

Singapore Cycling Federation

Annual Report submitted to the AGM on 7th Sept

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Online Membership Portal:

The SCF has launched its online portal for the registration of Membership.

We have extended the use of this portal to include our UCI registration and courses.

The next step that we are planning is to integrate the Registration of Teams into this portal.

Current membership numbers exceed 400

National Championships:

All the three cycling disciplines held their Annual National Championships this year.

The 2012 National Road Championships was organised by Spectrum World Wide and saw 444 cyclists across 14 categories take to the road around Aviation Park at the Changi Exhibition Centre, an almost a 50% increase on 2011 numbers. The response from local riders has been very impressive and the level of competition has been high across the categories with some very worthy champions receiving their national jerseys. There was also good support from local cycling clubs setting up booths over the weekend in a bid to attract more cyclists into their clubs which all goes towards developing the sport as a whole in Singapore.

The 2012 National MTB Championship was organised by Dirtrraction and also saw a large increase in the number of participants. This was held at Tampines Bike Park and at the NParks grounds adjacent to the park. Both the XC and the DH disciplines were held on the 1st July.

For both the National Road Championships and the National MTB championships the Federation has signed 5 year agreements (2012 to 2016) with the respective vendors Spectrum and Dirtrraction.

The 2012 National BMX Championships were held on 15th July at the BMX track at Tampines Bike Park. This event was organised by Goose Pte Ltd. The number of participants showed a small increase over the 2011 numbers.

The timing of all three National Championships are being aligned with the date specified for each discipline by UCI in their annual calendar of events.

International Results:

The last SEA Games in Indonesia saw our cyclist bringing back 1Silver (Darren Loh – Individual Time Trial) and 2 Bronze Medals (Dinah Chan – Individual Time Trials and Mass Road Start)

At the ACC (Road) in Kuala Lumpur in March 2012 our newly formed Junior Development Squad garnered 7th (Ryan Chan) and 11th (Noel Teh). A commendable result considering the short time they had for training. In their earlier event in Penang the team obtained 4th for the Road Race (Noel Teh) and also 4th for Criterium (Mohd Elyas). This was after only 4 months of training.

At the ACC (MTB) in Suzhou we had a large contingent present. There were 3 XC and 4 DH riders there. There are an increasing number of International MTB events. SCF plans to strengthen our presence in the International scene for this discipline.

An extract of the UCI Rankings sheet as at end Jun 2012 shows Singapore ranked 10th. We believe this may be the first time Singapore has been ranked.

Ranking - Cycling - Road 2012 select season ▼

Men • Elite • UCI Asia Tour Ranking • Nations select date ▼

9: 25 Jun 2012 Points details

Individual	Team	Nation			
Rank	Name	Nation	Team	Age*	Points
1 (1)	JAPAN	JPN	JPN		677
2 (2)	MALAYSIA	MAS	MAS		510
3 (4)	KAZAKHSTAN	KAZ	KAZ		444
4 (3)	HONG KONG, CHINA	HKG	HKG		419
5 (7)	UZBEKISTAN	UZB	UZB		235
6 (5)	IRAN	IRI	IRI		196
7 (9)	INDONESIA	INA	INA		179
8 (8)	PHILIPPINES	PHI	PHI		175
9 (6)	KOREA	KOR	KOR		172
10 (-)	SINGAPORE	SIN	SIN		131

Road:

Our Road Cyclists have enjoyed a stellar year with outstanding performances on the international stage, world class competition locally and a substantial growth in the interest of road cycling in terms of recreation and competition.

Congratulations to our two cyclists, Darren Low and Dinah Chan for achieving a Silver and 2 Bronze medals respectively at the 2011 SEA Games. This achievement was a breakthrough. It was our best results in a decade.

SCF has also continued to work on our road cycling junior teams. We have appointed Low Ji Wen, who has represented Singapore on many occasions, as head coach to oversee their development. Creditable results were achieved at last year's Pesta Pulau Pinang (Penang) 2011 GP Series. Obtaining funding for this training continues to be a challenge for SCF.

Mountain Bike:

Mountain Biking continues to grow in popularity despite the lack of competitive events in Singapore. Many of our riders have been drawn to compete at events in our neighbouring countries.

The 'Mettle Games' this year featured an Urban Track that ran around the Singapore Flyer with a spectacular drop of about 12ft that attracted a lot of attention.

More recently the Audi Challenge featured a Pump Track laid out at Marina Bay. This too attracted a lot of attention and helped to educate the public as to what this discipline is all about,

The SCF has recently noticed an increase in the number of International level MBT races being organised in our region. We have therefore taken steps to form a National MTB team as well as to form a Development Squad.

To encourage more young riders SCF is working on organising an Inter School Mountain Bike Challenge.

BMX:

This is presently the least developed of the Cycling disciplines in Singapore. There has been a 'generation gap' brought about by the lack of available facilities. The opening of the YOG track at Tampines Bike Park has changed that situation. We now possess an International level, UCI approved track that is the envy of many of our neighbours.

Activities to rebuild this discipline began with a Series of 'Rush Races' and culminated with the National Championships. We need still more events and greater participation in numbers for this discipline.

The recent excitement that BMX generated in the London Olympics and the resulting publicity for this discipline is encouraging. However there is still a lot that has to be done to promote this discipline.

The Asian Cycling Confederation's (ACC) regional championships will be held in Singapore in early next year and we are busy preparing our riders for this event.

UCI Courses:

The highest level of Coach Education Courses offered by the UCI at the world Cycling Centre in Aigle Switzerland is the UCI Coaching Diploma

Two candidates from Singapore Kenneth Wee (BMX and MTB) and Daniel Loy (Track and Road) have successfully obtained this Diploma in the respective disciplines.

