

THE CLUB'S OPEN TIME TRIAL CUPS AND TROPHIES

New members of the club sometimes ask, "Why has the club got so many cups and trophies to award to winners etc. of our open events compared to other clubs?"

There is no easy answer. The Mid-Devon has purchased or been donated a number of cups over the years. Below is a brief history of the origin of the main trophies that we award in our open promotions.

- 1 W.A.J. Best Memorial Trophy** – (£375 in 1989) named after Bill Best one of the club's top riders in the 1930s. Unfortunately Bill died after a road accident when he collided with a public service vehicle near Torre Station. As a result the clubs of the South West donated a sum of money that was used to buy this solid silver cup. It was decided to award it to the fastest rider in the club's open 25 to be held on a Sunday in June on the S1 course based on Coplestone. This course was then the Mecca of South West riders. The event became the virtual 25 mile championship of the region. As time has passed and pressures have increased on the calendar the event has moved from Coplestone and has been run on the Buckfastleigh course.
- 2 Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Cup** – (£375 in 1989) In the early 1950s it was decided to run an event for middlemarkers. At that time there was no race specific for this category – riders who had not beaten a time of 1 hour 4 minutes over 25 miles. The event was run at the end of the season and still holds a place at the close of the season. The club launched an appeal to the Presidents, Vice-presidents and life members to contribute to the purchase a suitable trophy. The end of the collection coincided with the accession to the throne of the present queen. An approach was made to Buckingham Palace to name the trophy in honour of the Queen and permission was duly granted. It is the only cycling trophy so named. If you look at the names of the previous winners on the base you will see it has been won by many riders who have gone on to greater things. Pride of place amongst these names has to be Roy Hopkins.
- 3 President's Memorial Shield** – (£200 in 1989) The Middlemarkers event became well established and there then was pressure from riders who had beaten the limit 1 hour 4 minute time limit to have an event for them. At the same time the long-standing president of the club, Pop Marsden died. Harold Broom's father replaced him but unfortunately he died within a few months of taking over. The club committee felt it appropriate to commemorate their long service to the club with a memorial shield and the new president, Phil Sharam together with the other vice presidents purchased the shield. Initially the two events were run a separate entities with the middlemarkers going off first one year and then after the shortmarkers the next year. Nowadays the riders are integrated. The first event for the President's Memorial Shield was held in the early 1960s.
- 4 Women's Olympic Shield** – (£120 in 1989) For some years the Mid-Devon was one of only a few clubs that ran a race specifically for women. It has to be understood that until the late 1960s women were not allowed to ride in the same race as men. This meant that they had to have their own event or travel, not easy in the days before the motorway and with cars that were considerably less reliable than now. Apart from that they had to exist on a diet of club events. The club decided to take advantage of the Olympic Games being held in Rome in 1960 and purchased a shield to be awarded to the first lady in our race. The shield now goes to the fastest lady in the MDCC open 25s.
- 5 T.H. Woods Cup** – (£500 in 1989) The cup was donated to the club by Tommy Woods who was a master at a local public school during the years of the Second World War. Tommy Woods was a very tall man who rode a 26" framed bike. It used to be awarded to the fastest club member in a 50 mile time trial. When the club commenced the promotion of its own open 50 it went to the fastest club rider. This continued for some years. Life member Mike Chouings and his wife Dot timed many of our events. When they moved away to live between Bristol and Bath they donated a cup to go to the first Mid-Devon member in the 50 and so the TH Woods Cup was then awarded to the winner of the 50 mile race.

- 6 **Bert Northway Trophy** – (£100 in 2001) This trophy, a cyclist on rectangular marble column, was donated to the club by Ken Dean in memory of Bert Northway who was a longstanding club life member till his sudden death. Bert was the first person in the club to become a qualified cycling coach. He achieved qualification under the Association of British Cycling Coaches scheme. In the 1960s he regularly took winter keep fit sessions and in the racing season was always available to give advice to those who wanted it. The trophy was awarded to the veteran rider with the best plus on age standard in the club's 50 mile promotion.
- 7 **Pierre Manoury Trophy** - (£45 in 1989) This cup was donated by Pierre Manoury who was the owner of a cycle shop in Vire and for many years was a driving force between the MDCC and the Velo Club du Bocage. It is in a poor state of repair and not worth spending money on doing so.. When it was awarded it went to the winner of the Haytor Hill Climb. **Not present at 2012 presentation – possibly with Max Vautier**
- 8 **TELC Teign Valley Trophy** – (£100 in 2001) This trophy, a cyclist on rectangular marble column, was donated to the club by the then owners of the Torbay Electrical Company, Nick and Carole Prestwood. It was given to the fastest climb of Doccombe in the Teign Valley Sporting 23 mile event that is traditionally run on Good Friday.

