



Newsletter – JULY 2009

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Forthcoming Events

All events **start at 9.00am** unless otherwise advertised. Line noms, otherwise contact Handicapper, *Alan Clark* 93592747 <arsiclark@bigpond.com>, or, Racing Secretary, *Trelma Lally* 93302643 <waynelally@optusnet.com.au>

19 July – Handicap (approx 70km) York – Beverley

Start 11.00am. Over \$1,1000 in vouchers, cash, plus trophy prizes.

For the fourth year, kindly sponsored by Fleet Cycles. Noms and presentation at the Settlers Hotel, York. **Noms 7 days in advance. No line noms accepted.**

Note parking at rear of the Settlers Hotel

26 July, Gr. Scratch, Pickering Brook

2 August, Gr. Scratch, Wandii

9 August, Gr. Scratch, Chidlow 'B'
9.30am start. Noms at Chidlow Tavern.

16 August, Gr. Sctratch, Herne Hill

23 Aug. , Gr. Scratch, Dog Hill, Baldivis

AVCC National Championships

For all those intending to nominate for the national championships, please note that the **Best All Rounder Road Competition** for each age division will be awarded only to those who enter for the Road Race,

criterium and Time Trial Championships. The latter will be held over 25km, and the BAR competition will be sponsored by our esteemed Vice-President, Denis Robinson. Each winner (based on points) will be awarded a 'handsome' trophy.

RACE RESULTS

24 May – Gr Scratch Races, Dog Hill

After the howling gales and lashing rain of the previous couple of days it seemed almost a miracle that the 82 riders who turned up for the Dog Hill race should find blue skies, perfect temperatures and calm conditions. In addition they found that recent roadwork had provided a smooth re-surface for much of the circuit, including the finishing straight. However, the flatish course and lack of wind proved a negative as far as heroics were concerned, thus all four grades finished in a massed sprint. The only problems occurred in the last 200-metres where coming out of the bend and onto the straight some over-anxious riders shunted a few of their compatriots onto the grass – but apart from upset dignity there was no physical damage. Ideal cycles starred when Fenton Moran won the 'A' grade sprint, and Steve Lack took 'B' grade by about five bike lengths. Not so lucky was family 'Don' Terry Lack who punctured after a couple of laps when riding with 'D' grade, so preventing any chance of a trifecta.

It was good to see some new blood among the place-getters with Quinton Brown coming 2nd in 'D' grade just behind Denis Cosgrove, and in front of Rod Babel, Bill Stibbs and the rest of the closely packed group. Following his Giro D'Italia experience, 'A' grade again felt the presence of George Miller who finished 2nd in 'A' ahead of Gary Wright and Steve Marks, while new members Afton Galbraith and Brian Gower finished 2nd and 3rd in 'B' grade. 'C' grade witnessed new member Ken Graffin cross the line ahead of old timers Andrew Bennett and Derek McVickers, while Antony Bourn and David Dyson representing the new school took 4th and 5th places. Once again the camera proved invaluable when sorting the places, as in every group riders were spread closely across the width of the road.

'A' grade, 74km (7 laps)

1. Fenton Moran; 2. George Miller;
3. Gary Wright; 4. Steve Marks;
5. Keith Winch; 6. Greg Stoyles;
7. Nick Foster; 8. Ian Lyne;
9. Brian Farrelly; 10. Richard Kelly;
11. Frans Buissink; 12. Garth O'Leary;
13. Gary Collett; 14. Sam Smith;
15. Dave Rawlins; 16. Steve Carlton;
16. Atilla Nagy; 17. Lee Parker.
Average 16m 25secs per lap.

'B' grade, 74k (7 laps)

1. Steve Lack; 2. Afton Galbraith;
3. Brian Gower; 4. Ian Turner;
5. Danny Kelsall; 6. Rick Churchill;
7. Geoff Marshall; 8. Ken Harvey;
9. Matt Saliacus; 10. Lindsay O'Brien;
11. Bruce Hunt; 12. Dale Groves;
13. Peter Shanley; 14. Ray Clancey;
15. George Law; 16. Wayne Lally;
17. Ian McFall; 18. Sam Strk;
19. Frank Norton; 20. Steve Dodd;
21. Russell Fryer; 22. Julian Chipper;
23. Mick Russell; ?? Ian Skidmore.
Average: 17m 00secs per lap.

'C' grade 64km (6 laps)

1. Ken Graffin; 2. Andrew Bennett;
3. Derek McVickers; 4. Antony Bourne;
5. David Dyson; 6. Mark Burke;
7. Roger Scott; 8. ?? ; 9. Chris Hunt;

10. Trevor Robson; 11. Steven Matthews;
12. Rod Tinniswood; 13. Jay Newby;
14. ??; 15. Mark Crowther; 16. ??;
17. Paul Wighton; 18. ??; 19. ??;
20. Jeff Usher; 21. Adam Scott;
22. Richard Fear.
Average 17m 55secs per lap.

