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RACE PROGRAMME

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All Road Races listed here start at 9.00am

24 July – Graded Scratch Races - Casuarina

31 July - Graded Scratch Races, Chidlow 'B'

7 August – Club Memorial Group Handicap, Herne Hill

14 August – Club Age Division Championships – Mt Helena

- FREE NOMINATIONS 7 days in advance – registration links on website
- Late and on-the-day nominations also accepted (at \$10 and \$20 respectively)

Note, this year the championships will be run in 10-year divisions. Nominations for the event are free. No prize-money, but medals awarded to first three in each division. Fame and Fortune could be yours!

21 August – Graded Scratch Races – Dog Hill, Baldavis

28 August – NO RACING because of GFWS Championships Final

RACE RESULTS

12 June–Graded Scratch Races - Casuarina

Numbers were down on the previous week, with 86 riders taking to the road. Conditions were excellent with the temperatures rising soon after the start and with calm conditions.

'A' grade rode with its usual flare as six riders, Ian Lyne, Tom O'Neill, Chris Roberts, Patrick Hayburn, Wayne Thomson and trial rider Andrew Polglase opened up a lead of 25 seconds at the end of the 2nd lap. At the end of lap 4, the lead had doubled, but at the end of lap 5 this had been reduced by 10 seconds. However, with bets on a 6-up sprint, the punters were proved wrong when four riders, Sam Smith, Jon Gregg, Norm Shattock and Bernie Swart bridged 40 seconds in one lap. On the final lap Sam Smith and Jon Gregg dropped their compatriots by 38 seconds to finish in that order. Norm Shattock was 3rd, accompanied by Bernie Swart, while Andrew Polglase, Wayne Thomson, Ian Lyne, and Tom O'Neill took the next four places a couple of seconds later. Maybe the conditions were not as marvellous as previously stated, for there were 8 DNF's, while the rest of the field was scattered around the circuit.

'B' grade also saw action off the front: Brett Clapham stirred up affairs when he took a lead of 15 seconds at the end of the first circuit. On Lap 3 Patrick Woods and Greg Bayley found themselves with an advantage of 25 seconds, and continued out front until only three laps remained, having built up their lead to almost 2-minutes. Patrick then disappeared from the scene, whether it was mechanical or legs, it's not known, but his place was taken by Gavin Wark, With 2 laps to go their lead was 1minute 50 seconds, but by the time they

came to the final sprint that had been reduced to 1 minute, probably because there was some jockeying for position as the pair approached the line. Gavin Wark took 1st place, with Greg Bayley sitting up with 40 metres to go. Greg Rowarth led in a 15-strong bunch to take 3rd place, followed closely in the money-stakes by Tim James, John Liso, Paul Borrett and Keith Winch. Of the two female riders Rachel Hippolyte and Kylie Anticich held their own, to take 12th and 13th places respectively.

'C' grade with 26 riders had the largest group of the day. They kept largely together except for Liam Donley and Keith Hickey who led the field by 50 seconds halfway through the race. With 3 laps to go this had been reduced to 25 seconds, and they were then absorbed by the rest of the field. At the end of the race, Wessel Victor lived up to his surname with a clear sprint win of 2 seconds over Paul Chartres, Jamie Bell, Andrew Foggin, Rod Mackay, Robin Warrington, John Hanson and another 9 riders who recorded the same time.

'For the 2nd week running, 'D' grade suffered from restricted numbers, as only 5 signed on at the nomination desk. Not surprisingly, they stayed together for the whole race, which was won by Allan McDonald. Bob Stephens was a close 2nd, followed in 3rd place by Nick Cowie, new rider Corlia Mostert, and Paul Greeney who took the Lanterne Rouge.

Unlike 'D' grade, the 'E' grade event attracted a good-sized field of 9 riders. Anthony Clews showed early promise when he opened up a gap, though this was closed by Graham Thornton with 3 of the 5 laps to go. The bunch at that juncture was at 50metres, but the next time around Edward Rose had motored to the front with a lead of 30 seconds. He increased this to 45 seconds at the bell, and crossed the line unchallenged, having taken 1min 17secs out of the 2nd placed Anthony Clews, who was another 2 seconds ahead of 3rd placed Rod Babel.

'A' Grade 87km – 10 laps

1. Sam Smith;
2. Jon Gregg;
3. Norm Shattock;
4. Bernie Swart;
5. Andrew Polglase;
6. Wayne Thomson;
7. Ian Lyne;
8. Tom O'Neill;
9. Danny McCarthy;
10. Innes Davie;
11. Chris Singleton;
12. Patrick Hayburn;
13. Martin Lowell;
14. Lee Parker;

15. Charlie Gargett;
16. Craig Pennell;
17. Nick Foster.

Average: 41.7kph.

