



Newsletter – April 2009

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Forthcoming Events

All events **start at 9.00am** unless otherwise advertised. Line noms, otherwise contact Handicapper, *Alan Clark* 93592747 <arsiclark@bigpond.com>, or, Racing Secretary. *Trelma Lally* 93302643 <waytre17@bigpond.com>

29 March – Graded Criteriums Kewdale followed by Roger Sutton Points competition awards & sausage sizzle.

5 April – 25km Time Trial; Championships, Herne Hill

9.00am start. Noms must be received at least 7 days in advance.

Cash Prizes 1st, 2nd 3rd fastest.

Cash Prizes and medals for 1st, 2nd & 3rd on age standard.

Points awarded for all age divisions in 5-year age groups.

19 April – Graded Scratch Races Herne Hill.

A grade 75km (8 laps); B 66km (7L); C 56km (6L); D 56km; E grade 46km (5L if sufficient entries)

26 April – Graded Scratch Races Wandi

A 76km (9L), B 66km (7L), C 60km (7 L), D 52km (6 L)

3 May – Rose Preedy 56km Memorial Handicap, Herne Hill – Noms 7 days in advance.

South Pacific Veteran Cycling Championships, Maryborough, Vic.

The high profile Maryborough event enters its 12th year and will be run on **11th, 12th and 13th April**. Prize-money and trophies \$18,000. Entries close 30 March. Entry forms and list of accommodation available from Denis Robinson or the Secretary.

AVCC National Championships, November 2009

A registration form with details is enclosed. You can either register by returning the form to the Secretary, or by registering on line at our web page on: www.wcmasterscycling.asn.au

Note: if you want to be considered for the Best All Rounder Competition you will have to enter all road events: The Road Race, Criterium and the 25km Time Trial.

RACE RESULTS

15 February, Kewdale Criteriums

With a perfect day of blue skies, temperatures in the 20s and hardly a breath of wind, this was the kind of day cyclists dream about. Seventy-nine riders turned out to enjoy the conditions, though the haggard looks on some faces might have caused some to question this interpretation. 'A' grade was short on numbers but big on action and the pace was on from the word 'go'. However, despite some valiant efforts the race stayed intact up to and including

the bell lap, resulting in a mad scramble for the line. It looked like any one of four riders for honours with about 30 metres to go but a last minute kick by Ian O'Brien saw him take his first event of the season, while Garth O'Leary finished a length behind. John Van Vliet was in close contention when taking third place, and George Miller, still resplendent in torn shirt, was a close fourth.

'B' and 'C' were evenly matched for numbers with the former starting with 24 and 'C' with 23 riders but as they were not on the course together it avoided any problems. As with 'A' grade the pace in 'B' was fast from the beginning and though a few riders including Paul Foxwell and Paul Graham made an effort to go off the front, they were soon pulled back by the attentive policemen in the bunch. There was a wild sprint up the final straight but first day member Andrew Annand seemed to make easy work of the sprint to win by some three lengths. Ian McFall was in his shadow to take yet another second place just ahead of another first-day member Paul Foxwell, while Rick Churchill give a strong showing when heading in the rest of the bunch.

'C' grade witnessed a steady but fast first half of the race but with attacks coming off the front lots of riders looked in trouble with about 20-minutes to go. The result was a split that remained to the finish. On the final lap Gary Boterhoven opened up his sprint at the final bend and while there were a number of riders who did their best to get on his wheel they had no success. Second place went to come-back rider Keith Davenport, while Bevan Buirchall kept up his record of managing to finish at the front of affairs. Adam Scott in fourth place looked much more comfortable than he did at the previous week's event at Wangara, while Derek McVickers showed his improving form to finish 5th ahead of Bob Thompson, Paul Verburg and Allan Clarke. Unluckiest rider of the day was Roger Scott who hit his pedal as he cornered on the final lap. Our 1st Aid personnel were soon in action and wisely

carted Roger off to hospital for observation after they suspected he had been concussed.

Averaging 36kph 'D' graders showed they were no slouches. There were some attempts to cause pain and showing her colours in this respect was Shannon Arnott, though her efforts were nullified in the final sprint. At the front of affairs were three white jerseys but No. 81 in the form of ex-Pro rider Doug Willing was the delighted winner. Doug Macdonald appeared to judge his second place well while Bill Crout came down from the hills to take third ahead of regular placegetters Barry Eversden and Pat Briggs. Heather Sanderson was promoted after her impressive win at Wangara and while she gave a strong showing it was difficult for her to match the sprinters in the bunch – although it was noted that she beat husband, Tony by two places!

