



## **Jersey Cycling Association** *Youth Academy*

### Officials

Ashley Hillier – Chairman  
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Ivor Clarke  
Amanda Wright  
Martin Orpin  
Scott Docherty  
Rene Raimondo  
Paul Mauger  
Emma Youinou – Youth Representative

As we come towards the end of the year, it seems that 2018 has passed so quickly, but that's because we have done so much, with more events, growing numbers and lots of fresh ideas being worked on. On the track our riders have once again put in some terrific performances and off track our Coaches and support team have put together a wide and varied programme to keep our riders engaged and entertained. Looking at some of the planned activities for 2019, I can only be optimistic that the momentum will continue.

Our continued success relies upon our team of dedicated volunteers who contribute so much to the club in so many ways whether it is through coaching, organising events or any of the other myriad of behind the scenes tasks. That team continues to grow but there is always room for anyone else wishing to get involved in some way and I'm sure all of our volunteers would confirm how rewarding that experience is. You don't need to be a technical expert. A huge thanks to all of our volunteers. Thankyou.

### Membership

By putting on such a wide ranging programme of exciting events, we have been able to grow our membership significantly over the last 12 months, going from 120 last year to 153 this year. Add in another 40 riders who participated on an event by event basis and we can see why it so



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important that we expand our coaching and support teams to meet that growing demand. I fully expect that number to rise once again next year.

Earlier this year, we moved into our new Clubhouse. This has made a huge difference, giving us a permanent home that has rapidly become a social hub and centralised coaching location.

### **Sponsorship**

We are now in the second year of our sponsorship arrangement with HSBC. This is a hugely important relationship as it goes far wider than just funding with both parties sharing a joint vision of accessibility and active engagement. This year, HSBC facilitated the very successful 'Let's Ride' event in the summer and we hope to expand on that initial event in 2019. HSBC's funding allows us to keep our membership fees as low as we can as well as subsidising the cost of our excellent kit. It also helps us support our regular Coaching courses in conjunction with British Cycling.

This week, I'm delighted to advise that we have just received a further grant from HSBC for £10,750.00 as part of their Community partnership programme. This is a huge amount and will go towards helping us accelerate our plans for refurbishing our Clubhouse next year.

I would also just like to mention Big Maggy's sponsorship of our very successful Rider 2 Racer programme earlier this year. Their generosity allowed us to underwrite the costs of track hire for the entire series.

### **Activities On Island**

We thought we did a lot last year!! This year we have surpassed that yet again with in excess of 100 activities run throughout the year. That has to represent super value for your membership. These have included:

- Wednesday evening coaching and racing sessions running weekly from May to September for our u12's and under
- Evening road rides for our u14's and above
- Our new Saturday Rider to Racer events for our u12's and above
- The winter MtB series over 9 rounds at different venues around the Island for our u14's and under
- Supporting our u14's and above riding in Senior events on track in time trials and in the annual hillclimb. Additionally, supporting our Juniors' riding in Senior Road Races.



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- Supporting our u14's and above riding in the Senior MtB series with coaching sessions preceding each event
- Winter weekly rollers for our u12's and above

We can't forget either the super school holiday club run by Ivor which continues to be well received. Thankyou Ivor.

### Activities Off Island:

Providing our riders with the opportunities and experience riding off island is a key objective for us. This is supported through a combination of club organized events as well as individual travel grants. Our annual trip to Dinan in September was well supported once again with 19 riders making the trip and gaining a number of podiums. We were also able to support our first club trip to the Winchester Cycling Festival. A super event that proved extremely popular and one to be repeated next year. Along with other MtB and Road events, we were able to send more riders away on club supported trips than we ever have previously.

A number of our club members have also undertaken their own trips ranging from single events through to significant programmes in Europe and the UK.

Some of the notable trips have included:

Emily Bridson's programme has seen her travel to Holland and Belgium as well as the UK taking part in some high profile events including televised events on the Tour Series.

Charlie Hart as a first year Youth B has participated in each round of the MtB National Championships gaining valuable experience and impressive results throughout.

Tom Huelin, again a first year Youth B rider has taken part in a number of the National Youth Circuit series as well as getting a podium in the individual time trial at the prestigious Assen Youth Tour in Holland.

This year, four of our riders were selected to attend Regional Schools of Racing (RSR) programmes. Never before have we had so many selected for one RSR. Whilst this reflects well on our riders performances, this has been possible because of the hard work and dedication of our talented coaching team. Long may it continue.



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### **Governance**

The club is managed on a day to day basis through a committee chaired by myself as Chairman. The Committee have met monthly throughout the year. All meetings have been quorate and have been minuted with actions tracked by our Secretary, Jo. Our club finances have been managed by Paul as Treasurer with a monthly report supplied to the Committee for review. We have a further sub-Committee for the Coaching team which has met periodically throughout the year to develop our coaching plans.

We have spent a significant amount of time updating some of our key policies and procedures to make sure that these are both up to date and relevant to our needs. This is an important ongoing activity and will continue next year.

Rachel Mauger, our Welfare and Safeguarding Officer has informed us that she will be stepping down and I'm delighted that Scott and Jenny Docherty have stepped forward to take on this critical function in 2019. I would like to thank Rachel for her hard work and also thank Scott and Jenny and for taking on such an important task.

After two years as Chairman, I have decided to step down at the AGM. It has been an absolute privilege to have performed the function and a delight to see the continued success of the club and its riders.

### **Looking forward**

Planning for 2019 has already commenced. You will have seen that Spond has been updated with our proposed club trips. Club trips take significant planning and organization and it will help us immensely if you can look at these over the Christmas break and nominate those that might be of interest. There's no commitment needed yet, but we will get a better idea of which trips look to be most viable. You can see feedback from previous trips on our website through the following link <https://www.jcaya.org/achievements/race-reports/>

We already have our next British Cycling Level 1 Coaching course lined up for April next year. More details to follow, but if anyone wants to know more about what is involved, please don't



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hesitate to speak to any of our Coaching team. I'm sure they would be very happy to tell you how excellent this course is and how rewarding Coaching becomes.

With our very generous grant from our sponsor HSBC, we will be able to accelerate plans to refurbish our clubhouse to make it an even better environment for our riders and to make it more suitable to support our Coaching needs.

We will continue to work closely with HSBC to implement a programme of events that neither of us could achieve on our own. Planning has already started on the follow up event to this years 'Let's Ride' where we hope to expand on the activities to make it a bigger and bolder event. Watch this space.

We broke new ground this year with a couple of events being hosted at the Kart track at Sorel. These were very well received and next year we plan to add further events to the Calendar to make it more interesting and varied.

We are building a closer relationship with our friends at Guernsey Velo. Transport logistics in the past couple of years has made inter island travel a significant hurdle. With the help of Jersey Sport and Condor Ferries, timetables have been reviewed to allow for inter island day trips. We intend to fully utilize these by planning a couple of events in both Islands. This will be a great opportunity for riders of both clubs and should be an exciting development.

A reminder though that this is your club. It's really important to let us know what you think could be done better or to share any concerns that you may have. Please feel free to come and discuss any thoughts with us.

As a final message, I just want to thank the whole team behind the JCAYA for their support. The success of the club is absolutely down to their dedication, passion and professionalism. What motivates us all is to see how our riders learn and develop over the years whilst fundamentally having fun. We are in very exciting times and the next few years are full of promise and potential.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Ashley Hillier  
Chairman



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