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- 9 **Sharam Trophy** – (£5,000 in 1989) A solid silver cup 15” high with an open diameter of 10”. The lid is 9” high and has a female symbol of victory holding a laurel leaf aloft. The plinth is 14” diameter at its base and is 6” high. The Sharam brothers purchased this trophy from an antique's shop in Bournemouth in the late 1940s. It was initially used by the South West Time Trial's Association and awarded to the winner of the Senior Best All Rounder Competition. This was average speed over the 3 distances of 25, 50 and 100 miles. When the SWTTA folded in the late 1950s the Mid-Devon CC commenced sponsorship of the competition and continued did so till 2006. There was then some doubt over the safety of the trophy that is valued at over £10k. The club committee decided that in these circumstances the trophy should no longer be allowed out of its possession.
- 10 **Jack Palk Trophy** – (£250 in 1989) A Mr Palk, who was living in Surrey, was approaching his ninetieth birthday was sorting out his affairs and realised that he needed to resolve the fate of this cup. His father had won outright at a grass track meeting at Torquay's Recreation Ground. An appeal was put into the local papers for claims based upon a relationship with Torre. At that time the club used Torre Station as its departure point for club runs. A letter was sent in saying that if it were awarded to it then the cup would go to the winner of the South West Junior Best All Rounder Competition. Mr Palk agreed to donate the cup to the club and that is what it is used for. The winner is the junior with the best average speed over 10, 10 and 25 miles.

TROPHIES AWARDED TO CLUB MEMBERS FROM THE SEASON LONG OPEN TIME TRIALS

- 11 **W.A.J. Best Cup** – (£40 in 1989) Initially this cup went to the fastest MDCC member in the Best memorial 25. With the demise of this event it now goes to the fastest MDCC member in the Triple Trophy 25 to be run in 2009 at the end of August.
- 12 **Alice Maud Broom Cup** – This cup is named after the mother of Harold Broom. Harold was for many years the club's Secretary, Treasurer and Time Trial Secretary. It went to the fastest MDCC member in the Best memorial 25 who did not win any other individual prize. With the demise of this event it now goes to the fastest equivalent MDCC member in the Triple Trophy 25 to be run in 2009 at the end of August.

- 13 Chouings Cup** –This cup was donated by Mike and Dot Chouings. Originally from Brixham Mike rode for many years in the colours of the RAF. He married Dot and both became timekeepers for the club looking after our events over many years. They moved to Keynsham near Bristol in the early 1970s. The Chouings Cup was awarded to the fastest MDCC member in the club’s open 50.
- 14 Elliott Cup** – (£140 in 1989) The Elliott Cup was presented to the club by Mr Elliott, a Newton Abbot shopkeeper. It is awarded to the fastest Mid-Devon member over 100 miles. Firstly in the club 100 mile promotion, secondly in a South West event and finally if neither of these events are promoted then in any 100 mile event in the country.
- 15 Kelsteign Cup** –This cup has the rather quaint sub title of “Efficiency”. It came into the MDRC’s possession when the then Teignmouth based cycling club amalgamated with the MDRC. It used to be awarded to the winner of the club’s Teignmouth to Totnes and back event. With its demise it has been used for a number of other purposes. In recent years it has been awarded to the fastest member in the Good Friday Teign Valley 23 mile sporting time trial.
- 16 Bert Chitty Cup** This cup which is 8” high with a diameter around the top of 3.5” was donated by Bert Chitty. He was the owner of the cycle shop during the 1940s and 1950s in Preston before Mr and Mrs Soby took over. It was originally awarded to the best club rider in a 12 hour event. In recent years it has been awarded to the club member with the best performance in an event in excess of 100 miles i.e. including 24 hours.
- 15 Fred Thorp Plaque** – This has a chestnut rectangular back 10.5” x 8” with a number of plates mounted upon the wood. Fred Thorp J.P donated it in 1980. He was a long time member of the Icknield RC and then the Exeter Wheelers. Originally it was awarded to the winner of the Open 12 hour time trial that the club ran in 1980, 84, 88 and 93. Since then it has lain idle but in 2008 it was awarded for the best long distance ride by a MDCC member.

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- 18 Jackson Cup** – The Jackson Cup was presented to the club by Mr “Chippy” Jackson who for many years ran a chip shop and also a wet fish shop in Queen Street. George Endacott, one of his relations, now runs this business. This cup was awarded to winner of the Birthday 10.
- 19 Radant Trophy** - This trophy was carved in wood by Michael Radant. It was awarded to the member who accumulated the most points in the season long 10 mile time trials.
- 20 Bert Roberts Memorial Trophy** –This trophy is in memory of former club member Trooper Bert Roberts who in 1947 died in action fighting the communist guerillas in Malay. It is awarded to the club rider who has the best handicap times over 10, 15 and 25 miles. – This is rather obscure so may need another reason attached to it.
- 21 Rider Trophy** – This trophy of a cyclist in racing position and mounted on a rectangular base is awarded to the rider who accumulates the most points in the club’s promotions other than the evening 10 mile events.
- 22 Preston Cup** – This cup was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Soby when they ran Preston Cycles the precursor to Colin Lewis Cycles. It is awarded to the club junior who is the fastest in the evening 10 mile events.
- 23 Bibbings Cup** – The Bibbings Cup was presented to the club by the owners of Bibbings the Chemist which was located in Queen Street, Newton Abbot. John Henry Bibbings was also a keen photographer

and used to be out at events taking pictures of the club members. This cup is awarded to the lady member who is the fastest in evening 10 mile events.

