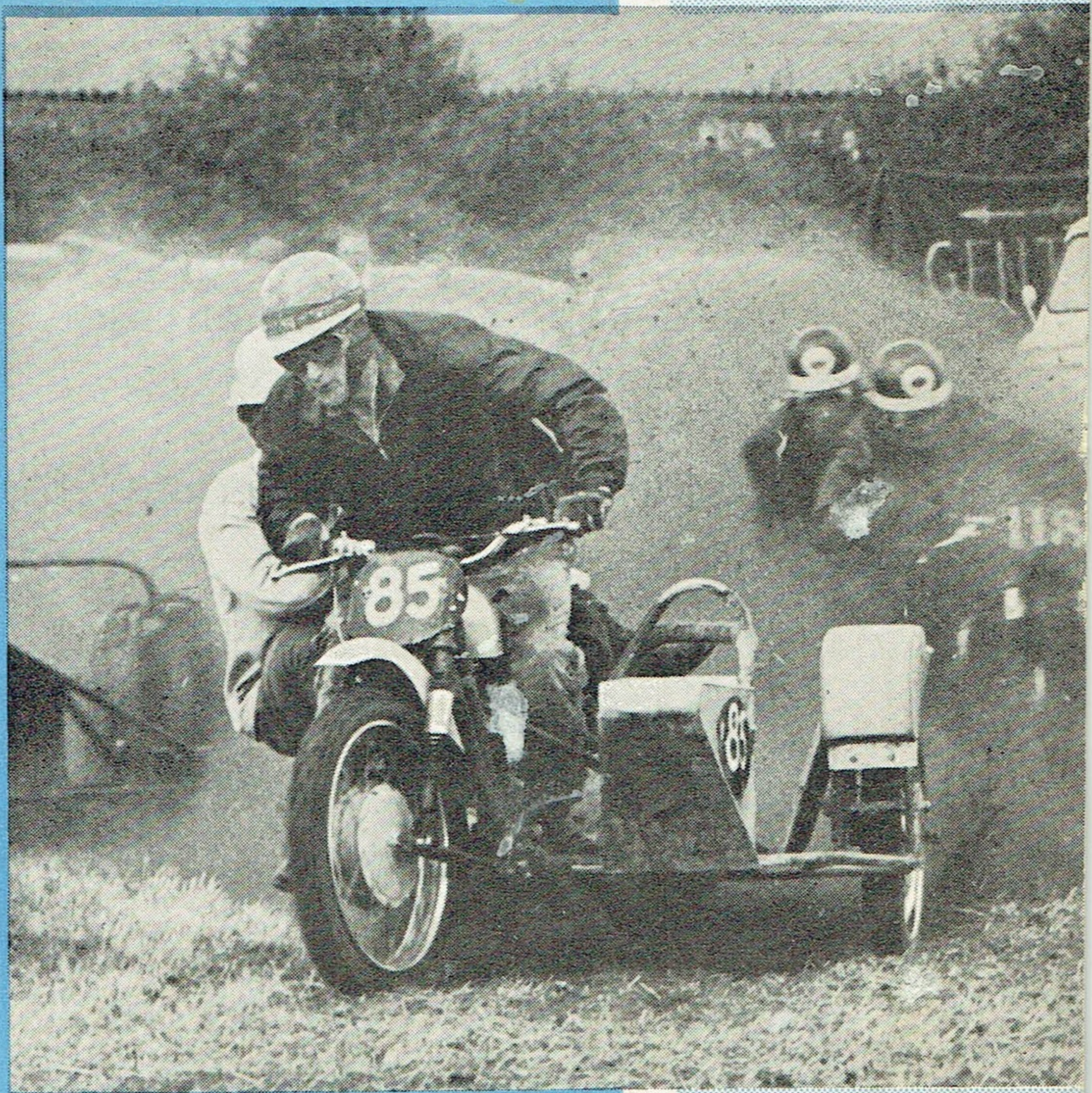


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BOARD COMMENTARY

Down to the West through the traffic to Wimborne; took us nearly an hour to get round Southampton, leaving us 35 minutes to do the rest of the journey. So we were a bit late, but not so late as the Hon. Sec. Meeting in the Drill Hall, we were welcomed by Joe Caslake, and proceeded with the minutes, pending Hon. Sec.'s arrival, Mrs. Steele competing fairly successfully with a drum and bugle band practising in an adjoining building.

The Hon. Sec. arrived and we heard that Messrs. Allan and Mason regretted, also Wylve Valley, Reading Ace and Swindon Clubs.

Then Chairman Les. Smith took over, and on to matters arising:—

(1) Decision re lights on trials machines: R.A.C. solicitors could not help much, but were fairly sure that if lamps were fitted, they must be in working order.

(2) Star Events for Road Trials: agenda said Aldermaston would move a resolution, club delegates said it was news to them, but they had something in mind and would bring the matter up again at a later meeting.

Roll Call revealed Messrs. Caslake, Goss, Hodges, Jones, Lambert, Rendell, Ryall, Smith and Mrs. Steele.

