



Newsletter –JUNE 2016

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RACE PROGRAMME

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All Road Races listed here start at 9.00am

12 June – *Graded Scratch Races - Casuarina*

19 June - *Graded Scratch Races – Mt Helena*

26 June – *Graded Scratch Races - Dog Hill, Baldivis.*

3 July - *Graded Scratch Races - Chidlow 'B'*

10 July – *Graded Scratch Races – Pickering Brook*

17 July – *Graded Scratch Races – Neerabup*

24 July – *Graded Scratch Races - Casuarina*

31 July- *Graded Scratch Race - Chidlow 'B'*

RACE RESULTS

17 April - *KHT Accounting \$upa Crits – Kewdale (8.30 start)*

With sponsorship by KHT Accounting swelling the prize-money, and the appearance of double Olympic Gold and Pro **Graeme Brown** making an appearance in 'A' grade, plus the summer Series Crit Points Competition presentations, followed by a feast of Subway rolls, it promised to be one of the highlights of the season. However, the gods were not with us and for the first time in the Crit season the event ended up with rain

and damp roads. 'E' and 'D' grades had the worst of the day, though by the time 'B' grade were on the line the roads were drying out. Whether it was damp roads or not (?) the 'E' grade event turned to disaster as a crash occurred on the final lap that took out a number of riders, resulting in the ambulance being called to cart Gerry Allen off to hospital with a suspected broken collar bone and other injuries; with a bruised and battered Doc Lawrence, and with Leon Nieuwenhuizen grazing his face. All then went well until the final lap in 'B' grade which saw Philip O'Dwyer lose it on the final bend to end up in a bush, resulting in a call for another ambulance. Then in 'A' grade, with 35 of the 45minutes and 2 laps completed there was an accident on the penultimate bend that saw half the field fall. This resulted in a call for the 3rd ambulance of the day, this time for Simon Bell who had a suspected broken collarbone. The latter crash also took a toll on machines and equipment. So much for the much anticipated event of the Season!

Just a brief take on the actual racing: because of the inclement weather there was a relatively small turnout of 73 riders. 'E' and 'D' grades had 7 riders each, 'C' grade 16, 'B' grade 23 and 'A' 21 riders. With Graham Thornton and Dai Sankey riding in front of the crash in 'E' grade, the result was decided in a 2-up sprint in which Graham took the laurels. Dai who was returning to Wales in a few days was pleased, but obviously not

happy at the carnage behind. Perhaps luckiest man of the day was Denis Robinson who missed the crash while trailing off the back, and who took third place.

'D' grade saw early action as Clinton Hort and Allan McDonald attacked at the 10-minute mark to move to a 15seconds lead two laps later. Allan McDonald then forged ahead as Clinton went backwards towards the chasing bunch, though he was then caught back by Clinton with the aid of John Hoye. With three laps to go they had a lead of 30 seconds and remained unchallenged. Clinton Hort proved the strongest in the sprint over the line, followed closely by John Hoye and Allan McDonald, while Neil Vroomans was best of the rest.

Wayne Reeve and Neil Foster were the most prominent riders in 'C' grade by being in every move from lap one to the final sprint. Chris Coote was also involved with the pair for a few laps but faded at the 21-minute mark by which time the pair had a lead of 38 seconds over the bunch. With some obvious team work behind, and a sense of futility, it came to the situation where those hoping to bring back the pair were thwarted and resolved to take their chances for third overall place. Wayne Reeve took the 2-up sprint ahead of Neil Foster, while a minute or so later John Liso led in the peleton, to be closely followed by Ian Lee and Gary Sevier.

'B' grade saw some fast racing with small breaks being executed by Tony Anderson, Mark Andrew and Bruce Davies 15 minutes into the race. All came together after 21 minutes of racing, but that was followed by a strong break shared by Darin Dunstan, Paul Shields and David McFerran. A lead of 18 seconds at 26 minutes was then whittled down and all came together after 34 minutes of riding. Despite the unfortunate incident involving Philip O'Dwyer on the final bend there was a mass dash to the line that was taken by Greg Bayley, Gavin Wark, Keith Winch, Mike Andrew, Justin Schultz and Mark Wellford. Two primes were put up by members, the first being taken out by Mike Andrews and the 2nd by Greg Bayley.

In 'A' grade, Martin Depiazzi and Luke Pledger were quick off the mark but it was an aggressive Sam Smith who showed

early determination when he blasted out of the field with Ian Gregory for three or four laps. However, an attack by Graeme Brown saw him join them after 33 minutes of racing, and a lap later it was Sam and Graeme who led the field. With splits occurring behind and with a lead of 12 seconds, it looked as if this was the winning move of the day. All came to a grinding halt following the chaos following the crash that brought down Simon Bell, causing the referee to halt the race. Once things had settled down the race was re-started, giving the survivors 10 minutes and 2 laps to complete the event. Graeme and Sam were allowed to start 12 seconds ahead of the field and not only held that distance but increased their lead. Graeme took 1st place ahead of Sam but as the former was a trial rider the prize-money went to Sam. However, Graeme didn't go away empty handed as he took two of the four primes contested during the race, with Sam Smith and Luke Pledger taking the other two. Stephen Gallagher was 1st of the rest to cross the line with Martin Depiazzi close to his wheel, followed in crocodile fashion by Luke Pledger, Tom Perry, Ian Gregory and the rest of the surviving field.

