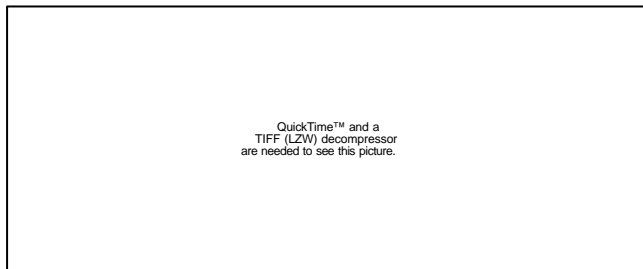


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Cancelled Event

Please note that because of a few administrative problems, the event at Bentley Technology Park on **Sunday 20th February** has had to be **cancelled**. This has given us the opportunity to run an event on **Saturday 19th February** at the Perth Airport, AHG Driving Centre (take Horrie Miller Drive and turn right at Grogan Road at the International Airport). The event will start at 4.30pm and noms will be taken from 4.00pm. This will be treated as a normal event with points being given towards the Roger Sutton competition.

Race Results

19 December – Kewdale Criteriums

The final event before Christmas saw 61 riders turn out for a warm but pleasant morning's racing. There was lots of attacking riding throughout the fields including some animated action in 'A' grade where Rob McGowan, Graeme Muston and George Miller made forays off the front at one time or another. On the last lap George and Graeme were together with

a 200metre lead but the latter had no answer when George attacked with 100 metres to go. Paul Barizza took out the bunch sprint to claim third place. 'B' grade also saw a number of attacks with a very promising break being made by Ian Logan, Ken Harvey, Andie Haskins and Adam Smith, after only 10 minutes of the race. At one time it looked as if the placings were set but some hard chasing by the bunch saw everyone together towards the end of the race. With 19 riders spread across the road, it was no easy task to determine the placings but the camera proved its worth again when showing that Ian Logan had a miniscule lead over Andie Haskins with Wal Crowley a very close third, being sandwiched between the two riders. Both 'C' and 'D' grades saw quite a bit of 'stretching' but no large breaks, with both races being determined by the final gallop to the line. Dave Hutson, Paul Hare and George Iddles showed consistency in relation to recent results to take the placing in 'C', while in 'D' grade Mark Leaker showed that he was in good form for the

forthcoming 'Tour Down Under' Veteran support events by beating the evergreen Gerry Lawford into second place. Tony Speechley showed that his recent placing at Bentley was no fluke when sprinting to third place ahead of Greg Smith. 'E' grade saw some animated riding with Janet Bennett in particular forcing the pace. However, in the finishing sprint, Lindsay Froyland proved too strong beating Janet to the line by about 10metres, while new rider Jenny Tucknott impressed by coming in close behind.

'A' grade – 45mins + 2 laps)

1. George Miller; 2. Graeme Muston;
3. Paul Barizza; 4. Steph Ratcliffe;
5. Ian McFall; 6. Dom Bruehwiler;
7. Bernie Jenkinson; 8. Rob McGowan;
9. Tony Tucknott; 10. Tony Beaumont.

'B' Grade – 35mins + 2 laps

1. Ian Logan; 2. Andie Haskins;
3. Wal Crowley; 4. Frans Karel;
5. Alan Clark; 6. Gavin Brown;
7. Dave Bebee; 8. Derek McVickers;
9. Andrew Bennett; 10. Bruce Bussey;
11. Steve Illich; 12. Steve Russell;
13. Clint Bird – didn't get the remainder!

C Grade – 30mins + 2 laps

1. Dave Hutson; 2. Paul Hare;
3. George Iddles; 4. Len Hall;
5. Bill Crout; 6. Paul Wighton;
7. Bill Crout; 8. Alan Dovey;
9. Allan Kinghorn; 10. Cath Dixon;
11. Colin Rossiter.

'D' Grade – 30mins + 2 laps

1. Mark Leaker; 2. Gerry Lawford;
3. Tony Speechley; 4. Greg Smith;
5. Frank Kettle; 6. Denis Robinson;
8. Shane White; 8. Michelle Robertson;
9. Paul Crespi; 10. Rod Babel;
11. Kevan Logan; 12. Jack Iveson;
13. Hilton Fry; 14. Ray Craig.

'E' Grade – 30mins + 2 laps

1. Lindsay Froyland; 2. Janet Bennet;
3. Jenny Tucknott; 4. Sheona Clark;
5. Des Williams; 6. Jim Campbell.

9 January Wangara Criteriums

With everyone eager to put their hands into their pockets to pay their fees, there was

little opportunity to follow all the action in the first event of the New Year. However, all 61 riders seemed to enjoy themselves, except that is for Gerry Lawford who had a long walk up the straight after a puncture.

Getting ready for their sojourn to South Australia for the Vets Down Under races, Andrew Brierley and Rob Suter distanced themselves from their 'A' grade compatriots after about 15 minutes of their race on what turned out to be quite a hot and sweaty day. Rob was unfortunate in that he punctured but fortunate in that it was within spitting distance of the line and thus being able to take advantage of a lap out, after which he latched on to Andrew again. Working hard together they had a good 30seconds over the field at the finish, with the laurels going to Andrew. Paul Barizza finished in 3rd place about half-a-length in front of Chris Glasby, while Tony Beaumont rode a good race to finish fourth. Odd man in the pack was Wal Crowley, who having finished his race in 'B' grade, sat at the back of 'A' throughout the race – a performance that caught the eye of the handicapper and assured him of elevation to the premier grade!

