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## Newsletter June 2007

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### Forthcoming Events

All events start at 9.00am unless otherwise advertised. Nominations \$10.

*17 June, Lakes Bikes Age Div races, Wandii.*

*24 June, Graded Scratch races, Dog Hill, Baldivis*

*1 July, Club Memorial Handicap, 55km, Herne Hill.*

*8 July, Graded Scr, Pickering Brook.*

*15 July, Gr Scratch, Mt Helena. Start 9.30am. Lunch at the Tavern*

*22 July, Fleet Cycles 70km handicap, York. Start 10.30am*

*29 July, Gr Scratch, Neerabup.*

### Addition to Race Programme

Please note that on 18 August we will be running scratch races at Herne Hill. 'A' grade 75km (8 laps); 'B' grade 66km (7 laps); 'C' grade 56km (6 laps); 'D' grade 56km (6 laps). Please note on your race calendar.

### Race Results

*1 April, T.Trial Championships, H. Hill*

A fair breeze but a peasant day to run a time trial and other than the six non-starters 40 riders came under the eagle eyes of ATTA's Peter Meyer and John Pimm who took over the role as time-keepers. There were two sets of prizes: three for fastest times and six based on best on age standard. Making a rare appearance and fastest of the day was Mark Roberts who rode superbly to record 53m 27secs for the 38km around 4 laps of the Herne Hill circuit (now shortened by cutting out Padbury Road and cutting back to LeFroy Road using William Street). Mark beat new member Micheal Buytels by 1m 32secs, while Doug Stewart also did an excellent ride to record 55m 35secs for third fastest place. Mark's time was also good enough to give him fourth place on age standard. Taking out the age standard gold medal was maestro, Steph Ratcliffe at 59 years of age, who has probably taken out the award on more occasions than anyone in the history of the club, and in the process he was one of the few to go under the hour when recording 58m 25secs for a plus of 12m 51secs. Other medals went to Joe Cox who's very respectable 1h 7m 9secs at 74 years of age was good enough to give silver with a plus of 12m 32secs, while Larry Ross also in the 70's category took bronze with a ride of 1hr

8mins 31secs and a standard of plus 9m 34secs.

*Results in fastest time order*

1. Mark Roberts	53m.27s (+9.20)
2. Micheal Buytels	54m.59s (+5.31)
3. Doug Stewart	55m.35s (+4.01)
4. Grant Alexander	56m.56s (+5.51)
5. Phil Deisel	57m.06s (+5.13)
6. John Van Vliet	57m.27s (+4.25)
7. Brian Farrelly	57m.56s (+3.28)
8. Steph Ratcliffe	58m.25s (+12.51)
9. Rob Suter	59m.02s (+6.08)
10. Dave Berglund	59m.35s (+6.04)
11. Greg Perry	59m.37s (+5.05)
12. George Miller	1.00.13s (+0.17)
13. Ian O'Brien	1.00.47s (+2.57)
14. Dom Bruehwiler	1.02.29s (-1.05)
15. Frank Norton	1.02.51s (+2.19)
16. Alan Clark	1.03.02s (-1.10)
17. Danny Gillespie	1.03.36s (+4.03)
18. Terry Skinner	1.03.47s (+8.39)
19. Allan Clarke	1.03.57s (+0.13)
20. Nick Smith	1.04.06s (-1.47)
21. Duncan Farrow	1.05.30s (+2.43)
22. Mark Burke	1.05.39s (+2.30)
23. Joe Cox	1.07.09s (+12.32)
24. Paul Wighton	1.07.13s (+1.58)
25. Scott Lee	1.08.06s (-0.27)
26. Larry Ross	1.08.37s (+9.54)
27. Derek Mayall	1.09.26s (+9.05)
28. Jon Wighton	1.10.02s (-3.53)
29. Denis Robinson	1.12.21s (+5.01)
30. Fran Watson	1.12.48s (+9.19)
31. Sheona Clark	1.13.27s (-0.35)
32. Dave Nangle	1.13.47s (+0.12)
33. Brian Paxman	1.14.50s (+6.40)
34. Ray Craig	1.15.45s (+6.59)
35. Kevan Logan	1.15.47s (-2.55)
36. Alan Taylor	1.16.31s (-1.26)
37. Ken Portman	1.18.15s (-0.19)
38. Kevin Hart	1.21.12s (-9.44)
39. Leo Enright	1.22.43s (-5.21)
40. Ron Jenkinson	1.28.29s (-8.12)

