

Club Member of the Year



The “Club Member of the Year” trophy was awarded to the most outstanding member over one year according to various schemes.

Originally it was a points scheme where points were awarded for attending rides and bonus points were awarded for introducing new members to the Club. At that time a new rider need only attend one ride before being eligible for membership. (Nowadays it is three.)

Later methods were simplified such that the CMOY was voted upon at the AGM.

Both these methods are potentially flawed so the final system was based on the Club Participant of the Year, (CPOY) which is strictly based on the still-current points system where leading a ride, writing an article and acting as the rear rider accrues points. The person with the most points at the end of the Club Year is deemed the winner.

The awarding of the trophy petered out circa 1999, probably because there was no more room for new shields, or a certain individual collected the most points every year.

Ben Warden has the original trophies (Economy one as well) for safe keeping as they have been missing for maybe 6 or 7 years and have only recently been recovered, and are a little worse for wear. A digital record was deemed the easiest way to record and share the memories, though photographing a shiny reflective object proved challenging. See photo below for another view.



And in case you can't quite read them:

1979	Tom Saville	Extremely talented rider. Life Member.
1980	Mick Fagan	Founding member of the BMW Club.
1981	Craig Dawson	Last MSR bike was a Suzuki GSX1100. Now rides with AMTRA.
1982	Peter Philferan	Joined the Club in 1956. Read his story above.
1986	Ben Warden	The start of the modern era – less dirt, more fairings.
1987	Ian Payne	A President in the making.
1988	Ben Warden	
1989	Steve Leyland	
1990	Kerrie Gooding	
1991	Ian Payne	
1992	Michael Chan	Another GSX1100 K man.
1993	Ben Warden and Ian Payne	
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1995	Les Davis	
1996	Dianne Welsford	
1997	Robert Matricciani	
1998	Jon Riddett and Ben Warden	

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