

WEST COAST MASTERS CYCLING COUNCIL Inc. Newsletter – July 2008

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Forthcoming Events

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

Noms to Handicapper, Alan Clark 93592747
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Saturday 16 August, Collie - Lowden hcap.
Noms must be paid in advance.

24 August, Lakes Bikes, Wandii, Graded
Scratch races, A, B, C, D grades.

31 August, Pickering Brook. Graded
Scratch races, A, B, C, D grades

14 September – Peel Classic 80km
Handicap. Casuarina.
Noms at least 7 days in advance.

21 September, Chidlow 'B' Graded Scr.
Noms and dine at the Chidlow Inn.

28-29 September – AWT 2-day races. See web and race programme for details. No line noms. **Noms at least 7 days in advance.**

30-31 August, Grampians Veterans CC
11th 2 Day Cycling Festival, Halls Gap, Vic. Scratch races and 64km handicap. \$3,200 in prize-money, plus free BBQ lunch. See D. Robinson or Mel Davies for entry forms.

All enquiries to Tony Lloyd 03-53522598, or 0416159107. Entries close 25 August with Harry Tams, PO Box 22 Tullamarine, Vic. 3043. Tel. 03-9338629, fax. 03-

93386239. For accommodation see: www.gampianstravel.com

AVCC National Titles, Dubbo, NSW, 26, 27, 28 September 2008

For entry forms see: www.oranavets.org.au or contact Mel Davies or Denis Robinson

Race Results

29 June, 'Lakes Bikes', Age Div races, Wandii

A couple of brief showers did enough on the day to dampen the surface and cause a few punctures. Victims of the bug were: Gary Wright, Frans Buissink, Danny Kelsall, Ian McFall and Pat Trappit, while four other wise souls called it a day and retired gracefully to swell the crowd at the finish. Numbers were well down in the youngest age division and it was agreed the five riders should combine with the 45-54 year group while still riding for their age division placings. As the mixed winning group only contained 'A' grade riders, then the decision seemed to have little overall affect on the placings. Gary Wright was unfortunate to puncture after instigating the split that took place but at the finish it looked as if the lead bunch came to some sort of agreement to contest the finish in their respective divisions. Thus Dave Berglund of the 45-54 year div won by a canter from Gary Collett, while riders from the younger group took the next three placings.

In the 55-64 year division, Mark Burke and Paul Wighton had a runaway victory after scarpering before the halfway mark in the race. Mark took the laurels from Paul while Gary Boterhoven won the bunch sprint from the survivors of the field.

The older riders in the 65years-plus group stayed together for three-quarters of the race, when, to no-ones surprise, Bob Addy rode away from the field to record a clear victory. Wayne Lally and Derek McVickers fought out the sprint for second place, with the verdict going to Wayne. Perhaps the most surprising ride of the day was that of Brian Kennedy who despite his age disadvantage remained in contention for much of the race and finally out sprinted Larry Ross to take fourth place.

35-44 yrs, 68km 8 laps

1. George Miller; 2. Mark Petterson;
3. Andrew Brierley.

45-54 yrs, 68km 8 laps

1. Dave Berglund; 2. Gary Collett;
3. Paul Lamond; 4. Mark Paget;
5. Ian Turner; 6. Wal Crowley;
7. Ian Lyne; 8. Dave Townson;
9. Nick Crane; 10. Steve Ware;
11. Jeff Usher; 12. Steve Dodd;
13. Brett Clapham; 14. John Wighton.

55-64 yrs, 60km 7 laps

1. Mark Burke; 2. Paul Wighton;
3. Gary Boterhoven; 4. Trevor Robson;
5. Bob Stevens; 6. Bill Wingrave.

65 yrs plus, 53km, 6 laps

1. Bob Addy; 2. Wayne Lally;
3. Derek McVickers; 4. Brian Kennedy;
5. Larry Ross; 6. Brian Paxman.

13 July, Graded Scratch, Pickering Brook

A bit chilly and damp roads in the early stages, didn't seem to upset the action among the 63 starters. Certainly in 'A' Grade Andrew Brierley went from the gun to be joined by Nick Foster and a lead of 30 seconds at the end of the first of nine laps, but deciding the pace was a bit hot, Nick dropped back to find shelter in the bunch. Meanwhile Andrew proceeded strongly – and went so well that he

