Shona Smith Trophy – awarded to Patrick Harvey who has been part of the Mike Greer Homes Women’s Cycling Team which has been up and running since January 2015 and has been instrumental in the growth of the sport, supporting female riders and increasing the visibility and success of the sport for 2018. *The Shona Smith Trophy is given in recognition of the person who has achieved the most in 2018 in raising the profile of female involvement in our sport.*

Lifetime Service Award – awarded to Robert Pratt. Competitive cycling has been ‘his life’ and his involvement in the sport includes holding five national cycling medals, being a national and international Commissaire, managing numerous NZ teams to international competition, organiser of cycling events including NZ’s first ever UCI event, being a member of the NZACA national council and helping fund raise for various teams.

Service to Cycling – awarded to Alison Shanks who after retiring as a top-level athlete and winning two world championship titles along with a commonwealth games gold medal has continued to give back so much to the sport through her involvement with many organisations. Ali has continued to increase the profile of females in sport through being a role model herself and is a fine example of how a former athlete can positively impact a sport by continuing to inspire others through her actions.

Malayan Cup – awarded to Graeme Hunn, who has a long history in the sport. After competing himself in the early 80’s and representing New Zealand in Japan in 1981 he has continued to give back to the sport in various roles over the years. These include Team Manager at various local, national and international cycling events, coach of many cyclists and teams, team official at Youth Olympics, national selector for Cycling New Zealand and more recently involved in implementing the six Cycling Performance Hubs to help athletes transition into the elite arena. *The Malayan Cup is New Zealand cycling’s most prestigious award and has been presented each year since 1959 in recognition of outstanding service to the sport.*

Face of Cycling – awarded to Dion Smith for making New Zealand cycling history and claiming the polka dot jersey as the leader of the KOM classification in the Tour de France in 2018.

Road and Track Emerging Talent – awarded to Emma Cumming for her outstanding achievement at her first ever Commonwealth Games winning a bronze medal in the 500m time trial and a silver in the team sprint.

Road and Track – Volunteer of the Year – awarded to Colin Dixon for his dedication and commitment to the sport of cycling which goes above and beyond the call of duty. He is a coach, Commissaire, event volunteer and can do just about anything. His support and commitment to the sport is loved by all those who work closely with him.
**Junior Male Road Cyclist** – awarded to Sam Cook [Cambridge]. Winning stage 6 at the U19 Nations Cup, Tour de l’Abitibi was the standout for Sam during 2018. He was 2nd in stage 2 and 4th overall, typifying the strengths Sam brings to road racing. A strong 3rd place at the Oceania Championships set Sam up for the season.

**Junior Female Road Cyclist** awarded to Niamh Fisher-Black [Nelson]. Niamh was a consistent performer during her last U19 year culminating with her selection to the team for Junior World Championships where she finished in 36th place on an extremely difficult course.

**Elite Male Road Cyclist** – awarded to George Bennett [Nelson]. George is universally recognised as one of the leading GC riders and climber at World Tour level with consistent performances across the season. We remember well his performances and 8th place overall at the Giro d’Italia and closing the season out with very combative rides at World Championships and the Tour of Lombardy.

**Elite Female Road Cyclist** – awarded to Georgia Williams [Auckland]. Georgia started her year off by coming double national champion in Napier before securing a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast. These successes set the scene for a very consistent 2018.

**Junior Male Track** – awarded to Corbin Strong [Southland]. Corbin started the season recovering from a serious back injury. He hit the ground running once back on the bike. A very combative 4th in the Omnium at Junior World Championships highlighted his fighting spirit. But it was Corbin’s strong leadership in the World Championship winning Team Pursuit that was a particular standout.

**Junior Female Track** – awarded to Ally Wollaston [Cambridge]. Our most consistent women’s athlete throughout the 2018 season winning all 5 events at the National Track Championships and the road race at the National Road Championships in 2018. A leader in the silver medal winning Team Pursuit at Junior World Championships was a highlight for the season. While illness forced retirement from the Omnium at Junior World Championships, the consistency of performance saw Ally invited into the Subway Trade Team for the Cambridge World Cup where she contributed to 4th place performance in the Team Pursuit.

**Elite Male Track** – awarded to Sam Webster [Auckland]. The Commonwealth Games brings the best out of Sam Webster, repeating his gold medal performance in the sprint at the Gold Coast was a significant highlight for Sam. Standing on the top of the podium with his long term team mates, Ethan Mitchell and Eddie Dawkins capped off a great Commonwealth Games for Sam.