'D' grade, 53km (5 laps)

1. Denis Cosgrove; 2. Quinton Brown;
3. Rod Babel; 4. Bill Stibbs; 5. Roy Swift;
6. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 7. Pat Briggs;
8. Alison Dyson; 9. Michael Guerin;
10. Denis Robinson; 11. Brian Kennedy;
12. Dave Nangle; 13. Chris McCabe;
14. Derek Mayall.
Average: 20m 05secs per lap.

31 May, Gr. Scratch, Chidlow 'A'

A record turnout for a hills event with 97 starters and despite threats of impending showers it turned out to be a pleasant day with relatively calm conditions. Despite the hills, there were only a few successful attacks, the most prominent being in 'A' grade when Sam Smith and Nick Foster gained 50metres or so on laps four and five. It was the long steady grind to the finish outside the fire-station that determined the placings, 'though all groups were surprisingly bunched as they crossed the finishing line. 'B' grade again had the largest field of the day with 32 riders, followed by 29 in 'C', a respectable 20 in 'A' considering that some riders may have chosen to ride in the Menzies-Kalgoorlie event, while 'D' mustered a decent field of sixteen. Unluckiest riders of the day were puncture victims, Ken Graffin and Cherie Bonaseera in 'C' grade, the latter making her first appearance with the club. Good to see other female members take up the hills challenge and Juliana Olsen, Amanda O'Connor and Fran Watson performed well against their male counterparts. Thanks for the honest claims from 'C' grade riders when the camera decided to die just as a 4-wheel drive and large caravan blocked out the view of the judges!!

'A' grade, 77km (7 laps)

1. Richard Kelly; 2. Andrew Brierley;
3. Keith Winch; 4. Fred Landon;

5. Fenton Moran; 6. Steve Marks;
7. Sam Smith; 8. Mike Lawrence;
9. Lee Parker; 10. Mark Roberts;
11. Gary Collett; 12. Ian Lyne;
13. Phil Deisel; 14. Ian O'Brien;
15. Steve Carlton; 16. Dave Berglund;
17. Paul Foxwell; 18. Nick Foster;
19. Gary Wright. – Cameron Berg ?
Average 17m 45secs per lap.

'B' grade, 66k (6 laps)

1. Peter Shanley; 2. Matt Davis;
3. Danny Kelsall; 4. Wal Crowley;
5. Mike Brammer; 6. Sam Strk;
7. Bruce McLennan; 8. Sorry folks, no
more places taken.
Average: 18m 55secs per lap.

'C' grade 55km (5 laps)

1. Brett Clapham; 2. Antony Bourn;
3. Mark Burke; 4. Bob Thomson;
5. Trevor Robson; 6. Bevan Buirchall;
7. ??; 8. Roger Scott; 9. Graham Blyth;
10. Rod Atkinson; 11. Dave Dyson;
12. Bob Stephens; 13. Rod Tinniswood;
14. ??; 15. Juliana Olsen;
16. Paul Wighton; plus others!
Average 19m 10secs per lap.

'D' grade, 44km (4 laps)

1. Rod Babel; 2. Bill Crout;
3. Doug Willing; 4. Len Hall;
5. Derek Mayall; 6. Denis Cosgrove;
7. Alison Dyson; 8. Pat Briggs;
9. Terry Lack; 10. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
11. Denis Robinson; 12. Wally Holding;
13. Fran Watson.
Average: 21m 00secs per lap.

7 Jun, Gr. Scratch, Herne Hill (Brigadoon)

Our experiment to finish the 'A' and 'B' grades at the top of Brigadoon Hill while seen by some as an exercise in sadism proved popular with most of those who grunted and groaned up the never-ending incline. It also made the camera redundant, which led to a call by the judges for more hill-top finishes, 'though this is unlikely to eventuate. Once again it was a perfect day – not a breath of wind and clear blue skies that proved perfect riding conditions for the 118 starters. 'D' and 'C' started some 20 minutes before the premier grades, so

as to give some time for spectators and officials to get to the top of Brigadoon Hill. The only worry on the day was the problem of large bunches overtaking on narrow roads, but there were no incidents recorded. 'D' grade covered the circuit at a respectable 17m 20secs, Alison Dyson being prominent at the front of the bunch for much of the race. Lack of concentration by the bunch in the final couple of km, however, saw new rider Rick Ladwig shift off the front to take a 300metre lead that the bunch failed to negate. In the group sprint, Geoff Gilmore crossed the line just ahead of Chris McCabe, with Bill Crout, Leon Nieuwenhuizen and Bill Stibbs following alongside to take up the cash prizes.