And a rather larger gathering of clubs than is usual for Wimborne, which led the chairman to suspect trouble:—

Aldermaston, Alton, Andover, Basingstoke, Blackmore Vale, Bridport, Ezzo Fawley, Frome, Gosport, Kiwi, North Berks, North Hants? (blimey!), Portsmouth Racing, Ringwood, Southampton, Southampton Vikings, Sturminster, Weymouth, Wimborne, Winchester, and X.H.G. Tigers. Voting strength, 59.

Mrs. Steele read out the report of the last Comps. committee, which was approved with no comment.

Then the Secretary read out the findings of the Courts of Enquiry, which are printed elsewhere in this issue.

Correspondence: Letter from the Stag M.C.C. stating they were applying for release from the South Midland Centre, and would like to come into the Southern, subject to approval A.-C.U. We agreed we would like them to join us.

Letter from Sturminster seeking alteration of Grass Track date from September 27th to October 13th; clubs already having events on that date were agreeable, so who were we to argue?

OUR COVER—Scrambles chair at the Grass Track. Mike Guilford heads the field at Andover.

Photo—Cecil Bailey.

Letter from Southampton Vikings asking for a date for a trial on December 1st, X.H.G. Tigers agreeing; so did we.

Letter from Mortimer asking for Sidecars only trial to be postponed from October 20th to December 22nd; agreed.

Letters announcing two cancelled dates: October 6th, Salisbury Grass; December 29th, Wylde Valley Trial.

Ridgeway Club, new Secretary: A. J. Hoake, 55 Welford Gardens, Abingdon, Berks.

Letter from A.-C.U. reporting income for Benevolent Fund from May to July £740, and paid out during same period £415.

Application for trial on Weavers Down by Portsmouth Racing Club, November 17th, was approved.

Alton applied to move their Road Trial from October 6th to 27th to avoid clashing with a similar event; agreed.

Some correspondence between the Portsmouth Racing and Waterloo clubs not read; Chairman thought the two clubs could get together and work things out.

Report of the Special Council Meeting of the A.-C.U.; at the last meeting, this Board had drawn up, for our delegates to move, an amendment to the proposition the Yorkshire Centre proposed putting. But this did not appear on the agenda, only a proposition moving a vote of confidence in the T.V. Sub-committee, which threw the ball back into the other court. The vote of confidence was carried, far from unanimously.

Peter Ryall read the Treasurer's Report and accounts for payment, all of which were agreed to. Account was also to hand for the Centre Handbook, but Secretary said he would bring it up again at a later meeting.

Report — Grass Track Championships: Mr. Steele said the Alton Club had enjoyed putting on the event, hoped that before next year the residential qualification could be sorted out, were glad that they had enjoyed good weather, thanked the many helpers from other clubs, and handed over a donation to Centre funds. Les Smith moved, from the chair, a vote of thanks to the club for their efforts, which was received with acclamation.

Report — Scramble Championships: Mr. Steele again; entries had closed, and the programme was in the printer's hands; only thing to hope for was some dry weather, or car park would have to be moved a little way from the track.

Report — St. Paul Scramble: Kiwi said all arrangements were in hand; posters available.

Report — Inter-Centre Team Scramble: Arthur Lambert said that the team had been selected and, with a bit of luck, we should be "there".

Applications for International and National Events, 1964:

Southampton, Easter Monday, Road Races at Thruxton, national.

Southampton, August Monday, Road Races at Thruxton, national.

Southampton, June 20th, 500 miles road races at Thruxton, international.

Blackmore Vale, September 20th or 27th, Grass Track Races, national.

Blackmore Vale, October 11th or 18th, Dick Farquharson Trial, national.

Mortimer, May 10th, Scramble, national.

Ringwood, Good Friday, Hants Grand National, national.

Ringwood, November ?, Perce Simon Trial, national.

Information from the gent I'm not allowed to criticise: Sunbeam 200, May 16th; Veteran and Vintage Rally, July 5th; Hampshire 100, July 26th; Graham Walker Vin. and Vet. run to Beaulieu. All touching or passing through Centre territory, and Reg. Restricted. All approved, last one subject to Southampton Club co-operation.

Secretary given mandate to forward further applications when received.

Next meeting at Romsey, October 3rd, approved.

A.O.B.: Gosport gave us to understand they would be submitting a Notice of Motion at the next Board, that all T.V. fees paid for scrambles in the Centre should be pooled and shared out between all clubs organising scrambles in the Centre. Cor! Neville Goss staggered and went visibly pale.

It was announced that the Blackmore Vale Club had purchased an ambulance, which was available to any club, fully equipped and crewed by qualified attendants. The A.-C.U. had congratulated the club on being the first in the country to inaugurate such a service.

Meeting closed at 10.40 p.m. Best attended "West" Board Meeting for many a year.

C.R.J.



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- ★ PRICE BROS.
- ★ RUFUS ROSE
- ★ BILL TURNER

SUNDAY, 13th OCTOBER

1.30 p.m.

CAR PARK

LETTERS

INTER-CLUB CORRESPONDENCE ON UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE

To Hon Sec. P.M.C.R.C.

Dear Mr. Mould,

My Committee has asked me to write to you to inform you that there is a lot of unofficial practice at Oxenbourne Scramble course over the past few weeks.

