

The CRCRA Records 1906–2003

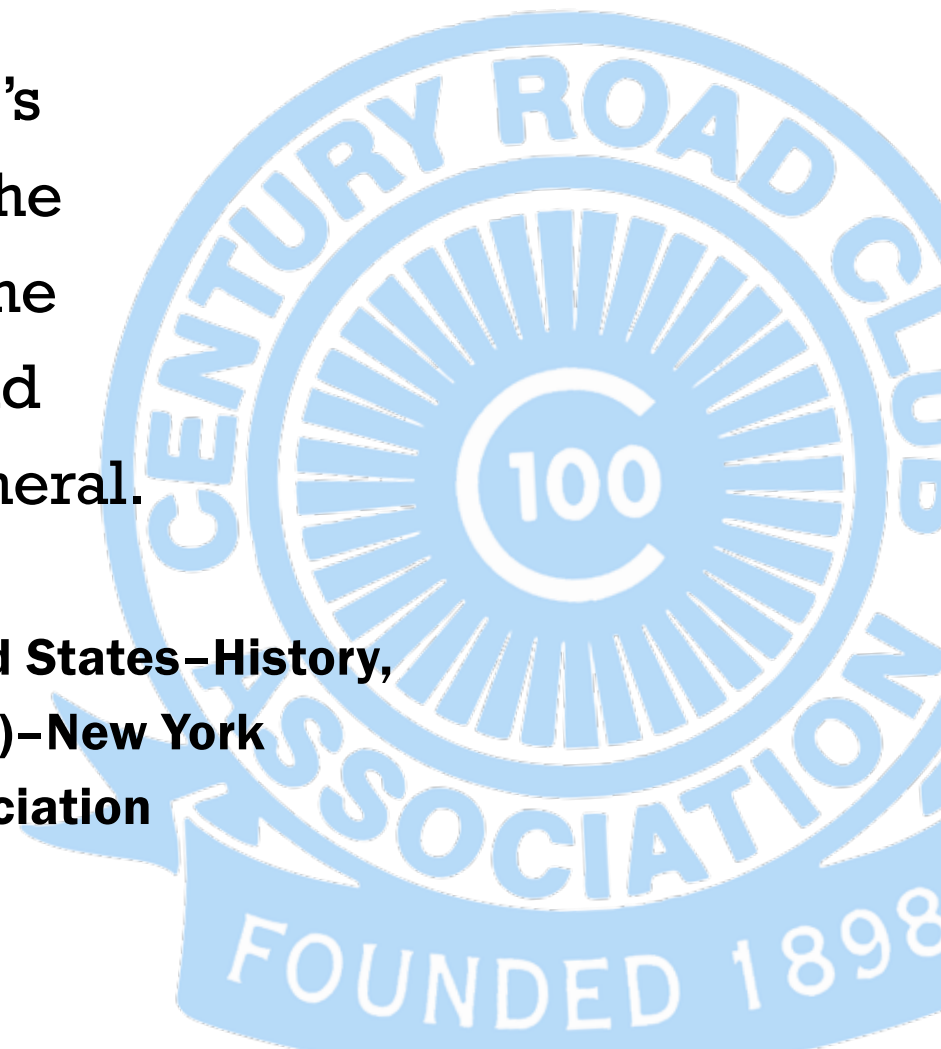
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The Century Road Club Association (CRCA) is a bicycle racing club based in New York City.

Founded in 1898, the club's history tells much about the history of bike racing in the greater New York area, and in the United States in general.

**Subjects: Bicycle racing–United States–History,
Bicycle racing–New York (State)–New York
Name: Century Road Club Association**



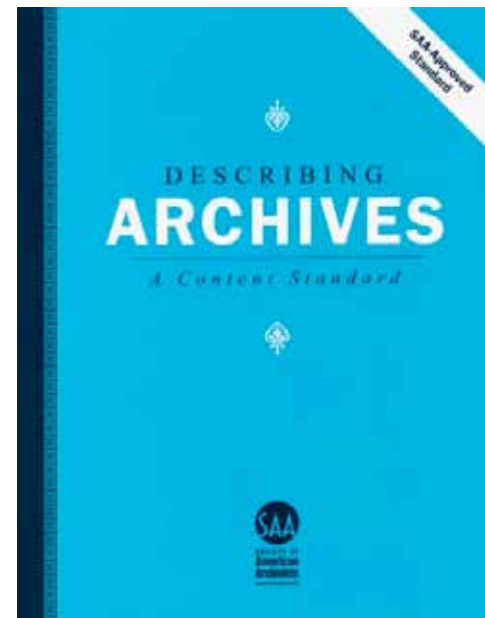
The CRCA Records include several thousand pages of material in six boxes.