The six riders in 'E' grade looked evenly matched as they rode comfortably around the circuit and all were still there as they took up positions for the sprint. Lindsay Froyland improved greatly on previous rides to take the sprint ahead of Ray Craig who sported his new super carbon fibre frame – who said that the pension payments are too low(!), while esteemed Vice-President Denis Robinson finished third.

'A' grade, 50mins plus 2 laps

1. Ian O'Brien; 2. Garth O'Leary;
3. John Van Vliet; 4. George Miller;
5. Frans Buissink; 6. Marty Van Moorsel;
7. David Rawlins; 8. Gary Collett;
9. Sam Strk; 10. Ian Lyne;
11. Gary Wright.

'B' grade, 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Andrew Annand; 2. Ian McFall;
3. Paul Foxwell; 4. Rick Churchill;
5. Andrew Duff; 6. Paul Prottey;
7. Omar de Pellegrin; 8. Geoff Marshall;
9. Jamie Somers; 10. Ken Harvey;
11. Steve Carlton; 12. Ian Turner;
13. Paul Hare; 14. Matt Wilding;
15. Craig Chandler; 16. Craig Saywell;
17. Paul Graham; 18. Steve Rouse;

19. Matthew Saliacus; 20. Attila Nagy;
21. Steve Dodd; 22. Peter Shanley;
23. Kelly Gray; 24. Mick Russell.

'C' grade 35min, 2 laps

1. Gary Boterhoven; 2. Keith Davenport;
3. Bevin Buirchall; 4. Adam Scott;
5. Derek McVickers; 6. Bob Thomson;
7. Paul Verburg; 8. Allan Clarke;
9. Bob Stephens; 10. Gavin Swanepoel;
11. Nic Cannington; 12. Jay Newby;
13. Glenn French; 14. Rob Webb;
15. Rod Babel; 16. Chris Whiley;
17. John Flynn; 18. Chris Hunt;
19. Ian Skidmore; 20. Brian Sawyer;
21. Mike Watson; 22. Brett Clapham.

'D' grade 30 mins plus 2 laps

1. Doug Willing; 2. Doug Macdonald;
3. Bill Crout; 4. Barry Eversden;
5. Pat Briggs; 6. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
7. Brian Kennedy; 8. Paul Crespi;
9. Terry Lack; 10. Andrew Lorrimar;
11. Heather Sanderson; 12. Derek Mayall;
13. Tony Speechley; 14. Dai Sankey;
15. Shannon Arnott.

'E' grade, 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Lindsay Froyland; 2. Ray Craig;
3. Denis Robinson; 4. Colin Bloomfield;
5. Kevan Logan; 6. Leo Enright.

22 February, Kewdale Criteriums

A flag bending wind sweeping down the finishing straight on a cool morning saw drop-offs run into trouble, though most of the 85 competitors managed to survive the day's efforts. The pattern of the field was similar to previous weeks with the 14 riders in 'A' grade being outnumbered by 28 in 'B', 20 in 'C', and a dozen each in 'D' and 'E'.

Most aggressive rider in 'A' was John Van Vliet who proved as frisky as a spring lamb when attacking from the first lap, to repeat the process and open up a gap on a dozen or so occasions during the race. This saw a reaction and eye-popping efforts by the rest of the field as the bunch stretched like elastic. Matt Tognini and Ian Lyne also made an impression, but the eventual winner, Gary Wright, played a waiting game when attacking with three laps to go.

At the bell he had a lead of 10 seconds but flew down the wind assisted stretch of the circuit to hold his lead to the line. Behind, the bunch charged madly across the width of the road but new rider Scott Sanders proved strongest of the group when beating George Miller by a length. Matt Tognini was a close fourth just ahead of Sam Smith and the rest of the field.

There was no licence allowed by the large 'B' group who rode most of the race at a hot pace that meant any attacks were short-lived. The race was decided in a mass charge up the finishing straight and this was taken by a confident looking Paul Foxwell recording his second win in succession. Paul was closely challenged by Ian McFall who also retained his consistency placing, while Omar de Pellegrin finished on his wheel. The Churchill mob were prominent in their yellow jerseys, for as well as Ian McFall's second place, Rick Churchill and Andrew Duff finished in 6th and 7th respectively, being preceded only by Keith Winch and Bruce McLellan in 4th and 5th. Craig Chandler was unluckiest rider of the day when he came down on the final lap and lost some skin but thankfully suffered no serious damage.