Enquiries have been made amongst our club members and none would seem to be to blame and we feel that none of your members would be out there, apart from working parties.

We would therefore ask you, as a Comps. Committee member, to investigate this matter, as we feel it is in the interest of both clubs that this practice should be stopped before the landowner complains.

Mr. Berry is very kind in letting us use his land almost at any time, providing we ask him, but if he gets too many people out there ad lib, he will close the lot to everybody.

Several of our Club members have been to Oxenbourne at odd times to try to find out just who goes onto the course, but have been unable to recognise anyone in particular.

It would be appreciated if your regulations for any future meetings stated that unofficial practice would bar a rider from the meeting, as we feel this may warn them to keep out.

Yours etc.,

M. H. DOWDELL,

Comp. Secretary Petersfield M.C. & C.C.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Newbury & D.M.C. — Scramble, 8th September, 1963

R. Gardiner of Westwood Farm, Normandy, Surrey (North Hants M.C.) was excluded from the meeting by the Stewards for making an entry containing a false statement (G.C.R.170), and having entered as an Expert.

He was further warned as to his future conduct.

Basingstoke M.C.C. — Grass Track, 8th September, 1963

M. Cameron (Blackmore Vale M.C.C.) was excluded from the meeting by the Stewards for riding his machine in the public enclosure, to the danger of the public.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND

Sir,

There is now an interesting opportunity for every clubman to help in a small way to increase the funds of the A.-C.U. Benevolent Fund, which exists to give assistance to members in the hour of need.

There has recently been published the "Diamond Jubilee Book", giving an illustrated account of the A.-C.U. since its formation in 1903. The whole of the proceeds of the sale will be devoted to the fund. The price is 2/-, postage free.

It is sincerely trusted that every member will help by purchasing a copy. Alternatively, some club secretaries may be prepared to collect orders, and send to Auto-Cycle Union, 83 Pall Mall, S.W.1, for the required number. Many have already done so.

K. S. TOPPING,

Hon. Treasurer of the Fund.

83 Pall Mall, S.W.1.

TRIALS LEAGUE NEWS

Now that we are at last in the throes of the "Trials Season", or, at least, that part of the year when there is less interest in scrambles and other activities, it is my duty to inform my devoted readers that it is also the time to re-register in the Trials League if you want your earnest endeavours to score points for your favourite club. Most club secretaries have the necessary cards. Do get cracking right away; if you are not able to get one of these, an ordinary postcard will do. Just put your name and address, in block capitals, name of club you wish to credit with points, and send it to me at the address below.

I have still not been able to finalise last year's results as yet, but the pattern is fairly clear; points up to date are as follows:— Bishops Waltham 125; Southampton Vikings 110; Waterlooville 80; Southampton 65; X.H.G. Tigers 62; Ringwood 45; Farnham 44; North Berks 42; Portsmouth Racing 28; Basingstoke 26; Andover 17; Winchester 14; Alton 13. No other club reached double figures.

Don't write to me for information as to how the League works. All the information is to be found in the Centre Handbook.

Name and address for registration cards:

C. R. Jones,
2 Park Grove,
Cosham, Portsmouth.

ALTERATIONS TO CALENDAR

The following events have been **Cancelled**:—

Wylde Valley Trial, 29/12/63.
Salisbury Grass Track 6/10/63.

Transfer the following dates:—

Mortimer S/Cs only Trial 20/10/63 to 22/12/63

Alton Road Trial 6/10/63 to 27/10/63.

Sturminster Newton Scramble 22/9/63 to Grass Track 13/10/63.

Add new dates:—

Portsmouth M.C.R.C. Trial 17/11/63.

Southampton Vikings Scramble 1/12/63.

Change over by mutual agreement:—

Southampton and Salisbury Trials:

17/11/63 Southampton.

24/11/63 Salisbury.

Change of address of Secretary:—

Ridgeway M.C.C. — A. J. Hoke, 55 We'-ford Gardens, Abingdon, Berks.

1963 SCRAMBLE STARS

250 c.c.

Roger Snoad	...	...	38	points
Brian Sharp	...	...	16	"
Don Rickman	...	...	14	"
Mike Jackson	...	...	14	"

500 c.c.

Don Rickman	...	...	21½	points
Derek Rickman	...	...	17½	"
Ivor England	...	...	15	"

Sidecar

W. Searle	...	...	18	points
Mike Guildford	...	...	15	"
Rufus Rose	...	...	14	"

"QUICK REACTIONS" NOT ALWAYS THE ANSWER

Warning to Young Motor Cyclists

The wrong emphasis is laid upon the meaning of "quick reactions" for young motor cyclists, says Mr. Fred Lovegrove, National Organiser of the motorcycle Training Scheme run by the Royal Automobile Club and the Auto-Cycle Union.

"We are in danger of encouraging the new rider to think that a quick reaction on his part is the panacea for all traffic hazards, but such an idea is very far from the truth," says Mr. Lovegrove.

He goes on: "Young persons in any case tend to rely too much on quick reactions to get themselves out of a difficulty which has come about through their own lack of

experience and inadequate anticipatory powers.