*ATTA Private Trial*

Michael Gurin 1.05.37s (+13.29)

*Time Standard Placings*

Gold: Steph Ratcliffe (+12m 51s)

Silver: Joe Cox (+12m 32s)

Bronze Larry Ross (+9.54)

*TT Age Division Results (points towards Rose Preedy Competition)*

*35-39 years*

1. Micheal Buytels; 2. Doug Stewart;  
3. Brian Farrelly; 4. George Miller.

*40-44 years*

1. Mark Roberts; 2. Grant Alexander;  
3. Phil Deisel; 4. John Van Vliet;  
5. Dom Bruehwiler; 6. Nick Smith;  
7. Duncan Farrow.

*45-49 years*

1. Rob Suter; 2. Dave Berglund;  
3. Greg Perry; 4. Ian O'Brien;  
5. Frank Norton; 6. Alan Clark;  
7. Allan Clarke.

*50-54 years*

1. Danny Gillespie; 2. Mark Burke.

*55-59 years*

1. Steph Ratcliffe; 2. Paul Wighton.

*60-64 years*

1. Terry Skinner; 2. Kevan Logan;  
3. Kevin Hart.

*65-69 years*

1. Dave Nangle; Alan Taylor.

*70-74 years*

1. Denis Robinson; 2. Ken Portman;  
3. Leo Enright.

*75-79 years*

1. Joe Cox; 2. Brian Paxman; Ray Craig;  
4. Ron Jenkinson.

*Women 45-49 years*

1. Sheona Clark.

*Women 60-64 years*

1. Fran Watson.

*18 April, Graded Scratch, Herne Hill*

Another glorious day for the first road race of the new season. Hardly a breath of wind but a heavy shower just before the races saw soaked roads that played havoc among the bunches in terms of falls and punctures. Fortunately no-one was badly hurt, though Greg Jones ended up with a few stitches in his arm. Good to learn that the 'A' graders did the sporting thing by waiting for two of their stricken comrades before continuing the race. Most successful break of the day occurred in 'C' grade where Paul Lavery and Paul Wighton opened up a slight gap on the 24-strong field during the first circuit that they then increased to about five minutes by the end of the race. Paul Slocombe also performed well to chase the duo but

though remaining in no-man's land he managed to hold on to the end. The result sheet presented a unique showing by the 'Pauls' who thus took the first 3 places, while Matthew Wilding sprinted strongly to lead in the bunch for fourth place when holding off Roger Scott, Barry Eversden, Kim Robson and Larrie Ross for the cash prizes.

'B' grade stayed largely together with mid-race attempts by Gavin Brown and Mark Leaker coming to nought. T'was therefore a sterling sight to see most of the 31 starters fight for positions with a few hundred metres to go, though the man who loves a hectic bunch sprint was prominent in his bright orange jersey – Mick Russell leaving no doubts that he was the *supremo* in the sprint. Close in his wake was Geoff Marshall who was just honing his fitness in preparation for the world titles in St Johann, followed by a closely packed group containing Peter Shanley, Gary Boterhoven, Wal Crowley and most of the remaining riders.

'D' grade rode steadily at between 18m to 18m 30s per lap. There were no heroics to report from the position at the line but the sprint was strongly contested. First past the post was a delighted Denis Cosgrove, followed by Steve Goulds, Colin Bloomfield, Ray Craig, Lindsay Froyland and the remainder of the group. Fright of the day occurred when Ray Craig decided to fall off after the finish, but by the presentation he had regained enough strength and composure to grab his prize-money envelope!

The premier grade moved around at between 13m 45s to 14m per lap, though no doubt some of the laps would have been quicker had there not been a few falls in their and other groups that were caused by the slick conditions. George Miller and Fred Landon opened up a small gap with three laps to go but were soon brought to heel. However, It was George who put in a supreme effort on the finishing straight, going from about 500-600metres out, with John Van Vliet on his wheel. Most of the money was on John coming around to take

the sprint but somehow George hung on to his lead and held off John who had to be satisfied with his second place. Mark Petterson brought in the bunch, with fellow 'Parker' boy Gary Wright close by for fourth place, Dave Townson, fifth and Gary Collett sixth.

