



Newsletter – JULY/AUGUST 2012

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Line noms except for races marked ** on the race programme. Contact Handicapper, Wayne Lally, or, Racing Secretary, Trelma Lally at waynelally@optusnet.com.au or ring 93302643. Events start at 9.00am unless otherwise advised.

19 August – Graded Scratch – Chidlow ‘B’ – note 9.30am start.

26 August – Graded Scratch – Neerabup.

2 September – NO RACING – Father’s day

9 September – Graded Scratch – Wandl.

16 September – Willing Homes Age Division Championships – Chidlow ‘A’. Noms 7 days in advance.

Club Massed Start Championships, Dog Hill

Div. 1, 35-54yrs – 75km, 7 laps

Div. 2, 55yrs plus – 53km, 5 laps

RACE RESULTS

10 June, 56km Memorial Handicap, Herne Hill

What a day – the worst weather experienced in years. Wet roads causing punctures, winds that blew a couple of riders off the road, but, surprisingly, only one shower of rain that caught out a few riders at the rear of the field on the final lap. Discretion rather than valour appears to have been the reason why 32 riders stayed in bed, though that still left 56 starters, out of whom 17 failed to finish. Those valiant few who survived were faced with gusty and dangerous conditions but they still battled on to fight for the honours.

The handicap was fought out on a grade basis, though there was a generous prize-packet for the first three overall. If ever there was a day for Scratch to get up it was at this event. However, ‘D’ grade in particular were in with a chance until the 6th and final lap and were only caught in the final kms of the race. With Ian Lyne driving and accompanied by Paul Hearne and Peter Trench, the trio powered away from their Scratch group compatriots to take a 30 second win over fellow scratchman Stewart Greenan, who came in just ahead of ‘D’ graders Ian Broadley and Bob Stephens. Two other ‘D’ graders followed close behind, Gary Lyon and Allan McDonald in 7th & 8th place. Tim Mollison from ‘B’ grade was next across the line, to just outspurt fellow-graders Mark Waite, Scott Ayles and a host of riders from various grades.

Overall winner was Paul Hearne, who had driven down from Geraldton just for the occasion. He took home not only cash but the Memorial Cup and replica trophy, and also a special and generous prize supplied by Leo Enright. At the presentation, the President read out the names of past members in whose honour the Memorial Handicap is run. As the first three riders could only take one prize, the first prize in ‘A’ grade went to the 4th man Stewart Greenway. With it being a group handicap,

competition points went to the first 6 prize-getters.

Overall Placings

- 1st Paul Hearne (scratch) – 1hr 29m 30s.
2. Ian Lyne (Scr.)
3. Peter Trench (Scr.)
4. Stewart Greenan (Scr.)
5. Ian Broadley (15m)
6. Bob Stephens (15m)
7. Gary Lyon (17m)
8. Allan McDonald (15m)
9. Tim Mollison (3.00m)
10. Mark Waite (3.00m)
11. Scott Ayles (3.00m).

A' grade (Scr)

1. Paul Hearne; 2. Ian Lyne; 3. Peter Trench;
4. Stewart Greenan; 5. Carlo Ceccoli;
6. Vaughn Harvey; 7. Malcolm Miller;
8. Gary Wright; 9. Phil Deisel;
10. Gavin Lawson; 11. Joe Grasso;
12. Nick Foster.

'B' grade (3 & 4 mins)

1. Tim Mollison; 2. Mark Waite;
3. Scott Ayles; 4. Andrew Kirkham;
5. Magnus Rudisele; 6. Antony Bourn;
7. Ian McFall; 8. Geoff Marshall;
9. Craig Hynes; 10. John Liso.

'C' grade (8 & 10mins)

1. Matt Kingsbury; 2. Jeff Gleadow;
3. Andrew Yeates; 4. Graham Iddles;
5. Bruce Abbott; 6. Rob Brand.

'D' grade (15 & 17mins)

1. Ian Broadley; 2. Bob Stephens;
3. Garry Lyon; 4. Allan McDonald;
4. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 5. Wayne Gordon;
6. Derek Robertson.

'E' grade – 24 & 28mins)

1. Megan McEwan; 2. Denis Robinson;
3. Jack Iveson.

17 June Graded Scratch Races, Neerabup.

In contrast to the previous week's horrendous conditions, the racing at Neerabup saw very pleasant conditions – there was hardly a breath of wind, a situation appreciated by the 120 starters following the traumas of the previous week. 'A' grade had a particularly strong field of 37 riders and the class of the field saw it difficult for anyone to get away, though there were lots of attempts, starting with a 15seconds

break on the first lap by Troy Coulthard, who was joined by Peter Shanley, Wayne Thomson and one or two others on the next lap. The most successful break occurred with about 3 laps to go when Mark Horn, Patrick Hayburn, Marty van Moorsel and Ian Gregory rode strongly together to take and hold a slender lead. Their efforts were rewarded, though it was a close run affair, as they finished in that order with about five or six seconds separating them from the rest of the field. Wayne Thomson, closely followed by Sam Smith, Gary Wright, Ian O'Brien and the rest of the closely packed field, led them in.

'B' graders rode more steadily than their 'A' grade compatriots, with their times closely following the previous ride at Neerabup in 2011. This is not to say there were not attempts to break up the field, with activity off the front being seen with 5 laps to go. The next time past the finish line, there were 6 riders at about 20 seconds, but there was little quarter given by the bunch, so that the final laps saw a consolidation. Surprisingly, the final lap saw two riders finish with a lead of almost half-a-minute. Sadly, however, there was a protest that was upheld after investigation by the referee and they were disqualified for hitching onto 'A' grade. In the bunch sprint, the win went to Stephen Farran, with Ian McFall taking yet another 'B' grade placing in 2nd place. Geoff Marshall who had been prominent near the front of the bunch throughout the race was 3rd, to be followed by Tom O'Neill, John Liso and Lindsay O'Brien, while Bob Addy and Mark Waite also found themselves in the cash prize-list.

Despite a large field of 28 riders, 'C' grade saw limited aggressive riding from individuals, though that of course was the observation at a fixed spot at the finish line. This left the action to the final sprint, and conspicuous were the number of recent or new members who featured in the top placings. Peter Luger showed his ability by finishing a length or two ahead of 2nd placed rider, Jason Hapeta, with 1st time rider Chris Barker taking 3rd. Andrew Yeates who had finished 3rd at the previous week's windy Herne Hill event, dropped one place to 4th, while Damian Staude, Andrew Bartlett,

Mike Burton and Mick Russell sopped up the rest of the cash.