The places in 'C' grade saw Brett Clapham and a few of his fellow competitors try to shake up affairs at the front of the bunch but the 33-strong bunch was prepared to give little quarter, resulting in the bunch taking up the width of the road in the rush for the line. It looked like a wild sprint but first-time rider Stephen Milford was able to distance himself by a length from 2nd placed Brett Clapham, while Antony Bourne showed form when leading in Tony Van Moorsel, Adam Scott and newly returned member Maurizio Petacchi.

'B' grade were also bunched together and moved at a steady 15m 10secs per lap – that is until there was a huge upset as they hit the bottom section of Brigadoon Hill, when huge gaps began to appear as some went off the front and some riders went backwards. It was not a day for the sprinters, many of whom were left in the wake dreaming of mass sprints. Strongman on the hill was Rob McGowan who finished a few bike lengths ahead of Julian Chipper and the instigator of the decision to finish at Brigadoon, Wal Crowley. The rest came in one-at-a-time with the field spread over about 5 minutes between first and last. Well-known climber, Mick Russell, brought up the rear but stated that he was looking forward to revenge at the next hill top finish!

'A' grade saw a number of attacks from the word 'go'. Paul Lamond and Darren Hawley led early attacks, while on the 2nd lap Gary Collett, Gary Wright and Nick Foster built up a lead of 200 yards as they passed the start line. With three laps to go, Andrew Brierley and Matt Dec had drawn out a fair lead of 400metres but during the final two laps the formidable figure of Eddy Hollands was seen in full flight and when he hit the bell he was about 2 minutes ahead of the field that had by that time absorbed the break. The climb to the finish proved a formality for Ed, who looked as fresh as he had at the start of the race. As with 'B' there was a massacre on the final climb with Sam Smith proving best of the bunch when finishing second ahead of newly returned rider Michael Bonner, and Richard Woods who had only just ridden a hilly race in Mauritius. Andrew Brierley finished fifth just ahead of Paul Lamond, Richard Kelly and Fred Landon.

'A' grade, 78km (8 laps)

1. Eddy Hollands; 2. Sam Smith;
3. Michael Bonner; 4. Richard Woods;
5. Andrew Brierley; 6. Paul Lamond;
7. Richard Kelly; 8. Fred Landon;
9. Mike Lawrence; 10. Ian Lyne;
11. Lance Portman; 12. Paul Foxwell;
13. Keith Winch; 14. Gary Wright;
15. Dave Rawlings; 16. Steve Carlton;
17. Steve Marks; 18. Lee Parker;
19. Jorge Botello; 20. Gary Collett;
21. Atilla Nagy; 22. Nick Foster;
23. Brian Farrelly; 24. Phil Johnston;
25. Chris Glasby; 26. Ian O'Brien;
27. Fenton Moran; 28. John Van Vliet.
Average 13m 15secs per lap.

'B' grade, 69k (7 laps)

1. Rob McGowan; 2. Julian Chipper;
3. Wal Crowley; 4. Brian Gower;
5. Peter Shanley; 6. Matt Wilding;
7. James Somers; 8. Matt Davis;
9. Simon Chetser; 10. George Law;
11. Ian Turner; 12. Sarah Fraser;
13. Danny Kelsall; 14. Matt Saliacus;
15. Dave Equid; 16. Ian Skidmore;
17. Lindsay O'Brien; 18. Ian McFall;
19. Richard Fear; 20. Rick Churchill;

21. Richard McCartney;
22. Gary Boterhoven;
23. Amanda O'Connor; 24. Ken Harvey;
25. Afton Galbraith; 26. Adrian Slayter;
27. Chris Peniston; 28. Ray Clancey;
29. Wayne Lally; 30. Steve Bush;
31. Russell Fryer; 32. Geoff Marshall;
33. Gavin Wark; 34. Mick Russell.
Average: 15m 10secs per lap.

'C' grade 56km (6 laps)

1. Stephen Milford; 2. Brett Clapham;
3. Antony Bourn; 4. Tony Van Moorsel;
5. Adam Scott; 6. Maurizio Petrocchi;
7. Malcolm McWatt; 8. Andrew Bennett;
9. Brian Buck; 10. Allan Clarke;
11. Mark Burke; 12. Bob Thompson;
13. Shane White; 14. ??;
15. Rod Tinniswood; 16. John Flynn;
17. Dave Dyson; 18. Natalie Laurendeau;
19. ??; 20. Derek McVickers;
21. Jon Dooner; 22. Bob Stephens;
23. Roger Scott; 24. Glenn French;
25. Rod Babel; 26. ??; 27. Paul Wighton;
28. Bevan Buirchall; 29. Chris Hunt;
30. ??; 31. Bruce Bussey; 32. ??;
33. David Liddy.
Average 16m 00secs per lap.

