

Philip Roy Koniotes

13-5-1949 to 7-6-2017



Phil receiving the Aleko Cup, Junior Championship in 1967

Phil Koniotes sadly passed away on Wednesday 7th June 2017, he was 68. He had been out riding his bike when he had a severe heart attack. A passing nurse helped him and he was taken to hospital where he passed away.

Phil Koniotes joined the Finsbury Park C.C. on 2nd of December 1965. He followed his elder brother Peter who had been a member in the early 1950's, their younger brother Niki followed Phil in 1969. All three added their names to the Aleko Cup for best junior. Peter in 1950 and 1951, Phil in 1966 and 1967 and Niki in 1970 and 1971. This is the only time that three brothers have won this cup twice each.

In 1966 he won the Best Novice Cup. He was awarded the Joe Evans Memorial Trophy for meritorious service in 1978 and won the G.H. Hampton Gazette Award in 1971 1974 and 1986.

Phil took on many jobs in his early years with the club. Gazette Editor in 1970/71, Sub Captain in 1970 and Social Secretary in 1972, 1977,78,79,80,81.

Phil was an all round clubman. As well as riding many time trials he also rode a few road races. He was nearly always at the club room and most Sundays would see him on the club run, often after racing earlier in the morning. Phil could always be relied upon to write something for the club gazette, be it a touring or racing article or just a short ditty about another club member. Hence his three awards of the G. H. Hampton Trophy.

For a number of years Phil organised a 'friendly' football match between the Park and CC Islington. Whilst these were 'friendly' matches it was quite often a case of 'score a goal by any means'! Like many other club members, Phil would always try to ride in club events where the competition seemed to be just that bit harder, there was more incentive for everyone to beat their fellow club mates.

The table below shows some of Phil's year's best rides. Phil was a good rider, more than able to compete with other club members, even seasoned older riders. For a 17 year old, still studying for exams, Phil's first year rides were quite outstanding. From the information gained from the club gazette it seems that Phil hung up his racing wheels sometime in 1974. For a number of years Phil ran his own business as a draftsman and building consultant.

| YEAR | 10 | 25 | 30 | 50 | 100 | | |
|------|-------|--------|----------|---------|--------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1966 | | 1.4.54 | 1.18.15 | 2.21.12 | 5.1.56 | 3 rd VPs SHIELD | |
| 1967 | 24.54 | 1.5.15 | 1.19.36. | 2.15.36 | | | |
| 1968 | | 1.3.42 | | 2.15.6 | | | |
| 1969 | | 1.3.39 | 1.18.46 | 2.13.49 | | | |
| 1970 | 24.52 | 1.3.10 | 1.19.4 | 2.11.41 | | EASTER TOUR | |
| 1971 | 23.32 | 1.3.3 | 1.23.38 | | | 4 th VPs SHIELD | 3 rd HILLCLIMB |
| 1972 | 23.26 | 1.3.52 | | | | 4 th VPs SHIELD | |
| 1973 | 24.02 | | | | | | |
| 1974 | 26.25 | | | | | | |

So closes another page in the history of the Finsbury Park C.C.

The club sends condolences to Linda and family, and Phil's extended family too.

Brian Edrupt (Curator FPCC)