

Cycling Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Matriculated from Harold Cressy High School in Cape Town
- Graduated from the University of Cape Town with a BSc degree in Computer Science in 1982
- Diploma in Information Systems Project Management(with distinction)
- Numerous other management and technical courses attended in my professional career

Career History

- Started cycling in 1978 at the age of 17 under the auspices of the non-racial SA Cycling Board, affiliated to the South African Council on Sport(SACOS) where our motto was *"No normal Sport in an Abnormal Society"*.
- Under the SACOS fold we actively campaigned for political change using our sport as a tool.
- With the advent of the long awaited political changes in the country in the early 90's and satisfied that our objectives under the SACOS fold were being met, I joined up with the City Cycling club affiliated to the WPCA and Cycling South Africa.
- Past Member of the CAC Management Committee(2013-2021)
- Past President of the CAC Track Commission(2013-2021)
- Past Member the UCI Track Commission(2013-2021)
- Past President of Cycling South Africa(2012-2016, 2016-2018)

Career Highlights

- Obtaining provincial colours and captaining the WP team on many occasions in the SACOS fold
- The most successful cyclist on Road and Track in the SACOS fold
- Being selected as captain of the SACOS team in 1982 at the SACOS Sports Festival(dubbed *"The Olympics of the oppressed"*)
- Winning numerous Provincial and National Road and Track titles within the SACOS fold.
- Being nominated for the Western Province Council of Sport and SACOS sportsman of the year awards
- While being the top SACOS cyclist, held numerous administrative posts from club secretary, WP Cycling Union Secretary and Race organiser.
- The most satisfying achievement was knowing that our sacrifices and dedication to the non-racial cause were rewarded with the demise of apartheid in the early nineties. This set us on the road to democracy ensuring equal opportunity for all.

Post-apartheid, post SACOS era:

As a Veteran I enjoyed a fair amount of success, viz:

- Winning numerous Provincial and National titles and medals

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- Competed at the World Masters Track Championships in 2000, with a placing of 5th in the sprint event being my best result.
- Competed at the World Masters Track Championships in 2001
- Competed at the World Masters Track Championships in 2005, with a placing of 8th in the 20Km points racing being my best result.
- Recognised by the Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport by being awarded with the Sports Legends 2008 Award
- Inducted into the “Legends of the Pedal” hall of fame

Numerous National Team Management assignments

Administrative Positions

- Doubled up as cyclist, coach, administrator and race organiser during the SACOS era
- Actively involved with cycling administration since 1978, having served on my club executive as well as on the WPCU executive.
- Very committed to cycling development, and headed up the Development focus in the WPCA
- Served as Vice President WPCA
- Initiated the track development programme in WPCA in 2002. This programme is still running and has introduced many new faces to the sport who have gone on to win Provincial and National medals with some representing our country internationally.
- Served on the National Transformation and Development Commission
- Served on the National Track Commission
- Served on the Board of Cycling SA since 2006.
- Held the posts of Vice President Cycling SA as well as High Performance Director until April 2012
- Served on SAIDS anti-doping tribunals
- Served on the SAIDS Board of Appeal
- Represented Cycling SA at UCI, Confederation of African Cycling(CAC), SASCOC, SRSA and SAIDS meetings
- Represented Cycling SA at African Cycling Confederation Congresses
- Represented CAC and Cycling SA at UCI Track workshop in 2011
- Accompanied the Ministry of Sport delegation to Mozambique to assist with the organising of the 2011 All Africa Games
- Elected as President Cycling South Africa in May 2012
- Past Member of the CAC Management Committee 2013-2021
- Past President of the CAC Track Commission 2013-2021
- Past Member of the UCI Track Commission 2013-2021
- Re-elected unopposed as President of Cycling South Africa in 2016 and served until February 2018

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CAC Assignments

- Served on the Management Committee of the African Cycling Confederation(CAC)(2013-2021)
- Served on the International Cycling Union(UCI) Track Cycling Commission(2013-2021)
- Represented CAC at UCI Congresses(2013-2021)
- Successfully launched the African Track Championships in 2015 which has been held annually since, providing opportunities for African riders to qualify for World Cups, World Champs and Olympic Games
- Resurrected Track cycling in Africa with the first African Track Championships hosted in 2015 and held annually ever since
- Facilitated the successful hosting of the 2014 African Youth Games in Botswana
- Facilitated the successful hosting of the inaugural 2019 CAC Africa Track Cup event in Abuja, Nigeria

Professional Career

- After graduating with a BSc(Computer Science) degree from the University of Cape Town, I started my career as a computer professional at Old Mutual
- Progressed through the ranks and fulfilled the roles of Systems Development Manager and Senior IT Project Manager
- Extensive project management experience, working for Old Mutual as a Senior IT Project Manager
- After 26 years in various IT roles ranging from Developer, Systems Development Manager and Senior IT Project Manager at Old Mutual, took the opportunity for early retirement and am currently self-employed as an IT professional offering computer consultancy services.

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William Newman, 24, a B.Sc. Graduate from U.C.T. is a member of Omega Cycling Club and Western Province Cycling Captain.

He has already won all possible honours at club, union and national levels.

He also kept many junior titles and is virtually unbeaten in senior events at national level and in his union.

Willie is a good allrounder on road and track. He holds track records for the 1000 m time trial, 400 m sprint, 1000 m match-sprint, 1500 m, 4000 m individual pursuit, 10 km, 20 km and is current S.A. Road Champion as well.

He is also an administrator and coaches up-and-coming young cyclists. He is involved in the administration of club and union work, is club captain and treasurer and secretary of the W.P. Cycling Union.

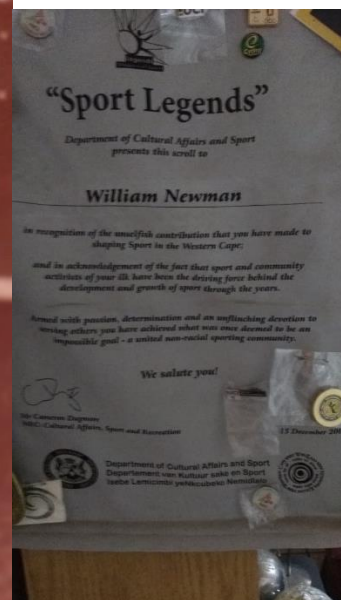
Willie shows good consistency, trains hard to improve his records and dominates senior cycling in the South African Cycling Board.



His unwavering stand on the non-racial policy is well-known. Willie is undoubtedly an invaluable asset to the South African Cycling Board and the non-racial movement as a whole.

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