



**Glasgow Green Cycle Club**

# The GGCC Club Confined Autumn Time Trial

## 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017



**Sign on 9:30  
Race Start  
10.15am**

**In association with GGCC and The Fairweather Hall**

**Supported by the valued members of GGCC**

**Entry Cost is £5.00. This will cover your race entry fee, associated insurances and refreshments after the event.**

We encourage every member of GGCC to take part in our events. Our members enjoy the challenge of these special rides as it gives them a chance to enjoy different cycling disciplines.

**This event fact sheet will cover all the points our members may need for taking part in the time trial. It is important for GGCC to hold a cycling events which are both all encompassing for each member of the club whilst also making sure rider safety is a priority**

Our aim is to hold a series of Time Trial events over the coming months in order to give our members a platform that will allow them to gauge the improvements in their performance over time.

On the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017, the members of GGCC will have the chance to take part in the third and last time trial event of the year. The event sign on and briefing will be held at approximately 9:15 / 9.30. This is when the start list will be confirmed to give each rider the opportunity to ask any questions.

Each Rider will be set off at one-minute intervals. The Start and Finish line will be shown to all the competitors before they set off. We ask that each member adhere to the rules of the event in that no drafting is to take place to give any rider an advantage over another.

At the only turning point on the course, GGCC will have a marshal at the roundabout to highlight any traffic issues. It is each riders' responsibility to follow the rules of the road. Please obey the rules of the Highway Code at all times.

The main contacts for the event are Andy Dobinson. He can be contacted on 07789 757676.

## ***Event Summary***

**All the details below will allow you to come prepared for the event**

This event is open to GGCC members only and is not an official British Cycling event. The TT will be held under Scottish Cycling Insurance and therefore the riders and club are covered.

In order for the TT to be carried out in a safe manner and that every participant has a fantastic experience, we would ask that the following points are read through. We hope this allows you all to prepare for the Time Trial.

### **RACE OFFICIALS AND MARSHALS**

The main contact for the GGCC time trial is Andy Dobinson. Andy will be responsible on the day for all the duties associated with the start and finish areas.

Other associates of GGCC will be supporting the event in the capacity of marshals and starters. They will be responsible for the course including the turning point at mile 5. For everyone's safety, please follow the directions of the race officials at all times including the run up to the event and after you have crossed the line.

### **SUMMARY OF THE EVENT**

1. PRE RACE BRIEFING & SIGN ON. This will be held around from 9:30 in the main hall of The Fairweather Hall. You will be asked to sign the race register, hand over your BC race licence (If you have one) and will then be issued with your race number.

2. COMPETITORS TRAVEL TO START LINE. Each competitor will be fully notified of the their individual start time before race day.

3. START LINE. Each rider will be set off in one-minute intervals. The commissaries will notify you 20 seconds before you set off then will count you down from 10 seconds.

4. ON THE COURSE. Whilst riding on the course we would ask you to adhere to a few simple rules. These are that you should not obstruct a rider who may be overtaking you. No drafting is allowed and it's the responsibility of the passed rider to ensure that they are more than 10 bike lengths behind the bike which has passed them. If you are overtaking another rider then it's your responsibility to do so in a safe manner allowing plenty of room for the overtake. Please follow the rules of the road at all times as the event will be taking part on open roads.

5. COURSE TURNING POINT. As you approach the roundabout (only one on the course) please give way to oncoming traffic and take advice from the marshal. Also please give your full name to the marshal as you pass them.

6. FINISH LINE AREA. As you cross the finish line please give your name to the timekeeper in order that the correct time is placed against your name. Please use the cycle lane immediately after the finish line should you want to return to the finish line area.

7. POST RACE. After you finish the race please move off the course and find a safe area to stop. We ask that you then make your way back to the sign on area and hand in your race number and collect your race licence (if you have one)

8. RACE RESULTS & PRIZE GIVING. A post race briefing and coffee break will take place in the Fairweather Hall after the actual event. Prizes for various categories will be given out after the race. In addition, a full list of the race results will be published on the GGCC website within 24 hours of the event.

9. RIDE BACK TO TOWN. The plan is continue the club run with a group ride back to Glasgow Green.

# Course & Event Information

A video of the course can be viewed @ <http://youtu.be/tUvkKpl7ITo>



Figure 1 Below Left, Start Area, Below Right Finish Area



Figure 2 Only Roundabout on the course



Figure 3 & 4 – Fairweather Hall (sign on)  
Fairweather Hall, Barrhead Road,  
Newton Mearns, G77 6BB

## ***Guidelines for the Day***

**The team @ GGCC have detailed some useful information to help you prepare for the Time Trial**

### **Essential Equipment**

- Cycling Helmet (Mandatory) Aero helmets acceptable
  - Cycle Clothing - GGCC Club Kit (optional)
    - TT Bike – optional
- Bike tool kit and spare tube, pump or canister

Check your bike is fully maintained prior to the event. Should you need to have your bike checked please contact your local bike shop of choice in the days before the event. If your bike is deemed to be unfit for the ride out of town or during the warm up / briefing for the event, GGCC may ask you to forfeit your ride.

