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in cheating, bad sportsmanship and all the other
practices which are against fair competition.

But as far as BMCRC is concerned cheating is
something which will not be tolerated. It will
be sought out and exposed for the danger that it
is.

Recent Competitions Committee reports show this
practice is all too common. By the time the
1972 season gets under way the boot will be on
the other foot with the exposure of misdemeanours
becoming 'all too common'. It's them or all of
us; we know who has to win - the good name of
motor cycle racing and all who make it so.
Be warned!

THE EDITORS.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General
Meeting of the British Motor Cycle Racing Club
Limited will be held at the Royal Automobile Club,
Pall Mall, London, S.W.1., (Western Entrance) on
Friday, 7th April, 1972, at 7.30 p.m.

By Order of the Board

Signed W.E. ROSE

Secretary.

33a London Road, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.

WHAT'S NEW IN '72?

Several things and don't be forgetting them.

Crash Helmets Goodbye to the famous pudding basin now banned from road racing. You must wear an approved space helmet or full face helmet to British Standards Institution specification.

Dogs Quite simply no dogs under any circumstances allowed at Brands Hatch, Snetterton, Mallory Park or Oulton Park. If you arrive with your dog you will not be permitted entry to the circuit. Leave it at home.

Identity tags Before you can race you must have on you an identity tag or disc. Make sure it carries your full name and date of birth with, for preference, your Blood Group which you can obtain from your doctor.

Worden Engineering of 17 Bocket Close, Chigwell, Essex, write to say that they will supply an identity disc with full name, date of birth, blood group, at 30p, upon receipt of these details and a stamped addressed envelope for mailing the disc back. Discs are $1\frac{1}{2}$ " diam. with clear white letters impressed into the black plastic material. There is a hole punched to take thin chain so the disc can be worn around the neck. Telephone number of Worden Engineering is 01-500 1340.

NO MORE REGULATIONS, ENTRY FORMS, MAGAZINES, ETC.,
WILL BE DESPATCHED TO ANY MEMBER WHO HAS NOT
RENEWED THEIR SUBSCRIPTION.

NEW MARKING SYSTEM FOR BMCRC CHAMPIONSHIPS

A logical development

The 1972 season sees the introduction of a new method of point scoring in the six BMCRC Championships. Instead of the old method of 10 points for a win decreasing by one point for each place below that, the new method will more fairly reward the higher placed competitor.

The points for a win will be 15, and the descending scale will be:

2nd:	12	Points.
3rd:	10	"
4th:	8	"
5th:	6	"
6th:	5	"
7th:	4	"
8th:	3	"
9th:	2	"
10th:	1	"

This follows the pattern used in World Championship tables and effectively encourages performance, for the differential between places is too great to allow someone to gain the Championship without actually winning a race.

Scoring for the BMCRC/Shell Production Machine Championship remains as for 1971.

A running total will be published in the Club Magazine throughout the season.

CRYSTAL PALACE LIVES ON

Plans to develop London's only road race circuit - Crystal Palace - have, it appears, failed to gain the necessary support which in two of the three proposals would have killed off for ever the motor and motor cycle racing activities. The plans - in differing degrees - meant developing the area on the North of Crystal Palace's 300 odd acres to include a conference hall, hotel, amusement complex at an estimated total cost of £10 million. Seems that kind of money isn't around or else people have given up the idea that by spending it Crystal Palace automatically gets 'put on the map'. At any rate we are there for 1972 and we hope beyond that date.

And 1972 will be a National licence meeting taking place on Bank Holiday Monday without Castle Coombe to upset the apple cart (or did it?)

To give renewed hope to devotees of the 1.39 mile circuit - it also boasts the best lavatories in the racing world - there will be some worthwhile improvements for 72: re-surfacing is in hand and so is the protection to riders at openings in the barricades. These will now have an overlapping shield so that riders will not collide with the side wall of an opening which is usually at 90° to the direction of travel. There will be improvement in the paddock buildings as well. We could still see grandstands erected but not for 72. It could be that Crystal Palace might have the finest facilities imaginable one day. 1974 will be its 21st year of post-war racing and 'Bemsee' has been there to organise every year. Let's look forward to that celebration and beyond.

MONEY - MONEY - MCNEY AND SHELL, BP AND MCD.

Forward the 500's and 1,000's for the £200 prize money competitions for the BP sponsored Bill Ivy Silver Helmet Challenge Trophy, and the Shell 500 c.c. Championship. Both competitions are based on the same formula: points scale 8, 6, 4, 3, 2 and 1 for the first six places in the nominated events. All results count and the tally at the end of the 1972 season will mean a first prize in each competition of £100; £50 to the runner up, third man £25, fourth £15 and fifth £10. Make a note in your race diary of the dates which includes the Club's Hutchinson 100.

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| * March 5 | Mallory Park | Rothmans National Motor Cycle Races. |
| April 2 | Mallory Park | John Player Anglo-U.S. Match Races. |
| May 29 | Brands Hatch | Evening News International. |
| June 11 | Mallory Park | Rothmans International Post-TT. |
| August 6 | Brands Hatch | 40th International Hutchinson 100. |
| August 27 | Snetterton | Rothmans International Race of Aces. |
| Sept. 17 | Mallory Park | Rothmans 1000 Gns. International Motor Cycle Race of the Year. |
| October 8 | Brands Hatch | Evening News International Race of the South. |

* March 5th is for the Shell 500cc Championship only which is an eight round series. The BP/Ivy Championship starts on 2nd April and is a seven round championship.