'B' Grade 78km – 9 laps

1. Gavin Wark;
2. Greg Bayley;
3. Greg Roworth;
4. Tim James;
5. John Liso;
6. Paul Borrett;
7. Keith Winch;
8. Garry Horsfield;
9. Fenton Lambert;
10. Danny Steinen;
11. Nick Vroomans;
12. Rachel Hippolyte;
13. Kylie Anticich;
14. Robert Collings;
15. Mark Welford;
16. Steve Ryan;
17. David McFerran;
18. David Coccioi]lone.

Average: 37.9kph

'C' Grade 70km – 8 laps

1. Wessel Victor;
2. Paul Chartres;
3. Jamie Bell;
4. Andrew Foggin;
5. Rod Mackay;
6. Robin Warrington;
7. John Hanson;
8. Tony Whincup;
9. Mick Russell;
10. Eddy Pope;
11. Richard Boyle;
12. Keith Hickey;
13. Brett Fowler;
14. John Hoye;
15. Dave Meney;
16. Jill Pope;
17. Bruce Abbott;
18. Derek Munro;
19. Liam Donley;
20. Jason Hapeta;
21. Marty Martin;
22. Greg Smith;
23. Ian Cope.

Average: 35.9kph

'D' Grade 52km – 7 laps

1. Allan McDonald;
2. Bob Stephens;
3. Nick Cowie;
4. Corlia Mostert;
5. Paul Greeney.

Average: 33.8kph

'E' Grade 44km – 5 laps

1. Edward Rose;
2. Anthony Clews;
3. Rod Babel;
4. John Kelly;
5. Graham Thornton;
6. David Walker;
7. Pat Briggs.

Average: 31.4kph

19 June - Graded Scratch Races – Mt Helena

A calm and pleasant day in the hills for the 84 entrants that resulted in good racing but which tested the unfit. The only incident of consequence occurred in 'D' grade when a 2-up sprint between Allan McDonald and Paul Greeney went wrong when Allan pulled his foot out of his cleat and fell hard, to end up with cuts and bruises. Paul did the

valiant thing of turning around to pick up his breakaway partner and to escort him across the line where as a consolation Allan was gifted with the 1st place cash prize. Paul Jones finished 3rd after a lonely ride. Thankfully the accident in 'D' grade was the only excitement during the event. The irony is that with 4 starters, 'D' grade was the smallest group of the day.

At the other end of the spectrum, the 25 riders in 'A' grade saw attacks go off the front from the word 'Go', and at the end of the 2nd lap, Innes Davie, Sam Smith, Chris Singelton, Tom Perry, Andrew McClurg and Shaun Oneill had gained 50 seconds over the rest of the field. The following lap the lead had risen to 1min 55 seconds over a chase group containing Ciaran O'Kane, Norm Shattock, Jon Gregg, Andrew Brierley, Jeffrey Kriel and Tom O'Neill, with the main bunch a further 50 seconds behind. There was surprise when the bell rang for the final lap to find the large gap between the leaders and the chase group had been annulled. Come the finish and the leading group had well and truly split, with teammates Sam Smith and Norm Shattock contesting the slowest sprint on record, which saw Norm take the honours. Andrew Brierley finished a few seconds behind in 3rd place, closely followed by Tom Perry, Jeffrey Kriel and Ciaran O'Kane.

The 'B' graders kept exactly to the schedule as established at the previous race on the circuit, a fact which delighted the timekeeper. The group also kept together in a compact group, though Tim Mollison did have a slight lead at the end of the first of their four laps. In a closely contested finish, Patrick Quinlan edged out Keith Winch and Tim Mollison, while John Liso, Craig Smith-Gander, Jim Gibson and Garry Horsfield followed in their wake.

'C' grade also kept to their previous time schedule recorded on the course and while there were no heroics there was a hard fight on the uphill finish that saw Paul Chartres cross the line about two lengths ahead of Chris Trusso, Neil Vroomans and Michael Morton. Greg Smith was a further 2 seconds behind in 5th place just ahead of Ian Dow-Vine, Toby Whincup and Dave Dyson in the 14-up sprint to the finish.

The contestants in 'E' grade rode off Rod Babel on the 1st lap, leaving five of them to fight for the finish. In a long and hard sprint, the verdict went by about three lengths to Tony Clews over 2nd placed Wayne Gordon, with Lawrence Fahey finishing third, some 2 seconds ahead of Dave Walker.

