



Newsletter – August 2011

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Forthcoming Events

All events **start at 9.00am** unless otherwise advertised. Line noms except for races marked * or ** on race programme. Contact Handicapper, Wayne Lally *or*, Racing Secretary, Trelma Lally 93302643 <waynelally@optusnet.com.au>

14 August – Gr. Scratch – Neerabup

21 August – Gr Scratch – Pickering Brook

28 August – Gr Scratch – Chidlow ‘B’.

Start 9.30am. Note new cook and extended menu at the Tavern. Why not stay for a bite and some socialising after the presentation!?

11 September – Gr Scratch – Wandii

18 September - Gr Scratch – Dog Hill, Baldivis

25 September - Willing Homes **Age Div.**

Championships – Chidlow ‘A’. Start 9.30am.

Noms 7 days in advance.

2nd October – Peel CC – BGC Concrete Spring Classic – Group Handicap. **Noms 7 days in advance.**

Dog Hill Incident

During a recent event at Dog Hill, the referee used his discretion when allowing three riders involved in a crash and a rider who had stopped to provide 1st Aid, back into the race. For this he was criticised by some riders from that bunch. It is stressed that the incident occurred early in the race and in the opinion of the referee gave no advantage to those involved in the accident. The objection to the decision also impinged upon the generosity of the person who decided to abandon his race for

the sake and well being of others. We would like to see a more generous attitude among riders, who should be mindful that such decisions are up to the discretion of the referee. Note that if the incident had occurred at a late stage of the race, then the riders would not have been allowed back in. As the referee pointed out, there was no big money at stake and his decision was made in the sporting spirit with which he hoped would be applauded by the club.

RACE RESULTS

3 July – Gr Scratch Wandii

First race on the amended course on a still but chilly day, though we were spared rain and we were blessed with sunshine. However, damp roads saw the puncture bug strike with a vengeance and at least a dozen riders walked or hitched lifts back to the start. Not too many took heed of the suggestion in the last newsletter that spare tubes should be carried, but if you don't worry about worn cleats and sore feet, that's up to you as individuals to decide!

Difficult to tell whether the extra ‘hill’ in the circuit had any affect, as times seemed to be fairly similar to times on the old course, with the exception of B’ grade which averaged a minute faster, and ‘E’ grade that went a minute slower per lap.

In order of start, ‘B’ grade saw a long and sustained attack by three riders from the

2nd lap that resulted in a lead of 1m 40secs at the bell, where it stayed until the finishing line. Chris Roberts, Paul Prottey and new rider Bruce Rollerson were those involved in the break, though Bruce found himself tailed off with three laps to go. This allowed the other two instigators to work together until the final 300metres when Paul Prottey unleashed a final attack that saw him beat Chris Roberts across the line by 10 metres. Tony Mott took the bunch sprint just ahead of Stephen Farran, Gavin Wark, Bob Addy and the rest of the closely bunched group.

C' grade kept up its usual collective fast but steady pace, although Matthew Wakeling did open up a gap of some 15seconds half-way through the race. With five non-finishers, most the victims of punctures, this left 18 riders to finish the race. The contest came down to the final sprint, which went to Matthew Wakeling who triumphed over Julian Chipper, both new riders to the bunch. Richard Monaghan kept up his recent good form by taking third place just ahead of Mick Burton, Dennis Radcliffe and Sean Crummey.

'D' grade received 14 nominations, though Graeme Benthien was a DNS when for the first time in a 50 year racing career he forgot to bring his shoes! Peter Vaughan was an unlucky puncture victim, while Judith Higgot who was allowed to jump in on the second lap because of a pre-race puncture, punctured again, thus bringing the bunch down to 10 riders. No great breaks but another sprint finish in which Darryl Miller not only won but was seen to free wheel from about 20 metres out to cross a couple of lengths ahead of Allan MacDonald and first lady, Jane MacIntyre. Bruce Abbott pushed Leon Niewenhuizen into 5th place, while Wayne Gordon crossed just ahead of Jenny Sammons.

