

3.6 CYCLING ORGANIZATIONS - Great Britain - Cyclists' Touring Club.

The C.T.C. was the first Touring Club in the world and joined the Alliance Internationale de Tourism in 1918.



High Court refused permission for motorists to join, Dec 1906.

Bicycle Touring Club became C.T.C. in 1883, to allow tricyclists to join.

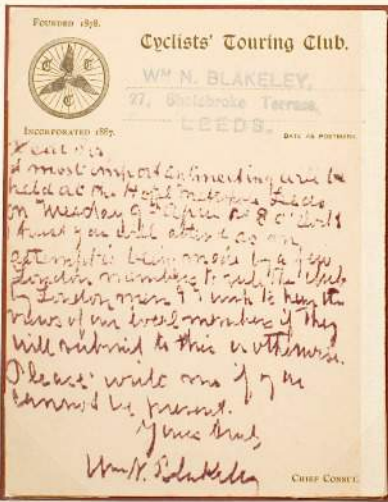


In 1908 C.T.C. had total of 33 Chief Consuls

Left, front inland reply card, stamped to order sent by Chief Consul Leeds, 6th April 1907.



R Shaw, Secretary of C.T.C., elected President of Cycling Touring Commission of AIT in 1976.



First edition of C.T.C. Club Handbook in July 1879, contained addresses of Cycle repairers



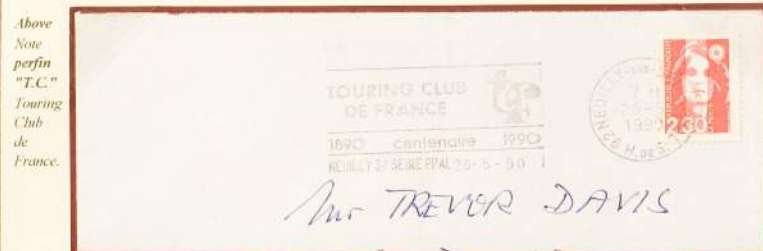
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3.6 CYCLING ORGANIZATIONS - France and Italy

The Touring Club de France and the Italian Touring Club were initially established for cyclists in the 1890s.



Touring Club de France (founded 1890) set up Alliance Internationale de Tourisme (AIT) in 1918, inviting other Clubs to join.



Above Note perfin "T.C." Touring Club de France.



Italian Touring Club founded in 1894 and celebrated its centenary in 1994.

Note Perfin "T.C.I." Touring Club Italiano.



3.6 CYCLING ORGANIZATIONS - Germany

Official postcards were issued for Festivals of the German Cycling Federation.



Right Adler tricycle 1898



Left and below (reduced):
One of the official postcards
issued for the 31st Festival of
the German Cycling Federation.



Below and on the left, reverse reduced in size:
Official postcard issued for the 28th Festival of
the German Cycling Federation. 3 - 19 August 1911
NB Special Postmark



3.6 CYCLING ORGANIZATIONS - Germany

National and local organizations of cyclists began to be formed from the 1870s onwards.



Right Safety Bicycle 1887



Left - reverse of postcard
below - Members of the
German Cyclists Union
Strasbourg (which is now
in France), 31 March 1901



The days of the High
Bicycle were almost
over by 1900. Most
cyclists rode Safety
Bicycles.

Below Official postcard
for the 16th Congress of
the German Cyclists'
Union, Augsburg 1901.



Below
Reverse of the postcard
on left, reduced, with Spf

"Augsberg 21 July 01".



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The Bicycle Touring Club was formed at Harrogate on 5 August 1878; amended to Cyclists' Touring Club 1883.



N.B. Imprimeur King George V First Royal Patron in 1910

N.B. handstamp right. Touring cyclist with shadow penny-farthing rider; winning design C.T.C. competition for stamp - rejected by P.O.



HRH The Prince of Wales (later King Edward VIII) became a Life Member of the C.T.C., in 1913.