'D' grade, 56km (6 laps)

1. Rick Ladwig; 2. Geoff Gilmore;
3. Chris McCabe; 4. Bill Crout;
5. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 6. Bill Stibbs;
7. Denis Robinson; 8. Barry Eversden;
9. Kevin Hart; 10. Pat Briggs;
11. Larry Ross; 12. Derek Mayall;
13. Alison Dyson; 14. Quinton Brown;
15. Dave Nangle; 16. Fran Watson;
17. Jack Iveson; 18. Leo Enright.
Average: 17m 50secs per lap.

14 June, Gr. Scratch, Wandí

What should have been another perfect day turned out in the dying minutes to be a day that spelled disaster to some riders in 'B' grade. A reported switch in the last 300metres saw a touch of wheels that resulted in flying wheels and bodies, with the result that four riders ended up in hospital. Of the four, Dave Equid, Danny Kelsall and Ken Harvey will be out of action for a few weeks while Ray Clancey was lucky in that when landing on his head he didn't suffer worse than a smashed

helmet. As the referee always warns – ride in a straight line and all will be fine! The referee's other warning that overtaking grades should get well clear and that riders from overtaken grades shouldn't jump away to sit on other grades also appeared to have been ignored, resulting in 'C' and 'D' grades getting mixed up at the finish. The puzzle is why the faster 'C' grade who were only 30metres behind 'D' grade at the bell didn't get well away from their supposedly slower compatriots. Yet another warning was ignored, as following a warning that riders would be penalized if they crossed any double white lines, one rider actually went the wrong way around a roundabout. So, a day to forget and behaviour if it continues that might have the consequence of our losing the right to organize races.

Other than the above, the day went smoothly, the weather was again perfect and the racing excellent. 'A' grade experienced no problems and there was lots of attacking riding. Robert McGowan and John Van Vliet opened up a small gap on lap two, and the following lap Andrew Brierley, George Miller, Richard Kelly and the newly rejuvenated Dave Townson led by about 100 metres at the line. Lance Portman Matt Dec and Steve Marks joined Andrew on the next lap while his previous compatriots were absorbed. Finally, on lap six, Andrew and Matt forged ahead building up a lead of about 500metres at the bell, a lead they held to the finish when Andrew managed to surge to a 5metre win over Matt. Mark Roberts took the bunch sprint, followed by Sam Smith and Fenton Moran, and the rest of the field.

'B' grade stayed together for the majority of the race but on the penultimate lap Peter Shanley and Steve Carlton opened up a gap of about 500metres at the back of the course and slipped away to take the race by a fair margin, with Peter managing to outspurt Steve. Gerrit O'Plaat rode strongly to lead in the rest of the field, followed by Geoff Marshall, Bob Addy, Steve Milford and Russell Fryer, They and a few others were unaware at the mayhem

just behind that cast a shadow over the day's events.

'C' and 'D' saw little in the way of successful breaks and as previously mentioned were still surprisingly together at the finish, despite the former having caught the latter slower grade a lap previously. However, there was enough space between riders to sort out most of the placings. New rider Trevor King took the 'C' grade sprint from Glen French who had much better luck than the last time he rode at Wandii when he suffered a mechanical problem. New blood, Tony McGrath was 3rd while the consistent old-timer Bob Stephens was 4th ahead of Antony Bourn and Paul Hare. 'D' grade saw Roger Scott and Derek McVickers finishing respectively in 1st and 2nd places take a clear lead, while Juliana Austin-Olsen recorded one for the ladies when she outspurted Bill Crout, Pat Briggs and fellow female Alison Dyson who after weeks of endeavour found herself in the cash prizes.

'E' grade saw seven starters, and the hope is that more of the older riders will join them in the coming weeks to build up the numbers. Despite some hard riding at the front, the group remained fairly compact throughout the race, with the result being determined on the drag to the finish when Derek Mayall sprinted ahead to fend off Denis Robinson and Larry Ross. Fran Watson was glad to see some female company and she and Helen Watkins finished in 5th and 6th places.

'A' grade, 75km (9 laps)

1. Andrew Brierley; 2. Matt Dec;
3. Mark Roberts; 4. Sam Smith;
5. Fenton Moran; 6. Lance Portman;
7. Richard Kelly; 8. Gary Wright;
9. Gary Collett; 10. Steve Marks;
11. Ian Lyne; 12. Fred Landon;
13. Chris Glasby; 14. Garth O'Leary;
15. Atilla Nagy; 16. George Miller;
17. Keith Winch; 18. Rob McGowan;
19. Dave Rawlins.