Chris Peniston helped present the prize-money on behalf of KHT Accounting, while Gary Wright presented Northern Beaches CC with medals for their Team Points Score win, while Sam Smith received the perpetual trophy and replica for his win in the individual Points Score Competition.

'A' Grade 45mins, plus 2 laps

1. Graeme Brown; **2.** Sam Smith;
3. Stephen Gallagher **4.** Martin Depiazzi;
5. Luke Pledger; **6.** Thomas Perry;
7. Ian Gregory; **8.** Ian Lyne;
9. Matt Upton; **10.** Andrew Patterson;
11. Hilton McMurdo; **12.** Chris Glasby;
13. Gary Wright; **14.** Matthew Swan;
15. Adam Feilding; **16.** Julian Lowes;
17. Paul Lamond.

Primes: Graeme Brown (2); Sam Smith; Luke Pledger.

'B' Grade 40mins, plus 2 laps

1. Greg Bayley; **2.** Gavin Wark;
3. Keith Winch; **4.** Mike Andrew;
5. Justin Schultz; **6.** Mark Welford;

7. Richard Barville; **8.** Bruce Davies;
9. Darin Dunstan; **10.** Bruce McLennan;
11. David McFerran; **12.** Tony Anderson;
13. Paul Shields; **14.** Paul Borrett;
15. Alvin Lim; **16.** Kylie Anticich;
17. Brad Dermody; **18.** Ian McFall;
19. Mark Anastasas; **20.** Ben Lewis.
Primes: Mike Andrew; Greg Bayley.

'C' Grade 35mins, plus 2 laps

1. Wayne Reeve; **2.** Neil Foster;
3. John Liso; **4.** Ian Lee; **5.** Gary Sevier;
6. Andrew Yeates; **7.** Greg Smith;
8. Robin Warrington; **9.** Jon Dooner;
10. Ian Cope; **11.** Jennifer Davis;
12. Chris Coote; **13.** Maurice Berger;
14. Ray Bergin; **15.** Mick Russell.

'D' Grade 30mins, plus 2 laps

1. Clinton Hort; **2.** John Hoye;
3. Allan McDonald; **4.** Neil Vroomans;
5. Des Thomas; **6.** Russell Kingham;
7. Paul Greeney.

'E' Grade – 25mins, plus 2 laps

1. Graham Thornton; **2.** Dai Sankey;
3. Denis Robinson; **4.** Leon Nieuwenhuizen.

1 May – Graded Scratch races – Herne Hill

A clear day but with some wind for the first event in the road series, and some good racing for the 116 starters. The only problem occurred in 'C' grade where on the final lap it appears someone who had been watching too many TV finishes, switched in order to improve his position in the bunch, and brought off 5 riders. Allan Penaranda and Kevan Taylor came off worst and ended up in hospital, Kevan suffering a broken collar bone and broken ribs. There was also damage to frames and equipment.

'A' grade saw a familiar pattern with breaks from the start, consolidation and eventually a large split in the peleton. Tom Perry and Sam Smith were first off the mark and ended lap one with a lead of 300 metres. The bunch came together but on the 3rd lap. Wayne Thomson, Jon Gregg and Chris Singleton then rode away to a lead of 30seconds. Seeing the danger a number of riders bridged the gap so that half way through the race a split emerged that determined the finishing order. With a strong finishing wind there was a fast finish in a 10-

up sprint that was taken by Bernie Swart who just beat Michael Tapscott and Norm Shattock across the line. They were followed across by Luke Ellis, Tom Perry, Magnus Rudisele, Chris Glasby, Sam Smith, Jeff Brooks and Ian Lyne. Jon Gregg drifted in some 8 seconds later while Andrew Brierley led in the main bunch one-minute after the winner.

With 38 starters 'B' grade moved at a fair pace to average over 39kph. Despite the size (or possibly because of) there were few attacks observable from the start line, the only ones witnessed being those of Greg Bayley who opened up a lead of 300metres half-way through the race, and that of Pascal Peguy who held a lead of 150metres with two laps to go was brought back. Jim Gibson, who looked strong, unfortunately suffered mechanical trouble and was force to pull out, which left 37 riders to blast down the finishing straight to the finish. Mike Andrew did well to hold off Jeff Ayton and Garry Horsfield in a close finish, with Keith Winch, Fenton Lambert, Jason Kiely and Kevin Ireland sweeping up the remainder of the cash prizes.

John Liso showed early activity in 'C' grade when opening a lead of 30 seconds at the end of lap one, but the group of 25 riders stayed together until the unfortunate incident towards the end of the final lap that caused some disruption at the back end of the bunch. Winner from the dozen riders who contested for premier places was a strongly finishing Ian McFall who managed to beat Gary Suckling by a couple of lengths, with Paul; Chartres, Ian Lee, Suzanne Narbey and Greg Smith and Wayne Reeve finishing in that order. As 5th placed Suzanne Narbey was taking a trial ride, she was ineligible for prize-money, leaving Wayne Reeve with a sealed envelope at the presentation following the race.

