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Farewell

Folks will be sorry to hear that Dom Bruehwiler and our good Patron Kerry have upped their swags and moved to miserable Melbourne where the sun seldom shines. Be assured that Dom's business interests were responsible not aggro from his 'A' grade compatriots. Dom and Kerri will continue their sponsorship of the Collie-Lowden and the two-day event on 30 September/1st October, for which we are most grateful. We wish them the best of luck for the future but hope that they'll continue to take an interest in our activities.

Forthcoming Events

All events start at 9.00am unless otherwise advertised. Nominations \$10 or as notified.

15 July, Gr Scratch, Mt Helena.

Start 9.30am. Presentation and lunch at the Mt Helena Tavern, Keane Street.

22 July, Fleet Cycles 56km handicap, York. Start 10.30am.

Over \$1,200 in cash plus trophies and other prizes. Prize-giving and meals at the Castle Hotel, York. – NOMS to Trelma Lally at waytre17@bigpond.com, tel. 93302643, or to Mark Keyser 94453532, by Wednesday 25 July at latest.

29 July, Gr Scratch, Neerabup.

Noms at Pederick Road. Note that the ripped up road that led to the cancellation of the event on 20 May has been repaired.

5 August, Age Div. races, Wandii

Noms at Brooks Place, Wandii.

12 August, Chidlow 'B'

Noms at Chidlow Tavern. Start 9.30am. Presentation and meal at the Tavern

19 August, Collie –Lowden Handicap

Over \$1,000 in prize-money, plus trophies. NOMS to Trelma Lally at waytre17@bigpond.com, tel. 93302643, or to Mark Keyser 94453532,

26 August – Peel CC – Peel Classic Handicap, Casuarina.

Start 9.30am at Orton Road, Casuarina.

Race Results

10 June, Gr. Scratch, Chidlow 'A'

A slight chill in the air but sunny skies saw excellent conditions for the 60 riders who competed in the first of the hills events. All events were keenly contested and the hills didn't appear to have caused too much trouble. 'A' grade kept together until three laps to go when a group of six broke clear on the lumpy roads three kilometres from

the line. The uphill finish was always going to go to the strongmen of the bunch and true to form it was Doug Stewart who opened up a couple of lengths over George Miller to take first place. In the sprint for third place, Ian O'Brien held off Wayne Thomson, Steve Marks and Keith Winch, while Mike Buytels who was in that contending group cramped up with less than 100 metres to go and eventually limped across the line in last place.

'B' grade with a strong field of 25 riders moved at about the same speed as the premier grade and stayed together for a few laps before a break of about a dozen opened up a small gap. It was that group that hit the final climb when it was every man (and woman!) for his or herself. Strongest man on the day was Peter Shandley who held off a strongly finishing Bob Addy by a couple of lengths, with Atilla Nagy, Nic Crane, Laurence Wynne, Jason Rolfe Alan Clark and Ian Mc Fall all taking the cash prizes.

'C' grade rode a fast pace of about 20 minutes a lap, though that was tied on the first across the line and thus was based on the rides of new riders Roger Steinkrug and Matt Wilding who opened up a comfortable gap of about 2 minutes on the second lap. This they kept until the finish when Roger just beat Matt on the line. Peter Denham rode strongly to take out third, closely followed by Scott Lee, John Wighton, Trevor Robson, Allan Clarke and our latest member, Katie Watson.

The folk in 'D' grade didn't play around, as witnessed by a couple of burn offs on the opening lap. However, the spotlight fell on Sheona Clark and Greg Mumme who broke away half-way through the race. Greg was first across the line, with Sheona a few bike lengths behind. Taking the group sprint for third place was Paul Crespi who managed to hold off Denis Robinson and Dave Nangle.

