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Forthcoming Events

23 July, Graded Scratch, Herne Hill

Start 9.00am. A grade 88km (8 laps), B 77km (7 laps); C 66km (6 laps); D 55km (5 laps)

30 July – Fleet Cycles York 56km handicap

Start at 11.00am. Noms from 10.15am at the Shire Council Offices, Baladong Street (off Avon Terrace). Noms \$10. Fleet Cycles will be presenting very generous prize-money of \$2,000, plus trophies (see flyer attached), with \$300 for 1st finisher, and down to \$25 for 15th place. Fastest time \$100; first lady to finish \$50. If possible please get your noms to our Racing Secretary, Sheona Clark 93592747, e.mail: arsiclark@westnet.com.au or contact handicapper Mark Keyser 94453532. Presentations and buffet at the Castle Hotel, Avon Street.

6 August – Graded Scratch, Chidlow 'B'

Start **9.30am**. Noms at Chidlow Tavern. A grade 71km (4 laps), B 71km (4 laps); C 53km (3 laps); D 53km (3 laps)

13 August – Graded Scratch, Dog Hill, Baldivis.

A 96km (9 laps); B 86km (8 laps); C 75km (7 laps); D 64km (6 laps).

19 August – 67km Handicap, Collie – Lowden.

Big prize-money and trophies. See President, Kevan Logan re. Accommodation if required. Noms must be received at least 7 days in advance. Contact Sheona Clark 93592747, e.mail: arsiclark@westnet.com.au or contact handicapper Mark Keyser 94453532.

27 August – Peel CC 80km Classic Handicap, Casuarina

Noms to Racing Secretary or Handicapper at least 7 days in advance.

Race Results

11 June, Graded Scratch, Pickering Brook

Hardly a hiccup on the day except when two groups with over 20 riders in each got tangled up on this relatively short circuit which led to some problems related to pacing. Altogether 68 riders set off on a crisp and breezy morning but with attrition through aching legs and the odd puncture there were only two-thirds of that number left at the finish.

'A' grade got off to a rapid start with Andrew Brierley and Gary Collett showing 100metres of space between themselves and the rest of the 23-strong group as they came past the finish on the second lap. There was quite a bit of jockeying for the rest of the race, though by the half-way mark there were two distinct bunches. In

the final showdown it was Andrew Brierley who proved King with a couple of lengths advantage over Doug Stewart, Stephen Carton, Paul Barizza, Gary Collett and a few others left in the front group.

'B' grade attracted one more starter than 'A' grade, and the third lap saw a gap being opened up by Steve Dodd. He was later joined by Dave Berglund, Barry Whiting and Bob Addy, the quartet managing to keep ahead of the field for a large part of the race. At the bell Dave Berglund and Barry Whiting had a small advantage over the other two riders that they held to the finish. Fabio Capitani finished some 100metres behind in Norman's land while the bunch was led in by a 'noisy' Steve Marks who shouted himself on in the sprint and frighten off Grant Alexander and Theron Benthien, who finished seventh and eighth respectively.

'C' grade with 12 starters saw a fair attrition rate as the hills played havoc with older legs. Other than the DNFs, the group split into two distinct groups. Victory went to Ron Master riding only his second race in the road season when he beat Paul Slocombe by half-a-length, with Peter Denham riding in their shadow for third place, and fourth going to Chris Peniston riding his first race with the club.

'D' grade also saw a few early casualties and after a couple of laps four riders got together to hold off the rest of the field. All looked fairly fresh as they hit the bell lap and the final sprint went to Paul Crespi who managed to hold off a desperate lunge to the line by Larry Ross. Denis Robinson was a further length or two away, while Sheona Clark again finished one outside the prize-money when coming a close fourth. Where have all the gentlemen gone!/? Riding within herself, Sue Denham did well to finish some way behind and was pleased to finish on this 'bumpy' course.