The 18 riders in 'B' grade experienced an attacking race. Prominent in the early laps was Paul Hare who opened up a gap but the many sprinters in the field didn't let anyone get too far away. The judges were again thankful for the camera, as the finish saw riders massed across the width of the road, though Andie Haskins was a clear winner with a bike-length between himself and Mick Russell, with Gavin Brown, Wal Crowley and the rest of the field close behind.

The crowd at the finish were well entertained by the cheer squad that came out to support new rider Richard Stacey, especially when he managed to open up a gap for a lap or two. Bob Russell attacked with two laps to go and still had a few seconds lead at the bell. At the finish it looked as if Colin Rossiter, who looked as if he was suffering during the race, would pull Bob back but Bob managed to hold on to a slim lead as Colin kicked for the line.

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Bill Crout was close behind to just breast the tape ahead of Bob Barnes.

The ‘D’ grade race was graced by three females, Jane McIntyre and new riders Carrie Prior and Joanne Bolton, all of whom performed well in the bunch. The group went around the circuit at a fair old pace but there were no epic breaks, with the result again being determined in the last 300metres or so. Trev Robson who had previously languished in ‘C’ proved too strong for the field in the sprint and assured himself of instant move back to the higher grade. A length or so behind, Rod Babel showed his improved form in recent weeks when taking second place ahead of another new rider, Shane White, and Mark Leaker and Tony Speechley.

It was good to see Leo Enright back in action again following his unfortunate accident in the middle of 2004. While he finished last, he was pleased to get to the line but now has the arduous task of getting back to racing fitness. Also happy was Heather Sanderson who revelled in the fact that she had at last managed to stay with the bunch for the whole of the race. Hopefully, as the season goes on she’ll be able to creep well up the field. Winner on the day proved no surprise, and the flamboyant blue jersey of Lindsay Froyland took to the front with over 100metres to go, frustrating the hopes of 2nd place Denis Robinson, Des Williams and Jim Campbell who finished close behind.

‘A’ grade – 45mins + 2 laps

1. Andrew Brierley; 2. Rob Suter;
3. Paul Barizza; 4. Chris Glasby;
5. Tony Beaumont; 6. Dom Bruehwiler;
7. Steph Ratcliffe; 8. Graeme Muston;
9. Andrew Duff; 10. Ian McFall.

‘B’ Grade – 40mins + 2 laps

1. Andie Haskins; 2. Mick Russell;
3. Gavin Brown; 4. Wal Crowley;
5. Gary Boterhoven; 6. Paul Hare;
7. Derek McVickers; 8. Ken Harvey;
9. Steve Dodd; 10. Bruce Bussey;
11. Brian Sheldrick; 12. Clint Bird;
13. Alan Clark; 14. Keith Shugg;

15. Andrew Bennett; 16. John Reed;
17. Dave Hutson; 18. Rick Churchill.

C Grade – 35mins + 2 laps

1. Bob Russell; 2. Colin Rossiter;
3. Bill Crout; 4. Bob Barnes;
5. Paul Wighton; 6. Doug Macdonald;
7. Marshall Hughes; 8. John Domican;
9. Chris Wighton; 10. Richard Stacey.

'D' Grade – 30mins + 2 laps

1. Trev Robson; 2. Rod Babel;
3. Shane White; 4. Mark Leaker;
5. Tony Speechley; 6. Jane McIntyre;
7. Ed Willis; 8. Joanne Bolton;
9. Hilton Fry; 10. Carrie Prior;
11. Kevan Logan; 12. Dave Nangle.

'E' Grade – 30mins + 2 laps

1. Lindsay Froyland; 2. Denis Robinson;
3. Des Williams; 4. Jim Campbell;
5. Sheona Clark; 6. Janet Bennett;
7. Heather Sanderson; 8. Leo Enright.

16 January – Kewdale Criteriums

Sixty riders turned out on a warm but blustery day, making it difficult for individuals to get away but allowing small groups to disengage. With the decision to even up the bunches according to seeding criteria, only four races were held and it didn't appear that those who were subsequently promoted were any worse for the experience, thus justifying the decision.

The premier grade saw lots of cut and thrust with riders reporting it was a ding-dong battle with even some aggro (!) ('though the Sargeant major dealt with this in his after race comments in his usual commanding manner). In a mass bunch finish, visitor Fenton Moran led out the closely packed bunch to beat 2nd placed Ian McFall by a clear length and a-half while there was hardly a whisker between Paul Barizza, Graeme Muston, Mick Russell and Tony Beaumont who filled the rest of first six placings.