CRCA still exists, and has additional material not examined in this project; much of that is available online at www.crcanet.net and at members' websites.

Archival collections such as the CRCA Records are described as a whole in a *finding aid*.

To learn about finding aids, I looked at examples for two cycling clubs, other examples such as at the New York Public Library, and guidance from *Describing Archives: A Content Standard*.



Some description is at the collection level.

Abstract

Records of the Century Road Club Association, a bicycle racing club based in New York City, including correspondence, newsletters, minutes, photographs, race publicity and results, magazine and newspaper clippings, and other materials from approximately 1906 into 2003, documenting club activities and bicycle racing in the United States, particularly in the New York Metropolitan Area.

Extent

Six boxes (approximately six linear feet).

Name of Creator

Century Road Club Association (CRCA). Also contains news clippings, advertisements, correspondence and photographs from other sources. Contains artwork by Howard Freeman and photography by H. Kloss, Ted Leyson and other contributors.

Dates of Creation

Approximately 1906-2003.

Repository and Access

The collection is held in the home of the President or another officer or designated volunteer of CRCA; access may be obtained by request to the President or other officer of CRCA. For contact information, visit www.crca.net.

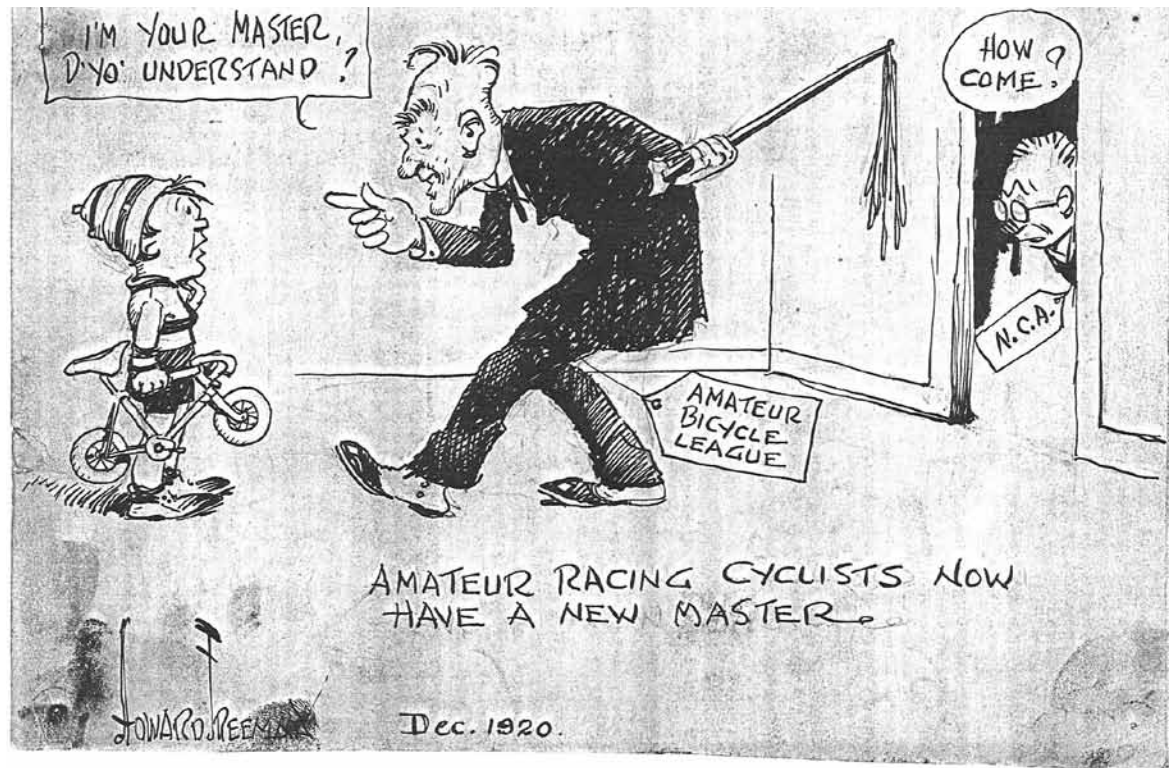
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Series 2: Other Documents about CRCA and Bicycle Racing, including Correspondence, Fliers, Programs, Invitations, Articles, Clippings, Drawings and Other Material

