

# South Western Road Club

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PRESIDENT  
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## ANNUAL REPORT

The 1994 AGM produced no great changes for the club. Regretfully, no Social Secretary was elected and therefore this aspect of the club has been poorly served during the year without anyone in the driving seat. There was a reasonable attendance of 32 members at the meeting, though this figure probably ought to be higher bearing in mind the size of our membership. Ray Robinson joined our list of Vice President's after many years service to the club.

Our Annual Re-union and Prize Presentation at the Surrey Hills Hotel just before Christmas was down on numbers too with only 63 sitting down to Sunday lunch. However, it was a pleasant and jolly occasion as usual with Simon Jordan announcing the award winners in his own inimitable style and Les Warner presenting the silverware. David and Penny Wright did another splendid job in organising the function for the club.

Early in the new year some 35 members made the trip to Birmingham to watch Roger Hammond defend his National Cyclo Cross title at Sutton Park. Unfortunately, it was not to be a repeat performance and in the end Roger finished in 6th place overall (3rd best amateur). He went on to ride in the World Cross Champs in Switzerland later in the month.

Our own cyclo cross event at Shirley Hills was again organised by Ray Robinson. This was delayed slightly until the end of January as we had some difficulties in obtaining the circuit for our original date. Oscar Whicheloe (junior category) and Scott Bugden (Juvenile category) both put up good performances in their respective events. Unfortunately, after some ten years as the club's cyclo cross organiser, Ray has now stepped down and should anyone wish to take over the role, he will be pleased to pass on his many years of experience in the job, should it be required.

The club roller competition came to a close, after many months of hard fought contests, with Paul Ramsden taking the honours. Simon Jordan pushed him all the way in a close final with Ray Robinson and Oscar Whicheloe in the minor placings.

Gary Smith organised a talk to be given at the club room by a representative from Bio-Racer, our '95 clothing supplier, along with an example of the made to measure bike frames and positions on offer from the company. Roger Hammond sportingly acted as a guinea pig and agreed to be 'measured up' so that the computer could work out his optimum position on the bike though judging by his cyclo x performances this is already quite good!

Robert Squirrell and Paul Ransom won the early season 2 up series event after a very close result on the handicap. Unfortunately, Bob had to resign as Time Trial Secretary following a short illness and Alan Poulton moved sideways into his shoes to keep the '95 TT programme running.

New members have substantially dropped off this year and we have only seen 15 applications to join us this year after at least double that number for several years. The committee had two consecutive meetings without an application in front of them in the early part of the year which is something we have not seen for a long time. We accepted 12 new racing members, 2 of which were lady members, and 3 club members. I sincerely hope this is only a temporary dip and there is a rise in the new members applications to previous levels next year.

We lost two of our oldest and most loyal members during the year with the passing of George Oliver and Art Smith. Both had a long association with the club and Art had been our last surviving founder member joining at the inaugural meeting in July 1930. George held the post of Hon. Treasurer for an incredible 32 years between 1951 and 1982, a record that is unlikely to be surpassed.

Our Inter club series with the Epsom CC was another success, though regretfully we lost the overall team trophy once again. However, Alan Poulton hit back with the best individual performance over the 7 event series.

Roger Hammond stamped his authority on the shortest distance time trial event by beating the existing club 10 mile record held by Colin Parkinson at 21.10 no less than four times during the year. His 21.00 in the National Ten Mile Championship in May set the scene for his following rides of 20.43, 20.30 and finally 19.49.....all in club events on local courses. Roger also demolished the best time produced to date by anyone around Hungry Hill with an astonishing 29.59. Needless to say, he has comfortably assured himself of the Fastest 10 mile Trophy for the year and a lot of admiration from those lesser mortals who plug around our club time trial courses.

On the road race front, our team of Steve Gowar, Martin Hulbert and Ian Paine all scored stage wins in the Tour of Surrey in May with Steve taking the overall top slot. Shortly afterwards, in the Surrey Divisional Championships, Steve rode a good race but could not match his breakaway companions in the final sprint and finished 3rd. The club had 6 riders on the start sheet and Roger Hammond and Martin Hulbert were also well up in the result. As you might imagine, Roger made his mark in most of the events he rode with some excellent performances throughout the year including 3rd place in the Premier Trophy Lincoln GP and 5th at York in the televised Pro-Am criterium.

Gary Smith led the club on a week's cycling tour in France culminating in the Marmottee randonnee over numerous Alpine passes including the Croix de Fer, Galibier and Alp d'Huez. Eleven of our number started the ride but only six made it to the finish line after some 180km and 5000m of climbing. A hearty well done to them!

Club runs from Cobham have been well supported throughout the year with rides on most Saturday's and Sunday's. In addition, the Tuesday and Thursday rides have been popular for those able to join the 'Sicknote Wheelers'.

Our club night has not been so well supported and a substantial financial loss has occurred over the last year. This has been discussed by the committee as it is obviously a cause for concern but the reasons why attendance's have fallen are not easily identified. Furthermore, failure by those who do make it to pay weekly subs (of just 50p) has compounded the problem. We have purchased a table tennis table in the hope of encouraging members to attend and the roller competition does help to lift numbers, but let us hope next year will see an improvement at this important meeting point for the club.

