

June/ July 2010 Cycling Otago Club Newsletter

With the summer well and truly behind us I thought it a good opportunity to have an update on happenings in the club.

The **AGM** was a great result for Cycling Otago and has seen an exceptional bunch of positive people elected onto your executive and committee. Already this committee has started on some new initiatives, watch this space for future developments.

Your new committee members for the year are:

President: Chris Henderson,

Vice President: Tony Chapman,

Treasurers/Licensing: Joe Chapman, Glen Todd and Stu Crooks,

Secretaries: Jan Brosnahan and Mike Lormans.

Club Captains: Brendan Hastie, Garry Gardiner and Emma Masterton.

Road Race convener: Steve Hurring

Publicity: Justin Stott, Glenda Bruce, Steve Havard, John Wekking (website)

Selectors: Mike Lormans, Shane Melrose, Kevin Thomson, Chris Keith.

Junior Convener: Chris Keith and Katri Laike

Cat4&5: Yvonne Coughlin

Track : Katri Laike and Paul Whitley

The **survey** has had an overwhelming response, THANK YOU to everyone who found time in their busy lives to fill this in, with your feedback we can make more informed decisions about YOUR club.

Rail Trail 100 Challenge is coming up on SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26. I am sure that you are all aware of this event run by Cycling Otago and the profile it gives our club with the most positive of comments, results and personal achievements it gives to the nearly 300 competitors that enjoy this event, not to mention all the support crews on the day.

What most members probably don't realise is the money that this event raises goes **directly to Cycling Otago** and also the amount of work that has been done by John Wekking (who isn't even a member of Cycling Otago) to get this event to the point where now all we have to do as a club is to show up on the day.

Have a think about helping out the club and see if you can help marshal or help out on the day. We need help at Clyde right through to the finishing line at Middlemarch, so please let Lorraine Stewart know what you can do to help. Transport can be provided there and back on the day, all we need is your commitment to say YES you will help. If you are being a support crew for any family or friends that are riding on the day, can you spare an hour or two to help out????

This is a very easy way to make a huge amount of money - but only if we get the support from club members. In the past years we have had people helping out that get nothing from this event other than the enjoyment of being involved in such a great event, now its time for Cycling Otago member to put their hands up and support this to ensure we get the reward of the money raised.

The **Road Race** Committee is hard at work as I write this taking in the responses from your Surveys and the knowledge of past events successes to make this year's calendar exciting and challenging for all members. The old favorites are there with some new challenges also being added, remember you will be asked to marshal or manage a race possibly twice in the same season so please give Lorraine the respect she deserves when you are approached.

The **National Team Time Trial** is being raced Labour Weekend in Hamilton, We intend to send as many teams as we can to this event and planning is already under way for travel arrangements, please contact the selectors ASAP to register your interest, the **South Island Team Time Trial** is in Invercargill this year we won it last year on home soil, lets go do it again away from home. Again please contact the selectors sooner rather than later.

Congratulations to Brad Evans, Patrick Jones and Alysha Keith these 3 juniors have all been selected to represent NZ at Junior Events overseas. Brad the world Junior Track Championships in Italy and Patch and Alysha the Canberra tour in Australia, Cycling Otago wishes these athletes all the best.

Finally this Saturday 26th June we are having a ***coffee ride***, meet at 1pm at Cycle Surgery (the circus) lower Stuart street we will head to Aramoana via the new stadium Cycle way, Burkes drive, Strawberry Lane, Sawyers Bay, Aramoana then return to Pt Chalmers for a coffee at a café, advanced can then head over the hill to Waitati or simply cruise back. There is a big high coming so should be dry but I will be cold so dress accordingly. Road Rules will apply as usual because this is not a race. Suitable for all abilities, No one will be left behind. See you there

That's all for now

Chris Henderson