*'A' grade 75km (8 laps)*

1. George Miller; 2. John Van Vliet;
3. Mark Petterson; 4. Gary Wright;
5. Dave Townson; 6. Gary Collett;
7. Atilla Nagy.

Average approx 14m per lap (9.4km).

*'B' grade 66km (7 laps)*

1. Mick Russell; 2. Geoff Marshall;
3. Peter Shanley; 4. Gary Boterhoven;
5. Wal Crowley; 6. Patrick Trappitt;
7. Chris Norris; 8. Paul Hare;
9. Wayne Lally; 10. George Law;
11. Ed Campbell; 12. Frank Norton.

Average 15m per laps.

*'C' grade – 56km (6 laps)*

1. Paul Lavery; 2. Paul Wighton;
3. Paul Slocombe; 4. Matthew Wilding;
5. Roger Scott; 6. Barry Eversden;
7. Kim Robson; 8. Larry Ross.

Average 15m 30s per lap.

*'D' grade – 56km (6 laps)*

1. Denis Cosgrove; 2. Steve Goulds;
3. Colin Bloomfield; 4. Ray Craig;
5. Lindsay Froyland; 6. Jack Iveson;
7. Rod Babel.

Average 18m 30s per lap.

### ***29 April, 'Lakes Bikes' Age Div. Races, Wandí***

For the first time in club memory the skies opened just before the start – a couple of the faithful more familiar with sunny climes decided to call it a day before the start while the remainder of the 55 riders decided to test the elements. Although the the view turned blue, the damage had been done, as the combination of wet roads and notorious Wandí flints caused a number of punctures. Steve Dodd was top scorer with four punctures, Mick Russell and Ian Logan two each and a few others including Dave Townson with one. Calm at first, the wind rose towards the end of the day,

making it a hard drive to the finish as those who tried to make a 'long-one' discovered to their cost.

The youngsters in the 35-44 group appeared to be evenly matched on their eight laps of the circuit and all six starters finished together. George Miller matched Greg Jones over the final 200metres and beat him on the line by a good length, while new member Richard Kelly scored points with his third place.

The 45-54 year group with 19 starters was the largest of the day. Katie Watson was active at the front of the bunch, though the animator of the day was Rob Suter who unfortunately got knocked off when a nameless couple from another bunch cut in too quickly when overtaking while he was in a leading position. Whether he would have remained away is a moot point for there was still a strong group who had him in sight with a few laps to go. Biding his time, Gary Wright showed good form when he beat renown sprinter Ian O'Brien by a length at the line. Gary Collett, Jamie Somers and Keith Winch finished close behind while Dave Townson sat up with 30 metres to go after making his move too early.

The eleven-strong 55-64 year division seemed to be settling in to a steady but comfortable pace when Steph Ratcliffe and Atilla Nagy decided to attack and for much of the race they rode tandem and were never challenged. In the hard rise to the finish it was Attila who showed the way to beat Steph by a couple of lengths, the first time in living memory that Steph had lost an age division race. A couple of minutes behind, Bob Stephens put down his head to take third place and beat Gary Boterhoven and the remainder of the bunch across the line.

With a few 'aces' in the ranks most of those in the 65-71 year division were doomed from the start. Working well together Bob Addy, Geoff Marshal and Derek McVickers attacked early in the race. Derek rode valiantly with them for a lap or two but was forced to give way and

finished the race after a strong and steady time trial, to finish third. Wayne Lally took up the challenge but also faced a lonely ride to finish in fourth place. Meanwhile, Bob and Geoff almost lapped the field to fight out the sprint, which was won by Bob Addy – both thus showing good form for their attempt at the forthcoming World Vets Road Championships at St Johann.

Fortunately for them, the President decided to add another division for those over 72 years of age, who in their dotage would have found it very difficult to face the likes of Addy and Marshall. However, they didn't dawdle and halfway through the race the bunch had split as Roy Swift, Larry Ross and Derek Mayall forced the pace, finally finishing in that order.