'D' grade's 14 riders saw action off the front when Jon Dooner and Allan McDonald broke away with two laps to go. There was some controversy, with some in the group claiming they had latched onto 'A' grade when getting away, though as they kept increasing their lead over the 'D' grade bunch there were doubts as to the veracity of the claim. At the bell they held a lead of over

40 seconds, a lead that had increased to four seconds short of a minute at the finish. Jon Dooner took the victory two seconds ahead of Allan, while John Hoye took 3rd place just ahead of Bob Stephens, Neil Greathead and Neil Vroomans.

The five riders in 'E' grade competed over 38km (4 laps). With Denis Robinson falling behind on the first lap, the remaining members of the group rode together over most of the distance. In the run in to the finish, Graham Thornton proved fastest in the sprint when he beat Dave Walker by a length or so, while Pat Briggs was a further 4 seconds down. John Kelly was another 8 seconds behind, while Denis saw this as yet another week's training run!

'A' Grade 86km – 9 laps

1. Bernie Swart; 2. Michael Tapscott; 3. Norm Shattock; 4. Luke Ellis; 5. Thomas Perry; 6. Magnus Rudisele; 7. Chris Glasby; 8. Sam Smith; 9. Jeff Brooks; 10. Ian Lyne; 11. Jon Gregg; 12. Andrew Brierley; 13. Doug Stewart; 14. Wayne Thomson; 15. Chris Roberts; 16. David Sumich; 17. Peter Trench; 18. Jerrard Ghossein; 19. Shaun Oneill; 20. Paul Hearne; 21. Charlie Gargett; 22. Chris Singleton; 23. Jason Cawthorne; 24. Matthew Owen; 25. Stephen McNeilly; 26. Gary Wright; 27. Colin Rose; 28. Eddie Hollands; 29. Matt Upton; 30. Jaimie Kirkwood; 31. Matt Tognini.

Average: 41.4kph.

'B' Grade 76km – 8 laps

1. Mike Andrew; 2. Jeff Ayton; 3. Garry Horsfield; 4. Justin Schultz; 5. Keith Winch; 6. Fenton Lambert; 7. Jason Kiely; 8. Kevin Ireland; 9. Darin Dunstan; 10. Steve Ryan; 11. David McFerran; 12. Scott Ayles; 13. Richard Barville; 14. Craig Barker; 15. Alison Dyson; 16. Amanda Nabi; 17. Paul Borrett; 18. Mark Waite; 19. Peter Wilshaw; 20. Bruce McLennan; 21. Toby Brown; 22. Greg Bayley; 23. Bernie Streeter; 24. Andrew Candy; 25. Tim Mollison; 26. Ian Turner; 27. Tony Anderson; 28. Pascal Peguy; 29. Andrew Ballam; 30. Steven Tarr;

31. Kylie Anticich; 32. Danny Stienen; 33. Chris Peniston; 34. Antony Bourn; 35. Michael Buytels; 36. Mark Anastasas.
Average: 39.4kph

'C' Grade 67km – 7 laps

1. Ian McFall; 2. Gary Suckling; 3. Paul Chartres; 4. Ian Lee; 5. Susan Narbey; 6. Greg Smith; 7. Wayne Reeve; 8. Reg Edwards; 9. Trevor King; 10. Brett Fowler; 11. Liam Donley; 12. Jennifer Davis; 13. Alan Thomas; 14. Maurice Berger; 15. John Liso; 16. Paul Humphreys; 17. Gary Sevier; 18. Dave Meney; 19. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan; 20. Richard Holroyd; 21. John Hanson; 22. Alland Penaranda; 23. Mick Brown; 24. Kevin Taylor; 25. Jarred Finnigan.
Average: 36.1kph

'D' Grade 48km – 5 laps

1. Jon Dooner; 2. Allan McDonald; 3. John Hoye; 4. Bob Stephens; 5. Neil Greathead; 6. Neil Vroomans; 7. Tracy Suckling; 8. Chris Howard; 9. Paul Greeney; 10. Dennis Radcliffe; 11. Stuart Johnson; 12. Lawrence Fahey; 13. Helen Peniston.
Average: 34.5kph

'E' Grade 38km – 4 laps

1. Graham Thornton; 2. Dave Walker; 3. Pat Briggs; 4. John Kelly; 5. Denis Robinson.
Average: 30.5kph

15 May, Graded Scratch Races – Casuarina

A hard day at the office for the 126 riders who competed at Casuarina because of a strong breeze that shifted from side to head-on for the finishing leg. Even 'A' grade appeared to lose their usual fire as they came down the road towards the finishing line on each circuit. Patrick Hayburn was the first to show his face when he opened a gap with 5 of the 10 laps to go but this was short-lived. With two laps to go Andrew Brierley and Jon Gregg showed promise as they gapped Carlos De Oliveira and Ian Lyne by 42 seconds, with the main peloton some 100 or more metres behind. At the bell the gaps were virtually the same but reflecting the hard conditions all four were reeled in on the

final lap. Twenty of the 42 starters were there to contest the sprint, and this was taken by Tom Perry, who sprinted strongly to beat Bernie Swart and Sam Smith into 2nd and 3rd places. Julian Lowes was 5th, while Richard Kelly showed some of his old sparkle when finishing in 5th place, just ahead of Ian Gregory, Michael Tapscott, Andrew Dawson and Wayne Thomson.