'B' grade stayed together for much of the race, though at about the half-way mark Bruce Bussey and Ken Harvey blasted off the front for a couple of laps only to be brought to heel. In his first ride for some

time, Leigh Barker bested the field in a strong sprint that took him ahead of Paul Hare, Rick Churchill, Bruce Bussey and the rest of the group

'C' grade saw the only successful break of the day when Bob Barnes, Cathi Dixon and Paul Wighton caught the rest of the field napping with about 15 minutes to go. The rest of the group were unable to get their act together to catch the smooth-riding trio and at the finish it was Paul Wighton who proved strongest in the sprint, with Bob Barnes a few lengths back in second place, followed by Cathi Dixon. Doug Macdonald must have kicked himself for missing the break as he had a good three lengths advantage on the line when taking fourth place ahead of Mark Leaker, Tony Speechley and Alan Dovey. Wayne Lally made this his comeback ride, and though he didn't shine you'd better try to get onto his back wheel as he finds his fitness!

'D' grade contained six of the old 'E' grade contingent and it was salutary to note that they all stayed with the bunch until two laps to go. As with all other divisions, the race ended in a large bunch finish that went to a delighted Ed Willis scoring his first victory since his comeback a few races ago. However, as Ed had been a notable sprinter when riding with the West Coast Bicycle Club, this came as no great surprise to old timers. Lindsay Froyland built on his recent good form by taking second place just ahead of Ray Craig, Hilton Fry, Paul Crespi and Presidento, Kevan Logan.

Overall, a good day's racing in which close finishes proved once again the utility of the camera.

'A' grade – 45mins + 2 laps)

1. Fenton Moran; 2. Ian McFall;
3. Paul Barizza; 4. Graeme Muston;
5. Mick Russell; 6. Tony Beaumont;
7. Andrew Duff; 8. Dom Bruehwiler;
9. Andie Haskins; 10. Wal Crowley;
11. Alan Clark; 12. Frans Karel;
13. Ian Logan; 14. Tony Tucknott;
15. Steph Ratcliffe; 16. Steve Lack.

'B' Grade – 40mins + 2 laps

1. Leigh Barker; 2. Paul Hare;
3. Rick Churchill; 4. Bruce Bussey;
5. Dave Hutson; 6. Ken Harvey;
7. Mario Librizzi; 8. Derek McVickers;
9. Bob Russell; 10. Andrew Bennett;
11. Clint Bird; 12. Bill Crout;
13. Mark Butler; 14. Steve Ilich;
15. Colin Rossiter.

C Grade – 35mins + 2 laps

1. Paul Wighton; 2. Bob Barnes;
3. Cathi Dixon; 4. Doug Macdonald;
5. Mark Leaker; 6. Tony Speechley;
7. Alan Dovey; 8. Richard Edinger;
9. Pat Coolican; 10. Shane White;
11. Gerry Lawford; 12. Marshall Hughes;
13. Wayne Lally; 14. Barry Eversden;
15. Pat Briggs.

'D' Grade – 30mins + 2 laps

1. Ed Willis; 2. Lindsay Froyland;
3. Ray Craig; 4. Hilton Fry;
5. Paul Crespi; 6. Kevan Logan;
7. Denis Robinson; 8. Kevin Hart;
9. Frank Kettle; 10. Dave Nangle;
11. Brian Paxman; 12. Janet Bennett;
13. Sheona Clark; 14. Jim Campbell;
15. Heather Sanderson.

23 January – Jim Thompson Memorial points race

With temperatures hovering around the 40 degree mark this was the hottest day of the season to date, the conditions causing a few to abandon – including a few who had gained sprint points. The field of 56 was a bit disappointing for Peel CCs major criterium event but as a number of riders were in Adelaide at the Tour Down Under then the organisers weren't too surprised. Man of the day was the series winner of the Jim Thompson Trophy, Steve Berglund, who excelled himself when taking out four of the five sprints plus a second place. This gave him a four point advantage over Stan Baker of 'D' grade after the points were adjusted for the additional sprint ridden by 'A' and 'B' grades.

There was some fast and furious riding in 'A' with Dom Bruehwiler taking the first sprint from Ian McFall and Graeme Muston. Dom then faded from the placings by Ian and Graeme were closely in the contest for the rest of the race, with Graeme kicking himself following the second sprint because he had eased near the line only for Ian to slip past on the outside – a slipup that meant the difference between 1st and 2nd place in the grade. Third place went to Paul Barizza who thus added to his previous five-such consecutive placings, while the everpresent Steph Ratcliffe finished in fourth place.

As already mentioned, strongman in 'B' was Steve Berglund who took all but one of the premier spots. However, with the one rider, one prize rule, the 1st place in the grade went to Ken Harvey who also rode consistently, while Rick Churchill was pleased with third, and Steve Dodd, who didn't realize until the prize-giving that his 5th place entitled him to the cash prize for fourth was also a happy man.

'C' grade saw an excellent performance by Trev Robson who finished 5 points ahead of renown sprinter Doug Macdonald, while Peel's Perry Oliver finished 3^d, just one point ahead of Colin Rossiter who waited until the last sprint to exhibit his finishing kick.

Stan Baker dominated 'D' grade taking two first and two 2nd places. The race proved a clear sweep for Peel riders with Stan Ware running second, Paul Lewis third and Tony Van Merwyk. whose attack after the third sprint split up the field, was a meritorious fourth.

