



NEWSLETTER SPRING 2013

Hope this newsletter finds you all well and excited about the 2013 race season

At the AGM in January a new committee was formed and have recently held their first committee meeting.

****Club Race Dates****

Membership Registration Evenings – **3rd and 10th April 2013**
Start of Series 1 – **17th April to June 19th** over 10 weeks followed by -
Series 1 Presentation Evening/BBQ – **26th June**
Start of Series 2 – **3rd July to 4th Sept** – over 10 weeks followed by -
Series 2 Presentation Evening/BBQ – **11th September**
Racing will not be cancelled due to wet weather.

After careful consideration the committee agreed to keep the cost of annual membership to £20.00 which will include a race plate, the chance to qualify for series 1 and 2 Trophies, and an end of Season Trophy which will be presented at our disco in November 2013. Weekly race fees have increased marginally to £4.00 for members and £6.00 for non-members.

As per last year the Season will be split into two Series. Members will get the chance to race 7 races from each series of 10 to qualify for a trophy which will be presented at the track on the last Wednesday night of each Series. ALL members will receive a trophy for their ranking throughout the year (best 14 from 20 rounds). I think you will agree that the end of season presentation last year at The Hilton Hotel was a huge success. Especially our very own Dancers (You know who you are)!!!

A membership form is attached and it would be helpful if this could be completed and sent to me (Sue Trevascus – 20 Fabian Drive Stoke Gifford Bristol BS34 8XN) together with a cheque made payable to Bristol BMX Club for £20.00 prior to the start of the season. This means the membership cards can be written out well in advance. If not please come along to one of the registration evenings.

On membering up you will receive a Club Number Plate with an allocated Club Number. **Plate numbers will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis, so if you want a particular number please complete and return the form by return.** It is important that your Club Number is displayed clearly each race night. Riders with no number or the incorrect number may have to forfeit their points as the finish line will be unable to mark your place down – therefore you will be awarded last place. Imagine 8 riders crossing the finish line several of whom have no number plates or the same number plates (which happens with regional riders with the same ranking racing in the same formula on their regional plates). It is an almost impossible task to distinguish who has finished where. And if we don't get it right, we get complaints but at the end of the day it is your responsibility to race on your club plate not that of the finish line marshals to guess who is who.

Further membership forms can be downloaded from our website www.bristolbmxclub.com – select 'Club Nights' and the link is towards the bottom of the page. Anyone is welcome to join in.

We will be running formula racing again this year as follows :-

Formula 6	-	30+
Formula 5	-	7 and under
Formula 4	-	8 to 10 years
Formula 3	-	11 to 13 years
Formula 2	-	14 to 16 years
Formula 1	-	17 years plus

You will enter the formula at the start of the season based on your year of birth. At the end of each week's racing the top two riders from each formula will be promoted to the next formula with the bottom two riders being demoted down a formula. This is worked out automatically by the computer programme.

This gives riders the opportunity of taking part in more competitive racing where they will be racing against riders of a similar ability, rather than always racing riders of their own age.

However the points for trophies are worked out according to a rider's age – for example there are six riders aged 14. They will all start off in Formula 2 and will be given place points according to the position they finish in. Over subsequent weeks it may be that one 14 year old progresses to Formula 1 and one 14 year old is demoted to Formula 3. If the 14 year old in formula 1 comes last in his/her race, they will still be awarded first place points for their age group as they are racing in a higher formula and so are ahead of the other riders who are the same age. Similarly if the 14 year old in formula 3 comes first in his/her race, they will be given last place points for their age group as they are in a lower formula.

If you would like a more detailed explanation about this or any other help on a Wednesday please do ask one of the committee. We can be spotted by our high viz jackets.

Bristol BMX Club is run solely by parent volunteers without whom there would be no Wednesday night racing. **If you can do anything to help it would be very much appreciated (setting up, finish line, refreshments, packing away etc).** Please pass your name and contact number to one of the committee.

2013 Regional and National dates have been announced but at this stage are still subject to change!! If you would like to experience racing at a different level, why not try a Regional Race. If you have not raced at Regional level before, you can race as a Novice. Several of our new 2012 members ventured out and took part in Regional Events and really enjoyed the challenge.

Regionals

2013 regional race fees are £15 per rider – both novice and expert.

Any rider who raced as a novice in 2012 will need to obtain a British Cycling Licence and race as an expert this season.

Riders who wish to qualify for a SW ranking and Series trophy must compete in 9 out of the 10 rounds

Regional Dates

7 th April	Paignton
21 st April	Bath
5 th May	Tiverton
12 th May	Tredegar
2 nd June	Burnham
16 th June	Bristol
7 th July	Exeter
14 th July	Decoy
28 th July	Cornwall
11 th August	Bideford

South West Champs

8th September Venue to be confirmed

National British BMX Series 2013

23-24 March	Round 1	Manchester - NCC
27-28 Apr	Rounds 2 & 3	Gravesend - Cyclopark
25-26 May	Rounds 4 & 5	Birmingham – Perry Park
29-30 June	Rounds 6 & 7	Manchester – Platt Fields
3-4 August	Rounds 8 & 9	Gosport

Qualification - All competitors must hold a current and valid British Cycling racing licence.

British Championships 2013

August 24-25 British Championships Perry Park, Birmingham

Qualification - All riders will need to hold a valid Silver or Gold British Cycling membership and must also have qualified via one of the 6 regional qualification series held in England and Scotland. (Number of South West Regionals required to qualify for the Brits to be confirmed).

Remember - keep an eye on our website for any news or updates www.bristolbmxclub.com

Registration on a Wednesday night will start at around 5.15pm and end promptly at 6.30. This only gives us half an hour to work out the formulas and print the moto sheets to get racing underway at 7 pm.

CLUB MOBILE : 07854 417 382

IF YOU DO NOT REGISTER IN PERSON OR BY TELEPHONE BEFORE 6.30 PM THEN UNFORTUNATELY YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO RACE.

IT IS ALSO IMPERATIVE THAT YOU CHECK THE PRE-MOTO SHEETS. THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AND AS WE ARE ONLY HUMAN, MISTAKES ARE SOMETIMES MADE.

******ONCE THE MOTO SHEETS HAVE BEEN PRINTED WE CANNOT GO BACK INTO THE COMPUTER SYSTEM AND AMEND THEM******

PLEASE HELP US TO GET RACING UNDERWAY ON TIME.

AND REMEMBER – IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO DISPLAY YOUR CLUB RACE PLATE OR YOU FACE RECEIVING LAST PLACE POINTS.

We look forward to seeing you racing again in 2013.

Sue Trevascus
Club Secretary