

### **Officials**

Charlie Germain – Chairman  
Paul Le Gros – Treasurer  
Joanne Bridson – Secretary  
Tim Huelin – Media Secretary

### **Committee Members**

Amanda Wright  
Martin Orpin  
Scott & Jenny Docherty  
Paul Mauger  
Emma Youinou – Youth Representative

Our vision is to introduce cycling to youngsters as a form of recreation and sport and to assist individuals to reach their maximum potential

2019 has been a year of with change within the club – never afraid to investigate, to try something new or build on existing concepts!

The calendar year saw the second half of the mountain bike races conclude with great racing across all age groups, then with a small break it was into the Summer Series with Wednesday evening commencing in May, not forgetting the Rider to Race training sessions on Saturdays, assisting HSBC (our sponsor) with their big Lets Ride event in the summer, then into what appears to have been a very welcome addition of Cyclocross – and this doesn't take into account the off island trips either as a club or individually and racing with the local senior clubs. This is a very busy organisation!

Delivering such a large and varied calendar of events is only possible due to the commitment of our volunteers – with a growing club, and increasing regulations, we need as much support as we can gather – a huge thanks you to those that offer their time – too many to mention here and now, but we can always do with more help!

In addition to the work of our volunteers, you our fantastic members (and your parents for their support in getting you to and from events, along with cheering you on) we must remember that our club is so fortunate to have HSBC as our sponsor. HSBC became our sponsor in 2017 and this year have agreed to continue their support, for a further three years taking us up to 2022.

### **Membership**

This year has seen another increase in club members, from 153 in 2018 to 167 in 2019. The continued growth just demonstrates the wide appeal of cycling in Jersey from getting out and having fun right through to serious top end racing. Having such a wide age range and member numbers had put a strain on

the coaching team, but with more support from parents, in particular for the U6s to help with facilitated play allowing the coaches to focus on coaching the older age groups, we feel confident that 2020 will be another strong year for club numbers.

### **Activities On Island**

As I mentioned earlier, this is a very busy club:

- Wednesday evening coaching and racing sessions running weekly from May to September for our u14's and under
- Our Saturday Rider to Racer events for our u12's and above
- This Autumn we have joined up with the senior clubs to run Cyclocross races
- Supporting our u14's and above riding in Senior events on track, in time trials and in the hillclimb.
- Winter weekly rollers for our u12's and above

### **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 organised events as well as individual travel grants.

Our annual trip to Dinan in September was well supported once again with 23 riders from U10 to U16 making the trip. Podiums were gained at Under 12, U14 girls, and at Under 16 boys. Overall the standard of all the children was amazing and there is some real potential coming up through the ranks...

Our second year at Winchester Cycling Festival saw a larger team making the trip. A very good result with three gold medals and one silver across the U8 to U14 age groups. This trip not only provides the children with exposure to larger races, but also allows the Club to make valuable connections with other UK clubs.

Another club supported trip was to the Isle of Man. This is the first year we have attended this event as a club. We fielded a small number of riders, but came home with a podium finish with a gold medal.

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:

- UK MTB events such as the XC Nationals and Regionals
- Road races in Brittany, Assen, Belgium and UK National Road events; and
- RSR training programmes to name a few

To give you some idea of the commitment that our riders demonstrate, we have a total of 29 race reports from off island competitions posted on our website. Well worth a read to see what these events mean to our riders.

The one event that sadly never got off the ground this year was an Inter Insular – we tried earlier in the year for an MTB event, but that was cancelled due to bad weather, then due to conflicting racing calendars and transport issues we weren't able to find dates for a road bike event later in the year – but this remains on the cards and something to plan for next year.

### **Youth Commonwealth Games Pathway**

We have 5 athletes registered on the pathway, who are aiming to meet the performance indicators set by the JCA to become eligible to compete at the 2021 Trinidad and Tobago games.

These five have enrolled on the Jersey Sports foundation elite performance pathway and attend a weekly strength and conditioning session. The squad have been attending specific training sessions and in the new year they will be attending sports nutritional workshops.

### **Governance**

The club is managed on a day to day basis through a committee chaired by myself. 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 and Tim Huelin is our Media Secretary looking after Facebook, Spond and providing our local media with reports and photos to the JEP and Bailiwick News to name a few.

This year sees a big change in the governance of the club. All elected officers have chosen to stand down. I would like to thank Jo, Paul and Tim for their time and incredibly hard work that they have given to the club. Between them that's over 20 years of involvement – but now it's time for new blood to take the club forwards, which I have no doubt your newly elected committee will do given the passion and involvement in the sport the nominees bring.

### **Looking forward to 2020**

There are still a number of Cyclocross events over the next 6 weeks, and after that Mountain Biking will commence again. Before you know it the Summer Ommium will be back in May.

The coaching team has grown over the last few years, and we now have compliment of Level 1 and Level 2 BC qualified coaches. This team meet regularly to plan and organise race events and training sessions for all age groups and abilities. These are the visible faces of the club and without them there wouldn't be the variety of exciting activities for our members.

### **Sponsorship**

We are now in the third 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 delivered another hugely successful Let's Ride event with increased participation from across the Island with even more to do and see including circuit racing for the first time.

HSBC's funding allows us to keep our membership fees as low as we can as well as subsidising the cost of our kit. It also helps us support our regular Coaching courses in conjunction with British Cycling and financially helping those that travel off island to race.

As you may remember from last year, we received an amazing Christmas present from HSBC to help us refurbish the Clubhouse. Work started on making the building safe and secure and to give us the floor space we needed to make the best use of it. It really has become the hub of our club. Next year we will need to start spending some more of that money on renovating the clubhouse this gives us an opportunity to work with members of the HSBC staff and together give it the TLC it needs.

We also commit to working with HSBC on their fabulous 'Let's Ride' event which over the last two years has grown in scale. From initial discussions with the HSBC team it seems to be looking bigger and bolder for 2020.

### **Some "thank yous"**

And whilst I know I will forget a few I'd like to say a big thanks to the following

- Ivor and JPB who have been coaches with the club for more years than they probably can count
- Paul Le Gros - who not only has held the position of Treasurer, but has organised the MTB races for many years
- Jo Bridson - has been our Secretary and BC font of knowledge
- Tim Huelin - who has made the club more visible, introduced the timing chips, and proposed ideas for the future of the club,
- The Karen's for running the canteen at all our events

Parents - A reminder though that this club is run for its members - your children. 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. Also, and where deserved, please give our coaches a thank you.

On a serious note though – We have a membership of over 160+ children spanning a 10 year age group. We often put posts out on Facebook to ask for assistance, and whilst we do get some responses, (for which we are so very grateful) given the nature of the club activities we need more help. Can I therefore sincerely ask you look at these requests for help and give a little commitment where you can - every little helps!

As a final message, I just want to thank the whole team behind the JYC for their support. The success of the club is absolutely down to their dedication and passion. What motivates us all is to see how our riders learn and develop over the years and above all else - having fun!

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

Charlie Germain - Chairman