"But it must be hammered home to them that good riders, no matter how fast they choose to travel, very seldom have to take unexpected and urgent action to avoid situations which have built up against them suddenly and without warning. They continually read the signs and messages of the road, becoming forewarned in ample time to decide on a smoother, precise course of action and to take it long before hasty avoiding action is the sole course left to them."

Mr. Lovegrove argues that the less a rider is forewarned the more he will be forced to fall back on the speed of his reactions. "No matter how quick his reactions are he runs a terrific risk of being too late, a risk which increases the faster he is going," he says. "This is a lesson a new rider must get into his head right from the start".

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COURT OF ENQUIRY REPORT

On the 2nd September, 1963, two Courts were set up at the Abbey Hotel, Romsey, to consider nine cases of "Conduct prejudicial to the interests of the sport of motor-cycling" within the meaning of the General Competition Rules of the Auto-Cycle Union.

The Competitions Committee of the Southern Centre had resolved that persons having entered events and been absent therefrom without giving the organisers any reason on three or more occasions should be brought before the Court. Five such cases were considered by one of the Courts whilst the other dealt with other offences.

The summary of the cases and the results are as follows:—

(a) **Absenteeism. (G.C.R. No. 141)**

1. K. Cox of 230 Lake Road, Portsmouth (Portsmouth M.C.R.C.). Absent on three occasions — Did not appear before the Court — Sentenced to be severely reprimanded and warned as to his future conduct.
2. W. Finlay of 41 St. Aubins Avenue, Sholing, Southampton (Southampton & D.M.C.C.). Absent on three occasions — Appeared before the Court and gave a satisfactory explanation — Case dismissed.
3. J. Perry of 252 Havant Road, Drayton, Portsmouth (Gosport & D.M.C.C.). Absent on six occasions — Did not appear before the Court but submitted a written explanation. Sentenced to be severely reprimanded and warned as to his future conduct.
4. M. Smith of Lughurst, Wisborough Green, Billingshurst, Sussex (Portsmouth M.C.R.C.). Absent on four occasions — Did not appear before the Court but submitted a written explanation — Case dismissed.
5. D. Tiller of 2 Branksome Close, Chilton, Stockbridge (Winchester M.C.). Absent on four occasions with a fifth offence taken into consideration — Appeared before the Court and gave a satisfactory explanation. Sentenced to be severely reprimanded and warned as to his future conduct.

The Court found that **prima facie** cases existed in every instance and that where reprimands were ordered these offences will be taken into consideration when dealing with any cases in the future.

The Court directed that the following notice be brought to the notice of all clubs:—

"From evidence the Court noted that it is a frequent practice to tender a verbal apology to the organisers at the meeting. The Court recommends that verbal apologies **should not be accepted** under any circumstances. A written explanation handed to the Secretary of the Meeting would be satisfactory. The Court also recommends that the attention of all organising clubs should be drawn to the vital importance of notifying the Centre Secretary of every apology received."

(b) **Other Offences resulting in "prejudicial conduct" (G.C.R. 281 para (vi)).**

1. R. H. Jordan of 1 Great Common, Inkpen, Newbury, Berks. (Newbury and D.M.C.C.).

"Whilst lodging a protest, made objectionable accusations to Officials of the Meeting, and having been given adequate warning of the consequences of such conduct, persisted, and further objectionable remarks were made by members of his party at the Hill Climb organised by Blackmore Vale M.C.C. at Longleat on Saturday, 11th May, 1963."

Mr. Jordan did not appear before the Court nor did he submit any written explanation or evidence.

The Court, in consideration of the facts and evidence before them, decreed as follows:—

"That Mr. R. H. Jordan be found guilty of the charges and that he be ordered to pay a fine of £4, he be severely reprimanded and warned as to his own future conduct and of the members of his party."

2. M. Guildford of 19 Cherry Tree Ave., Tidworth, Hants. (Kiwi M.C.C.).

"Having been advised by the Clerk of the Course after Event 3 that he had been 'excluded' for the remainder of the meeting did in fact participate in Heat 1 of Event 6, at the Andover & D.M.C. & L.C.C. Grass Track Meeting on the 21st Ju'y, 1963."

Mr. Guildford appeared before the Court and gave his explanation for his actions.

The Court, having considered all the evidence before them, decreed as follows:—

"That Mr. M. Guildford be found guilty of the charge and be severely reprimanded for his conduct."

3. P. Ball of 58 Wessex Estate, Ringwood, Hants. (Ringwood M.C.C.).

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FROME VALLEY M.C. AND L.C.C., TRIAL

20th October

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound by them, and the General Competition Rules of the A.-C.U. In consideration of acceptance of this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the A.-C.U. and the A.-C.U. (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meeting), and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or my mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents.

Entry fees

Date

Signed

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Parent or Guardian

Name and address (block letters)

Club Machine c.c.

