



## GP series report for 2011.

Angus writes:

As one of the main organisers of the Grand Prix series I would like to thank everyone for the keen interest and participation they have shown towards the event. I believe it was a tremendous success last year and was welcomed by most if not all members.

2011 was our first year with this internal series. We should all have an interest in seeing it grow and should appreciate that although the series can be fluid I am trying to finalise that balance and keep changes to a minimum.

We had a small issue with dates towards the end of the year but once recognised - was fixed quickly enough - that aside I was happy with the way the series ran. I am aware that not all members were happy with the 'every event must count' ruling so we are changing that for 2012.

To that effect we are running more events this year and having a best 8 from 10 style of series.

The updated rules are on the website and I must point out here that we will be sticking as close as possible to Scottish Cycling's Little Blue Book of rules to run the series.

The 10 events will be 3 LLTTs, 2 Cleish hill climbs, both the same length as before. 1 5mile TT, 1 10mile TT, 1 25mile TT, 1 hilly TT and our Blue Ribband event the 1 mile sprint.

All the existing routes are as they were last year and they and the new routes can be found on the KCC website.

In evaluating the routes for 2012, I have not wanted to include any dead turns in any event and restrict the number of right hand turns to an absolute minimum.

The 10mile TT route proved a bit trickier than most to finalise.

The one ruling that I have not adhered to is the start / finish within one mile of each other ruling. I have tried to incorporate this in as many events as possible but found the 5mile TT a little difficult, but I hope you will agree with me the 5mile flat out (slightly down hill) tail wind route should be good.

We have had many discussions with regard to members inviting friends to partake in the series and would like to see this kept to a minimum. By all means do invite but please

1. Obtain permission from the Chairman,
2. We wish to limit guests to only one event in the year and
3. We would welcome them with open arms if they join but they can not score if they are not paid up members.

During the year we have seen many of the existing times and records being completely smashed. As a club we are seeing stronger and faster riders coming in. This is good for all of us, I believe as experiences can be and should be shared between us all.

Despite fast times I would not like slower members to be put off and not taking part because they perceive themselves never winning. Remember it is as much about PBs (personal bests) as about first passed the post as well as fun for all.

I will finish by congratulating Doc Roddy on being the inaugural winner. He is good but .....

I think he knows, as do the rest of us that we have some very stiff competition within the club. So to all of you, thank you for participating in 2011, enjoy 2012 and keep spinning.

Details of the 2012 event can be found at [http://kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk/event\\_club.php](http://kinrosscyclingclub.co.uk/event_club.php)

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