REDUCE YOUR RISK

If you race you must face up to the risk of injury. BMCRC plays its part by bringing you top medical care. At most of our meetings we have at least one Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, more often two.

To help us to help you there are two important items we submit for your consideration.

First BLOOD. When a rider is injured we do not necessarily know who he is and we certainly do NOT know what his blood group is. A bracelet of the medicare type worn around the neck (where it is least likely to come adrift in the event of an accident) will tell the doctor all he needs to know.

Recently one rider needed 4 pints of blood. Blood transfusions are matters of urgency. A needless but enforced wait simply because the patients blood group has to be matched increases the risk considerably. Yet the solution is within the hand of every competitor.

Your own doctor will arrange for a simple blood group matching, then you have one of the best and cheapest insurances known.

FOOD - a meal immediately before racing may be enjoyable but here again it is not without its disadvantage. In every case where an operation is required to an injured man doctors must wait until there is a clear four hours between the last meal he ate and the operation. The reason is that anaesthetics may cause vomiting which a patient under sedation cannot control. The vomit enters the lungs of the patient and he drowns.

Weigh up the risks and make your decision. But remember, no one is more grateful for succour in his hour of peril than an injured man. The speed of the medical attention which skilled people give willingly is directly in proportion to how each man racing today acts in a responsible manner toward himself.

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PLEASE NOTE: This contribution is not the work of a qualified medical man - and as such should be valued - The Editors hope that more authoritative opinions will be submitted, in order that these may be published for your guidance in future magazine issues.

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ANSTY RE-UNION

Former Ansty competitors, officials and pre-war racing types are extended a cordial welcome by The Antelope Motor Cycle Club during February.

Venue is the Club's Headquarters at Hertford Place, Coventry, and the date is Friday, 18th February, at 8 p.m. No tickets are required, write Jim Oliver, and there are refreshments and the bars have been thoughtfully provided with a late licence for the night.

Telephone number of the Club is Coventry 27935.

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TOM KIRBY JOINS BOARD OF BMCRC

The Directors of the Club unanimously voted for the co-opting of Tom Kirby onto the Board of the Company, in accordance with the Articles of Association which allows them to co-opt a member to fill any vacancy in the structure of the Board.

Tom Kirby has recently been successful with men like Stan Shenton in creating the highly successful Sponsors Association with which BMCRC has close ties in competition. His knowledge gained from the Trade, his undoubted ability as a Sponsor and his great love of motor cycling will add greatly to the strength of the Club.

IS YOUR ENTRY IN

for 5th March, first race of the 1972 BMCRC season. If not remember that closing date is 17th February. After that date we shall apply the late levy clause which adds £1 to the entry you make. Sorry but it is vital that we complete our race programme in time for it to be printed. Just one late entry causes at least £1 worth of work so it is only fair that the club doesn't stand the cost of thoughtlessness.

We have received a subscription renewal of £3-15p paid in to the Fletton, Peterborough Branch of the Trustee Savings Bank on the 3rd January, with no name, address or membership number quoted.

As there is no means of tracing this member, would the payer of this subscription please communicate with the office.

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Scott Aero, or Jap 99 as used to power "Flying
Flea".

Phone IAN day - Caterham 43482.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MET

on 11th January at the Club's offices and discussed a full agenda.

Sponsors Match Race Now settled at four rounds with the final at Crystal Palace on 28th August.

Regulations for 1972 A plan to re-structure regulations principally to save paper was quashed as the amount of information necessary was best served by retaining the current format.

Finance Accounts for 1971 were nearly completed and would be forwarded to the Club's Auditors.

Hutchinson 100 Outline proposals for the 1972 race had been agreed upon in conjunction with Brands Hatch. A sub-committee of Bob Walker (Vice-Chairman), Bill Rose (Secretary) and Dennis Bates (Clerk of the Course) was appointed to manage the race plan.

Metropolitan Meeting The permit for a National licence had been granted by the ACU.

Autumn Road Races The Board noted that its report on breaches of the regulations by competitors had been passed to the ACU Competitions Committee for action.

50cc and 125 cc Permission had been granted by the ACU for both 50cc and 125cc machines to race together. The Board did not feel inclined to open up the existing race regulations for these smaller machines until such time as a worthwhile demand came from members. It noted with concern the very small entries emanating from the 125 class despite efforts to improve it such as the invitation to Bantam Racing Club members.

We will be pleased to include in the magazine any advertisements from members who have articles for sale, or articles wanted.

Any such advertisements should reach the office by the 15th of each month and include full addresses, and where possible, telephone number.

M U T U A L A I D

WANTED

Would any member knowing the whereabouts of Mk8, KTT Velocette bits and pieces, please contact:-

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WANTED

Any Motor or Motorcycle magazines - pre. 1940.

B. Bailey,
1 Lebanon Road,
E. Croydon, Surrey.

Trophies A complete re-appraisal of the clubs stock of trophies had been undertaken and valuation of them would result in amendments to their insured value. It was voted to purchase replicas of the existing BMCRC Championship Shields to replace those not returned. This will enable every Championship victor to receive the shield with its list of previous winners engraved on it.

Bell Helmets The subject raised by the club last July was not to be allowed to die. It was understood that the club's medical officers would be accumulating facts during the 1972 season and action would be taken in the light of the information obtained.

TECHNICAL TIPS

We have Mutual Aid for members who wish to buy, sell or offer anything connected with motor cycle racing.

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