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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting took place at the Belmont Sports & Recreation Club, Belmont on Saturday 8th December, although there were concerns just before start time that there wouldn't be a quorum. All went smoothly during the meeting and it was good to note new blood coming onto the new committee. The officers remain the same: President Wayne Lally; Vice-President Denis Robinson; Racing Secretary Trelma Lally; Handicapper Mark Keyser. Secretary/Treasurer Mel Davies. Committee: Dave Bebee, Gary Collett; Chris Hunt, Colin Rossiter, Paul Wighton and Fran Watson. This looks like a good working group and no doubt this will help to push the club even further forward.

Membership Fees, it was decided, will remain the same as in 2006 – see enclosed membership form. Note that as the Secretary will be away until 10th January, and if you want cover from 1st January then please **send the form & payment by mail to the Secretary (you will be covered from date of postmark)**. If you don't trust Australia Post, **Trelma Lally will also take your fees and issue you with a receipt.**

Forthcoming Events

All events start at 8.30 unless otherwise advertised. Nominations \$10 or as notified.

9 December – 'Willing Homes' Criteriums Kewdale

16 December, Criteriums Wangara

13 January – Criteriums Wangara.

20 January – Criteriums Kewdale

27 January – Peel CC, Jim Thomson Memorial Races, Smeaton Way, Rockingham. Note, noms 7 days in advance.

3 February – Criteriums Kewdale

10 February – Criteriums Wangara

17 February – Criteriums Kewdale

24 February – Criteriums Wangara

Track –

Veterans Westral – at the Speed Dome – Tuesday 11 March 2008.

Get in some practice for this one. Matt Poyner has taken the handicap over the last two years – will he achieve the triple? Your chance to try to knock him off his pedestal.

Anyone out there interested in helping to sponsor the race – our only track classic? We've already had a response from Greg Stoyles. Give a call if you'd like to help.

'Willing Homes' 20-07 Crit. Series

As advised at recent races, thanks so Doug Willing, the Willing Homes Criterium Series is being held in conjunction with our weekly crit races. In the events scheduled for 11th, 18th, 25th November and 2nd, 9th

December, points of 10, 6, 4, 3, & 2 are being awarded in each grade. Riders who are promoted (or demoted) will carry their points with them to the new grade. Those with most points in each grade (in the grade they are in on 9th December) will earn 'Cyclemania' vouchers valued at 1st place - \$100; 2nd - \$60; 3rd - \$50 and 4th - \$30. These prizes are in addition to the normal weekly race prizes, and also to the Roger Sutton Competition points.

Race Results

11 November, Criteriums, Kewdale (in conjunction with Willing Homes Points competition)

A good start to the criterium season when 67-riders turned out on a fairly breezy and warm day. Thanks to daylight saving and an 8.30am start conditions proved comfortable for riders and officials alike. A bevy of Merv Byfield recruits was a welcome addition to the various grades and the turnout ensured some fresh blood into the club.

'A' grade was keen to make a race of it, and rider after rider attacked throughout the race with the first major break occurring at about the 25-minute mark when Andrew Brierley, Matt Tognini and Jamie Somers got together and opened up a slight lead. They were brought back to the bunch but another attack with 10-minutes to go saw Andrew and Matt join up with George Miller, Barry Smith and Pedro Turibaka. Keeping away until the last lap the sprint honours went to George Miller by just centimetres over Andrew Brierley, while Pedro and Matt finished close behind. Paul Brown, only a few hours after a 32-hour flight from Europe, still found the energy to lead in the rest of the field.

With 18-riders in 'B' there were concerns that without the camera at the finish that this would cause headaches for the judges. However, the group obliged nicely by spacing themselves sufficiently to pick out all in the leading places. There were some memorable breaks during the event, Ian McFall and Ian Lynne featured

prominently after just ten minutes, while Mark Cummings made a valiant attack with ten-minutes to go. The bunch was too attentive to let anyone get too far and Mark was absorbed, allowing Laurence Wynne to pull out a strong sprint that saw him some ten-metres ahead at the line. Ian McFall was well rewarded for his efforts when finishing second, while Peter Shanley, Geoff Marshall, Steph Ratcliffe, Alan Clark and Mick Russell finished closely behind.

'C' grade with 21-riders was the largest of the day and also the most problematic in that it took the claims system to sort out the order of finish after the first three riders. Clear winner after a fast race was Bill Crout who finished a couple of lengths clear of 'Byfield' newcomer Jay Newby, while old-timer, Ian Logan was third across the line.