'D' grade saw 12 out of the 15 starters finish the race, with Derek Crowther pulling out early in the race. Mick Brown, racing for the first time in some months also DNF'd, while Bob Stephens was a puncture victim. There were 8 left to contest the bunch finish and victory went to Rob Brand who just beat Derek Robertson and Allan McDonald across the line. Wayne Gordon and Leon Nieuwenhuizen came in at 5th and 6th. Both had missed out by a place or two in the previous weeks, and were pleased to take out the generous prizes on offer. Rob Warrington making his first appearance for a while was happy to finish a close 6th.

'E' grade saw a good-sized field of 11 riders, though this soon split to leave a nucleus of five who went on to contest the finish. Denis 'Doc' Lawrence led in the field a length ahead of Roy Swift and well clear of 3rd placed Gerry Allen who we thought was lolling on some tropic isle rather than being home in wintery Perth! Derek Mayall was 4th in the bunch, and Dave Nangle was a few seconds behind.

'A' grade 83km – 11 laps

1. Mark Horn; 2. Patrick Hayburn;
3. Marty Van Moorsel; 4. Ian Gregory;
5. Wayne Thomson; 6. Sam Smith;
7. Gary Wright; 8. Ian O'Brien;
9. Andrew Dawson; 10. Phil Deisel;
11. Richard Kelly; 12. Keith Winch;
13. Peter Hammond; 14. Carlo Cecchele;
15. Bruce Davies; 16. Andrew Petterson;
17. Stewart Greenan; 18. Troy Coulthard;
19. Mark Gabrielli; 20. Vaughan Harvey;
21. Lee Parker; 22. Ian Lyne;
23. Peter Shanley; 24. Tony Mott;
25. Malcolm Miller; 26. Pedro Turibaka;
27. Andrew Kirkham; 28. Chris Brown;
29. Nick Foster; 30. Paul Lamond;
31. Phillip Johnston; 32. Joe Grasso;
33. Jim Gibson; 34. Dean Gathercole;
35. Chris Glasby; 36. Jeremiah Peiffer;

Average per lap: 11mins 50secs.

'B' grade 75km – 10 laps

1. Stephen Farran; 2. Ian McFall;
3. Geoff Marshall; 4. Tom O'Neill;
5. John Liso; 6. Lindsay O'Brien;
7. Bob Addy; 8. Mark Waite;

9. Gavin Wark; 10. Terry Mayor;
11. Jason John; 12. Magnus Rudisele;
13. Dave Dyson; 14. Andrew Candy;
15. Carl Skinner; 16. Steve de Albuquerque
17. Reg Edwards; 18. Antony Bourne;
19. Danny Kelsall; 20. John Buonvecchi;
21. Thomas Walsh; 22. Craig Hynes;
23. Brian Farrelly; 24. Jaimie Kirkwood;
25. Wal Crowley; 26. Tim Mollison;
27. Scott Ayles.

Average per lap: 12m 30secs

'C' grade - 68km – 9 laps

1. Peter Luger; 2. Jason Hapeta;
3. Chris Barker; 4. Andrew Yeates;
5. Damian Staude; 6. Andrew Bartlett;
7. Mike Burton; 8. Mick Russell;
9. Scott Martin; 10. Bruce Abbott;
11. Todd Ryan; 12. Geoff Gilmore;
13. Alison Dyson; 14. Matt Kingsbury;
15. Vim Sephton; 16. Keith Hickey;
17. Scott Lee; 18. Tanya Birbeck;
19. Darren Mitchell;
20. George Tkachenko; 21. Ian Broadley;
22. Dewald Pelsler; 23. Dave Equid;
24. Jeff Usher; 25. Graham Iddles;
26. Craig McDonald; 27. Malcolm McWatt;
28. Ray Bergin.

Average per lap: 12m 50secs

'D' grade 60km – 8 laps

1. Rob Brand; 2. Derek Robertson;
3. Allan McDonald; 4. Wayne Gordon;
5. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
6. Robin Warrington; 7. Glenn Pedersen;
8. Garry Lyon; 9. Helen Peniston;
10. Damien Dolin; 11. Robert Colton.

Average per lap: 13m 45secs.

'E' grade – 44km – 6 laps

1. Denis Lawrance; 2. Roy Swift;
3. Gerry Allen; 4. Derek Mayall;
5. Dave Nangle; 6. Denis Robinson;
7. Jack Iveson; 8. Sandy Grasso;
9. Laurie Mucciarone.

Average per lap – 15mins 40secs.

24 June, Graded Scratch Races, Mt Helena.

A fairly frigid but dry morning, though the 101 starters soon warmed up as they hit the hills. 'A' grade made short work of the 80km ride, covering at about 40kph. With 33 riders action was expected and true to

form there was a break of three riders, Paul Watts, Stewart Greenan and Adrian White who decided to go on the warpath during the first of the four circuits, leading the bunch in by 1 minute. This lead had hardly been dented as they crossed the line for the second time, but there were fireworks on lap 3 resulting in the trio being swamped by the bunch. Another break involving Chris Glasby and Greg Jones soon developed and they entered the bell lap with a 30-second advantage. This, and some extra-hard work was enough to keep them away until the finish, when Chris breasted the line a couple of lengths up on Gary, with Lee Parker leading in the main field by about 15seconds. Sam Smith came in fourth, alongside Gary Wright, while Steve Marks, John Gregg and Andrew Patterson filled in the rest of the cash prizes placings.

'B' grade saw some hard riding but no evident breaks of note but on lap two there was a split in the bunch of about 10 seconds that was later bridged on the Bunning Road. The uphill finish, though it didn't look much, caught a few riders unawares, and riders who tried to make it a long sprint died in the last 50 metres. New member Wes Gorman finished 1st closely followed by John Clark, Jaimie Kirkwood and a crocodile of riders who followed close behind. Carl Skinner was fourth while Wal Crowley who loves the hills was fifth. Justin McGoldrick showed he was regaining form with his 6th position while Stewart Farran and John Liso enjoyed the bounty of the extended prize-list.

'C' grade saw a few riders suffer at the back of the field but the main group stayed close together to contest a relatively fast three laps of the course. The hilly terrain seemed to suit a few of the leading riders who thrived on the terrain, so that a few new faces featured in the top placings. These included Dave Equid who finished 4th and Scott Lee in 5th place. Crossing the line first was Mike Burton followed by trial rider Morrison McQueen, and Todd Ryan. Sprinters Scott Martin and Bruce Abbott finished 5th and 6th respectively.