recorded the fastest lap ever ridden in our races on the course, with a third lap time of 12.00m for the 7.7km and a n overall average of 12m 30s. Meanwhile a hard chase by Gary Wright and Mark Petterson with a lap to go ended in grief when Gary hit Mark's wheel and ended up on the road in sight of the line. Mark finished just over a minute behind Andrew while the bunch was led in by Paul Lamond, Gary Collett and Keith Winch. Another hard luck story was that of George Miller who hit the deck on the descent of the hill approaching the Primary School. George got back to the bunch but then suffered a puncture – there are some days when things just don't go right!!

As usual, 'B' grade was the largest group with 23 starters. Recently promoted Paul Wighton upset the rhythm when he moved to a 20 seconds lead on lap one but was then reeled in. While no doubt there were attacks on the back part of the course, the riders going past the judges stand looked as if they were content to ride in a compact bunch for the remainder of the race, though times varied from 13m 05 to 13m 50secs a lap, so showing that the pace went up and down quite appreciably. Coming up to the line for the final, it looked liked anyone's race until Wal Crowley accelerated and managed to head the field by a length. Ian McFall edged out Ian Turner by half-a-wheel while Wayne Hartas, Laurence Wynne and others bunched across the road, making the verdict a camera job – though it must be said that the dozen or so riders who put in a claim were spot on with their placings. President Wayne Lally kept up his recent record of DNFs when he punctured with a couple of laps to go, while Steve Ware had the alarming experience of seeing his front brake shoot out of the frame when he was half-way down a hill.

The dozen riders in 'C' grade also kept up a respectable pace averaging only 20 seconds slower than 'B'. Five of the group found it a bit too hard on Repatriation hill and rode much of the race alone. Of the survivors, six contested the sprint for first

place, with Nic Crane being triumphant when pushing Bob Stephens, Chris Hunt, Jeff Usher and Peter Maxwell into the minor placings.

There were 10 starters in 'D' grade, though obviously the hilly terrain of the Pickering circuit wasn't too the liking of all. Graeme Benthien and new rider Wally Holding took a lead on lap one, though after a lap or so, Graeme deciding the pace was a bit too hot for the limited training miles in his legs, allowed Wally to go it alone. This he did in fine style to finish about two-minutes ahead at the finish for what the handicapper would have undoubtedly considered his last ride in 'D'. There was a close call between Bevan Buirchell and Paul Crespi for third place, with the camera giving the verdict by a couple of centimetres to Bevan.

'A' grade, 68km, 9 laps

1. Andrew Brierley; 2. Mark Petterson;
3. Paul Lamond; 4. Cary Collett;
5. Keith Winch; 6. Brian Farrelly;
7. Steve Marks; 8. Roger Shooter;
9. Cameron Berg; 10. Graeme Muston;
11. Fred Landon; 12. Ian Lyne.
Average 12m 20s per lap.

B' grade, 60km, 8 laps

1. Wal Crowley; 2. Ian McFall;
3. Ian Turner; 4. Wayne Hartas;
5. Laurence Wynne; 6. Dave Equid;
7. Danny Kelsall; 8. Mark Burke;
9. Gavin Lawson; 10. Barry Wanless;
11. Mark Edele, 12. Matt Wilding;
13. Treveor Robson; 14. Simon Chester;
15. Steve Dodd; 16. Paul Wighton;
17. Omar pllegrin; 18. Steve Bush;
19. MarK Cummings.
Average 13m 15s per lap.

'C' grade, 53km 7 laps

1. Nic Crane; 2. Bob Stephens;
3. Chris Hunt; 4. Jeff Usher;
5. Peter Maxwell; 6. Jon Dooner;
7. Ron Master; 8. Brian Kennedy;
9. John Wighton; 10. Pantelas Karaglou;
11. Neil Dodge. Average 13m 35s per lap

'D' grade, 45km, 6 laps

1. Wally Holding; 2. Graeme Benthien;

3. Bevan Buirchell; 4. Paul Crespi;
5. Larry Ross; 6. Denis Robinson;
7. Dave Nangle; 8. Rod Babel.
Average 14m 55s per lap.

