



Newsletter – JULY - SEPTEMBER 2018

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RACE PROGRAMME

All road races start at **9.00am.**

criteriums start at **8.00am**

Check the web page for course details and possible changes.

7 October – Graded Scratch races, Neerabup

14 October – Graded Scratch races, Herne Hill and Points Competition presentations (See note at end of newsletter re the Trophy).

21st and 28th October – No racing – Season Break.

4 November – Start Criterium Season – Kewdale. Note 8.00am start.

11 November – Criteriums - Bibra Lake

18 November – Criteriums – Wangara

25 November – Criteriums – Motorplex, (Anketell Road, Kwinana Beach)

2 December – Graded Scratch road races – Chidlow ‘A’ (9.00am start)

9 December – Criteriums – Kewdale.

15 December – Criteriums – Smeaton Way, Rockingham

23 December- CHRISTMAS BREAK

30 December - CHRISTMAS BREAK

RACE REPORTS

15 July, Graded Scratch Races, Neerabup.

Was it the overnight rain that kept numbers of riders from signing on at Neerabup, for only 48 riders turned up? As it turned out, there was no rain, hardly a breath of wind, lots of oxygen in the air, with the only hazard being from damp roads that caused some competitors to puncture. Of these, Andrew Brierley punctured twice, as did Michelle Duffield in ‘C’ grade, while unluckiest rider of the day was Chris Singleton, part of a 3-up breakaway in division ‘B’, who punctured on the line as the bell rang for the final lap.

‘A’ grade started with ten riders but finished with five after Doug Stewart, Patrick Woods and Martin Depiazzi suffered with punctured legs, while as previously mentioned, Andrew Brierley suffered two deflated tyres. Wayne Thomson also packed on the final lap but this was after he was part of a three-lap breakaway accompanied by Ian Gregory and Greg Rossiter that lasted from the third to the seventh lap. The rest of the race saw the diminished group ride together, ‘though the final lap saw them disintegrate over the last couple of kms, with Ian Gregory finishing first some 13 seconds ahead of Tom Perry, and 3rd placed Greg Rossiter who was another 8 seconds behind.

‘B’ grade with 17 entries had the largest group of the day and also the most successful breakaway when Philip Johnston,

Lee Jordan and Chris Singleton fled their companions at the end of the 3rd lap, never to be seen again. With no apparent urgency from the main peleton, they steadily pulled away to hold a lead of 2mins 10 seconds some 6 laps later as they crossed for the bell. Unfortunately, Chris Singleton chose to puncture at that very moment, and while he managed to borrow a wheel and was soon back in the chase, he rode that last lap with a rubbing brake that cramped his style and saw him ride into last place. The incident also slowed down the breakaway duo, but they still managed to hold off the chasers by 50 seconds, with Lee taking first place and Phil Johnston in second. In a hectic rush to the line, John Liso took 3rd place when a last second lunge saw him narrowly beat Gavin Lawson, Garry Horsfield, Craig Huxtable and six others in the lead chase bunch.

'C' grade's 14 riders rode in predictable fashion for that grade by staying closely together until the final lap when five riders found themselves ejected from the back of the bunch. In the sprint finish, Shane Cable again showed his potential by finishing just ahead of Wayne Marshall, Julian Bleddyn and David Varcoe, with Troy Drewett four seconds behind in 5th, just ahead of Mark Williamson and most of the rest of the field. Trial rider Alison Thomson, in her first race was happy with the experience, and with her 8th place.

As there were only two 'E' graders, it was decided to increase their race by two laps and to place them in a combined group with the 5 'D' graders. Glad to say they not only held their own during the perambulations of the circuit but finished well up in the combined group finish. Trevor Holmes took the honours in 'E' grade, while Dave Williams, Jonathan Akers and Graham Blyth took the first three places in 'D' grade, just one second ahead of the two 'E' grade finishers.

A' Grade - 86km – 11 laps

1. Ian Gregory;
2. Tom Perry;
3. Greg Rossiter;
4. Matt Swan;
5. Lee Parker.

Average 37.7kph.

'B' Grade – 78km – 10 laps

1. Lee Jordan
2. Phil Johnston;
3. John Liso;
4. Gavin Lawson;

5. Garry Horsfield;
6. Craig Huxtable;
7. Keith Winch;
8. Wayde McCann;
9. Mark Taylor;
10. Jon-Paul Grygorcewicz;
11. Paul Lamond;
12. Neil Roscoe;
13. Brett Clapham;
14. Tim Hopkins;
15. Mark Anastasas;
16. Owen Henderson;
17. Chris Singleton.

Average: 36.3kph.

'C' Grade 70km – 9 laps

1. Shane Cable;
2. Wayne Mitchell;
3. Julian Bleddyn;
4. David Varcoe;
5. Troy Drewett;
6. Mark Williamson;
7. Dave Harwood;
8. Alison Thomson;
9. Caroline Crow;
10. Brett Fowler;
11. Chris Hodge;
12. Kevin Taylor

Average: 33,5kph.

'D' Grade 55km – 7 laps

1. David Williams;
2. Jonathan Akers;
3. Graham Blyth
4. Bruce Abbott;
5. Tony Clews.

Average 30.8kph.

'E' Grade 55km – 7 laps

1. Trevor Holmes;
2. Bob Stephens;

Average 30.8kph.

22 July - Graded Scratch Races – Pickering Brook

Another day for the brave as a small but heroic field of 42 riders turned out on a gusty, chilly day accompanied with sporadic showers.