'C' grade saw some early action by Adam Scott and Rod Tinniswood who attacked on lap one, to be joined a little later by Paul Wighton, Doug Macdonald and Brett Clapham. However, by the fourth lap they were reined in, after which there were no serious looking breaks for the rest of the race. Not that the pace wasn't on, and one rider reported that on one lap he had clocked an average of 45kph. As with 'B' grade, the judges were able to place the first few riders but with riders stretched over the width of the road it was the camera that sorted out the placings. Bevan Buirchall put himself into promotion vogue when once again finishing strongly to take the sprint a length or so in front of Brett Clapham, Nick Cunningham, Allan Clarke (with an 'e'), Bob Stephens and the rest of the field. Glenn French did a solo epic after jumping away early in the race

only to run out of road. This saw him hold the bunch for most of the remainder of the race but it was frustrating to see him unable to close the gap. But, as he said, it made for excellent training!

'D' grade provided no fireworks but the pace was sharp and everyone seemed content to shelter from the wind, except that in the final lap when Andrew Lorrimar jumped away on the penultimate bend and opened a 30metre lead that he held all the way up the straight to the finishing line. Shannon Arndt showed that she was a force to be feared when she comfortably took the bunch sprint ahead of Bill Crout, Gerry Allen and Barry Eversden.

'E' grade looked comfortable for most of the race, though there was some pumping of thigh muscles on a few of the laps that caused hurt to a couple of riders. In another blow for womanhood, Heather Sanderson again showed her great form in the drive up the straight when she held off a determined Dai Sankey who was desperate to show form before heading back to freezing Wales. Brian Kennedy also showed a keen pair of heels when he finished just ahead of Colin Bloomfield to take third place.

'A' grade, 50mins plus 2 laps

1. Gary Wright; 2. Scott Sanders;
3. George Miller; 4. Matt Tognini;
5. Sam Smith; 6. Gary Collett; 7. Ian Lyne;
8. Greg Stoyles; 9. Paul Lamond;
10. Simon Chester; 11. Pedro Turibaka;
12. John Van Vliet.

'B' grade, 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Paul Foxwell; 2. Ian McFall;
3. Omar de Pellegrin; 4. Keith Winch;
5. Bruce McLennan; 6. Rick Churchill;
7. Andrew Duff; 8. Paul Prottey;
9. Mark Paget; 10. Geoff Marshall: Sorry folks, no additional places recorded.

'C' grade 35min, 2 laps

1. Bevan Buirchall; 2. Brett Clapham;
3. Nick Cannington; 4. Allan Clarke;
5. Bob Stephens; 6. Bob Thompson;
7. Paul Wighton; 8. Graham Blyth;

9. Doug Macdonald; 10. Graeme Benthien;
11. Derek McVickers; 12. Rob Webb;
13. Matt Saliacus; 14. Rod Tinniswood;
15. Chris Whiley; 16. Adam Scott;
17. Glen French; 18. Rod Babel.

'D' grade 30 mins plus 2 laps

1. Andrew Lorrimar; 2. Shannon Arnott;
3. Bill Crout; 4. Gerry Allen;
5. Barry Eversden; 6. Pat Briggs;
7. Pat Briggs; 8. Terry Lack;
9. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 10. Paul Crespi;
11. Tony Speechley; 12. Derek Mayall

'E' grade, 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Heather Sanderson; 2. Dai Sankey;
3. Brian Kennedy; 4. Colin Bloomfield;
5. Ray Craig; 6. Kevin Owen;
7. Fran Watson; 8. Denis Robinson;
9. Kevan Logan; 10. Lindsay Froyland;
11. Leo Enright.

1 March, Rockingham Criteriums

The promised thunder showers failed to appear to clear the air but the subsequent humid conditions were relieved by a pleasant breeze that helped propel riders down the straight to the finish, Numbers were down to 59 but this was attributed to the long weekend and also to the fact that the *West Australian* printed the wrong details. However, there were sufficient riders to make for some good racing on this excellent circuit.