Average 12m 40secs per lap.

'B' grade, 67k (8 laps)

1. Peter Shanley; 2. Steve Carlton;
3. Gerrit O'Plaat; 4. Geoff Marshall;
5. Bob Addy; 6. Steven Milford;
7. Russell Fryer; 8. Ian Turner;
9. Ian McFall – sorry no other placings.
Average: 13m 25secs per lap.

'C' grade 60km (7 laps)

1. Trevor King; 2. Glen French;
3. Tony McGrath; 4. Bob Stephens;
5. Antony Bourn; 6. Paul Hare;
7. Tevor Robson; 8. Adam Scott;
9. Mark Crowther; 10. Dave Dyson;
11. John Flynn; 12. Graham Blyth;
13. John Lambert; 14. ??;
15. Darrell Miller; 16. Allan Clarke;
17. Rod Atkinson; 18. Mark Burke;
19. Rod Tinniswood; 20. Brian Buck;
21. Andrew Bennett; 22. Ian Logan;
23. Mike Watson; 24. Bevan Buirchall –
disqualified - Maurizio Petrocchi.
Average 13m 45secs per lap.

'D' grade, 43km (5 laps)

1. Roger Scott; 2. Derek McVickers;
3. Juiliana Austen-Olsen; 4. Bill Crout;
5. Pat Briggs; 6. Alison Dyson;
7. Bruce Bussey; 8. Paul Wighton;
9. Barry Eversden; 10. John Wighton;
11. Bill Stibbs; 12. ?? ;
13. Michael Guerin; 14. Shane White;
15.. Jeff Gilmore; 16. Graeme Benthien.
Disqualified for pacing after being
dropped – Brendon Heaton; Chris
McCabe; Andrew Lorrimer; Justin
McGoldrick; Jon Dooner; Kevin Hart.
Average: 15m 05secs per lap.

'E' grade, 43k (5 laps)

1. Derek Mayall; 2. Denis Robinson;
3. Larry Ross; 4. Brian Kennedy;
5. Fran Watson; 6. Helen Watkins;
7. Dave Nangle. Average 16m 50s per lap.

21 June, Gr. Scratch, Pickering Brook

A drop in numbers today to 68 riders, no doubt caused by heavy rain the previous night and a chilly start to the morning. However, 'ye of little faith' it remained dry and by the end of racing the sun again shone and a good time had been had by one and all.

'A' grade started with some hard attacks as Richard Woods, Paul Williams and Dave Townson moved to a 25 second lead at the end of the first lap. This lead was held on the second lap but at the end of lap three, Richard and Dave had been absorbed while Andrew Brierley joined Paul in a two-up that saw a growing lead throughout the remainder of the race. Indeed there seemed little interest by the bunch after the initial attempts to bring them back to the fold and they appeared content to ride for the minor placings. In a hard-contested sprint, Andrew Brierley took the verdict by half-a-wheel over Paul Williams and some four minutes later Sam Smith led in the rest of the field. With damp roads punctures were an expected hazard, and George Miller, Steve Marks and Fred Landon all fell victims. The winning ride run at an average of 11m 55secs per lap was a new club record for the course.

'B' grade saw a few attempts by various riders to open gaps but none were successful. It was only on the final lap in an attack on Repatriation Road hill that 'strongman' Peter Shanley broke away to hold a lead of some 50 metres as he crossed the line for first place, thus catching the eye of the handicapper who saw promotion in his bulging thighs! Another consistent place-getter, Ian Turner recorded another 2nd place, while recently returned Marty Van Moorsel showed that he was finding his sprinting legs when leading in Geoff Marshall, Gary Boterhoven, Stephen Milford and the rest of the closely packed bunch. Again there were a few puncture victims out of the 21 starters, Afton Galbraith, Damien Appleton and Steve Carlton being the unlucky ones, though Steve chased gamely to the finish after changing his tyre.

'C' grade rode around at a respectable 13m 25s per lap but as with 'B' grade a few riders managed to take a slight lead in the final kms of the race. Bob Thompson sprinted strongly to beat his compatriot Antony Bourn to the line, while Trevor Robson finished some 20 metres behind to lead-in Michael Paxman and Natalie

Laurendeau, with the bunch riding in just behind in an almost blanket finish.

