

AYR ROADS CYCLING CLUB

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Double International Success for Ayr Roads CC / Harry Fairbairn BMW

Ayr Roads CC are celebrating after an incredible seven days of success which has seen local riders claim international championship medals in both Cycling and Duathlon!

It all began last Saturday when John Mason produced a magnificent ride on the world class Manchester Velodrome to take the Bronze medal in the UCI European Masters Track Championships. Having won the qualifying heats of the individual pursuit, John's final effort saw him clock 2mins 48.9 seconds for the 2000m distance - an outstanding achievement. John's Medal was presented by the UCI, the international governing body for cycling which oversees all major elite cycling events including the Tour de France and the Olympics.

Understandably the club are enormously happy for John, whose achievement came on the back of a very successful British Masters Championships campaign in which Mason won Silver and Bronze, while his compatriot Vic Possee also won a Silver. Club Chairman Andy McKinlay passed his congratulations onto John, calling it a "magnificent performance".

And as if this wasn't enough just one week later Valerie Martin upped the game again winning silver at the ITU World Long Course Duathlon Championships in Belgium. The statistics for Val's performance are quite staggering: after setting a new personal best in the half marathon (1hr 27mins) Val went on to produce a blistering 50mile time trial performance - posting the fastest women's time, and the 7th fastest overall - before finally completing the torturous event with a 40minute 10km run. This was a truly superlative defying feat of which Ayr Roads CC / Harry Fairbairn BMW are immensely proud. Like Mason, Val has worked extremely hard and is fully deserving of her success. While the club is no stranger to international success, having back-to-back medal winning performances in different disciplines is unprecedented.

As well as performing highly at an elite level, Ayr Roads CC / Harry Fairbairn BMW have been very busy promoting grass roots sport, hosting a kid's duathlon at Kilmarnock Park on the 6th August which attracted 268 competitors. The club is also in the final stages of establishing a Mountain Bike section in Barr aimed for youths which will help safeguard the future of cycle sport in Ayrshire. The club are hoping to attract a good number of members and volunteers. Anyone interested should contact Ayrroads@gmail.com

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