'A' grade - 76km, 10 laps

1. Andrew Brierley; 2. Doug Stewart;
3. Stephen Carton; 4. Paul Barizza;
5. Garry Collett; 6. Matt Tognini;

7. Eric Cox; 8. Russell Fulton;
9. George Miller; 10. Phil Johnston;
11. Graeme Muston; 12. Atilla Nagy;
13. Paul Moke; 14. Dom Bruehwiler;
15. Wal Crowley; 16. Rob Suter;
17. Paul Brown. Average 12m 45s

'B' grade - 68km, 9 laps

1. Dave Berglund; 2. Barry Whiting;
3. Bob Addy; 4. Steve Dodd;
5. Fabio Capitani; 6. Steve Marks;
7. Grant Alexander; 8. Theron Benthien;
9. Gary Boterhoven; 10. Laurence Wynne;
11. Ken Harvey; 12. Duncan Farrow;
13. Dave Bebee. Average 13m.

'C' grade - 60km, 8 laps

1. Ron Master; 2. Paul Slocombe;
3. Peter Denham; 4. Chris Peniston;
5. Trev Robson; 6. Jane Ivey;
7. Bill Wingrave. Average 14m.

'D' grade - 53km, 7 laps

1. Paul Crespi; 2. Larry Ross;
3. Denis Robinson 4. Sheona Clark;
5. Sue Denham. Average 15m 30s.

18 June, Rose Preedy Memorial Handicap, Herne Hill – 55km (5 laps)

It turned out a beautiful day for the 59 starters – not a breath of wind and blue skies but not the sort of day to favour scratch, who though riding at a steady and fast 16m 30s to 16m 40s per lap were unable to bridge the gap to the 7.00minute group that absorbed the rest of the field on the final lap. Though held up by an unfortunate accident that befell Gary Collett (1m 30s) on the final lap, they still moved quickly enough to take fastest time – but under the circumstances they decided not to contest the sprint, to cross the line together and to split the \$50 fastest prize. Gary Wright in the meanwhile did the noble thing by stopping to attend to his namesake who though shaken and bruised lives to fight another day. Other unfortunates on the day were Bob Addy and Steve Rouse who touched wheels and suffered cuts and bruises. Bob continued and seemed comfortable sitting in with scratch despite his rear end taking a battering – something that was obvious to

the keen eyed who were not too shy to look at his nether parts through his torn shorts.

The finish of the handicap was impressive and saw a massive bunch tear up the straight to the line. It was a delighted Nick Smith who took the race with a one-length lead over Geoff Marshall, with third place going to Fabio Capitani just half-a-length in arrears. It took the camera to sort out the other finishers, and thanks to modern technology all was resolved. With twelve placings, the prizes were fairly distributed among the ranks. Only disappointment of the day was the nine non-starters who troubled the calculations of our deeply sensitive handicapper, Mark Keyser.

- 1st Nick Smith (12m 30s)
2. Geoff Marshall (7m 30s)
3. Fabio Capitani (9m)
4. Dave Equid (12m 30s)
5. Steve Marks (7m 30s)
6. Gary Boterhoven (7m 30s)
7. Ed. Campbell (7m 30s)
8. Steve Dodd 7m 30s)
9. Roy Swift (15m)
10. Darren Lee (10m 30s)
11. Alan Clark (10m 30s)
12. Roger Broun (18m).
13. Ken Harvey (10m 30s);
14. Paul Wighton (12m 30s);
15. Ian Logan (10m 30s);
16. Larry Ross (18m);
17. Graham Blythe (9m);
18. Pat Briggs (15m);
19. Chris Peneston (12m 30s);
20. Paul Maxwell (12m 30s);
21. Dave Purcell (12m 30s);
22. Bob Stephens (9m);
23. Derek Mayall (15m);
24. Garth O'Leary (9m);
25. ???;
26. Doug Willing;
27. Barry Eversden (15m);
28. Len Hall (15m);
29. Sheona Clark (21m 30s);
30. Steph Ratcliffe (6m);
- 31 Wal Crowley (6m);
- 32.Phil Johnston (4.m);
33. Rob Suter (6m); 34.
- Atilla Nagy (6m); 35.

- Dave Nangle (21m 30s);
36. Paul Crespi (18m);
37. Mick Russell (7m 30s);
38. Denis Robinson (18m);
Equal 39th & **fastest time**, Andrew Brierley; Stephen Carton, George Miller, Doug Stewart;
43. Eric Cox.
Apologies to anyone omitted from the list.

