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The Club House.

The Committee have secured a most charming country Club House at Sand Hill Farm, Hooe. It is in the centre of a typical Sussex village, has a large and well-stocked flower and fruit garden, and plenty of room for amusements during the evening, and is, in fact, quite an ideal place for a cyclists' resort. There is a big room at the disposal of members of the Club and their friends who accompany them, and a piano for the convenience of the musically inclined. The Club may pride itself upon having by far the prettiest, largest, and most picturesquely-situated country quarters anywhere round here; everything is scrupulously clean; the landlady and her daughter spare no pains to oblige everybody, and understand the art of making appetising dinners and teas. Notice has to be given if dinner be required, but of tea there is always ample. Those Club members who do not go to the evening runs, and consequently don't know the exact way to the place, will find the ride by way of Bexhill and Sidley an easy and comfortable one, and must take the second turning on the left before reaching Ninfield, and thence by a winding lane finely wooded, to the village of Hooe. The house stands in a prominent position, and cannot be missed if a look out be kept for a white board with the Club's name on it.

There will be a formal opening on Wednesday, June 16th, members assembling at Robertson Terrace at 4 o'clock. Tea will be served at 6 o'clock. Mr. Peplow, an old and energetic Committee man, will then take a group of the riders assembled, and the remainder of the evening will be spent in a sociable manner. We want to make this one of the events of the season, and trust that everybody who possibly can will start at the time mentioned. Those who cannot get away so early are most particularly asked to go over later, in time for the photographing. It is sure to be an enjoyable time.

Whit Monday Sports.

The Committees of the Hastings and St. Leonards Cycling Club and the Alliance Amateur Athletic Club provided, on Whit-Monday, a programme of sports at the Central Cricket Ground that has seldom been equalled, and never beaten, locally. The cycling and running events were all hotly contested, and the finishes were exceedingly close, the large concourse of spectators being most enthusiastic in their interest. The members of each promoting Committee all worked their hardest in their various offices, and it is in a great measure due

to this happy amalgamation and feeling of goodwill existing between these two bodies of sportsmen that the success—and it should be considerable—was achieved. The weather, in all these ventures, is a great factor, but, luckily, the day was splendid. The Evening Fete was largely attended, and dancing to the strains of the Town Band, and the usual fun of the fair, was kept going with great spirit. The Comic Football Match, Hastings and St. Leonards Cycling Club v Alliance Amateur Athletic Club, caused roars of laughter.

The successes of the riders under the two blues were as follows:

J. Hide 1st in first heat, One Mile Open.

C. Gillham, 1st in second heat, One Mile Open; 1st in final. Second in One Mile Pursuit Race. Second in second heat, Two Miles Open; and third in the final. First in second heat, Obstacle Race; and third in final.

E. Wingfield, 2nd in second heat, One Mile Open. First in second heat, Two Miles Open. Second in first heat, Obstacle Race; and second in final.

W. Wingfield, 1st in third heat, One Mile Open; and third in final. First in third heat, Two Miles Open. First in first heat, Obstacle Race.

W. H. Hughes, 2nd in third heat, One Mile Open; and second in final. Second in third heat, Two Miles Open; and second in final. Second in second heat, Obstacle Race; and first in final.

E. Head, second in first heat, Two Miles Open; and first in final.

A great improvement in marking out the track was the use of a tape instead of the old-fashioned and dangerous sticks with flags on them. The racing was, therefore, entirely free from accident, although the riders were often in a thick bunch. A race meeting without three or four smashes is indeed a novelty; but, nevertheless, a success.

Mrs. Stubbs, the wife of our esteemed President, Mr. W. Stubbs, J.P., very kindly distributed the prizes to the winners.

A Ladies' Branch.

Arrangements are being made to enable the ladies who grace our Club to control their own affairs—have a Captain and Secretary all to themselves—and it is hoped by the Committee that this may lead to a great accession to the ranks by the members of the fair sex, and indeed there is little doubt of it. The Secretary has the matter in hand.

Wednesday Spins.

It is most gratifying to the Committee to notice the capital attendances at Wednesday Evening Runs, and the pleasure they feel must be shared by the members who have the interest of the Club at heart. With fine weather we have two dozen or more ladies and gentlemen taking part in the most enjoyable proceedings. There is not only the recreation to be derived from these runs, but all going have the satisfaction of knowing that they are doing their share in promoting the interests of the organisation. There is no better advertisement possible than a long line of cycles, with the lamps alight, proceeding along the Front. Remember this, and come to every fixture, and make the ranks bigger each week.