My status is: EXPERT/INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE. Are you over 16? YES/NO

SOUTHAMPTON AND DISTRICT M.C.C., TRIAL

17th November

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NORTH HANTS MOTOR CLUB, SCRAMBLE

24th November

I have read the Supplementary Regulations issued for this meeting, and agree to be bound by them, and the General Competition Rules of the A.-C.U. In consideration of acceptance of this, my entry, I hereby agree to save harmless and keep indemnified the Club, the Centre of the A.-C.U. and the A.-C.U. (including the owners or lessees of the land used for the meeting), and their officials, representatives, servants and agents, and each and every one of them, from and against all actions, costs, expenses, claims and demands in respect of injury, fatal or otherwise, loss or damage to the person or property of myself, or of my passenger, or my mechanic howsoever caused, or arising out of, or in connection with my entry or my taking part in this meeting, and whether or not occasioned or contributed to by reason of negligence of the said bodies, officials, representatives, servants or agents.

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Club Machine c.c.

Please enter me for Events Nos. Riding No.

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PORTSMOUTH M.C.R.C., TRIAL

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Name and address (block letters)

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My status is: EXPERT/INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE. Are you over 16? YES/NO

READING ACE M.C.C., TRIAL

27th October

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Parent or Guardian

Name and Address (Block letters)

Club Machine c.c.

Solo/Sidecar Passenger's Name

My status is: EXPERT/INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE. Are you over 16? YES/NO

COURT OF ENQUIRY—continued

“Having been advised of the decision was ‘disqualified’ from the results of Heat 3 of Event 3, he made threatening remarks which were likely to affect the of the Stewards of the Meeting that he safety of other competitors in the ensuing races, at the Andover & D.M.C. & L.C.C. Grass Track meeting on the 21st July, 1963.”

Mr. Ball appeared before the Court and pleaded “guilty to the charge.”

The Court, on hearing Mr. Ball’s explanation of his conduct, decreed as follows:—

“That Mr. Ball be reprimanded and warned as to his future conduct.”

- 4. D. A. McCann of 86 Woodlands Road, Stoke, Guildford, Surrey (Alton & D.M.C. & L.C.C.).

“Using abusive and objectionable language to Officials and within the hearing of ladies at the Southern Centre

Grass Track Championships organised by Alton & D.M.C. & L.C.C. on the 11th August, 1963.”

Mr. McCann appeared before the Court giving his explanation.

The Court, in consideration of the evidence of Mr. McCann and witnesses, decreed as follows:—

“That Mr. D. A. McCann be found guilty of the charge and that he be ordered to pay a fine of £2, severely reprimanded and warned as to his future conduct.”

(Mr. McCann has paid his fine.)

“25th September, 1963: Mr. R. H. Jordan discharged his sentence by the payment of the fine of £4. National suspension incurred under G.C.R. 288 (as amended) from the 13th to 25th September is withdrawn.”

These two fines have now been paid to the A.-C.U. Benevolent Fund in accordance with G.C.R. 289.

THE OTTER VALE MOTOR CLUB
(South Western Centre) will hold

The President's Trophy Trial

REGIONAL RESTRICTED

on SUNDAY, 27th OCTOBER, 1963

STARTING AT 11.00 a.m.

This Trial is open to Registered Members of Clubs in the South Western, Southern and South Eastern Centres of the Auto-Cycle Union.

The Start is The Bowd Inn (Exeter/Lyme Regis Road) on the A.35 (2 miles from Sidmouth) and the route will be marked from the A.30 at Honiton.

Regulations available on request from P. Caddick, General Secretary, Otter Vale Motor Club, 91 Withercombe Village Road, Exmouth, Devon (Tel.: Exmouth 2654)



SOUTHAMPTON VIKINGS M.C. AND L.C.C.

WEST TROPHY TRIAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 1963

START 10.30 a.m.

Permit No. U.1131

OFFICIALS

Centre Steward: A. R. Mason.

Club Stewards: A. Chalmers, K. Hazell.

Clerk of the Course: A. Bungay.

Secretary of the Meeting: R. Cooper, 105 Paynes Road, Freemantle, Southampton.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

- JURISDICTION:** Held under the G.C.R.'s and Standing Regulations of the A.-C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations.
- ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all members of clubs of the Southern Centre A.-C.U. riding SOLO machines.
- ENTRIES:** To be sent to the Secretary of the Meeting by 23rd October, 1963, accompanied by fee of 6/6d., returnable only in the case of abandonment. Numbers will be issued at start.
- START:** Will be at the Sherfield-English cross roads (Romsey to Salisbury A.27).
- COURSE:** 2 laps of approximately 15 miles per lap.
- AWARDS:** Premier—THE WEST TROPHY.
Class Awards 250, 350, 500 (6 minimum entry).
1st and 2nd Class. Intermediate and Novice.
Awards as per S.R. 936.
Team Award (5 teams minimum).
- GENERAL:** Light refreshments and petrol available. Practising — S.R. 918.

SOUTHAMPTON VIKINGS M.C. AND L.C.C., TRIAL

27th October

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Name and address (block letters)

Club Machine c.c

My status is: EXPERT/INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE. Are you over 16? YES/NO

MOTORING PROBLEMS THREAT TO NATIONAL ECONOMY

"Living room" for the motor vehicle was one of the major problems confronting modern society, declared Mr. Wilfrid Andrews.