**Elite Female Track** – awarded to Rushlee Buchanan [Te Awamutu]. Rushlee has made a considerable contribution to track and road cycling in New Zealand. Her bronze medal performance in the Omnium at the Track World Championships in Apeldoorn was the 2018 standout for Rushlee. Rushlee has always been a team player and her support of her team mates in the silver medals of the Team Pursuit team and Georgia Williams in the road race will be particularly satisfying for her.

**Track Team** – awarded to Junior Men’s Team Pursuit. Our Under 19 athletes continue to stand tall on the world stage. It was particularly satisfying seeing the work this young group of athletes completed and culminated in a World Championship winning performance. Congratulations to
Corbin Strong, George Jackson, Finn Fisher-Black and Bailey O'Donnell for adding to the legacy, we look forward to the future for you all.

Para Cycling Awards

Para cyclist of the year – awarded to Nicole Murray. Nicole is one of New Zealand’s emerging premier para cyclists with high accolades coming from national and international competition, having medalled in her first ever international event.

Para cycling emerging talent – Awarded to Rory Mead who after sustaining a significant neck injury during a motor cross race in 2014 switched disciplines and started competing in cycling as he continued rehabilitation. He has medalled in national championships and is now competing on the world stage whilst having a base in the USA. Rory absolutely has what it takes to reach the podium with a champions’ mind set.

Masters Cyclists of the Year

Masters Female Road Cyclist of the Year – awarded to Jeannie Blakemore after recovering from major injuries in 2017, 2018 was a comeback year where she won the Masters Women 2 Time Trial and Road Race at the Age Group Road Nationals. The highlight of 2018 was winning a rainbow jersey in the time trial in the 2018 Gran Fondo World Championships Time Trial in Varese Italy.

Masters Male Road Cyclist of the Year – awarded to Jim McMurray for the second year in a row after winning his age group at the UCI 2018 Gran Fondo World Championships Time Trial in Varese Italy and beating 58 competitors from 43 countries and also winning both the time trial and road race at the age group road nationals.

Masters Female Track Cyclist of the Year – awarded to Fiona Southorn who has competed in 3 Paralympics, decided to change her focus and set her sights on the UCI 2018 Masters Track Cycling World Championships where she won bronze in the 2000m Individual Pursuit for the masters women’s 50-54 age category. She was also honoured by becoming a member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for her services to sport, particularly cycling in the 2017/18 new years honours list.

Masters Male Track Cyclist of the Year – Awarded to Colin Claxton for smashing the 2000m individual pursuit world best time for his age group at the Avantidrome shaving almost 1.7 seconds off the previous record-holders time. He also won three national titles at the 2018 Age Group Track Nationals in Invercargill and during the UCI 2018 Masters Track Cycling World Championships won the 70-74 scratch race to become World Champion once again.
Road and Track Official of the Year – Awarded to Zac Prendergast who self-funded a trip in Europe where he was appointed Chief Commissaire for the Volta Limburg Classic – possibly the only time a NZ Commissaire has been Chief at a European Classic Race. He actively supports the development of our national Commissaires with training, advice and securing key roles at events in both NZ and internationally.

BMX Official of the Year – awarded to Ingrid Burt for her commitment and knowledge to the sport of BMX and their events through outstanding administration including managing the results of all their major events.

MTB Official of the Year – Awarded to Matt Amos for his dedication to the sport of mountain biking for many years in an official capacity as one of their most highly qualified domestic officials being an Elite National Mountain Bike Commissaire. His involvement across a wide range of events and on the technical panel has been invaluable.

BMX Coach of the Year – awarded to Ash Rawson for his commitment to the sport in a coaching capacity, transferring his skills in a volunteer role to coach youth riders. This has started a ground swell of growing groups of riders following his advice and looking to upskill themselves for both fun and performance goals.

Road and Track Coach of the Year – Awarded to Sid Cumming. Sid loves to watch good, young people achieve their goals and become better people both on and off the bike. He has been instrumental in the development and recent success of many junior cyclists at both national and international level. In 2018 two of his riders represented NZ at the Junior Worlds Track Championships in Switzerland with Corbin Strong being ranked as UCI World Number 1 in the U19 Omnium, securing gold in the team pursuit and finishing 4th in the Omnium.