Because of shortage of nominations, the three 'E' grade riders were absorbed into 'D' grade, though only Denis Robinson survived to finish the race, with 75-year old Brian Kennedy claiming this was the first race in which he'd ever packed. Derek McVickers blew his chances of ever riding in 'D' again when he broke away to start the final two laps with a lead of 50 metres that he extended to a sizeable lead as he crossed the line for the final time. In a three-up sprint Bronek Van Moorsel showed that his come-back was showing dividends when he finished ahead of new member Justin McGoldrick and Pat Briggs.

'A' grade, 76km (10 laps)

1. Andrew Brierley; 2. Paul Williams;
3. Sam Smith; 4. Richard Woods;
5. Ian Lyne; 6. Richard Kelly;
7. Ian O'Brien; 8. Frans Buissink;
9. Gary Collett; 10. Brian Farrelly;
11. Dave Townson.

Average 11m 55secs per lap.

'B' grade, 69k (9 laps)

1. Peter Shanley; 2. Ian Turner;
3. Marty Van Moorsel; 3. Geoff Marshall;
5. Gary Boterhoven; 6. Stephen Milford;
7. Simon Chester; 8. Andrew Candy;
9. Greg McCoy; 10. Shaun Hodges;
11. Matt Saliacus; 12. Steve Bush;
13. Ian McFall; 14. Richard McCartney;
15. Steve Carlton.

Average: 12m 35secs per lap.

'C' grade 60km (8 laps)

1. Bob Thompson; 2. Antony Bourn;
3. Trevor Robson; 4. Michal Paxman;
5. Natalie Laurandean; 6. Paul Wighton;
7. Andrew Bennett; 8. Rod Tinniswood;
9. Dave Dyson; 10. Nick Crane;
11. Malcolm McWatt; 12. Glenn French;
13. Bevan Buirchall; 14. Mark Burke;
15. Allan Clarke; 16. Ray Clancey.

Average 13m 25secs per lap.

'D' grade, 45km (6 laps)

1. Derek McVickers;
2. Bronek van Moorsel;

3. Justin McGoldrick; 4. Pat Briggs;
5. Denis Robinson; 6. Alison Dyer;
7. Barry Eversden.

Average: 14m 30secs per lap.

28 June, Gr. Scratch, Neerabup

A small field consisting of 50 riders turned out for the Neerabup event. Perhaps put off by the appalling weather at this event in 2008 and faced by overnight torrential rain and high winds, the other 50 or so riders who might have been expected to turn up probably decided to stay between the sheets. But once more (a common remark in these columns) there was only the mildest suggestion of rain and though there was a hard and blustery wind the day ended in sunshine and pleasant conditions. However, it was a day when only the foolhardy took to the front, especially as the finishing leg was head on into the wind.

'A' grade's race was decided on the first lap when five riders of the 16 starters rode hard to force a lead that saw them gain 1m 30seconds by the end of the lap. That they completed the lap in a new record time of 11m 45 secs is an indicator of the effort they put into gaining the lead. It was then just a matter of them riding hard but steadily together to maintain the lead and demoralise the chasers who saw the lead increase to almost three minutes by the finish. The finish saw an eye-popping effort over the last 150 metres with the camera having to determine the winner, the verdict going by a narrow margin to George Miler over Sam Smith, with new rider John Gregg finishing a couple of lengths ahead of Mark Roberts and Nick Foster. The chasing group was led in by Gary Wright who finished in sixth place a few lengths ahead of the rest of the field.

'B' graders acted with more decorum than their 'A' grade compatriots to ride together for the duration of the race. There appeared to be no heroics and the event was decided in the final bunch sprint when Gavin Lawson had a close-fought fight with Geoff 'Chopper' Marshall to win by a matter of centimetres. Peter Shanley who

looked as if he had something in reserve at the finish was again in the money when he finished third, a length in front of Ian Turner, Matt Saliacus and the rest of the group. Their average for the nine laps was almost exactly one minute slower than the average for 'A'.

'C' grade also found it expedient in the blustery conditions to stay comfortably together, their average lap being almost a minute slower than 'B', and again the verdict came down to the fight up the incline and into the wind. Nick Crane looked comfortable in the sprint, though David Dyson fought hard to retain his wheel, while Paul Wighton and new rider Paul Humphries were in their wake. Ray Clancey when finishing fifth showed that he was fast recovering from his recent fall at Wandii,

'D' grade saw three DNFs with Barry Eversden, Road Babel and Kevin Hart finding conditions a bit too rough for their state of fitness. In a sprint finish Quinton Brown recorded his first win since becoming a member, while old-timer, Derek Mayall sprinted hard to beat Pat Briggs, Bill Stibbs and John Wighton to the line. Alison Dyson again rode strongly for most of the race, only being dropped on the bell lap when on the final leg into the wind.