'D' grade was followed with interest as Denis Robinson rode his first event with us following his World Championship Track win in Sydney. During a race where there were no heroics, the sprint was closely contested, with victory going to Paul Crespi by about half-a-wheel over Denis, while Brian Kennedy took third after having driven up to Kewdale from Bunbury and being determined to finish as soon as possible so that he could eat his breakfast. Alan Taylor showed his improving form in fourth place, while Andrew Lorrimar was content to take the 5th place prize-money in only his second race with the club.

Results (not all riders accounted for here):

A Grade – 45mins + 2 laps

1. George Miller; 2. Andrew Brierley;
3. Pedro Turibaka; 4. Matt Tognini;
5. Paul Brown; 6. Bryan Williams;
7. Jason Rolfe; 8. Barrie Smith;
9. Gary Wright.

B Grade – 40mins + 2 laps

1. Laurence Wynne; 2. Ian McFall;
3. Peter Shanley; 3. Geoff Marshall;
4. Steph Ratcliffe; 5. Alan Clark;
6. Mick Russell; 8. Ken Harvey.

C Grade – 35mins + 2 laps

1. Bill Crout; 2. Jay Newby; 3. Ian Logan;
4. Jon Dooner; 5. Doug Macdonald;
6. Derek McVickers; 7. Neil Dodge;
8. Paul Wighton.

D Grade – 30mins + 2 laps

1. Paul Crespi; 2. Denis Robinson;
3. Brian Kennedy; 4. Alan Taylor;
5. Andrew Lorrimar; 6. Colin Bloomfield;
7. Lindsay Froyland; 8. Sheona Clark; 9. ?;
10. Heather Sanderson.

18 November, Criteriums, Wangara Kewdale (in conjunction with Willing Homes Points competition)

Afraid there was a dearth of the usual officials because of activities with the AVCC at Geelong, which explains the lack of detail and extended finishing lists on this event. However, the 61 starters came under the competent and eagle eye of Mark Keyser, so things ran smoothly.

A Grade – 45mins + 2 laps

1. Andrew Brierley; 2. Paul Brown;
3. Ian O'Brien; 4. Chris Glasby;
5. Gary Wright; 6. Martin Depiuzzi;
7. Jason Rolfe.

B Grade – 40mins + 2 laps

1. Nick Smith; 2. Ian McFall;
3. Matt Wilding; 4. Paul Hare;
5. Nic Crane; 6. Barry Wanless;
7. Gary Botorhoven.

C Grade – 35mins + 2 laps

1. Jon Dooner; 2. Ian Logan;
3. Colin Rossiter; 4. Bill Crout;
5. Trev Robson; 6. Ernst Kreutzer.

D Grade – 30mins + 2 laps

1. Paul Crespi; 2. Alan Taylor;
3. Colin Bloomfield; 4. Bill Ross;
5. Steve Goulds; 6. Heather Sanderson;
7. Brian Paxman; 8. Leo Enright.

25 November, Criteriums Kewdale Kewdale (in conjunction with Willing Homes Points competition)

A surprise in that on the day of the big Freeway ride there was an excellent turnout of 80 riders. Cool weather at the start to the day proved a relief after the high temperatures the previous day. All grades sucked in the oxygen and put down

their heads, resulting in some very competitive hard riding and while there were a few attempts in all grades to get away, only in 'A' grade was there any success, and this happened over the last four laps when Greg Stoyles and Steve Mouritz got together to share the work. The sprint saw Greg sit up with 20metres to go, so acknowledging Steve's superior sprint on the day. The bunch sprint went to Dave Rawlins who was closely followed by Russell Brooks, Darren Miller and the rest of the 25-strong bunch.

'B' grade did see some valiant attempts to break up the group, with Geoff Marshall showing agro at about the 15-minute mark, Ian Lyne and Brian Buck at the 25-minute mark, Bruce McLennan a lap later and a group of four with 15 minutes to go. On the last lap, however, Ian McFall was first to enter the straight and with a lead that the bunch couldn't bring back. Mick Russell flew up the straight but left his effort too late to make an impression on Ian's lead, while in the close finish, Peter Shanley came up on the inside line to take third ahead of old-timers Steph Ratcliffe, Geoff Marshall and Alan Clark.

'C' grade rode hard but stayed together to the end thus leaving the running to the sprinters. Nevis Brooks really showed the field how to sprint and crossed the bunch some 20 metres in the lead, to be followed by Mark Leaker, Bill Crout, Ian Logan, Doug Macdonald and the newly returned Mario Librizzi.

Jack Iveson was an early aggressor in 'D', though he was soon brought back to the shelter of the bunch. Brian Kennedy also

gave it a go but he too was pulled back, leaving the final performance to be played by Ray Craig and Paul Crespi who fought hard for first place. It was the almost Octogerian, Ray Craig who triumphed against his young rival, while Lindsay Froyland showed he was returning to form when finishing third ahead of Colin Bloomfield and the rest of the field.