'E' grade was first off and first to finish, and leading in the pack in a long sprint was our oldest rider Ray Craig, who having celebrated his 81st a few days earlier, celebrated with a fine win over the rest of the bunch. Ray timed it to perfection (and he's had lots of years to think it out!) kicking with 30metres to go to overhaul Denis Robinson who finished a close second. Colin Bloomfield kept up his recent good performance to finish third.

The eleven riders in 'D' grade were never going to break records and stayed comfortably together, thus playing into the hand of the sprinters. Rod Babel who had grovelled the previous week in 'C' grade was happy to be relegated but endangered his demotion by finishing first in the

sprint. The consistent Bill Stibbs was a length behind, while Leo Nieuwenhuizen broke his drought when finishing third ahead of Gerry Allen who had also improved over the previous few rides.

'C' grade witnessed lots of action with Paul Wighton taking the first plunge at about the 18-minute mark when he opened up a 100m gap. Most active breakaway merchant was, however, Brett Clapham who made a number of attempts but while forcing gaps he was unable to make the decisive move. With three laps to go Ray Clancey and Alan Clark decided to give it a go and managed to open up a gap but by the time the two-to-go sign was shown Ray had faded back into the bunch. All eyes were on Handicapper Clark but he saved himself from a promotion when caught by the bunch as he entered the finishing straight. In a mass sprint Steph Ratcliffe proved triumphant and was delighted with his first ride in quite a few months, while Brett Clapam deservedly took second after all his hard work. Old-timer, Keith Davenport was a close third while Bob Stephens and Ray Clancey finished next to take the remainder of the cash prizes. Andrew Scott again experienced bad luck when puncturing within two laps of the finish, thus excluding him from taking a lap out to change his wheel.

Although down in numbers on recent events, 'B' grade still sported 16 riders.. Most aggressive rider was Mike Lawrence making his first appearance in a couple of years and his frequent breaks caused some angst among his compatriots. Bob Addy also made a 'comeback' after his recent trip interstate and promised to do damage when opening up a 50-metre gap on the first lap, while Gerrit Oplaat played a similar game at about the 25-minute mark. A last blast by Mike Lawrence some ten minutes later saw him drift into a 400-metre lead but the bunch was happy to see him burn up his energy and he found himself swamped just before the last lap. In a hard fought sprint Richard Kelly again proved too strong for the opposition, but in a promise of things to come, Paul Gray

making his first appearance with the club, finished a length or two down, while Ian McFall kept up his record of podium placings to take third place. Chopper Marshall who as usual claimed third was fourth(!) when easing past Ian Turner and Andrew Duff in the final sprint. Peter Shanley appeared to be sheltering at the back of the bunch but the expected explosion at the end of the race never eventuated, for he rode the whole of the event with feet balancing gently because he found his new cleats weren't compatible with his pedals!

The premier grade was a bit down in numbers, though the nine starters didn't hang around. Paul Foxwell was an early animator and there were others who also attempted to break up the field but without success. Coming down the straight for the final time it looked like anyone's race but with 40-metres to go the tattered jersey of George Miller eased to the front and with head down he just ousted Paul Foxwell and a flying Dave Berglund.

'A' grade, 50mins plus 2 laps

1. George Miller
2. Paul Foxwell;
3. Dave Berglund;
4. Sam Smith;
5. Garth O'Leary;
6. Ian Lyne;
7. Gary Collett;
8. Fred Landon.

'B' grade, 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Richard Kelly;
2. Paul Gray;
3. Ian McFall;
4. Geoff Marshall;
5. Ian Turner;
6. Andrew Duff;
7. Wayne Lally;
8. Bob Addy;
9. Gerrit Oplaat;
10. Steve Carlton;
11. Ken Harvey;
12. Peter Shanley;
13. Rick Churchill;
14. Steve Dodd;
15. Mike Lawrence.

'C' grade 35min, 2 laps

1. Steph Ratcliffe;
2. Brett Clapham;
3. Keith Davenport;
4. Bob Stephens;
5. Ray Clancey;
6. Doug Macdonald;
7. Chris Whiley;
8. Graham Blyth;
9. Paul Wighton;
10. Peter Maxwell;
11. Derek McVickers;
12. Andrew Bennett (Peel);
13. John Wighton;
14. Alan Clark.

'D' grade 30 mins plus 2 laps

1. Rod Babel;
2. Bill Stibbs;

3. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 4. Gerry Allen;
5. Barry Eversden; 6. Geoff Gilmore;
7. Pat Briggs; 8. Tony Van Merwyck;
9. Tony Speechley; 10. Heather Sanderson;
11. Andrew Lorrimar.