'A' grade remained fairly calm until the 3rd lap when George Miller and king of the time trialists', Mark Roberts, opened up a 15 seconds lead. Riding strongly they were still in the lead until 2 laps to go when mysteriously Mark appeared with Brian Farrelly on his tail, with George sitting comfortably in the middle of the bunch. Riding strongly, the tandem, with a 20 second lead at the bell, pulled away to a 45 second victory, the first place going Mark Roberts. In a closely contested bunch sprint, it was Dave Rawlings who sprang out of the pack

to a two length lead over Wayne Thomson, Andrew Brierley and Brendon Nichol. Mike Pardon who finished last was one of the few to puncture and finish.

'E' grade started with six riders but that was reduced to four when Des Williams and Alan Taylor decided to take it easy after a couple of laps, to finish comfortably a couple of minutes after their compatriots. As in the previous couple of events, Roy Swift lived up to his name when finishing first in the sprint, a length or two in front of Derek Mayall, Denis Robinson and Fran Watson, the latter looking quite fresh as she crossed the line.

A final note: at the changing quarters, please refrain from parking in the drive near the Community Centre entrance. If the main carpark is full, we have been asked to use the Equestrian carpark that's inside the gate near the entrance.

'A' Grade, 76km, 9 laps

1. Mark Roberts; 2. Brian Farrelly;
3. Dave Rawlings; 4. Wayne Thomson;
5. Andrew Brierley; 6. Brendon Nichol;
7. George Miller; 8. Phil Diesel;
9. Peter Shanley; 10. Lee Parker;
11; Ian Lyne; 12. Tim Mollison;
13. Steve Marks; 14. Paul Speyers;
15. Andrew Duff; 16. Mike Pardon.
Average per lap: 12m 55secs.

'B' Grade, 69km, 8 laps

1. Paul Prottey; 2. Chris Roberts;
3. Tony Mott; 4. Stephen Farren;
5. Gavin Wark; 6. Bob Addy;
7. Danny Kelsall; 8. Andrew Candy;
9. Barry Wanless; 10. Dave Dyson;
11. Ian McFall; 12. Scott Ayles;
13. Bruce Rollinson; 14. Mark Anastasas;
15. Guy Pritchard; 16. John Clark.
Average per lap: 13m 15secs.

'C' Grade, 60km, 7 laps

1. Matthew Wakeling; 2. Julian Chipper;
3. Richard Monaghan; 4. Mike Burton;
5. Dennis Radcliffe; 6. Sean Crummey;
7. Peter Neuzerling; 8. Alison Dyson;
9. Bob Stephens; 10. Paul Marshall;
11. Chris Graham; 12. Geoff Usher;
13. Nick Cunnington; 14. Mick Russell;
15. Ian Broadley; 16. Jason Wolsoncroft;

17. Mark Leaker; 18. Antony Bourn;
19. Graham Tait.

Average per lap: 14m 00secs

'D' Grade, 52km – 6 laps

1. Darryl Miller; 2. Allan MacDonald;
3. Jane MacIntyre; 4. Bruce Abbott;
5. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 6. Wayne Gordon;
7. Jenny Sammons; 8. Megan McEwan;
9. John Flynn.

Average per lap: 15m 30secs

'E' grade, 46km 6 laps

1. Roy Swift; 2. Derek Mayall;
3. Denis Robinson; 4. Fran Watson;
5. Des Williams; 6. Alan Taylor.

Average per lap: 17m 35secs.

10 July – Gr Scratch Pickering Brook

The coldest morning of the season and a fairly strong headwind on the finishing straight saw 80 riders all a shiver as they waited patiently on the start line. You weren't alone lads and lasses, as cold fingers tried hard to put pens to paper from the shade of the bus shelter. Along with the help of a few punctures, the weather caused 14 to abandon, thus many more than the norm in our races. Surprisingly the average times for the four groups were roughly the same as on previous more favourable days, so perhaps showing the continuing improvement in standards.

While 'A' grade showed a time only 5 seconds slower per lap than our ride on 5 June, in truth this was only true for the breakaway trio who finished about 3 minutes ahead of the main bunch. After initial jockeying, the break came on lap four when 4 riders crossed the line 20 seconds up, to then consolidate into a trio comprising Sam Smith, John Gregg and Chris Glasby who drew steadily ahead of their compatriots. Unfortunately for Chris, the hammer went down on the final climb of Repatriation Road, leaving the 'sprint', which turned out to be a crawl, to Sam and John, with Sam gracefully waving John through to take 1st place. Chris came in some 20 seconds down, while by Peter Shanley, Gary Wright, Peter Trench and Paul Prottey led in the bunch.