'A' Grade 80km – 4 laps

1. Norm Shattock; 2. Sam Smith;
3. Jon Gregg; 4. Andrew Brierley;
5. Tom Perry; 6. Jeffrey Kriel;
7. Ciaran O'Kane; 8. Innes Davie;
9. Chris Singleton; 10. Tom O'Neill;
11. Andrew McClurg; 12. Elliott Carson;
13. Gary Wright; 14. Peter Trench;
15. Chris Roberts; 16. Ian Lyne;
17. Jarrod Bell; 18. Paul Miller;
19. Bradeley Hall; 20. Jaimie Kirkwood.

Average: 40.7kph.

'B' Grade 80km – 4 laps

1. Patrick Quinlan; 2. Keith Winch;
3. Tim Mollison; 4. John Liso;
5. Craig Smith Gander; 6. Jim Gibson;
7. Garry Horsfield; 8. Paul Borrett;
9. Bernie Streeter; 10. Ian Turner;
11. Joey Rawson; 12. Danny Steinen;
13. David McFerran; 14. Greg Bayley;
15. Norman McLeod; 16. Andrew Candy;
17. Richard Barville; 18. Andrew Fogg;
19. David Kent; 20. Jason Chester;
21. Alvin Lim; 22. Steven Tarr;
23. Maurice Berger; 24. Nick Vroomans;
25. Steve Ryan; 26. Fenton Lambert.

Average: 37.5kph

'C' Grade 60km – 3 laps

1. Paul Chartres; 2. Chris Trulsson;
3. Neil Vroomans; 4. Michael Morton;
5. Greg Smith; 6. Ian Dow-Vine;
7. Tony Whincup; 8. Dave Dyson;
9. Rod Mackay; 10. Richard Boyle;
11. Wessel Victor; 12. Mark Williamson;
13. Peter Neuzerling; 14. Peter Daffen;
15. Robin Warrington; 16. Liam Donley;
17. Ian Ghollagher; 18. Dave Meney;
19. Marty Martin;

Average: 35.7kph

'D' Grade 60km – 3 laps

1. Allan McDonald; 2. Paul Greeney;
3. Paul Jones. 4.

Average: 31.6kph

'E' Grade 40km – 2 laps

1. Anthony Clews; **2.** Wayne Gordon;
3. Lawrence Fahey; **4.** Dave Walker;
5. Derek Crowther; **6.** Rod Babel.

Average: 30.1kph

26 June – Graded Scratch Races - Dog Hill, Baldavis.

A teeth chattering start, though overall a pleasant day, but with a rising head wind on the finishing straight towards the end of the day. Timing was all important as 'B' grade discovered when they got to the final mass sprint only to discover they were bearing down on a tractor doing about 30kph when they were doing close to 60! The result, some very dangerous moves as some risked moving either side of the vehicle, while others held back. The decision, approved by most riders was to declare the finish null and void, but with the promise of free noms at the Chidlow event on 3 July. In hindsight, had they ridden at a decent pace on the first lap, they would have stuck to the timekeepers schedule and would have sprinted in safety! As it turned out that crucial first lap was ridden at a slower pace than 'C' grade.

Meanwhile the 'A' graders had finished within 50seconds of their schedule to average 41.6kph. There was an attack from the start and at the end of the 1st lap a group of 5 consisting of Norm Shattock, Magnus Rudisele, Luke Ellis, Jon Gregg Chris Singleton and Chris Beck were 15 seconds up on the chasing peleton of 31 riders, a lead that had extended to 35 seconds a lap later. Thereafter the hardy 5 saw their lead fluctuate to a peak of 45 seconds with 2 laps to go. However, this came down to 15 seconds as they crossed for the bell, and soon afterwards, being in sight, they were brought back. Twenty-eight riders contested the finish with the verdict going to one of the original breakaway riders, Norm Shattock. Bernie Swart was a close 2nd, Andrew Brierley 3rd (despite a night on the pop!), followed closely by Paul Mackay, Charlie Gargett, Martin Depiazzi and Tom Perry. It was notable that there were no DNF's.

There were a few attempts to ride off the front in 'B' grade, but all were together as they entered the 3rd circuit of the course. The only break thereafter, at least as viewed at the line, was a 10 second lead by Julian Chipper with three laps to go. But sad to say, the tractor incident upset the applearc and no placings were recorded.

In 'C' grade, over 20 riders were still in contention as they closed for the finish, but it was a strong Greg Smith who took the win just ahead of the consistent Paul Chartres, with Ian Dow-Vine in close proximity when finishing third. Jarred Finnigan was 4th, Jamie Bell, 5th, and Dave Morris 6th.