The dates for next year's courses have been placed on our website.

Additionally two of our young riders are / will be in Aigle for training programmes of 8 weeks (Noel Teh Jing Long - Road) and 6 weeks (Alex Sneezby – BMX)

Cycling Proficiency Tests:

SCF is in the process of organising a series of cycling Proficiency Test starting from Pre School Level Classes. These are the levels we have in mind:

Cycling Balancing Programme (Pre School), Cycling Orientation Programme (COP), Cycling Bronze Award (Park Connector skill level), Cycling Silver Award (Road / Cross country level), Cycling Gold Award (Competition Level)



SCF has finalised the Syllabus for the Cycling Bronze Award with an Agreement signed with Asian Detours Pte Ltd. This syllabus forms the core of the programme of training being used to prepare the Community Policing

Promoting the Sport:

The SCF participated in the open house in connection with the opening of the Pasir Ris Sports Centre. We created an indoor Pump Track that was used to introduce newbies to the potential thrills of cycling.

We also were featured in the offerings of Sports on Kids. A programme organised by SSC to encourage young children to try different sports.

We ran a 'learn to ride' course on two different weekends at the BMX track at Tampines Bike Park.

SCF arranged to bring in Richard McLachan, a coach that has been involved in training the New Zealand youth BMX team. His clinics, run at the BMX track at TBP, proved very popular.

The biggest and best known of the cycling Promotion activities remains the OCBC Cycle Singapore. An event that we continue to Sanction and support.

NCAP Courses:

Courses for Integrated NCAP level 1 (Cycling specific) were conducted in May 2011, February 2012 and more recently in August of 2012.

The object of these courses is to increase the availability of trained coaches who can then impart the correct way of riding to our future generations of riders.

OCBC Singapore Continental Cycling Team:

This has been the first year that the OCBC team rides as a UCI Continental Team.

This brings the Development Programme for National Road Cycling to its next step.

The target is to bring Singapore Road Cycling to professional levels.

The Team finalized its 2012 roster of riders in December 2011. The 9 best Singaporean Talents were boosted by 2 Malaysians (LOH Sea Keong, an accomplished journeyman and Haidar Anuwar, a former top Asian level Sprinter) and our first Caucasian rider (Nicholas Squillari) from Australia. This adds some firepower for flatter stages and lead-out trains for the sprints.

OCBC Bank hosted the Team for its media launch on 15th January 2012, at the OCBC Centre on Chulia Street where reporters and media had the opportunity to interview and post questions to Singapore's first UCI Continental Cycling Team.

The Team set up a Training Camp in Chiang Mai in northern Thailand. This camp created a healthy team-bonding that set us up for the ensuing 6 months of campaigning in the UCI Asia Tour. This base in Chiang Mai allowed its members, especially the Singaporeans, to have a conducive environment with varying terrain, especially high mountains, every flatland country's cyclists' worst nightmare.

Our 2012 campaign kicked off with a bang, with Asia's most prestigious multi-stage race, the Tour de Langkawi, flattering us by inviting us for the second year in a row. Our Team rode aggressively, breached stage breakaways and proudly showed off the Team's colours.

The Team continued to attract invitations to some of Asia's most established UCI sanctioned races, and went from strength to strength, travelling to familiar stomping grounds such as Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia, but also venturing to new territory in Japan and Iran.

In particular Singaporeans HO Jun Rong and GOH Choon Huat, both 22 years old of age in 2012, progressed most from their dedication to a monk like existence in Chiang Mai and tenacity in racing. Back home in Singapore the Team continued to be dominant in the local scene, sweeping 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the National Championships for the Individual Time Trial, crowning Junaidi HASHIM as the National Time Trial Champion 2012, and also taking 1st and 2nd in the Mass Start Road Race, where Darren LOW once again showed his ability to perform under pressure and deliver on race-day. We believe the future to be very bright if the Team continues to develop Singapore's best Road talents and must continue to be committed to do so.

Tampines Bike Park:

During 2011 SSC (Singapore Sports Council) invited proposals for the Operation, Management, Marketing and Maintenance of the Tampines Bike Park. This tender was awarded to Guthrie FMC who took on this responsibility from 1st January 2012

The SCF had signed a working agreement with Guthrie FMC to provide the know how to manage and promote cycling in Tampines Bike Park for Mountain Biking and BMX disciplines of cycling.

In essence our responsibilities under this agreement were similar to those we had under the previous agreement we had in place with the SSC. Under the SSC agreement we were obliged to provide 2 Park Rangers and we continued this arrangement when Guthrie took over the management of the tbp.

Unfortunately not long after the commencement of the Agreement with Guthrie differences of interpretation of the Agreement arose.

These differences in opinion are not yet resolved at this time.

Funding:

SCF continues to receive ANGE grants from SSC for the 12 months ending 31st March 2013. We understand that we are in fact one of the few NSA's that received an increase in allocation over the previous 12 month period. However our members need to be aware that SSC maintains strict guidelines as to how these funds are used.

As an example use of ANGE funds for Overseas Training is limited to "Carded Riders"

There are two main factors that influence the amount of the grant. These being:

- a) MYSP (Multi Year Sports Plan) - This is a rolling 5 year plan that needs to be updated and resubmitted every year
- b) OE (Organisational Excellence) review – which takes place every two years and which involves an assessment of our Organisational Structure and processes. Some of the categories (not a complete list) covered under this review include Leadership, Planning, Processes, and Results.

**The above constitutes the Annual Report of the Singapore Cycling Federation
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