'B' grade averaged exactly a minute a lap slower than the winners of the premier grade, though in this race too, there was a break that stayed away for much of the race. The two animators, Jaimie Kirkwood and Andrew

Patterson, broke away to a 30 second lead on lap 4 and at the bell were 2 minutes ahead, a gap that they kept to the final crossing of the line. In the sprint, Jaimie proved the strongest to win by half-a-dozen lengths over Andrew, while John Clark who claimed to have suffered, took 3rd place ahead of Ian McFall, Scott Ayles, Stephen Farran and a few more closely grouped riders.

'C' grade saw steady riding for the first three laps, but it then broke up on the 4th into small groups. One of two female riders, Karyn Aldrich had an unfortunate first ride with the club when she punctured, but having dropped her spare on the back side of the course, had to walk past the finish in her socks! In the final sprint, Charlie Gargett showed his form when beating Javan Wolsoncroft by a length, with Mike Burton and Peter Neuzerling close behind.

Eight 'D' grade starters hosted three 'E' graders, Derek Mayall, Roy Swift and Denis Robinson. However, Derek retired with a puncture, Roy experienced some mechanical trouble but finished 2nd in his division, while Denis Robinson 'enjoyed' a lonely ride to finish 1st. Meanwhile Ian Broadley punctured early in the race in 'D', while they also lost Wayne Gordon and Graeme Benthien, thus leaving a much depleted field to fight out the finish. In a close fought sprint, Dave Walker came past Allan MacDonald with 5 metres to go, while Bruce Abbott finished close behind, leaving Leon Nieuwenhuizen and Dave Dellar to sop up the other placings.

'A' Grade, 76km, 10 laps

1. John Gregg; 2. Sam Smith;
3. Chris Glasby; 4. Peter Shanley;
5. Gary Wright; 6. Peter Trench;
7. Paul Prottey; 8. Mark Roberts;
9. Mike Pardon; 10. Paul Speyers;
11. Doug Stewart; 12. Wayne Thomson;
13. Chris Jones; 14. Michael Tapscott;
15. Paul Lamond; 16. Mark Horn;
17. Dave Rawlings; 18. Dean Gathercole;
19. Ian Lyne.

Average: 12m 00secs per lap.

'B' Grade, 69km, 9 laps

1. Jaimie Kirkwood; 2. Andrew Patterson;

3. John Clark; 4. Ian McFall; 5. Scott Ayles;
6. Stephen Farran; 7. Gavin Lawson;
8. Andrew Candy; 9. Danny Kelsall;
10. Sean Crumme; 11. John Buonvecchi;
12. Stuart Durham; 13. Mark Crowther;
14. Walter Crowley; 15. Reg Edwards;
16. Keith Gill; 17. Bruce Rollerson;
18. John Spicer; 19. Mark Anastasas;
20. Nick Gray; 21. Frans Buissink;
22. Ian Turner; 23. Andrew Duff;
24. Dave Dyson.

Average: 13m 00secs per lap.

'C' Grade, 62km, 8 laps

1. Charlie Gargett; 2. Javan Wolsoncroft;
3. Mike Burton; 4. Peter Neuzerling;
5. Peter Hammond; 6. Todd Ryan;
7. Daniel Walmsley; 8. Mark Castle;
9. Antony Bourn; 10. Ali Dyson;
11. Clayton Brandwood;
12. Dennis Radcliffe; 13. Mick Brown;
14. Jeff Usher.

Average: 13m 45secs per lap.

'D' Grade, 52km – 7 laps

1. David Walker; 2. Allan MacDonald;
3. Bruce Abbott; 4. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
5. David Dellar.

Average: 15.m 40secs per lap.

'E' grade, 52km 7 laps

1. Denis Robinson; 2. Roy Swift.

17 July – York-Beverley-York 50.5km H'cp

Following a wettish week the 48 starters were delighted to find dry and pleasant conditions as they started the ride from York to Beverley and return. First triumph of the day belonged to Bruce Abbott from the 16minute group, who breasted the prime hill situated about 30 Km into the ride.

