

Chairmans Report 2021

Well BMX went and BMX came back !!

What the return to racing from lockdown showed us this year is how unpredictable life is – entry numbers in 2021 were up nearly 15% on our last full series in 2019 when some of us (me!!) expected the worst when racing started up again – but testament to the efforts put in by all the clubs in the region during lockdown we are back stronger than before and the future looks bright for the coming season.

The Region is in a strong position moving forward – we have a fantastic committee who are dedicated to providing a well run, competitive and enjoyable series for our riders, We have clubs who welcome new riders, nurture and develop their existing members and kindly put themselves forward to host our events when asked.

We have always been at the forefront of embracing change within our Region, whether its listening to our riders and introducing new classes through to the implementation of transponders for our race scoring – we don't want to stand still so please never feel you can't make suggestions to us for consideration.

No report from 2021 can be written without congratulations being sent to Beth and Kye for their outstanding performances in Tokyo ... it still hasn't quite sunk in what these two young athletes achieved – Paris 2024 is not far away now so lets hope they only get stronger as it approaches.

Personally I would like to thank all the clubs and volunteers for their continued support and to my fellow committee members for being there for me when I needed to shout and swear when things don't go to plan !!

Lastly I would like to send my love and best wishes to the Luckhurst family. The huge loss of Tony this year has been a sad time for all who were fortunate to know him. The strong position the Region finds itself in now is directly down to the practices Tony put in place whilst he was Chairman and we strive to honour him moving forward by being the best Region in the country.

We plan to celebrate him with a special event this year and I guarantee it will be one a hell of an event!! Watch this space

Best wishes
Martin