In mountain bike racing, Sophie Allistone, one of our newest members, has really enjoyed a tremendous first season. A novice in March, Sophie scored a number of high placings in the Expert Women class of the SAMS Series (to finish 2nd overall) and National Series (to finish 3rd overall). However, she turned in her best performance to win the BMB National Expert Womens title race at Shrewsbury in August, after only 6 months in the sport! In recognition of her achievements, your committee has nominated Sophie for the Elmbridge Sports Council Personality of the Year award for 1995. She has easily won the club's own Mountain Bike Trophy for the year and we hope she will continue to improve in '96 when she joins the Pro-Elite Women class.

Scott Bugden has lifted some more club trophies for himself this year including both Juvenile awards and the Simon Ottolangui Trophy with a 25 mile TT of 1.04.44. His racing diet has included circuit racing at Crystal Palace where he has enjoyed a number of top six placings, club time trials and inter-club events in addition to some cyclo cross. I am sure we have yet to see the best from this young man and '96 will bring more success for him in all aspects of the sport.

The Bill Reed event produced another close result with Paul Foster winning on Standard for the first time from defending Dave Wright who again produced the fastest time but had to give a little too much age related time away. However, David has retained the Veterans BAR title with times of 22.10 and 1.00.46., slower than last year but still good enough to beat the faster (but younger) Jack Haswell into second spot. In addition to his Bill Reed triumph, Paul has won this year's Memorial Trophy, Points award, Veterans Road Race Trophy and Veterans Hill climb trophy. Clearly a man who has all round abilities and, in his first year of serious competitive cycling, will no doubt be out to improve next year.

In the senior BAR competition, Dave Williams slaughtered the field with times of 20.59, 52.49 and 1.57.02 for a record average speed of 27.54 mph. His superb 25 mile time which he set in August on the A1 near St. Neots knocked two minutes off the previous figures set by John Oakes five years ago. He also won our own WLCA organised 25 in the same month with a 55.20 in addition to some other fine time trial performances throughout the year. Whichever way you look at it, his evening before event ritual of drinking 6 pints of Guinness in the pub works for him!

Steve Gowar continued to notch up the results in road racing and made over 300 points on his licence giving him the Senior Road Race title for the 5th time in six years. His fine record also gave him second place in the overall points classification for the Surrey League and helped to contribute to our club's 3rd place in the top club rankings. A great example to any younger rider, Steve always gives his all in any race. He will be sadly missed by those who raced with him after having taken himself and his family off the Australia once again, this time I'm told...for good.

Simon Jordan has taken the 3rd Cat. Trophy after some solid racing over the year. His results included a win and three second places. Fintan Geraghty, Ian Paine and Simon Allum have also been riding road events over the year and putting up some excellent performances. Fintan, a complete novice at the start of the year, got himself into the frame in several Surrey League races while Ian, a time trialist to date, rode throughout the year and managed to get upgraded to 2nd Category. Their enthusiasm and fine performances have been rewarded by the club committee who have awarded them the Mordan Medal (Ian) and Sams Tankard (Fintan) for the year.

Towards the end of the season, Ray Robinson organised our Surrey League road race at Alford which was well supported by members and riders alike. Paul Jones took 2nd spot in the morning 3rd cat race and Steve Gowar together with Roger Hammond made the result in the afternoon 1/2 cat event.

Our Hill Climb Championship was well supported with 17 riders taking part. Dave Williams turned a nifty pedal up the Ranmore climb to win from Mark Smith and Simon Jordan.

Graham Bromley stood down part way through the year as Newsletter Editor and this role was taken on by our Press/RR Secretary Simon Jordan who has recently put out a brief but informative sheet with club news and results.

This year the committee had a very difficult job in awarding the Most Meritorious Performance Trophy but eventually settled on Roger Hammond because of his excellent overall performances on the road and in time trials to say nothing of cyclo cross where he clearly has superb ability. Though he competes at the highest level, Roger also attends club races and rides with the club when he is in a position to do so.

Our club has achieved some excellent performances this year from it's members. Some of these have been high profile from one of the countries top riders. Others have been quite ordinary from club cyclists enjoying their sport. There is merit in both and I believe serves as an example of how the South Western continues to prosper in all areas of the sport.

**PHIL PARKINSON**  
**HON. GENERAL SECRETARY**

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**1995**  
**CLUB CHAMPIONS**  
**AND**  
**AWARD WINNERS**

Senior Time Trial Championship	Dave Williams	27.54 mph av.
Fastest 50 Mile Time Trial	Dave Williams	1.57.02
Fastest 25 Mile Time Trial	Dave Williams	52.49
Fastest 10 Mile Time Trial	Roger Hammond	19.49
Runner up Senior Time Trial Championship	Jack Haswell	26.26 mph av.
Memorial Trophy	Paul Foster	
Points Award	Paul Foster	
Hill Climb Championship	Dave Williams	
2 up Series	Robert Squirrell/Paul Ransom	
Senior Road Race Championship	Steve Gowar	
3rd Cat. Champion	Simon Jordan	
Veteran Road Race Championship	Paul Foster	
Veteran Time Trial Championship	Dave Wright	
Bill Reed Memorial (Standard)	Paul Foster	
Bill Reed Memorial (Fastest)	Dave Wright	
Veterans Hill Climb Champion	Paul Foster	
Simon Ottolangui Memorial	Scott Bugden	
Juvenile Time Trial Championship	Scott Bugden	
Juvenile Road Race Championship	Scott Bugden	
Mountain Bike Championship	Sophie Allistone	
Most Meritorious Performance	Roger Hammond	
Mordan Medal	Ian Paine	
Sams Tankard	Fintan Geraghty	