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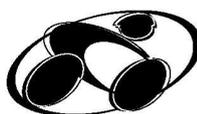
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Newsletter CHRISTMAS 2006

Annual General Meeting

Despite having over 250 members just 21 of the faithful turned up to direct the club policy for the next year! The event saw Kevan Logan step down after years of acting as our President for which thanks were extended for his tremendous effort on behalf of the members. Reference was made to the fact that for much of the time he had suffered medical problems. However, while sorry to see Kevan go, in their wisdom those present were pleased to see the reigns move into the competent hands of Wayne Lally who was happy to take the position having retired from Lakes Bikes.

It was reported that we were in a healthy financial position despite the fact that during the year we had increased our asset base and paid out over \$25,000 in prize-money and trophies and an additional \$3,500 on marshals. Affecting members was the recommendation by the committee that as from 1st January the **noms will rise from \$8 to \$10**. The meeting passed the motion when explained that this was to pay for the hire of a portable toilet and maintenance of our existing porta-toilet. So boys and girls, come along with your crisp \$10 notes on 7th January – leave your

change at home, and especially **leave your foreign coins in your pocket** as this is costing the club and annoying the treasurer!!

It was agreed to keep the **annual fees** at the 2006 level – and a reminder that these will be **due on 1st January** – and if you want to be covered for training from the beginning of the new year you will need to mail same to the Secretary before that date.

Members who will be 70 years of age before 31 December 2006 have already been informed that they must provide the Secretary with a medical certificate from their GP before being allowed to compete with the club. **Please note that anyone who is 70 years or older who turns up on the day with a certificate will be refused a start** as the certificate has to be cleared by the insurance company before they provide racing and training cover. Ignore this and you will have to spend the day watching from the sidelines.

See the end of the newsletter for the list of club officials for 2007.

Forthcoming Events

All criteriums start at 8.30am unless otherwise noted.

7 January – Criteriums at Kewdale

14 January – AHG Motor Complex. (take right onto Grogan Road – off Horrie Millar Drive, International Airport). Start 4.00pm.

21 January – Criteriums at Wangara.

28 January – Peel CC, Jim Thompson Memorial Criteriums, Smeaton Way, Rockingham.

4 February – Criteriums Wangara.

20th February, John 'O'Sullivan Vets Westral Handicap – Speed Dome. Warm-up from 6.00pm.

11 February Criteriums at Kewdale.

South Australian Classic Veteran Races 17 – 20 January 2007

Held in conjunction with the **Tour Down Under**.

17 January - criteriums, Tanunda.

18 January - road races, Handorf.

20 January - 300metre straight line sprint, Wilunga.

Organizer, Wolfgang Harder, 7 Coronation Road, Strathalbyn, SA 5255, tel. 08-85363028; mob. 0439 844 539, or see Denis Robinson or the Secretary for nomination forms.

Note: Nominations close on 2 January and you will need to renew your licence before nominating. See the Secretary if you wish to take out a licence before the end of the year.

South Pacific Veteran Cycling Championships, Maryborough, Victoria, 6-9 April 2007.

Prize-money – approx \$18,000.

Time Trial; sprint; Handicap races. Noms \$15 per event. Race Organizer: Ray Aldridge, PO Box 200 Torquay, Vic. 3228. Tel. 03-52614394; fax: 03-52614788. E.mail: veterancycling@westnet.com.au Noms close 16 March 2007, or see Denis Robinson or the Secretary for nomination forms.

Race Results

26 November, Graded Criteriums, Wangara

With the full heat of the day still to come there were comfortable conditions for the 63 riders who turned out for the first Wangara Crit of the season. What made it even more comfortable, as far as most riders were concerned, was the strong breeze that blew them up the finishing leg, thus making the uphill section far less difficult than it could have been.

'A' grade saw attack after attack with Mark Petterson and Dave Townson being first of the rank and to hold a lead for a few early laps. Thereafter there was counter attack after counter attack until the decisive break which took place about ten minutes to the finish when Doug Stewart Mark Petterson, Ian Calverley and Rob Suter put in some serious turns that left in their wake the rest of the 16-strong field. At the finish Doug Stewart took a length victory over Mark, With Ian and Rob finishing in that order. Paul Brown managed to jump the rest of the group for fifth place with the rest of the field some 20metres behind.

