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Finch Flies in the Handicap

Rider of the Season 2015

1. Sean Hunt 140
2. John Noone 122
3. Paul Clarke 95
4. Jon Moody 92
5. Dave Butler 91
6. Jon Clarke 90
7. Euan Adamson 90
8. Damian Baker 83
9. Neil Winter 81
10. Peter Brumpton 70



Sean Hunt looks set to continue with his winning streak of Rider of the Season competitions but the chasing pack isn't far behind. John Noone is a fine 2nd after some great time trial performances. Paul Clarke and Jon Moody's consistency keeps them 3rd and 4th while Dave Butler is starting to get into his stride in 5th.

Billy Jarish takes the Scratch 5 league and Ian Finch the Handicap 5 league both making great starts to 2015

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Circuit Racing Returns – Just as Fast as Usual

Round 1: 23 riders took part on a perfect evening in Early April. The Scratch race saw a big group of 10 break away. On lap 4 Michael Adlington of Trent Valley and Euan Adamson got away to take a 2 man sprint with Euan getting the better over Michael. Billy Jarish led the chasing pack in 3rd. In the handicap race the front groups worked very well with the scratch unable to make much headway up the field. It would be a wheeler's double as Karen Brooks claimed glory from Paul Freeman. In the Wheelers league Euan would claim overall victory from the consistent Glenn Porter in 2nd while 8 riders all tied with 27 points were 3rd.

Round 2: It was Mountain Goat who attacked from the gun and put the pressure on the chasing pack. However he was reeled in with Euan taking another scratch race, this time from Paul Pycroft of TVRC. In the Handicap the scratch group caught all the riders apart from Peter Brumpton who's strong riding ensured he would take the victory from Euan 2nd and Trent Valley's Michael Adlington 3rd. Overall it was a Euan whitewash at the top, but Sean would get points in 2nd with Jon Clarke and Billy Jarish sharing 3rd.

Round 3: It didn't go according to plan. Particularly for poor Andy Moore (Mountain Goat) who had a bad crash in the warm up and knocked himself out. First responder paramedics came out and did a wonderful job. Andy was ok but very sore, especially after seeing his bicycle which had its front forks snapped. The racing was cancelled.

Round 4: In the scratch race a 9 man group was left with only a couple of laps to go. Euan and Sean looked the class of the field putting in the most work with the others failing to get near the front. Michael Adlington proved to be the main threat and he came from the back of the group with some excellent overtakes to take the sprint to Euan. Euan would outspurt Adlington by a very narrow margin with Sean 3rd and Paul Pycroft in 4th. That 9 man group would have to chase down the other 7 riders in the handicap. The Middle group featuring Glenn Porter and Stuart Stott worked well with Glenn continuing his excellent form by dropping Stu and grabbing his 1st handicap victory with Stuart 2nd and Paul Eveleigh finishing 3rd. The Scratch group had to make do with battling for 4th with Euan winning the sprint. Euan continues his domination with another overall win from Sean and Glenn Porter making the overall podium.

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Spring 5 League

Euan wins early Spring Classics

A Windy, Filthy Day met a few brave, and slightly insane riders at the first spring 5 at Bassingham. Sean Hunt kicked off the spring season with a victory in 12:25. Billy Jarish proved his speed with a fantastic 2nd place with Euan and John Noone in close attendance behind. Jon Moody took the handicap victory.

Week 2 saw a complete contrast to the conditions with bright sunshine, and a fantastic debut Wheelers victory for Billy Jarish who posted 11:38, 6 seconds ahead of Euan and 10 ahead of Andy Moore. Good old Pete Holland would get the victory in the handicap for the day.

On week 3 Euan Adamson would set a new course record with 11:26 with a surprise victory by 4 seconds over Sean with Andy's Broxholme and Moore in the chasing pack

So in the scratch league Billy Jarish's impressive performances ensured he would win the scratch, while Ian Finch would win the handicap improving well throughout the campaign. Join the 2 leagues together and Euan Adamson would take the max 50 points in the Rider of the season from Billy Jarish.

1. Euan Adamson
2. Billy Jarish
3. Sean Hunt
4. Jonathan Moody
5. Nick Swindin
6. Jon Clarke

Restricted Gear

The 68" gear was the first of two restricted gear races where those who could spin a low gear the best were likely to come on top.

Once again Sean Hunt proved he was the low gear king posting a 19:03 over the 7.7 mile torksey triangle course. He did this with an average speed of 24.25 MPH and was 40 seconds quicker than 2nd place John Noone. It was a great result for John who would put 19 seconds into Dave Butler and 21 into Richard Sheldrake. Adam Round would round off the top 5.