'E' grade saw an early attack by Denis Robinson and Wal Box, with Denis taking two of the three sprints and finishing 2nd in the third. Wal was lying comfortably for a certain second place overall, but had the misfortune to puncture just after the bell for the final sprint and so was ineligible for

a prize. Tom Atkinson who took three 3rd places was next, while third place went to a flying Janet Bennett who had a special round of applause when she attacked on the final lap to win by 50 metres or so.

'A' grade 50mins plus 1 lap

1. Ian McFall 12 points;
2. Graeme Muston 11; 3. Paul Barizza 10;
4. Steph Ratcliffe 9; 5. Tony Beaumont 5;
6. Dom Bruehwiler 5; 7. Gavin Brown 3.

'B' grade 45mins plus 1 lap

1. Steve Berglund 23 points;
2. Ken Harvey 11; 3. Rick Churchill 7;
4. Mario Librizzi 4; 5. Steve Dodd 2;
6. Clint Bird 1; 7. Derek McVickers 1.

'C' grade 40mins plus 1 lap

1. Trev Robson 11 points;
2. Doug Macdonald 7; 3. Perry Oliver 6;
4. Colin Rossiter 5; 5. Wayne Lally 5;
6. Richard Stacey 2; 7. Pat Briggs 2;
8. Richard Edingley; 9. Paul Wighton 1.

'D' grade 35mins plus 1 lap

1. Stan Baker 15 points; 2. Steve Ware 9;
3. Paul Lewis 8; 4. Tony Van Merwyk 4;
5. Clifton Hurley 4; 6. Greg Smith 3; 7. Joanna Bolton 1; 8. Jack Iveson 1.

'E' grade 30mins plus 1 lap

1. Denis Robinson 13 points;
2. Tom Atkinson 6; 3. Janet Bennett 5;
4. Bob Norton 2. 5. Peter Moyses 1.

Note: equal points placings determined by count back.

30 January – Kewdale Criteriums

The return to Kewdale saw an excellent turnout of over 70 riders with some exciting finishes to please the spectators gathered under the shade at finishing line. It turned out to be a warm but pleasant day with hardly a breath of wind, which was a welcome relief to the not yet fully fit brigade.

In the premier grade there was some attacking riding, Andrew Duff being particularly active. He and Alan Clark put in a big effort with 25 minutes to go, but were brought back when the 14 other

riders saw the danger. Graeme Muston was obviously finding form, though his attack with 10 minutes to go didn't go unchallenged, while the indomitable Andrew Duff had another valiant go with two laps to the finish. In the bunch sprint, however, George Miller, who had also been active in stirring up the action, gained yet another victory against some strong sprinting opposition when he led in Graeme Muston by a couple of lengths. Paul Barizza added yet another third placing to his tally of such placings while Ian McFall kept up his appearance in the prizes when coming in fourth, just ahead of Tony Beaumont and Steph Ratcliffe.

If 'B' grade had been as considerate as 'A' grade by coming into the finish in a long string instead of a closely packed bunch, the judges would have been far happier – indeed, because riders were jammed next to each other it even took time to determine who was where on the camera. It was good to see brand new members Brett Shortland and Graham Iddles lead attacks, while another new rider John Siamos featured in a close fought finish when he was inched out of third place by Dave Beeby. Winner of the event was Dave's big brother Nev, making his first appearance in the field since his accident last year. In a furious sprint he managed to edge out the consistent Gary Boterhoven. Steve Dodd in fifth place found himself in the money for the second week in a row when he pipped Paul Hare who added another point to his Roger Sutton competition tally. Unlucky rider was Gavin Brown who retired with a puncture.

'C' grade with 18 starters had the largest field of the day, though for much of the race the pace tended to be pedestrian. Len Hall attacked on a few occasions but no-one seemed to want to join him, so once again leaving all the action to the finishing straight. Though not really fit, the track training of Colin Rossiter proved of value, as he put it to good use, beating Alan Kinghorn by almost a length, with another trackie – Doug Willing finishing third. Bob Stephens saw a spark of form return when

taking fourth just ahead of the stoic Len Hall.

'D' grade with a sprinkling of 'E' graders rode at a steady pace for much of the race, though things did heat up over the last few laps as Denis Robinson and Jane MacIntyre, in particular, attempted to break up the field. Most of the 'E' graders were still in with a chance at the bell, including Sheona Clark still suffering from aching ribs after her track fall (we won't ask who was responsible Alan!), but victory went in a photo finish to Greg Smith over a delighted Frank Kettle who claimed this was his first placing in 10 years, though third placed Jane trumped this by announcing her last placing had been recorded some fifteen years ago. Lindsay Froyland led in the regulars, Ray Craig and Kevan Logan, while Kevin Hart in 7th place took out the first of the special 'E' grade prizes – the second going to 11th placed Leo Enright.

'A' grade 45mins plus 1 lap

1. George Miller; 2. Graeme Muston;
3. Paul Barizza; 4. Ian McFall;
5. Tony Beaumont; 6. Steph Ratcliffe;
8. Wal Crowley; 9. Tony Tucknott;
10. Andrew Duff; 11. Frans Karel;
12. Dom Bruehwiler; 13. Mick Russell;
14. Ian Logan.

