



Launceston Mountain Bike Club

Newsletter

28 May 2014

Hello to all gun riders and wannabes (ie. roadies),

Welcome to another LMBC newsletter. Apologies if newsletters has been a bit sporadic, with a few more people coming onto the committee the monthly LMBC newsletter should soon make a return.

Onwards and Upwards

The AGM was held at the Gunner's Arms in May. This venue was chosen due to feedback received after our last AGM. With an open bar and deep fried goodies to entice our members, a good turn up was ensured. With nearly 20% of members fronting, a team of inspiring folk were found to replace the exiting hard working committee.

As reported at the AGM, the club has yet again delivered a strong return and keeps progressing with solid membership growth; an excellent financial position; completion of the fantastic trail network; and many other fabulous things you would have heard about from the fine Executives had you been there. There are of course minutes, that will be published in due course.

Our new exec has been voted in and includes:

- El Presidente - Damo von Samorzewski (last to sit down)
- Numero Duo - Louisa Hay & Nick Lawrence
- Bean Counter - Jerry Holder
- Sechaterry - Brendan Adair

Additionally, there are a few specific roles:

- Phil Leslie Juniors & Pathways Program Coordinator
- Michael Hudson Junior & Pathways Program assistant
- Damo Social Rides
- Robby Holmes King & Queen of Mountain
- Doug Millar 4 hour
- Adrian Stabb 6 Hour
- Steve Campbell 6 Hour
- Ben Mather Twilight & Timing
- Tim Freeman Twilights and CX
- Jody Bush Cycling Tasmanian Rep
- Craig Brooks Tracks & Trails Coordinator
- Michael Hudson Tracks & Trails assistant
- Sharon Locke Quiz night
- Sam Calow Social Media
- Kirra Barnes Newsletter/Social media
- Vacant Volunteer Coordinator

We have had a great response to our request for help and have arranged team leaders (above list) for specific roles within the club. These people will lead an event or activity, but will call on others to help out. It is critical to the sustainability of the club for everyone to pull their weight. For some, this may just mean helping out for a few hours before a race to set up or clear up. Please step up when called or emailed. You will have plenty of notice and if we have missed you, please get back to the committee asap.

2014/15 Race and Events Calendar

We are currently in the stages of reviewing the events for the coming season, including the placement of some novice and women only races. Some big non-club events are already set, so we will need to work around these. The 2014/15 season calendar should be out by August and the committee will attempt to avoid clashed with other events already scheduled ie The Cranky Penguin, Blue Dragon and Hellfire Cup. Hopefully the club may look at running some Gravity Enduro races in the future. So yes 2014/15 is going to be a busy one so you best slip in some winter training rides.

Cyclocross Update

Stay tuned for dates and race venues. This will be a three race series followed by a State Championships.

Social Rides

A couple of ripper social rides have recently occurred, including the Blue Tier Decent and Elverton 12 hour track. Check out the up and coming ones at the LMBC website. Next one is Dazzler Range, which will be on Sunday June 22nd. We are picking venues within an hour's drive from Launceston, in places we don't often get to. The Elverton ride attracted over 30 riders, ranging from novice riders through to old war hours! For info, call. Stay tuned or hassle Damo on 0438 639 374

Pathways and Junior Development Squads

Pathways and Junior Development Squads are now calling for expressions of interest for the 2014/15 Season

Pathways Squad - If you are interested in this fantastic National level racing orientated program and are 15 to 22 yrs in 2015, then send Phil Leslie and email at philandailsa@hotmail.com and he will send out the selection criteria and application form. Application close 6 June 2014.

Junior Skills Development - If you are aged between 12 and 15yrs and want to learn to shred more on your mountain bike, you may like to apply for the Junior Pathways Program. Fun skills focused sessions will be held on a Wednesday afternoon in conjunction with the Twilight Races with the option of 2 session times. Session 1 starting at 4.30 pm and Session 2 at 5.15 pm with 6 rides in each group.

To join the Junior Development Squad, email philandailsa@hotmail.com with your preferred session time.

Cross Country Timing Gear Update

As some of our LMBC Facebook users would be aware, the club has purchased a new electronic timing chip system. This will result in just-in-time and online streaming of events, so those Garmin addicted racers can get their fix no matter where they are. The club will refine the use of this system through the winter cyclocross series, so we are ready for the 2014/15 race season. The purchase of the system will result in racers having ONE quality plate for the whole race season. This means, if you register online for a race, you only just have to turn up on the day and race. No need to check in on race day (except to pick up your goodies bag), unless of course you don't have a race plate. We are thinking about having an auction for numbers, so those keen racers can have the number their choice, if they are prepared to pay for it. (Numbers 1 to 4 will go to the founding club members). Stay tuned for more info.

Sprung 2 Hour Race Series Results

Sorry, we are onto it! Results soon.

Over and Out