Largest division of the day was 'B' grade with 19 riders, while 'A' grade had 12. The lower grades saw a diminishing number of starters, with 'C' grade having seven, 'D' grade five, and 'E' grade with one, Diane Humphrey, who topped the podium when she finished the 6 laps after riding in the company of 'D' grade.

Both 'A' and 'B' grade followed a similar pattern with small breaks succeeding early in their respective races, though the outcomes were different. In "B" Grade Greg Bayley and Elar Kalde fled up the Repatriation Road hill and working hard distanced their adversaries, and for much of the race held on to a lead of 2 minutes. That increased in the final laps but because the group split into ones or twos, there was no cohesive chase behind. At the

end of the race, it was Elar Kalda who triumphed after dropping Greg Bayley by 1m 15secs on the final lap. Lee Jordan was first of the rest when finishing in 3rd place a further 2mins 28secs behind, while Greg Gale and Mark Taylor were exactly 4 minutes behind the winner.

In the premier grade, an early attack by Colin Rose and Brett Stapelton saw them dominate for most of the race, though the lead was never more than about 30 seconds. On laps 8 and 9 of their 11-lap race, they were 35 seconds in front, but with 2 laps to go the forces behind put down the hammer so that with 2 laps to go their lead had been reduced to 15 seconds. By the time they came around for the bell, they were overtaken by the chasers. Brett managed to stay with the group, though Colin was to finish 6th, 12 seconds behind the winner. In the wind assisted finish, John Gregg was recorded by Wayne Lally in the lead car as moving at about 85kph. This allowed him to take the win from Brain Sing by a clear few lengths, with Andrew Brierley, Ian Gregory and Brett Stapleton close behind..

In 'C' grade's race, a calm start began to heat up at about the half-way mark when trial rider Dean Fehlberg, accompanied by Dave Ellis and Chris Hodge broke away to be joined with 3 laps to go by a hard-chasing Ian Dow-Vine, though the effort was in vein as he was dropped on the following lap. In the meanwhile, somewhere on the course, both Vim Sephton and David Varcoe punctured, leaving only four riders to complete the event. Chris Hodge and David Ellis fought out a closely contested finish, with the first place going to the former rider, while Dean Fehlberg was a further 3 seconds behind. Ian Dow Vine finished a further 3mins 12secs in arrears.

The combined 'D/E' group rode together for the early part of the race, with 'E' grade representative Diane Humphrey, holding her own for a couple of laps. The already small field was further reduced when Jon Nelson faced a lonely ride after a fall when hitting a cone on one of the corners, while Trevor Holmes had a bad day on the hills. However, both finished the event. With three of the six circuits completed, three riders Jonathan Akers, Graham Blyth and Emma Tattum pulled away. At the finish, it looked like a victory for Jonathan Akers, but in a last second lunge,

Graham Blyth triumphed by a small margin. Emma Tattum took 3rd place, three seconds behind.

Altogether a hard day that saw some gutsy riding.

A' Grade - 84km - 11 laps

1. Jon Gregg; 2. Brian Sing;
3. Andrew Brierley; 4. Ian Gregory;
5. Brett Stapleton; 6. Colin Rose;
7. Tom O'Neill; 8. Paul Mackay;
9. Nathan Jones..

Average 38.4kph.

'B' Grade - 76km - 10 laps

1. Elar Kalda; 2. Greg Bayley;
3. Lee Jordan; 4. Greg Gale;
5. Mark Taylor; 6. Neil Roscoe;
7. Joey Rawson; 8. Steve Burns;
9. Keith Winch; 10. Gavin Lawson;
11. John Liso; 12. Chris Singleton;
13. Garry Horsfield.

Average: 37.4kph.

'C' Grade 69km - 9 laps

1. Chris Hodge; 2. David Ellis;
3. Dean Fehlberg; 4. Iain Dow-Vine;

Average: 32.8kph.

'D' Grade 61km - 6 laps

1. Graham Blyth; 2. Jonathan Akers;
3. Emma Tattum; 4. Jon Nelson;
5. Trevor Holmes.

Average 29.98kph.

'E' Grade 61km - 6 laps

1. Diane Humphries

Average 28.3kph.

29 July - Graded Scratch - Casuarina

Only Tour de Franceitis and late nights can explain why only 63 riders turned up on a dry and relatively calm morning to seek glory on the Casuarina course. Possibly the relatively small numbers explained why lap times were down on recent races on the circuit, though that statement excludes 'E' grade which knocked 30 seconds a lap off their best time for the circuit. Unfortunately the ambulance was called on 'C' grade's third lap when a touch of wheels brought down Ian Dow-Vine and Katarzyna Pawikowska. The former suffered abrasions and a torn pair of shorts, while Katarzyna suffered a suspected shoulder

injury and a few broken ribs. Hopefully she'll have a quick recovery as she has planned with her husband (who sustained a leg injury in a bike fall the previous day) to tour Italy in August. Here's wishing her and husband a quick recovery. The one redeeming feature of the accident was that the whole grade decided to stop to help, and only went on their way again when Alison Atherton turned up with her first aid kit, and when an ambulance had been called. After a halt of 15 minutes they continued to race.

'A' grade's 16 entrants had a quiet first three laps before Julian Lowes and Ian Gregory eased off the front, though their venture was short lived. On the next lap it was John Gregg who shed his compatriots, with a slim advantage of 10 seconds, a lead that remained the same on the following lap. When Jon was brought to heel by a group of six riders they picked up the pace, and with 2 laps to go their lead was 17 seconds. At the bell it had increased to 40 seconds, while at the finish the difference over the main peleton was just shy of one minute. In a seven-up sprint Brian Sing was the victor by one-and-a-half lengths over Jon Gregg, while for the first time in quite a while, Ian Lyne appeared among the prize-winners when taking third place. Following closely behind were Ian Gregory, Tom O'Neill, trial rider Thomas Wolczyk and Nathan Jones, with Colin Rose at 13 seconds taking 8th place.