The 20 'B' graders were also quick off the mark though there were no epics leading to large gaps appearing in the ranks, except for a valiant attempt by Bernie Jenkinson who opened up a large gap with three laps to go. However, on the last lap it was all stops out for the chasers and Bernie was swamped with about 100metres to go, though he still had enough strength to hold on for fifth place. Leading out the sprint was Matt Davis who took a convincing victory by a good 15metres, with Barry Whiting leading in the rest. Wayne Lally kept up his recent good form when finishing third just ahead of Bob Addy who had done some hard work in the early part of the race, while local lad, John Reed finished a close sixth.

The 'C' graders set a strong but steady pace with the field being cemented together until the final drive up the finishing straight. In taking first place Trev Robson again proved his worth as a sprinter but probably projected himself to a grade promotion in the process. Pat Coolican showed excellent form when finishing a couple of lengths behind, while Bill Crout pulled out all stops to beat Roy Swift and Peter Maxwell by half-a-length at the line.

In 'D' grade there were some valiant attempts to break up the field though there were too many aspirants to allow anyone to go up the road. In the final sprint it was the rejuvenated Ernst Kreutzer who took

the laurel with his second consecutive victory. Paul Crespi also repeated his previous week's placing to take second place, while Ray Craig showed the enthusiasm of youth when beating Colin Bloomfield and Denis Robinson for the third place. Sheona Clark who had been active all through the event showed her greatly improved form when finishing a close sixth and promises to do even better when she gets down to improving her sprint.

A Grade – 50mins plus 2 laps

1. Doug Stewart; 2. Mark Petterson;
3. Ian Calverley; 4. Rob Suter;
5. Paul Brown; 6. George Miller;
7. Andrew Brierley; 8. Nic Smith;
9. Ian McFall; 10. Dave Townson;
11. Gary Collett; 12. Paul Moke;
13. Atilla Nagy; 14. Jim Gibson;
15. Garth O'Leary; 16. Tony Tucknott.

B Grade – 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Matt Davis; 2. Barry Whiting;
3. Wayne Lally; 4. Bob Addy;
5. Bernie Jenkinson; 6. John Reed;
7. Enzo Cadelli; 8. Nick Crane;
9. Geoff Marshall; 10. Wal Crowley;
11. Steve Rouse; 12. Lee Parker;
13. Ken Harvey; 14. Franz Karel;
15. John Ferris; 16. Derek McVickers;
17. Doug McDonald; 18. Ken Gill;
19. Mick Russell; 20. Colin Ward.

C Grade – 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Trev Robson; 2. Pat Coolican;
3. Bill Crout; 4. Roy Swift;
5. Paul Wighton; 6. Leo Nieuwenhausen;
7. Peter Maxwell; 8. Larry Ross;
9. Barry Eversden; 10. Jeff Usher;
11. John Wighton; 12. Ben Murdoch.

D Grade – 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Ernst Kreutzer; 2. Paul Crespi;
3. Ray Craig; 4. Colin Bloomfield;
5. Denis Robinson; 6. Sheona Clark;
7. Frank Kettle; 8. Kevan Logan;
9. Gerry Lawford; 10. Brian Paxman;
11. Vince Preedy; 12. Lindsay Froyland;
13. Dave Tierney; 14. Jim Campbell;
15. Steve Goulds.

3 December, Graded Criteriums, Kewdale

The moving forward of the clock didn't seem to have upset any riders and 70 of them turned out to ride in very comfortable conditions. 'A' grade seemed to lack the cut of thrust of recent weeks but there was enough action to strain a few ligaments among the 16 starters. Dom Bruehwiler returned after a fortnight's absence to stir up the bunch though the peleton seemed quite happy to see him dangle off the front. After 50 minutes and two laps of riding, the result was determined on the long run to the line, not unexpectedly with the verdict going to Paul Brown who took a couple of lengths out of Dave Townson who finished half-a-length ahead of Eric Cox, George Miller, Gary Wright and the rest of the closely grouped bunch.