'A' grade – 50mins + 2 laps

1. Steve Mouritz; 2. Greg Stoyles;
3. Dave Rawlins; 4. Russell Brooks;
5. Andrew Brierley; 6. Darren Miller;
7. Bryan Williams; 8. Paul Moke;
9. Pedro Turibaka.

'B' grade – 45mins + 2 laps

1. Ian McFall; 2. Mick Russell;
3. Peter Shanley; 4. Steph Ratcliffe;
5. Geoff Marshall; 6. Alan Clark;
7. Bruce McLennan; 8. Ken Harvey.

'C' grade – 35mins + 2 laps

1. Nevis Brooks; 2. Mark Leaker;
3. Bill Crout; 4. Ian Logan;
5. Doug Macdonald; 6. Mario Librizzi.

'D' grade – 30mins + 2 laps

1. Ray Craig; 2. Paul Crespi;
3. Lindsay Froyland; 4. Colin Bloomfield;
5. Brian Kennedy; 6. Jack Iveson;
7. Steve Goulds; 8. Alan Taylor.

2 December, Peel CC Criterium, Mundijong Kewdale (in conjunction with Willing Homes Points competition)

Another pleasant day apart from the flies attracted around the finishing quarters by the smell of sweaty cyclists – but you can't have everything! While there were 62 riders, this was a bit disappointing considering the excellent prize-money and the fact there were 20 additional riders at Kewdale the previous week. The event supported by the Mundijong Council also attracted the WA Cycling Historical Association who entertained the gathered masses with their ancient steeds, including a number of penny-farthings. Those who competed were happy with the circuit and the racing proved entertaining, the tight corners causing some to determine to improve their cornering technique.

There were 11 starters in 'A' grade, the event that saw the only successful break of the day when Gary Wright, Phil Diesel and Bryan Williams opened a gap after two laps. Bryan was later absorbed but Gary and Phil stayed away to the end, with Gary taking the victory at the line. Third place was contested by the rest of the field and this went to Andrew Brierley who beat Paul Brown by a couple of lengths. George Miller finished fifth in the sprint and

though he claimed he had suffered from flu during the week, the problem really lay in the fact that he had on a new shirt which saw him carry excess weight because of the extra fabric.

All other groups saw sprint finishes. Ian Lyne was particularly aggressive in 'B' but the bunch was too attentive to let him get too far. Bruce McLellan also attacked on a couple of occasions but his success came in the final sprint when he held off a fast-finishing Ian McFall, Mick Russell and the rest of the bunch. Ian Logan was very active in the early stages of 'C' grades ride but wisely dropped back to the shelter of the bunch at about half-way to come out fighting for a decisive sprint victory over Bill Crout, Doug Macdonald and other sprinters such as Derek McVickers and Chris Hunt. 'D' grade rode at a fair pace that saw one or two riders drop off the back, but was the only group to suffer a fall when Bob Norton touched Jack Iveson's wheel when there were only a couple of laps to go. Brian Paxman stayed behind to check on his condition, and happily Bob ended up with only a few scrapes. Tony Ridgley took the sprint a length or so ahead of Rob Davis, while Paul Crespi in finishing third ahead of Jack Iveson missed out on his hat-trick of wins. Heather Sanderson rode well to feature in the group sprint to finish 7th out of 14 finishers – one place outside the prize-money.

'A' grade – 45mins plus two laps

1. Gary Wright; 2. Phil Diesel;
3. Andrew Brierley; 4. Paul Brown;
5. George Miller; 6. Dave Berglund;
7. Bryan Williams; 8. Sam Strk;
9. Greg Stoyles; 10. Matt Tognini.

'B' grade – 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Bruce McLellan; 2. Ian McFall;
3. Mick Russell; 4. Nick Crane;
5. Peter Shanley; 6. Rick Churchill;
7. Geoff Marshall; 8. Ian Lyne;
9. Steph Ratcliffe; 10. Mark Cummings;
11. Scott Lee; 12. Chris Norris;
13. Ken Harvey (Steve Dodd & Brian Buck?).

'C' grade – 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Ian Logan; 2. Bill Crout;
3. Doug Macdonald; 4. Derek McVickers;
5. Chris Hunt; 6. Alan Cluning;
7. Neil Dodge; 8. Trevor Robson;
9. Denis Cosgrove; 10. Frazer Hanlan;
11. Jeff Usher; 12. And on ??

