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OCTOBER 2020 NEWS SHEET-Iss2

I AM SORRY THAT THIS NEWSHEET IS SENT TO YOU RATHER LATE THIS MONTH, OR A BIT EARLY FOR NEXT MONTH, AS I WAS HOPING BY NOW TO BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU SOME GOOD NEWS. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE IS VERY LITTLE TO RELATE, ONLY BAD AND DISSAPPOINTING, WITH A FEW LITTLE PIECES OF GOOD NEWS AT THE END.

Brian Wyles – Past Trials Secretary, Awards Secretary, Permit Officer & Club Trials Championship Records Coordinator.

Well, just when we thought that things could not get any worse, it just has.

On 22nd July, our very dear friend, wonderful clubman and very fair but keen competitor, Brian Wyles sadly died, 4 days after suffering a massive stroke whilst quietly steering his Canal Boat at 4 mph along the Kennett and Avon Canal heading towards Reading, with beloved Tracey at his side. He was immediately transferred to Swindon Hospital where he was placed on a ventilator, but it was not to prove successful and he never regained consciousness.

A service to celebrate his life was held at Yeovil Crematorium on Wednesday 10th August 2020 at 12.40pm, under strict Covid-19 rules, which meant that only 20 persons were allowed into the Chapel, with a further 10 permitted into the entrance Foye.

The club was very honored to be invited to have seven members at Brian's service, two in the Chapel and a further five in the Foyer. Your Committee decided that I, Tony, and George Sartin should be the two to attend in the Chapel with Mike Hann, Lee Wiggins, Mark Rodber, Richard Fry & Alan March to attend in the Foyer, with a number also attending outside to whom the Service was relayed via speakers.

At the conclusion of the Service there was a Wake held at Brian's local, The White Hart at Yetminster, being in the village to where he moved at the beginning of the year.

We send our Condolences to Brian's Devoted Partner Tracey, His Daughter Emily, His Son Ollie and his Wife Sarah, plus Daughter Charlotte and his Sister Jean.

An Obituary to our dear friend Brian is included with this Newsheet.

UPDATE ON COVID-19 AS PREVIOUSLY COMMUNICATED TO COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION & DECISIONS RE THE RECOMMENCING OF OUR SPORT.

Having discussed the matter with our Chairman Mike, we agreed that despite the effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) on our sport we should keep our members up to date on the situation affecting us all.

Given all the latest updates to Committee Members Only, for their consideration and response to me, as to how we could get our events going again, after the latest ACU SW On-Line Management Committee Meeting held on Thursday last 9th July 2020, giving updates on other clubs positions and views held by members of that committee.

I have tried to supply as much unbiased information to you all that has been supplied to me, bearing in mind that things are frequently changing, which may or may not affect our sport.

Please read it and let me have your comments, so that I may utilize them at my next ACU SW On-Line Management Committee Meeting.

- As a result of the UK Government relaxing the running of events outdoors, the ACU recommended issuing Permits to run events from 6th July 2020.
- ALL Permit Applications MUST BE sent to The ACU @ Rugby, ON-LINE ONLY, together with the appropriate fee paid by Debit Card and an acceptable Risk Assessment which must be based upon the ACU Issued Risk Assessment Document, with local additions and to comply with COVID-19 regulations as previously distributed to you all, ALL MUST BE submitted 'On-Line'.
- ALL Entries MUST BE sent to The ACU @ Rugby ON-LINE ONLY with the appropriate Fee, NO CASH to be sent or accepted.

This will then also ensure that a full listing of All Riders, together with their addresses, phone numbers and

Email addresses area available both to the ACU and Club to enable contact in the case of any individual developing COVID-19 symptoms that could have infected any competing at the event.

ALL Officials and Observers, if appropriate MUST BE registered ON-LINE with the Club prior to the event giving the same details as per Riders above.