No doubt inspired by the T de F and the generous prize-money, the 7 scratchmen, giving 26mins to the limit riders, worked hard to bring back the rest of the field, though this wasn't achieved until about two to three km to go. Sam Smith jumped away on the final climb on the Quarading Road only to be overhauled by Chris Glasby who then opened a gap that he maintained to the finish line where he arrived some 30 metres ahead of Sam. Wayne Thomson who took fastest time in 2010 was third, a few metres behind, while a bunch of 11 riders finished in close proximity, led in by

Michael Tapscott, Tim Mollison, Dave Rawlings, Mike Pardon and Jamie Kirkwood. Stephen Farran finishing 9th, was the first rider from other than scratch or block, while Jarrad Bell bitten by the puncture bug in a previous event saw a change of fortune when he took the 15th place prize-money from the 12 minute mark. Alison Dyson, also on 12 minutes took the prize for the first unplaced female and in so doing beat husband Dave from the 9minute mark by 2 places!

Unluckiest riders of the day were Geoff Gilmore and Charlie Gargett. Both punctured, but 'valiantly' rode on to finish the race.

At the presentation in the Castle Hotel, Chris Glasby was delighted to receive not only his money for 1st and for fastest time but also the perpetual and two replica trophies. By coincidence, the fastest time of just over 1hr 14m was the same as that recorded last year.

Results

1. Chris Glasby (Scr); 2. Sam Smith (Scr);
3. Wayne Thomson (Scr); 4. Michael Tapscott (Scr); 5. Tim Mollison (3.m);
6. Dave Rawlings (3m); 7. Mike Pardon (3m); 8. Jaimie Kirkwood (3m); 9. Stephen Farran (6m); 10. Darren McPartland;
11. Gary Wright (Scr); 12. Mark Paget (6m); 13. Peter Hammond (9m); 14. Doug Stewart (Scr); 15. Jarrod Bell (12m); 16. Phil Johnston (3m); 17. Mike Burton (9m);
18. Allan MacDonald (16m); 19. Scott Ayles (6m); 20. Ian Lyne (Scr); 21. Phil Deisel (3m); 22. Peter Neuzerling (9m);
23. Bob Stephens (16m); 24. Bruce Abbott (16m); 25. Alison Dyson (12m); 26. Steve Richards (16m); 27. Dave Dyson (9m); 28. Bob Stephens (16m); 29. Antony Bourn (6m); 30. Ian Trayler (6m); 31. Dennis Radcliffe (12m); 32. Trevor Robson (12m);
33. Jeff Usher (12m); 34. Mark Castle (9m); 35. John Clark (3m); 36. Megan McEwan (20m); 37. Geoff Gilmore (12m); 38. Mick Dixon (20m); 39. Leon Nieuwenhuizen (20m); 40. Dave Walker (16m); 41. Andrew Bartlett (9m); 42. Steve Ryan (9m); 43. Denis Robinson (26m); 44. Fran Watson (26m); 45. Charlie Gargett (6m).

1st unplaced woman – Alison Dyson

Prime – Bruce Abbott.

Fastest Time; Chris Glasby – 1h 14m 40s.

24 July – Gr. Scratch – Dog Hill, Baldavis.

Another pleasant day for the 82 starters, though a bit of a breeze in the face on the home straight. While numbers were good, lack of race numbers saw a late start, but there was no truth in the rumour that a police escort helped Wendy Addy and Trelma Lally collect the numbers from the President's home. Still, there were no grumbles and the start was delayed by only 30mins, which gave the late-comers a chance to warm up.

As usual, most of the action when related to breakaways occurred in the premier grade, Troy Coulthard and Dean Gathercole having a lead of 150metres on the first lap, though being chased by Ian Hills in his first race with the club. Unfortunately for Ian who had driven to the event from Corregin, he was involved in a pile up early in the race, and was bandaged up by the ever-vigilant Gary Wright, after which they both sat in at the back of the bunch. The most promising break involved Wayne Thomson, Troy Coulthard and Paul Lamond who had gained a lead on the 4th lap. The following lap they were joined by Dave Rawlings, and a lap later by Ian Lyne, by which time the lead had stretched to 25 seconds. However, hard riding from behind saw all together as they hit the bell lap, and despite some reported hard attacks by Doug Stewart and a couple of others to soften up the field (no doubt inspired by lead-out trains in Le Tour!), there was a mass sprint in which Matt Poyner was successful, though closely pressed by Mark Anastasas who finished a quarter of a wheel behind. Peter Shanley who had been involved in the pile-up was 3rd, (he graciously handed his prize-money to the club) with the ever-present Andrew Brierley leading in the early protagonists Paul Prottey, Wayne Thomson and Dean Gathercole.

