

Connacht Commission Report

2020 Overview

2020 will be remembered as a stop-go year in terms of events planned and progressed in the Connacht Region. However in the face of extreme adversity due to Covid-19 the region managed to deliver a series of successful events including:

The 2020 Cycling Ireland Youth Cyclo-cross Championships and the Cycling Ireland Cyclo-cross Championships were delivered to an exceptional standard in Enniscrone in January.

Castlebar CC did an outstanding job hosting the National Cat-3 and Masters National Road Race and Time Trial Championships in a very difficult environment for Sporting events.

Western Lakes CC hosted the hugely successful Youth Initiative Coaching weekend in September at the extremely safe environment of Ballinrobe racetrack.

Galway Bay CC exceeded all expectations when hosting the National 2020 Criterium Championships

In addition to the Connacht Championships Road, TT and Hill Climb Championships the various clubs in the region also ran a Mountain Bike League and a Cyclo-Cross league.

Finally a framework has been put in place by the Regional Commission to form a Connacht provincial panel of riders with the long term goal of sending Connacht teams to the major races in addition to the progression and development of the regions up and coming riders.

Strategic Objectives 2021

Within CI Strategic Objectives 2020-2024 the Connacht objectives for 2021 emerge as a blend of hopes and aspirations to get back to where we were pre-Covid-19, and implement as many of the aims and objectives as possible in light of the uncertainty that we face in the future.

For such a sprawling region we are blessed with the support of dedicated and hardworking volunteers that continue to give unselfishly of their time and effort to promote all factions of Cycling in the region: road, off-road, underage development and leisure.

The foundation of the region is the well-established club structure that have the infrastructure, experience and resources to promote and facilitate training, youth development, competition and leisure events for all CC Members that rely on this structure to provide a structured framework in which they can enjoy their chosen recreation.

For this the Connacht Cycling Commission is extremely grateful. 2021 will be a difficult year clouded with uncertainty but we face into it emboldened by the unswerving support from those volunteers that have served our region so well in the past and are always there to put their shoulder to the wheel for the betterment of the Connacht Cycling community.

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