'B' grade followed a similar pattern to 'A' grade, when a group of seven of the 19 entrants took off after 4 laps, never to be seen again. The following lap the lead had increased from 20 to 50seconds, and continued to increase from that time on, eventually finishing 2mins 4secs ahead of the chasers. Greg Gale took the sprint just ahead of Craig Huxtable and John Liso, while Lee Jordan, Keith Winch, Paul Borrett and Andrew Lilley filled the other places in the breakaway group. Darren Dunstan in 8th place was the first of the chasers when finishing 3 seconds ahead of Brett Clapham in 9th place.

Helped by a duel between Ian Dow-Vine and Paul McMurtrie 'C' grade rode their first circuit some 5 seconds faster than 'B' grade. That duel ended with a sprint across the line that went to Paul McMurtrie by half-a-wheel, but as there were no sprint points, they then settled down until the third lap when, as

already stated, there was an accident that saw the grade stop for a while. With 2 laps to go, the star of the outfit proved to be Ben Bartlett who went off on his own to lead by 35 seconds as he crossed for the bell lap. Ben more than held that lead for the final lap, finishing 59 seconds ahead of a group of three, consisting of Paul McMurtrie, Greg Smith and 4th placed Shane Cable, while Vim Sephton led in the remainder of the field just over one minute down.

The eight riders in 'D' grade were reduced to seven about half way through their 52km ride when Roberta Richardson punctured. The remainder bar Jon Nelson, who suffered hunger-knock, and Bill Stibbs who suffered from sore knees rode at a steady 15m 20 seconds per lap for the remainder of the race. As the flag was waved, Tony Clews threw all he knew into a winning sprint, while 2 seconds later Graham Blyth in 2nd place led in Johnathan Akers, Nick Cowie and Trevor Holmes.

'E' grade, as with 'D', attracted 8 starters, which was a great improvement over the numbers in the previous couple of races. The number of riders led to a relatively fast pace resulting in the already reported faster average pace on the Casuarina Circuit. It proved a steady race that saw the usual group of sprinters take the honours. First to cross the line was Bob Stephens who outpaced Lawrence Fahey and both Diane and Paul Humphreys, with Julie Humphreys a close 5th. Pat Briggs was a few seconds behind, but final rider to complete the race, Kevin Hart found himself some distance behind having had very few racing miles in his legs in recent times.

A' Grade - 87km - 10 laps

1. Brian Sing; 2. Jon Gregg
 3. Ian Lyne; 4. Ian Gregory;
 5. Tom O'Neill; 6. Tom Wolczyk;
 7. Nathan Jones; 8. Colin Rose;
 9. Celis William; 10. Scott Sanders;
 11. Travis Goad; 12. Chris Gaskell;
 13. Michael Tapscott; 14. Jeff Brooks.
- Average 40.7kph. 12m 25secs per lap.*

'B' Grade – 78km – 9 laps

1. Greg Gale; 2. Craig Huxtable;
3. John Liso; 4. Lee Jordan;
5. Keith Winch; 6. Paul Borrett;
7. Andrew Lilley; 8. Darin Dunstan;
9. Brett Clapham; 10. Scott Ayles;
11. Merv Byfield; 12. Mark Anastasas;
13. Mitchell Henvale; 14. Anthony Doherty;
15. John O'Boyle; 16. Garry Horsfield;
17. Owen Henderson; 18. Jason Hapeta.
Average: 38.7kph. 13m 20secs per lap

'C' Grade 70km – 8 laps

1. Ben Bartlett; 2. Paul MacMurtrie;
3. Greg Smith; 4. Shane Cable;
5. Vim Sephton; 6. Brett Fowler;
7. Chris Woodhead; 8. Anthony West;
9. Dave Harwood.
Average: 32.8kph. 15m 55secs per lap.

'D' Grade 61km – 6 laps

1. Tony Clews; 2. Graham Blyth;
3. Jonathan Akers; 4. Nick Cowie;
5. Trevor Holmes; 6. Jon Nelson.
Average 33.9kph. 15m 55secs per lap.

'E' Grade 44km – 6 laps

1. Bob Stephens; 2. Lawrence Fahey;
3. Dian e Humphrey; 4. Paul Humphrey;
5. Julie Humphreys; 6. Paul Briggs;
7. Kevin Hart.
Average 31.3kph. 16mins 35s per lap.

5 August, Club Memorial Races - Graded Handicap, Herne Hill

Thankfully the day turned out warmer than the previous day, while the light breeze gave no advantage to 'A's scratch group that would have been expected to excel in hard conditions. Advantage also went to the much larger 'B' group containing 26 riders, as against 'A's eleven. With only three riders 'E' grade also faced a hard task, even though they started on limit at 28 minutes. Other handicaps saw 'C' grade start at another 8 minutes, while there were 5-minute gaps between them and 'B' grade, and another 5 minutes to 'A'.