'B' grade 45mins plus 1 lap

1. Nev Bebee; 2. Gary Boterhoven;
3. Dave Bebee; 4. John Siamos;
5. Steve Dodd; 6. Paul; Hare;
7. Laurence Wynne – sorry fellows no more placings taken.

'C' grade 40mins plus 1 lap

1. Colin Rossiter; 2. Alan Kinghorn;
3. Doug Willing; 4. Bob Stephens;
5. Len Hall; 6. Roger Scott;
7. Marshall Hughes; 8. Doug Macdonald;
9. Bill Crout; 10. ??; 11. Gerry Lawford;
12. Paul Wighton – and others.

'D' grade 35mins plus 1 lap

1. Greg Smith; 2. Frank Kettle;
3. Jane MacIntyre; 4. Lindsay Froyland;
5. Ray Craig; 6. Ian Logan; 7. Kevin Hart (1st 'E');
8. Michelle Roberts;

9. Denis Robinson; 10. Tony Speechley;
11. Leo Enright (2nd 'E');
12. Paul Crespi;
13. Brian Paxman (E); 14. Dave Nangle;
15. Janet Bennett (E); 16. Sheona Clark (E); 17. Heather Sanderson (E).

6 February – Kewdale Criteriums

A hard and blustery day faced the 74 competitors, making it a difficult task for anyone to get away. Not that there weren't attempts, and with a lot of new blood in the ranks anxious to show pace the groups stretched like elastic. Steph Ratcliffe was particularly active in 'A' grade and at one time it looked as if a partnership with Graeme Muston was going to get somewhere. However, they were successfully brought back to the fold and it wasn't until Merv Byfield sensed a lull in the ranks with some three to four laps to go that the finish was set. Merv time trialled his way to glory with a 15second win, leaving the rest of the field to fight out the remaining places. Fenton Moran who sprinted to victory a couple of weeks previously, once again impressed with his speed when he held off renown sprinters Darren Strudwick, Graeme Muston and Paul Barizza in that order. Ian McFall was well placed to take out a couple of valuable extra points in the Roger Sutton competition that he was leading.

'B' grade was animated by Andrew Bennett who was in attacking mood and his partnership with Steve Illich after about 30 minutes of riding looked as if it might come off. However, the field came together with a few laps to go and everyone then held off for the final dash up the straight. Paul Hare once again showed his class when beating the consistent Gavin Brown and new rider Brett Shortland at the line. Recent recruit Dave Hutson was placed a close fourth just ahead of Mike Watson and Ed. Campbell.

'C' grade saw a bit of controversy when Fred Landon went off the front of the group and not only managed to keep pace with 'A' grade but even rode away from them! With some doubt as to whether he took advantage of 'A' presence, he was

ordered back to his rightful group, riding with them for the remainder of the race though he was still strong enough to take out the final sprint. Marshall Hughes showed his improved form by finishing second, while new rider Simon Cheshire looked pleased with his third position. Bob Stephens was a close fourth but even examination on the camera computer found it difficult to split Doug Macdonald and Wayne Lally for fifth place.

'D' grade got off to a rapid start and maintained a fair pace throughout the race. As with all grades bar 'A', this proved another mass finish with the laurels going to Shane White riding only his second ride with us, ahead of previous week's winner Greg Smith. The rejuvenated Ed Willis again got into the frame, while Frank Kettle just ousted Tony Speechley from taking fifth place and a money prize.

The eight riders in 'E' grade found it more comfortable to sit together than to brave the stiff breeze but this set thing up nicely for the sprinters. In the long run up the straight Des Williams was never really threatened, though Jack Iveson put down his head in an attempt to overtake him. Michelle Robertson took third place, forcing Jim Campbell out of the money and in to fourth place.

'A' grade 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Merrv Byfield; 2. Fenton Moran;
3. Darren Strudwick; 4. Graeme Muston;
5. Paul Barizza; 6. Ian McFall;
7. Andrew Duff; 8. Alan Clark;
9. Wal Crowley; 10. Steph Ratcliffe;
11. George Miller; 12. Dom Bruehwiler;
13. Ian Logan; 14. Frans Karel.

'B' grade 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Paul; Hare; 2. Gavin Brown;
3. Brett Shortland; 4. Dave Hutson;
5. Mike Watson; 6. Ed Campbell;
7. Bob Russell; 8. Steve Dodd;
9. Derek McVickers; 10. Andrew Bennett;
11. Bob Barnes; 12. Atilla Nagy;
13. Gary Boterhoven; 14. Ken Harvey;
15. Graham Iddles; 16. Steve Ilich;
17. Clint Bird.

'C' grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Fred Landon; 2. Marshall Hughes;
3. Simon Chester; 4. Bob Stephens;
5. Doug Macdonald; 6. Wayne Lally;
7. Roger Scott; 8. Alan Dovey;
9. Alan Kinghorn; 10. John Domican;
11. Barry Evesden; 12. Trev Robson;
13. Colin Rossiter; 14. Roy Swift;
15. Paul Wighton; 16. Richard Stacey;
17. Dave Walker.