Ensure you have enough fluids/snacks for the event. 10 miles may not sound like a big distance though your effort over this course may need you to take on some additional fuel in the form of liquids or snacks.

Bring along spare tube, pump, multi-tool etc as you may have a mechanical on the course.

Do not test new equipment on the day of the ride. This could lead to avoidable mechanicals on the day.

## **NEW FOR 2017**

1 - Entry for 2017 events will be £5. This will cover your entry, club insurance and refreshments after the event.

2 - All GGCC events will now operate in a similar format to BC and SC and we will be racing as per age category however these categories have been slightly amended from the standard so they work for our club. We feel these give a fair representation of our membership base and give everyone the chance to compete with their peers and succeed in their age group. *\*\*there will now be no fastest newcomer, fastest first timer, best effort or overall winner – see below*

3 - Categories will be as follows for both male and female so the chance to 'win' your category and then gain points for Club Champion is far greater for everyone.

Senior - Male and Female / age 18 to 35

Master - Male and Female / age 36 to 50

Veteran - Male and Female / age 51+

4 - Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in male and female categories. 1<sup>st</sup> prize will be a cash prize and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will receive an exclusive GGCC branded 'item' in the form of a bidon. We will also award a 'Most Improved' for each event.

5 - **CLUB CHAMPION 2017**

Points will be awarded throughout the year and at our awards ceremony the Male and Female Club Champion for 2017 will be announced. Points will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> place to 10<sup>th</sup> place in each male and female category from 10 to 1. Points will be tracked throughout the year and all GGCC club confined events will attract points including the APR which we will confirm details about. This means there are 6 opportunities to earn valuable points.

We also appreciate that we have a superb support network and lots of members sometimes choose to help on these events so to make it fair, any helper on any event will be awarded a standard 3 points that goes towards club champion. *\*\*we may review this and increase if we feel it warrants it.*

At certain points throughout the year we may also have club rides that are planned and agreed and communicated where club championship points can be gained through the use of specific and agreed segments of a ride. *\*\*This is still being worked on so please be patient and we will communicate as soon as possible.*

## General Advice on Time Trials

Practice your starts. Have a teammate hold you and practice doing held starts at least a dozen times before race day.

Practice turnarounds during a hard interval effort to most closely approximate race conditions. Practice it somewhere safe so if you overestimate your speed, you won't go down.

Pre-ride the course if possible.

Tune your bike up before the race. Clean and lube the chain and check the shifting to make sure it is smooth. Make sure the rear wheel is secure and not going to shift and go against your chain-stays. This can be especially problematic with the hard initial acceleration at the start line.

Keep a bottle of energy drink or hydration mix with you from the moment you wake up. Hydration is essential to peak performance.

**NEVER** ride new equipment, wear new clothes or try out a new drink or food on race day

Get a really good warm up. The shorter the event, the longer the warm up

Generally you should start with your chain in the big ring and an easy cog in the back. However, in practice, make sure the chain angle is not too severe.

Start with your hands in the drops and not on the ends of your Tri-bars and your front leg in the 10 o'clock position.

Get up to speed very quickly but do not go above your time trial pace. Aim for negative splits meaning you speed up very slightly, rather than slow down over the course of the race. In a perfectly paced ride, you will be completely spent when you cross the line.

Unless you have a power meter, pace yourself on perceived exertion. Heart rate can take up to 10 minutes to adjust to your effort. Keep in mind that due to the adrenaline of race day, you will be able to ride at a higher heart rate than in training

Optimum cadence for a time trial is generally 90 to 105, but you must practice this. Leg speed is the key to cycling and it is easy to train. If you can pedal smoothly at 120 rpm in training, you will be extremely efficient at 105 rpm in the race. To train this, do one interval a week building from 10 minutes to an hour with very little resistance at 115 to 130 rpm

Keep your head up! Not only is it safer, but it is actually more aerodynamic. There's no "point" in having the rear of your aero helmet (if you have one) sticking up high in the air!

Count your pedal strokes or breaths to distract from the pain. If you notice you are breathing only on the right pedal stroke, alternate it to the left from time to time.

Drafting is not allowed. If you catch up to a competitor, the overtaken rider is required to fall back to a specified distance (usually about 50 meters) behind the other or maintain wide horizontal separation so that he receives no aerodynamic shelter or help from the other. When passing a rider, make sure you do it authoritatively and don't get caught for drafting yourself.

Start your recovery the moment you cross the line. Use a recovery drink such as recovery bar.