

# THAMES VALLEY RIDERS

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## Fall Newsletter



### New Classes Added

We are often asked to create new classes for some group of riders or another. Of course, adding classes makes the race day longer and we are also told that the day is too long. There didn't seem to be any simple solution to the problem so the board of directors formed the Competition Class Committee to think about the problem and suggest solutions. The committee observed that there was a safety issue in the Youth class with the wide range of skill levels, and there were a number of riders who wanted more ride time. They suggested adding more classes to split up the Youth class and add a class to separate the small bikes from the big bikes. There were some suggestions about dividing members up by age as well.

After reviewing the recommendations, it was clear that simply adding classes would make the day much longer and this would not be welcomed by members who could not take advantage of the new classes. On the other hand, there are some safety issues in the Youth class that should be addressed. Since the new classes are exclusively for members wanting additional riding time we scheduled them at the end of the day so that members who do not want extra ride time do not have to put up with a longer race day. We hope this compromise is better than the other alternatives.

To address the safety concerns, we have created three new classes:

Youth A - for Juniors to Experts.

Youth B - for Beginners to Juniors

Super Mini - for small bikes

All three classes are for riders looking for a challenge or wishing to ride with better riders. The classes will be run like the Youth class: a single 15 minute moto at a cost of \$10 (the Web site can't set a different rate for each class and will enter a cost of \$20). These classes are available starting in the Fall series. Please change your registrations accordingly.



### New Complaints Procedure

Believe it or not, we sometimes get complaints about things that happen at TVR events. In the past, we have listened and tried to do our best to resolve them. But sometimes things get complicated, or details are lost, or other things make it difficult to effectively resolve the issue.

We are going to try to formalize the complaint procedure to make sure complaints are handled better. Soon you will be able to register your complaint by filling out a form at the track or from the Web site and submit it for resolution. We will keep track of the complaints and use the record in the resolution process. We will have people deal with the complaint so that there is an insulating layer between the complainant and anyone affected. We hope that this will encourage members to come forward when they see a problem, and avoid confrontations between members. You can use this process to report dangerous riders, disputes with TVR officials or other members. This is not a mechanism for disputing scoring or referee calls.

**Remember to vote in the  
board of directors  
election!**

# Elections are coming! Please vote!

## Board of Directors nominations now open

Thames Valley Riders is a non-profit corporation governed by 9 directors; President, Vice-president, treasurer, secretary and five other directors. These people are elected each year by you the members. The directors make the decisions about how the club is run on your behalf. If you, or someone you know, would make a good leader for the club, please nominate them. You can nominate them in a special Classified section called Nominations. Just post an ad with your candidate and position.

Anyone nominated can accept in the same section. Once a nominee has accepted they will get their own Classified section where they can post their platform or answer questions submitted by members.

This process allows you to have your say in how the club is run and get to know the candidates. The club has undergone huge changes over the years and you can be a part of it by nominating and voting.

## What is TVR all about anyway?

This has been a common question over the years, and as the club grows, we are seeing more perspectives and shifting priorities. This year your board of directors has put together a collection of core values that define Thames Valley Riders, what we are and what we stand for. These guiding principles are used when we have to make decisions or compromises that affect the club or its members. The first draft was completed at the August board meeting and we hope to publish them soon.

## Shorts:

- We will be doing hoodies again this year, but we are still looking for graphics. If you have any ideas please submit them to John Dubois. You can vote for your favorite in your Web account.
- The Fall promotions are done. Check the News to see if you were promoted.
- We will be having a new venue for the last race. Watch the Web site for updates.
- Banquet tickets will be on sale soon. There are a limited number of seats and many people were disappointed last year when tickets ran out. Tickets will be on sale at the track. Don't wait until the last minute to get yours.
- We now have over 570 members and are averaging around 260 riders at an event.
- Whitney Locken is heading up this year's video production. You can send her your video, or arrange a pick up at [whitney.locken221@sympatico.ca](mailto:whitney.locken221@sympatico.ca)



1 Flying high at Shady Oaks. This was our first visit there and it seem like lots of members liked it.

**Fall series starts at  
Auburn Hills Sept. 4**