

Cycling Club's 75th Year



Mr. Southerden (left) and Mr. Joy with the former's array of trophies.

CYCLISTS from all over South-East England took into the town last Saturday to be the guests of the Hastings and of Lewes and of Brighton and Athletic Club, at their annual dinner at the Regent Hotel, New entering its 75th year of operation, the club is one of the oldest cycling clubs in the country.

The visitors were from Tunbridge Wells, Catered, Rye, the Medway Towns, Uckfield, Eastbourne, Bexhill and Walsayn, Weirton Wharfedale and the famous ride to the event — 80 miles.

Guests of honour were Ken Joy, Medway Wharfedale Cycling Club, British Road All-rounder Champion, winner in 1940, and holder of the B.R.A. London to Brighton and back record, which he took last year; his colleague, Peter Beestrom, third in the B.R.A. competition, 1940, and winner in 1941; B. W. How, well-known cycling journalist, timekeeper and administrator; A. H. C. Harrison, Medway Road Club and Essex Association, road cycling official; Roy Hemmings, Eastbourne Wharfedale and Athletic Club, club secretary and worker for the sport in Sussex; and Commander E. A. Trent, vice-president of the club and an old member and official.

Presiding the head of the club, Mr. F. L. Harris who joined it in 1900, said that it was the pleasure, Mr. Perry Hill who was in hospital. With all his ailments he was in the town with his wife and children.

Mr. Harris recalled the history of the club, its successes and its many achievements and the friendship of Mr. George Jenkins, who is still a member, when he visited him in Bath Road, Medway, in 1900, and the fact that he had been a member of the club and represented the country abroad.

Mr. H. Southerden, president of the club, said that the club was fortunate in having present so many prominent persons in the world of sport.

Responding, Mr. Joy said that in the past the club had had great fun

in its talks who had ridden with success under its name, and he mentioned Mr. George Jenkins.

"We should like to see more of your own riding in the big open events today," said Mr. Joy, "but in its that you need more competitive events in this area. You have the talent and you have the experienced men to encourage you."

Mr. Harrison said that the Hastings C. and A. C. tried the spirit of the sport is, which they all brought. He wished the club every success and offered for every clubmen from East Sussex to join the Fellowship of Kent and Sussex Cyclists.

Mr. Best said that it was a great thing to have attended so many years of continuous life as a club, and he suggested that a yearly reunion of the club and the one or two others who were as old would become a great tradition in cycling history.

Parting remarks to Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Best said that cyclists were now looking to Hastings to produce another like him.

Mr. A. Freeman spoke on behalf of the visitors among the gathering.

Mr. K. D. Home, proposing the toast of the president, wished him a speedy and complete recovery. He was said Mr. Home, one of the glories of club life, and the assistance had been appreciated by many young members waiting round.

Confidently Trent, who responded for the President, said that it was an honour for the club to have so many distinguished visitors. Cycling was a great sport, and it was one of the few left today where members were not spoilt. In road racing, especially, something has to be done by the competitive members, and that was true sport.

The prizes were presented by Ken Joy, winner of the club last All-rounder competition was J. H. Harrison, who has three times in succession, but has now made the Wickham, Hovey, and won second in the same competition was H. J. Power.

- 49th mile-runners were —
- 1000 yds — 10 mins 14.00, 11.00, 12.00, 13.00, 14.00, 15.00, 16.00, 17.00, 18.00, 19.00, 20.00, 21.00, 22.00, 23.00, 24.00, 25.00, 26.00, 27.00, 28.00, 29.00, 30.00, 31.00, 32.00, 33.00, 34.00, 35.00, 36.00, 37.00, 38.00, 39.00, 40.00, 41.00, 42.00, 43.00, 44.00, 45.00, 46.00, 47.00, 48.00, 49.00, 50.00, 51.00, 52.00, 53.00, 54.00, 55.00, 56.00, 57.00, 58.00, 59.00, 60.00, 61.00, 62.00, 63.00, 64.00, 65.00, 66.00, 67.00, 68.00, 69.00, 70.00, 71.00, 72.00, 73.00, 74.00, 75.00, 76.00, 77.00, 78.00, 79.00, 80.00, 81.00, 82.00, 83.00, 84.00, 85.00, 86.00, 87.00, 88.00, 89.00, 90.00, 91.00, 92.00, 93.00, 94.00, 95.00, 96.00, 97.00, 98.00, 99.00, 100.00.

Speedway Racing

SUPPORTERS' NOTES

News from South Africa this week includes Bardsley's continued recovery from his severe injury, and it is expected that he will make his first appearance on the track next week. Jim Middleton's condition is being watched with great interest. Against strong opposition, the newly coming team Henry Laid and Alvin Charlton, both of whom Middleton has beaten in individual events.

For details continue to see in the news following. Mr. George's transfer to Oxford comes from his decision not to return to the track. This has resulted in an agreement with his brother, and even he will not have sufficient time to return to the track. Henry Woodgate, Eastbourne Racer, has been transferred to Oxford and will now play with facilities to strengthen the Oxford team.

Supporters will have another good opportunity to have some of the best of the world's speedway stars on Saturday 11 when the 1940 riders are Ken Laid, West Ham, Graham, Alvin Charlton, Alvin Charlton, and Cliff Woodman, of Wembley, and Cliff

Motor Cycling

INTER-CLUB QUIZ

Next Wednesday members of Hastings and Lewes M.C.C. will compete in the first of a series of inter-club quizzes. The quiz will be held at the Regent Hotel, Hastings, at 8.00 p.m.

What luck!

Right in the middle of Saturday night thrill the time it would break down... tomorrow evening's pretty bleak, too, old set standing still.

The older you are more likely it is such tricks and a would sound ever better, too.

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