Winchelsea, Seddlescombe, and the Club House have been the principal fixtures, and, without exception, everything has gone off splendidly. At Seddlescombe on May 19, twenty-five ladies and gentlemen made the Queen's Head their rendezvous, and, at the invitation of Mr. F. Holman, whose dancing party's outing was being held at the same place, spent a very enjoyable time with them, some intervals being filled up with good songs well sung.

The runs to the Club House are highly popular, and the impromptu concerts unearth several capable singers, comic and otherwise, who entertain the company. Now that the nice warm evenings are here, nothing is more delightful than to stroll in the big garden adjoining the house, and feel the balmy air blowing softly against your brow, and to have the scent of many blooms in your nostrils. It's worth trying! The stone gingers are alike good in quality and quantity.

A Road Handicap.

As already announced there will be a Club Road Handicap some time in August—after the Annual Race Meeting. The distance will be ten miles, and the prizes will be worth going for; the first will be of the value of £3 3s., second 30s., third 15s., and 10s. 6d. for the first novice home. The definition of a novice is "one who has never won a prize in a cycling race of any description." It is important for all members of the Club to take notice that to be entitled to ride they must have attended eight Club Runs, or have twenty points to their credit for attendances. Full particulars as to time of starting, the position of the course, and other details will be announced next month.

Our 22nd Race Meeting.

For the twenty-second consecutive year we shall carry out this important event on the Central Cricket and Recreation Ground on Monday, August 9th. There will be a grand array of prizes, and some interesting events for the competitors, and with fine weather, we anticipate another success worthy of the oldest, most attractive and most popular, and most successful Club in this part of Sussex. Make a note of the date at once, and do all you can to help the Committee, who are a hard-working and long-suffering lot. You can help by telling your racing friends from away to get fit and come and take some of the prizes in the open events. In due course full particulars will be announced as to the programme, etc. Don't forget the date, August 9th.

Evening Runs.

All runs this month will be to the Club House, Sand Hill Farm, Hooe. It is an easy ride, through delightful scenery. All runs start from Carlisle Parade at 6 o'clock sharp. All Cyclists will be welcome. Lamps must be taken to all Club Runs.

When to Light Up.

	H. M.
June 10th	9.13
" 15th	9.16
" 20th	9.18
" 25th	9.19
" 30th	9.19
July 5th	9.16

Things to Remember.

June 16—Opening of Club House.
 August 9—Annual Race Meeting.
 August—Ten Mile Road Handicap.
 Every Wednesday—Club Runs.

Club Rules.

- I.—That this Club be called the "HASTINGS AND ST. LEONARDS CYCLING CLUB."
- II.—That the object of the Club be the promotion of Cyclists' interests generally, the Hastings and St. Leonards districts in particular.
- III.—That each member shall pay an entrance fee of 1s., on application for membership, to be returned if not elected, and a subscription of 5s per annum, payable in advance, at the Annual General Meeting, and any gentleman giving an Annual Donation shall be considered an Honorary Member. Any lady or gentleman being three months in arrears of her or his subscription and failing to pay on application, shall cease to be a Member.
- IV.—That the Officers of the Club shall consist of President, Vice-Presidents, Captain, Sub-Captain, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- V.—That the Officers and seven Members shall constitute the Committee, with power to add to their number.
- VI.—That the whole of the Officers shall be elected by ballot, and hold office for the term of one year.
- VII.—That the Committee shall meet when required, for the purpose of transacting the business of the Club, five to form a quorum.
- VIII.—That the General Meeting shall be held in January or February at the option of the Committee.
- IX.—That the Committee shall be the governing body of the Club, manage and control the expenditure and general business of the Club.
- X.—That the Secretary conduct the correspondence of the Club, and receive the subscriptions. The Treasurer to keep the accounts.
- XI.—That the Captain shall exercise control over all Members on Club runs; in the Captain's absence the Sub-Captain or an appointed deputy shall take command.
- XII.—That any Candidate for admission to the Club shall send in his name to the Secretary or any of the Committee, and be elected by majority at the first meeting of the Committee.
- XIII.—That all notices of Club runs be placed upon notice boards by the Captain or Secretary.
- XIV.—That the uniform of the Club be similar to that of the C.T.C. with cap. The racing colours dark and light blue.
- XV.—That all Members attending Club runs on machines must appear in Club cap and badge.
- XVI.—That any Member failing to pay any fines on application shall cease to be a Member.
- XVII.—That no Member shall compete in any race unless his entrance fee and subscription are fully paid up.
- XVIII.—That any Member wishing to withdraw shall give notice in writing to the Secretary.
- XIX.—That 14 days' notice be given by the Secretary to the Members of the Annual Meeting, and that seven days' notice must be given of the proposed alteration of rules, and that such proposed alterations shall be given in the notice calling the General Meeting, together with report and balance-sheet.

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