Schools Cycling Coach of the Year – Awarded to Paul Leitch who himself is a past Olympian and Commonwealth Games Athlete. Paul’s approach to coaching is about creating opportunities for his riders and supporting them in making sound decisions. With a strong focus on participation and fun as well as performance Baradene College are grateful to have him as their head coach for the past 14 years.

Para cycling Coach of the Year – awarded to Cath Cheatley who was the driving force behind Nicole Murray supporting her to win a silver medal on her international debut at the 2018 Para Cycling Track World Championships. Due to the help of Cath, Nicole has come through the Para Cycling New Zealand Programme at an accelerated rate, benefiting hugely from Cath’s vast experience no only as a previous athlete but also her ability as a coach.
CLUB OF THE YEAR

BMX Club of the Year – awarded to Kapiti BMX Club. Growth is great for the sport and the clubs, and this is a result of many small positives that Kapiti deliver to their local community. From a track that fits in well with the local community, that threads around a playground, to sprocket programs and even a training focus for mature riders, to events that pull the fun back into a very competitive focus, with their annual Flats Nats, which is for flat pedals only. Not to say it’s all fun and games, Kapiti walked away with some great results at the recent Nationals as well, holding the clubs head high on the National scene.

Road and Track Club of the Year – awarded to Te Awamutu Sports Cycling Club for the support they showed to a member of their club who was diagnosed with cancer and showing that one of the main reasons we have sports clubs is for support and friendship during tough times. A weekend ride that was organised attracted around 70 members who cycled from Cambridge to Te Awamutu to pay tribute to the club member before he sadly passed away only days later.

MTB Club of the Year – awarded to the Manawatu Mountain Bike Club for the success in several events they managed and significant trail development at the local riding area in Arapuke Forest Park.

EVENT OF THE YEAR

BMX Event of the Year – awarded to BMXNZ South Island Titles hosted by the Mainland North BMX Association Inc and Christchurch City BMX Club. Challenges of the fickle NZ summer were tested and the association and local club worked above and beyond to deliver a successful event including using a helicopter on the morning of racing to dry the surface. This proved a great move as it increased the media attention which pulled more spectators which ultimately turned into more members.

MTB Event of the Year – awarded to 2019 National DH Series Round 2 hosted by Gravity Canterbury. This event was a great example of a club taking care of the formalities and partnering with a local venue to provide a top notch experience for riders, spectators and volunteers alike. The standard of the course and venue, coupled with a great access, event facilities and finish line vibe meant the event met the needs and expected standard of a national series event, and provided a challenging days racing for all.

2018 Road and Track Event of the Year – awarded to 2018 Vantage Age Group Road Nationals for setting a new standard for national event delivery. This was the first year live streaming and timing was introduced which was well received and feedback from riders noted it was the best age group roads event ever. Cycling New Zealand had overall responsibility for delivering the event with support from Athletics Cycling Masterton. This model was designed to utilise the strengths from both organisations to combine to deliver a safe, fair and fun event.
**BMX Outstanding Contribution** – awarded to Darryll Ranford a volunteer who produced a website for the sport which became the official non-formal communication point for BMXNZ. His knowledge in terms of technology has resulted in acquiring the perfect transponder timing system and camera finish system making the sport a lot more accurate and data rich due to his efforts.

**Schools Cycling Outstanding Contribution** – awarded to Murray Anderson and Rick Faulding.

Murray has been recognised for his dedication to redevelopment of schools mountain biking. He has fostered children’s love of mountain biking as a sport and encouraged them to participate with many of them gaining medals at the National MTB Champs in Rotorua.

Rick, who is a teacher at Saint Kentigern College, has influenced the lives and achievements of hundreds of young men and women. He has coached and mentored many cyclists to Auckland and National titles in teams and individuals and has been the premier boys’ team time trial coach for over five years. He is admired and respected both in and out of St Kentigerns.

**MTB Outstanding Contribution** – awarded to Gil Peters, outgoing President of MTBNZ. Gil has been involved in the mountain biking scene for many years and has been instrumental in rebuilding an organisation which now includes 46 affiliated clubs. He has also contributed to rebuilding the national competitive MTB scene and New Zealand’s hosting of the Oceania in 2018. Gil’s strong leadership abilities and knowledge of the sport will be missed.