20 July, 'Lakes Bikes', Graded Scratch, Wandi

After a wet, windy and cold week it was a great relief to be met with blue skies and pleasant temperatures at the Wandi circuit. No a bad turn out either for a mid-winter event that was attended by 67 riders. The premier grades again had the largest numbers, there being 12 in 'A' and 23 in 'B', while 'C' and 'D' had respectable dozen each. The premier group seemed to be on a mission as they circled at an average of about 12m 30s, some 1m 15s faster than 'B'. 'C' grade weren't much slower at 14.10s per lap while 'D' grade were happy to plough around at 16m 20s.

Mark Petterson was hungry for a win after his second place the previous week at Pickering Brook, and took part with Roy Gillespie in the only successful break of the day. This went with 2 laps to go and while they opened up a fair gap by the time they came around for the bell, the bunch was breathing down their necks on the finishing line. Gary Wright took the bunch sprint from his namesake Gary Collett, while George Miller outsprinted Marty van Moorsell and Ian Lyne when taking fifth place.

'B' grade also saw some valiant escape attempts at different by Bob Addy, Geoff Marshall and Steve Dodd but the bunch was in a mean mood and breaks were short-lived. It therefore came down to a large bunch sprint that saw the first three easily place but the camera come into its own for the rest of the field. Terry Andrews (almost certainly destined for promotion) took first place, while President Lally, who admitted not to have seen the front until the last couple of hundred metres, finished second just ahead of Danny Kelsall. Ian McFall was a smidgin in front of Brett Clapham, Dave Equid and Omar de Pellegrin. These took the cash prizes, though as noted at the presentation, the eighth prize went back

into the kitty as the camera wasn't able to pick out the rider who had failed to put a plastic number on his frame. The message here is that if you want to be placed then do the right thing by tying on the frame number. Also if there's a tight finish, do claim your place.

'C' grade rode as a compact group for the whole of the race, thus leaving the pickings in the hands of the sprinters – though, of course, that was the view from the judge's platform and for all he knows there were fireworks on other parts of the circuit. Gary Boterhoven showed his old panache when going hard from a couple of hundred metres out to comfortably hold his position to the line. Bob Stephens achieved yet another placing a couple of lengths behind when holding off Peter Maxwell, Chris Hunt, Ken Dupuy and the remainder of the bunch. It was good to see Tracy Ober hold her own with the lads to finish strongly alongside her male compatriots.

As already mentioned, the 'D' graders were content to keep things turning until close to the end of the race without too much hurt, Bevan Buirchall comfortably took the sprint from Roy Swift, Brian Kennedy and Graeme Benthien, with the rest of the group finishing in close proximity.

'A' grade, 84km, 10 laps

1. Mark Petterson; 2. Roy Gillespie;
3. Gary Wright; 4. Gary Collett;
5. George Miller; 6. Marty van Moorsel;
7. Ian Lyne; 8. Cameron Berg;
9. Lee Parker; 10. Ian O'Brien (?);
11. Brian Farrelly; 12. Paul Lamond;
13. Steve Marks; 14. Nick Smith;
15. Keith Winch (?); 16. Fred Landon.

B' grade, 76km, 9 laps

1. Terry Andrews; 2. Wayne Lally;
3. Danny Kelsall; 4. Ian McFall;
5. Brett Clapham; 6. Dave Equid;
6. Omar de Pellegrin; 7. ??; 8. Nick Crane;
9. ??; 10. ??; 11. Wal Crowley;
12. Steve Ware; 13. Geoff Marshall;
14. Brian Buck; 15. ??; 16. John Craig;
17. Steve Bush; 18. Mark Burke;
19. Steve Dodd; 20. Neil Fraser;

21. Trevor Robson; 22. Paul Wighton;
23. Bob Addy; 24. Mick Russell.

'C' grade, 60km 7 laps

1. Gary Boterhoven; 2. Bob Stephens;
3. Peter Maxwell; 4. Chris Hunt;
5. Ken Dupuy; 6. Bill Wingrave;
7. Jeff Usher; 8. Derek McVickers;
9. Jon Dooner; 10. Tracy Ober;
11. John Wighton; 12. Steve Roach.