1 box

- 2-1 William Winquist photo advertisement for Goodrich, 1916 CRCA certificate of merit to William Winquist, 1916 article on setting a cycling record by William Winquist, Goodrich mileage card
- 2-2 Pages from scrapbooks mainly from 1920s into 1930s, or earlier, with photographs and clippings (extremely poor condition)
- 2-3 Six cartoons with text drawn or printed on cardboard by Howard Freeman, one dated 1922, plus photocopies of two other Howard Freeman cartoons, one dated 1920
- 2-4 Program of 1931 Montreal 6-Day Bicycle Race (two copies) and rider contract for Lou Maltese in that race, Lou Maltese's 1934 National Cycling Association professional racing license, Lou Maltese's rider contract for 1933 Trans-Continental Bike Race, rider number from 1933 Trans-Continental Bicycle Race

Material in the collection made some terms used as access points clear.



Subjects: Bicycle racing–Officiating; Cycling–1920-1930

Names: Amateur Bicycle League of America, Howard Freeman

The club was led for many years by Lou Maltese, a top racer as a young man. He also produced or collected much of the material.



**Names: Lou Maltese;
Ted Leyson**

An authority record was created as an annex to the finding aid, with variant names or additional detail to avoid confusion with other people or organizations.

Amateur Bicycle League of America

United States Cycling Federation

ABL

USCF

USA Cycling

Deirdre Murphy, b. 1959

Deirdre Murphy Bader

Lou Maltese, 190?-1990

Louis Maltese

Louis Maltese, Sr.



Antenucci Jean ^{DIED} 4-12-75 Black
 % G & A Wrecking Co.
 113 River Road
 Nutley, N.J. 07114 NOV-2-2981
 DIED 4-12-75
 Home TEL GENEVA 8-6162

A challenge in choosing access points is the sheer number of proper names in the records, such as in membership cards and racing results.

ROBERT SARIN 1971 1969
 1972 1973
 40 CAROLYN CIRCE 1973 1973
 NAUGATUCK, CONN. 06770
 (~~overseas Teacher~~)
 DOD ODS ZONE 10
 APO 96331
 San Francisco.
 No. 66-53
 Paid 1967
 1968
 mail
 1969

JOHN TOM LINSON	L	1983
219 GARFIELD PLACE	!	1984
BRLYN NY 11215	!	1985
Age 17 718-638-7132		1986
		1988
Colleges Harvard College		
Canada C St		
Cambridge Mass 02138		
No 83-19		

CENTURY ROAD CLUB ASSOCIATION
113-38 208 Street, Belleaire Long Island

COLLEGE CYCLE CLUB
Riverdale 63 New York

THE JACK HEID FUND

The million active bicyclists of the United States are requested to contribute to a fund to send our member Jack Heid of the United States Olympic team to compete in the World's Amateur Spring Championship to be held in Europe in August 1949.

Jack Heid made the best showing of any United States cyclist in the Olympic events. President Louis Maltese of the Century Road Club Association says "Unfortunately Jack, who is now in Antwerp, Belgium has been unable to find any type of employment to support himself. His money is rapidly dwindling away, and if help is not forthcoming, he will be compelled to come home without having had a chance to compete in the "World's Amateur Sprint Championship, which every European expert concedes he has an excellent chance of winning."