With 23 riders, 'B' grade was by far the largest field of the day. Some hard riding in the early laps by Steve Dodd, Darren Lee and Bruce McLennon saw the prelude to some strong attacks from the bunch – other notables being John Ferris who was in aggressive mood, and Steve Marks who joined Steve Dodd and Darren Lee in the latter part of the race. However, the winning move came some ten minutes from the end when Enzo Cadelli and Ken Harvey joined up with Darren Lee to open a gap of about 100metres that they held to the end of the race. Enzo Cadelli scored his first win with the club with a strong sprint that saw him comfortably hold off Darren and Ken. Recovering from an accident when he was hit by a car, Steve Illich showed that there were few adverse after affects when he led in the bunch ahead of Bruce McLennon, Mick Russell, Jason Rolfe and Alan Clark – all of whom took away money prizes.

'C' grade seemed in no particular hurry on the day – there were no breaks of note, though comment in the bunch was that Dave Pursell had been an animator for much of the race and that he deserved a good placing. This he did when finishing in third place behind Bill Crout and Barry Eversden, Trev Robson being pushed into fourth place ahead of Jeff Usher and Larry Ross.

There was a healthy turn out of 19 riders in 'D' grade and the pressure went on early in the race to see a small handful of that number eased off the back of the bunch. All the sprinters were there at the finish, honours going once more to Paul Crespi who aggressively attacked from the corner to hold off regular rostrum placers, Ray Craig, Frank Kettle and Gerry Lawford, with The Vice-President and President taking up the rest of the cash prizes when taking fifth and sixth places. A special 'encouragement' prize to the 'E' graders in the group went to Steve Goulds who was pleased with his ride, especially considering that in previous weeks he had been dropped.

'A' grade – 50mins plus 2 laps

1. Paul Brown; 2. Dave Townson;
3. Eric Cox; 4. George Miller;
5. Gary Wright; 6. Dom Bruehwiler;
7. Jeff Burt; 8. Gary Woodland;
9. Sam Strk; 10. Nic Smith; 11. Rob Suter;
12. Gary Collett; 13. Steve Jolly;
14. Atilla Nagy; 15. John Van Vliet.

'B' grade – 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Enzo Cadelli; 2. Darren Lee;
3. Ken Harvey; 4. Steve Illich;
5. Bruce Mclennon; 6. Mick Russell;
7. Jason Rolfe; 8. Alan Clark;
9. Bob Addy; 10. Colin Ward;
11. Gary Boterhoven; 12. Dave Bebee;
13. Nic Crane; 14. Wal Crowley;
15. Andrew Bennett; 16. Geoff Marshall;
17. Richard Fear; 18. John Ferris;
19. Steve Marks; 20. Ian Masson;
21. Steve Dodd; 22. Mark Cummings;
23. Wayne Lally.

'C' grade – 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Bill Crout; 2. Barry Eversden;
3. Dave Pursell; 4. Trev Robson;
5. Jeff Usher; 6. Larry Ross;
7. Pat Coolican; 8. Ernst Kreutzer;
9. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 10. Shane White;
11. Chris Hunt; 12. Peter Maxwell;
13. Gabor Bronson.

'D' grade – 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Paul Crespi; 2. Ray Craig;
3. Frank Kettle; 4. Gerry Lawford;
5. Dennis Robinson; 6. Kevan Logan;

7. Lindsay Froyland; 8. Steve Johnston;
9. Des Williams; 10. Brian Paxman;
11. Colin Bloomfield; 12. Sheona Clark;
13. Steve Goulds; 14. Janet Bennett;
15. Heather Sanderson; 16. Jack Iveson.

10 December, Graded Criteriums, Wangara

A surprisingly cool morning greeted the 64 riders who braved the strong easterly – though there was some relief in that it was behind riders on the hard drive up to the finish. All divisions appeared to be enthused and there were numerous attempts to break up the bunches. In 'A' grade, Marty Van Moorsel, Gary Collett and Russell Fulton were in action after about 15 minutes of riding, while Dave Townson made a valiant attempt to distance himself from the field when the trio were caught. Gary Collett was again in action after 35 minutes but the vital move occurred with about 10 minutes to the finish when Paul Brown, Gary Woodland and Jim Gibson put down their heads to open up a gap that was never bridged. While Paul Brown was in fine fettle and took a long run up the straight, the gap between him and his adversaries was closed to about a length when Garry Woodland put in a huge effort over the last 50 metres. Jim was a close third, while Dave Townson beat first time 'A' grader Matt Davis by a few centimetres in the chasing peleton.