'D' grade proved more competitive than the previous couple of races, as 13 riders faced the starter. No heroic rides were noted and at the finish eight riders remained as they came down the finishing straight. Rod Atkinson proved too strong wen taking the lead with a 2 second advantage over Richard Stokes, Russell Kingham, Steve Camarri, Graham Blyth and 6th placed Bob Stephens.

'E' grade proved family, or rather a team affair. Edward Rose found the flattish course to his liking and time-trialled away for a lead of 25 seconds on the first of the grade's 4 laps, a lead that had increased to 1 minute on the 2nd lap. On the third lap he was joined by Northern beach compatriots John Kelly and Tony Clews, who rode together to the finish, to cross the line an agreed order, with the honours given to John Kelly, Edward Rose and Tony Clews. Samantha Flockhart was 4th.

'A' Grade 75km – 7 laps

1. Norm Shattock; **2.** Bernie Swart;
3. Andrew Brieley; **4.** Paul Mackay;
5. Charlie Gargett; **6.** Martin Depiazzi;
7. Tom Perry; **8.** Sam Smith;
9. Bradeley Hall; **10.** Ciaran O'Kane;
11. Justin Schultz; **12.** Tom O'Neill;
13. John Sonogo; **14.** Adam Feilding;
15. Andrew Dawson; **16.** Wayne Thomson;
17. Ian Gregory; **18.** Matthew Owen;
19. Norman MacLeod; **20.** Ian Lyne;
21. Sarah Duffield; **22.** Chris Gaskell;
23. Peter Trench; **24.** Magnus Rudisele;

25. Chris Singleton; 26. Jason Cawthorne; 27. Craig Pennell; 28. Patrick Hayburn; 29. Chris Beck; 30. Carlos de Oliveira; 31. Luke Ellis; 32. Innes Davie; 33. Gary Harvey; 34. Jon Gregg; 35. Matthew Miller; 36. David Kent.
Average: 41.6kph.

'B' Grade 75km – 7 laps

All that is known is that the tractor finished 3rd.

'C' Grade 64km – 6 laps

1. Greg Smith; 2. Paul Chartres;
3. Ian Dow-Vine; 4. Jarrad Finnigan;
5. Jamie Bell; 6. Dave Morris;
7. John Hanson; 8. John Hoye;
9. Neil Vroomans; 10. Robin Warrington;
11. Chris Graham; 12. Jennifer Matthies;
13. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan 14. Gordon Lewis;
15. Dave Meney; 16. Brian Cotter;
17. Brett Fowler; 18. Nathalie Laurendeau;
19. Peter Neuzerling; 20. Eddy Pope;
21. Peter Daffen; 22. Toby Whincup;
23. Ian Lee.

Average: 36.0kph

'D' Grade 54km – 5 laps

1. Rod Atkinson; 2. Richard Stokes;
3. Russell Kingham; 4. Steve Camarri;
5. Graham Blyth; 6. Bob Stephens;
7. Andrew Williams; 8. Jon Dooner;
9. Allan McDonald; 10. Nick Cowie;
11. Ronald Jones; 12. Clinton Hort;
13. Derek Crowther.

Average: 33.8kph

'E' Grade 43km – 4 laps

1. John Kelly; 2. Edward Rose;
3. Tony Clews; 4. Samantha Flockhart;
5. Pat Briggs; 6. Wayne Gordon;
Average: 31.5kph

3 July - Graded Scratch Races - Chidlow 'B'

Fields were split evenly between 'A', 'B' and 'C' grades, though 'D' and 'E' were below par with six and five riders respectively. The 98 riders faced excellent conditions with, at the most, a light breeze, and there were sunny skies warming the limbs for a couple of laps before the cloud cover came to chill affairs again, though thankfully, there was no rain. The conditions led to lap times that were faster than at previous meets on the circuit, apart that is for 'D' grade which slowed over their 3 laps

by over 5 minutes. 'A' grade, on the other hand were full of fire. The first lap saw Jon Gregg, Ciaran O'Kane and Simon Mattiaccio cross the line with a small lead of just over 5 seconds but all were together on the following lap. Brian Sing and Chris Singleton showed great promise of success on lap three when they had a lead of 35 seconds, while on the penultimate lap Chris Singleton found himself in the company of Jon Gregg and Chris Beek, with Tom Ford and Shaun Oneill chasing at 45 seconds. The final lap saw a breakup of the peleton, while the breakaway increased their lead. In a closely contested sprint, Chris Singleton was beaten across the line by a last second lunge by Jon Gregg, while Shaun Oneill finished a close third. Chris Beek was on his wheel while Tom Ford was a further 4 seconds behind. Sam Smith took 6th place another 1min 20seconds behind while the rest came in at intervals. There were 6 DNFs – perhaps reflecting the fast pace of the event.

