew the flag for us on his Oset & witnessed the standard required which I understand was a bit of an eye opener. I apologise if I have missed anyone. I would encourage any young rider to go off Island to ride as the experience & improvement is immeasurable, if any member is considering competing off Island please don't hesitate to apply to the club for help with funding or approach any committee member for advice, you really won't regret it...

The huge success of 2012 has to be our A & B Nationals in July. Running 2 events of this magnitude involves a lot of hard work, effort & dedication from the team of helpers both from within and from outside the committee. We received a huge amount of positive feedback form riders, families and from the ACU directly, as our weekend was hailed as the standard which all National championship events should aspire to achieve. We also had some very promising interest from Castletown commissioners which I am sure would help next time. As a committee we decided however not to apply again for 2013 & maybe to review an application for 2014.

Again I would like to thank the committee for all the support. A special mention must go to Susan Everitt our secretary/treasurer, without whom we would struggle to function. I would also like to thank Dave Megson for the excellent work maintaining the Club's web site, the scoreboard team of Jane & Julie for the all-weather commitment, Graeme Watson & Peter Knowles from DOE, John Watterson for the newspaper coverage, and Mike Doherty from the government for the financial assistance. Thanks also to all of our regular & our new observers, to the Peveril club for the use of the Clubhouse. And last but not least all of the landowners for their understanding, especially Willie Christian & Henry Watterson for the Nationals - we are indebted to you all.

Our next event is the Father & son on 16th Dec at Bims Field here's hoping for a good turnout.

On a personal note, I have enjoyed my time as Club Chairman but have however, as indicated decided not to stand for re-election. Thank you.

Andy Birchall
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