'D' grade 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Shane White; 2. Greg Smith;
3. Ed Willis; 4. Frank Kettle;
5. Tony Speechley; 6. Rod Babel;
7. Terry Lack; 8. Kevan Logan;
9. Lindsay Froyland; 10. Denis Robinson;
11. Paul Crespi; 12. Steve Hibbert;
13. Carrie Prior; 14. Ray Craig.

'E' Grade 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Des Williams; 2. Jack Iveson;
3. Michelle Robertson; 4. Jim Campbell;
5. Sheona Clark; 6. Janet Bennett;
7. Heather Sanderson; 8. Leo Enright.

Track Racing

18 December, Speed Dome

The year ended with some good racing, though the size of the field, as in previous weeks was down, there being only nine riders. The first event to test the mettle was the 1,500m handicap that was decided on the final lap when all riders came together. Though pushed hard by his co-scratchman Terry Skinner, Steph Ratcliffe was able to hold him off to take the win. Steph again triumphed in the 20-lap motor-paced race but his closest challenger this time was Phil Nichols who kicked just too late to upset the verdict. Taking the tri-fecta, Steph again took out the elimination race, his closest rivals again being Terry Skinner and Phil Nichols.

1,500m handicap

1. Steph Ratcliffe (Scr); 2. Terry Skinner (Scr); 3. Bruce Bussey (40m); 4. Denis Robinson (160m); 5. Bob Barnes (90m); 6. Michael Kuipers (160m); 7. Phil Nichols (30m); 8. Pat Briggs (120m).

Miss-and-Out

1. Steph Ratcliffe; 2. Terry Skinner;
3. Phil Nichols; 4. Bruce Bussey.

20-lap Keirin

1. Steph Ratcliffe; 2. Phil Nichols;
3. Terry Skinner; 4. Bob Barnes;
5. Bruce Bussey; 6. Lorraine Schutz,

Series winner of the pre Christmas series was Steph Ratcliffe with 76 points; 2nd Terry Skinner 44; Phil Nicholls 31 and Bob Barnes 22.

7 January 2005, Speed Dome

A marked improvement in numbers heartened both the officials and riders. There was some excellent racing with the handicap being a close-run affair. Entering the final lap it was anyone's race. Kevan Logan did an epic but ran out of legs as he hit the last bend to be overtaken by Steph Ratcliffe, Terry Skinner and Frans Karel just metres before the line. Steph once again managed to triumph in all races, 'though Terry Skinner was breathing down his neck, and with other riders also showing improving track fitness.

1500metre handicap (6 laps)

1. Steph Ratcliffe (Scr); 2. Terry Skinner (Scr); 3. Frans Karel (40m); 4. Kevan Logan (145m); 5. Alan Clark (50m); 6. Bruce Bussey (50m); 7. Dave Bebee (40m); 8. Denis Robinson (165m); 9. Bob Barnes (95m); 10th Pat Briggs (135m).

Miss-and-Out

1. Steph Ratcliffe; 2. Alan Clark;
3. Frans Karel; 4. Bruce Bussey.

20-lap Motor paced

1. Steph Ratcliffe; 2. Terry Skinner;
3. Dave Bebee; 4. Alan Clark;
5. Bob Barnes; 6. Frans Karel;
7. Bruce Bussey.

12 January, Speed Dome

No blow-by-blow description of this Saturday night event as yours truly was whooping it up (as far as age permitted) at a wedding. However, reports from the field stated that competition was again keen,

with Steph Ratcliffe, Leigh Barker and Terry Skinner sharing most of the spoils. Not on the WCMCC menu, but riding in the WACF championships the story of the night was Denis Robinson's win over Bob Barnes in the individual pursuit. Bob has promised revenge!

Miss-and-Out

1. Steph Ratcliffe; 2. Terry Skinner;
3. Alan Clark; 4. Franz Karel;
5. Bob Barnes.

10-lap group handicap

1. Steph Ratcliffe (scr); 2. Leigh Barker (Scr); 3. Terry Skinner (Scr); 4. Alan Clark (60m); 5. Frans Karel (60m); 6. Colin Rossiter (120m).

12-lap Scratch

1. Leigh Barker; 2. Steph Ratcliffe;
3. Frans Karel; 4. Terry Skinner;
5. Alan Clark; 6. Bob Barnes.

15-lap Points

1. Steph Ratcliffe; 2. Terry Skinner;
3. Leigh Barker; 4. Alan Clark.

28 January, Speed Dome

A good field of 12 riders took the boards and the racing augured well for the Vets Westral to be run on 12 February. All races witnessed close finishes, with no-one rider dominating the racing. Shock of the evening was the start of the 10-lap group handicapper when limit-marker Denis Robinson bridged the 15metre gap to scratch and managed to swap turns for a few hard laps. That he suffered for his effort there is no doubt but Denis said he used it as a trial run for the ACF 500 metre time trial that he has his eye on! Newcomer, Matt Poyner added some spice to the field, while fellow scratchmen Chris Glasby, Steph Ratcliffe and Terry Skinner all featured in the prize lists. Franz Karel was unlucky enough to hit the deck but survived unscathed.