25 June, 'Lakes Bikes' Age Div Races, Wandl,

'Where have all the young folk gone'? A perfect day, blue skies, excellent prize-money and only 49 starters – was it the lure of the World Cup I wonder that kept people away? Still, all grades attracted sufficient riders to make for good racing, the largest field being seen in the 45-54 year group with 16 riders and the smallest in the young 35-44 year division where there were nine. Perhaps this helps explain the fact that the average time per lap fell by almost half-a-minute over the previous ride by the division on this course and also why they were 15 seconds slower than their elder brethren in the 45-54 year division. However, there was lots of action and attempts to get away. Paul Brown was particularly active on the day but probably gave too much, as in the bunch finish he finished an uncharacteristic 5th, the verdict going clearly to Matt Poyner, a length or so ahead of George Miller, Andrew Brierley, Marty Van Moorsel and the rest of the field.

The 45-54 year division appeared to move at a steady but fast pace with no seeming breaks until the lap that counts, when Steve Carton put down his head three-quarters of the way around the circuit to finish about 30seconds in front of the tightly packed bunch. The group sprint witnessed a clear verdict when Dave Berglund put a length over dashing Dave Townson, Paul Moke and Gary Collett, the latter ignoring his bruises from the previous week's fall to take up the gauntlet.

Dave Walker was the unluckiest rider in the 55-64 year division, suffering a

puncture half-way through the race when looking comfortable. Early animators were Steph Ratcliffe and Gary Boterhoven who opened up a 200metre gap. Gary appeared to have seen the error of his ways, retiring after another lap to the shelter off the bunch that then chased hard to try to bring Steph back. Geoff Marshall was at one time in no-man's land but Steph was determined to hold him and the rest at bay and seemed to be uncontested over the final two laps as he won by a large margin. All the sprinters were keen to show their talents and in a close finish it was Chopper Marshall who succeeded when holding off Gary Boterhoven, Bob Stephens and the rest of the mob.

The 'old fellas' rode as predicted at 15mins 25secs per lap. Again there were no heroics and all seemed to be content to sit in comfortably to wait for the sprint, possibly the one exception being Sheona Clark who rode strongly at the front. However, she was not to be rewarded for her efforts and once more finished one place outside the prize-money. In sitting in, the rest of the group played into the hands of race promoter Wayne Lally who quite easily took first position, while Roger Broun and Roy Swift took the other rostrum places.

With Lakes Bikes paying a generous eight places in all grades, there were lots of happy faces at the presentation with \$800 being handed out by Wayne Lally.

35-44years - 68km, 8 laps

1. Matt Poyner; 2. George Miller;
3. Andrew Brierley;
4. Marty Van Moorsel; 5. Paul Brown;
6. Eric Cox;
7. Ed. Campbell; 8. Peter Maxwell.
Average 13m 25s.

45-54years - 68km, 8 laps

1. Stephen Carton; 2. Dave Berglund;
3. Dave Townson; 4. Paul Moke;
5. Gary Collett; 6. Atilla Nagy;
7. Mike Lawrence; 8. Mick Russell;
9. Craig Dalwood; 10. Wal Crowley;
11. Laurence Wynne; 12. Ken Harvey;
13. Steve Dodd; 14. Dave Stewart;

15. Mike Bonner; 16. Gary Wright.
Average 13m 10s.

55-64years - 59km, 7 laps

1. Steph Ratcliffe; 2. Geoff Marshall;
3. Gary Boterhoven; 4. Bob Stephens;
5. Bill Wingrave; 6. Trev Robson;
7. Ian Logan; 8. Paul Crespi;
9. Dave Nangle; 10. Ernst Kreutzer.
Average 13m 45s.

65years plus - 51km, 6 laps

1. Wayne Lally; 2. Roger Broun;
3. Roy Swift; 4. Len Hall;
5. Derek McVickers; 6. Dave Pursell;
7. Larry Ross; 8. Derek Mayall;
9. Sheona Clark; 10. Leo Enright;
11. Brian Paxman. Average 15m 25s.

2 July, 55km Memorial Handicap, Herne Hill,

A poor turn out of 50 riders when noted that there were 68 people who signed on the dotted line to register their intention of riding in the event. This made for a slight delay at the start as the handicapper had to re-adjust his groupings, though the result wasn't compromised as witnessed by the fact that scratch caught the field with about 2km to go. However, because the field was by that time spread across the width of the road they found it almost impossible to get through the field (what would Robbie McEwan have done?), the first of them, Russell Fulton, finishing in 17th place in the mass bunch finish. The group finished a few seconds behind the first two riders, Dave Berglund and Rob Suter who had opened up a gap with about 1km to go. In that mass finish it was Steph Ratcliffe who proved the master being just ahead of Mick Russell and fast improving Bob Addy. Mike Lawrence, Ian Logan, Dave Equid and the rest of the mob. These and upto 10th placed rider, Jane Ivey, all went away with money in their pockets.