If every active cyclist in the country will contribute a dollar donation, he will have at least \$1500. which is sufficient for all his needs. You are therefore asked to send your donation to

President Louis Maltese,
Century Road Club Association and A.B.C.A.
113-38 208 Street
Belleaire, 11 Long Island, New York

PLEASE SEND THE DOLLAR TODAY

February 12th 1949

Roland C. Geist - Secretary College Cycle Club

But some names are clearly important.

When New Jersey's Jack Heid qualified to participate in the 1949 World Cycling Championships, Lou Maltese led a fund-raising drive to support his trip.

Name: Jack Heid, 1924-1987

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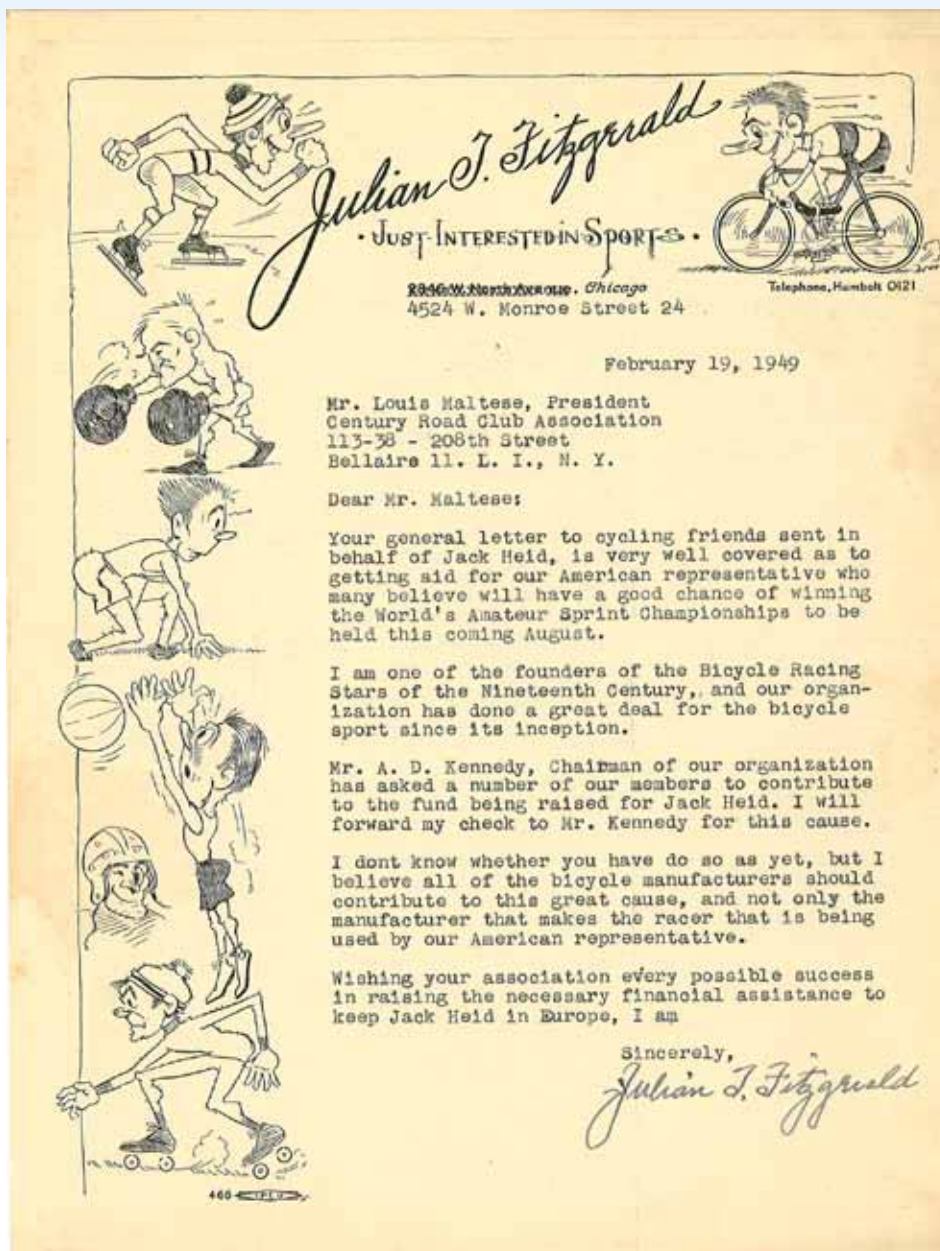
Here is a dollar

Had medical bills

Wish I could give

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*“Hello Lou
Here is a dollar
Had medical bills
Wish I could give [more]”*



Another gift to the Heid fund, with a letter stating:

"I am one of the founders of the Bicycle Racing Stars of the Nineteenth Century, and our organization has done a great deal for the bicycle sport since its inception."