'B' grade saw a few attempts to break up the peleton and at the end of lap one Michael Buytels, Peter Neuzerling and Antony Bourn led by about 10seconds over the bunch. A lap later Antony Bourn was still out front having doubled the distance to the peleton but this time accompanied by Paul Borrett, Ian Turner and Tim Mollison. A lap later they had been absorbed and little was viewed at the finish line until three laps of the 9 laps had been covered, when trial rider David Slack led by 10seconds. At the bell it was Neil Roscoe, Michael Buytels and Davina Summers who tried to outdistance the bunch when they crossed the line with an advantage of 20 seconds. The day had gone without a hitch, but on the final lap disaster struck as riders entered a narrow section of the road on the back end of the course where some tried to muscle their way in, with a resulting fall that brought down half-a-dozen riders, of whom Antony Bourn and John Healy came off worst, requiring hospital treatment for broken bones. As with 'A' grade, 20 riders contested the sprint, this time it being Tim James who took the 1st place award, closely followed by Garry Horsfield, David Slack, Gavin Wark, Keith Winch, Ian Turner and Nick Vroomans. Mainly because of the accident there were 9 DNFs.

'C' grade started with 27 riders and all but one completed the race. With the hard conditions, most were happy to stay in the shelter of the bunch, the only ones to show their noses to the wind being Eddy Pope and Wessel Victor who had a 15seconds lead at the end of lap two. As with other grades, a large group of 21 riders contested the sprint, with victory going to John Liso. Robin Warrington was delighted with his 2nd place, and was followed across the line by Charles Chartres, John Hanson, Wessel Victor Greg Smith and Margot Biggs.

Only 8 of the 12 starters managed to complete the race in 'D' grade. There were no heroics, riders being content to stay together. It was a case of attrition as some members of the grade eased off the back of the leading bunch. Six riders survived to contest the sprint, with Paul Greeney putting in a strong effort to hold off Nick Vroomans, Bob Stephens, Jon Dooner, Jill Pope and Nick Cowie in that order.

Riding five laps, the six riders in 'E' grade proceeded at a steady pace. Denis Robinson had a lonely ride from half way through the first lap, and Pat Briggs dropped off with 2 laps to go. Graham Thornton decided on the final lap not to wait for the sprint and rode strongly to open up a gap of 40seconds over Edward Rose and Dave Walker. Wayne Gordon finished some 2 minutes down on the winner, while Pat Briggs and Denis Robinson completed the event some minutes later.

'A' Grade 87km – 10 laps

1. Thomas Perry; 2. Bernie Swart;
3. Sam Smith; 4. Julian Lowes;
5. Richard Kelly; 6. Ian Gregory;
7. Michael Tapscott; 8. Andrew Dawson;
9. Wayne Thomson; 10. Danny McCarthy;
11. Gary Wright; 12. Matthew Swan;
13. Charlie Gargett; 14. Paul Hearne;
15. Jason Boynton; 16. Chris Roberts;
17. Robert Hurst; 18. Ian Lyne;
19. Doug Stewart; 20. Andrew Patterson;
21. Jaimie Kirkwood; 22. Matt Upton;
23. Justin Schultz; 24. Matthew Owen;
25. Chris Singleton; 26. Jon Gregg;
27. Andrew Brierley; 28. Peter Trench;
29. Luke Pledger; 30. Alistair Patterson;
31. Richard Quinlan; 32. Jerrard Ghossein;
33. Jarrod Bell; 34. Luke Ellis;
35. Jeremiah Peiffer; 36. Magnus Rudisele;
37. Patrick Hayburn; 38. Adam Fielding;
39. Elliott Carson; 40. Carlos De Oliveira;
41. Mark Hoyer.

Average: 41.3kph.

'B' Grade 78km – 9 laps

1. Tim James; 2. Garry Horsfield;
3. David Slack; 4. Gavin Wark;
5. Keith Winch; 6. Ian Turner;
7. Nick Vroomans; 8. Mike Andrew;
9. Richard Barville; 10. Bruce McLennan;

11. David Kent; 12. Kylie Anticich;
13. Mark Waite; 14. Michael Buytels;
15. David McFerran; 16. Mike Armstrong;
17. Paul Borrett; 18. Davina Summers;
19. Steve Ryan; 20. Jason Walsh;
21. Neil Roscoe; 22. Danny Stienen;
23. Fenton Lambert; 24. Craig Beeching;
25. Peter Neuzerling; 26. Chris Peniston;
27. Alvin Lim; 28. Paul Shields;
29. Mark Castle; 30. Tim Mollison.

Average: 38.5kph

'C' Grade 70km – 8 laps

1. John Liso; 2. Robin Warrington;
3. Paul Chartres; 4. John Hanson;
5. Wessel Victor; 6. Greg Smith;
7. Margot Biggs; 8. Ian Lee;
9. Keith Hickey; 10. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan;
11. Bruce Hunt; 12. Trevor King;
13. Reg Edwards; 14. Ian Ghallagher;
15. Brett Fowler; 16. Dave Meney;
17. Roichard Boyle; 18. Jarred Finnigan;
19. Ray Bergin; 20. Chris Howard;
21. Dave Dyson; 22. Ian Dow-Vine;
23. Liam Donley; 24. Mick Russell;
25. Eddy Pope; 26. Andrew Yeates.