'B' grade saw a strong and determined 1st lap by Craig Beeching who opened up a gap of 50 seconds over the peleton on the first lap. On the 2nd lap he was joined by Tony Anderson and Greg Bayley but the gap between them and the peleton was reduced by 5 seconds. At the bell their lead had been reduced by another 10 seconds but they still had the strength to hold off the chasers by a-quarter-of-a-minute as they crossed for the finish. There were 11 riders in the bunch that rode for third place, this going to Jason Keily who outsprinted Mark Yancasos, Garry Horesfield, Chris Brown and Keith Winch to take up the rest of the 7 cash prizes. From 14th place onwards, riders came in at intervals with seconds separating most of them.

'C' grade was easy to comment on, as from the line there was only a compact group to report, though observations from the field mentioned that Alison Dyson was driving the field on. The only riders missing from the finishing list were Nick Vroomans who suffered a puncture, and Melissa Robinson who was recovering from the shock of a car to car accident a couple of days before the event. In the sprint, twelve

riders rode towards the line in a compact bunch, but Greg Smith showed his recent excellent form by crossing ahead of Adam Parker, Gordon Lewis, Craig Hynes, Rod Mackay, Ross Pittorini and Peter Neuzerling in a hotly contested finish.

'D' grade saw action when Jon Dooner and Bob Stephens rode to a lead of 30 seconds on the first of their 3 laps. However, both riders suffered for their effort and were dropped after the field came together on lap two. As they started the final lap, Hisayo Thornton, Graham Blyth, Tertius Jansen van Vuuren and Allan MacDonald looked as if they would contest the finish, but unfortunately Allan punctured half-way through the final circuit. Graham Blyth forced his way to a lead of a few seconds at the finish, while Hisayo Thornton took a clever last sprint on the inside of Tertius to overtake him for 2nd place while he was looking over his right shoulder.

'E' grade's field was shredded by the early efforts of Tony Clews who opened a gap of 15 seconds over Wayne Gordon on the first lap, with the other riders scattered liberally behind. On the 2nd lap, Tony pulled further away to finish strongly some 1-minute ahead of Wayne Gordon, with Rod Babel another 2mins 30secs behind. Pat Briggs would have finished minutes earlier had he ridden in a skin suit instead of a flapping outer jersey, while Denis Robinson again used the ride as his week's training, to cross in 5th place.

The only sour note of the day was sounded by marshal Dave Nangle who reported that **many 'A' graders had ignored the cones set out on the 1st corner, to cross the double white lines.** Come on fellows, take more care and respect the rules, or we'll soon find ourselves looking for new, or not having any courses to race on!

'A' Grade 88km – 5 laps

1. Jon Gregg;
2. Chris Singleton;
3. Shaun Oneill;
4. Chris Beek;
5. Tom Ford
6. Sam Smith;
7. Innes Davie;
8. Paul Mackay;
9. Luke Ellis;
10. Matt Upton;
11. Jaimie Kirkwood;
12. Ciaran O'Kane;
13. Tom O'Neill;
14. Simon Mattiaccio;
15. Andrew Brierley;
16. Jeffrey Kriel;
17. Julian Lowes;
18. Eddie Hollands;
19. Brian Sing;
20. Richard Quinlan;

21. Jarrod Bell; 22. Matt Swan.
Average: 38.9kph, 27m 10s per lap

'B' Grade 71km – 4 laps

1. Tony Anderson;
 2. Greg Bayley;
 3. Jason Kiely;
 4. Mark Yankazos;
 5. Garry Horsefield;
 6. Chris Brown;
 7. Keith Winch;
 8. Paul Chartres;
 9. John Liso;
 10. Andrew Candy;
 11. Neil Roscoe;
 12. David McFerran;
 13. Andrew Ballam;
 14. Paul Borrett;
 15. Bernie Streeter;
 16. Matt Tognini;
 17. Brad Dermody;
 18. Andrew Foggin;
 19. Mike Andrew;
 20. Craig Beeching;
 21. Paul Shields;
 22. Paul Zuvela;
 23. Fenton Lambert;
 24. Merv Byfield;
 25. Michael Morton;
 26. Amanda Nabi.
- Average: 35.7kph. 30m 0s per lap.*

'C' Grade 53km – 3 laps

1. Greg Smith;
 2. Adam Parker;
 3. Gordon Lewis;
 4. Craig Hynes;
 5. Rod Mackay;
 6. Ross Pittorini;
 7. Peter Neuzerling;
 8. Jon Hanson;
 9. Philip Stevens;
 10. Alison Dyson;
 11. John Hanson;
 12. Neil Vroomans;
 13. Jamie Bell
 14. Dave Dyson;
 15. Ian Dow-Vine;
 16. Brian Cotter;
 17. Carlton Higgs;
 18. Paul Humphreys;
 19. Allan Penaranda;
 20. Mark Schneider;
 21. Brett Fowler;
 22. Liam Donley;
 23. Mark Tancell;
 24. Robin Warrington;
 25. Ian Cope;
 26. Nick Vroomans.
- Average: 34.7kph. 30m 40s per lap*