N.B. Shanghai local post stamp, with winged wheel, similar to logo adopted by C.T.C. 1886.

50th anniversary Perkins Bacon label attached to all CTC Gazettes posted 1928.



to delivery to be returned to the issuing club.

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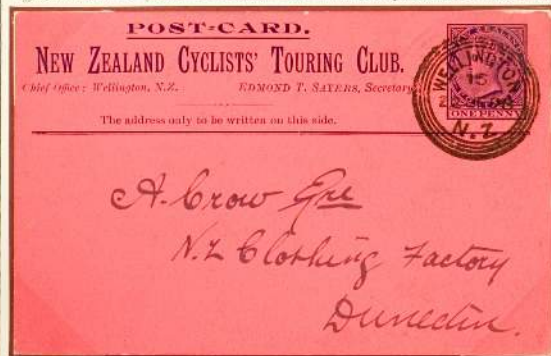
The Cyclists' Touring Club reached its centenary in 1978 and set pattern for Touring Clubs across the world.

In 1894, C.T.C. Council agreed to the first D.A. - District Association.

The Derby D.A. formed in 1924.



2155 postcards overprinted with stamp and inscriptions at the Government Printing Office in March 1897 for the New Zealand C.T.C. Card below postmarked 22 June 1898.



The first York Rally held in 1948 with attendance of 15,000 cyclists

Below. Preliminary signed drawings by Fritz Wegner. Stamps issued 2 August 1978 to celebrate centenary of Cyclists' Touring Club.



Fritz Wegner

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The C.T.C. uniform was dark green Devonshire Serge jacket, knickerbockers, Stanley helmet and stockings.



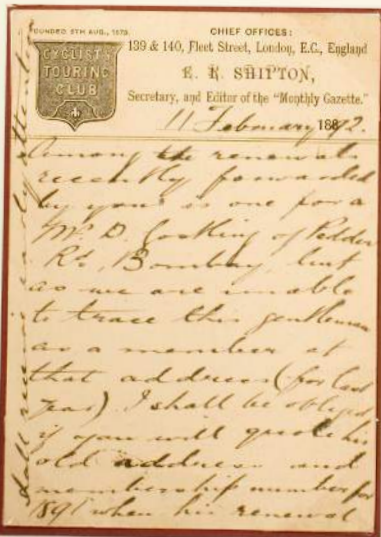
The C.T.C. gained approval for cyclists to ride in Richmond Park (below) in 1885 and in Hyde Park (close to Albert Memorial) in 1895.



NB Error No perforations between stamps.



Below: The Badge of the Cyclists' Touring Club was a shield until 1896.



Left: The cyclist's uniform was similar in other countries.

The Cyclists' Touring Club appointed Consuls throughout the U.K. and Overseas. See message 11 February 1892 to Consul in Bombay in India - & Sea P.O. mark 22 Feb 1892.



Clubs had a bugler who blew, to assemble riders



A Meeting of Cyclists at Hampton Court in 1882 attracted 2,177 riders in procession 6 miles long

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Aims: to promote touring by bicycle, to help tourists secure companions and to protect its members, remain today.



Early negotiations with printers for production of maps for cyclists.

Right: C.T.C. fought for reductions on railways for carrying cycles



Below: Legal protection provided, for all members, from the beginning.



In 1888, the bicycle was confirmed as a 'carriage', - cyclists' Magna Carta



Reply paid cards used to negotiate with hotel proprietors abroad - Postmark Dec 6 1901 - (Huggins CP36)



4 THE RACING CYCLISTS

4.1 THE EARLY YEARS - END OF THE 19TH CENTURY

Riders world wide soon began racing each other on the road and on the cycle tracks.

The VICTORIAN CYCLISTS' UNION.

