



## Inter-Club Challenge

There was a good turn-out of riders for the Inter-Club Challenge, between us, Halesowen and Newcastle under Lyne. Eastlands Velo & Sportcity Velo came out on top at this event, winning a total of 118 points, against 55 points for Halesowen and 40 points for Newcastle. The full results will be included next month, and are available on the web site.

## Club Championships

We are holding the Eastlands Velo & Sportcity Velo Club Championships on the Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2006. As usual, the championships are open to first claim members only, and will be run under BC rules. Riders will be categorised according to age in four categories: Under 10, U12, U14 and U16. Riders must be signed on before 8.30am to race, so get there in good time! The racing will follow a similar format to the Inter-club Challenge, with two events for each category.

The Inter-club Roller event is also being held on the same afternoon, at Newcastle under Lyne, so we would like as many riders as possible, to support our clubs by travelling to Newcastle for the roller racing.

## Youth Gearing

Included on the back of this month's newsletter is a gear table for 700c wheels & sprints. This table can be used to choose what size chainrings and sprockets to use for the required gear. The restriction table gives the maximum gear permissible for each age category.

According to British Cycling rules, the age category is governed by the rider's age on January 1<sup>st</sup>, so many of our riders will be changing categories at the end of next month.

## 2007 Youth and Junior National Track Championships

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**Event Date: August 19 to 23, 2007**

Following discussions with the British Cycling Talent Coaches and in order to accommodate as best as possible the Junior National and International Programme, the date of the Youth and Junior National Track Championships at the Wales National Velodrome has now been slightly altered from those previously published. New dates are Sunday 19th August to Thursday 23rd August.

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## ON THE BLUE LINE

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This will enable those Youth A riders who have already turned sixteen at this time who wish to ride the Junior Tour of Wales to upgrade their licences (post Championships) in order to do so. The Junior Championship Distance races will be programmed towards the Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday to allow for recovery from the Junior Road Race Championship which will be run on Sunday 19th August around Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

We are aware that this arrangement goes no further to assist riders from Scotland, where the school term begins on or around the 13th August. However the Junior World Championship Team will not return from Mexico until around 14th and therefore will not be in a position to compete in the National Championships for a number of days following their return. The full up to date Track Major Events Calendar can be found in the left hand menu.

Phil Braybrooke

### Early Notice of a Great Event and Date for Your Diaries

#### Isle of Man Junior & Youth Tour 2007

**Friday May 4 to Sunday May 6 2007**

Open to all Junior and Youth categories A, B, C, D & E 2007 will include rounds of British Cycling's National Junior Road Race Series and National Youth Circuit Race Series.

The Isle of Man Youth & Junior Tour was established by Peter Kennaugh snr in 2004, after the demise of International Cycling Week. The event has ran with strong backing from the Isle of Man Department of Tourism & Leisure Special Events Unit and title sponsors Sleepwell Hotels, with past winners including, Mark McNally (North West Division), Peter Kennaugh jnr (Manx RC) & Pim Lighart (Netherlands).

In a short space of time, the Isle of Man Youth & Junior Tour has grown to be one of the largest Youth & Junior events in the British Isles, with the 2006 event attracting over 145 competitors and filmed for Sky Sports receiving over four hours of airtime.

The event is now organised by a dedicated team of eight individuals led by Race Director Oliver Last, **2007 will include rounds of British Cycling's National Youth Circuit Race Series and National Junior Road Race Series.**

The 2007 Youth & Junior Tour will include a Prologue Time Trial, Road Race and 2 Town Centre Circuit Races held over the 3 day May bank holiday weekend and promises to be one of best events on the calendar, with most Youth and Junior cyclists been given a fantastic opportunity to experience multi stage racing.

There will be a substantial prize list including Leaders Jerseys, Hot Spot Sprint and King of the Hills competitions.

More information will be released soon along with their new website.

See <http://www.youthtour.co.uk>

### Track Sessions

We are running a full programme of track sessions until the Christmas break, except for the Club Championships, which will replace the normal Saturday session on December 2nd. Updates courtesy of Alan