'D' Grade 53km – 3 laps

1. Graham Blyth;
 2. Hisayo Thornton;
 3. Tertius Jansen van Vuuren;
 4. Jon Dooner.
- Average: 30.1kph. 35m 20s per lap.*

'E' Grade 35km – 2 laps

1. Tony Clews;
 2. Wayne Gordon;
 3. Rod Babel;
 4. Pat Briggs;
 5. Denis Robinson.
- Average: 28.1kph. 38m 0s per lap.*

10 July – Graded Scratch Races – Pickering Brook

Once again the gods were with us, but those of little faith stayed away in their droves, being frightened off by hail and torrential rain the previous day. As a result, we experienced a record low in numbers for

races run in recent years, when the starter welcomed only 34 riders, who faced one or two brief and very light showers, comfortable temperatures, and sunshine for most of the morning. Once again, it was the optimists who won out!

With only one 'E' grader offering to ride, we were down to four grades, with 'D' grade having a miniscule 2 starters, and 'A' grade the largest group with 17 riders. The grade rode strongly to average its normal 12 mins a lap, with the usual breaks going off from early in the race. Wayne Thomson and Ian Gregory were first off the block and held a lead of 30 seconds at the end of the 3rd lap. This came down by a-half the following lap, and all were together with 5 laps to go. Ian Gregory then went solo, recording a lead of 40 seconds with 3 to go and 10 seconds on the 8th lap. However, he had by that time dampened his powder and on the final lap found himself almost 1min 20seconds in arrears. Luke Pledger sprinted strongly for a clear win over Tom Perry and Jon Gregg, with Chris Singleton in 4th place just ahead of John Sonogo, Paul Miller and Ciaran O'Kane. The rest of the division came in at intervals, while there were 4 DNFs.

'B' grade had 9 starters but unfortunately this was reduced to 7 riders on the 1st lap when Keith Winch and Rory Murray hit a cone and went down. Rory had a grazed knee and wrecked gears and a pedal, but Keith's problems were a bit more serious, as he suffered possible concussion. The remainder of the bunch kept together for the first 3 laps, before Danny Steinen decided to whip up the pace to record a lead of 30 seconds at the line. There were a few splits in the group on the following circuits of the course, but Danny kept to a steady tempo to stamp his authority until the final lap, when he was joined by Simon Chester, Garry Horsfield and Paul Chartres. However, possibly the chase had weakened those joining Danny, for he sprinted strongly to beat Simon and Garry over the line, with Paul Chartres coming in some 7 seconds further down. It is pertinent to note that the total time for the grade was way down on their previous ride on the circuit, and that on this occasion 'C' grade recorded an average speed that was faster than 'C' grade by 0.8kph.

'C' grade was dominated by Gordon Lewis and Scott Marshall who halfway through their race had a lead of 1minute 5 seconds over four other fellow riders. With Mark Williamson being a puncture victim, there was little ability to bring back the two leaders, so that with 2 laps to go their lead had extended to 3 minutes over the next riders. Gordon Lewis proved too strong on the final uphill section to score a clear victory of 52 seconds over Scott Marshall, with Rod Mackay and John Hanson a further 5 minutes behind.

'D' grade riders Doug McDonald and Graham Blyth rode at a pace that kept them to the schedule a bigger group recorded at the previous event at Pickering Brook. That is, until the 6th and final lap when they decided to extend their time on the road to slow by 2 minutes before hitting the 'finish' buttons with 200 metres to go. On this occasion, Graham Blyth on his usual single free wheel, proved the master of the sprint, to take back his entry money as his 1st prize.

'A' Grade 76km – 10 laps

1. Luke Pledger;
2. Tom Perry;
3. Jon Gregg;
4. Chris Singleton;
5. John Sonogo;
6. Paul Miller;
7. Ciaran O'Kane;
8. Matt Upton;
9. Paul Mackay;
10. David Sumich;
11. Ian Gregory;
12. Adam Feilding;
13. Wayne Thomson.

Average: 37.9 kph 12m 00s per lap

'B' Grade 68km – 9 laps

1. Danny Steinen;
2. Simon Chester;
3. Garry Horsfield;
4. Paul Chartres;
5. John Liso.

Average: 33.1kph. 13m 50s per lap.

