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PENNY HITS THE FRONT IN NEW BLAZING SADDLES **Enjoy A Saturday Starter**

So far last year's women's winner PENNY SCHENKEL is beating all the men and has a 100% record in the 2016-2017 Blazing Saddles year long cycling competition. If she keeps this up she will be the first female to win Stevenage CTC's overall competition since Jill Gristwood in 2000 and Elizabeth Wilson in 1995.



Penny who was third overall last year has 14 points two ahead of ALAN BAXTER, a previous winner.

Another woman new member NICOLA MORRIS is third equal on twelve tied with JIM BROWN and last year's winner DAVE HALL.



SOPHIA MORRIS is a new junior leader on six points ahead of KIERAN HIGHAM, ALEX MORRIS, ZOE NUTTALL, LAUREN HIGHAM and GEORGE UNDERHILL. JACKIE COOPER is third woman.

Top Twenty Five

Position	Name	Points	Comments
1.	PENNY SCHENKEL (F)	14	
2.	ALAN BAXTER	12	Previous winner.
3=	NICOLA MORRIS (F)	10	Second woman. New member.
3=	JIM BROWN	10	Previous winner.
3=	DAVE HALL	10	Overall winner 2016.

6=	PAUL BOIELLE	8	
6=	ROBERT FINNEY	8	
8=	JACKIE COOPER (F)	7	Third woman.
8=	JON COOPER	7	
8=	JASON MORRIS	7	New member.
11=	SOPHIA MORRIS (FJ)	6	Leading junior. New member.
11=	PAUL HILL	6	
11=	STEVEN SYKES	6	New member
14=	JILL BORCHERDS (F)	5	Women's winner 2015
14=	PETE WOOLMER	5	
14=	JIM BORCHERDS	5	
17=	PAT NORRIS (F)	4	New member
17=	BOB CORBETT	4	Previous winner.
17=	IAN WATT	4	
17=	RAY BROWN	4	
21=	KIERAN HIGHAM (MJ)	3	Junior winner 2016
21=	LYNN BONNICI (F)	3	Previous women's winner.
21=	STUART DEAMER	3	New member
21=	EMILIO PORCARO	3	
21=	SCOTT GILL	3	

Cycling in a group is fun and good for you. Why not have a go this year? There are local CTC rides EVERY Wednesday evening and the Saturday Starters EVERY Saturday all year round.

With Stevenage CTC people ride with each other not against each other. Newcomers will be welcome but under 16s should bring a responsible adult please. There are accredited ride leaders and sweepers usually with a radio link so no-one gets left behind.

On all evening rides please ensure you have working, effective lights. This Saturday you can enjoy a morning Starter ride to Ardeley and back. Meet at Costello's Café in Fairlands Valley Park (SG2 0BL) in time for a 10.30a.m. start. Sunday's ride is longer. Meet on the green by Springfield House Community Centre in the old town (SG1 3EJ) at 9.30a.m. for a ride to Hertford and Puckeridge.

You'll find the full programme on www.stevenagectc.org.uk but it includes:

- Evening rides from Old Stevenage at least EVERY Wednesday at 7.15p.m. Meet near Springfield House Community Centre and the war memorial (SG1 3EJ). Expect

to cycle a total of about 20 miles with a brief break in a country pub. Back about 10p.m. so please bring lights.

- Starter half day rides from Fairlands Valley Park EVERY Saturday. Meet at Costello's Café (SG2 0BL). Sociable pace with a refreshment break in a café or tea rooms. The Starters are morning rides leaving at 10.30a.m. during the winter, up to the end of February. From March they will switch back to afternoons.
- A huge variety of Sunday rides from short half day trips to quite demanding "A" and challenge rides including the Stevenage Start of Summertime Specials on Sunday 26th March.
- Most rides are on lanes and quieter country roads but there are some off road activities. And there's the opportunity to enjoy Cycling UK's national events. The group sends "teams" to away events on a regular basis. The club rides are free but CTC would like you to join them after you've enjoyed a few.

Remember CTC ride with each other not against each other. Stevenage CTC group rides experienced ride makers, a leader and sweeper with a radio link, on the front and back – no-one gets left behind. You can get more details by contacting Penny (07787 816434); Jim (0793 968 7509); Jill (07816 625901) or Tina (01438 235881) or by emailing jim@stevenagectc.org.uk

Cycling with your local CTC group is a great way to get fit and enjoy the local countryside in good company. Cycling is fun, it's good for the environment, sociable and it's also good for you. Stevenage CTC is the local group of Cycling UK – the National Cycling Charity.

Coming Events

- Sunday 26 March. Stevenage Start of Summertime Specials.

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More from JIM BROWN 0793 968 7509 or Tina Walker 01438 235881. For national information contact the national Cycling UK press office on 01483 238 315, 07786 320 713 or email publicity@cyclinguk.org

The CTC, now known nationally as Cycling UK, is the national cycling charity. It is run by cyclists for cyclists. The national website is at www.ctc.org.uk

CTC/Cycling UK works to promote cycling by raising public and political awareness of its health, social and environmental benefits, and by working with all communities to help realise those benefits.

CTC/Cycling UK has been protecting and promoting the rights of cyclists since 1878. It now has more members than at any time in its history. CTC is a not-for-profit organisation funded through memberships and donations. We focus on the social side of cycling as well as being a powerful and independent voice on behalf of ALL cyclists. CTC offers a range of benefits, including insurance and legal advice, for every type of cyclist. By joining CTC YOU are supporting UK cycling and giving us a louder voice on issues that are important to all users of cycles.

Notes to editors:

Cycling UK, the national cycling charity, inspires and helps people to cycle and keep cycling, whatever kind of cycling they do or would like to do. Over a century's experience tells us that cycling is more than useful transport; it makes you feel good, gives you a sense of freedom and creates a better environment for everyone.

Local Website www.stevenagectc.org.uk

To join CTC / Cycling UK visit <http://www.cyclinguk.org> or 'phone 0844 736 8451

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