As usual 'B' grade with 21 riders contained the largest bunch of the day but despite the 'comfort' of a large bunch Bob Addy and Geoff Marsall decided to attack soon after the word 'go' and both riders, plus Steve Dodd and John Reed were prominent in attacking the hill and pulling away from the bunch. However, there were too many determined riders in the group and all were together to start the bell lap. Mick Russell, despite his dislike for uphill finishes showed that with a strong wind in his back that this presented no great obstacle and he ended the day with a clear lead of a few lengths over the evergreen Wayne Lally, while Paul Hare once more showed his ability by finishing a half-

length behind. Geoff Marshall, despite his earlier efforts still had enough petrol in the tank to be in contention when just beating Wal Crowley, Ian Masson and Nev Crane by taking fourth place.

'C' grade was also more animated than usual thanks perhaps to some new blood in the ranks, prominent among the attackers being first time rider Des Thomas and Barry Wanless. The danger for both lay in the known fast finishers, Trev Robson, Jeff Usher and Chris Hunt who indeed followed eventual winner Des Thomas into the minor places.

The 'D' graders also showed initiative with a number of riders attempting to break away including Colin Bloomfield who shone in the early stages of the race and Denis Robinson who opened up gaps on a few occasions only to be brought back to the bunch. However, perseverance had its reward and Denis's last attack proved decisive when he surged up the straight to win by a comfortable 30 metres or so. Old campaigner Gerry Lawford was second when comfortably holding off Frank Kettle, Ray Craig and the rest of the closely grouped bunch.

'A' grade – 50mins plus 2 laps

1. Paul Brown; 2. Gary Woodland;
3. Jim Gibson; 4. Dave Townson;
5. Matt Davis; 6. Gary Collett;
7. Nic Smith; 8. Ian Calverley;
9. Terry Skinner; 10. Russell Fulton;
11 Marty Van Moorsel.

'B' grade – 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Mick Russell; 2. Wayne Lally;
3. Paul Hare; 4. Geoff Marshall;
5. Wal Crowley; 6. Ian Masson;
7. Nic Crane; 8. Gary Boterhoven;
9. Jason Rolfe; 10. Dave Bebee;
11. Alan Clark; 12. Ian Logan;
13. Steve Dodd; 14. Enzo Cadelli;
15. Richard Fear; 16. John Reed;
17. Ken Harvey; 18. Bob Addy;
19. Steve Marks; 20. Steve Rouse;
21. Bernie Jenkinson.

'C' grade – 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Des Thomas; 2. Trev Robson;

3. Jeff Usher; 4. Chris Hunt; 5. Larry Ross;
6. Paul Wighton; 7. Barry Eversden;
8. Ernst Kreutzer; 9. Paul Crespi;
10. Leo Nieuwenhuizen; 11. Bill Crout;
12. Pat Coolican; 13. Barry Wanless;
14. Frank Stephen; 15. Roy Swift;
16. Ben Murdoch; 17. John Wighton.

'D' grade – 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Dennis Robinson; 2. Gerry Lawford;
3. Frank Kettle; 4. Ray Craig;
5. Lindsay Froyland; 6. Des Williams;
7. Kevan Logan; 8. Steve Goulds;
9. Dave Tierney; 10. Heather Sanderson;
11. Sheona Clark; 12. Colin Bloomfield.

17 December, Graded Criteriums AHG, Airport

A disappointing turn out of 52 riders with members either concentrating on their Christmas shopping or turned off by expectations of a hot afternoon. In fact, the day turned out to be much cooler than expected, though a fair breeze made conditions a little hard for some. The 'A' graders were in fine form for the last race of the year with attacks going off from lap one when George Miller, Dom Bruehwiler and Paul Brown put space between themselves and the field. Their lead was however challenged only for more attacks to go off the front, with the final move being made with three laps to go when George and Dom were joined by Doug Stewart and Pedro Turibaka who pulled away to an unbridgeable lead. The final 200metres saw George the 'Mighty Atom' blast away on his 26-inch wheels to hold off Pedro and Doug, while Dom who had done a tremendous amount of work finished a few metres behind.

