

It has been good to report that we have had a Swan Wheeler, Chris Cox doing a great attempt at riding **Cyclocross** in the Central League in the **Vet Men's 50** races, which are held over 40 minutes, the season is a short one & held during later summer - winter months. There are classifications for men & women and ages from Under 8's through to Vet 60's'. It's well worth a look if you are passing; there's good racing, a great bunch of people, food & coffee plus loo's are available too.

Here is a final report for Chris's season in which he managed 34<sup>th</sup> in his class out of a total of 121 entrants.

The seasons' racing was fast and furious in the early season, due to the dry conditions but of course that changed as autumn turned into winter, I had a nervous feeling on the first start grid with some familiar faces and a few new ones to compete against.

**ROUND 1:** Milton Keynes Bowl (Team MK): where Chris was more than pleased with a result of 18<sup>th</sup> out of 90 entrants.

**Round 2:** Campbell Park MK (Velo Bants) this is a great course and the venue for the world cup. Chris finished 21/140, losing time due to a slide and tangle with marker tape. Happy with the result and a Sprint finish racking up some good points in the process

**Round 3:** Kettering: he had good start from back of the grid to finished 13<sup>th</sup>/72

**Round 4:** MK Bowl (Luton CC), finished 13<sup>th</sup>/65, lost time coming off twice in greasy conditions.

Chris missed next 3 rounds.. **5** Kingston Whrs, **6** Hemel Hampstead & **7** Leighton Buzzard

**Round 8:** Whipsnade (Icknield Cross CC) thought it was a good course & finished 24<sup>th</sup>/80. It was a hard race and I went backwards after 2 laps, I thought that may happen as I had not been on a bike for 4 weeks.

(PaulW) A post from a Bossard Wheelers mate... "More cyclocross agony, on the long grass and muddy ruts of Whipsnade this time and the short grass and adverse chambers of Leighton Buzzard (#7) from the week before."

Next 2 events are local:

**Round 9:** Sat 17Nov: MK Bowl (Corley Cycles) this event saw Chris completing 6 laps the same as the winner back in 31<sup>st</sup> place out of a field of some 81 entrants, a little too dry and fast for my liking Chris's said.

**Round 10:** Sun 25Nov: Swanbourne House School (JCA Equipe Velo) for 6 lap race it had 90 entrants competing with Chris completing 5 laps back in 54<sup>th</sup>.

### **Eastern & Central Regional Championships**

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, Stanborough Park, Hertford, this event saw 86 entrants in this 4 lap race which Chris completed in 49<sup>th</sup> spot.

**Round 11:** Sun 6Dec18, Hillingdon (Hillingdon) Chris managed 5 laps for this event and finished 54<sup>th</sup> out of 90 entrants for Chris this was his last ride of the season & no more points towards the championship.

**Round 12:** this event was cancelled,

**Round 13:** Sun 6Jan19, Corby (Rockingham Forest) - 12 participants only Chris,

**Round 14:** Sun 20Jan, Lutterworth (Welland Valley)- 11 participants only,

**Round 15:** Sun 27Jan, Hillingdon (WDMBC) - 42 entrants for the final race in the series

Whilst not able to enter the last few rounds Chris is looking forward to competing next season.

Interested? More details can be found at <http://centralcxl.org.uk/> also entries are done through British Cycling for which you have to a Bronze member (minimum) again for more details for the Central League calendar etc go to [https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/?series\\_id=142](https://www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/?series_id=142)

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