At the end of lap one, 'D' grade had gained 2 minutes of their 10 minutes gap over 'E' grade, while 'C' grade had moved up only one minute on 'D'. At the end of the field, the signs for 'A' grade were not good, as they only managed to move up 4 seconds on 'B', while the latter took 3 minutes 22 seconds out of 'C's

start lead. It was obvious where the advantage lay, and with three laps of the circuit to go 'B' grade found themselves only eight seconds behind 'C' while 'A' were well out of contention being just over 4 minutes in arrears over 'B'

'D' and 'E' grades were still out at the front of the field with 2 laps to go but on the bell lap 'B' grade had caught all those who had started before them. However, five 'C' grade riders managed to stay in the now leading bunch, while three of them were part of the 18-strong group that survived to fight out the final sprint. In a closely contested finish, Greg Gale overcame the opposition to take out the Memorial Trophies and 1st place cash prize, followed by Lee Jordan, Owen Henderson, Darin Dunstan, Craig Huxtable and Patrick Woods. The three leaders also went home all the richer as they gathered up the division 'B' prizes. Paul MacMurtrie of 'C' grade finished in 12th place overall, while his grade compatriots Dave Harwood and Melissa Robinson were 16th and 17th overall in that lead bunch.

The first rider in 'D' grade was trial rider Barry Cook who finished in 23rd place, one place ahead of lucky Graham Blyth who took out the grade 1st place prize some 2m 41secs behind the race winner. Fellow 'D' grader Jonathan Akers in 33rd place overall finished a further 1min 31 seconds behind, while 1min 2 seconds later Roberta Robinson led in two others from the grade, being Bruce Abbott and Kirsty Auguston.

The first of 'A' grade was Colin Rose, in 25th place, just 2 seconds ahead of Tom Perry with Brian Sing, Paul Mackay and Matt Upton close on his wheel.

In 'E' grade Lawrence Fahey finished 1st in the grade when taking the 34th overall placing in the same time as Bob Stephens in 38th place, while 3rd placed Pat Briggs was 51st overall.

Last man to finish in 54th place was Matt Tognini who punctured early in the race – not his lucky day as before the start he had suffered two other punctures. There were eight DNF's. Just before the presentation, the President read out the roll of honour of deceased club riders and

officials. Greg Gale received a club trophy to celebrate his win, while Leo Enright kindly presented his perpetual trophy, and special prize of framed currency notes. Overall, a good day's racing.

Results: Grade and handicap from scratch

1. Greg Gale	'B' 5mins
2. Lee Jordan	'B' 5mins
3. Owen Henderson	'B' 5mins
4. Darin Dunstan	'B' 5mins
5. Craig Huxtable	'B' 5mins
6. Patrick Woods	'B' 5mins
7. John Liso	'B' 5mins
8. Keith Winch	'B' 5mins
9. Gavin Lawson	'B' mins
10. Wade McCann	'B' 5mins
11. Frank Bate	'B' 5mins
12. Paul Mcmurtrie	'C' 10mins
13. Neil Roscoe	'B' 5mins
14. Magnus Rudisele	'B' 5mins
15. Tony Anderson	'B' 5mins
16. Dave Harwood	'C' 10mins
17. Melissa Robinson	'C' 10mins
18. David Slack	'C' 10mins
19. Mark Taylor	'B' 5mins
20. Eddy Pope	'C' 10mins
21. Merv Byfield	'B' 5mins
22. Troy Drewett	'C' 10mins
23. Barry Cook	'D' 18mins
24. Graham Blyth	'D' 18mins
25. Colin Rose	'A' Scratch
26. Tom Perry	'A' Scratch
27. Brian Sing	'A' Scratch
28. Paul Mackay	'A' Scratch
29. Matt Upton	'A' Scratch
30. David Irvine	'B' 5mins
31. Julian Lowes	'A' Scratch
32. Travis Goad	'A' Scratch
33. Jonathan Akers	'D' 18mins
34. Lawrence Fahey	'E' 28mins
35. Roberta Richardson	'D' 18mins
36. Bruce Abbott	'D' 18mins
37. Kirsty Auguston	'D' 18mins
38. Bob Stephens	'E' 28mins
39. Ian Lyne	'A' Scratch
40. Mitchell Henville	'B' 5mins
41. Jason Hapeta	'B' 5mins
42. Kevin Taylor	'C' 10mins
43. Shane Cable	'C' 10mins
44. Tony Clews	'D' 18mins
45. Nick Cowie	'D' 18mins
46. Greg Bayley	'B' 5mins

47. Graham Iddles	'C' 10mins
48. Anthony West	'C' 10mins
49. Vim Sephton	'C' 10mins
50. Jon Nelson	'D' 18mins
51. Pat Briggs	'E' 28min s
52. Adrian Quick	'C' 10mins
53 Gwen Lossie	'C' 10mins
54. Matt Tognini	'B' 5mins

12 August - Club Age Group Championships – Mt Helena.

Blue skies, sunshine and hardly a breath of wind greeted the field of 59 riders who competed for honours and medals at the championship races on the Mt Helena circuit. The low numbers meant there were some gaps in the various 10-year age divisions but by combining the ladies and higher age groups field sizes were increased, which led to competitive racing. No blow-for-blow account will be given, as its deemed that riders in all age groups are deserving of their medals, and to highlight one above another would be against the object of the championships. However, two things stood out on the day, the first being the ride of the combined ladies and combined male riders in the 65 to 79 year age division. On the first circuit of their 2-lap race they lapped at the same time as the younger division of riders in 35-44 year division and faster than the 45-54 and the 55-64 year groups. The second was that the leaders of the 45-54 year division, riding four laps, caught their younger counterparts in the 35-44 division by four minutes and led them over the finishing line with an additional minute advantage.