'A' Grade, 77km (7 laps)

1. Doug Stewart; 2. George Miller;
3. Ian O'Brien; 4. Wayne Thomson;
5. Steve Marks; 6. Keith Winch;

7. Wal Crowley; 8. Nic Smith;
 9. Rob Suter; 10. Miceal Buytels.
- Average 18m 45secs per lap.

'B' Grade, 66km (6 laps)

1. Peter Shandley; 2. Bob Addy;
3. Atilla Nagy; 4. Nic Crane;
5. Laurence Wynne;
6. Jason Rolfe; 7. Alan Clark;
8. Ian McFall; 9. Geoff Marshall;
10. Steph Ratcliffe; 11. Jeff Usher;
12. Frank Norton; 13. Dave Equid;
14. Ken Harvey; 15. Ian Lyne;
16. Marc Sprod; 17. Paul Wighton;
18. Paul Hare; 19. Roger Shooter.

Average 19mins per lap.

'C' Grade 55km (5 laps)

1. Roger Steinkrug; 2. Matthew Wilding;
3. Peter Denham; 4. Scott Lee;
5. John Wighton; 6. Trev Robson;
7. Allan Clarke; 8. Katie Watson;
9. Mark Burke; 10. Derek Mayall;
11. Jon Doonen; 12. Chris Hunt;
13. Len Hall; 14. Ernie Kreutzer.

Average 20m 30 secs per lap.

'D' Grade, 44km(4 laps)

1. Greg Mumme; 2. Sheona Clark;
3. Paul Crespi; 4. Denis Robinson;
5. Dave Nangle; 6. Bill Ross;
7. Jack Iveson; 8. Alan Taylor.

Average 23 mins per lap.

17 June, 'Lakes Bikes' Age Div. Scratch

Sixty-one riders turned up at Wandi to compete in the second of the Age Division series. Conditions were perfect and the groups lapping in quick time meant little chance for anyone who couldn't follow a wheel and this was shown when Dave Berglund punctured near the line, made a quick change but despite a tremendous effort was unable to make an impression on his 48-57 year group who were lapping at just over 13 minutes. In the same division, Rob Suter showed his strength by being out on his own for a substantial part of the race and in holding off the bunch to the finishing line by some 30 metres. In a very tightly bunched finish Fred Landon bested Jamie Somers and Mick Russell when leading in the group of 20 riders for second place. It was good to see some strong riding from the three females in the division, Mandy Collis, Natalie

Laurendeau and Katie Watson, all of whom were seen driving on the bunch from the front.

The 58-67 year age division saw a massacre of the innocents as the attacks went from the word 'go'. On completion of the first lap Bob Addy had built up a strong lead and when joined by Steph Ratcliffe there was little doubt as to the first two placings. With over a lap to go, Bob put down his head, managing to put a couple of hundred metres between himself and what looked like a wilting Steph. It was therefore a shock to see them both come up the final straight cheek by jowl and to see Steph come over Bob in the final 30metres. The rest of the group were a good five-minutes behind and were led in by Geoff Marshall who had been nursing himself in the main bunch, while Bob Stephens and Dave Brown finished a few lengths behind.

In the 'old folks' division, Larry Ross was in sprightly mood throughout the race and his efforts helped split the race after a couple of laps. Len Hall was also hitting them hard but there were still five riders there at the end to contest the sprint for first place. In a close finish, Larry beat Len by a wheel while Derek Myall, Denis Robinson and Ray Craig followed closely across the line. There was a special welcome in the race for ex 'Ace' Brian Kennedy who at 74 years of age was riding his first event for forty years. Brian was happy with his performance and said he'd be back for more punishment in the near future.

There was a strong field of 18 riders in the youngest division of the day. Moving at a keen pace there were still attacks off the front and at the end of lap two Matt Korten, George Miller and Ian O'Brien led by a good 15 seconds. At the half-way mark there were two distinct bunches, while with two to go, Matt Korten was joined by Andrew Brierley and despite some hard riding from the main bunch they were left clear to contest the sprint. In the most scintillating sprint of the day, Matt

threw his bike to beat Andrew by less than a quarter of a wheel. A couple of seconds behind, Doug Stewart took third place when he managed to keep George Miller on his shoulder. Ian O'Brien was again in the prize-money when finishing 5th as was Keith Winch in sixth.

Puncture victims on the day were, Paul Brown, Graeme Benthien and as noted earlier, Dave Berglund. Seems it wasn't a good day if your name started with a 'B'! Apologies to some of the finishers in the 48-57 age group who not even the camera could pick out.

