

SORRENTO CYCLING CLUB NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2007/2008



Merry Christmas fellow members, this is the first newsletter of the newly elected Committee for the coming year. First of all thank you to the members who attended the AGM and contributed to the debates that were held on the Club's constitution and for the ideas that were put forward during the AGM and a big thanks for the Committee members who stood down from their long held positions and a big welcome to the new Committee members. Congratulations to our new Social Secretary Geraldine O'Shea on a very successful prize giving in the Glendalough Hotel. It was a great fun day out despite the weather conditions and congratulations to all our younger members who completed the Avonmore Challenge. Don't forget after Santa has brought you wonderful pressies and you have stuffed yourself on Christmas Day that on **St. Stephen's Day** at **11 am** in **Kilmacanogue** the novelty two-up time trial will take place. This is a great fun event where two riders estimate their time and the nearest to the estimated time wins, lots of prizes for all. Look forward to seeing you at our first cycling non-competitive event. Here are some more exciting events to take part in.

Touring Calendar

Date	Time	Venue	Duration
Sunday 6 January '08	10 am sharp	Glen of the Downs Car Park	3 hours
Sunday 10 February '08	10 am sharp	Ashford Car Park	3 hours
Sunday 9 March '08	10 am sharp	Enniskerry Village at monument	3 hours

Mountain Bike Underage Calendar

Date	Time	Venue	Duration
Sunday 13 January '08	10 am	Ballinastoe Woods	1 hour 6 mins
Sunday 3 February '08	10 am	Djouce lower Car Park	1 hour 7 mins
Sunday 2 March '08	10 am	Ashford Car Park	1 hour 9 mins

Mountain Senior Calendar

Date	Time	Venue	Duration
Sunday 20 January '08	10 am sharp	Djouce lower Car Park	3 hours
Sunday 24 February '08	10 am sharp	Laragh	3 hours

Road Training

Wednesday night road training (intervals) under Club Coach (Coach of the Year!) Aidan Ryan will start on **January 16th** at Kilmacanogue flyover and continue weekly until early March. Front and back lights and reflectives and helmets are mandatory.

The Committee will work hard as always to keep you informed and organize a comprehensive list of cycling activities and social events for the coming year. The highlight will be founder member Mick Byrne's Randonee taking place on 25 May. This will comprise of a 200 km Audax , a 100 km randonee and an exciting beginners tour for those not taking part in the longer events. More news on this to come!! We are also celebrating the club's 40th Birthday and Geraldine will be organising an extravagant event to mark this occasion!!! Apart from the usual racing calendar the Committee are exploring the possibility of an interclub league with Bray Wheelers, Slaney Cycling Club, Wexford Wheelers and the South-East Road Club.

One of the most thankless jobs, apart from mine!!!, is the position of Club Racing Secretary. Thank you Dermot for putting up with all the abuse you have received over the years in this onerous position and thank you Joanne for taking on the position. We all wish you every success and promise to be very nice to you in the coming year (but only if you give us good handicaps!).

Finally the Committee would like to express their pride in the cyclists of SCC for the brilliant results they have achieved this past year. We are also filled full of confidence in our younger cyclists who are showing great promise and we look forward to seeing them develop and enjoy the great adventures that awaits them in the world of cycling.

You can expect a newsletter every two months from now on. On behalf of the Committee I would like to wish you a **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a very **HAPPY NEW YEAR**.

See ya on yer bike,

PAUL MURRAY

Touring Secretary and Club Propagandist



PS. To all our past members and members who are unable to participate at the moment due to injury or illness we look forward to seeing you in the coming year and our thoughts are with you.