The latest initiative from South DC is **e-racing**. This should help us to get warmed up for when the season starts but also give us a Winter series for next winter.   The "Test Event" will be on Monday 22nd February.

We are going with the RGT platform at the moment as it offers better visuals for time trialling & is easier for us to upload our courses. We know that there are already several options out there, they have been looked at, but what has been concluded is that the "twisty turny" courses with a few bumps & dips are a better alternative than the fast DC straight out & back. E-Racing is a different environment, there are less constraints, but they still need to be similar to what you can go out & ride outdoors. It was suggested using the P164 Beaulieu course for the first event but we couldn't find a way of programming the random donkeys crossing the course. However, one of the long term aims is to bring back some of the South DC courses we have lost due to traffic or other planning issues with a small "legends series".

Bryce Dyer will lead the promotion on behalf of the South DC, though the events are open to all. Bryce will only publish the results for South DC riders, that way we will have some knowledge of who is riding. E-Doping is an issue; we can control it a lot easier when it is in our community, the majority of times it is just riders inputting the wrong data, so help is at hand, in the minority of cases it is deliberate, but we should know what our fellow riders are capable of.

So for those that are up for those up for a challenge, here are details of a brand new virtual Time Trial event that will be held on a virtual reconstruction of the local Bournemouth area P472c 10 mile course on Monday 22nd February at 6pm. The 'Furzehill Rollercoaster Time Trial Party TT' event will take place on the RGT cycling app (that is free for you to race on). Download the RGT app from your app store. If you haven't got the RGT app yet, it's here: https://www.rgtcycling.com/

Once you have, here is the event link you'll need to give it a go: http://app.rgtcycling.com/event?code=xg8vf6KOc0

What's special about this time trial? The first half is rolling, lumpy, twisty and fast; downhill on the back half. It's also non drafting but you'll all be set off together too meaning you can see how you're getting on at any point! (hence 'party' TT). This event will also be acting as a test event for an upcoming e-cycling championship