The following medal winners were worthy club champions:

Ladies 45-49years

Gold: Sam Bolton

Ladies – 40-44years

Gold Jill Pope

Males 75-79years

Gold Richard Barville

Males 70-74years

Gold Bruce Abbott

Silver Bob Stephens

Males 65-69years

Gold Chris Hodge

Silver Graham Blythe

Bronze Jon Nelson

Males 60-64years

Gold Peter Wilshaw

Silver Brett Clapham

Bronze Vim Sephton

4. Terry Mayor; 5. Pat Briggs.

Males 55-59years

Gold Frank Bate

Silver Keith Winch

Bronze Gavin Lawson

4. Tony Anderson; 5. Chris Singleton;

7. Tony O'Neill;

8. Andrew Highfield; 9. David Varcoe;

10. Garry Horsfield; 11. Jonathan Akers.

Males 50-54 years

Gold Andrew Brierley

Silver Colin Rose

Bronze Paul Hearne

4. Phil Deisel; 5. Paul Borrett;

6. Owen Henderson; 7. Julian Johnson;

8. Mark Hamill; 9. Martin Depaiazzi;

10. Paul McMurtrie; 11. Anthony West.

Males 45-49years

Gold Jon Gregg

Silver Michael Tapscott

Bronze John Liso

4. Lee Jordan; 5. Mitchell Henville;

6. Steve Burns; 7. Wade McCann.

Males 40-44 years

Gold Scott Sanders

Silver J.C. Van der Walt

Bronze Ian Gregory

4. Jeffrey Kriel; 5. Greg Gale;

6. Tim Hopkins; 7. Matt Upton;

8. Brian Sing; 9. Ben Bartlett;

10. James Howard.

Males 35-39years

Gold Tom Perry

Silver Craig Huxtable

Bronze Hunter Shipp

19 August – Graded Scratch – Chidlow ‘B’

On what was possibly the most perfect day of the season, it was disappointing to see only 49 riders turn out for the Chidlow ‘B’ races. This was possibly linked to the two days of racing at Collie, though it does not explain the poor turnout in the lower grades.

With eight starters, the ‘A’ grade race went as predicted with the group staying largely intact throughout the race, resulting in a five-up sprint that saw Brian Sing claim victory over Ian Gregory, Andrew Brierley, Jon Gregg and Paul Mackay. The limited

numbers also resulted in a lower overall time than at previous events, though that was by only about 40 seconds per lap.

‘B’ grade, however, was 1 minute per lap faster than on their previous outing on the course as various attacks met responses from within the 22-strong field. J.C. Van der Welt led in the field by 10 seconds at the end of the first of their four laps, after which the field came together until the penultimate lap when the group split in two with the eight leaders having an advantage of 40 seconds as they crossed for the bell. On the final lap, Craig Huxtable and Wes Gorman attacked in the final few kms and contested the sprint, which led to a clear win by Craig. Chris Brown then led in a group of five riders some 6 seconds behind, which saw Chris Singleton finish in 4th place, followed closely by Nathan Dyke, Greg Bayley and Stuart Murray, while Greg Gale followed some 36 seconds down on the winner in 8th place.

‘C’ grade with a field of 12 starters averaged 32mins 00secs per lap, being 20 seconds per lap down on their usual schedule. This was due to a relatively slow 2nd lap when they recorded a time of 33m 05secs, compared with the first and the final lap times of 31m 05secs and 31m 15secs respectively. The final lap saw the field break up, with an attack by David Varcoe being the ride of the day. This saw him cross the line 1min 08secs ahead of Eddy Pope, Richard Barville, Shane Cable and Jill Pope, with Anthony West and Chris Graham another 5 seconds behind.

‘D’ grade’s five starters was reduced to four when Tony Clews who had featured in the higher placings in recent weeks, found himself short in the legs department after what he described as a sleepless night. It was the third and final lap that saw most damage done when Jonathan Akers rode away from his compatriots to take the win by 14 seconds from Jon Nelson, with Sam Bolton, still suffering from her previous ride in the Collie-Donneybrook handicap crossed in third place in the company of Adrian Quick.

‘E’ grade’s two lap event saw the predicted finishing order with Bob Stephens taking the laurels nearly 4

minutes ahead of Pat Briggs, with Shirley-Dow-Vine coming in third.

A' Grade - 89km – 5 laps

1. Brian Sing;
2. Ian Gregory
3. Andrew Brierley;
4. Jon Gregg;
5. Paul Mackay;
6. Doug Stewart;
7. Frank Bate.

Average 37.4kph. 28m 10secs per lap.

'B' Grade – 71km – 4 laps

1. Craig Huxtable;
2. Wes Gorman;
3. Chris Brown;
4. Chris Singleton;
5. Nathan Dyke;
6. Greg Bayley;
7. Stuart Murray;
8. Greg Gale;
9. Keith Winch;
10. John Liso;
11. Tim Hopkins
12. Andrew Candy;
13. Lee Jordan;
14. Sasa Travic;
15. JC Van der Walt;
16. Garry Horsfield;
17. Wade McCann;
18. Mar k Anastasas.

Average: 36.1kph. 29m 30secs per lap

'C' Grade 53km – 3 laps

1. David Varcoe;
2. Eddie Pope;
3. Richard Barville;
4. Shane Cable;
5. Jill Pope;
6. Anthony West;
7. Chris Graham;
8. Brett Fowler;
9. Dave Harwood;
10. Ian Dow-Vine;
11. Mark Williamson.

Average: 33.3kph. 32m 00secs per lap.