You should not fail to attend the

UNION
BICYCLE
RACES,

TO TAKE PLACE
SATURDAY NEXT,
On the MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND,

As this Race Meeting will be of an unusually interesting character.
The number of entries (208) is the largest ever received at a similar meeting.
The total value of FURTHER PRIZES of £100.
The Meeting is under the patronage of all the representative men of Victoria and the presence of the leading papers.
The race for the FURLAUD BRANDY TROPHY, value 30 guineas, will be the grandest ever witnessed in the Colonies, as all the best riders have entered for the event.
First Race starts at Two o'clock sharp; an interval of five minutes only between each race.

A SPLENDID MILITARY BAND WILL PLAY SELECTIONS DURING THE AFTERNOON.

N.B.—Please mention the date to your friends.



Above: Herne Hill London venue for track racing and attracted many thousands.

In Australia, Track races held 1884 on Melbourne Cricket ground (Right - post Card front reduced.)



Right: Southgate C.C. One of 199 Cycle Clubs active in London, 1882

National Cycling Association U.S.A. planned cycle tracks at 12 baseball sites in 1893. (Specimen Waterlow archives)



LETTER CARD

SOUTHGATE CYCLING CLUB

3 STOCKFIELD ROAD
CLAYDATE, EDNER
SURREY
KT13 0GG

To open, tear off the edge at the perforation

4.2 TRACK RACING

One of the oldest and most specialized forms of cycle sport. Tracks open air on concrete or grass, indoor on wood.



Union Velocipédique Française (UVF) controlled racing from 1881. One of the earliest French cycle postmarks.

2 or 3 riders contest sprint races over 1,000 metres; tactics all important.



Go slow at first. No one wants to lead.



Banking used to attack suddenly.



Below: Heads down sprint, over last 200 metres.

Above: Riders circle slowly. NB SPECIMEN.

ВЕЛОСИПЕДНЫЙ СПОРТ
ШОССЕ

МЕЖДУНАРОДНЫЕ СОРЕВНОВАНИЯ
МИНСК - 1976

Куда _____

Кому _____

Индекс предприятия связи и адрес отправителя

Индекс предприятия связи места назначения

4.2 TRACK RACING - The Pursuit.

Two individuals, or two teams of 4, start at opposite sides of the track; race over 4kms or 5kms



Hugh Porter went on to win 4th World Pursuit title. *Meiermark B & T (Bantel) Ltd, Hawick, Scotland.*

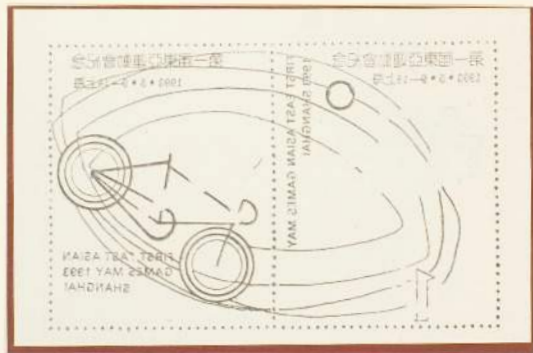


Riders keep to the inside edge of the oval track.

Teams of four must be well matched.



See Below & right
Black printed on reverse of sheet looks like riders on opposite sides of the cycle track!



Time of 3rd man over the line is taken at the end.



Riders take turns at front, usually half a lap, soar up banking, drop onto back.



4.2 TRACK RACING - Stadiums.

Stadiums for track racing are known as velodromes; some are open air and others are enclosed.



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Venezuela's Velodrome
Caracas 1951

Below:
Note yellow doctor blade flow
Gives an impression of speed!



Olympic velodromes at Munich 1972 (see 25 - 10 stamp) and Moscow 1980, Minimum size 330 metres



Verkaufspreis 2,45 DM

4.3 ROAD RACING

National and International races held all over the world and a Road Race held in each Olympic Games.



U.C.I. (Union Cycliste Internationale) is the governing body of World cycle racing.



