

# SOUTH WESTERN ROAD CLUB

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## ANNUAL REPORT

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The 1996 AGM was attended by a respectable assemble of 50 members at the club room. Bob Maylin took over the position of club President from John Bromley who had been in the chair for the past five years. Both club night and annual subscription fees were raised after being maintained at the same level for several years.

The club also took on a new sponsorship arrangement with Technical Sales Ltd joining our long time supporter FW Evans. The company is associated with Geoff Redhead, our new Hon. Social Secretary for the year. In common with previous sponsorship, the main benefit to members is to allow reduced cost club clothing in respect of jerseys, shorts etc. together with a modest discount at Evans shops.

In fact the new club jersey design which had been discussed very widely last year and was eagerly awaited from the manufacturers turned out to be a great disappointment when it finally arrived in the middle of the year. Our design requirements had not been met and there were numerous other faults in the garments in addition to the late delivery. These points were discussed at a special meeting held at the club room to establish if the whole batch should be sent back with a note for our money to be returned. In the end, after a vote, it was accepted and the new kit has been seen out and about during the second half of the year.

82 members came to the annual reunion lunch at the Surrey Hills Hotel in January organised once again by David and Penny Wright. The event was a pleasant occasion (although there was little cross toasting to be heard) and our many prize winners were applauded and given the recognition they deserved.

At the club room, following the successful roller competition, turbo training evenings became a regular feature. Between 6 and 10 members would set themselves (and their rollers) out across the club room and watch the special training video for 45 minutes every other week. They certainly raised the noise volume in the hall and made a spectacular sight working through the training session in unison.

New members have fallen quite dramatically this year and our total intake for the period was only 10. However, this is consistent with a general reduction in the number of new applications over the last few years.

Martin Hulbert easily took the senior road race title again this year together with the Veterans RR trophy. Although he did try to defend his Peter Fryer trophy, he was unable to repeat his 1996 successes in both this series and other events generally but did manage a creditable 7th place in the National Veterans road race championship held on the Isle of Man.

In time trials, Mark Frazer has turned out some excellent performances both on a solo machine and on the tandem in partnership with his wife Anna. On his own Mark has recorded the fastest 10, 25 and 50 this year with times of 21.36, 57.13 and 2.00.25. The shorter events were both personal best times but his only performance over the 50 mile distance failed to beat his 'personal' of 10 years ago. On the tandem, their best times were 22.10 (10 miles), 34.15 (15 miles) and 58.20 (25 miles). Their 10 mile time goes into the record book as the fastest recorded by a club tandem and was amongst a series of good rides which gave them numerous wins in tandem events. As a result of these performances, the club committee have awarded Mark and Anna the Mordan Medal Trophy for the year.

Another personal achievement award (Sams Tankard) has been awarded to Scott Bugden for his racing performances during the year including 2nd overall place in the Junior category for the Surrey League. Scott obtained 50 points during the year and picked up numerous placings in the Surrey League events including one win. He also took part in a BCF junior squad trip to Belgium which he found enjoyable if tough and very different to the British style of racing. His road race performances have given him the Junior RR title and his time trial rides of 23.01 (10 miles) and 1.04.29 (25 miles) have given him the Junior Time Trial Championship.

Scotts father Dave has also been turning in some good performances during the year and missed retaining the ten mile trophy by 1 second with his personal best time of 21.37. He was also close behind Mark Frazer for the best 25 TT with a time of 57.23. Dave does not always seek to ride the fast courses and prefers the more testing local courses although he still managed to beat the hour six times out of eight rides over 25 miles. He has taken 1st vet in several events during the year and felt his best ride was the VTTA 25 in late August where he was 2nd overall and 1st vet.

Newsletter Editor Tony Sayers issued a quarterly magazine for the club which was full of reading and amongst our other club officials, Scott Bugden managed to get numerous reports into the local papers as our Press Secretary.

Club runs have been particularly well supported throughout the year with Saturday and Sunday rides from Cobham plus the mid-week Tuesday and Thursday group. Geoff Redhead organised Tuesday evening training rides before the club night which was also very popular. There has also been several trips to ride randonnees abroad including the usual Bolougne week-end in September. Unfortunately, our well used local cafe at the farm near Hungry Hill closed its doors and I am sure everyone who regularly used this stop off point will miss the chance of enjoying their refreshments in the future.

In October our club promoted the usual Surrey League races at Alfold organised once again by Ray Robinson. Next year we will again be promoting these road races together with circuit races at Hillingdon and a WLCA time trial in addition to our usual club event promotions.

**Phil Parkinson**  
**Hon. General Secretary**