'D' grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Tony Ridgley; 2. Rob Davis;
3. Paul Crespi; 4. Jack Iveson;
5. Tony van Merwyk; 6. Colin Bloomfield;
7. Heather Sanderson; 8. Royce Standish;
9. Denis Robinson; 10. Dave Tierney;
11. Alan Taylor; 12. Lindsay Froyland;
13. Brian Paxman.

Congratulations

Another great showing by our member participants at the AVCC National Championships held in Geelong/Torquay a couple of weeks ago. Competition was keen in all divisions and events. Unluckies man in the fields was our Vice-President Denis Robinson who was the only rider out a field of over 90 who punctured in the time trial, and who two days later complemented this with the only puncture suffered on the Geelong velodrome.

65-69yrs – Gold Criterium; Time Trial - Silver Road Race - Silver – **Derek McVickers.**

60-64yrs Women – Gold Criterium; Silver Road race;

40yrs Plus, Women – Track Pursuit – Bronze.; Scratch Championship – Gold – **Fran Watson.**

65 yrs plus – Bronze – Denis Robinson.

Bob Suter who recently moved to Victoria, rode the Time Trial but then had to leave to get back to his new job in the Equine Flu research centre. He sends his regards to everyone.

Roger Sutton Points Competition

Another competition well on the way and its shaping up to be an interesting season as far as the awards are concerned. Paul Crespi has the lead at the moment but his success might see his downfall as he moves up the promotion ladder. Ian McFall is doing well in 'B' grade and Ian

Logan and Bill Crout in 'C'. Andrew Brieley is showing great form in 'A' grade and he lies some 10 points above 'D' grade's Colin Bloomfield. As the scores relate to events up to and including the Peel CC's Mundijong event, there is obviously a long way to go, and no doubt there'll be some dramatic changes before the end of the season. Leading scores are:

1. Paul Crespi 55points; 2. Ian McFall 54;
3. Ian Logan 53; 4. Bill Crout 52; 5. Andrew Brieley 51; 6. Colin Bloomfield 41; Equal 7. Paul Brown, Doug Macdonald, Peter Shanley 39; Eq 10. Mick Russell, Gary Wright 35; 12. Alan Taylor 34, 13. Jon Dooner 32; Eq 14. Geoff Marshall, Steph Ratcliffe 31; 16. George Miller 30; 17. Greg Stoyles 28; Eq 18. Nick Crane, Derek McVickers, Matt Tognini 26; 21st. Laurence Wynne 25; Eq. 22nd. Rick Churchill, Ernst Kreutzer, Heather Sanderson, Paul Wighton 24; 26th Bryan Williams 23; Eq 27th. Lindsay Froyland, Brian Kennedy, Colin Rositer, Pedro Turibaka 22; 30th. Bill Ross 21; Eq 31st Graham Benthien, Steve Dodd, Steve Goulds, Ken Harvey, Jack Iveson, Lee Scott, Ian Lyne, Bruce McLennan, Leon Nieuwenhausen, Brian Paxman, Jeff Usher, John Wighton 20 points.

Bereavement

It is with sadness that we record the death of Roger Broun, who after a long illness, recently succumbed to Mesotheliona. Roger was a member until recently and despite his ongoing health problems he still triumphed in some of our grade races. Roger was only able to ride intermittently because of his occupation in the merchant navy but always enjoyed his cycling. Roger was also a long-time member of the Southern Districts CC and had some successes in senior ranks in his younger days. Our condolences to Roger's family.

Rose Preedy Competition Awards

There were 43 people present at an excellent Dinner at The Alpine restaurant, Carlisle to celebrate the winners of the competition (see November newsletter for list). The evening was a great success but

it's a pity that more members didn't turn out and that not all prize-getters weren't present. The food alone was reason enough to attend – and for the gannet-like cyclists, the buffet style meal proved a winner.

George Miller was the deserving second time holder of the trophy, causing the President to remark upon his determination to make a race of every event he rode and how his was a deserving win. The 'mystery' rider taking out the Most Improved Rider award was **Jason Rolfe** who had successfully moved up the grades during the season, and to having achieved podium placings in 'A' grade.

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are needed to see this picture.

Social Activities

The one sour note mentioned by one member at the AGM was the sparse turnout at events that provided the club with some social spirit. The person noted the extremely poor turnout at the AGM where a bare quorum of twenty turned out to basically determine the fate of the club for the next 12 months.

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Reference was also made to the Rose Preedy competition where numbers had shrunk from previous years. The member had a good point when noted that our membership is now over 270 members.

So please, now and again try to contribute beyond your appearance at races – your support would be appreciated by the few who seem to turn out regularly to support the very few activities that we run.

SEASONS GREETINGS