'B' grade with 19 in the field, fell short of the 'A' group by 9 riders, and while moving at a respectable rate of knots, they were still on average, 1m 25secs slower per lap than 'A'. As seen from the platform of the Ute on the finishing line, the only attack of the day was that of Ian Trayler who opened up a gap of about 200metres on the 2nd lap – though no doubt there were many other moves away from

the eyes of the crowds gathered at the line. Another mass finish saw Matthew Wakeling give an impressive performance as he sprinted clear of the bunch. He was followed into 2nd place by Darren McPartland, new trial rider Anthony Mateljan, Charlie Garget, Peter Hammond, and Ian Trayler, the latter gaining the final 6th place cash spot.

'C' grade witnessed no heroics but moving on average at only 30secs per lap slower than 'B', there was probably not much chance of a successful break. This played into the hands of those who were trackwise, Mick Russell who blasted to a two length win over Mike Burton, Steve Ryan, Fennis Radcliffe, Scott Roberts and 1st and only female in the group, Ali Dyson.

'The 'D' graders were also without any visible attacks which again played into the hands of the sprinters, resulting in Bob Stephens taking his first victory since returning to the racing ranks after his injuries. Wayne Gordon followed in his shadow ahead of previous week's York prime winner Bruce Abbott who led in Trevor Robson and the remainder of the field.

A larger than usual 'E' grade saw 8 riders contest the race. At over 80 years of age, Brian Paxman decided after three laps that he would rather wait to watch the finish than ride alone for the final lap. As it was, he witnessed Des Williams seize the initiative when outsprinting Roy Swift and Megan McEwan for the cash prizes.

'A' Grade, 83km, 8 laps

1. Matt Poyner; 2. Mark Anastasas;
3. Peter Shanly; 4. Andrew Brierley;
5. Paul Prottey; 6. Wayne Thomson;
7. Dean Gathercole; 8. Tony Mott;
9. Richard Kelly; 10. Mike Pardon;
11. Brian Farrelly; 12. Chris Roberts;
13. Steve Marks; 14. Mark Horn;
15. Ian Lyne; 16. Tim Mollison;
17. Nick Foster; 18. Peter Trench;
19. Keith winch; 20. Chris Glasby;
21. Troy Coulthard; 22. Sam Smith;
23. Dave Rawlings; 24. Paul Lamond;
25. Gary Wright; 26. Greg Stoyles;
27. Doug Stewart.

Average 15m 45secs per lap

'B' grade, 74km, 7 laps

1. Matthew Wakeling;
 2. Darren McPartland; 3. Anthony Mateljan;
 4. Charlie Gargett; 5. Peter Hammond;
 6. Ian Trayler; 7. Paul Heyes; 8. Bob Addy;
 9. Mark Crowther; 10. Danny Kelsall;
 11. Andrew Candy; 12. Ian McFall;
 13. John Buonevecchi; 14. Ames Somers;
 15. Bruce McLennan; 16. Guy Pritchard;
 167. Marc Sprod; 18. Dave Dyson.
- Average 17m 10secs per lap

'C' grade, 64km, 6 laps

1. Mick Russell; 2. Mike Burton;
 3. Steve Ryan; 4. Dennis Radcliffe;
 5. Scott Roberts; 6. Ali Dyson;
 7. Shannon Arnott; 8. Todd Ryan;
 9. Dave Equid; 10. Craig Guy;
 11. Ian Broadley; 12. Clayton Brandwood;
 13. Brian Walsh; 14. Geoff Gilmore;
 15. Jeff Usher; 16. Peter Neuzerling.
- Average 17m 40secs per laps