'D' grade saw 13 starters, who along with 'E' grade rode two laps. There were one or two who found the going hard, including Bob Stephens suffering back trouble who finished an unusual way down at the back of the field. In the sprint, Gary Lyon put a new face to the

front of the finishing list, though old hands, Paul Greeney, Jon Dooner, Wayne Gordon and Martin Van Voorthuizen would be recognised from past high placings.

In 'E' grade, Laurie Muciarone battled bravely for the two laps to finish despite suffering for most of the way, while Sandy Grasso also slogged along on her first hilly ride. She finished despite having gone some way off course at the turn on the Toodyay Road. The finish was contested by four riders, with Gerry Allen pulling off another victory with a three length win over Roy Swift, while Dave Nangle who rode past his front door a further couple of lengths behind in 3rd place some 30 metres ahead of Denis Robinson.

Everyone claimed to have enjoyed the course, though most would have appreciated it being a few degrees warmer. There were surprisingly few DNFs, Mark Crowther being one of that number, following a puncture.

'A' grade – 80km – 4 laps

1. Chris Glasby; 2. Gary Jones;
3. Lee Parker; 4. Sam Smith;
5. Gary Wright; 6. Steve Marks;
7. Jon Gregg; 8. Andrew Patterson;
9. Joe Grasso; 10. Ian Lyne;
11. Adrian White; 12. Stewart Greenan;
13. Carlo Cecchele; 14. Wayne Thomson;
15. Patrick Hayburn; 16. Peter Trench;
17. Keith Winch; 18. Peter Hammond;
19. Tony Mott; 20. Doug Stewart;
21. Paul Hearne; 22. Roger Knight;
23. Jeremiah Peiffer; 24. Peter Shanley;
25. Chris Brown; 26. Andrew Brierley;
27. Paul Lamond; 28. Paul White;
29. Tobias Strunk; 30. Michael Tapscott;
31. Nick Foster; 32. Martin Depiazzi.
33. Dean Gathercole.

Average time per lap: 30mins 45secs.

'B' grade – 80km – 4 laps

1. Wes Gorman; 2. John Clark;
3. Jaimie Kirkwood; 4. Carl Skinner;
5. Wal Crowley; 6. Justin McGoldrick;
7. Stuart Murray; 8. Stephen Farran;
9. John Liso; 10. Ian Turner;
11. Antony Bourn; 12. Andrew Candy;
13. Dave Dyson; 14. Steve de Albuquerque;
15. Danny Kelsall; 16. Kevin Mcilduff;

17. Bob Addy; 18. Ian McFall;
19. Phillip Johnston; 20. Ian Hughes;
21. Brett Looney; 22. Scott Ayles;
23. Tim Mollison; 24. Magnus Rudisele;
25. Craig Hynes; 26. Terry Mayor;
27. Rob Martin; 28. Geoff Marshall.

Average time per lap: 32m 30secs

'C' grade – 60km – 3 laps

1. Mike Burton; 2. Morrison McQueen;
3. Todd Ryan; 4. Dave Equid; 5. Scott Lee;
6. Scott Martin; 7. Bruce Abbott;
8. Damian Staude; 9. Tanya Birbeck;
10. Jeff Usher; 11. Graham Iddles;
12. Alison Dyson; 13. Geoff Gilmore;
14. Craig McDonald; 15. Malcolm McWatt;
16. Andrew Bartlett; 17. Fenton Lambert;
18. Mark Castle.

Average per lap: 34min 0secs

'D' grade – 40km – 2 laps

1. Garry Lyon; 2. Paul Greeney;
3. Jon Dooner; 4. Wayne Gordon;
5. Martin Van Voorthuizen; 6. Ian Broadley;
7. Allan McDonald; 8. Glenn Pederson;
9. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 10. Bob Stephens;
11. Derek Robertson; 12. Andrew Lorrimar;
13. Damian Dolin.

Average per lap: 35mins 30secs

'E' Grade – 40km – 2 laps

1. Gerry Allen; 2. Roy Swift;
3. Dave Nangle; 4. Derek Mayall;
5. Denis Robinson; 6. Laurie Mucciarone;
7. Sandy Grasso.

Average time per lap; 46mins 4secs

1 July, Graded Scratch Races, Wandí.

Clear blue skies, sunshine and calm conditions met the 135 starters on the 8.6km circuit. Fast times were recorded by all groups when compared with the last ride in April when it bucketed down with rain. That aside, the larger than usual fields probably helped to raise the pace, and 'A' grade averaged just a shade over 12mins 55secs per lap. But eat your hearts out fellows – Cancellero, who rode the TDF prologue the night before, would have gone around about 3 minutes faster!

Another feature of the large fields ('A' grade 35 starters, 'B' grade an impressive 42) was that there was little chance of successful breakaways, and indeed few gaps were seen as the various bunches passed the start line. In 'A'

grade George Miller and Mark Gabrielli were first off the mark, but only managed to open up a gap of about 10 seconds before they were absorbed. At the bell a promising group of six pulled away to a 20 second lead but urgent cries for action from the main body saw a quick response and when next sighted the group had coalesced into a fighting mass from which Andrew Brierley emerged in the last 100 metres to cross the line with a length or two to spare over Scott Sanders, and Andrew Dawson. The rest of the bunch followed close behind, with the camera again showing its utility in sorting out the places, Tony Mott 4th, Richard Kelly 5th, and Gary Wright a close 6th.

The 1st lap involving 'B' grade saw a strong looking Thomas Walsh open up a lead of between 10 and 15 seconds – however, the gremlins were against him and he unfortunately punctured soon afterwards. With 42 riders, the pace was fast and many riders looked comfortable being sucked along, and like the premier group, it all ended in a mass finish, that looked quite 'hairy' to those seeing the mass weaving towards the line. Carl Skinner showed his sprinting ability, finishing a clear couple of lengths ahead of the rest of the bunch that was led in by Michael Rossitter,

There were complaints from some riders in 'A' and 'B' that they had sprinted for the line close to the Equestrian Centre gates – but guys, most of you had ridden the course before, you had passed the lap scorer and the Club van up to eight or nine times before the finish, and even if you were unsighted, you should have known where the finish was!

With 28 starters, 'C' grade also represented an imposing spectacle as they charged up the road – some of those who rode close to the left hand side causing spectators to skip for their lives! No heroics as far as could be seen from the line, though a few riders were dropped off the back before the finish. Mike Burton took the sprint with ease, finishing a clear couple of bike lengths ahead of Andrew Yeates and Jeff Gleadow - surely, after his other recent performances, a portent of promotion to 'B' for Mike!.