'D' Grade 53km – 3 laps

1. Jonathan Akers;
2. Jon Nelson;
3. Sam Bolton;
4. Adrian Quick.

Average 30.8kph. 34m 40secs per lap.

'E' Grade 36km – 2 laps

1. Bob Stephens;
- 2 Pat Briggs;
3. Shirley Dow-Vine..

Average 26.4kph. 40mins 30s per lap.

26 August – Graded Scratch Races – Dog Hill, Baldvis

Another perfect day with balmy conditions, blue skies and barely a hint of a breeze. However, numbers were again disappointing with only 55 starters, attributed to be a result of riders opting for CA's road Championships and some riders opting to time trial with ATTA. One memorable occurrence on the day, as reported by our illustrious timekeeper Scott Stephens, was that for the first time ever, every rider rode with a transponder in place, which made his job of recording places much easier.

'A' grade with only eight riders rode close to their timing schedule, which pleased the stater/judge. Doug Stewart for the third event in a row punctured twice and had to resort to changing his wheel half-way through the race, though he miraculously latched on a lap later and ultimately finished 3rd in the sprint finish. For most of the event the bunch stayed together, though Tom Perry rode to a 15 seconds lead with three of the seven laps to go, and at the bell Matt Upton, Tom O'Neill and Tom Perry opened up a slight lead. In a five-up sprint for the line, Matt Upton took the laurels, followed by Tom O'Neill, the aforementioned Doug Stewart, Mike Willacy, and Scott Sanders.

'B' grade had by far the largest number of contestants of the day with 21 starters. At the end of the first lap it was Kevin McIllduff who shone when advancing to a lead of 15 seconds, though the main peleton was in no mood to let anyone get too far up the road. With three laps to go Scott Ayles tried his best to distance his compatriots but was soon brought to heel, while with 2 laps to go six members of the group slipped away to a small lead, but that too was brought back. The result was a large bunch finish of 18 riders, with the laurels going to Greg Gale by a few lengths over fast finishing John Liso and Mark Hamill, with Lee Jordan, Keith Winch and Wade McCann and the rest of that group close behind.

'C' grade had 10 starters who rode fairly consistently at little over 17minutes per lap, There were no epics viewed from the start/finish line and it came down to the inevitable bunch print. The winner was Iain Dow-Vine who had a close finish with 2nd placed Greg Smith, and with David Menarry and Shane Cable on his wheel. The only lady rider of the day, Kelsie Davies finished a meritable fifth, just ahead of Vim Sephton.

'D' grade with 11 riders had the second largest field of the day and these rode in a compact group, which kept the sprinters in the field happy for their chances. And so it turned out at the finish when Jon Nelson took the initiative with about 250 metres to go, to lead in the field

ahead of 2nd placed Lawrence Fahey, with Nick Cowie, Graham Blyth. Jarred Finnigan being next, followed closely by the rest of the field.

'E' grade started with 5 entrants, but Kevin Hart had a bad day, while Denis Robinson on his comeback race after a break of a couple of months also decided to ride for only half the race. This left Bob Stephens and Pat Briggs to break away from the sole other contestant, Derek Mayall also riding for the first time in a couple of months, was destined to podium in third place! In a tight sprint finish it was Bob Stephens who triumphed over Pat Briggs, with both soon after going about their duties in rescuing and packing the course signage.

'A' Grade 75km - 7 laps,

1. Matt Upton; 2. Tom O'Neill;
3. Doug Stewart; 4. Mike Willacy;
5. Scott Sanders; 6. Tom Perry;
7. Chris Roberts; 8. Nathan Jones.
Average 40.6kph. 15mins 50s per lap.

'B' Grade 75km - 7 laps

1. Greg Gale; 2. John Liso;
3. Mark Hamill; 4. Lee Jordan;
5. Keith Winch; 6. Wade McCann;
7. Gary Horsfield; 8. Brett Clapham;
9. Tony Anderson; 10. Nader El Sayed;
11. John O'Boyle; 12. Paul McMurtrie;
13. Patrick Woods; 14. Kevin McIlduff;
15. Hunter Shipp; 16. Neil Roscoe;
17. Giovanni Camicelli; 18. Julian Chipper;
19. Eddy Pope; 20. Magnus Rudisele;
21. Scott Ayles.

Average 39.1kph. 16mins 25s per lap.

'C' Grade 64km - 6 laps

1. Iain Dow-Vine; 2. Greg Smith;
3. David Menarry; 4. Shane Cable;
5. Kelsie Davies; 6. Vim Sephton;
7. Brett Fowler; 8. Chris Woodhead;
9. Troy Drerwett; 10. Steve Ryan.
Average 36.2kph. 17mins 40s per lap.

'D' Grade 53km - 5 laps

1. Jon Nelson; 2. Lawrence Fahey;
3. Nick Cowie; 4. Graham Blyth;
5. Jarred Finnigan; 6. Jonathan Akers;
7. John Shattock; 8. Trevor Holmes;
9. Lyn Scott; 10. Adrian Quick;
11. Clinton Hort.
Average 34.2kph. 19mins 00s per lap.

'E' Grade 43km - 4 laps

1. Bob Stephens; 2. Pat Briggs;
3. Derek Mayall.
Average 30.32kph. 21mins 15s per lap.

9 September – Graded Scratch races, Casuarina.

Afraid I was away for this one – see Webpage for results,

16 September – NOTE: Chidlow 'A' races were cancelled because of public weekend function at Chidlow, and a visit to the venue on the Sunday proved this to have been a wise move.