The 75" gear was a similar story with Sean Hunt winning with a time of 18:59 at 24.34 MPH. Dave Butler was on the pace in 2nd with 19:22 and John Noone grabbed another podium with 19.27. Nearly a minute behind in 4th and 5th were Neil Winter and Graeme Patchett.

Restricted Gear League

1. Sean Hunt
2. John Noone
3. Dave Butler
4. Neil Winter
5. Nick Swindin
6. Jon Moody
7. Dom Cunningham
8. Stuart Stott

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LRRRA MIDDLEMARKERS

Another successful open event was held by Lincoln Wheelers as Dom Cunningham hosted the LRRRA 25 Middlemarkers. Unfortunately though Dom ordered Scottish weather as it was very cold, wet and windy. Fastest Wheeler was Sean Hunt who beat Dave Butler by just 30 seconds as it looks like it will be a close battle between these 2 riders. Andy Newham would be first Middlemarker on the day with a great time of under a minute and a half behind Sean. All finishers deserve a medal in such terrible weather conditions.

Sean Hunt 1:01:28
Dave Butler 1:01:58
Andy Newham 1:02:47
Neil Winter 1:06:59
Graeme Patchett 1:07:08
Karen Brooks 1:09:53
John Lindley 1:12:12
Steve Batt 1:12:47
John Woolley 1:13:14
Peter Brumpton 1:17:09
Peter Holland 1:26:46



Middlemarker champion Andy Newham pictured left also took part in the Sleaford Wheelers Charity 10 posting a very strong time of 27:07 on a trike. Top Wheeler was Billy Jarish with 25:02 closely followed by John Lindley with 25:13.

3 Wheelers pairs took part in the LRRRA 2 UP held near Sleaford. Sean Hunt and Dave Butler were 9th overall, 3 and a half minutes behind the winners from Spalding. Neil Winter and John Woolley were 15th and Dave Capps and Pete Holland were 26th.



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The Elvis Costello Trophy

A Win for the Moody Blues

Cyclo Cross returned for a floodlit spring series at the **Costello Stadium** In Hull. Once again there was a Lincoln Wheelers contingent travelling over the Humber to take part all battling to be top Wheeler and claim the made up Elvis Costello trophy. Previous winners Paul and Jon Clarke would do battle in round 1 with Jon falling off giving Paul a 20 second victory. A similar story would happen in round 3 when Jon had an advantage at the start but after 20 minutes Paul would come through and beat him once again by 20 seconds. It would be Andy Newham and Jonathan Moody though that would battle for the made up award with consistency. Jon would always get the best start as Andy slowly eases himself into the race, but Andy has regularly lapped Jonathan and finished in the Mid 30s. However Jon turned up to the last race and would overhaul Andy's points lead through great consistency.



Reliability Trial Review

All the reliability trials were held successfully with good numbers attending at most venues. The riders had to endure a puncture fest on the back road near balderton, while John Noone using his brand new bike for the 1st time tried his best to trash it with 2 falls in his own event. Meanwhile Jon Clarke competed all but 1 of the events in the A+ group, scoring the most miles in the reliability trials, absolutely refusing to buckle under the pressure given out by Sean, Euan and Oxo.

Mileater 2015

1. Neil O Brien 1518
2. John Lindley 1303
3. Gary Schofield 1254
4. Ben Reilly 1227
5. Jon Clarke 1215
6. Dave Capps 1170
7. Mark Waller 1109
8. Peter Jones 1090
9. Barry Phillips 1071
10. John Noone 909

Dated 28th April

Ben Reilly is top of the Wednesday run table, Neil O Brien tops the club runs while Ian & Carolyn Dumbleton are leaders in the challenge rides. Jon Clarke has done the most audax's and Gary Schofield and Sandie Bentham the most Sportives.

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John Noone went the extra mile for charity waxing his legs ready for the time trial season all in aid of the Royal Air Force Benevolent fund.

Upcoming Events for Pro Cycling

A great chance to see the Best of Britain in Lincolnshire.

Thursday 25th June will host the National Time Trial championship based at Cadwell Park, with a circuit in the Lincolnshire Wolds and on the race track.

Sunday 28th June will host the National Road Race Champs starting from Yarborough and looping around the long Sturton By Stow loop before finishing around the Lincoln GP circuit climbing Michaelgate 9 times.

Lincoln Wheelers Charity 10

This year's Charity 10 is on the 11th July on the Ingham course with the HQ at Aisthorpe Village Hall. This year we are raising money for the Lincs and Notts Air Ambulance. It's a great chance to get a great 10 time and raise lots of money. You can enter online **NOW** on the Cycling Time Trials website, or send your £8 cheque to

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