'D' grade had a respectable bunch of 19 riders and like their 'C' grade compatriots appeared to keep together over the duration of the race. In what again looked like a performance guaranteed to impress the handicapper Bob finished a clear three-lengths ahead of 2nd placed Allan McDonald, followed by Wayne Gordon, Pat O'Neill and the consistent Jon Dooner.

'E' grade were in fine fettle and finished the event some 4 minutes faster than their last event on the course. There were 11 starters, including three females that included first-time rider Alison Atherton who although being burned off, seemed to have a comfortable ride and finished the event looking quite fresh. Megan McEwan was in the bunch contesting the sprint and had put down the gauntlet on the final lap when she attacked on the rise after the first corner. The finish saw a reversal of the previous week's event, Roy Swift beating Derek Mayall across the line. Doc Lawrance was third, while the Scottish flier, Dave Nangle held off Derek Mayall. Megan McEwan was 6th and first female finisher.

'A' grade – 76km – 9 laps

1. Andrew Brierley; 2. Scott Sanders;
3. Andrew Dawson; 4. Tony Mott;
5. Richard Kelly; 6. Gary Wright;
7. Patrick Hayburn; 8. Doug Stewart;
9. Sam Smith; 10. Wayde Keyser;
11. Carlo Cecchele; 12. Mark Gabrielli;
13. Joe Grasso; 14. Peter Hammond;
15. Stewart Greenan; 16. Chris Glasby;
17. Roger Knight; 18. Mark Roberts;
19. Peter Shanley; 20. Scott Tulk;
21. Peter Trench; 22. Dave Berglund;
23. Ian Lyne; 24. Michael Buytels;
25. Mark Horn; 26. Nick Foster;
27. Martin Deppiazi; 28. Chris Brown;
29. Ian Gregory; 30. Keith Winch;
31. Bruce Davies; 32. Greg Stoyles;
33. Matt Tognini; ?? George Miller.

Average per lap: 12mins 55secs

'B' grade – 69km – 8 laps

1. Carl Skinner; 2. Michael Rossiter;
3. Sean Crummey; 4. Scott Ayles;
5. David Cole; 6. Tom O'Neil;
7. Anthony Mateljan; 8. Magnus Rudisele;
9. Terry Mayor; 10. Mark Waite;
11. John Liso; 12. Tim Mollison;

13. Dave Dyson; 14. Jason John;
15. Carl Poingdestre; 16. Craig Hynes;
17. Ian McFall; 18. Stephen Farran;
19. Geoff Marshall; 20. David Gabrielli;
21. Danny Kelsall; 22. David Shailer;
23. Andrew Sowden; 24. Ian Trayler;
25. Bob Addy; 26. Greg Waters;
27. Ian Turner; 28. Ken Harvey;
29. Brett Looney; 30. Matthew Wakeling;
31. Mark Crowther; 32. Geoff Gilmore;
33. Jaimie Kirkwood; 34. Antony Bourn;
35. John Clark; 36. Andrew McCormack;
37. Wal Crowley; 38. Marc Sprud;
39. Julian Hughes; 40. Julian Chipper;
41. Neil Powers.

Average per lap: 13mins 05secs

'C' grade – 60km – 7 laps

1. Mike Burton;; 2. Andrew Yeates;
3. Jeff Gleadow; 4. Mick Russell;
5. Matt Kingsbury; 6. Vim Sephton;
7. Scott Martin; 8. Brett Clapham;
9. Vicky Hammick; 10. Damein Staude;
11. Todd Ryan; 12. Bruce Abbott;
13. Dennis Radcliffe; 14. Rob Brand;
15. Tanya Birbeck; 16. Jeff Usher;
17. Chris Graham; 18. Scott Lee;
19. Craig McDonald; 20. Graham Iddles;
21. Micheal Watson; 22. Adam Scott;
23. Stephen Milford; 24. Peter Luger;
25. Christian Lafrentz; 26. Andrew Winch;
?? Chris Barker.

Average per lap: 13mins 45secs

'D' grade – 50km – 6 laps

1. Bob Stephens; 2. Allan McDonald;
3. Wayne Gordon; 4. Pat O'Neill;
5. Jon Dooner; 6. Martin Van Voorthizen;
7. Chris O'Neil; 8. Glenn Pedersen;
9. Paul Greenery; 10. Richard Whitaker;
11. Ian Broadley; 12. Peter Mudford;
13. Mick Dixon; 14. Damian Dolin;
15. Andrew Lorrimar; 16. Paul Buddulph;
17. Andrew Bennett (Peel).

Average per lap: 14mins 20secs

'E' grade – 43km – 5 laps

1. Roy Swift; 2. Gerry Allen;
3. Denis Lawrance; 4. David Nangle;
5. Derek Mayall; 6. Megan McEwan;
7. Denis Robinson; 8. Alison Atherton;
9. Sandy Grasso; 10. Jack Iveson.

Average per lap: 17mins 00secs

8 July, Gr. Scratch Races, Pickering Brook

Another good turnout involving 112 riders. A clear and calmish day but lots of shivering among the masses and those standing at the finish line. Circuit times were slightly down on previous rides apart from 'D' grade with the bunch equalling its previous ride.

As usual 'A' grade saw attacks go off throughout the race, Roger Knight and Peter Shanley featured in the early stages of the race. With five laps to go five riders had a promising lead of 15 to 20 seconds on the bunch but all came together as the race reached its conclusion. While there was a close contest among the leading riders, there was a fair spread halfway down the field as riders crossed in single file. In a hard fight to the finish, John Gregg triumphed over the evergreen Gary Wright, while Wayne Thomson came in a length or so down in 3rd place, followed by Patrick Hayburn, Wayde Keyser, Stewart Greenan, Tony Mott, Joe Grasso and a host of others.

'B' grade also saw an action packed race, Antony Bourn and Ian Trayler starting off the activity with a small break on the 1st lap. Just over halfway through the event Michael Bowles, Paul Prottey and new rider Andrew Sowden held a lead of 15secs, but perhaps remembering Paul's domination of the previous event on the course, they were soon brought to heel. At the tolling of the bell Ian Turner crossed the line by some 50 metres with a look of triumph on his face, but unfortunately for him there was still a lap to go! The final lap saw a compact group bear down on the line, with victory going to Mark Waite, followed by Paul Prottey and Ian McFall, Carl Poigndestre, Jason John and 6th placed Ian Trayler.

The 23-strong 'C' grade group, rode their usual steady pace, though there were quite a few who found the going tough on the final climb, so depleting the numbers at the sprint to the line. This turned out to be a closely fought match between the first two placed riders, Dave Ellis beating Graham Iddles by a wheel, with Chris Barker in 3rd place, Damian Staude in 4th, Morrison McQueen in 6th. Emma Gillard was the first female finisher in 14th place with Tanya Birkbeck a further two places back.