TROPHIES AWARDED TO CLUB MEMBERS FROM THE CLUB'S ROAD RACE PROMOTIONS

- 24 Len Hunt Cup** – This cup was donated by former Mid-Devon CC member Len Hunt who was fond of long distance time trials emigrated to Australia and settled near Brisbane. It is awarded to the best junior club member in the Springtime Pursuits.
- 25 Monts Trophy** This shield replaces one that was donated by the then owner of Mont's Transport Café as many races used to finish outside his premises on the old A30 near Benedict's Bridge. It is awarded to the overall winner of the Springtime Pursuits.
- 26 Junior Road Race Cup** - It is awarded to the junior club member who accumulates the most points on his racing licence during the season.
- 27 Ewins Cup** – (£300 in 1989) This cup was donated by the father of John Ewins. The family ran a newsagents shop at Manor Corner, Paignton. He did so because John had a serious break in his femur and a club member used to go to Torbay Hospital every day while he was on traction and spend time cheering him up. He was so grateful he presented the cup to the club. It is awarded to the senior club member who accumulates the most points on his racing licence during the season.
- 28 Henderson Trophy** – This cup is the property of the Paignton Regatta Committee. It was donated to them by the mother of Guy Henderson the Paignton Regatta Media Secretary. It is awarded to the winner of the Paignton Regatta Senior Circuit Race.
- 29 Johnson Cup** – This cup is the property of the Paignton Regatta Committee. Francis and Stan Johnson donated it to them. Mrs. Francis Johnson was at one time Mayor of Torbay. It is awarded to the winner of the Paignton Regatta Under 16s Circuit Race.
- 30 Bedwell Cup** – This cup was donated by Pauline Bedwell. She did so in memory of her husband Dave who died while out cycling. In his days as a professional when he was known as "The Pocket Rocket" Dave won many town centre races. Initially the cup was awarded to the winner of the Bovey Tracey Carnival Race. With the demise of this race it has lain dormant.
- 31 J.C. Paget Cup** This cup was awarded to the winner of the Newton Abbot to Exeter and back event. It is believed that Mr Paget had some kind of business connection with the then President of the MDRC, Philip Sharam.
- 32 Monts Trophy** - This shield was donated by the then owner of Mont's Transport Café as many races used to finish outside his premises on the old A30 near Benedict's Bridge. It is awarded to the overall winner of the Ladies Springtime Pursuits.

TROPHIES AWARDED TO CLUB MEMBERS BASED UPON SEASON LONG PREFORMANCES

- 33 T. H. Woods Novices Cup** – This cup is awarded to the fastest club novice typically over 10 and 25 miles.
- 34 Junior BAR Cup** – This is awarded to the junior member with the best average speed over 10 and 25 miles. When the club ran events over 15 and 20 miles these distances were also included.

- 35 Senior Davey BAR** – This is awarded to the senior member with the best average speed over 10 and 25 and 50 miles. When the club ran events over 100 miles this distance was also included. Mr. Davey was a local businessman who in the early 1900s was the South of England cross-country champion.
- 36 Colin Lewis Trophy** –This trophy donated by Colin Lewis and in the form of a Chater-lea Chain ring mounted on a wooden base is awarded each year by Colin. He awards it to the rider who in his opinion has produced the best rider by a club member.
- 37 Clima Best All Round Member Cup** –This cup was donated by former member Steve Willis. It is awarded to the member of the club who in the opinion of members present at the club’s prize presentation has done most in the previous 12 months to serve the club.
- 38 Gordon Mellor Trophy** - This trophy was donated by Gordon Mellor’s widow. The trophy is awarded to the junior who in the opinion of the committee has produced the most meritorious ride.
- 39 Vire Plaque** – This plaque was donated by the Velo Club du Bocage. It is awarded to the best Mid-Devon CC member in the Prix du Jumelage.
- 40 Vire Cup** – Typical French Trophy – green bowl with a plate in front “Vire” –
- 40 Hammer Trophy** –This trophy of a hammer mounted on a wooden plinth is awarded to the rider who takes the biggest “hammering” in any event or club run.
- 41 J.C Paget Social Trophy** –This trophy is awarded to the winner of a non-racing event that the club organises.
- 42 Pam Lewis Shield** – Property of Clon Lewis in memory of his wife, Pam.
- 43 Davey Cup** – A trophy with large lumps on the cup Best Senior MTB Rider –
- 44 Mumfordsd 15 Mile Ladies TT Cup -**