It had been a beautiful day – blue skies, little or no wind and quite warm – thus a day that should have benefited the long markers rather than scratch. Indeed limit riders Leo Enright and Fran Watson at 23mins, rode well and were only caught

with a-third of a lap to go. Leo Enright once more generously donated a trophy and a framed collation of currency notes to handicap winner Dave Berglund at the presentation

Results 55km (5 laps)

1. Dave Berglund (2mins);
2. Rob Suter (2m);
3. Steph Ratcliffe(2m);
4. Mick Russell 94m);
5. Bob Addy (4m);
6. Mike Lawrence (4m);
7. Ian Logan (7m 30s);
8. Dave Equid (6m);
9. Gary Boterhoven (6m);
10. Jane Ivey (12m);
11. Ed Campbell (6m); 12. Steve Dodd (2m); 13. Ken Dupuy (16m); 14. Steve Marks (2m); 15. Chris Hunt (12m); 16. Roy Swift (12m); 17. Russell Fulton (scr);
18. Derek McVicker (9m 30s); 19. Ken Harvey (7m 30s); 20. George Miller (scr);
21. Peter Maxwell (9m 30s); 22. Gary Collett (scr); 23. Paul Moke (scr); 24. Paul Wighton (9m 30s); 25. Gary Wight (scr);
26. Larry Ross (16m); 27. Stephen Carton (scr); 28. Nic Smith (4m); 29. Gavin Brown (6m); 30. Len Hall (12m); 31. Chris Peneston (9m 30s); 32. Carl Mathison (12m); 33. Fran Watson (23m); 34. Vince Preedy (19m); 35. Mike Watson (7m 30s);
36. Barry Eversden (12m); 37. Leo Enright (23m); 38. Jack Iveson (?); 39. Dave Nangle (19m); 40. Brian Paxman (19m);
41. Fabio Capaitani (2m).

Fastest Time – Russell Fulton.

rode back some 3 or 4km with a flat and Phil hanging on to Brian's seat. Needless to say they were both disqualified because they were involved in assisting a rider from another grade!!

A Grade 96km (9 laps)

1. G. Miller; 2. M. Petterson; 3. S. Carton;
 4. D. Berglund; P. Moke; 6. E. Cox;
 7. G. Collett; 8. M. Lawrence;
 9. D. Townson; 10. B. Suter.
- Average time per lap 15m.65s

B Grade – 86km (8 laps)

1. B. Whiting; 2. M. Russell;
 3. G. Boterhoven; 4. B. Addy;
 5. L. Wynne; 6. S. McKiernan;
 7. ?? Peel colours; 8. S. Dodd; 9. D. Equid;
 10. D. Stewart; 11. P. Slocombe;
- Average time per lap 18m.25s

C Grade – 75km (7 laps)

1. C. Mathisen; 2. A. Bennett (Peel CC);
 3. T. Robson; 4. C. Hunt; 5. K. Dupuy;
 6. G. Benthien; 7. R. Broun; 8. S. Baker;
 9. L. Hall; 10. R. Swift; 11. D. McVickers;
 12. C. Rossiter; 13. S. Ware;
 14. B. Eversden; 15. D. Mayall.
- Average time per lap 20m.00s

D Grade – 64km (6 laps)

1. L. Ross; 2. E. Kreutzer; 3. L. Enright;
 4. T. Van Merwyk; 5. D. Robinson;
 6. P. Crespi; 7. S. Clark.
- Average time per lap 21m.16s

MJD/July'06

West Coast Masters CC & Peel Dog Hill Rd., Baldavis,

From the pen of our roving correspondent, Kevan Logan:

Dry day, with a tail wind finish, 51 riders braved the perfect conditions. There were eight flat tyres and a rear derailleur detached from the frame of Phil Deisel's bike. One of the flat tyres belonged to Brian Paxman who came upon Phil and