23 September – Graded Scratch races, Pickering Brook

The Spring had certainly sprung in sunny Pickering Brook, meaning it was a perfect day for racing. 'B' grade started with the largest field of the day when 25 riders turned out for the race with the greatest reportable action of the day. This saw a bunch of four, Tony Anderson, Lee Jordan, Mark Taylor and Simon Duncalf, slide off the front to gain a 25 seconds lead at the beginning of the 2nd of their 9 laps, a lead that continued to grow to 43 seconds with three laps to go. Three of the four survived until 2 laps to go when the lead shrank to 28 seconds over the chasers. The bell spelled doom for the break as the lead had been reduced to 12 seconds, a lead that was soon eroded by a small group that bore down on them. The win went to Joey Rawson by 4 seconds when he broke away on the Repatriation Hill climb to hold off JC Van der Welt, who finished another 2 seconds ahead of a bunch of eight riders, with Gavin Wark 'podiuming' from that group just ahead of Keith Winch, Lee Jordan, Sasa Travic, Tony Anderson, Greg Bayley, Mark Taylor and James Baldwin.

The next largest bunch belonged to 'C' grade with 18 entrants but from the vantage point of the finish line there appeared to be surprisingly little action except for the break by Alison Dyson with 5 of the 8 laps to go when she jumped her compatriots to take a lead of 25 seconds. However, still recovering from previous injuries, Alison was unable to sustain the attack and had been brought to heel by the

beginning of the next lap. The finish saw 10 riders in with a chance, but it was Eddy Pope who triumphed, followed closely by Paul McMurtrie, trial riders Romney Philips and James Crow, with Alison Dyson taking the 3rd place cash prize and looking at this as her lucky day!

'A' grade's story was hard to interpret, but on the 3rd lap the field had split into three fragments, whether through a hard attack, or whether some allowed a break or two to ease away is not known. The front group worked well together and managed to hold off the chasers, but an attack on the bell lap when Daniel Hughes d'Aeth jumped away to a 15 seconds lead was too ambitious so close to the finish of the race, and he was soon absorbed by his recent compatriots. Making an attack in the final km, Luke Pledger made a decisive move to lead a group of five across the line by a comfortable 5 seconds. Henry Morley and Brian Sing followed to take the other cash prizes while those who narrowly missed out were Andrew Brierley, Daniel Hughes d'Aeth and Tom O'Neill, while Matt Upton and Michael Tapscott were another 11 seconds behind.

The eight starters in 'D' grade rode a comfortable pace for much of the race, though both Shirley Dow-Vine and John Shattock rode a lonely furrow for most of the event. Staying close together, the affair was decided in the last 500 metres when the sprinters happily led out the field, with laurels going to Jon Nelson who took his 3rd consecutive win, with 2nd place being taken by Jonathan Akers. Bruce Abbott broke a drought when finishing third, just ahead of Sam Bolton, Adrian Quick and Emma Tattum. Jon Nelson's expected promotion will be delayed, as he's off to parts foreign for three or four weeks, much to the regret of his 'D' grade companions!

'A' Grade 76km – 10 laps

1. Luke Pledger; 2. Henry Morley;
3. Brian Sing; 4. Andrew Brierley;
5. Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth; 6. Tom O'Neill;
7. Matt Upton; 8. Michael Tapscott;
9. Chris Roberts; 10. Paul McKay
Average 39.2kph. 11mins 45s per lap.

'B' Grade 68km - 9 laps

1. Joey Rawson; 2. JC Van der Welt;
3. Gavin Wark; 4. Keith Winch;
5. Lee Jordan; 6. Sasa Travic;
7. Tony Anderson; 8. Greg Bayley;
9. Mark Taylor; 10. Janie Baldwin;
11. Jason Hapeta; 12. Darin Dunstan;
13. John Liso; 14. Lutz Sprengel;
15. John O'Boyle; 16. Lee James Smith;
17. Nader El Sayedi; 18. Merv Byfield;
19. Kevin McIllduff; 20. Joshua Weidman;
21. Owen Henderson; 22. Garry Horsfield.
Average 37.5kph. 12mins 25s per lap.

'C' Grade 61km - 8 laps

1. Eddy Pope; 2. Paul McMurtrie;
3. Romney Phillips; 4. James Crow;
5. Alison Dyson; 6. Troy Drewett;
7. Margot Biggs; 8. Chris Hodge;
9. John Spicer; 10. Shane Cable;
11. Greg Smith; 12. Kate Nelligan;
13. Richard Barville; 14. Steve Ryan;
15. Andrew Rother; 16. Caroline Crow;
17. Vim Sephton; 18. Brett Fowler.
Average 34.5kph. 13mins 30s per lap.

'D' Grade 53km -7 laps

1. Jon Nelson; 2. Jonathan Akers;
3. Bruce Abbott; 4. Sam Bolton;
5. Adrian Quick; 6. Emma Tattum;
7. Shirley Dow-Vine.
Average 31.6. 14mins 45s per lap.

'E' Grade 38km - 5 laps

1. Bob Stephens; 2. Gerry Allen;
3. Denis Robinson.
Average 27.3kph. 16mins 50s per lap.

30 September – Graded Scratch races – Dog Hill, Baldivis.

Another surprising day, as the forecasters were proved wrong. In place of the expected showers we enjoyed blue skies and perfect conditions that made for excellent racing. The only disappointment was the low turnout of 62 riders – where are you folk and hope from now on, as we approach the summer criteriums, that our numbers will shift back to around the century mark.