'E' grade, 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Ray Craig; 2. Denis Robinson;
3. Colin Bloomfield; 4. Lindsay Froyland;
5. Kevan Logan; 6. Brian Paxman;
7. Leo Enright; 8. Sheona Clark.

8 March, Criterium Championships, Smeaton Way, Rockingham

With 93 starters out of the 103 who had nominated, this was the best-ever turnout for a championship. A cool start to the day but warming up towards the finish at mid-day saw comfortable conditions, although there were complaints that someone had left a door open, as there was a distinct strong draft blowing against the riders at the far-side of the circuit. Racing was keen in all divisions – a few were won in breakaways – Eddy Hollands proved unstoppable in the young 35-39 year division, Fred Langdon made a five lap break at the end of the 55-59 year division after he had chased down escapees Mick Russell and Rod Tinniswood, while Derek McVickers and Terry Skinner won their divisions in similar fashion. All the rest went down to the final sprint, with surprises in the mixed 75 plus group where Roy Swift was followed by Heather Sanderson into 2nd place, and where Ray Craig, the only 80 years plus rider, finished third. Congratulations to all the medal winners and thanks for all who supported the racing on the day.

Women

65-69 years –

Gold Fran Watson

60-64 years –

Gold Heather Sanderson

50-54 years

Gold Sheona Clark

35 – 39 years

Gold – Eddy Hollands; Silver – Graham Betts; Bronze – Paul Watts; 4. Steve Carlton; 5. Richard Kelly; 6. Paul Foxwell; 7. Matt Tognini; 8. Garth O'Leary.

40- 44 years

Gold - Pedro Turibaka; Silver - Andrew Brierley; Bronze - George Miller; 4. Phil Deisel; 5. Chris Glasby; 6. Greg Stoyles;
7. Paul Gray; 8. Peter Clark; 9. Craig Saywell.

45-49 years

Gold - Keith Winch; Silver - Gary Wright; Bronze – Peter Shanley; 4. Gary Collett;
5. Ian Turner; 6. Ian Lyne; 7. Paul Hare; 8. Paul Hare; 9. George Law; 10. Alan Clark;
11. Allan Clarke; 12. Peter Maxwell.

50-54 years

Gold – Dave Berglund; Silver – Terry Driessen; Bronze – James Somers; 4. Ian McFall; 5. Rick Churchill; 6. Ian Skidmore; 7. Brian Sawyer; 8. Ken Graffin; 9. Brett Clapham; 10. Pat Briggs.

55-59 years

Gold - Fred Landon; Silver - Mick Russell; Bronze - Attila Nagy; 4. Graham Blyth; 5. Ken Harvey; 6. Rod Tinniswood; 7. Bevan Buirchall; 8. Ian Logan; 9. Geoff Gilmore.

60-64 years

Gold – Terry Skinner; Silver – John Dixon; Bronze – Steph Ratcliffe; 4. Bob Thomson; 5. Bob Stephens; 6. Gavin Swanepool; 7. Gary Boterhoven; 8. Keith Davenport; 9. John Flynn; 10. Rod Babel; 11. Kevan Logan.

65-69 years

Gold – Derek McVickers; Silver – Geoff Marshall; Bronze – Wayne Lally; 4. Doug Macdonald; 5. Ray Clancey; 6. Doug Willing; 7. Colin Bloomfield; 8. Alan Taylor.

70-74 years

Gold – Barry Eversden; Silver – Terry lack; Bronze – Leo Enright; 4. Derek Mayall; 5. Denis Robinson; 6. Ken Portman.

75-79 years

Gold – Roy Swift; Silver – Brian Kennedy; Bronze – Michael Guerin; 4. Brian Paxman.

80-84 years

Gold – Ray Craig.

15 March, Criteriums Wangara

A strong cross wind didn't deter the 66 starters who finalized the fight for points in the Roger Sutton competition. All eyes were on two riders, George Miller and Barry Eversden for only one point separated them at the start of the event. However, a determined George scored an impressive sprint win in 'A' grade to cement his lead, dashing the hopes of Barry who started later and who fell back when he recorded 8th place in 'C' grade. George celebrated his 2nd consecutive win of the competition by leaving for a six-week break in Italy, perhaps reflecting the extent of his winnings with the club during the season! Gary Wright was a very close 2nd to George by a quarter of a wheel, while Keith Winch finished on his wheel in 3rd place.