Average: 37.2kph

'D' Grade 52km – 6 laps

1. Paul Greeney; 2. Neil Vroomans;
3. Bob Stephens; 4. Jon Dooner;
5. Jill Pope; 6. Nick Cowie;
7. Allan McDonald; 8. John Shattock.

Average: 34.5kph

'E' Grade 44km – 5 laps

1. Graham Thornton; 2. Edward Rose;
3. Dave Walker; 4. Wayne Gordon;
5. Pat Briggs; 6. Denis Robinson.

Average: 32.4kph

22 May Graded Scratch Races, Chidlow 'B'

Another case of 'ye of little faith' as the storms and torrential rains of the previous day turned into calm and sunny conditions interspersed with a couple of light showers. The 74 'believers' were therefore rewarded with excellent conditions. True, the roads at times were damp, leading to a few puncture victims, but overall folk thought it a great day on the road.

All grades saw aggressive attacks from the start, with Bernie Swart and Jon Gregg taking a 30 seconds lead at the end of

the first lap in 'A' grade; Steve Tarr and Ian Turner a 40 second lead on the same lap in 'B' grade; Wayne Reeve and Maurice Berger at 25 seconds in 'C' grade; Margaret Gollagher and Allan McDonald at 2 minutes in 'D' and Dave Walker at 1min 20 seconds in 'E' grade.

At the end of the 2nd circuit the 'A' grade pair had increased their lead to 1min 30 seconds, being chased at 30 seconds by Sam Smith, Chris Singleton and Michael Tapscott. At that stage the race had broken up, with a number chasing alone, and by the time the bell lap came, the main group were 4 minutes behind. On this final lap Jon Gregg and Sam Smith surged ahead and contested the sprint with a 2minute 11 seconds advantage over 3rd placed Chris Singleton who had almost, but not quite closed the gap at one stage, and would probably have done so with any other duo than Jon and Sam to contest with. Jon Gregg took the 1st place with Sam 2 seconds behind. Jason Boyton came in alone some 2 minutes later, followed 50 seconds later by four chasers, Wayne Thomson, Shaun Oneill, Michael Tapscott and Jaimie Kirkwood, who finished in that order. Bernie Swart finished in 9th place to lead in the 9 remaining members of the race..

The 2nd lap of 'B' grade's race saw Ian Turner and Steve Tarr being absorbed by the chasers, but Greg Bayley and Tim Mollison then took up the initiative and were later joined by Michael Buytels, Steven Tarr and Tony Anderson. Pulling away strongly the quintet had a clear run to the finishing line, with Greg Bayley taking the honours over 2nd placed Tim Mollison, with Michael Buytels and Steven Tarr fighting it out for 3rd place. Tony Anderson sat up to cross the line 4 seconds later. In a 16 strong group, Garry Horsfield followed some 58 seconds later to take 6th place ahead of David Slack, Brett Clapham and the rest of that group.

In 'C' grade, Maurice Berger and Wayne Reeve continued their break when extending their 25 seconds lead to half-a-minute at the end of lap two. In the final lap they extended their lead to a few seconds off 2 minutes, with Maurice winning the sprint. Paul Chartres won a six-up sprint against Paul Humphreys, Bruce Abbott, Neil Vroomans, Richard Boyle and Tim Rosser,

while the rest of the grade came in another minute-and-a-half later.

Margaret Gollagher and Allan McDonald continued to dominate 'D' grade, extending their lead of 2 minutes at the end of the 2nd lap by another 4 minutes. Margaret was reported as being particularly strong in the escape, and proved triumphant in her contest with Allan at the end of the final lap. Bob Stephens then led in Lawrence Fahey and Paul Greeney, though the latter rode under the handicap of riding in tennis shoes, having forgotten to pack cleated shoes in his race bag!

Dave Walker proved much too strong for his 'E' grade colleagues on the hills, and his 1minute 20 seconds lead on the first lap had reached 4minutes 45 seconds when he crossed the finish line. Edward Rose finished alone in 2nd place, as did Pat Briggs in 3rd. Pat Briggs had experienced a lonely final lap, as did Trial rider Samantha Flockhart, though she suffered a couple of mechanical problems during her first ride with the club.

'A' Grade 88km – 5 laps

1. Jon Gregg; 2. Sam Smith;
3. Chris Singleton; 4. Jason Boynton;
5. Wayne Thomson; 6. Shaun Oneill;
7. Michael Tapscott; 8. Jaimie Kirkwood;
9. Bernie Swart; 10. Scott Sanders;
11. Carlos De Oliveira; 12. Gary Wright;
13. Richard Kelly; 14. Stephen McNeilly;
15. Paul Hearne; 16. Matthew Owen;
17. Andrew McLurg; 18. Paul Mackay.

Average: 38.7kph.

