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Track League Report 2021

The season of 2021 saw the continuation of Covid restrictions and a reduced service. The track and its volunteers did an amazing job of replacing the fence over the winter period to allow for safe racing at the league to continue. A big thank you to everyone who helped on the project to allow racing (and training) to continue.

A thank you to Brookes Cycles for the continued support in 2021.

Sadly, there was no return of the freewheelers league in 2021 due to the restrictions and the amount of space required for the main league. With the easing of restrictions for 2022, we are hopeful to bring the freewheelers league back, but this is dependent on covid restrictions and requirements set on us in 2022.

The track league season started off well with the first few rounds of the league keeping up the numbers that we saw in 2020. The track saw numbers hover around the 50/60 mark for first quarter of the season. After the restart of the road season and more events (both outdoor and indoor) came back. Numbers started to decline. We held a good field throughout the year with over 40 riders for most evenings.

We had a total of 148 riders signed on to ride the league over the course of the season once again confirming the popularity of the league with the riders from around the area. The league is considered to be one of the friendliest environments and an awesome group of riders and volunteers that are willing to support those riders from those who are just beginning through to those who are veterans to the track.

The track league saw some good quality and safe racing over the season with a minimal number of incidents taking place. A big thank you to the riders and volunteers for maintaining a safe yet competitive environment for everyone.

The league was wrapped up with the return of the Track presentation evening. This evening organised by Chris Pyatt was an opportunity not to be missed. With Olympic medallist Matt Walls as the guest of honour, the awards presentation allowed those who were up and coming to have a look into the world of a pro cyclist and Olympic medallist. A big thank you to Matt for giving up his time to be with us.

Next season of the track league is being registered to run from Thursday 5th May 2022 and run for 18 rounds through to Thursday 1st September 2022.

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Newcastle Track League organiser 2021