'C' Grade 61km – 8 laps

1. Gordon Lewis;
2. Scott Marshall;
3. Rod Mackay;
4. John Hanson;
5. Mark Williamson;
6. Chris Hodge.

Average: 34.7kph. 13m 20s per lap

'D' Grade 53km – 6 laps

1. Graham Blyth;
2. Allan McDonald.

Average: 33.9kph. 15m 50s per lap.

17 July – Graded Scratch Races – Neerabup

Despite overnight rain the event was well supported by 94 riders, with the largest group being the 37 starters in 'A' grade. Conditions were fine and temperatures comfortable, the only thing to blight the day being the strong wind that blew against the riders on the final leg of the circuit. The result saw total times for all divisions being many minutes slower than the last ride on the course.

'A' grade saw a serious split when 7 riders went away on the 4th lap to take a lead of 55 seconds. Thereafter the lead steadily increased with the result that 5 of the seven riders contested the finish with a lead of 2m 55 seconds over the main bunch, with Jon Gregg who had escaped from the peloton with 2 laps to go finishing 2 minutes behind. Chris Stapleton touched a wheel on the sprint to the line and finished 4 seconds behind his breakaway compatriots who were led in by Brett Stapleton. Wayne Thomson finished half-a-wheel behind, while Ian Gregory in 3rd place just managed to beat Ian Gregory and Shaun O'Neill, with Chris Singleton in 5th place. Bernie Swart took the bunch sprint from the first chasing bunch in 7th place, while Chris Roberts in 13th place brought in the rest of the field. Unluckiest riders in the grade were Norm Shattock who broke his chain and Tom Ford who punctured.

'B' grade saw three riders go clear with a lead of 20 seconds on the 1st lap. The three, Tony Anderson, Merv Byfield and Neil Roscoe, were however, brought back on the 2nd lap. The next break consisting of Bruce Davies, John Liso and Pedro Turibaka took over at the half-way mark with a 15 seconds lead. With 3 circuits still to go, Tony Anderson took the initiative to strongly ride away on his own. With 2 to go his lead was 40 seconds and it seemed possible that he would take the major honours, but facing strong windy conditions his escape came to an end as he entered the finishing leg with just over 2km to go. Tony managed to stay with the winning group to record 12th place and the ride of the day. The win in a 14-up bunch finish went to Gary Horsfield, a ride that probably spelt a promotion to 'A'. He was followed by a group of familiar high-finishers, with 2nd being taken by Paul Chartres, 3rd by Steve Marks, 4th John Liso, with Greg Bayley and David Kent next in line.

'C' grade remained quiet for the first three laps but with 5 laps to go Peter Neuzerling and Alison Dyson had worked to gain an advantage of 20 seconds over the rest of the field. The lead was 35 seconds on the following lap but on the penultimate lap Alison punctured and was seen to do a 'Chris Froome' by walking up the straight pushing her bike. Peter was then absorbed, leaving Peter Hunt to take a three-length sprint win over John Hanson, and Dave Dyson, the latter taking home enough prize-money to buy a meal of fish and chips and a new inner tube for wife Alison. Rod Mackay, Neil Foster, and trial rider Phil Davidson filled the next 3 positions, though Phil's 6th place proved fortunate for Bruce Abbott who gratefully took the cash prize. 'C' grade saw the only serious incident of the day when Jill Pope fell after hitting a wheel. Perhaps reflecting the hard conditions was that there were 7 DNFs in the grade.

'D' grade's 9 riders rode steadily, though Edward Rose and Tony Clews found the conditions somewhat hard, and once shot off the wheels, it proved impossible for them to return. In a close finish to the race, Richard Stokes beat Rod Atkinson into 2nd place, while Graham Blyth earned himself a few roadman points when he came 3rd, just ahead of Juliana-Austin Olsen.

A small field of 4 riders contested 'E' grade's 39km race. When Denis Robinson dropped off that left only podium placers to contest the finish, with honours going to Lawrence Fahey, followed by Wayne Gordon and Pat Briggs.

'A' Grade 86km – 11 laps

- 1.** Brett Stapleton; **2.** Wayne Thomson;
- 3.** Ian Gregory; **4.** Shaun Oneill;
- 5.** Chris Singleton; **6.** Jon Gregg;
- 7.** Bernie Swart; **8.** Paul Miller;
- 9.** Tom Perry; **10.** Paul Mackay;
- 11.** Sam Smith; **12.** Jeff Brooks;
- 13.** Chris Roberts; **14.** Gary Wright;
- 15.** Jaimie Kirkwood; **16.** Andrew Ballam;
- 17.** Colin Rose; **18.** Gavin Lawson;
- 19.** Mark Hoyer; **20.** Andrew McClurg;
- 21.** Martin Lowell; **22.** Justin Schultz;
- 23.** Charlie Gargett; **24.** Chris Glasby;
- 25.** Scott Sanders; **26.** Matthew Owen;

27. Lee Parker; 28. Chris Gaskell;
29. Patrick Hayburn; 30. Adam Feilding;
31. Martin Depiazzi.

Average: 40.00kph.