Heid would win a bronze medal in the amateur sprint competition in 1949 and raced for a time in Europe.

He kept Lou Maltese and others informed about his time abroad by mail.



November 18, 1912

Dear Lou & boys,

It's been a long time I'm
 very really, but you know how
 it's when you become a father
 with training and racing
 you don't have the time.

Thanks so much for your
 and letter about the baby it
 was very thoughtful of you.
 We haven't felt to had about
 the other way so we are so happy
 to have Johnny so healthy and
 cute. It was that way and you
 can't change much in life. He
 weighs ten lbs. now and is
 gaining weight steadily. Julia
 is healthy and we have a happy
 family. Like you say, it is
 really a blessing to have a
 son.

Will races are not too
 plentiful. I rode with Smith on
 the 14th of October and he
 had on that but we

like the small tracks at Horn
 Trade in Zurich and finished
 fourth in a Sprint match. The
 combinations make the sport
 very interesting. I am riding ton
 day in Antwerp in a 100 km te
 race with a good Belgian. If
 all goes well I'll have more work.
 a hard school in the Pros.

Will the season is finished
 here, hope our club won the
 team race with the Alce.

Please keep this quiet, but
 I don't want
 anyone to know in case I can
 come for a 6-day then my fare
 is paid. You asked me if you
 could do me any favor. Well if
 you hear of any job for me
 please know and Bill write. I can't
 offer anything but what I've been
 traveling over the world, common
 sense and a will to work hard
 can take a bit too. Don't go out
 your way, but if you hear of a
 thing. Will not much else but
 regards to your family and me

**“Dear Lou & boys,
 It’s been a long time, I’m
 sorry really, but you know
 how it is when you become
 a father with training and
 racing...Please keep this
 quiet but we are coming
 back in the spring. I don’t
 want anyone to know in case
 I can come for a 6-day then
 my fare is paid.”**

**Subject: Bicycle racing—Six-day
 racing**

Here's a list of cycling books received by a Bronx-based club in 1949.

Subject: Bicycle racing-History-20th century

Name: College Cycle Club

COLLEGE CYCLE CLUB
250 West 250th Street
Riverdale, New York 63

REVIEW OF BOOKS RECEIVED DURING JANUARY 1949

-NEW-

THE PATTERSON BOOK (paper covers) published by Temple Press, London 1948
150 line drawings by the famous artist Frank Patterson
96 pages 6 Shillings
The finest collection of bicycle prints ever published

KUKLOS ANNUAL 1948 by B.W.Best (Paper covers) 1 Shilling 6 Pence
published by Ed J. Burrow and Co. of London
168 pages of bicycle touring information
Olympic Games number gives records. A pocket volume
giving buying hints, nomenclature, tours, repairs etc.

CYCLING BOOK OF MAINTENANCE (paper covers) published by Temple Press of London
68 pages with many illustrations 2 Shillings
A short informative volume on the care and repair of
the bicycle. An invaluable publication for every
cyclist

CYCLING MANUAL (paper covers) published by Temple Press of London 2 Shillings
A pocket edition encyclopedia of the bicycle and the
sport of cycling 130 pages of information.
A must for every cyclist

UNCLE WILLIE AND THE BICYCLE SHOP by Brock Williams published by George C
Harrap and Co. of London 1948 173 pages illustrated
7 Shillings 6 Pence A bicycle novel that has its
setting in the gay nineties when the bicycle was
the fastest and most dangerous thing on the road.

THE ART OF CYCLING by Nigel Spencer published by Thorsons of London 5 Shilling
119 pages of information as to position; gearing,
clubs, touring, racing, behavior wheel, policy etc.