- A listing of All Riders and Officials will be sent to clubs, from the ACU, 1 week in advance of the event.
- Payment of Entry Fees to the Club less 3%, by the ACU for a Sunday Trial, will be made via BACS Transfer, will be made on the following Wednesday, Friday, or the Monday of the next week.
- A maximum of entries to be quoted on the Entry Form. No more than that to be accepted.
- Car parking must be able to accommodate the maximum number quoted on the Entry Form, in compliance with ACU Covid-19 Rules for spacing apart.
- Clubs then to advise riders of their acceptance, their riding number, their group of 6 and their time to be at the venue's start. Riders MUST NOT arrive before 1/2hr of their allotted time.
- All Riding Numbers to be either produced by riders themselves or laid out on a table for riders to pick up themselves, to prevent excess handling by riders at the start.
- Hand Sanitizer to be available at the start. All Officials at the Start are to wear Face Masks.
- Social Distancing of 1metre where practicable, otherwise 2metres MUST BE COMPLIED WITH. Failure to do so could mean exclusion from the event.
- Riders to be travelling around the course in groups of 6 as a maximum and with 3 as a maximum to inspect the sections before riding on the first lap ONLY. Inspection of the sections is NOT PERMITTED for any subsequent laps.
- The groups of 6 to be dispatched in 10-15-minute intervals, with an Observer to be allocated to each group, either travelling or located at a section, alternatively a rider from each group to act as the Observer. NO PASSING of other groups around the course or at any section is permitted.
- Insurances to be paid to the ACU, ON-LINE after the event, BUT NOT the SW CHAMPIONSHIP FEES or the Benevolent Fund and SW Trials Academy which MUST STILL be paid to the SW Centre.
- As the venues of the majority of events are well known to any riders who normally compete at these venues, it is suggested that to disguise the fact that events are taking place, it may be advisable NOT TO display Road Arrows to the event.

Events Planned in the SW Centre.

- Torridge ran a Members ONLY Trial @ John Lockett's, Hartland Point on 19th July.
- West of England MC – Members ONLY Trial @ Hound Tor, on 9th August.
Torridge reported back on their event at the next ZOOM Conference call.

Clubs Registering Intent to Run Trials in SW Centre, at a future date, dependent on situation at the time.

- 8th September – Otter Vale MC - SW Centre Championship Round 8.
- 25th October – Lyn - SW Centre Championship Round 9.
- 1st November – Torridge & Dist. MCC - SW Centre Championship Round 10. (In Lieu of Yeo Vale).
Running these 3 Events will enable a Championship Result being declared, from 6 Rounds. 3 already held earlier in the year.

Clubs currently NOT intending to run events in this calendar year.

- Devonport MC, Exmoor MC, Somerton MC & LCC, Taunton MC, Moretonhampstead MC, SWCTA & Yeo Vale MCC.

Clubs not already declared to be running, but now wish to run.

- Should any club now wish to run an event, they may do so by using any date not already in use by contacting that club, requesting their permission. This will be a THIS YEAR ONLY EVENT.
- All clubs are to revert to the Events calendar as per 2020 for 2021, other than Easter dates, for which there will be no need for a new Dates Meeting.

Catering Facilities at Trials.

- Catering facilities can now be made available, providing Social Distancing can be observed.
- I have spoken to Joy Kellaway of Healthy Options Catering, but she currently is not providing the service as she is in the Shielded Group.

YEO VALE MCC – Committee Meetings @ The Red House.

- I have received notification from Chris Eve at The Red House to say that he is opening for evenings ONLY and could accommodate up to a maximum of 30 persons at that time.
- Chris is quite willing to accommodate us for our 4 weekly committee meetings but needs to know in advance how many will be attending to ensure that he does not exceed his limit of 30 persons.
- Tables would have to be arranged to maintain Social Distancing, this will involve the need to control who speaks and when.

Other Events Country Wide running against ACU Permits.

- Currently only 22 Permits have been issued by the ACU, country wide.

Other Events being Run in our Region by other Organizations.

- Three Counties AMCA are proposing to run events in our Region on dates that our clubs would have used.

I am sorry that all the above may seem to be very complicated to you and which involves a lot of hard work for your Committee, Secretary of the Meeting and Risk Assessment Officer, but if we wish to run an event we must comply with the ACU Base Line Risk Assessment comprising 13 pages, with additions of our own.

Other Members in the News.

President - Joan Collins.

Our President has been in Musgrove Park Hospital for 6 weeks undergoing investigations, but with those now completed is now at home pending commencement of treatment, which should have commenced during the week of 19th October. I am sure that you will all join me in giving Joan all of our best wishes for a successful recovery and we look forward to seeing her Observing again, which is where she has declared to me that she wants to be.

Past Member – Brian Patten

Unfortunately, Brian suffered a massive Aneurism on Saturday 17th October from which he did not recover. We send our condolences to his Wife Liz.

YEO VALE TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND 10 – SUNDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2020.