'B' Grade 70km – 4 laps

1. Greg Bayley; 2. Tim Mollison;
3. Michael Buytels; 4. Steven Tarr;
5. Tony Anderson; 6. Garry Horsfield;
7. David Slack; 8. Brett Clapham;
9. Bruce Davies; 10. Paul Borrett;
11. Peter Wilshaw; 12. Frank Bate;
13. Keith Winch; 14. Justin Schultz;
15. John Liso; 16. Mark Anastasas;
17. David Kent; 18. Mike Andrew;
19. Ian Turner; 20. Matt Davis;
21. Mark Welford; 22. Warren Land;
23. Mark Hamill; 24. Gavin Wark;
25. Rachel Hippolyte.

Average: 36.2kph

'C' Grade 53km – 3 laps

1. Maurice Berger; 2. Wayne Reeve;
 3. Paul Chartres; 4. Paul Humphreys;
 5. Bruce Abbott; 6. Neil Vroomans;
 7. Richard Boyle; 8. Tim Rosser;
 9. Ian Dow-Vine; 10. Liam Donley;
 11. Dave Meney; 12. Robin Warrington;
- Average: 34.3kph*

'D' Grade 53km – 3 laps

1. Margaret Gollagher; 2. Allan McDonald;
 3. Bob Stephens; 4. Lawrence Fahey;
 5. Paul Greeney.
- Average: 30.3kph*

'E' Grade 35km – 2 laps

1. David Walker; 2. Edward Rose;
 3. Pat Briggs.
- Average: 28.0kph*

29 May – Graded Scratch Races - Neerabup

Very pleasant conditions existed for the 142 riders who presented themselves for a good day's racing on the Neerabup circuit. There were no falls but there were a few complaints about riders overtaking on the wrong side of the road and over double white lines while negotiating a blind spot at the small hill on Old Yanchep Road. Use your heads lads and lasses, and why overtake at this point when the finish is still a couple of miles away?

Only in 'D' and 'E' grades did small breaks succeed, the point being that in the other three grades the bunches were so large and attentive that there was little hope of riders gaining more than about 15 seconds before being hauled back. In 'A' grade Jon Gregg and Wayne Thomson saw themselves with a few seconds advantage for a couple of laps after the halfway mark, while Eddie Hollands, Wayne Thomson and Jason Boynton made a valiant attempt as they entered the bell lap with a lead of 12 seconds. However, it surprised no one when 31 riders approached the line in a mass to contest the sprint. Scott Sanders burst from the packed ranks to take a clear win, while Martin Depiazzi made a duck and a dive through a small gap to take 2nd place. Jon Gregg, Andrew Brierley, Norm Shattock, Brett Stapleton and Gary Wright filled the rest of cash paying places, while Wayne Thomson who had worked at the head of affairs for much of the race was a close ninth.

'B' grade with 43 starters told a similar story to 'A' grade, with a few lone breaks of a few seconds being allowed to dangle for a short while before being brought back to the fold. Phillip Johnston opened up a gap of about 50 metres with two laps to go, but there was little interest for anyone to join him from the intact peleton, and again, it came down to a mass sprint. Keith Winch took honours with a fast sprint that saw him cross the line a couple of lengths ahead of David Slack, Garry Horsfield and Gavin Wark. Jason Walsh was 5th, Tim Mollison 6th, while Mike Andrew and Ian Turner took away the remaining cash prizes.

'C' grade saw its largest field for some time, when 37 riders faced the starter. As with the previous two grades, the group stayed together for the duration of the race, leaving the finish to the mercy of the sprinters. As a result, 32 riders came in together for Ian Lee to head the mob across the line. Greg Smith was 2nd, Eddy Pope 3rd, Jamie Bell 4th, and Toby Whincup 5th. Sixth place went to trial rider Marty Martin, which proved lucky for 7th placed Aaron Hirniak, and similarly Richard Boyle who finished 9th, too the 8th placed prize-money when he was beaten across the line by trial rider Gordon Lewis.

'D' grade saw a more manageable group of 12 riders. Again a few attempts were made to split up the group but with little affect until the final lap. With 5 riders contesting the sprint finish, Margaret Gollagher enjoyed her 2nd win in two weeks, while Allan MacDonald again finished behind her back wheel. Graham Blyth was a close 3rd, Bob Stephens 4th and Andrew Williams in 5th finished in the same time.

It was a nice change to see a decent field of 10 riders compete in 'E' grade. This was the only race of the day to split early in the race following an attack by Tony Clews who had a lead of about 100 metres at the end of the first lap, which he continued to hold until joined part way through the bell lap by Wayne Gordon, with Edward Rose, Samantha Flockhart and trial rider Wilna Kemp chasing behind. The finish saw Wayne Gordon put in a big effort to take the honours by 5 seconds from Tony. Edward Rose was another 55 seconds behind in third place,

while Samantha finished just ahead of Wilna when taking 4th place.

Overall, lap times were up on the last time we raced on the course, a combination of large groups and excellent conditions.

