

Cycling culture thriving

BIKEFEST

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four prologue and time trial. RMCC racers Colin Croston, Chris Taylor and Tyson Smith won in the prologue, Tunnel Mountain road race and criterium respectively in their categories.

Former club president Manktelow, who himself had the criterium of his life with an inspiring 11th in the top category in torrential rain, said the results are a result of consistent effort and a nation-leading youth development program.

"I think a lot of people are having fun with it. We have a lot of racers participating, and we have a lot of racers doing well," said Manktelow. "RMCC as a club is unique in that we're a fairly complete club.

"It's finally starting to come around now, nine years after it started."

Manktelow also said having talented and proven athletes such as Jewett and Crooks coming on board is inspiration for riders who embrace the team mentality required to be successful in road bike racing.

"We expected having Gord and Sean racing would elevate our team's results, but what happened was everyone's results were elevated. When you have someone on the team with the capacity to do really well, it elevates the team to push."

Manktelow said Jewett's comments prior to the final race were a great observation of where the club is, and where it is heading.

"I think Gord summed it up well in the warmup when he said, 'I sure wouldn't like to be racing against us,'" said Manktelow. "I think the club's best days are ahead of us."

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Scott Manktelow stays at the head of the field en route to 11th in Saturday's (June 18) Banff National Park BikeFest criterium in downtown Banff.

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RMCC category 1-2 racers (L to R) Scott Manktelow, Aaron Sands, Gord Jewett, Darren Anderson, Keith Batstone, Eric Jensen and Sean Crooks.

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