Miss-and-Out

1. Steph Ratcliffe; 2. Chris Glasby;
3. Terry Skinner; 4. Alan Clark.

10-lap group handicap

1. Chris Glasby (Scr); 2. Terry Skinner (Scr); 3. Steph Ratcliffe (scr); 4. Dave Bebee (100m).

12-lap Scratch

1. Matt Poyner; 2. Steph Ratcliffe;
3. Chris Glasby; 4. Frans Karel;
5. Terry Skinner.

15-lap Points

1. Chris Glasby (11 points);
2. Steph Ratcliffe 9pts; 3. Terry Skinner 8pts; 4. Dave Bebee 4pts; 5. Alan Clark 1pt.

5 February, Speed Dome

One of the shortest track meets on record as senior riders had shifted to the mystic East (Sydney) to ride in Cycling Australia's track championships and many juniors disappeared after completing their state title rides. Thus three rides in quick succession forced our veteran lads to finish their business after only a short recovery period. The night saw a clean sweep for Steph Ratcliffe, 'though all three events were closely contested. The 6-lap handicap gave some excitement as Scratch only caught the field on the final banking.

Miss-and-Out

1. Steph Ratcliffe; 2. Terry Skinner;
3. Frans Karel.

6-lap handicap

1. Steph Ratcliffe (scr); 2. Terry Skinner (20m); 3. Frans Karel (50m); 4. Denis Robinson 160m); 5. Michael Kuipers (170m); 6. Kevan Logan (140m); 7. Bob Barnes (100m).

12-lap Scratch

1. Steph Ratcliffe; 2. Frans Karel;
3. Terry Skinner; 4. Kevan Logan;
5. Bob Barnes; 6. Denis Robinson;
7. Michael Kuipers.

Forthcoming Events

Noms from 8.15am and **before 8.45am** for 9.00am starts. Noms close at 8.45 and late entries are charged an additional \$2.

Saturday 19th February AHG Driving Centre, Perth International Airport.

Noms 4.00pm – start at 4.30pm.

Sunday 20th February – **CANCELLED**

Sunday 27 February, Wangara

Graded scratch races. Start at Heritage Stairs, Achievement Way – Paramount Drive

Sunday 6 March – Kewdale

Graded Scratch.

Saturday 12 March - 'John Sullivan' Vets Westral, Speed Dome

Racing 2.00pm to 6.30pm. Noms at least 7 days in advance.

13th March, 40km Time Trial Championship.

Run in conjunction with ATTA.

1st person off at 7.30am.

Course Hopelands Road (1.2km south of Karnup Road, Serpentine).

Entries to Peter Meyer, ATTA, by **6th** March at latest. Tel. 0408 902 349, or enter via ATTA's web page <http://www.atta.asn.au/> The page also has a course map, etc.

Alternatively – submit names to our Racing Secretary, Dom Bruehwiler at: Tel. 93811310. dominicb@awtgroup.net

Note: this is part of the bikeweek activities and is the first counting event for the Rose Preedy Points Score competition. Medals and cash prizes for 1st three on age standard. Points awarded for each 5-year age division.

20th March 'Cycle Instead' Criterium Age Division Championships

This is the highlight of the criterium season and will be run on the popular Smeaton Road Circuit, Rockingham. Start at 9.00am.

N.B. Nominations will **close** on Sunday **13 March**. This is vital so that we can sort out the medals and print a programme. Contact

our Racing Secretary, Dom Bruehwiler on Tel. 93811310. dominicb@awtgroup.net

The event will also feature a sausage sizzle and **presentation** of the **Roger Sutton Competition awards**. Come along and salute your heroes!

This will be the final event of the criterium season. No racing thereafter until 10 April.

Roger Sutton Competition

With five more events to count in the Roger Sutton points-score (as at 30th January), the competition lies wide open, though if Ian McFall maintains his present form he'll be hard to remove from top of the ladder. With three riders over the century, and a few more knocking at the door, the next few weeks should see some keen jockeying by the major contenders.

Note: best 12 rides to count.