'A' Grade 86km – 11 laps

1. Scott Sanders; 2. Martin Depiazzi;
3. Jon Gregg; 4. Andrew Brierley;
5. Norm Shattock; 6. Brett Stapelton;
7. Gary Wright; 8. Sam Smith;
9. Wayne Thomson; 10. Paul Mackay;
11. Chris Roberts; 12. Justin Schultz;
13. Ciaran O'Kane; 14. Chris Singleton;
15. Stephen McNeilly; 16. Ian Lyne;
17. Ian McFall; 18. Peter Trench;
19. Matthew Swan; 20. Andrew Kirkham;
21. Lee Parker; 22. Martin Lowell;
23. Jeff Brooks; 24. Richard Cook;
25. Danny McCarthy; 26. Chris Glasby;
27. Eddie Hollands; 28. Carlos De Oliveira;
29. Patrick Hayburn; 30. Jeff Kriel;
31. David Irvine; 32. Jason Cawthorne;
33. Jason Boynton; 34. Tom Ford;
35. Wayde Keyser; 36. Luke Ellis;
37. Adam Fielding.

Average: 42.2kph.

'B' Grade 78km – 10 laps

1. Keith Winch; 2. David Slack;
3. Garry Horsfield; 4. Gavin Wark;
5. Jason Walsh; 6. Tim Mollison;
7. Mike Andrew; 8. Ian Turner;
9. Peter Wilshaw; 10. Jim Gibson;
11. Paul Borrett; 12. Amanda Nabi;
13. John Liso; 14. Nick Vroomans;
15. Andrew Candy; 16. Troy Blizard;
17. Ian McFall; 18. Davina Summers;
19. David Kent; 20. Greg Bayley;
21. Kylie Anticich; 22. Andrew Ballam;
23. Mark Armstrong; 24. Michael Buytels;
25. Bernie Streeter; 26. Mark Waite
27. Danny Stienen; 28. Craig Baker;
29. Dominick Pontre; 30. Tim Jenkins;
31. Neil Roscoe; 32. Toby Brown;
33. Brett Clapham; 34. Tony Anderson;
35. Philip Johnston; 36. Scott Ayles;
37. Kevin McIlduff; 38. Bruce Davies;
39. Michael Bowles; 40. Johnny Bester;
41. Brandon Wraith.

Average: 39.3kph

'C' Grade 70km – 9 laps

1. Ian Lee; 2. Greg Smith;

3. Eddy Pope; 4. Jamie Bell;
5. Toby Whincup; 6. Marty Martin;
7. Aaron Hirniak; 8. Gordon Lewis;
9. Richard Boyle; 10. John Hanson;
11. Bruce Abbott; 12. Robin Warrington;
13. Omar De Pellegrin; 14. Jill Pope;
15. Ian Dow-Vine; 16. Paul Chartres;
17. Jarred Finnigan; 18. Jennifer Matthias;
19. Peter Hunt; 20. Scott Marshall;
21. Chris Howard; 22. Neil Vroomans;
23. Ray Bergin; 24. John Hoye;
25. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan;
26. Wayne Reeve; 27. Derek Munro;
28. Dave Meney; 29. Maurice Berger;
30. Richard Fear; 31. Peter Daffen;
32. Brett Fowler; 33. Suzanne Narbey;
34. Liam Donley; 35. Michael Martin.

Average: 37.3kph

'D' Grade 55km – 7 laps

1. Margaret Gollagher; 2. Allan McDonald;
3. Graham Blyth; 4. Bob Stephens;
5. Andrew Williams; 6. Stuart Johnson;
7. Tertius Jansen van Vuuren;
8. Lawrence Fahey; 9. Jon Dooner;
10. John Shattock; 11. Derek Crowther;
12. Craig McDonald.;

Average: 33.9kph

'E' Grade 39km – 5 laps

1. Wayne Gordon; 2. Tony Clews;
3. Edward Rose; 4. Samantha Flockhart;
5. Wilna Kemp; 6. Pat Briggs;
7. Rod Babel; 8. Rebecca Schultz;
9. Riana Rose; 10. Denis Robinson.

Average: 31kph

5 June - Graded Scratch Races, Pickering Brook

Quite an eventful event for the 102 starters on a chilly morning that saw 'A' grade having to take avoiding action because of three kangaroos that decided to jump in front of a breakaway and another incident involving a couple of horses. However, with the police following one group (we don't know which) they stupidly rode en-mass across the road as they went up hill and around a blind bend – the type of move that displeased the police and which puts in jeopardy our future on the course. **Use your heads fellows**, or risk having only coffee rides as your future.

'A' grade saw early action as Jaimie Kirkwood, Julian Lowes, Shaun Oneill and Tom O'Neill opened up a gap that by the 3rd lap had reached 40seconds. A lap later they were joined by Robert Hurst and Patrick Hayburn, and the extra power soon paid dividends by causing the gap from the bunch to increase. With 4 laps to go, the race seemed to be sown up, with only Andrew Brierley and Brian Sing in pursuit at what looked like an unbridgeable 45 seconds. However, a couple of laps later, and with three laps to go, the duo succeeded in joining the break. Patrick Hayburn attacked up the hill on the bell lap, but his compatriots put in some firepower to claw him back. At the finish of the race, it was Jon Gregg who powered to a lead of a couple of lengths from Andrew Brierley, with Brian Sing 2 seconds behind in 3rd place, and at another three seconds with Jaimie Kirkwood, Tpm O'Neill and Shaun Oneill taking 4th, 5th and 6th places respectively. With Robert Hurst, Julian Lowes and Patrick Hayburn also finishing within a few seconds, it took another 2 mins before the main bunch passed the judges, being led in by Gary Wright.