LE LIVRE d OR TOUR de FRANCE 1903-1907 by Henri Desgrange 85 cents in France
112 pages in paper covers giving history of this world
famous tour 3,000 miles around France

- OLD -

LES SPORTS MODERNES ILLUSTRES by P. Moreau, G. Youlquin etc published by
Librarie Larousse of Paris Cost \$10.00 about 340
pages of sports with 12 pages of the story of cycling.
including 37 half tone engravings of bicycles.
Also chapters on skating, mountaineering, fencing etc.

GLI AVVENTURIERI DEL PEDALE by Guglielmo Stocco - paper covered Casa Editrice
Sonnogno of Milano, Italy 256 pages with illustrations
telling of the amusing adventures of a young married
couple touring Europe on a tandem,

TRAINING POINTS FOR CYCLISTS by Arthur A. Zimmerman published by Clarke of
Leicester, England 128 pages of information of
bicycle training hints by the greatest cyclist of all
time, world champion and record holder Cost \$10.00

CYCLING by W.W. Robertson, published by Pratt and Co. of Stratford, Canada \$5.00
The complete story of bicycling in Canada in 1894

Other material in the collection suggests the social role of cycling clubs, including among particular ethnic communities.

A listing of results from a 1928 banquet program of another club in the area whose members had Italian roots.