'D' grade, 52km, 6 laps

- 1, Bevan Buirchall; 2. Roy Swift;
3. Brian Kennedy; 4. Graeme Benthien;
5. Larry Ross; 6. Denis Robinson;
7. Derek Mayall; 8. Dave Nangle;
9. Alan Taylor; 10. Brian Paxman;
11. Jack Iveson; 12. Fran Watson;
13. Kevan Hart.

27 July, 'Fleet Cycles', 70km H'cp, York

With \$1,100 on offer there were some keen participants who turned up at the Avon Terrace start of the York-Beverley and return handicap. The damp conditions at the start created drama even before the race started, for scratch rider Mark Petterson came to the line with a flat, made a two-minute change of his wire-on tyre, but to no avail, as he found himself with another flat just a km or two up the road. The Scratch group decided to wait and make use of another pair of legs, but in so doing started the race almost two-minutes after their scheduled time, which changed the whole complexion of the race. Recent winner of the Memorial Handicap, Brett Clapham, off at 6 minutes also hit the puncture bug and rode most of the course as a lonesome time trial. It was a hard scramble on the back road to York for the wind picked up to hit the riders in the face on the hilly return leg. Denis Robinson from limit took the first \$50 prime put up by Alan & Sheona Clark, while later groups tended to break up on the hills. Reports filtered back to the finish which suggested that despite their early problems, scratch was making rapid progress. However, first around the corner approaching the finish line was a hard working group of four, including Ken Harvey who had put in a great effort to take the 2nd hill prime of the day just 2km

from the finish. Maybe the effort played against him at the finish, for Ken trailed in last of the group. Wal Crowley, off at 6 minutes, finished strongly just ahead of Jeff Usher (12 mins) and experienced handicap rider Graeme Benthien from the 18-minute bunch. A few seconds later, Bob Addy led in the next bunch to take 5th place just ahead of Ian Lyne and Ron Master. Reflecting the excellent handicapping, scratch came in just 55 seconds behind the winners, along with the bulk of the field. Gary Wright seemed surprised to find that he'd crossed the line to take fastest place just ahead of George Miller. The Settlers Guest House provided an excellent venue for the presentation, while our good President, Wayne Lally, having recovered from his race effort, expressed his thanks to Fleet Cycles for their generous donations of prizes, trophies and jerseys.

Results

1. Wal Crowley (6mins); 2. Jeff Usher (12m); 3. Graeme Benthien (8m); 4. Ken Harvey (6m); 5. Bob Addy (3m); 6. Ian Lyne (3m); 7. Ron Master (9m); 8. Terry Mayor (9m); 9. Chris Hunt (12m); 10. Steve Richards (18m); 11. Gary Wright (scr); 12. George Miller (scr); 13. Gary Collett (scr); 14. Phil Deisel (scr); 15. Steve Marks (3m); 16. Keith Winch (3m); 17. Frans Buissink (3m); 18. Geoff Marshall (6m); 19. Jamie Somers (3m); 20. Danny Kelsall (6m); 21. Paul Wighton (6m); 22. Tracy Ober (12m); 23. Peter Maxwell (9m); 24. Dave Walker (12m); 25. Bob Stephens (9m); 26. Derek Mayall (23m); 27. Dave Nangle (23m); 28. Dave Equid (6m); 29. Denis Robinson (23m); 30. Wayne Lally (6m); 31. Wayne Hartas (3m); 32. Derek McVickers (9m); 33. Wally Holding (12m); 34. Mick Russell (6m); 35. Brett Clapham (6m).