#### *35-44 years 72km (8 laps)*

1. George Miller; 2. Greg Jones;  
3. Richard Kelly; 4. Mark Sprod;  
5. Jason Rolfe; 6. Gerrit O'Plaat.  
Average approx 13m 45secs per lap.

#### *45-54 years 72km (8 laps)*

1. Gary Wright; 2. Ian O'Brien;  
3. Gary Collett; 4. Jamie Somers;  
5. Keith Winch; 6. Dave Townson;  
7. Wal Crowley; 8. Rob Suter;  
9. Paul Slocombe; 10. Katie Watson;  
11. John Wighton. Average 14m per lap.

#### *55-64 years 64km (7 laps)*

1. Attila Nagy; 2. Steph Ratcliffe;  
3. Bob Stephens; 4. Gary Boterhoven;  
5. Peter Denham; 6. Dave Bebee;  
7. Bill Wingrave; 8. Paul Wighton.  
Average 14m 15s per lap.

#### *65-71 years 55km (6 laps)*

1. Bob Addy; 2. Geoff Marshall;  
3. Dereck McVickers; 4. Wayne Lally;  
5. Colin Rossiter; 6. Len Hall;  
7. Denis Cosgrove; 8. Denis Robinson.  
Average 14m per lap.

#### *72 years plus - 45km (5 laps)*

1. Roy Swift; 2. Larry Ross;  
3. Derek Mayall; 4. Ray Craig;  
5. Jack Iveson.

### ***6 May, Graded Scratch, Pickering Brook***

Sorry but was away in Melbourne for this one, so no report.

#### A Grade

1. George Miller; 2. Dave Berglund;
3. Eric Cox; 4. Mike Bonner;
5. Andrew Brierley; 6. Matt Tognini.

#### B Grade

1. Keith Winch; 2. Peter Shanley;
3. Wal Crowley; 4. Roger Shooter;
5. Dave Bebee; 6. Steph Ratcliffe.

#### C Grade

1. Paul Wighton; 2. Theron Benthien;
3. Allan Clarke; 4. Dave Walker;
5. John Wighton; 6. Len Hall.

#### D Grade

1. Bryce Cole; 2. Paul Crespi;
3. Sheona Clark; 4. Denis Cosgrove;
5. Rod Babel; 6. Denis Robinson.

#### *19 May, Serpentine Graded Scr, Serpentine*

Apologies to those who didn't get to hear about the cancellation of the race at **Neerabub** scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> May. The cancellation was necessary as the road had been ripped up and was unridable. The announcement was placed in the *West Australian*, was placed on the web, e.mailed to members, and phone calls made – but still a few possibly turned out at Neerabup on the day. As an alternative, Peel CC kindly allowed us to run races at their Saturday races at Serpentine. As only 14 riders turned up, only two grades were run, with some of our regular 'D' graders being elevated to 'B' grade for the day. Racing in both groups looked hard and fast but there were no epic breaks and both divisions finished in a sprint. In 'A' grade it came as no surprise to see George Miller bob to the front with a couple of hundred metres to go and to hold a ten metre lead over Peter Shanley who had ridden an aggressive race. Gary Collett was a length behind to take third. In 'B' grade, it was Graeme Benthien who proved strongest in the sprint when he beat Colin Bloomfield and Denis Robinson by a couple of lengths. For the information of 'points' fanatics, none were awarded for the event.

#### *A Grade 63km (7 laps)*

1. George Miller; 2. Peter Shanley;
3. Gary Collett, 4. Jason Rolfe;
5. Bob Addy; 6. Geoff Marshall;
7. Ken Harvey.

Average 13m 45secs per lap.

#### *B Grade 45km (5 laps)*

1. Graeme Benthien; 2. Colin Bloomfield;
3. Denis Robinson; 4. Rod Babel.

Average 16m 45secs per lap.