'B' grade also saw an aggressive race with three riders, consisting of Jim Gibson, Mark Welford and David Kent getting away on the first lap, to be joined on the 2nd time round by Gavin Walk. Jim Gibson attacked with 4 laps to go, but had been re-joined by the three chasers a lap later, at which time the main bunch was 1min 15secs behind. Jim proved too strong on the uphill finish and opened up a gap of 7 secs over 2nd placed Mark Welford, and Gavin Wark in 3rd place at 20 seconds. Tim Mollison took the bunch sprint 1m 24seconds after the winner, followed closely by Michael Buytels, Mark Yancazos, Gary Horsfield and the rest of the field.

'C' grade set a fast and steady pace and seemed content to ride together for the whole race, though that seven riders failed to finish suggests that the pace was far from easy. The finish positions saw the hill climbers come into their own in a closely contested finish in which Paul Chartres overcame Ian Ghollager, Dave Dyson and Omar De Pellegrin. John Hanson was 5th, followed by trial rider Denny Teede with

Richard Boyle in 7th place. Alison Dyson helped swell the family treasure chest when she finished only five places behind husband, Dave Dyson who had taken 3rd place. Jason Hapeta suffered a fall but appeared to be uninjured but with a pair of racing knicks that will have to be replaced.

'D' grade had a shrunken field when compared with the dozen who had turned up at Neerabup the previous week. The seven starters were reduced to six after a lap or so when Bob Stephens suffered a mechanical, leaving his compatriots to fight it out for positions. On the finishing laps it was down to three riders, Marthinus Kemp, Allan McDonald and Nick Cowie to fight for the honours, with Marthinus proving too strong on the final lap to beat Allan across the line by 21 seconds, with Nick Cowie another 19 seconds down.

Only four riders started in 'E' grade and it was no surprise to see them break up by the half-way mark when Wayne Gordon and Dave Walker made the decisive moves. Dave, who took out the honours the last time we rode on the circuit was again triumphant, beating Wayne by some 27 seconds, with Paul Briggs in in third place, followed 5 seconds later by Wilna Kemp.

'A' Grade 76km – 01 laps

1. Jon Gregg; 2. Andrew Brierley; 3. Brian Sing; 4. Jaimie Kirkwood; 5. Tom O'Neill; 6. Shaun Oneill; 7. Rob Hurst; 8. Julian Lowes; 9. Patrick Hayburn; 10. Gary Wright; 11. Ciaran O'Kane; 12. Alistair Patterson; 13. Martin Lowell; 14. Peter Trench; 15. Jarrod Bell; 16. Ian Lyne; 17. Chris Roberts; 18. Justin Schultz; 19. Jeff Brooks; 20. Charlie Gargett; 21. Andrew Kitkham; 22. Matthew Swan; 23. Elliott Carson.

Average: 37.7kph.

'B' Grade 68km – 9 laps

1. Jim Gibson; 2. Mark Wellford; 3. Gavin Wark; 4. Tim Mollison; 5. Michael Buytels; 6. Mark Yancazoz; 7. Garry Horsfield; 8. Bernie Streeter; 9. John Liso; 10. Simon Duncalf; 11. Mark Slatter; 12. Daniel Griffiths; 13. Ian Turner; 14. John O'Boyle; 15. Jason Chester; 16. Reagan Gruenthal; 17. Paul Borrett; 18. Keiren Glaser; 19. Keith Winch; 20. Craig James; 21. Tim James; 22. Neil Thorpe; 23. Andrew Candy; 24. Alvin Lim; 25. Brad Demody; 26. Dabnny Steinen; 27. Craig Huxtable; 28. Kylie Anticich; 29. Leo Gott-Cumbers; 30. Anthony Doherty; 31. Brett Clapham; 32. Mike Andrew; 33. Brett Clapham.

Average: 36.4kph

'C' Grade 61km – 8 laps

1. Paul Chartres; 2. Ian Ghollagher; 3. Dave Dyson; 4. Omar De Pellegrin; 5. John Hanson; 6. Denny Teede; 7. Richard Boyle; 8. Alison Dyson; 9. Gordon Lewis; 10. John Hanson; 11. Richard Fear; 12. Rod Mackay; 13. Bruce Abbott; 14. Dave Morris; 15. Scott Marshall; 16. Adam Horder; 17. Marty Martin; 18. Liam Donley; 19. Paul Humphreys; 20. Dave Meney; 21. Brett Fowler; 22. Robin Warrington.

Average: 34.4kph

'D' Grade 53km – 7 laps

1. Marthinus Kemp; 2. Allan McDonald; 3. Nick Cowie; 4. Jon Dooner; 5. Bob Stephens; 6. John Shattock.

Average: 31.1kph

'E' Grade 38km – 5 laps

1. Dave Walker; 2. Wayne Gordon; 3. Pat Briggs; 4. Wilna Kemp.

Average: 27.7kph

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