'D' grade, 53km, 5 laps

1. Bob Stephens; 2. Wayne Gordon;
 3. Bruce Abbott; 4. Trevor Robson;
 5. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 6. Mick Brown;
 7. Bill Stibbs; 8. Derek Crowther;
 9. Mick Dixon; 10. Allan McDonalds;
 1. Darryl Miller.
- Average 18m 50secs per lap

'E' grade, 43km, 4 laps

1. Des Williams; 2. Roy Swift;
 3. Megan McEwan; 4. Derek Mayall;
 5. Alan Taylor; 6. Denis Robinson;
 7. Fran Watson.
- Average 21m 15secs per lap

31 July – Gr Scratch, Chidlow 'A'.

Sunday morn dawned dark and threatening resulting in only 39 hardy souls turning out to pit their limbs against the hills and inclement weather. However, despite torrential rain during the races, it wasn't too cold and under the conditions the speeds per lap were surprisingly good.

The 17 'A' graders were certainly not intimidated by the conditions, starting off at sprinting pace, that saw the bunch split in the first few hundred metres. At the end of lap one, six riders had a lead of 15 to 20 seconds. Lap two saw five riders, Sam Smith, Chris Glasby,

Wayne Thomson, Andrew Brierley and Paul Prottey draw ahead to take a commanding lead that was never threatened. At the bell the leaders were 3m 45secs ahead of the main bunch – or what remained of it - while on that penultimate lap Sam Smith and Chris Glasby forced a gap of 15 seconds over the three other breakaway compatriots. This had increased to 1m 15secs by the time Sam Smith crossed the line in first place, some 15 metres ahead of a cramping Chris Glasby. Wayne Thomson led in the chasers, closely followed by Andrew Brierley and Paul Prottey, while Richard Kelly led in the remainder to take 6th place. Roger Knight, following a month's racing in Belgium, where it rained every day, was one rider who really felt at home in the damp conditions.

Other than a two-lap break by Mark Crowther who held at most a slender lead of 15 to 20seconds, 'B' grade with 10 riders was the only group that stayed together for the whole race. The sharp end of the race saw a great effort by Ian Trayler who sprinted his way up the finish hill some 20 metres ahead of Frans Buissink. Frans having suffered earlier in the week from food poisoning had lost some weight, thus improving his power to weight ratio and hill climbing ability! Peter Hammond was close behind, only just beating Paul Heyes and the rest of the group across the line.

'C' grade looked set to ride steadily and together for the first two laps, but an attack at that juncture saw a split involving Mike Burton, Vicki Hammick and Clayton Brandwood that stayed together to the finish. Shannon Arnott just failed to join the break and had a lonely ride to finish fourth. Mike Burton attacked as they passed the line for the final lap but Vicki and Clayton managed to claw their way back, though as they passed the chequered flag, they finished in the same order.

The size of fields decreased as the mean age of the riders increased, resulting in 'D' grade starting (and finishing) with six riders. Three riders opened an ever increasing gap halfway through the race and at the finish Bruce Abbott showed his sprinting ability when finishing two-lengths ahead of Mick Brow, with Wayne Gordon

finishing third. Leon Nieuwenhuizen had a lonely ride for fourth, while Derek Mayall and Denis Robinson kept company for the latter part of the race.

'A' grade, 77km, 7 laps

1. Sam Smith; 2. Chris Glasby;
3. Wayne Thomson; 4. Andrew Brierley;
5. Paul Prottey; 6. Richard Kelly;
7. Roger Knight; 8. Tony Mott.

Average: 17m 35s (same as previous race on the course)

'B' grade, 66km, 6 laps

1. Ian Trayler; 2. Frans Buissink;
3. Peter Hammond; 4. Paul Heyes;
5. John Buonvecchi; 6. John Clark;
7. Mark Crowther; 8. Geoff Marshall;
9. Matt Davis.

Average: 19m 40s per lap (40 secs per lap slower than previous event on the course)

'C' grade, 55km, 5 laps

1. Mike Burton; 2. Vicki Hammick;
3. Clayton Brandwood; 4. Shannon Arnott;
5. Jeff Usher; 6. Tanya Birbeck;
7. Ian Broadley.