Subject: Bicycle racing–Social aspects–History
Name: Unione Sportiva Italiana

Prize Winners in Club Competition for 1927

CLUB SPRINT CHAMPIONSHIP		
1st C. PELOSO, 14 Kl. Gold Diamond Medal, donated by Felice Bossel 2nd C. PANATTIERI, Silver Sapphire Medal 3rd J. ORSINI, Bronze Ruby Medal		
55 MILE UNPAID CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP		
1st G. BUONOCORO	Bologna Trophy	4th E. ROMANI
2nd GINO SAVA	Chamberlain Trophy	5th E. BURRONI
3rd J. ORSINI	Silver Loving Cup	6th N. CIAPONI
FRANCESCO BERRONI MEMORIAL 55 MILE HANDICAP		
3 Year Fund Bidsaid Donated by Mutual Division		
1st J. DE VITO	Galettì Trophy	8th P. LA FAUCI
2nd E. DANTE	Tineh Trophy	9th J. DECCA
3rd J. CARROCINO	Waynteh Trophy	10th T. LA ROSSA
4th T. DAVIS	Silver Loving Cup	11th MAURO ROSELLA
5th C. AVITE	" "	12th J. TURRI
6th G. ROSICA	" "	13th A. MALAGAMBA
7th D. CLERICOT	Gold Medal	14th JOHN ROSELLA
		15th P. CROCE
HANDICAP CORK RACE SERIES		
1st E. BURRONI	Bazzini Trophy	1st V. MISOLA
2nd J. ORSINI	Zoccola Trophy	2nd J. TURRI
3rd T. DAVIS	Silver Loving Cup	2nd B. GAMBINO
4th J. ROSELLA	Silver Loving Cup	4th J. GASTALDO
5th L. VEIRI	" "	5th O. FALLONE
6th A. BONELLI	" "	
"FAST TIME" CORK RACE SERIES		
1st G. BUONOCORO, Platania Trophy	2nd OTTO W. HISELE, Falla Trophy	
3rd A. ROSICA, Silver Loving Cup		
ANNUAL TWO HOUR TEAM RACE		
1st J. DE VITO & NELLO CIAPONI	Crotta - Franchini Trophies	
2nd C. PELOSO & L. VEIRI	Larried - Roggato Trophies	
3rd A. ROSICA & G. ROSICA	Giolla - Torresano Trophies	
4th E. ROMANI & C. MUZZIO	Silver Loving Cups	
5th O. W. HISELE & T. DAVIS	" "	
6th E. LANDIS & E. BURRONI	" "	
CLASS "A" SPRINT		
1st OTTO W. HISELE	Colombo Trophy	
2nd GINO SAVA	Remora Trophy	
3rd JAMES J. FOGARTY	Silver Lov. Cup	
CLASS "B" SPRINT		
1st J. COBLE	Teagno Trophy	
2nd A. ROSICA	Silver Medal	
3rd D. Mc GLATH	Bronze Medal	
CLASS "C" SPRINT		
1st G. ROSICA	Borghino Trophy	
2nd J. POZZI	Silver Medal	
3rd T. DAVIS	Bronze Medal	
JUNIOR SERIES		
1st ANGELO SAVA, Comm. Quadrini Trophy		
2nd E. BURRONI	Silver Medal	
3rd T. DAVIS	Bronze Medal	
BROOKLYN SPRINT		
1st H. DRINKMAN	Gallina Trophy	
2nd F. D'ANGELO	Silver Medal	
3rd A. LAMBERTI	Bronze Medal	
4th D. ROUFFERG	Bronze Medal	
PURSUIT RACE		
1st E. ROMANI	Stocia Trophy	
2nd A. ROSICA	Silver Medal	
3rd J. ORSINI	Silver Medal	
4th H. BORGHERE	Bronze Medal	
ALL AROUND OPEN COMPETITION		
1st M. SIMONETTI	Zanibelli Trophy	
2nd C. PELOSO	Bergero Trophy	
3rd A. SAVA	Silver Loving Cup	
ATTENDANCE COMPETITION		
Won by J. BUONOCORO, Gold Watch		
NOVICE TRACK COMPETITION		
1st ANCHIE ROSICA	Hendi Trophy	
2nd JOE DE VITO	" "	
MIS & OUT HANDICAP RACE		
1st C. MUZZIO	Landis Trophy	
2nd J. ANDRIODIS	" "	
PHIX JOE FOGLER		
NEW YORK VELODROME COMPETITION		
Won by C. PELOSO		
NATIONAL TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP		
Won by C. PELOSO		
BICHLANG TROPHY		
NEW YORK VELODROME HANDICAPS		
Won by A. ROSICA		
VIBCO TROPHY		
A. B. L. of A. CHAMPIONSHIPS		
Won by ANGELO SAVA		
MARCONI TROPHY		
ALL AROUND CLUB COMPETITION		
Won by TOM DAVIS		
QUARELLO TROPHY		
OPEN ROAD COMPETITION		
Won by ANGELO SAVA		
CLASS "A" CONSOLATION		
1st B. GAMBINO	Felix Patti Trophy	
2nd M. ASARISI	Silver Loving Cup	
3rd TOM MORAN	Silver Loving Cup	
CLASS "B" CONSOLATION		
1st M. RADDOLINO	Gold Medal	
2nd V. GRANIELLI	Silver Medal	
3rd V. ALDANESE	Bronze Medal	
ANNUAL PICNIC RACES (5 Miles)		
CLASS "A"		
1st C. PELOSO, Gold Medal		
2nd H. DRINKMAN, Bronze "		
CLASS "B"		
1st A. SAVA, Gold Medal		
2nd E. BURRONI, Silver "		
3rd J. BUONOCORO, Bronze "		
CLASS "C"		
1st T. DAVIS, Gold Medal		
2nd J. POZZI, Silver Medal		
3rd J. ANDRIODIS, Bronze "		
GOLD MEDALS TO THE WINNERS OF CLUB CORK RACES		
donated by Otto W. Hisele		
A. BONELLI	A. ROSICA	T. DAVIS
A. SAVA	G. ROSICA	E. DANTE
P. MONTELEONI	E. BURRONI	J. ROSELLA
		A. COCCE
		M. ASARISI
		J. POZZI

Unione Sportiva Italiana



108 W. 45th St., N. Y.

ANNUAL BANQUET

GIVEN BY THE

CYCLING DIVISION

MECCA TEMPLE

55th Street East of 7th Avenue
NEW YORK CITY



SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 24th, 1928

MENU

HUITRES COCKTAIL

—

CELERY et OLIVES

—

CREME d'ASPERGES

—

FILET de SOLE SAUCE TARTARE

—

POULET GRILLÉ MAITRE d'HÔTEL
PETIT POIS et POMMES NOISETTE

—

SALADE de SAISON

—

GLACE PANACHÉ

—

FRIANDISES

—

CAFÉ

—

Ladies'
Souvenirs

CIGARS
GARETTES

The richness of material is exciting, and I hope that cycling historians will look more closely at the CRCA Records.

