



Jersey Cycling Association Youth Academy

1st December 2011

Youth Academy (YA) Chairman's Report

Introduction: this document has been prepared as the Chairman's report for the year which will be presented at JCAYA AGM on 4th December 2011.

Current officials: Steve Lowthorpe [Chairman]; Peter Derrick [Treasurer]; Gemma Derrick [Secretary / Child Protection], Robin Ovenden [Press secretary]; Shaun Bosio [Coaching Liaison]; Adrian Milner [Parent representative]; Eric Le Brun, Simon Stead, Sandy Hugh [MTB]; John Pallot Brown [asset / loan bike manager] and Ben Le Brocq [members representative].

The committee agreed to the formation of a working group to focus on coaching and development – Peter Derrick; Shaun Bosio; Lynn Minchinton-Gilley and Jemima Leach. Their first meeting was held on 5th September and they have had three meetings to date – progress is reported back as an agenda item to the main committee.

Governance – the committee has averaged more than one meeting per month during the year and a YA representative has been present at every JCA meeting held this year and provided a formal progress report.

Membership: membership and participation have both grown in 2011:-

- Over 118 individual youngsters have taken part in YA organised events this year; and
- We have around 105 fully paid up members [approx 2/3rd boys / 1/3rd girls]

Events / activities delivered: two programmes have been published covering February 11 to September 11 and September 11 to April 12 (provisional). The following have been delivered as scheduled:-

a) "On-island" events:-

- off road / MTB events [6 race series Feb to May];
- track coaching / races [Wednesday evenings];
- group rides throughout the year [Saturday mornings];
- Outdoor activity show – 13th/14th/15th May [exhibition stand];
- Town Crit – 29th May;
- A YA race for Youth cat B [U14] and A [U16] now included as part of CCC senior MTB series – 6 events in 2011 started 4th September – 4 held so far [limited numbers but judged to be successful];
- Second inter insular race was held in Jersey on 24th September – at the end of a fantastic days racing Jersey emerged as winners;
- off road / MTB events [6 race autumn series Feb to Dec];



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b) "Off island" events:-

- Calshot track – 9th April – [13 riders]
- BSCA national and regional mtb race – 23rd April - Dartford - [team of 14]
- BSCA national and regional hill climb – 25th June - [22 YA members]
- Four riders invited to BC regional racing school on 18th August – track racing at Bournemouth run by Ric Jamison [Talent team coach]. Due to bad weather moved to Calshot. All riders performed very well.
- 5 riders took part in Lichfield City Centre races on 28th August – BC sanctioned event. Oliver Lowthorpe 2nd in YCB; Ben Le Brocq 4th in YCA; Charlotte Turner 3rd in YCA.
- BC regional racing school at Newport track on 12th and 19th November – 3 Jersey riders invited to attend [unfortunately first trip had to be aborted - flight cancelled due to inclement weather] ;

c) Further events planned:-

- BC regional racing school at Newport track – confirmed as 11th December – same 3 Jersey riders invited to attend;
- Ric Jamieson to visit Jersey on 20th December [itinerary to be agreed];

Exposure: we have continued to receive good coverage in the press and electronic media.

Way forward: 2012 is likely to be year of further consolidation and manageable growth [in terms of membership and numbers of qualified coaches / helpers].

The planned events / activities are likely to include a balanced mixture of *more of the same*:

- BC level 1 coaching course in Jersey – originally planned for October 11 but now moved to February 12.
- Races for Youth cat B [U14] and A [U16] as part of CCC senior MTB series – 6 events up to April 2012;
- MTB races; coaching sessions at Le Quennavais;
- Saturday group rides;
- City centre event – date yet to be confirmed [3 races];
- 3rd inter insular in Guernsey [likely to be September];
- BSCA national and regional events – targeted for U13 age groups and below

And in addition some *new initiatives* as follows:-

- Indoor theory sessions during winter months;
- Further development of mentoring / coaching for older riders [mainly YCB and above];
- Trip to a UK track [April];
- Development of a French connection;
- Greater involvement with local schools [road show demonstrations and cycling proficiency];
- BC regional racing schools for MTB and other disciplines [in the UK];



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- BC national and regional events – targeted for YCB / YCA and Junior categories;
- BC regional events delivered in Channel Isles.

The 2012 event / activity calendar is on the website covering a period from September 11 to April 12. Membership packs will be reviewed / revised and printed and made available as soon as possible.

The YA will also develop a further 3 year strategy early in 2012 which will form part of a new integrated plan being developed by the JCA.

Conclusion: - our second year must be judged an overall success. We have delivered an ambitious expanded programme of activities / events and in numbers alone there has been a 42% increase in membership [over 2010]. Such growth has at times stretched our resources particularly on Wednesday evenings.

We have experienced success out of the Island. In 2010 riders managed to win individual BSCA events and regional all rounder championships. In 2011 success was maintained at individual and regional levels but in Charlotte Turner and Oliver Lowthorpe we have, for the first time, two national BSCA best all rounder champions.

In September we demonstrated that we can also perform as a team when we regained the Inter Insular trophy – this was a brilliant all round performance.

A special relationship has been created with BC which will improve and expand in 2012 - special thanks to Lynn, Peter and Ric and Mark from BC.

None of this would have been possible without the tremendous support given by the Moore Group; JCA; CCC and VSJ and, last but not least, our members and their parents / guardians.

Steve Lowthorpe
Chairman