35-47yrs, 68km (8 laps)

1. Matt Korten; 2. Andrew Brierley; 3. Doug Stewart; 4. George Miller; 5. Ian O'Brien; 6. Keith Winch; 7. Gary Collett; 8. Nic Smith; 9. Jason Rolfe; 10. Mark Cummings; 11. Omar de Pellegrin; 12. Frank Norton; 13. Allan Clarke; 14. Paul Hare. Average 13m 10secs per lap.

48-57 yrs, 68km (8 laps)

1. Rob Suter; 2. Fred Landon; 3. Jamie Somers; 4. Mick Russell; 5. Wal Crowley; 6. Dave Equid; 7. Ken Harvey; 8. Brett Clapham; 9. Pat Trippitt; - a couple of gaps, then - Mike Laurence; Scott Lee; Paul Wighton; Atilla Nagy; Steve Dodd; Katie Watson; Mandy Collis. Average 13mins 20secs per lap.

58-67yrs, 59km (7 laps)

1. Steph Ratcliffe; 2. Bob Addy; 3. Geoff Marshall; 4. Bob Stephens; 5. Dave Brown; 6. Trev Robson; 7. Derek McVickers; 8. Denis Cosgrove; 9. Ernst Kreuzer; 10. Colin Bloomfield; 11. Sheona Clark. Average 13m 35secs per lap.

68yrs plus, 51km (6 laps)

1. Larry Ross; 2. Len Hall; 3. Derek Mayall; 4. Denis Robinson; 5. Ray Craig; 6. Jack Iveson; 7. Des Williams; 8. Brian Kennedy. Average 16m per lap.

24 June, Gr. Scratch Races, Dog Hill, Baldavis

Just one short of sixty, with probably dozens of other potentials being put off by overnight lashing rain. Yet, ye of little faith, the conditions for the race were

excellent and there was some stimulating racing.

'A' grade saw a strong field of 17 riders but little in the way of success for breakaways until two to go when a bunch of five riders opened up a gap of 100 metres which they then extended to about a minute by the time they sprinted for honours. In a tightly contested finish, Eric Cox lunged to beat Dave Berglund by a quarter of a wheel while Keith Winch, Lee Parker and Brian Farrelly came in within metres. The main part of the field sprinted hard for the glory of finishing in sixth place with the verdict going to Doug Stewart just ahead of Gary Collett and the remaining finishers. George Miller looked strong but with a couple of laps to go he took to foot after suffering a puncture. Pat Trappit in 'B' grade was also a puncture victim but fortunately the only one out of the 24 starters. Moving at a fast 17m 30s per lap, just 30 seconds slower than the premier grade, there was little licence given to anyone with ideas of escaping, so once again the verdict came down to a sprint – or almost did, for Mike Johnston who had worked hard throughout the race managed to open up a short gap on the final leg of the race and stayed in front for a 30 metre win. With riders spread across the road in a tight bunch it took the camera to work out all finishers after 5th place. It was Wayne Lally claiming lack of legs but lots of brain who led in the bunch, with Ian McFall half-a-length behind. 'Irish' Wal Crowley did well to finish third for a man who says he can't sprint, especially as sprinting 'ace' Mick Russell finished fifth. Geoff Marshall, Frank Norton and Alan Clark too the rest of the cash prizes. Prominent in the race was Katie Watson who was active in stirring up the pace.

All 'C' graders seemed happy enough as they passed the line each lap and like their erstwhile brothers in 'B' grade they left most of the real action to the last few hundred metres. Peter Denham showed good form when leading Mark Burke, Trev Robson, Chris Hunt and the rest of the division across the line.

In 'D' grade, surprise of the day was the third place of Brian Paxman in a sprint finish, as only a week or so before he had faced a stomach operation. Our good vice-President Denis Robinson was first in a scintillating sprint that saw 'old man' Ray Craig spitting chips at his lack of success. Denis Cosgrove was fourth, just beating Sheona Clark across the line.

A Grade 68km (8 laps)

1. Eric Cox; 2. Dave Berglund;
3. Keith Winch; 4. Lee Parker;
5. Brian Farrelly; 6. Doug Stewart;
7. Gary Collett; 8. Ian O'Brien;
9. Bob Addy; 10. Mike Buytels;
11. Matt Korten; 12. Dave Townson.
Average 17m 00secs per lap.