Average 19m 50s (30secs per lap slower than previous ride on the course)

'D' grade, 44km, 4 laps

1. Bruce Abbott; 2. Mick Brown;
3. Wayne Gordon; 4. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
5. Derek Mayall; 6. Denis Robinson.

Average 21m 45secs (1min 15secs slower than previous ride on the course).

7 August – Gr Scratch – Wandi

Thankfully no rain but again damp roads played havoc with tyres, with at least half-a-dozen riders affected. Franz Buissink who seems particularly prone to the puncture bug suffered twice on the way to the race, and again on the first lap – solid tyres have been recommended! In pleasant conditions relatively large bunches of 25 in both 'A' and 'B' guaranteed action, 'C' grade with 13 entries was three shorter in numbers than 'D', while 'E' grade attracted a larger than usual bunch of eight riders.

One of the first to puncture was Paul Prottey who had broken away in the first lap of 'A' grade's 9-lap event. This left his companion, Tony Coulthard, out front in the

cold for another lap. Things then seemed to settle down for a couple of laps, but with 5 laps to go a break of eight riders crossed the line some 45 seconds ahead of the bunch. At 2 laps to go this had increased to 1m 10secs and at the bell another 10 seconds had been added. Mark Roberts and Ian Lyne were in no-man's land on the final lap and in the final km or so the bunch stretched, with the sprint seeing the fabulous eight come across the line in crocodile file. In a hard fought finish, it was Doug Stewart who triumphed by a length from Michael Tapscott, with Peter Shanley taking 3rd, and George Miller surprising everyone with his 4th place after having been off the bike for a few weeks with flu. Of the remainder of the break, Peter Trench, Ian Hills, Chris Roberts and Phillip Johnston crossed in that order. Dave Rawlings in 11th place, took the bunch sprint from Richard Kelly and Greg Stoyles.

'B' grade didn't appear to have the power-fire of 'A' with there being little success for would be breakaway aspirants. Geoff Marshall riding his last event for a few months was one agitator, Bob Addy, John Clark and Matt Davis were others – and no doubt there were attacks around the back of the course, with whispers coming back to the judges of chases taking place at speeds of almost 50kph (Cancellara eat your heart out!). However, as they passed the line, the largest break failed to exceed 15 seconds. In a hard fought sprint, with riders spread across the road, it was Darren McPartland who improved on his 2nd place a fortnight earlier, who took laurels just ahead of Ian McFall, Geoff Marshall, and Matt Davis. The latter improving his form week by week. Sean Crummey finished 5th, while John Clark was also in the money in sixth place. Only problem was that the judge was caught napping, showing two laps to go when it should have been the bell – not that anyone seemed to notice, as they all wound up for the sprint with about 400 metres to go.

'C' grade stayed together for most of the race, riding at a steady 14 minutes per lap, though Mike Burton showed his heels to the bunch with a couple of laps to go when he forced a lead of about 30 seconds. Once

more the race was left open for the sprinters, and Mike Burton again showed his prowess at the art, came in first, a length or so ahead of Scott Roberts, Craig Guy, and old timer – Mick Russell.

‘D’ grade appeared content to keep things steady for most of the race, and as with ‘C’ grade this played into the hands of the sprinters. Bruce Abbott who has sprinted to glory in a few recent events, again pulled out a strong one to beat Bob Stephens by three-quarters of a length. Jenny Sammons was the only female of the day to take out a ‘rostrum’ place while close behind was Leon Nieuwenhuizen who in finishing third broke his record number of rides where he had featured as being one place outside the ‘winnings’. Jon Dooner also showed improved form after his recent crash, when finishing fifth.

‘E’ grade’s ranks were swollen by three trial riders, Melissa Putnaerglis, Leanne Appleton and Reg Ridley, the latter making a return to racing after 18 years away from the sport. Reg rode three laps which was two more than he’d targeted for, while Melissa and Leanne, though dropped from the bunch, valiantly battled on to finish the event. Alan Taylor also rode a lonely race, leaving the fight for the finish to the old stagers. These stayed together until the final lap when Derek Mayall attacked and drew away to finish 1 minute ahead. Roy Swift finished second, while Denis Robinson eased ahead of Fran Watson in the final 15 metres for third.