'B' Grade 78km – 10 laps

1. Garry Horsfield; 2. Paul Chartres;
3. Steve Marks; 4. John Liso;
5. Greg Bayley; 6. David Kent;
7. David McFerran; 8. Jamie Bell;
9. Danny Steinen; 10. Neil Roscoe;
11. Nick Vroomans; 12. Tony Anderson;
13. Steve Ryan; 14. Andrew Foggin;
15. Bruce Davies; 16. Roger Shooter;
17. Merv Byfield; 18. Paul Zuvela;
19. Pedro Turibaka.

Average: 36.2kph.

'C' Grade 70km – 9 laps

1. Peter Hunt; 2. John Hanson;
3. Dave Dyson; 4. Rod Mackay;
5. Neil Foster; 6. Phil Davidson;
7. Bruce Abbott; 8. Annie Bramley;
9. Chris Hodge; 10. Stacey Thomas;
11. David Saxey; 12. Erin Nolan;
13. Sabine Bird; 14. Neil Vroomans;
15. Liam Donley; 16. Peter Neuzerling.

Average: 34.9kph

'D' Grade 58km – 7 laps

1. Richard Stokes; 2. Rod Atkinson;
3. Graham Blyth; 4. Juliana Austin-Olsen;
5. Chris Howard; 6. David Williams;
7. Anthony Clews.

Average: 31.2kph

'E' Grade 39km – 5 laps

1. Lawrence Fahey; 2. Wayne Gordon;
3. Pat Briggs; 4. Denis Robinson.

Average: 28.8kph

POINTS SCORES

Still a long way to go, but these are the placings to the Neerabup event on 17 July:

1. Jon Gregg 93pts; 2. Paul Chartres 90;
3. Garry Horsfield 86; 4. Keith Winch 74;
5. Sam Smith 73; 6. Chris Singleton 69;
7. John Liso 67; 8. Bernie Swart 62;
9. John Hanson 60; 10. Allan McDonald 58;
11. Greg Smith 58; 12. Norm Shattock 58;
13. Wayne Thomson 57; 14. Andr Brierley 53;
15. Gavin Wark 52; 16. Greg Bayley 52;
Eq. 17. Justin Schultz, Neil Vroomens 50;
19. Tom Perry 49; 20. Tim Mollison 48;

21. Danny Steinen 47; 22. Rob Warrington 46;
Eq., 23. Liam Donley, Pat Briggs,
Patrick Hayburn, Paul Borrett 45;
28. Wayne Gordon 44;
Eq. 29. Nick Vroomens, Mike Andrew 43;
31. Magnus Rudisele 42.

See webpage results for other placings.

Teams Points Scores

1. Team Brooks 286pts;
2. Riders Choice 231pts;
3. Unicorn Specialized 228pts;
4. Northern Beaches CC -219pts;
5. Team Arbitrage 184pts;
6. South Perth Rouleurs 157pts;
7. Bicycle Center Cannington 155pts;
8. Total Travel WA 155pts;
9. WCM 154pts;
10. Eddy Hollands Bicycle Services 13pts;
11. Dome Coffee Cycling 125pts;
12. Garland Cycleworks 114pts;
13. Churchill Cycles 107pts;
14. KHT Cycling Team 95pts;
15. Hall Cycling 90pts;
16. Roues Chaudes Cycling Team 85pts;
17. Glen Parker Cycles 73pts;
18. Cyclemania 65pts;
19. Cycles bespoke 54pts;
20. Elite Racing Cycles Masters 48pts;
21. Squadra RTR 38pts;
22. Team Ahrens 28pts;
23. OTOC Vault Masters Racing 20pts;
Eq. 24. Team Transform, Vayda Sport 5pts.

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The attention of members is brought to the flyer on our webpage that announces a package deal that offers the chance to see some of the European Spring Classics and to gain entry to the Pre Roubaix and pre Flanders Sportif rides. The package includes air travel, 4 star accommodation, riding kit from Mummu Cycling, and Total Travel WA Cycle Tours jersey, transfers and daily breakfast and three evening meals. The tour is scheduled for 31st March to 10th April 2017 (11 days, 10 nights). For more information, contact Roger Knight at: roger@totaltravelwa.com.au

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