3 August, Herne Hill Gr. Scratch

After a week of rain and grey skies the winter blues must have set in, for only 54 riders turned out to race on what turned out to be a perfect day. There was lots of action and in 'A' grade George Miller and Gary Collett were in aggressive mood being joined in a break attempt on lap six

by the newly returned Russell Fulton, who after a long lay-off surprised himself by staying with the duo to contest the sprint some 25 seconds ahead of the main bunch. George took full points in the sprint but Gary put in a strong challenge to finish on his wheel. Russell was a further few lengths away, while Gary Wright led in the bunch for fourth place.

'B' grade proved almost a copy of the premier grade, when Geoff Marshall and Mark Edele escaped with three laps to go, Ken Harvey did well to later latch on and the trio finished in that order, with Mick Russell riding in no-man's land placing fourth Matt Wilding put in an effort to take the bunch sprint ahead of Roger Steinkreuger, Ian Turner, Gary Boterhoven and the rest of the group. Rick Churchill found the air pressure at just above sea-level too much for him after the rarified air in Boulder and the Rockies where he'd just visited on a cycle-dealers extravaganza, but was happy to coast in at the end of the field.

'C' grade seemed content to ride at a fast but steady pace, leaving the decision to the final couple of hundred metres. Bob Stephens proved strongest in the sprint, which he took over Derek McVickers, Peter Maxwell and the remainder of the survivors. There were three DNFs, all put down to lack of training, though among that number Ray Clancey also had the good excuse of a puncture to assuage his conscience.

According to whispers that came back, Roy Swift was particularly aggressive in 'D' grade, continually pulling ahead for up to fifty metres, so as to cause his erstwhile compatriots some pain. His fitness was proved in the sprint which he took by a couple of lengths from a pleased Larry Ross recovering from a dose of flu, and Derek Mayall whose form had improved over the previous couple of weeks. Alan Taylor took fourth place money, while Kevin Hart was pleased to finish in the first half of the field.

'A' grade, 83km, 9 laps

1. George Miller; 2. Gary Collett;
3. Russell Fulton; 4. Gary Wright;
5. Brian Farrelly; 6. Nick Foster;
7. Jason Rolf; 8. Nick Smith;
9. Ian Lyne. Average 14m 50s per lap.

'B' grade 74km, 8 laps

1. Geoff Marshall; 2. Mark Edele;
3. Ken Harvey; 4. Mick Russell;
5. Matt Wilding; 6. Roger Steinkreuger;
7. Ian Turner; 8. Gary Boterhoven;
9. Danny Kellsall; 10. Dave Equid;
11. Mark Burke; 12. Bob Addy;
13. Trevor Robson; 14. Steve Bush;
15. Brian Buck; 16. Omar de Pellegrin;
17. Rick Churchill.

Average 15m 45s per lap.

'C' grade 65km, 7 laps

1. Bob Stephens; 2. Derek McVickers;
3. Peter Maxwell; 4. Jeff Usher;
5. Chris Hunt; 6. John Wighton;
7. Daryll Miller. Average 16m 15s per lap.

'D' grade 56km, 6 laps

1. Roy Swift; 2. Larry Ross;
3. Derek Mayall; 4. Alan Taylor;
5. Kevin Hart; 6. Brian Paxman;
7. Dave Nangle; 8. Bill Stibbs;
9. Fran Watson; 10. Denis Robinson;
11. Michael Garrens. Average 18m 20s.

Salutary Warning

Our referee has drawn attention to a piece in the Southern Veterans CC (Vic.) June newsletter that should be taken as a warning to our own recalcitrant road-rule transgressors!:

“Mass disqualifications were the order of the day, with no results for A, B, D and F. And before you start thinking that over 60 riders contravened the rules let me explain. For a long time our officials have warned that any disregard for the road rules, especially white line infringements, could result in ALL members of the group being disqualified. On Sunday 4 May it happened. Riders were clearly informed, in the pre-race briefing, that they had a closed road situation for the last 250m of the race. There was a marker sign and a marshal at that point and until then the white line was sacrosanct. Unfortunately, with the wind

blowing from the left, some chose to ignore the ruling, perhaps considering it didn't apply to them. The resultant mass disqualifications were the result – particularly galling for those riders who were actually finishing on their own ahead of the pack. Time and again we have advised of the difficulty in obtaining necessary permits allowing us to race on the open road. As a club we enjoy probably one of the best race programmes in Australia, if not the world, in as-safe conditions as I have experienced in 45 years of racing. The luxury of traffic controlled junctions and closed road situation for the last 250m can only be dreamed of in some events – yet somewhere down the line the message is being missed. ... Its down to everyone to do their bit. If someone in your group transgresses – tell them. Make him or her aware that they're jeopardising your enjoyment.