#### *27 May, Rose Preedy Memorial Handicap Herne Hill. 56km (6 laps)*

Fifty-nine riders turned out for the Rose Preedy Memorial 55km Handicap and for this event again everyone got drenched by heavy showers (what's happening Gary?). However, conditions were relatively calm which favoured the mid and long-markers and allowed them to finish with a three-and-a-half minute lead over scratch. There were a few punctures and a few who turned off to the change rooms but the majority of the field contested the race to the end. Honours went to the 18minute group who with two laps to go held an eight-minute lead and still retained five of their six-strong complement. However, Scott Lee was left to walk a kilometre after puncturing so missed out on the final straight of glory, leaving the fight between Graeme Benthien, the Wighton brothers and Larry Ross. Experience showed and Graeme took the sprint from Paul Wighton, with Larry Ross a close third, just ahead of John Wighton. A few seconds behind, Steve Marks and Terry Skinner from the 10minute group led in a bunch sprint that contained riders from a number of bunches, including Duncan Farrow, Tony Tucknott and new rider in the ranks Paul Pirotta. Peter Denham, Denis Cosgrove and Jamie Somers finished in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> respectively to pick up the remainder of the cash prizes. George Miller took fastest rider when leading in the scratch group.

At the prize-giving, Vince Preedy did the honours when presenting the prizes, including a trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> finisher, that went to Graeme Benthien.

## Results

1. Graeme Benthien, 2. Paul Wighton, 3. Larry Ross, 4 John Wighton (all 18 mins); 5. Steve Marks, 6 Terry Skinner (both 10m); 7. Duncan Farrow (13m); 8. Tony Tucknot, 9. Paul Pirotta (both 10m); 10. Peter Denham (15m); 11. Denis Cosgrove (21m.30s); 12. Jamie Somers, 13. Wal Crowley, 14. Paul Slocombe; 15. Steph Ratcliffe (all 7m30s); 16. Derek McVickers (13 m); 17. Ian McFall (7m 30s); 18 Andrew Bennett – Peel, 19. Bill Crout (both 15m); 20. Steve Dodd (7m30s); 21. Dave Equid (13m); 22. George Miller; 23. Doug Stewart; 24. Eric Cox (all Scr). Sorry folks – no more places taken.

### **3 June Peel CC – ‘Beat the Choo Choo’ 24km handicap, Pinjarra-Dwellingup**

Just the plain results – but reported there was wonderful weather and a great event.

1. Steve Ware (5m 30s) 55m59s  
2. George Miller (Scr) @ 0:54s  
3. Gary Collett (1m30s)  
4. Wal Crowley (1m30s)  
5. Ed Campbell (3m:00s)  
6. Ian Lyne (7m00s)  
7. Ken Harvey (4m15s)  
8. Brian Fish (5m30s) @1m53s  
9. Steve Dodd (3m00s) @2m07s  
10. Phil Lavery (5m30s) @2m44s  
11. Paul Slocombe (3m00s)  
12. Paul Wighton (4m15s)  
13. Terry Skinner (1m30s) @3:21  
14. Dave Equid (3m00s)  
15. Allan Clarke (7:m 00s)  
16. Phil Deisel (Scr) @4:06  
17. Darryl Harris (4m15s)  
18. Andy Bennett (7m00s) @4m33s  
19. Derek McVickers (4m15s)  
20. Russell Fryer (5m30s)  
21. John Wighton (5m30s)  
22. Dennis Robinson (9m30s)  
23. Guy Pathe (9m30s) @ 6m09s  
24. Richard Le Tessier (7m00) @6m31s  
25. Wayne Lally (4m15s)  
26. Duncan Farrow (3m00s) @ 7m:07s  
27. Ruth Haslam (14m00s) @7m37s  
28. Tony van Merwyk (14m00s) @8m00s  
29. Brian Williams (Scr)  
30. Trevor Hedge (9m30s) @8m27s

31. Colin Bloomfield (9m30s) @8m57s  
32. Phil Cass (9m30s) @8m58s  
33. Patrick Kilcoyne (7m00s) @12m51s

Fastest Time - George Miller (Scr) 42m53s

2<sup>nd</sup> Fastest - Gary Collett (1m30s) 44m23s

1<sup>st</sup> Lady - Ruth Haslam (14m00s)

## For Sale

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Road Bike – steel frame, carbon forks  
‘Masi size seat bar 51cm centre to top.  
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All in perfect mechanical condition. Will  
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