Some of the 'D' graders overcame the chill by warming up their compatriots with a hard

first lap, Colin Rossiter and Derek Robertson opening up a lead of 45 seconds. After they were chased down, Ian Broadley showed some light between himself and the peleton at the end of lap 3, though everyone came together for the remaining 3 laps. A long stream of riders came towards the line, with sufficient gaps between each to make it easy for the judges to record results without aid of the camera. Leading in the field was Peter Mudford with a well-timed kick that took him across the line just ahead of Paul Greeney. Trial rider Hank Koelemij was 3rd and followed by Derrin Rodriguez, Jon Dooner and Garry Lyon.

A combination of cold and hills saw a much depleted start group that involved five starters in 'E'. In a bid to keep warm, Gerry Allen took no pity on the opposition to ride the 5 laps as a virtual time trial. No need for the camera here, as Dave Nangle, Denis Robinson and Laurie Mucciarone finished in that order with substantial gaps between each. Reg Ridley who completed three laps was quite pleased with his ride, the first time on the road since his recent operation.

'A' grade – 76km – 10 laps

1. Jon Gregg; 2. Gary Wright;
3. Wayne Thomson; 4. Patrick Hayburn;
5. Wayde Keyser; 6. Stewart Greenan;
7. Tony Mott; 8. Doug Joe Grasso;
9. Chris Glasby; 10. Paul Hearne;
11. Vaughan Harvey; 12. Carl Skinner;
13. Roger Knight; 14. Mark Gabrielli;
15. Gary Jones; 16. Peter Shanley;
17. Michael Buytels; 18. Michael Tapscott;
19. Chris Brown; 20. Keith Winch;
21. Gavin Lawson; 22. Ian Lyne;
23. Jim Gibson; 24. Peter Hammond;
25. Bruce Davies; 26. Paul Watts;
27. Greg Stoyles; 28. Jeremiah Peiffer;
29. Carlo Cecchele;
30. Matthew Hughie-Williams;
31. Nick Foster; 32. Andrew Kirkham;
33. Lee Parker; 34. Paul Lamond.

Average per lap: 12m 40secs

'B' grade – 69km – 9 laps

1. Mark Waite; 2. Paul Prottey;
3. Ian McFall; 4. Carl Poigndestre;
5. Jason John; 6. Ian Trayler;
7. Anthony Mateljan; 8. Dave Dyson;
9. David Cole; 10. David Gabrielli;

11. Andrew Sowden; 12. Andrew Candy;
13. John Liso; 14. Ian Turner;
15. Mike Burton; 16. Rob McGregor;
17. Magnus Rudisele; 18. Kevin McIlduff;
19. Lindsay O'Brien; 20. Michael Whitaker;
21. John Clark; 22. Scott Ayles;
23. Michael Bowes; 24. Walter Crowley;
25. Mark Crowther; 26. Antony Bourn;
27. Craig Hynes; 28. Julian Chipper;
29. Geoff Marshall.

Average per lap: 12m 45secs

'C' grade – 62km – 8 laps

1. Jeff Gleadow 2. David Ellis;
3. Chris Barker; 4. Damian Staude;
5. Steve Ryan; 6. Morrison McQueen;
7. Graham Iddles; 8. Todd Ryan;
9. Craig McDonald; 10. Scott Lee;
11. Mike Paxman; 12. Dave Equid;
13. Andrew Yeates; 14. Emma Gillard;
15. Bert Veenendaal; 16. Tanya Birbeck;
17. Mark Burke; 18. Jeff Usher;
19. Vim Sephton; 20. Stephen Milford;
21. Brendan Drew; 22. Ray Bergin.

Average per lap: 13m 30secs

'D' grade – 50km – 6 laps

1. Peter Mudford; 2. Paul Greeney;
3. Hank Koelemij; 4. Jon Dooner;
5. Garry Lyon; 6. Glen Pedersen;
7. Ian Broadley; 8. Allan Broadley;
9. John Flynn; 10. Wayne Gordon;
11. Derek Robertson; 12. Damian Dolin;
13. Derrin Rodrigues; 14. Paul Biddulph;

Average per lap: 14m 15secs

'E' grade – 43km – 5 laps

1. Gerry Allen; 2. Dave Nangle
3. Denis Robinson; 4. Laurie Mucciarone.

Average per lap: 17m 35sec s

15 July, 55km Handicap, York-Beverley & return.

A perfect morning, hardly a breath of wind and an exciting finish expected for the 61 riders. However, the gods determined otherwise, for because of a road accident a couple of km from the first turn near Beverley that saw a rescue helicopter land on the road, the police had to stop the race. Unphased, Uncle Wayne did a quick calculation – the race was restarted using a much-shortened course that cut across country to the original finishing line. Victory went to Paul Greeney by a margin of about

20cms over Bert Veenendaal, with Bob Stephens a length behind in 3rd place. Jeff Usher finished a close 4th while Emma Gillard was first female home when finishing in 5th position. Keith Harvey was also in the finishing bunch in 6th place just a half-wheel ahead of the luckiest rider in the race, Tanya Birkbeck. Tanya had punctured and was walking back to York when she was picked up and carted around the course, only to find the field at a complete stop. She then had her 2nd start of the day and finished in 7th place. Sandy Grasso took out the prize for first non-placed female rider, while Derek Robertson was first over the prime hill on the amended course. Doug Stewart recorded the fastest time of 34min 40secs from Scratch for the 23.5km amended course.

Thanks to everyone for being so understanding – there were no grumbles with everyone recognising that things don't always go to plan.