‘A’ grade – 76km, 9 laps

1. Doug Stewart; 2. Michael Tapscott;
3. Peter Shanley; 4. George Miller;
5. Peter Trench; 6. Ian Hills; 7. Chris Roberts;
8. Phillip Johnston; 9. Mark Roberts;
10. Ian Lyne; 11. Dave Rawlings;
12. Richard Kelly; 13. Greg Stoyles;
14. Roger Knight; 15. Mark Anastasas;
16. Keith Winch; 17. Steve Marks;
18. Tony Mott; 19. Troy Coulthard;
20. Gary Wright; 21. Paul Speyers;
22. Matt Tognini; 23. Chris Peniston.
Average: 12m 35s per lap

‘B’ grade- 69km, 8 laps

1. Darren McPartland; 2. Ian McFall;
3. Geoff Marshall; 4. Matt Davis;
5. Sean Crummey; 6. John Clark;

7. Julian Chipper; 8. Bob Addy;
9. Ian Trayler; 10. Andrew Candy;
11. Ian Turner; 12. Bruce McLennan;
13. Danny Kelsall; 14. John Liso;
15. Peter Hammond; 16. Brett Clapham;
17. Mark Paget; 18. Matthew Wakeling;
19. Andrew Duff.
Average: 13m 15s per lap.

‘C’ grade – 60km – 7 laps

1. Mike Burton; 2. Scott Roberts;
3. Craig Guy; 4. Mick Russell;
5. Javan Wolsoncroft; 6. Mick Brown;
7. Jeff Usher; 8. Keith Hickey;
9. Dave Equid; 10. Ian Broadley;
11. Steve Geiles; 12. Dennis Radcliffe;
13. Paul Anketell-Jones.
Average: 10m 00s per lap.

‘D’ grade – 52km – 6 laps

1. Bruce Abbott; 2. Bob Stephens;
3. Jenny Sammonds;
4. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 5. Jon Dooner;
6. Trevor Robson; 7. Derek Crowther;
8. Wayne Gordon; 9. Allan McDonald;
10. Darryl Miller; 11. Darren Friesner;
12. Rob Brand.
Average 14m 50s per lap

‘E’ grade – 43km – 5 laps

1. Derek Mayall; 2. Roy Swift;
3. Denis Robinson; 4. Fran Watson;
5. Alan Taylor; 6. Melissa Putnaerglis;
7. Leanne Appleton.
Average: 17m 15s per lap

WANTED

Evan Strudwick is attempting to complete a run of the *Australian Cyclist* from 1947 to 1974. He states that his son Darren who was tragically the victim of a road accident just over a year ago was an avid reader of the journal and that he would like to complete his collection in memory of Darren. If you have any old copies that you’d like to part with, please contact Evan at 97 Tuart Street, South Bunbury 6230, or ring him at 043-7155 960.

FOR SALE

Margaret Heliwell has a number of items for sale that belonged to the late Geoff Helliwell. The items include three complete machines, a number of long and short sleeve jerseys, helmets, gloves, shoes, a netti rain

jacket, lights, tubes, tyres, tools, bike carriers, etc, Some are still in their original packets. The following are the bikes for sale. If interested in any items, please call Margaret at 93375046 to arrange a meeting. Location is in Kardinyup.

Giant O.C.R. Composite, Carbon frame. suit rider about 1.8metres, Shimano Ultegra, cranks, bars. V. good condition, \$1,300 ONO.

Rossin Steel, 1980s vintage – 56cm, Columbus tubing. Good condition. \$700 ONO.

Duratec Ardent Road Bike (made in Europe), Aluminium frame, 56cm, Campag Mirage eqpt, Good condition \$600 ONO.

For bike photos – see the Secretary.

MAILING NEWSLETTERS

With our membership now well in excess of 350 riders, plus a few officials, mailing

newsletters is causing the Secretary's mouth to run dry when licking envelopes. Some members have advised the Secretary that as they regularly read the newsletter on the club's web page, (**note**, not e.mail) they would be happy to forego the hard copy of the newsletter.

If you are in this category, then would you please mind contacting the Secretary at the races, or advise by e.mail, at: mel.davies@uwa.edu.au ? If you change your mind, you will be happily re-installed into the list of those supplied by Australia Post!

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