Referee Bob Addy made an executive decision to liven up the activity by combining 'A' and 'B' grades and also 'D'

and 'E', decisions that led to surprises in the top ranks as 'B' graders kept up with and finished alongside their higher grade compatriots. The first break occurred on lap one when 'A' graders Brian Sing, Tom O'Neill(?) and Mike Willacy accompanied by 'B' grade's Adam Fielding and Gavin Wark had a lead of 10 second's. This had increased by another 25 seconds on the 2nd time around the circuit, though the third lap saw a regrouping apart from a few riders shed off the back. All were content to sit for another lap or two before there was another attack involving Andrew Brierley, Brian Sing, Luke Pledger, Mike Willacy, Gavin Wark, Keith Winch Adam Fielding and Magnus Rudisele. With three laps to go their lead had increased to 1m 35secs and although there was a strong pursuit behind, the leading group managed to stay away. Their order of finish was however masked, by separate prizes being awarded according to grade. First across the line was Mike Willacy who had a commanding win of a few lengths, but the gods decided otherwise, for in his exultation he threw both arms in the air to find himself demoted to last place in 'A' grade. The win in 'A' grade therefore became Brian Sing, with Luke Pledger 3 seconds behind and Andrew Brierley in 3rd place. Gavin Wark took out the 'B' grade race, with Keith Winch being judged by his transponder to have won by 0.02 seconds, with Magnus Rudisele and Adam Fielding 3 seconds behind in 3rd and 4th places. Methinks that the handicapper will have noted the results and that some promotions will be in the offing! 'B' grade saw 5 DNF's including Jason Hapeta who suffered from a softening tyre early in the race.

'C' grade's 17 riders showed consistent pace as they lapped with in a range of about 10 seconds per lap throughout the race. Alison Dyson was seen to stir up the action but had little success when facing an attentive bunch which was unprepared to let anyone get away. Unfortunately there was a touch of wheels on the final lap that caused Dave Harwood to fall, crack his helmet and lose some bark, though fortunately no bones were broken. The fall disrupted the chase and while some riders stayed behind with the fallen, others continued with the race. It was therefore a 'disjointed finale, with the winner being Graham Iddles who finished just ahead of

David Menarry, with Mark Williamson 11 seconds behind them in third place. Fifteen seconds later, Richard Barville finished alone in 4th place, and Greg Smith and Kevin Taylor were a further 3 seconds behind.

The combine in the 'D' 'E' groups was short-lived with the latter finishing almost 4 minutes behind the winners of 'D' grade. Clinton Hort was an early animator but his attempts to make a clean break were brought to heel. The event saw the return from a long stay in Europe of Rob Pietersen, who with flash new cycling shoes had obviously taken advantage of the warm European summer to get in the miles. In the sprint finish he finished first out of a group of 5 riders, with Lawrence Fahey finishing 2nd just ahead of John Shattock, Jonathon Akers and Adrian Quick. Four seconds separated them from Nick Cowie and Shirley Dow-Vine, with another 3 seconds to Clinton Hort.

Meanwhile, 'E' grade's three competitors rode steadily, all knowing they would be podium finishers, Victory went to Bob Stephens by 2 seconds over Gerry Allen, while Denis Robinson found the extra lap tacked onto their original four laps of the circuit, a lap too far, to return a DNF.

'A' grade, 75km, 7 laps

1. Brian Sing; 2. Luke Pledger;
3. Andrew Brierley; 4. Andrew Simpson;
5. Tom O'Neill; 6. Jon Gregg;
7. Greg Gale; 8. Craig Huxtable;
9. Mike Willacy.

Average 40.4kph. 15mins 50s per lap.

'B' Grade, 75km, 7 laps

1. Gavin Wark; 2. Keith Winch;
3. Magnus Rudisele; 4. Adam Fielding;
5. Tim Hopkins; 6. Chris Singleton;
7. Lee Jordan; 8. John Liso;
9. Paul McMurtrie; 10. John O'Boyle;
11. Bernie Swart; 12. Garry Horsfield;
13. Craig James; 14. Merv Byfield;
15. Steve Burns; 16. Owen Henderson;
17. Joshua Weidman; 18. Paul Borrett.

Average 40.4kph. 15mins 50s per lap.

'C' Grade 641km - 6 laps

1. Graham Iddles; 2. David Menarry;
3. Mark Williamson; 4. Richard Barville;
5. Greg Smith; 6. Kevin Taylor;
7. Sam Bolton; 8. Anthony West;
9. David Williams; 10. Brett Fowler;
11. Steve Ryan; 12. Vim Sephton;
13. Chris Hodge; 14. Alison Dyson;
15. Nathalie Laurendeau,
Average 36.7kph. 17mins 30s per lap.

'D' Grade 53km -5 laps
1. Robert Pietersen; 2. Lawrence Fahey;
3. John Shattock; 4. Jonathan Akers;
5. Adrian Quick; 6. Nick Cowie;
7. Shirley Dow-Vine; 8. Clinton Hort.
Average 34.0kph. 18mins 50s per lap.

'E' Grade 53km - 5 laps
1. Bob Stephens; 2. Gerry Allen;
Average 32,7kph. 19mins 35s per lap.

MISSING TROPHY

Last year, Andrew Brierley won the perpetual trophy for the winter season points competition but was overseas when someone picked it up at the presentation. This is an appeal to trace the trophy and to return it to the, President Wayne Lally for the 2018 presentation that will take place at Herne Hill on the 14th October.

NEWSLETTER REPORTS

As the newsletter editor will be away for the next two races, anyone wishing to exhibit their reporting skills for the events is asked to approach Merv Byfield or the President. The usual reward for the effort will be paid in the form of words of praise from the masses.

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