Speaking at the R.A.C. Country Club, Woodcote Park (Surrey), where he officially received 100 Mini-vans for use in the R.A.C.'s Road Services from Mr. G. W. Harriman, C.B.E., Chairman and Managing Director of the British Motor Corporation, and handed over a cheque for nearly £40,000 in exchange, Mr. Andrews said: "The R.A.C. men who are going to drive these Mini-vans must meet the difficulty which faces all of the country's fifteen million drivers — lack of parking space and of congestion-free highways.

"Where are we going to find room for vehicles on and off the public highways? We must face the fact that the community is not adjusted to suit the requirements of the age and that if certain sections have their way, it never will be. Charging for road space makes no contribution towards solving the problem. We have parking meters, hitting in the pocket of a motoring population already taxed to the tune of some £800 million. Now the "bright ideas" boys are developing "road pricing meters" which will be fitted to the cars themselves so that the poor old motorist will be charged even more as he drives along.

"These are negative, defensive and restrictive measures when what is needed is a positive dynamic approach with more and better highways and adequate off-street parking and garage space at a reasonable price. A comprehensive parking plan and road construction scheme is required, one which takes cognisance of the fact that 37 per cent. of our population live in 4 per cent. of our space.

"Are we to deny people living in these densely-populated areas the right to have a motor car?"

Mr. Andrews continued: "Some people sadly lack perspective on these issues. Robinson Crusoe, returning from his desert island home, might well get the impression that the motor vehicle was a dangerous nuisance and the drivers of such vehicles

irresponsible idiots, parasitically living off the rest of the community.

"What is the truth? The truth is undeniably that the motor industry is essential to the well-being of the country. Last year, vehicle exports totalled over £434 million, whereas imports were less than £18 million. Road transport was responsible for more than 28,000 million miles of goods tonnage carried, no less than 64 per cent. of the total. Something like 5,000 million passenger journeys are made each year in public service road vehicles. Two-and-a-half million workers are employed in the road transport and associated industries, a half million of them by the manufacturers alone. And the motoring community, as I have already mentioned, contributes £800 million in taxation to the nation's exchequer.

"I would have thought that by now there would have been general agreement that the motor vehicle is vital to our social and economic life, and an indispensable part of the nation's life blood in a land where almost the entire population is a motorist, be it driver or passenger, at some time or other.

"Instead we are bound about more and more by restriction after restriction.

"This, I would have thought, must be a very unsatisfactory and worrying state of affairs for the manufacturers themselves, like our good friend, Mr. Harriman, and for their half million employees who can see a long-term threat to their livelihoods in the present efforts to price motor vehicles off the roads or so harry the driver that he will give up motoring in despair.

"Certainly it worries us at the R.A.C. We — and the Roads Campaign Council, of which I have the honour to be Founder and Chairman — have constantly pressed the authorities for a more alert, more enterprising, more imaginative approach to the inevitable problems which this age of the motor car has brought.

"The only way we can enjoy the benefits which the motor car can confer is by being vigilant in defence of our rights and by letting the authorities know that in harrying fifteen million drivers they have a tiger by the tail."

NORTH HANTS MOTOR CLUB

Open-to-Centre

SOUTHERN SCOTT SCRAMBLE

to be held at Tweseldown Race Course, Crookham, Nr. Aldershot, Hants.

on SUNDAY, 24th NOVEMBER, 1963 at 11 a.m.

T.T.C. No. 38

A.-C.U. Permit U.1135

OFFICIALS**Centre Steward:** P. Hoult.**Club Stewards:** M. Hall and F. N. Pearce.**Clerk of the Course and Secretary of the Meeting:** W. G. Hall, 7 Hunts Common, Hartley Wintney, Hants.**SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS****1. JURISDICTION:** Held under the General Competition Rules and Standing Scramble Regulations of the A.-C.U. and the following Supplementary Regulations.**2. ENTRIES:** Opening date for entries, 15th October (entries received before this date will be returned). To be made on the official form provided and to reach the Hon. Sec. of the Meeting NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, 4th NOVEMBER, 1963, together with an entry fee of 10/-. ENTRIES WILL BE LIMITED.**3. COURSE:** Approximately one mile circuit over heathland.**4. STARTING:** Clutch start, left hand on rear mudguard.**5. PRACTICE:** Will be controlled between 9.45 a.m. and 10.45 a.m.**6. NOISE:** The running of engines is prohibited except during official practice and actual racing and for a period not exceeding five minutes prior to the start of each race. A breach of this rule will entail exclusion from the meeting of the driver of the motor cycle concerned.**NOTE:** The entrant or his driver is responsible for the conduct of his mechanics.**7. EVENTS AND AWARDS:**

