### Reading CC Open Hill Climb results

**2-stage Open Hill Climb held on Sunday 18th September 2016**

1st stage: Goring Hill, Goring-on-Thames (Oxfordshire)

2nd stage: Streatley Hill, Streatley-on-Thames (Berkshire)

Event held under CTT conditions.

Event Secretary

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Timekeepers

Bob Lyle/Dave Canning.

##### Race round-up

Another great day of sunny weather and hill-climb racing.

We had slightly more gravel than usual at the bottom of the Goring climb; this was due to the massive thunderstorms on Thursday evening. It didn’t seem to cause any major problems, and certainly not for Isaac Mundy, who stormed to a new course record of 4.56.6, taking 3.9 seconds off the year-old record set by Edmund Bradbury.

James Hayward, falling exactly seven seconds short with second place on Goring, was determined to take his revenge on the shorter but more severe climb of Streatley Hill. He achieved his aim, taking victory in 2.23.1, being 2.6 seconds faster than Isaac. This was not quite enough to take overall victory, though; the additional time gained on Goring proved crucial, as Isaac finished 4.3 seconds faster, in a combined time of 7.22.3.

Competition amongst the women and under-18 riders was just as fierce.

Reigning National Women’s hill climb champion Maryka Sennema was pushed all the way in both climbs by Emma Grant. Ladies’ course record stood at 5.56.7 on Goring prior to the event. Emma broke this with a time of 5.49.0, before Maryka, riding in her National Champions jersey, regained the course record with a time of 5.37.4. The battle continued on Streatley, with both riders breaking the previous course record, Maryka shading her rival by just 0.3 seconds, with a time of 3.09.5.

The under-18 competition was another close-run affair, with GS Henley rider Harvey Weinberger using his local knowledge and power well. He took 20 seconds off the junior Goring hill climb record, which fell to an awesome 5.25.9, with Matthew Grey and Theo Tadros close behind. Harvey extended his lead on the Streatley climb with a time of 2.46.8, just 4 seconds short of Peter Bissell’s junior course record.

Former event winner Peter Tadros recorded an overall time 5 seconds faster than his 2014 winning effort, but the standard of competition was so strong this year that he was forced to settle for fifth overall and fastest veteran.

Event HQ at The Boathouse coffee shop proved very popular. Great drinks, cakes and view of the river ☺.

With no tandem entries in this event for several years, I have now accepted Streatley Hill is simply too severe for a bike for two to race up. As such, the 2017 edition will retain its 2-stage event for solos, but the tandem event reduces to a single stage on Goring Hill. I will be racing on the tandem next year; anyone else fancy the challenge? You are welcome to ride both solo and tandem!

Finally, I hope you enjoyed the day and will be back for more at the 2017 promotion of the event.

Good luck in any other hill climbs you are racing, especially those riding the National Championships next month.

Best wishes

Stewart.

***PRIZE WINNERS***

Isaac Mundy (Oxford University CC)

*1st overall (£25) / 1st on Goring climb (£15)*

James Haywood (Woolwich CC)

*2nd overall (£15) / 1st on Streatley climb (£15)*

Maryka Sennema (Paceline RT)

*1st overall woman (£25) / Lottery prize (£15)*

Peter Tadros (In-Gear Quickvit Trainsharp RT)

*1st overall vet (£25)*

Harvey Weinberger (GS Henley)

*1st overall under-18 (£25)*

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| Rider | Club | Overall | Goring | Streatley |
| Isaac Mundy | Oxford University CC | 7.22.3 | 4.56.6 (1) | 2.25.7 (2) |
| James Hayward | Woolwich CC | 7.26.7 | 5.03.6 (2) | 2.23.1 (1) |
| Leon Wright | Team PB Performance | 7.40.6 | 5.11.7 (5) | 2.28.9 (4) |
| Richard Gildea | Didcot Phoenix CC | 7.44.6 | 5.07.9 (4) | 2.36.7 (5) |
| Peter Tadros | In-Gear Quickvit Trainsharp RT | 7.44.9 | 5.06.8 (3) | 2.38.1 (6) |
| Jon Hughes | Velo Club Godalming & Haslemere | 8.11.7 | 5.20.4 (8) | 2.51.3 (8) |
| Harvey Weinberger | GS Henley | 8.12.7 | 5.25.9 (9) | 2.46.8 (7) |
| David Billings | Cycology Bikes | 8.16.2 | 5.19.8 (7) | 2.56.4 (11) |
| Tom Fricker | Farnham RC | 8.28.4 | 5.34.9 (11) | 2.53.5 (9) |
| Andrew Warby | AeroCoach | 8.30.1 | 5.31.7 (10) | 2.58.4 (13) |
| Thomas Robb | Bedfordshire Road RT | 8.32.4 | 5.37.5 (13) | 2.54.9 (10) |
| Richard Cartland | Team Boardman | 8.38.0 | 6.11.0 (24) | 2.27.0 (3) |
| Russ Thompson | Performance Cycles CC | 8.39.3 | 5.40.1 (14) | 2.59.2 (14) |
| Matthew Walker | GS Henley | 8.43.1 | 5.18.0 (6) | 3.25.1 (23) |
| Maryka Sennema | Paceline RT | 8.46.9 | 5.37.4 (12) | 3.09.5 (18) |
| Grant Goodall | Didcot Phoenix CC | 8.50.5 | 5.49.1 (17) | 3.01.4 (15) |
| James Scrivener | Reading CC | 8.55.9 | 5.59.0 (21) | 2.56.9 (12) |
| Emma Grant | Team Colavita | 8.58.8 | 5.49.0 (16) | 3.09.8 (19) |
| Ron Smith | Didcot Phoenix CC | 9.02.1 | 5.54.4 (19) | 3.07.7 (16) |
| Matt Harvey | Walden Velo | 9.04.3 | 5.54.9 (20) | 3.09.4 (17) |
| Matthew Grey | Newbury RC | 9.08.7 | 5.50.1 (18) | 3.18.6 (21) |
| Giles Prentice | Velo Club Walcot | 9.15.1 | 5.59.3 (22) | 3.15.8 (20) |
| Jonathon Groves | Rapha Cycling Club | 9.26.3 | 6.06.4 (23) | 3.19.9 (22) |
| Rob Thompson | Reading CC | 10.13.1 | 6.32.0 (25) | 3.41.1 (24) |
| John Humphris | Trisports Letchworth | 10.20.9 | 6.36.0 (26) | 3.44.9 (25) |
| Matthew Cook | Bedfordshire Road RT | 10.45.0 | 6.53.1 (27) | 3.51.9 (26) |
| Stewart House | Arctic Tacx RT | XXXXX | 5.41.6 (15) | DNS |
| Ben Greetham | Farnborough & Camberley CC | DNS | DNS | DNS |
| William Bourne | Handsling Racing Team | DNS | DNS | DNS |
| Tejvan Pettinger | Sri Chinmoy Cycling Team | DNS | DNS | DNS |
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