'A' grade, 75km (10 laps)

1. George Miller; 2. Sam Smith;
3. John Gregg; 4. Mark Roberts;
5. Nick Foster; 6. Gary Wright;
7. Lee Parker; 8. Fenton Moran;
9. Steve Marks; 10. Nick Foster;
11. Keith Winch; 12. Ian Lynne.
Average 12m 35secs per lap.

'B' grade, 68k (9 laps)

1. Gavin Lawson; 2. Geoff Marshall;
3. Peter Shanley; 4. Ian Turner;
5. Matt Saliacus; 6. Nick Smith;
7. Kelly Gray; 8. Steve Bush;
9. Shaun Hodges; 10. James Somers;
11. Dave Groves.
Average: 13m 35secs per lap.

'C' grade 60km (8 laps)

1. Nick Crane; 2. Dave Dyson;
3. Paul Wighton; 4. Paul Humphries;
5. Ray Clancey; 6. Antony Bourn;
7. Allan Clarke; 8. Malcolm McWatt;
9. Graham Blyth; 10. Trevor Robson;
11. Rod Tinniswood;
12. Bronck van Moorsel.
Average 14m 25secs per lap.

'D' grade, 52km (7 laps)

1. Quinton Brown; 2. Derek Mayall;
3. Pat Briggs; 4. Bill Stibbs;
5. John Wighton; 5. Alison Dyson;
6. Jeff Gilmore; 7. Justin Goldrick.
Average: 15m 45secs per lap.

5 July, Memorial Handicap, Herne Hill

Just how lucky can you get? Another beautiful day following a week of mixed weather conditions – hardly a breath of wind and temperatures that rose to close to 20 degrees by the end of the race. If the weather was good, the racing was too and though the calm conditions were geared in favour of the longmarkers, scratch were on fire and worked well to bring everyone back to the fold on the final lap. Their consistency and smooth riding was shown by their lap times that ranged between 13m 25secs to 13m 35 secs, to cover the 54km in 1hr 22 secs. In the sprint, Gary Wright started off the action some 400metres out, a move that saw the large bunch stretch, so making it a less risky approach to the finish line. In a spectacular sprint, George Miller once more showed his explosive finish to beat fellow scratchman Pedro Turibaka by a quarter of a wheel, while Fred Landon off from block took a well-deserved third place. Gary Collett was pleased to finish fourth against some serious opposition, while Sam Smith, and Matt Saliacus were closely matched when leading in Bob Addy, Mark Roberts and Steve Carlton. With 15 prizes there was a healthy spread of the money, although George walked away not only with the \$100 first prize but also the \$50 for fastest time, plus a club trophy and two trophies kindly awarded by Leo Enright. A minute's silence for past members with a reading of names of the deceased was held before the start of the race.

'A' Grade - 54km (6 laps))
1st and fastest, George Miller, 1hr 22m;
2. Pedro Turibaka (scr); 3. Fred Landon (1m22s); 4. Gary Collett (1m15s);
5. Sam Smith (Scr); 6. Matt Saliacus (3m00s); 7. Ian Lyne (1m 15s);
8. Bob Addy (3m00s); 9. Mark Roberts (Scr); 10. Steve Carlton; 11. John Clark (5m00s); 12. Dale Groves (3m00s);
13. Geoff Marshall (3m00s); 14. Justin McGoldrick (11.00s); 15. Nick Foster (Scr); 16. Nick Smith (3m00s); 17. Keith Winch (1m15s); 18. Allan Clarke (11m00s); 19. Andrew Candy (5m00s);
20. Ian Turner (1m15s); 21. Ray Clancey (8m00s); 22. ??; 23. Steve Dodd (5m00s);
24. Mark Burke (8m00s); 25. Brian Farrely (Scr); 26. Lee Parker (Scr); 27. Steve Marks (1m15s); 28. Mike Lawrence (1m15s); 29. Rod Tinniswood (5m00s);
30. Juliana Austin-Olsen (11m00s); 31. Roy Swift (20m00s); 32. Brian Buck (8m00s); 33. Gary Wright (Scr); 34. Pat Briggs (15m00s); 35. Rod Babel (11m00s); 36. Bill Crout (11m00s);
37. Mick Russell (5m00s); 38. Shane White (11m00s) – afraid no more places taken.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Frans Buissink** who finished second in the Menzies-Kalgoorlie 132km handicap on 1st June. The event was won by 'C' grade rider Dean Emslie by a few centimetres. The Menzies is the oldest race in Western Australia and is keenly contested as a 'Classic'.

Overtaking

We have received some criticism recently from motorists with respect to bunches crossing the white line, or blocking the road so that it becomes difficult for motor vehicles to overtake. In particular one incident involved a large bunch overtaking another. While we understand that overtaking another bunch is inevitable in most races, we would urge those being overtaken to ease-up temporarily and to move to the left and for those overtaking to do so with caution. Our future existence on the road depends on riders using their

heads and trying to keep calm in the heat of the moment!