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| 1. JUNIOR DRIVERS UP TO 1,000 c.c. | Heats 3 Laps | 6 Laps |
| 1st 60/-; 2nd 40/-; 3rd 20/-; 4th 10/-; 5th 7/6; 6th 5/- | | |
| 2. EXPERT DRIVERS UP TO 250 c.c. Star | | 6 Laps |
| 1st 70/-; 2nd 40/-; 3rd 20/-; 4th 10/- | | |
| 3. EXPERT DRIVERS 340 c.c. TO 500 c.c. Star | | 8 Laps |
| 1st 80/-; 2nd 60/-; 3rd 40/-; 4th 20/- | | |
| 4. JUNIOR DRIVERS UP TO 1,000 c.c. | Heats 3 Laps | 6 Laps |
| 1st 60/-; 2nd 40/-; 3rd 20/-; 4th 10/-; 5th 7/6; 6th 5/- | | |
| 5. EXPERT DRIVERS UP TO 250 c.c. | | 6 Laps |
| 1st 70/-; 2nd 40/-; 3rd 20/-; 4th 10/- | | |
| 6. EXPERT DRIVERS 340 c.c. TO 500 c.c. | | 8 Laps |
| 1st 80/-; 2nd 60/-; 3rd 40/-; 4th 20/- | | |
| 7. HERBERT CHALLENGE TROPHY | | 12 Laps |
| (Open to the 10 fastest 250 c.c. and 10 fastest 500 c.c. EXPERTS) | | |
| 1st 100/-; 2nd 60/-; 3rd 40/-; 4th 20/-; 5th 10/-. | | |

The winner of Event 7 will receive the Herbert Challenge Trophy (to be held for one year).

8. GENERAL: No free entry to the Scramble will be permitted unless possessing Club Competitor's Sticker (which is issued with Programme). Please display sticker to help our Officials on the gate. ONLY VEHICLES CARRYING MACHINES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PADDOCK.

SOUTHAMPTON AND DISTRICT M.C.C.

JACK WHITE TRIAL

SOLOS and SIDECARS

SUNDAY, 17th NOVEMBER, 1963

Permit No. U.1136

OFFICIALS**Southern Centre Steward:** C. Browning.**Club Stewards:** W. Topp and A. Appleby.**Clerk of the Course:** M. Jackson.**Secretary of the Meeting:** P. T. Brown, "Deers Leap", Glencarron Way, Bassett, Southampton.**SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS****1. ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Southampton and District M.C.C. will hold a Trial for Solo machines and Sidecars (subject to a minimum entry of six), open to members of clubs affiliated to the Southern Centre of the Auto-Cycle Union.**2. JURISDICTION:** This event will be organised under Permit No. U.1136 of the Southern Centre A.-C.U., and in accordance with the G.C.R.'s of the A.-C.U., A.-C.U. Trials Regulations and these Supplementary Regulations.**3. THE COURSE:** Will consist of one or two laps containing a number of observed sections.**4. THE START:** Pinns Farm, West Wellow, Hants. First rider away at 11 a.m. and the rest at one-minute intervals.**5. MARKING:** In accordance with Trials Regulations, Rule 935. A special test will decide ties.**6. AWARDS:** In accordance with the Trials Regulations, Rule 936 with capacity class awards in accordance with Clause (111) (b), subject to a minimum of six drivers in each class. There will be the following additional awards: JACK WHITE CUP to the best Solo, SIDECAR CUP and the CLUB CUP for the best performance by a Southampton and District M.C.C. driver.**7. ENTRIES:** To be made on the form provided herein and to be sent, together with a fee of 8/6d. to the Secretary of the Meeting, to arrive not later than Monday, 4th November, 1963. Cheques or P.O.'s to be made payable to the Southampton and District M.C.C. Entries will be acknowledged by card and numbers issued at the start.**8. BACK MARKER:** A Back Marker will leave the start 20 minutes after the last competitor and will proceed at a reasonable pace between sections. Any rider overtaken by him will be deemed to have retired.

READING ACE M.C.C.

BOB KIDBURY TROPHY TRIAL

(SOLOS and SIDECARS)

SUNDAY, 27th OCTOBER, 1963

Open to Southern Centre

Permit No. U.1127

OFFICIALS**Centre Steward:** R. Mitchell.**Club Stewards:** Mr. B. Jeffries, Mr. R. Butler.**Clerk of the Course:** To be appointed.**Secretary of the Meeting:** T. Powell, 8 Woodlands Avenue, Woodley, Nr. Reading, Berks.**SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

1. JURISDICTION: Held under the G.C.R.'s and Standing Regulations of the A.-C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations.

2. ENTRIES: To be sent to the Secretary of the Meeting by 15th October, 1963, accompanied by fee of 5/-, returnable only in the case of an abandonment. Numbers will be issued at start.

3. START: Crown Hotel, Silchester.

4. MARKS: Marks will be lost as follows:—
Footing once with one foot only — 1 mark.
Footing more than once — 3 marks.
Stopping or crossing section boundary — 5 marks.

5. COURSE: Two laps of a course approximately 20 miles per lap. Course will be of a sporting nature in the Arborfield Cross—Swallowfield area.

6. GENERAL: Teams of three riders will be accepted at the start; these teams must be club teams and the name of that club must appear on the rider's indemnity. Fee of 7/6d. per team; minimum number of teams, five. The Club reserve the right to limit the entry to 100, to curtail the event should they deem it necessary. **STARTING OF MACHINES, SILENCERS, etc.,** as per Centre ruling.