Results

1. Paul Greeney (9.00mins)
2. Bert Veenendaal (7.00mins)
3. Bob Stephens (9.00mins)
4. Jeff Usher (8.00mins)
5. Emma Gillard (8.00mins)
6. Keith Hickey (8.00mins)
7. Tanya Birkbeck (8.00mins)
8. Mark Castle (8.00mins)
9. Garry Lyon (9.00mins)
10. Denis Cosgrove (9.00mins) *at 10secs*
11. Allan McDonald (9.00mins)
12. Glenn Pedersen (11.00mins)
13. Derek Robertson (11.00mins) *at 25secs*
14. Thomas Walsh (5m 00secs) *at 50secs*
15. David Ellis (6m 30secs)
16. Antony Bourn (5m 00secs)
17. Steve Ryan (6m 30secs)
18. Ian Turner (5.00mins)
19. Lindsay O'Brien (5.00mins)
20. John Clark (5.00mins)
21. Danny Kelsall (5.00mins)
22. Scott Lee (6m 30secs)
23. Craig Hynes (5.00mins)
24. Dave Equid (6m 30secs)
25. Damian Staude (6m 30secs)
26. Mark Waite (3m 30secs) *at 1.00min*
27. Stephen Farran (3m 30secs)
28. Bob Addy (5.00mins)

29. Ray Bergin (8.00mins)
 30. Ian McFall (3m 30secs)
 31. Jaimie Kirkwood (3m 30secs)
 32. Ian Broadley (9.00mins)
 33. Javan Wolsoncroft (6m 30secs)
 34. Wal Crowley (3m 30secs)
 35. Scott Ayles (3m 30secs)
 36 Magnus Rudisele (3m 30secs)
 37. Mick Dixon (11.00mins) *at 2m 35secs*
 38. Doug Stewart (Scr) *at 2mins 55secs*
 39. Paul Watts (2m 30secs)
 40. Troy Coulthard (Scr)
 41. Peter Hammond (2m 30secs)
 42. Joe Grasso (2m 30secs)
 43. Michael Tapscott (Scr)
 44. Patrick Hayburn (Scr)
 45. Tony Mott (2m 30secs)
 46. Phillip Johnston (2m 30secs)
 47. Chris Glasby (Scr) *at 3m 12secs*
 48. John Liso (3m 30secs)
 49. Malcolm McWatt (6m 30secs)
 50. Gary Wright (Scr)
 51. Brett Looney (5.00mins)
 52. Nick Foster (2m 30secs) *at 3m 50secs*
 53. Carl Skinner (2m 30secs) *at 4.00mins*
 54. Denis Robinson (15.00mins)
 55. Dave Nangle (15.00mins)
 56. Stewart Greenan (Scr) *at 7m 50secs*
 57. Sandy Grasso (15mins) *at 8m 05secs*
 58. Ian Lyne (Scr) *at 9m 20secs*
1st non-placed female: Sandy Grasso

Hill Prime: Derek Robertson

Fastest time: Doug Stewart 34mins 40secs

22 July, Graded Scratch Races, Herne Hill.

As I was wallowing in luxury in Darwin when the race was run, I'm afraid there's no blow-by-blow report for this event. It was reported, however, that competition was keen and that the wide William Street finish proved itself much safer than the old finish on Argyle Road. Our good President and Bob Addy cast a fatherly eye over proceedings and there were no major incidents reported in the event that attracted 126 riders.

'A' grade – 74km – 8 laps

1. Sam Smith; 2. Gary Wright;
 3. Doug Stewart; 4. George Miller;
 5. John Gregg; 6. Ian Gregory;
 7. Wayne Thomson; 8. Troy Coulthard;
 9. Patrick Hayburn; 10. Steve Marks;
 11. Peter Shanley; 12. Chris Glasby;

13. Jeff Brooks; 14. Stewart Greenan;
 15. Vaughan Harvey; 16. Joe Grasso;
 17. Wayde Keyser; 18. Andrew Kirkham;
 19. Innes Davie; 20. Keith Winch;
 21. Brian Farrelly; 22. Paul Watts;
 23. Tony Mott; 24. Paul Lamond;
 25. Peter Hammond; 26. Frans Buissink;
 27. Lee Parkr; 28. Andrew Dawson;
 29. John Van Vliet; 30. Chris Brown;
 31. Greg Stoyles; 32. Ian Lyne;
 33. Matt Tognioni; 34. Bruce Davies;
 35. Philip Johnston.

'B' grade – 57km – 6 laps

1. Thomas Walsh; 2. Tim Mollison;
 3. Mark Waite; 4. Matthew Wakeling;
 5. Craig Hynes; 6. John Liso;
 7. Shane Thomas; 8. Matt Callaghan;
 9. Jason John; 10. Terry Mayor;
 11. Charlie Gargett; 12. Lindsay O'Brien;
 13. Matt Reed; 14. Steve de Albuquerque;
 15. Ian Turner; 16. Magnus Ridisele;
 17. Jonathan Keyes; 18. Andy Jarvis;
 19. Scott Ayles; 20. Brett Looney;
 21. Andrew McCormack;
 22. Carl Poigndstre; 23. Ian Trayler;
 24. Michael Whitaker; 25. Danny Kelsall;
 26. Andrew Candy; 27. Russell Clarke;
 28. Greg McManus; 29. Mark Crowther;
 30. Sam Curry; 31. Antony Bourn;
 32. Marc Sprod.

'C' grade – 57km – 6 laps

1. Matt Donaldson; 2. Mick Russell;
 3. David Ellis; 4. Peter Neuzerling;
 5. Chris Barker; 6. Martin Lear;
 7. Graham Iddles; 8. Hank Koelemij;
 9. Stephen Milford; 10. Dennis Radcliffe;
 11. Peter Luger; 12. Christian Lafrentz;
 13. Nial Stock; 14. Andrew Yeates;
 15. Jeff Gleadow; 16. Steve Ryan;
 17. Damian Staude; 18. Scott Lee;
 19. Richard Langston; 20. Bruce Abbott;
 21. Bert Veenendaal; 22. Emma Gillard;
 23. Javan Wolsoncroft;
 24. Richard Whitaker; 25. Adam Scott;
 26. Ray Bergin; 27. Keith Hickey;
 28. Fenton Lambert; 29. Jeff Usher;
 30. Anna Kauffman; 31. Andrew Winch;
 32. Malcolm McWatt; 33. Mark Castle.

'D' grade – 57km – 6 laps

1. Wayne Allen 2. Wayne Gordon;

3. Jon Dooner; 4. Garry Lyon;
5. Bob Stephens; 6. Chris O'Neill;
7. Paul Greeney; 8. Ian Broadley;
9. Mick Brown; 10. Allan McDonald;
11. Andrew Bennett (Peel);
12. Glenn Pederson;
13. Martin Van Voorthuisen;
14. LEON Nieuwenhuizen;;
15. Clinton Hort; 16. Travis Kean.

'E' grade – 48km – 5 laps

1. Denis Lawrance; 2. Mick Dunne;
3. Roy Swift; 4. Gerry Allen;
5. Derek Mayall; 6. Denis Robinson;
7. Dave Nangle; 8. Laurie Mucciarone;
9. Reg Ridley.

29 July – Grand Prix Franzone Motors, Dog Hill, Baldivis.

Kindly sponsored by Joe and Sandy Grasso, the event, divided into over and under 55year old riders attracted 104 riders. The day was fine, but chilly, with a rising head wind on the finishing straight as the racing progressed. The younger age group saw 76 riders face the starter, while the older group was a little disappointing with only 28 entrants.