It was a brave decision for our officials to take the action they did. The easy way out would have been to issue yet another 'warning notice'. Let's just hope the lesson got through.”

Rose Preedy Points Competition

This is the situation up to and including the event at Herne Hill on 3rd August. Some familiar names at the top of the ladder – but still lots of events to improve your position! If you're not on the list, please look at the web page where details are available.

Miller George	1	177
Stephens Bob	2	150
Wighton Paul	3	150
Burke Mark	4	149
Collett Gary	5	128
Crowley Walter	6	125
Robson, Trevor	7	123
Ross Larry	8	123
Nangle David	9	114
Hunt Chris	10	110
Usher, Jeff	11	109
Hall Len	12	108
Swift Roy	13	108
Turner Ian	14	108

Addy Bob	15	100
Paxman Brian	16	100
Kelsall Danny	17	97
Robinson Denis	18	97
Ratcliffe Steph	19	96
Dooner, Jon	20	95
McFall Ian	21	90
Wright Gary	22	89
Brierley Andrew	23	86
Lally Wayne	24	86
Clapham, Brett	25	83
Kennedy, Brian	26	82
Moke Paul	27	82
Lyne, Ian	28	79
Farrelly, Brian	29	78
Crespi Paul	30	73
Equid Dave	31	73
Crane, Nick	32	72
Boterhoven Gary	33	70
Wighton John	34	70
Foster, Nick	35	69
Watson Fran	36	68
Petterson Mark	37	67
Benthien Graham	38	63
Russell Michael	39	63
Lamond Paul	40	61
Lorrimar, Andrew	41	60
Winch, Keith	42	60
Marshall Geoff	43	59
Maxwell, Peter	44	59
McVickers Derek	45	59
Pellegrin (de), Omar	46	59
Rolfe, Jason	47	58
Buissink, Franz	48	57
Taylor, Alan	49	56
Norton Frank	50	55
Hare Paul	51	54
Iveson Jack	52	53
Wingrave, Bill	53	53
Mayall Derek	54	52
Slocombe, Paul	55	51
Dodd Stephen	56	50
Dupuy Ken	57	50
Somers, James	58	50
Ware Steve	59	48
Parker, Lee	60	46
Shanley, Peter	61	46
O'Brien, Ian	62	45
Buirchell Bevan	63	44

Harvey Ken	64	43
Townson Dave	65	41
Brown Paul	66	40
Paget Mark	67	37
Skinner Terry	68	36
Smith, Nick	69	36
Berglund Dave	70	35
Buck, Brian	71	35
Master Ron	72	35
Law George	73	34
Marks, Steve	74	32
Wilding, Matthew	75	32
Hart Kevin	76	31
Ferris, John	77	30
Schutz Lorraine	78	30
Turibaka, Pedro	79	30
Coolican Pat	80	29
Gillespie Roy	81	26
Andrews Terry	82	25
Buytels, Michael	83	25
McWatte, Malcolm	84	25
Rossiter Colin	85	25
Wynne Laurence	86	25
Lawson Gavin	87	24
Muston Graeme	88	24
Van Moorsel, Martin	89	24
Wanless, Barry	90	24
Edele, Mark	91	23
Glasby Chris	92	23
Cosgrove, Denis	93	22
Craig Ray 'The Fox'	94	22
Moran Fenton	95	22
Eversden Barry	96	21
Hartas Wayne	97	21
Bennett Andrew (Peel)	98	20
Clarke, Alan	99	20
Guerin Michael	100	20
Murdoch Ben	101	20
Nagy Attila	102	20
Scott Roger	103	20
Shooter, Roger	104	20

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