

Lee clocks fast time ahead of Swedish Ironman

HASTINGS & St Leonards Cycling Club's Lee Holdaway produced an excellent time of 4.37.35 in Sunday's Southern Counties Cycling Union 100-mile time trial based on Sussex roads near Crawley.

It was Holdaway's last competitive event before he competes in the Swedish Ironman Triathlon. With a 50 and 25 already to his name this season, he becomes the second Hastings rider to qualify for the club's best all-rounder competition.

Tim Carpenter remains in pole position for the BAR Trophy with a comeback PB of 1.01.45 in Sunday's Pinsbury Park 25-mile TT on the fast F1 course in Bedfordshire, but that could change after the East Sussex 100 next week when more riders from the club will qualify.

Mark Corliss's long road to regain the ability to do a 25mph plus 10-mile time trial after an accident a few years ago took another significant step forward with a season's best of 25.03 in Epsom CC's Saturday morning event on the Crawley course.

After the disruption to the evening time trial series due to roadworks, the competition resumed with a field of 17 riders

for the last Ninfield circuit event of the year.

Ride of the night was by 15-year-old Joe Kingsman, who made a massive improvement on his PB of more than six minutes from 43.36 to 37.31 and was fourth in the club event.

Since his first ride just seven

weeks earlier, he has started using clipless pedals and put in lots of training miles so a good time was expected, but not by that very impressive margin.

Malcolm Daly (35.10) won the event with Chris Watson (36.10), Simon Newell (36.30), Joe Kingsman (37.31) and Mark Corliss

(38.53) making up the top five.

George Morris is a senior still in his teens and had a few club runs under his belt before making his TT debut of 43.08.

After riding strongly on last Wednesday's club run round the ESCA Hard Riders course on a glorious evening in lieu of the cancelled TT, 15-year-old Martyn Matt rode his first time trial in a promising time of 46.49. He will have to wait until next season, however, to smash the PB he has now set for the course.

With the evenings beginning to draw in, there are just two Wednesday events left, both on the Broad Oak circuit, next week signing on at 6.30pm and the following week at 6.15pm.

The traditional end of series meal will be held in a local pub after the last event on Wednesday August 22. Places need to be booked with Chris Parker.

Another steady paced ride of about 30 miles with coffee stop to introduce riders to club cycling will be held on Saturday August 18, meeting outside the Bridge Cafe, Cinque Ports Way. It will leave at 10am and further details are available from Chris Parker on 07902 630574.

Leaders given early scare

LEADERS Wanderers hit back to win 3-2 against Certifiaboules in the 1066 Petanque League.

Wanderers were given an early scare when they lost both triples at the Queens Head before claiming victory in all three doubles games.

Cider Keg Trolls beat bottom-of-the-table Oresorts in the only other Division One match.

Unorthodox moved back to the top of Division Two with a 5-0 win against Vic'n'Mix, while close rivals Wrinklies went down 3-2 at the Old King John against the Jesters. Down'n'Outs won 4-1 against Old Ores.

The Millers Arms hosts the League Doubles competition

tomorrow (Saturday), 10.30am meet for 11am start.

Provisional groups: Group 1 - Ronnie Millerick & Sean Burns (Oresorts), Chris Mills & Jackie Broad (Cider Keg Trolls), Andy Pettitt & Maddie Mills (Cider Keg Trolls), Dave Moore & Becky Fellows (Certifiaboules). Group 2 - Thelma Lambert & Lynn Carey (Vic'n'Mix), Roger Lewis & Stuart Powell (Oreternatives), David Leigh & Elliott Leigh (United), Mark Thomas & Dean Farthing (Wanderers). Group 3 - Leigh Brown & Rob Beaumont (Down'n'Outs), Steve Mortimer & Stacey Baker (Unorthodox), Rob Newell & Dave Court (Unorthodox), Judy Glazier & Peter Glazier (Oresorts). Group 4 - Joe Phillips & Mark Stunt (Unorthodox), Paul Carter & Ryan Harmer (United), Andy Carey & Jodie Brinton (Vic'n'Mix), Jason Carrick & Toni Yanie (Down'n'Outs), Rita Barbary & Dot Fermor (Vic'n'Mix).