

Abertillery & District Wheelers Cycling Club

Abertillery Wheelers Saturday 10 series continues to gather momentum with an increased turnout of eleven riders. The event held on a testing and technical circuit between Hafodyrynys and Pontypool is proving popular with local riders. The fine and calm conditions allowed most riders to improve on their previous weeks effort with Clinton Evans reducing his time by over one minute! However, his new found pace was not sufficient to stop Ross Phillips (riding his first 10 of the series) from claiming the victory with 25:36. Brian Fry was Mr Consistent with a time of 27:52 that left a few of the younger riders looking nervously over their shoulders. C Evans 25:53, K Jones 26:12, N Pearce 26:20, S Inch 26:23, A Haines 26:50, J Heal 26:50, D Evans 27:02, G Chislett 27:04, B Fry 27:52, R Dudley 30:27



Ross Phillips

The 3rd Event of the Puff Puff's Lung Opener criterium series was held on Monday night at the cycle track in Maindy Cardiff. The opening race of the evening for Cat 4 riders saw a large field contest the 30 minute plus five lap race. The field stayed together for the duration of the race and the results were decided on a bunch sprint. Abertillery Wheeler' Gareth Chislett lead out the sprint on the closing laps, but the strong head wind on the home straight saw him falter and slip out of the placings. 1st C Rosser - Cardiff Ajax, 2nd K Jones – Pontypool RCC, 3rd J Hughes

The main event of the evening was a 25 mile race for Elite and Cat 1, 2 and 3 riders which attracted a quality field with many riders having travelled large distances to enter. From the outset, brothers Matt and Luke Rowe – Glendene CC/Bike Trax, kept the pace extremely high until finally they managed to escape off the front of the bunch with a small group including Jason Streather – VC St Raphael, Matthew Beckett – Cardiff JIF and Steve Bonnici – Team Economic Energy. The pace was relentless for the next twenty minutes, barely reducing below 30mph, as the field gave chase with Martin Latewood – Abertillery Wheelers, and Christopher Tidball – Ogmore Valley Wheelers managing to hold the break to half a lap. However, a fine policing effort by Jamie Streather - VC St Raphael, ensured that the break succeeded in taking a lap. The high pace of the race decimated the field, with only eleven riders finishing. 1st M Beckett, 2nd J Streather, 3rd C Mattinson. Abertillery Wheeler's Martin Latewood finished in 10th place.

Next Sunday, CC Abergavenny hold the first event of the Magic Dragon Series on a hilly 25 mile course at Crickhowell and Cardiff Ajax promote their annual Legstretchers race on a circuit course at Wick.