The 'youngsters' event over 75km saw a break of 6 riders – George Miller, Paul Lamond, Tim Mollison, Martin Depiazzi and Jeremiah Peiffer that moved off to a lead of 20 seconds by the end of the 1st lap. This increased to 25 seconds two laps later, but on the 4th lap all came together – but not for long, as another six took up the challenge and riding strongly together they had a lead of 45 seconds over the bunch at the bell. This saw an eye-popping effort by the bunch, but just like the Olympic Road Race the previous day, the finish proved just a bit too far for the chasers who finished some 10 seconds behind the winning group.

In a very closely contested sprint, Doug Stewart lunged to take first place from Brett Stapleton and Sam Smith, while Jim Gibson finished a wheel down but alongside fifth placed Roger Knight and 6th placed John Van Vliet. Thomas Walsh came out of the bunch a few seconds down for 7th, while Eddie Holland spearheaded the large bunch just ahead of Martin Depiazzi, Gary Wright and the rest of the field. There were reports of 'hairy' riding

over the final 300 metres, though fortunately no one came to grief.

The 'Oldies', saw a more sedate but fast pace that resulted in a compact bunch come around the final bend after their five laps. to sprint for the line. The results provided no great surprises, and as with their younger compatriots the first three places were closely contested by three riders, with victory going to Mick Russell who lunged for a half-length win over Danny Kelsall, who in turn crossed the line a quarter of a wheel ahead of Bob Addy. Lindsay O'Brien showed his rapidly improving form when he led event sponsor Joe Grasso over the line when taking 4th place. Geoff Gilmore was 6th, while Emma Gillard who also took out the first female award finished 7th, just ahead of Wal Crowley.

With over \$2,000 in prize-money and trophies for the first female and the grade winners there were lots of smiling Vegemites at the presentation. No wonder Joe and Sandy Grasso's promise of further sponsorship was met with loud applause!

Div. 1 under 55 years, 75km – 7 laps

1. Doug Stewart; 2. Brett Stapleton;
3. Sam Smith; 4. Jim Gibson;
5. Roger Knight; 6. John Van Vliet;
7. Thomas Walsh; 8. Eddie Hollands;
9. Martin Depiazzi; 10. Gary Wright;
11. Wayne Thomson; 12. John Gregg;
13. Stewart Greenan; 14. Brian Buck;
15. Ken Harvey; 16. Glenn Pedersen;
17. Peter Mudford; 18. Allan McDonald;
19. Troy Coulthard; 20. Ian Trayler;
21. Paul Prottey; 22. Ian O'Brien;
23. Peter Hammond; 24. Mark Waite;
25. Chris Glasby; 26. Jeremiah Peiffer;
27. Carl Skinner; 28. Greg McManus;
29. Vaughan Harvey; 30. Christian Lafrentz;
31. Scott Ayles; 32. Keith Winch;
33. Hank Koelemij; 34. Chris Brown;
35. Martin Lear; 36. Brian Farrelly;
37. John Liso; 38. Matt Callaghan;
39. Carl Poigndestre; 40. Peter Shanley;
41. Magnus Rudisele; 42. Tim Roberts;
43. Julian Chipper; 44. Malcolm Miller;
45. Jeff Brooks; 46. George Miller;
47. Lee Parker; 48. Dave Rawlings;
49. Marty Van Moorsel;

50. John Buonvecchi; 51. Ian Trayler;
52. Antony Bourn; 53. Stephen Milford;
54. Stephen Farran; 55. Jaimie Kirkwood;
56. Matt Tognini; 57. David Ellis;
58. Greg Stoyles; 59. Steve de Albuquerque;
60. Craig Hynes; 61. Paul Lamond;
62. Chris Graham; 63. Richard Langston;
64. Matt Donaldson; 65. Nial Stock;
66. Andrew Yeates; 67. Rob Brand.

Average per lap: 15mins 40secs

Div 2. Over 55 years 53km – 5 laps

1. Mick Russell; 2. Danny Kelsall;
3. Bob Addy; 4. Lindsay O'Brien;
5. Joe Grasso; 6. Geoff Gilmore;
7. Emma Gillard (1st Female);
8. Wal Crowley; 9. Malcolm McWatt;
10. Bruce Abbott; 11. Scott Lee;
12. Jon Dooner; 13. Chris O'Neill;
14. Brian Buck; 15. Ken Harvey;
17. Peter Mudford; 18. Allan McDonald;
19. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
20 Bert Veenendaal; 21. Pat O'Neill;
22. Derek Robertson;
23. Andrew Lorrimar; 24. Derek Mayall;
25. Sandy Grasso.

Average per lap: 17mins 00secs

5 August – Graded Scratch, Pickering Brook.

Cloudy and a bit chilly for those standing at the line but the 85 riders soon warmed up. Numbers were down on previous weeks, especially for 'A' grade, though that was accounted for by the running of the Pinjarra Classic. The grade still mustered 15 riders, there were 23 in 'B', and 'C' had the largest field of the day with 29 starters. 'D' had a dozen and 'E' grade six – again a bit smaller than usual, and perhaps accounted for by the hilly nature of the course. All races were a few seconds slower than the best times recorded on the circuit, but were still fast enough to hurt many in the various grades.

'E' grade saw the group stay together for three of the five laps and on the final circuit Gerry Allen and Derek Mayall put down their heads to leave Dave Nangle on the final hill. Gerry then put the boot into Derek, to finish some 30 metres ahead at the line.

'C' grade moved at a steady pace that saw very little shedding of riders. However, on the final lap Jeff Gleadow and David Ellis opened up a gap to finish well ahead of third

man, Chris Barker who, in turn, led in the field, to be followed closely by Richard Whitaker, Dave Equid, Dennis Radford and a large group of riders. While lapping at 25seconds slower than 'B' grade, the final couple of laps saw them trying to pass the higher grade, with the latter tending to surge rather than ride a steady race. Tim Mollison, Tom Walsh and Anthony Bourn starred in the first lap of the 'B' race, and while Tom decided to drop back on the 2nd lap he was again in action on lap 3 in the company of Craig Hynes and Anthony Bourn who was out to set his credentials. Riding strongly at the head of affairs for another couple of laps they were eventually hauled back on the penultimate lap. There was a strong attack on the final lap when Mark Waite and Herr Magnus Rudisele opened up a lead of a few seconds over two other escapees, Nick Churchill and Roman Watkins, to finish in that order. Dave Equid showed his improving form as he sprinted at the front of the bunch to take 5th place against Dennis Radcliffe, Peter Mudford and a host of others.