7. TIES: Furthest round with minimum loss of marks.

8. AWARDS: Best solo performance—**BOB KIDBY TROPHY.**
Best sidecar—**NOVICE AWARD.**
Other awards as per Centre ruling.

PORTSMOUTH M.C.R.C.

THE "ST. PETER'S TROPHY" TRIAL

(SOLOS ONLY)

SUNDAY, 17th NOVEMBER, 1963

Open to Southern Centre

Permit No. U.1129

OFFICIALS**Southern Centre Steward:** To be appointed.**Club Stewards:** J. M. Bussell and H. Merritt.**Clerks of the Course:** G. H. Bussell and T. G. Bussell.**Secretary of the Meeting:** John V. Mould, 11 Morelands Road, Purbrook, Portsmouth, Hants.**SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS**

1. JURISDICTION: Held under the G.C.R.'s and Standing Regulations for all Trials of the A.-C.U. and these Supplementary Regulations. Open to members of clubs affiliated to the Southern Centre A.-C.U.

2. START AND FINISH: To be at the Deers Hut Inn, Longmoor Road, Liphook, Hants. The course will comprise of two laps of W.D. land at Weavers Down. First man away at 10 a.m., remainder at 1-minute intervals.

3. MARKING: 1, 3, 5.

4. ENTRIES: To be made on form provided and sent to the Secretary of the Meeting (opening date 8th October, closing date 8th November), together with entry fee of 8/6d. Restricted to first 150 received. Teams may be entered until time of starting, 3/- per team (subject to minimum of 5 entries).

5. TIES: Fastest competitor on special test.

6. AWARDS: Best Performance—**ST. PETER'S TROPHY AND REPLICA.**
Best Novice—**CUP.**
Best Intermediate—**CUP.**
Best up to 250 c.c.—**CUP.**
Best over 250 c.c.—**CUP.**
Best P.M.C.R.C. member—**CUP.**
Next best 10% finishers—**1st CLASS AWARDS, PLAQUES.**
Next best 10% finishers—**2nd CLASS AWARDS, PLAQUES.**
Best team of 3—**PLAQUES.**

7. GENERAL: No fuel available at start.

8. BACK MARKER: Will leave the start 20 minutes after the last competitor. Any rider passed by him will be deemed to have retired.

9. SPECIAL ATTENTION TO ALL COMPETITORS: Will ALL COMPETITORS please use the paddock at the side of the Deers Hut, and NOT use the approach roads to the start. This is to avoid annoyance to local property owners. **THANK YOU.**

FROME VALLEY M.C. AND L.C.C.



LULWORTH CASTLE TROPHY TRIAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 1963

START 11.30 a.m.

Permit No. U.II34

OFFICIALS

A.-C.U. Steward: C. Browning.

Club Stewards: W. Pitman, T. W. Gibbs.

Clerk of the Course: J. Day.

Secretary of the Meeting: Mr. R. B. Baker, 30 Hazlebury Road, Fleets Bridge, Poole, Dorset.

SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. **JURISDICTION:** Held under the G.C.R.'s and Standing Regulations of the A.-C.U., Trials League Regulations and these Supplementary Regulations.

2. **ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all members of the Southern Centre A.-C.U. riding SOLO machines.

3. **START AND FINISH:** At the Clay Pigeon Café, on the main Dorchester-Yeovil Road, 10 miles from Dorchester, 10 miles from Yeovil. First man away 11.30 a.m.

4. **COURSE:** Two laps of approximately 12 miles per lap, course marked with direction cards; onus of finding correct route rests with the driver; marking 1, 3, 5. A timed section on first lap will be used to decide ties.

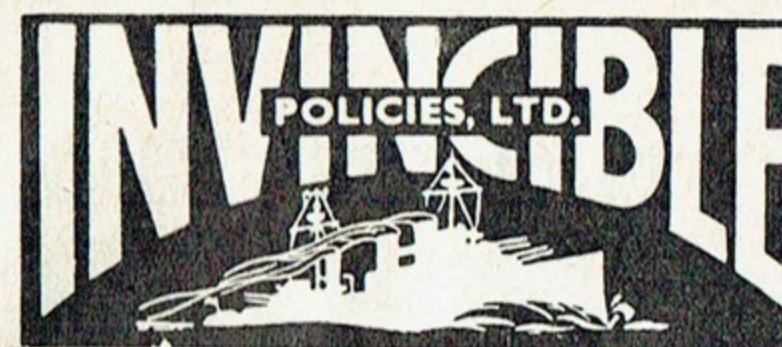
5. **ENTRIES:** To be made on the form provided and sent to Secretary of the Meeting not later than Thursday, October 17th. ENTRY FEE 7/6.

6. **AWARDS:** For the best performance—THE LULWORTH CASTLE TROPHY.
Best Frome Valley Member—CLUB CUP.
CLASS CUPS (250 c.c., 350 c.c., 500 c.c.), INTERMEDIATE, NOVICE and CLASS AWARDS in accordance with League Rules.
TEAM AWARD subject to three team entries. Fee 7/6 per team.

7. **GENERAL:** Competitors are requested not to deviate from the course.

8. **BACK MARKER** will leave 15 minutes after the last competitor; any rider passed by him will be deemed to have retired.

Refreshments at the start.



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