

TRINITY SKODA

SHAY ELLIOTT & KEN DUFF MEMORIALS



Sunday
11th May
2025

Photo of 2024 winner Mark Dowling, All Human, Velo Revolution, courtesy of Ken Farrar

Start: Laragh GAA Club, Co. Wicklow, A67 NP22
Shay Elliott: C1 / 124km / 1,614m / 4 laps / start 10h00
Ken Duff: C2 / 76km / 1,090m / 2 laps / start 10h05
Race neutralised to after Bookey Bridge at 1.0km
Sprint prime 19km, Long Mile / KOM 60km (R752 climb)
Finish at the top of climb at Shay Elliott monument
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RACE BOOKLET 2025

Bray Wheelers welcome you to this year's staging of the Shay Elliott and Ken Duff Memorial races, proudly sponsored by Trinity Škoda. We wish to say a very special thanks to the Bray Wheelers Race Committee, countless volunteers and organisers, without whom these races could not take place.

Bray Wheelers is a club steeped in history. Established in 1949, the club is one of the oldest and most respected racing clubs in Ireland. Early members included Shay Elliott, the first Irishman ever to hold the yellow jersey in the Tour de France and he is honoured annually by the staging of this one-day race in his name, one of the leading amateur races in Ireland.

The club warmly welcomes new members, from first time riders to seasoned racers – there is a group and cycling discipline to suit all, be it road racing, sportive training, cyclocross, track or MTB – all are catered for, and our introductory programmes have been widely praised, resulting in Bray Wheelers being named Cycling Ireland Club of the Year in 2019.

More information on joining and supporting the club can be found on our website at <https://braywheelers.ie/>

This race booklet will help you prepare for the day, giving you some important information about the 2025 editions of the Shay Elliott and Ken Duff memorial races.

A word of welcome from our Chairperson, Rob Magee

We are delighted to once again be in a position to run our Shay Elliott and Ken Duff memorial races over the beautiful and testing terrain of Co. Wicklow.

And we would like to say a special thanks to Trinity Škoda for their valued sponsorship of our races!

Our Shay Elliott memorial race is one of the most prestigious one-day races on the Irish cycling calendar and the list of past winners include some of the best cyclists to ever come out of Ireland. Peter Crinnion, Noel O'Neill, Peter Doyle, Sean Kelly, Martin Early, Martyn Irvine and Ronan McLoughlin to name but a few.

I would like to wish the best of luck to all competitors in their respective races.

A big thank you to the people who make the races happen...

An Garda Síochana, The Order of Malta, our club Open Race Sub Committee and the 100 plus club members and friends of Bray Wheelers who help out on the day.

Bray Wheelers hope you enjoy the day; stay safe and race well.

Rob Magee
Chairman Bray Wheelers CC



Race HQ and Race Check In

- New Race HQ and Check in at the GAA Club in Laragh, Co.Wicklow
- Eircode for Race HQ is **A67 NP22**
- This is easily accessed from Junction 8 (Kilmacacanogue) from the N11 South. Follow directions for Glendalough/Laragh. Turn left at Lynhams in Laragh village – direction Rathdrum. GAA Club is two hundred metres on the right.
- Race HQ will be open from 0800hrs to 0930hrs.
- There will be ample parking available around the GAA Club and free car park beside the club. We ask all participants to follow all marshal instructions and not to block any entrances.
- Portable toilet facilities will be located at the GAA Club and in free car park.
- The events are run in accordance with Cycling Ireland Covid protocols and all participants are asked to familiarise themselves with all measures at www.cyclingireland.ie

SAFETY/I.C.E.

Safety Officer **Liam Murphy** (Ph. 086 8964359) kindly asks that you pay special attention to the following. Any queries can be raised with Liam either in advance of at the race briefing on the day.

A full team leader and race participant briefing will take place on Sunday morning before the races start.

With this in mind, all participants should arrive in good time.

Standard race rules and rules of the road apply
Whilst there are several lead cars, **this is not a closed circuit.**

All participants and team members should be fully familiar with the route of the race (see Race Route and maps). Please note there is a change in the route after Meetings of the waters – for 2025, follow the main road R752.

Particular attention should be drawn to the route leaving the Laragh GAA club.

You are asked to obey all marshal instructions – the race organisers and marshals are there for **your** safety.

Ambulance and Gardaí will be in attendance in both races.

Race Director Shay Elliott Race

Rob Magee
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Race Director Ken Duff Race

Mark Murphy
Bray Wheelers

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Lead Marshal

Rob Magee
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Please, please PLEASE..

Once you have finished your race, the Race Committee kindly ask that the finish area at the Elliott finish is kept completely clear of personnel and vehicles – it is a narrow, busy road and can be very easily blocked which can put other riders in danger. Head to Laragh GAA Club for refreshments and prize giving.

Prize Giving will be at the GAA clubhouse approx. 60 minutes after the end of each respective race.

Prime and KOM will be awarded in both races, with 1st to 12th in the Shay Elliott race, and 1st to 6th in the Ken Duff race.

In addition, C2, ladies and unplaced BWCC rider prizes will be awarded.

All other details available through the Bray Wheelers media channels on Facebook and through www.braywheelers.ie

Route Shay Elliott C1

**Total Distance 124 km
(First 1km Neutralised to Bookie's Bridge)**

1614m Elevation

Start 1000hrs

4 laps of the standard lower circuit

Finish at the top of Shay Elliott Climb

**Sprint Prime at 19km (Long Mile)
KOM at 60km (end of R752 climb)**



Ken Duff Memorial Race C2 Route
Total Distance 76km
(First 1km Neutralised to Bookie's Bridge)

1090m Elevation

Start 1005hrs

2 laps of the standard lower circuit

Finish at the top of Shay Elliott Climb

Sprint Prime at 19km (Long Mile)
KOM at 60km (end of R752 climb)



Strava Routes

Shay Elliott C1

<https://www.strava.com/routes/3063853802626626824>

Ken Duff C2

<https://www.strava.com/routes/3063844110105874696>

Finish Line Shay Elliott Climb



From all of us in Bray Wheelers....

RACE WELL

RIDE SAFELY!

ENJOY YOUR DAY!