The Isle of Man "International Cycle Races" slogan in use 1964 - 1972.



Road racers must wear a race jersey cycling shoes, socks, shorts & helmet.
Barcelona Olympics 1992



Artist's drawing of 1984 stamp and frame, for 20th Tour of Costa Rica.



4.3 ROAD RACING - Massed Start

A road race usually exceeds 100 miles, stage races spread over several days and may exceed 1,000 miles.



Cycle Racing popular before Motor Racing

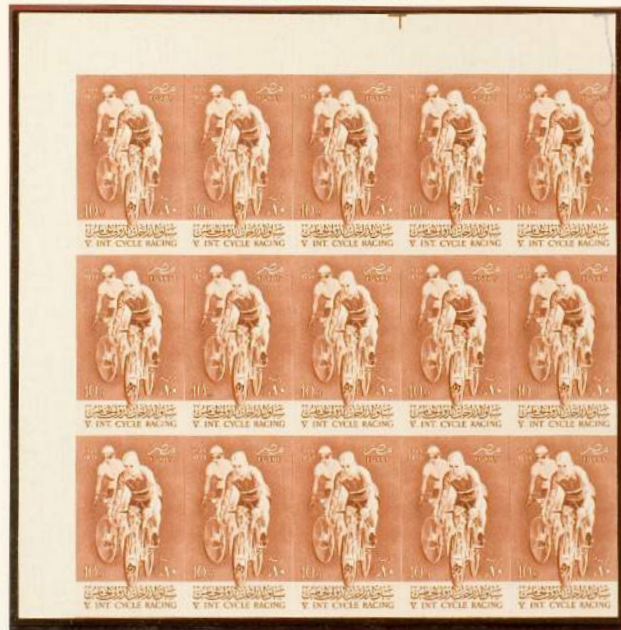


First PARIS-ROUBAIX race held 19 April 1896, known as 'Hell of the North' because of the cobblestones. At end rode 6 laps of Roubaix track.



Formation provides max. wind protection

Below. Typical massed start of Road Race. Block of 15 imperforate



4.3 ROAD RACING - Time Trials

Form of unpaced racing against the clock for a set distance of 10, 25, 50 or 100 miles or 12 or 24 hours. in U.K.



Riders start at one minute intervals



and may carry a stop-watch



Must not ride in slipstream if overtaken



Rider overtaken tries to keep competitor in sight, but may see him riding further and further and further away...until out of sight.



4.4 CYCLO-CROSS

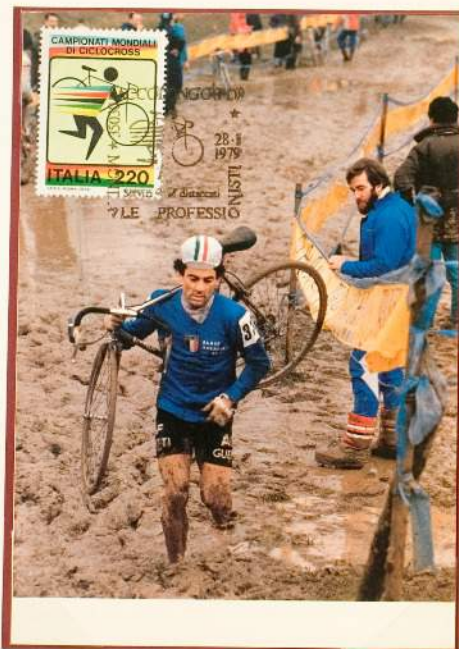
Began as off-season, off road, activity for riders to keep fit during the winter; but then became competitive.



Laps of about 2 miles, riding fast on grass slopes and tarmac but carrying bikes through mud streams and much more.



National Cyclo-Cross competitions held in France



Held Esch-sur-Alzette Luxembourg 22 Jan 62



Held Monopoli, Adriatic Coast, Italy 1/2 Feb 2003

World Championships first held in Saar in 1955