How I Chopped and Copped a Record

Story Told by C. R. C. A. Rider of Record-Establishing Ride from New York to St. Louis—
ASSOCIATION Also Broke by Big Margin Sanborn's New York-Chicago Mark

BY WILLIAM WINQUIST

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 28.—When I stepped off the train that brought me back from St. Louis, Sunday, Sept. 24, I was still tired, but satisfied that with my Columbia bicycle I had established a record from this city to St. Louis, that will take some beating. And, incidentally, I shattered Fred M. Sanborn's recently made New York-Chicago record by 7 hours and 31 minutes.

After Records

While my primary object in taking the ride was to better the record of Sanborn, I had also intended, if I was successful in that task, in continuing on to St. Louis, in the "Show Me" State, and establish a mark between Old Broadway and that busy Missouri metropolis. My time between New York and Chicago was 7 days, 11 hours and 45 minutes, as against Sanborn's mark of 7 days, 18 hours and 56 minutes. After a short rest in Chicago I continued my ride on to St. Louis, arriving there in 11 days, 16 hours and 32 minutes.

My departure from City Hall, New York City, was made at 5:15 a. m., Sunday, Sept. 10, being accompanied by Sylvain Segal and George Steppello, two members of the Century Road Club Association, of which I am also a member. Segal went as far as north Tarrytown, while Steppello did not leave me until Fishkill Village was reached. After leaving my chummates I went on alone and rode into Albany with 158 miles as my total for the first day.

Struck Head Winds

Early on the following morning I left the Capital City and, despite a head wind, made Syracuse before slack-

warm weather and experienced a slight head wind. I made a short stop at Batavia, 36 miles from Buffalo, for refreshments, and then headed for the Queen City of the Lakes, which I reached at 10.30, with 163 miles as my score.

The next day I tried to locate Frank Denny, the N. C. A. representative, and

not mind them and kept going until Toledo loomed up, and here I got tangled up by taking the wrong route. However, I soon righted myself and made Wausau at 10.30 p. m., with 143 miles as the total for the day. Saturday morning, on the seventh day, saw me leave Wausau at 6 o'clock, and I had only gone a few miles when I met a cyclist who was going to Pittsburgh, and taking the trip for his health.

Had Trouble

After a short chat with the east-bound rider, who told me of some bad roads to Chicago, I continued on and found that he had the right dope on the road conditions. I was again lost at Logansport, Ind., but "found myself" and soon struck the right route. Goshen was reached at 7.35 that night, and two hours later I again hit the trail, riding to vide throughout the night.

Had Trouble

After much trouble with my lights I managed to reach Ellettsville, where I ran into a heavy rain, but I made South Bend at 2.30 in the morning and decided to stay until 5.30, when I made another start, but I finally made Chicago, 249 miles from Wausau, at 4.00 o'clock Sunday, Sept. 17, having covered 1,061 miles in 7 days, 14 hours and 45 minutes, as against Sanborn's mark of 7 days, 18 hours and 56 minutes for a total of 1,111 miles.

After a visit to Walter McKay, of the Lake View Cycle Co., where a reception was held in my honor, I decided to continue on to St. Louis the following day at 3 p. m. I only made Joliet, where the great Illinois State Penitentiary is located, that day, my score being a meagre 43 miles. Tuesday, Sept. 19, I left Joliet at 7 a. m., and managed to reach Alton, Ill., at 10 p. m.

WILLIAM WINQUIST, THE RECORD-BREAKING CYCLIST



Century Road Club Association man, who negotiated the distance from New York to St. Louis in 11 days, 16 hours and 32 minutes

William F. Emerson, maker of the Atherton coaster brake, but failed. My search caused a late start from Buffalo, but I made Girard, Pa., 110 miles away, before quitting at 9 o'clock that night. The fifth day was chilly and the warm bed made me feel reluctant to start out. I did finally get away at 6.20, bound for Cleveland. Jupiter Phivius got busy at Painesville, but I donned my waterproofs and continued on to Cleveland and then decided to make Elyria before calling it a day. I arrived at Elyria with an extra 116 miles to my score.



Names: William Winquist; Toga Cycling Club; George Hincapie; Fred Mengoni; Mike McCarthy

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