We were hoping to run this Annual event at our usual venue Hinton Park Farm, by kind permission of Edward & Carol Ruell. After initially being able to agree to the event by restricting parking away from the hard standing adjacent to the farmhouse and to park in the fields at the bottom road, also using the adjacent barn for any officials and collecting riders numbers, changes in the second wave of the virus has led them to feel that they are unable to safely accommodate us at this time at Hinton Park Farm.

We respect their decision to change their authorisation and wish them both plus their family members good luck and wish them safety from the virus, as some our competitors may well have come from affected areas. We also realise that the road to the farmhouse is also access to other residents' houses which could be affected. Edward & Carol Ruell have said that they are quite happy to review the situation when the Covid-19 Virus abates and hopefully may be able to accommodate us again next year, we thank them for that and look forward to next year in the hope that we will be able to run our Championship Trial in the Summer/Early Autumn by parking on a stubble field, as the hard standing will no longer be available to us, either on our July or September dates.

ACU HQ FEES/REFUNDS for 2020 & ACU SW FEES/REFUNDS for 2020.

I have tabled the following requests for you to the Centre Secretary, to be discussed at the AGM on 8th November 2020, with her responses also tabled below.

1. Will members who have paid for a full ACU Trials Licence for 2020 receive any refunds or will there be an extension of their Licences for 2021?

Reply: - The ACU have confirmed that no refunds will be given for 2020 Licences/Registrations and no extensions will be granted either. Best case scenario they are seeing a half a million loss this year in the rationale they gave though we should hear more on that at the next National Council Meeting.

2. Will members who have paid for a complete number of ACU SW Gazettes for 2020 receive any refunds for those not printed and received, or will there be an extension before payment for 2021 Gazettes is required?

Reply: - This is to be voted on at the AGM but it will be to decide on whether refunds are given or not for 2020, there will be no extensions.

3. Will members receive any refunds automatically or will they have to individually request them?

Reply: - If it is voted that refunds are given, all subscribers will be written to and will provide details of how they want their refund processed as people paid in all sorts of ways (including via clubs in cash at trails) and we have no record of who paid how.

4. What is being proposed by the Management Committee for Honorariums in 2020 as some have carried out very little work, whereas people like Centre Secretary Kailee Coffin have been kept very busy this year and deserve recognition for all her hard work trying to keep things going and everyone informed in very difficult circumstances.

Reply: - This will be discussed by the Management Committee and then a recommendation given to the Main Board Meeting on 8th November 2020.

NOW FOR SOME GOOD NEWS FOR YOU ALL.

Congratulations to George Sartin & Sue Bonning, who after a few false starts were recently married at St Martin of Tours Church West Coker, with 30 attending, just before the latest lockdown restricting the numbers being allowed to attend after two false starts, followed by a reception at West Coker Twine Works, to finally 'Tie the Knott'! We wish them a wonderful life together.

BOXING DAY CHARITY TRIAL – 26th DECEMBER 2020 @ ROOKS MOUNT FARM. STOFORD.

I am currently pending approval from The South Western Railway to utilise their Car Park at Yeovil Junction station in association with this trial, as we have in many previous years. Without their approval it will not be possible to run the event as Car Parking on the Rooks Mount site at this time of the year, especially if it is wet ground which is very likely at this time of the year. Unfortunately, at the moment I have been unable to contact them in London, as their Server is overloaded. So I have adopted to go for my Plan 'B' and am trying to contact the Station Manager at Yeovil Junction Station, who has been very helpful to us in the past, responding very quickly, and so am keeping my fingers crossed in the hope that this will bring us some success. We thank Richard and David Fry for their approval to use this venue and we eagerly wait for The South Western Railway decision to proceed.

YEO VALE MCC LTD., CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2021.

Marcel has paid the Club's ACU Affiliation Fees for 2021, so you are now able to apply for your 2021 Licences but remember that you must contact Marcel first to obtain a Code to give you access.

Also the good news is that your committee has agreed reduced Membership Fees for 2021, due to there having been very little activity in 2020. We hope that you will find them acceptable.

They are as follows:- **Adult = £5, Youth = £4, Family (All at same address) = £8.**

I AM HOPING THAT I WILL BE ABLE TO RELATE SOME BETTER NEWS TO YOU ALL NEXT MONTH. SO PLEASE STAY SAFE AND WATCH THIS SPACE.

Tony Johnson