124 I McFall; 107 P Barizza; 101 L Froyland;
100 P Briggs, H Fry; 96 T Beaumont, P Hare,
G Muston; 95 D Bruehwiler; 91 R Babel,
S Ratcliffe; 89 J Bennett; 88 D Hutson; 85 F Karel;
84 R Craig, A Duff; 82 G Miller; 78 P Crespi,
M Russell; 77 B Crout, I Logan; 75 G Lawford;
74 K Harvey; 73 B Paxman; 72 J Campbell,
D Williams; 71 D Robinson; 70 A Clark, M
Leaker; 69 S Clark, R Churchill; 68 D McDonald,
C Rossiter; 65 G Smith, P Wighton;
64 G Boterhoven, T Speechley; 60 T Robson;
59 C Bird, D McVickers; 57 G Brown, S Dodd;
55 A Bennett; 54 L Hall; 53 M Watson; 50 S Ilich,
M Librizzi; 48 D Bebee, F Kettle; 47 A Haskins, B
Sheldrick; 45 A Dovey, J Iveson; 43 A Kinghorn;
42 K Logan; 41 B Bussey; 40 M Robertson;
38 W Crowley, R Scott; 37 B Jenkinson;
37 J McIntyre; 35 B Eversden; 34 G Marshall;
33 R Suter; 31 D Townson; 30 M Butler,
P Coolican, M Hughes, S Russell; 29 R Barnes;
28 S Baker, A Brierley ; 27 S White;
25 H Sanderson, F Watson, E Willis, L Wynne,
B Russell; 24 D Miller, J Tucknott, D Willing;
23 T Atkinson, C Boyle, R Swift; 22 C Dixon,
P Oliver; 20 N Bebee, T Tucknott; 19 M Lawrance,
R McGowan; 17 W. Otwinowski; 16 S Lack,
T VanMerwyck; 15 L Barker, R Edinger,
L Enright, W Lally, D Nangle, I Stewart, F Zarita;
14 W Box, P Foster; 13 S Ware; 12 P Lewis;
11 C Glasby, R Norton, B Stephens; 10 J Boulton,
K Hart, C Hurley, F Landon, P Moyses, C Prior,
J Reed, K Shugg, R Stacey;
5 R Abbott, S Berglund, D Butler, M Byfield, S
Coulson, S Delphine, J Domican, D Gillespie, J
Gordon, B Hawes, K Hoskins, G Iddles, P Moke, A
Nagy, A Smith, P Taylor, G Wright.

Rider Profiles

Dom Bruehwiler – a Rapid Rise

Dom Bruehwiler has risen to prominence in WA Masters cycling in a very short time. Having commenced racing in 2003, he is now a regular A Grade rider, has recently joined the committee of the club and has taken on the position of Racing Secretary.

Not only is Dom relatively new to Masters cycling but he is new to practically all forms of cycling. Prior to becoming involved in the local racing scene, he had previously had no contact whatsoever with bike racing. Apart from a brief time spent cycling for pleasure whilst he lived in Darwin, Dom's only previous cycling experience was limited to riding back and forth from university lectures. He attended Monash University and graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Originally from Melbourne, Dom has been in Western Australia for just 8 years. He works with Advanced Well Technology. He is also a director of that company. His work involves designing, establishing and commissioning production wells, once an oilfield is identified. His company has branches in Adelaide, the United Kingdom, and Malaysia.

Dominic's only sporting involvement apart from cycling was when he played pennant squash whilst till a student. One of his first work assignments was working offshore, whilst otherwise living in Darwin. During this time he developed an addiction for ice cream - available 24 hours a day in the rig mess, and free of charge. His weight ballooned to approximately 120 kilos. He realised something needed to be done to reign in the weight gain, so when asked by wife Kerry what he would like for a Christmas present, he took the opportunity to buy a bike.

Initially he rode around Darwin whenever his work commitments permitted, nothing serious, but enjoyable nonetheless. When he shifted to Perth, he continued to cycle about 4 or 5km each way, to and from work. Over time he started doing

additional distances and gradually built up a degree of fitness as he shed weight. Eventually he teamed up with professional colleagues from the oil and gas industry who used to cycle on a regular basis, and Friday afternoons, after work, became his main cycling commitment. In time, Lawrence Wynne, club member and fellow oil industry worker, suggested that Dom come along to West Coast Masters and try his hand at racing. The rest is history. He has progressed from D Grade rookie to regular A grade rider in just three years.

Dom has no particular ambition insofar as cycling is concerned, apart from a determination to continue to hold a place in A grade ranks, and to improve his overall standing. He feels he needs to improve his sprinting if he is to take his development as a racing cyclist to another level, but apart from that he is happy to continue to enjoy the camaraderie of his fellow riders. A possible goal, some time in the future, is to try his hand at a Masters Games.

Dom and Kerry have been very generous sponsors of the club on several occasions during the past year. He sees this as one way of putting something back into the club that has given him a great deal of enjoyment since becoming involved. To have made the impact he has in such a short time speaks volumes for his commitment and determination to succeed.

Tom Lyons

New Appointment

Congratulations (or commiserations!) to our webmaster Colin Bloomfield who has recently taken over as Secretary of the Gold Coast Veteran Cycling Council and by de facto the Queensland VCC. Colin

was until recently, one of our members but it now looks as if he has decided to settle on the Sunshine Coast.

Injury Corner

Don't know what's got into the water down Mandurah way but both Stan Baker and Stan Fennell were clipped by cars within a day or so of each other. Stan Baker sustained injuries to his shoulder, arm and fingers and had some concussion, while Stan Fennell spent a day in hospital but he reports that he is ok apart from some scrapes and bruising. When spoken to, he was more concerned about his cracked helmet and bent Campag Record rear gear than his bones! Through the grapevine its also been reported that Geoff Marshall was hit by a car in South Australia soon after the Tour Down Under but what the damage is no-one seems to know, We wish them all a quick recovery.

Tom Lyons

Road Closure

For your information: Temporary closure shared path **South Street Bridge**.

The shared path on the north side of the bridge, adjacent to eastbound traffic, will be closed from late January until April 2005. The path on the south side of the bridge will remain open. The works are required to enable the South Street Bridge to be widened. For further information, please contact Jen Robinson ph 9424 5407.

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