B Grade 74km (7 laps)

1. Mike Johnston; 2. Wayne Lally;
3. Ian McFall; 4. Wal Crowley;
5. Mick Russell; 6. Geoff Marshall;
7. Frank Norton; 8. Alan Clark;
9. Allan Clarke; 10. Paul Wighton;
11. Roger Shooter; 12. ... ?;
13. Steve Dodd; 14. Jason Rolfe;
15. Derek McVickers; 16. Katie Watson;
17. Ian Lyne; ...?, Nick Crane.
Average 17mins 30secs per lap.

C Grade, 64km (6 laps)

1. Peter Denham; 2. Mark Burke;
3. Trevor Robson; 4. Chris Hunt;
5. Andrew Bennett (Peel); 6. John Dooner;
7. Ernst Kreutzer; 8. Larry Ross;
9. John Wighton.
Average 19m 40secs per lap.

D Grade, 53km (5 laps)

1. Denis Robinson; 2. Ray Craig;
3. Brian Paxman; 4. Denis Cosgrove;
5. Sheona Clark; 6. Jack Iveson;
7. Brian Kennedy; 8. Des Williams;
9. Alan Taylor.
Average 21m 10secs per lap.

1 July, 55km Memorial Handicap, H Hill

Apologies to Gary Boterhoven and his Met Department who were much maligned for sending down Huey's wrath before the start of the race. However, grovelling apologies, for while the rest of Perth was awash, a blue patch and sunshine appeared over Herne Hill as soon as the race was

underway and this lasted until a couple of minutes after the end of the race, when torrential rain again blighted the land. With grim forecasts, only 35 riders appeared on the scene to contest the handsome prize-list, that not only included cash but also trophies supplied by the club and by the generosity of Leo Enright.

With 24 minutes between scratch and limit it was anyone's guess as to who would take the honours. On the first lap it was block who proved the sharpest with a scintillating lap of 14m 45secs, some 20 seconds faster than scratch and on the handicappers calculation combined with limit's 19m 20s they should have crossed the line at about the same time. However, after a couple of laps the money was on the 18minute group where remnants Len Hall and Denis Robinson looked in a strong position with two to go. This is where lady luck turned sour, for Denis saw his chain disintegrate, leaving Len to fight it alone. Although riding strongly, Len couldn't hold off the 12-minute group who put down their heads to overhaul him on the bell lap. Meanwhile all but scratch were fighting to get to them but with some riders refusing to work they wasted their opportunity, leaving the fight to the 9 and 12-minute groups. Derek McVickers took a long one to sweep past Ken Harvey with 100metres to go but found it was a bit too early and was caught and passed with only 20metres to go. Paul Slocombe from the 12-minute group wasn't far behind, while Chris Hunt and Len Hall finished ahead of the mass group that was led in by Jason Rolfe and Russell Fulton. George Miller from scratch took fastest time, but only narrowly, after freewheeling the last 100metres or so.

There were a only a few punctures on the day with Dave Brown and Wayne Lally being among the number, but unluckiest man was Ernst Kreutzer who was ambalanced off to hospital after hitting a fallen rider who clipped a wheel at the finishing line with two laps to go.

1st Ken Harvey (9mins)

2. Derek McVickers (12m)
 3. Paul Slocombe (9m)
 4. Chris Hunt (12m)
 5. Len Hall (18m)
 6. Jason Rolfe (7m)
 7. Russell Fulton (2m 30s)
 8. Wal Crowley (4m);
 9. Geoff Marshall (4m)
 10. Steph Ratcliffe (4m)
 11. Mick Russell (4m)
 12. Gary Collett (2m.30s)
 13. ???
 14. Dave Equid (7m)
 15. Rob Suter (2m30s)
 16. Frank Norton (7m)
 17. ??
 18. Ian Lyne (9m)
 19. George Miller (Scr)
 20. Matt Korten (Scr)
- F/Time: George Miller (Scr) 1hr 32m 15secs.