Cursing

At a recent event, during a large bunch finish, loud and clear expletives were heard coming from the midst of the bunch. It was too difficult to find the culprit but let's repeat a previous warning – anyone caught cursing during the course of a race will be disqualified and fined. On a second offence the fine will be doubled. You have been warned!

Precaution - ICE

If there is a medical emergency are you equipped to provide the information required by the ambulance personnel who are likely to treat you? By this we mean, are you carrying information when racing or training regarding any medical problems, any medication that you take. Additional information such as your name and address, blood type, a contact name and address, are all recommended to be carried at all times. All it requires is a small card in your pocket in a plastic cover to possibly help you and the medicos in an emergency. There are also professionally made ID bracelets, etc. that can be carried. For more info see the web at; <<http://www.idaustralia.com.au>>.

FOR SALE

In the market for a new bike? Then contact Andrew Brierley who has a magnificent Pinarello 56cm, with Campag Chorus for \$2,500. Also, as new, a pair of Mavic Cosmos carbon wheels for \$1,000.

Contact Andrew at: 0403027423, e.mail: <Andrew@brooksconstruction.com.au>

NEW RACE NUMBERS

Please note that you need to take great care of the new race numbers – **don't fold or crunch**, as they are easily damaged.

Rose Preedy Points Competition

Herewith the position up to and including the Memorial Handicap at Herne Hill on 8 July. Still a long way to go! But some riders are still hitting the century points score. For additional scores see the web.

Name	Rank	Points
Smith, Sam	1	110
Shanley, Peter	2	108
Marshall Geoff	3	107
Briggs Pat	4	97
Mayall Derek	5	95
Bourne Antony	6	94
Robinson Denis	7	93
Brierley Andrew	8	88
Burke Mark	8	88
Turner Ian	8	88
Dyson Ali	11	83
Dyson Dave	11	83
McVickers Derek	11	83
Wright Gary	14	82
Collett Gary	15	78
Stibbs, William (Bill)	16	78
Marks, Steve	17	77
Tinniswood Rod	18	77
Stephens Bob	19	76
Robson, Trevor	20	75
Landon, Fred	21	74
Miller George	22	74
Babel Rod	23	73
Wighton Paul	24	73
Foster, Nick	25	64
Kelly, Richard	26	64
Winch, Keith	27	62
Clancey Ray	28	61
Crout Bill	29	61
Lyne, Ian	30	60
Bennett Andrew (Peel)	31	57
Kennedy, Brian	32	57
Ross Larry	33	57
Clarke, Alan	34	55
Moran Fenton	35	55
Crowley Walter	36	54
Saliacus Matthew	37	54
Carlton Stephen	38	53
Churchill Rick	39	53
Gower Brian	40	52
Kelsall Danny	41	52
Paxman Brian	42	52
Bush Stephen	43	51
Gilmore Geoff	44	51
Clapham, Brett	45	50
Guerin Michael	46	50
Scott Adam	47	50
McWatt, Malcolm	48	49
Swift Roy	49	49

Candy Andrew	50	48
Hall Len	51	46
McFall Ian	52	46
Nieuwenhuizen, Leon	53	46
Hollands Eddie	54	45
Lally Wayne	55	45
Scott Roger	56	45
Skidmore Ian	57	45
Watson Fran	58	45
Bussey Bruce	59	44
Eversden Barry	60	44
Farrelly, Brian	61	44
Equid Dave	62	43
Boterhoven Gary	63	42
Hart Kevin	64	41
Thomson, Bob	65	41
Crespi Paul	66	40
Dodd Stephen	67	40
Harvey Kenneth	68	40
Logan Kevan	69	40
Buirchell Bevan	70	39
Davis, Matt	71	39
Parker, Lee	72	39
Somers, James	73	39
Annand Andrew	74	38
Chester, Simon	75	38
Galbraith Afton	76	38
Russell Michael	77	38
Benthien Graham	78	37
Blyth, Graham	79	37
Lack Terry	80	37
Oplaat, Gerrit	81	37
Turibaka, Pedro	82	37
Hawley Darren	83	35
Law George	84	35
Matthews Steven	85	35
Cosgrove, Denis	86	34
Appleton Damien	87	33
Lamond Paul	88	33
Ratcliffe Steph	89	33
Craig Ray 'The Fox'	90	32
O'Brien Lindsay	91	32
Usher, Jeff	92	32
Hartas Wayne	93	31
Hunt Bruce	94	31
Nangle David	95	31

