



## Jersey Cycling Association *Youth Academy*

**Youth Academy (YA) Report**

**Year 1 - 2010**

**Introduction:** this document has been prepared as a summary report on YA activities for 2010. It covers a nine month period from the launch of the YA in April to the end of the year.

**Launch:** the YA was officially launched in April 2010 when Jersey hosted 2 stages of the Tour de Bretagne. The YA provided 3 curtain raiser races utilising the start / finish area at Gorey. This was followed by a second “high profile” event in May when the YA organised 2 races as part of the St Helier City centre races.

**Officials:** Steve Lowthorpe [Chairman]; Peter Derrick [Treasurer]; Susan Williams [Secretary]; Shaun Bosio [Coaching Liaison]; Gemma Derrick [Child Protection], Adrian Milner [Parent representative]; Michael Boarer [MTB] – John Pallot Brown was appointed asset / loan bike manager in November.

**Membership:** membership has grown through the period with spikes at the launch in April and again in July [reduction in membership subscription]

- Over 100 individual youngsters have taken part in YA organised events
- We have around 74 fully paid up members [53 boys / 21 girls]
- We estimate the membership growth of the YA to be in the region of 75% [based on current members compared to youth / family members under the old club structure]
- The award presentation [17<sup>th</sup> Oct] witnessed over 140 people in attendance.

**Governance:** the YA committee held fifteen meetings in the year and the chairman and treasurer attended and presented reports to the main JCA committee [three meetings].

**Events / activities:** 2 activity calendars have been prepared during the year covering the launch to September and September to end of the year. The activities fall into the following “on island” categories:

- off road / MTB events
- track coaching / races [Wednesday evenings]
- group rides [Saturday mornings]
- involvement with JCA and club events [at discretion of organiser]

In addition we have organised / funded the following “off island” events:-

- BSCA national and regional hill climb [team of 7]
- BSCA national and regional circuit race [team of 8]
- BC southern region road race [1 junior - Stephen Haley]
- Inaugural inter insular race in Guernsey [team of 30]



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We have also benefited from “one off” coaching sessions delivered by Magnus Backstedt; members of “Team Sprocket” [professional cycling team] and Mark Adams [BC Southern Region development officer]. One indoor coaching / training theory session on “Goal setting” was delivered by Lynn Minchinton Gilley and was well attended.

**Exposure:** coverage in the press and electronic media has exceeded expectations and the YA has been featured twice in UK specialised press [Cycling weekly] and on Sky TV as part of their coverage of the City Centre race. We have also managed good coverage in the local press / media.

**Assets:** the YA initially acquired bikes from VSJ [8] and CCC [6] and all but 2 [which require repair] are currently subject to loan agreements with members. We have secured an arrangement with three local bike shops for free servicing / maintenance of YA bikes [any parts required will be at a 10% discount].

**Way forward:** 2011 is likely to be year of consolidation and manageable growth [number of members / qualified coaches / helpers]. In terms of events / activities we are planning to organise more of the same:

- MTB races; coaching sessions at Le Quennevais; Saturday group rides
- BSCA national and regional events
- City centre event – 29<sup>th</sup> May [3 races]
- 2<sup>nd</sup> inter insular in Jersey - September

And in addition some new initiatives as follows:-

- Further indoor theory sessions during winter months
- Development squad for older riders – coaching assessment with individual training programmes and diaries - started in November.
- Trip to a UK track [April]
- Stand at the JEP “Outdoor Life Show” at the showground [13-15 May]
- Greater involvement with local schools [road show demonstrations and cycling proficiency]
- MTB coaching
- BC National Youth Circuit race in Bradford [24<sup>th</sup> July]

The 2011 event / activity calendar is on the website covering a period from February to September. Membership packs have been reviewed / revised and printed and will be available at the first MTB race on 6<sup>th</sup> February.

**Conclusion:** the first year has been hectic for all concerned and we have learned many lessons. By any standards the launch of the YA and results achieved [see also Appendix A] have been very successful. This has been team effort and we are very grateful for the tremendous support given by the Moore Group; JCA; CCC and VSJ, ESC and, last but not least, our members and their parents / guardians.



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### APPENDIX A

#### Headline Results

##### BSCA

###### i) National and regional hill climb

U10 Boys – Jack Lutz 3<sup>rd</sup>; Luc Mon Petit Le Brun 6<sup>th</sup>;  
U12 Boys – Oliver Turner 3<sup>rd</sup>;  
U14 Boys – Oliver Lowthorpe 4<sup>th</sup>;  
U14 Girls – Charlotte Turner 1<sup>st</sup>;  
U16 Boys – George Milner 1<sup>st</sup>; Ben Le Brocq 4<sup>th</sup>;

###### ii) National and regional circuit race

U10 Boys – Jack Lutz 2<sup>nd</sup>; Luc Mon Petit Le Brun 3<sup>rd</sup>;  
U12 Boys – Oliver Turner 3<sup>rd</sup>;  
U14 Boys – Oliver Lowthorpe 11<sup>th</sup>; Ryan O'Shea 14<sup>th</sup>;  
U14 Girls – Charlotte Turner 3<sup>rd</sup>;  
U16 Boys – Ben Le Brocq 6<sup>th</sup>;

###### iii) Southern region British Best All Rounder (BBAR)

U10 Boys – Jack Lutz 1<sup>st</sup>; Luc Mon Petit Le Brun 3<sup>rd</sup>;  
U12 Boys – Oliver Turner 2<sup>nd</sup>;  
U14 Boys – Oliver Lowthorpe 1<sup>st</sup>; Ryan O'Shea 13<sup>th</sup>;  
U14 Girls – Charlotte Turner 2<sup>nd</sup>;  
U16 Boys – Ben Le Brocq 2<sup>nd</sup>; George Milner 3<sup>rd</sup>

##### BC

Southern region junior championship – Steven Haley 2<sup>nd</sup>;

##### Inter insular [for youth categories U8; U10, U12, U14 – boys and girls]

U 8 Boys – Malo Mon Petit Le Brun 1<sup>st</sup>;  
U10 Boys – Ben Rougetel 2<sup>nd</sup>;  
U12 Boys – Luc Mon Petit Le Brun 1<sup>st</sup>;  
U14 Boys – Oliver Lowthorpe 1<sup>st</sup>; Ryan O'Shea 3<sup>rd</sup>;

U 8 Girls – Aimee Lutz 2<sup>nd</sup>;  
U12 Girls – Amber Smith 2<sup>nd</sup>;  
U14 Girls – Charlotte Turner 1<sup>st</sup>;



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