8 July, Graded Scratch, Pickering Brook

Although starting under blue skies, everyone including the judges had a few good soakings during the course of the event. In those conditions there were surprisingly few punctures, John Wighton being one exception, but the weather certainly had nothing to do with the snapped chains of George Miller & Brian Farrelly in 'A'. Lots I'm sure can be said of 'missing links' but also of missing riders, and with a total of only 46 starters it proved a poor turnout.

The combined C/D group broke up early in the race, with Mark Burke, Chris Hunt and Trevor Robson forcing the pace and riding together at a brisk average of about 14m per lap, to finish in that order. Len Hall seems to have missed the break and chased hard throughout to finish fourth, while Sheona Clark, who also had a lonely ride finished fifth in the combined group and took the special cash first prize in 'D'. Dave Brown took the sprint for sixth just metres ahead of 'D' grader Dave Nangle, and Denis Robinson.

'B' grade's 20 riders were an impressive sight as they swept around the bend and into the finishing straight. A promising break by Mark Sprod, Alan Clark and

Roger Shooter on the second lap was soon brought to heel, though with a couple of laps to go the bunch had split in two, leaving a group of about nine or ten riders to contest the sprint. This went in fine style to Roger Shooter who beat Franz Buissink, Alan Clark, Ian Lyne, Ian McFall and Matt Wilding in a closely contested sprint.

The premier grade had a healthy 14 starters who got around at a steady but fast 12m 45s per lap. Again, it was a race of attrition but with an early attack by Bob Addy that showed he was keen to put in the effort before his trip to ride the World Championships in Austria. However, with some hard attacks as the rain came down, half the field moved ahead, with reports from the bunch of some strong riding by Gary Collett that gave some riders angst. In the sprint there was no holding Mat Korten who shifted onto his biggest gear to beat Doug Stewart to the line by some 10-15 metres. Gary Collett was a close third, just ahead of Fred Landon, Mike Bytels and Keith Winch.

A Grade 70km (9 laps)

1. Matt Korten; 2. Doug Stewart;
3. Gary Collett; 4. Fred Landon;
5. Mike Bytels; 6. Keith Winch;
7. Bob Addy; 8. Dom Bruehwiler;
9. Rob Suter; 10. Nic Foster.

Average 12m 45secs per lap.

B Grade 62km (8 laps)

1. Roger Shooter; 2. Franz Buissink;
3. Alan Clark; 4. Ian Lyne; 5. Ian McFall;
6. Matt Wilding; 7. ...?; 8. Mark Sprod;
9. ...?; 10. Mark Cummings; 11. ...?;
12. Tony Tucknott; 13. Rick Churchill;
14. Katie Watson; 14. Jeff Usher.

Average 13mins 15secs per lap.

C Grade, 54km (7 laps)

1. Mark Burke; 2. Chris Hunt;
3. Trevor Robson; 4. Len Hall;
5. Sheona Clark; 6. Dave Brown;
7. Dave Nangle; 8. Denis Robinson;
9. Jack Iveson; 10. Alan Taylor.

Average 14m 10secs per lap.

Heart Start Machine

Those attending recent races will have been informed of the club's attempts to raise \$3,000 for a heart-start machine. This might mean the difference between snuffing it or surviving, and that person might even be you!! Any contributions welcome and see Kevan Logan or the Secretary if you'd like to make a donation.

Club Van Driver

This is what lots of folk have been waiting for – the chance to drive the club van. That prestigious position is currently taken by Paul Crespi but from the end of the year he will be handing over to some lucky replacement. The job involves dropping off and picking up signs around the course on the day of an event. It's a handsomely rewarding position both in financial and status terms. Your stocks will be enhanced in both the club and wider society. So speak to one of the committee if interested.

Bring & Buy

Want to upgrade your equipment? Watch this place for an announcement of future date and venue.

Traffic Management

As some will be aware we now have to conform to the new Main Roads Management Plans when conducting our races. This has involved 17 of our members taking a course to qualify them to yield a Slow/Stop lollipop, Many thanks incidentally to those who volunteered. However, the financial sting lies in the need to scrap our current signs and to spend about \$6,000 to purchase the approved items. To date it's been impossible to find funding from government, sports or lottery sources. If anyone has any leads, please convey them to the Secretary.

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