The racing brought excellent results for our female members with Debbie Parker finishing a strong 2nd in 'D' grade when she challenged Rod Babel and Bill Crout in the sprint finish, while in 'E' grade Renae Scott triumphed over her breakaway partner Heather Sanderson to take out the major placings ahead of third place Denis Robinson. 'B' grade saw intense activity with numerous attacks by Atilla Nagy, Paul Graham, Andrew Duff, and Wal Crowley. Most active rider in the race was Phil Johnston who was present in almost every break but leaving his effort until three laps to go was Geoff Marshall who took off with Phil whom he accompanied until the bell lap when he pulled away to a confident lead. Phil Johnston finished some 50metres behind 'Chopper' while the bunch was led in by James Somers, Ian McFall and Mark Paget, some 15 seconds behind.

'C' grade saw a determined attack by first time rider John Lambert early in the race. However, he was caught out when latching on to 'A' grade who had overtaken his bunch, in the belief that they were his bunch compatriots. But when he realized his mistake he graciously dropped back to rejoin his correct group. Although there were a few attacks, none came to anything,

thus leaving the contest to be decided by a mass sprint. This proved a fast and furious affair with some on the line crediting Allan Clarke with the win, and others giving it to Gary Boterhoven. The camera proved its worth when showing that Gary had crossed the line some 30cms to the good. Brett Clapham took 3rd while Ray Clancey finished fourth to finish a run of consistent rides in the first half-a-dozen placings. He finished just ahead of Nick Cunningham

'A' Grade – 50mins plus 2 laps

1. George Miller; 2. Gary Wright;
3. Keith Winch; 4. Ian Lyne;
5. Gary Collett; 6. Richard Kelly;
7. Steve Carlton; 8. Lee Parker;
9. Paul Foxwell; 10. Steve Marks.

'B' Grade – 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Geoff Marshall; 2. Phil Johnston;
3. James Somers; 4. Ian McFall;
5. Mark Paget; 6. Chris Milentis;
7. Ian Turner; 8. Paul Burke;
9. Paul Hayes; 10. Wal Crowley;
11. Paul Graham; 12. Greg McCoy;
13. Andrew Duff; 14. Mark Cummings;
15. Atilla Nagy; 16. Rick Churchill.

'C' Grade – 35mins plus 2 laps

- Gary Boterhoven; 2. Allan Clarke;
3. Brett Clapham; 4. Ray Clancey;
 5. Nick Cunningham; 6. Bob Stephens;
 7. Alan Clark; 8. Adam Scott;
 9. Glen French; 10. John Lambert;
 11. Doug Macdonald; 12. Paul Wighton;
 13. Gavin Swanepoel; 14. Peter Maxwell;
 15. Rod Tinniswood.

'D' Grade – 30 mins plus 2 laps

1. Rod Babel; 2. Debbie Parker;
3. Bill Crout; 4. Andrew Lorrimar;
5. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 6. Paul Crespi;
7. Erica Morris; 8. Barry Eversden;
9. Graeme Benthien; 10. Pat Briggs.

E. Grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Renae Scott; 2. Heather Sanderson;
3. Denis Robinson; 4. Ray Craig;
5. Brian Kennedy; 6. Colin Bloomfield;
7. Helen Peniston; 8. Sheona Clark;
9. Leo Enright; 10. Kevan Logan.

17 March Vets 'John Sullivan Westral' – Speed Dome, Midvale.

Our one and only track race of the year was a resounding success not only because of the field of 23 riders who participated but also because of the standard of riding. The programme commenced with an 'A' grade scratch race of 15 laps and a 'B' grade of 10 laps. In 'A' grade Graham Betts confirmed his class when beating Matt Tognini and Terry Skinner to the line in what looked like an effortless sprint on his part. The 'B' graders saw old track hand Mick Russell come from the outside on the final bend to win by a fair margin from Mario Librizzi and Geoff Marshall. Having warmed up, the field was then ready for the big event of the night. This saw the riders distributed over 280 metres – on a 250 metre track this meant that Matt Poyner, who had previously won the handicap three times from scratch, was placed 30metres behind limit – thus a hard task for him and fellow scratchman Graham Betts to regain a lap and 30 metres if they were to be in contention. As it was, the race went right down to the line, two of the limit riders Brian Kennedy and Heather Sanderson stayed out front until they entered the home straight when Mario Librizzi, showing excellent form, swept around to win by some 5-10 metres from Brian. Another 20 metres and it might have been a different story for scratchman Graham Betts came flying around the remainder of the field to take third place a length or two in front of Lorraine Schutz, with Heather Sanderson in 5th, thus making it a female fourth and fifth. With \$600 being up for grabs and with cash prizes going down to 9th there were plenty of smiling faces after the riders had regained their breath and composure.

