



HAWK TALK

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PARTY TIME

The Hawks Annual Presentation Party is coming up soon – Friday December 10th at the Social Club on Queens Road. Info and tickets are being issued this week to all members and replies are needed to Michaela Grimes by the Wednesday (8th). Remember we are able to keep the cost of tickets low by having a big raffle and relying on all families to bring a plate of food for the buffet. We will be making several presentations to members on the night and we have a disco going on till 11.30 so should be a good night.

INDOOR NEXT WEEKEND

A party of riders, families and supporters are off to Salford on Friday night to compete in the British Indoor Championships over the weekend. A hectic programme – some events start at 8 a.m. – see the Hawks competing in both team events – Senior and Junior (U19) - and individual events – U16s – Tiffany Collins, Calvin Grimes, Scott Grimes; U19s – Calvin Grimes, Ben Collins, Philip Adams, Scott Grimes, Open – Dave Martin; Women – Tiffany Collins, Carly Grimes. Good luck to all taking part and thanks to Caroline Collins for again organising the trip.

2011 CHANGES

Plans are emerging about 2011. Already it has been announced that the British Youth & Junior League will be split in two – Junior League (U8s U10s

U12s) and Youth League (U14s U16s U18s Girls 12-17). There will be little impact on Regional Round days but for the National Rounds the two groups will be staged at different tracks (usually close to each other). Put these dates in your diaries for the Regional Rounds, as we would like all our young members to take part and score points for our teams –

Sat.Apr.9 Norwich – Harford Park

Sat.Apr.30 Colchester

Sat.May 21 Hethersett

Sat.June 18 Kesgrave

The main change at Regional League level is that this season's Combination Division will revert back to the previous Division Two that we have always preferred. We will commit to the U16 League (6-a-side) U14 League (4-a-side) and U10 League (4-a-side) all of which we were unable to do in 2010 but after the recruitment campaign we can now do so.

FENCE PROGRESSING

Dave Chambers has been very busy getting quotes for our new safety fence and also looking for funding for the project. Three quotes have arrived and we have a fair idea of which way we want to go but much will depend on the funding. Good news is that the Parish Council has granted us £2000 as part of their "Section 106" monies held by the District Council from the developers of the land next to Tesco. That is a great start and Dave is now preparing info for a Sport England application. Meanwhile, the track

workforce of Tim Grimes, Chris Collins, Ben Collins, Ian Jolly and Kane Matthews has re-concreted one bend of the track and put in some new drains. As soon as the weather returns to normal they will be doing the same at the other end. Dave is also looking into another grant from South Norfolk "Your Decision" funding towards some new bikes.

RIDER OF THE NIGHT

Who won it last and who has got the Shield?? We need it at the party – please bring it!!!

PRE-SEASON TRAINING

Nick Myhill has promised to do some pre-season training in 2011. Not sure what form it will take but our former British U16 Champion has lots of experience to pass on – so watch this space!

GREAT END TO SEASON

The Hawks' final match – our Maiden Plate and Best Pairs – proved to be very successful on a near-perfect track that belied the Halloween date!! The Maiden Plate looked like being between four main contenders and all of them had their moments and there were some great passes. In the end Calvin Grimes came out on top of the 11 competitors with a maximum 16 points. One point behind was Oliver Buxton who had been overpowered from the gate by Calvin in heat 7. Carly Grimes picked up third place while the handicap prize based on age went to Tyler Matthews. Final scores – Calvin Grimes 16 O.Buxton 15 Carly Grimes 14 T.Collins 13 A.Grimes 12 M.Carter 10 T.Matthews 10 O.Nicholas 9 B.Philpott 8 I.Jolly 7 T.Philpott 6.

The Best Pairs always springs up surprises and the biggest one was to see Ben Collins on a bike with his wrist in plaster. Initially it was just to test it out to see if he could do the

Indoor Championships, but when he realised he could ride okay with slightly adjusted handlebar positions he was out there giving his all and looking in fine form. A couple of weaker pairings emerged from the draw on paper but it looked wide open and was raced fairly and apart from a few gentle reminders I had little to do as a ref (apart from excluding Tiffany who did a great pass but then tried to introduce Calvin to her Mum in the tea shed!) When Ben got away from Dave Martin in heat two the scene was set for some great racing and Phil Adams was in cracking form with five straight wins, including a terrific race with Ben in heat 13 – one of the best of the season. Good teamwork pays off in the end and it was the planning and execution by Dave Martin and a determined Carly Grimes that took them to a title – the only pair to get a 7-3 and they got two! In the last heat a 5-5 would have still given them the title but no way was Dave going to let Phil go home with a maximum and pulled off a superb pass. And for once there were no race-offs and some more positive things were David Adams back racing and looking in good form, Roger Carter mixing it with the top three until he ran out of steam in his last ride and Dave Chambers doing well to get six second places and encouraging his partner Olivia Nicholas.

D.Martin & Carly Grimes 36 D.Adams & O.Buxton 34 B.Collins & A.Grimes 32 P.Adams & M.Carter 30 Calvin Grimes & K.Adams 27 R.Carter & T.Collins 26 Dave Chambers & O.Nicholas 24.

STATISTICS

The full statistical review of 2010 is now available on the website www.hethersetthawkscsc.org.uk