'B' grade with 14 riders were way below their normal numbers but the racing was hard and fast. The first break occurred after 10mins when Jason Rolfe and Mick Russell opened up a 50metres gap and held it until Mick realized the error of his ways and sat up to let Jason continue with the break. Jason in turn was joined by a strong looking Garth O'Leary but they were brought back to the group some 15 minutes later after Atilla Nagy, Wal Crowley, Enzo

Cadelli and others decided that they would like to contest a sprint finish. On the line, Garth showed that he still had the speed to put some space between himself and the rest of the field, while Atilla Nagy, Mick Russell, Enzo Cadelli and Colin Ward finished close behind to take out the money prizes.

'C' grade saw few major attacks in which John Dixon was particularly prominent, though he paid the price before the finish. The group while stretching at times were all together with just over 2 weary laps to go. At that juncture Barry Johnston decided to give it a go, opened up a 50metre gap and held it to finish some 30metres or more ahead of new rider Mark Holsten, with Jeff Usher, Chris Hunt, Trev Robson again appearing in the winning frame.

The twelve-strong 'D' grade was full of bounce with special Christmas spirit being seen in the activities of Colin Bloomfield and Ray Craig who opened up a gap in the opening laps that they retained to the end. Denis Robinson missed the move but chased them down, at one time to about 20metres, but as they hit the wind-assisted back straight he was unable to latch on and ended the race some 200metres behind to take out third place. Young Ray Craig showed that his 78 years plus had little to do with slowing him down as he managed to jump Colin Bloomfield with a few metres to go. Gerry Lawford led in the rest of the field while Fran Watson impressed when finishing close to his wheel in fifth.

A grade – 45mins plus 2 laps

1. George Miller; 2. Pedro Turibaka;
3. Doug Stewart; 4. Dom Bruehwiler;
5. Eric Cox; 6. Gary Collett; 7. Nic Smith;
8. Bruce McLellan; 9. Mike Bonner.

'B' grade – 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Garth O'Leary; 2. Atilla Nagy;
3. Mick Russell; 4. Enzo Cadelli;
5. Colin Ward; 6. Wal Crowley;
7. Jason Rolfe; ???... Doug Macdonald;
- Bernie Jenkinson; Mark Pound.

'C' grade – 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. Barry Johnston; 2. Mark Holston;
3. Jeff Usher; 4. Chris Hunt;

5. Trev Robson; 6. Bill Crout;
7. Larry Ross; 8. John Wighton;
9. Peter Maxwell; 10. Ernst Kreutzer;
11. Pat Coolican; 12. Paul Wighton;
- 12 Ben Murdoch.

'D' grade – 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Ray Craig; 2. Colin Bloomfield; 3. Denis Robinson; 4. Gerry Lawford; 5. Fran Watson; 6. Dave Tierney; 6. Steve Goulds;
7. Kevan Logan; 8. Brian Paxman.

Most Improved Rider Award

The 2006 trophy presented along with the Rose Preedy points score awards at the Alpine Restaurant went to Racing Secretary **Sheona Clark**. The award was based on her great improvement and efforts over the year and was also meant as an encouragement award. In taking the prize, Sheona joined an illustrious group of riders who have shown their worth over the years. Previous winners were:

- 1998 - Vince Preedy;
1999 - Denis Robinson;
2000 - Bob Bradbury
2001 - Alan Coleman;
2002 - Bruce Bussey & Wojciech Otwinowski;
2003- Paul Crespi;
2004 - Dom Bruehwiler and Ken Harvey;
2005 - Paul Barizza.

Officers & Committee 2007

Patrons: Kerry Bruehwiler; Stan Fennell

President: Wayne Lally

Vice-President: Dennis Robinson

Secretary/Treasurer: Mel Davies

Auditor: Glenda Scully

Racing Secretary: Trelma Lally

Handicapper: Mark Keyser

Committee: Dave Bebee, Dom Bruehwiler, Paul Crespi, Gary Collett; Kevan Logan; Colin Rossiter, Dave Townson.

Referees: Ron Collings; Mark Keyser; Brian Taylor.

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