Mrs Winsome O'Sullivan, supported by other family members, was there to present the trophies and sash to the victorious Mario who was obviously delighted with his win. Some excellent handicapping and a keen field made the evening a great success. Many thanks went out to **Greg Stoyles Cycles** for their sponsorship of the event.

John O'Sullivan 6 lap handicap

1. Mario Librizzi (170m)
2. Brian Kennedy (250m);
3. Graham Betts (-30m)
4. Lorraine Schutz (210m); 5. Heather Sanderson (250m); 6. Geoff Marshall (155m); 7. Alan Clark (140m); 8. Garth O'Leary (60m.); 9. Greg Stoyles (40m).

A grade Scratch – 15 laps

1. Graham Betts; 2. Matt Tognini; 3. Terry Skinner. 4. Chris Glasby; 5. Fred Landon; 6. Simon Chester; 7. Paul Graham; 8. Greg Stoyles; 9. Garth O'Leary; 10. John Dixon.

B Grade – 10 laps

1. Mick Russell; 2. Mario Librizzi; 3. Geoff Marshall; 4. Alan Clark; 5. Geoff Gilmore; 6. Ray Clancey; 7. Brian Kennedy; 8. Denis Robinson; 9. Adam Scott; 10. Lorraine Schutz; 11. Heather Sanderson; 12. Leo Enright.

Roger Sutton Memorial Points Competition

Its all over bar for the presentation. Once more it was a hard fought event and George Miller won by the narrowest of margins being only one point ahead of Barry Eversden at the start of the final Wangara event. Rod Babel picked up the winners spot in that same event and this took him into 3rd place in the competition just ahead of Ian McFall. Good to see our 'Octogenarian' 81-year old Ray Craig come through in 5th place – gives us all hope!! With prizes going down to 10th there was a good spread between the various grades and it was especially welcome to see Heather Sanderson (now alas in Yorkshire for the British summer season) take out an award. The first time we've had a female among the prize-winners in this competition.

| Name | Rank | Points |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Miller George | 1 | 161 |
| Eversden Barry | 2 | 155 |
| Babel Rod | 3 | 152 |
| McFall Ian | 4 | 151 |
| Craig Ray 'The Fox' | 5 | 140 |
| MacDonald Doug | 6 | 134 |
| O'Leary, Garth | 7 | 132 |
| Kelly, Richard | 8 | 130 |
| Clancey Ray | 9 | 128 |

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| Sanderson Heather | 10 | 127 | Enright Leo | 62 | 55 |
| Marshall Geoff | 11 | 125 | Foxwell Paul | 63 | 54 |
| Collett Gary | 12 | 123 | Iveson Jack | 64 | 54 |
| Lyne, Ian | 12 | 123 | Stoyles Greg | 65 | 53 |
| Robinson Denis | 14 | 121 | Winch, Keith | 66 | 53 |
| Wright Gary | 14 | 121 | Chandler Craig | 67 | 52 |
| Buirchell Bevan | 16 | 119 | Carlton Stephen | 68 | 51 |
| Stephens Bob | 17 | 112 | Hollands Eddie | 69 | 50 |
| Briggs Pat | 18 | 111 | Portman, Kenneth | 70 | 49 |
| Nieuwenhuizen, Leon | 18 | 111 | Scott Roger | 71 | 48 |
| Bloomfield, Colin | 20 | 106 | Allen, Gerry | 72 | 47 |
| Froyland Lindsay | 21 | 103 | Glasby Chris | 73 | 47 |
| Logan Kevan | 22 | 102 | Berglund Dave | 74 | 45 |
| Boterhoven Gary | 23 | 101 | Clark Sheona | 75 | 45 |
| Watson Fran | 24 | 94 | Wilding, Matthew | 76 | 44 |
| Lally Wayne | 25 | 93 | Addy Bob | 77 | 43 |
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It is with great regret that we note the recent passing of Brenda, wife of Mark Burke, after she had suffered a long illness. Our thoughts go out to Mark on this sad occasion.

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