'D' grade excelled by lapping 15seconds faster than in previous races, a fact witnessed by a number of riders who lost contact in the early stages of the race. In a five-up sprint for the line, Glenn Pedersen got the better of Jon Dooner, while Mick Brown was followed across the line by Allan McDonald and Garry Lyon.

'A' grade seemed quite happy to allow Doug Stewart to take a small 10 second lead for over two laps before pulling him back to the fold. Another attack by Doug and George Miller on laps 5 and 6 saw them hold a slender 15seconds but the effort saw George in trouble as his legs failed, leading to him filling an unusual placing towards the back of the field. On the last couple of laps, Greg Stoyles and Steve Marks swapped turns, and riding strongly were able to hold off the rest of the field to take a comfortable 30 seconds lead at the bell. This they held to the finish line when Greg took the honours over Steve, by a couple of lengths. Some 20 seconds behind, Doug Stewart led in the bunch to finish just ahead of Gary Wright, and Martin Depiazzi.

'A' grade – 76km – 10 laps

1. Greg Stoyles; 2. Steve Marks;
3. Doug Stewart; 4. Gary Wright;
5. Martin Depiazzi; 6. Lee Parker;
7. Jim Gibson; 8. Gavin Lawson;
9. Andrew Kirkham; 10. Vaughan Harvey;
11. Matt Hughie-Williams;
12. Phil Johnston; 13. George Miller.

Average: 12m 25secs per lap

'B' grade – 69km – 9 laps

1. Mark Waite; 2. Magnus Rudisele;
3. Nick Churchill; 4. Roman Watkins;
5. Ian Trayler; 6. Ian McFall;
7. Carl Poindestre; 8. John Liso;
9. Matt Reed; 10. Lindsay O'Brien;
11. Kevin McIlduff; 12. Ian Turner;
13. Craig Hynes; 14. Tom Walsh;
15. Wal Crowley; 16. Tim Mollison;
17. Anthony Mateljan; 18. Terry Mayor;
19. Antony Bourn; 20. Mark Crowther;
21. Greg McManus; 22. Bob Addy.

Average: 12m 40secs per lap

'C' grade - 62km – 8 laps

1. Jeff Gleadow; 2. David Ellis;
3. Chris Barker; 4. Richard Whittaker;
5. Dave Equid; 6. Dennis Radcliffe;
7. Peter Mudford; 8. Peter Neuzerling;
9. Mike Rainford; 10. Todd Ryan;
11. Steve Ryan; 12. Tanya Birkbeck;
13. Emma Gillard; 14. Paul Hedzic;
15. Bruce Abbott; 16. Scott Lee;
17. Peter Luger; 18. Peter Fitzgerald;
19. Steve Milford; 20. Jeff Usher;
21. Mark Castle; 22. Bert Veenendaal;
23. Keith Hickey; 24. Rob Brand;
25. Geoff Gilmore.

Average: 13m 05secs per lap

'D' grade – 53km – 7 laps

1. Glenn Pedersen; 2. Jon Dooner;
3. Mick Brown; 4. Allan McDonald;
5. Garry Lyon; 6. Bob Stephens;
7. Ian Broadley; 8. Derek Robertson;
9. Andrew Lorrimar; 10. Wayne Gordon;
11. Paul Biddulph.

Average: 14m 0secs per lap

'E' grade – 38km – 5 laps

1. Gerry Allen; 2. Derek Mayall;
3. Dave Nangle; 4. Denis Robinson;
5. Denis Lawrance.

Average: 16m 10secs per lap

12 August – Graded Scratch, Wandí.

Sixty-nine riders turned up on a damp but not uncomfortable morning to contest another duel on the Wandí course. However, damp and racing means running the puncture gauntlet on this course, and true to form, over a dozen riders reported in with flat tyres.

Times for all groups were 45secs to 1minute down on schedule (based on best previous times), except for 'D' grade which averaged 10 seconds faster per lap. From the judging line, there appeared to be only a few attacks that resulted in gaps appearing – 'B' grade seeing the greatest activity, as four riders – Mike Burton, Matthew Wakeling, Antony Bourn plus one other (with a hidden number), opened up a 15 second gap on the third lap. With three laps to go another break occurred, this time involving Magnus Rudisele, Mark Waite and Roman Watkins, but all were brought back to the fold, the bunch remaining together for the remainder of the race. In a fast finish – with riders taking up the width of the road, including the cycle lane, Magnus Rudisele at last cracked the sweet spot when he beat Anthony Mateljan, Mark Waite and Ian Turner by a clear couple of lengths. Matt Reed finished 5th and Lindsay O'Brien took out the pay cheque for 6th.

The familiar figure of George Miller was prominent at the head of affairs in 'A' grade and became even more recognisable as the laps ticked by, for every time they came around, there were a couple more puncture victims – six riders recording DNFs out of the 17 who started the race. At the end of the nine laps, George flew fast and furious up the straight, frightening the opposition with a blood curdling scream as he triumphantly crossed the line a couple of bike-lengths ahead of Troy Coulthard. Greg Stoyles was another length behind, followed by Peter Shanley, Carl Skinner, Keith Winch and the rest of the surviving members of the bunch. The last 300metres was interesting in that the heavens opened up with a huge deluge that nearly drowned riders and officials alike!

'C' grade started with only 10 riders – a large drop when considered that the previous week at Pickering Brook they had by far the largest number of starters. Two

early puncture victims in the persons of Geoff Gilmore and Malcolm McWatt left a select group to contest the rest of the race, and it came as no surprise to find them ride in close formation until the final 300 metres or so. In the sprint Chris Barker improved on his 3rd place at Pickering Brook when taking 1st place ahead of Peter Neuzerling, Javan Wolsoncroft, Jeff Usher and the other survivors.

The 15 members of 'D' grade were more fortunate than other grades as they lost only one rider Travis Kean – not to the puncture bug but to sickness. No heroics were recorded and they kept in a compact group to contest the sprint after 1hr 39mins on the road. Andrew Lorrimar and Glynn Birds (the latter making a comeback after a few years off the bike) rode courageously off the back of the peleton for most of the race but received the applause of the gathered masses on the finish line for their doggedness! In a hard fought finish, trial rider Simon Neaves finished in 1st place, beating Pat O'Neill and John Flynn into 2nd and 3rd places respectively. Jon Dooner was again in the frame when finishing 4th while Ian Broadley and Mick Brown filled the remainder of the top six places. Another trial rider, Jarred Finnigan was 7th, one place in front of the only female rider on the day, Jane Higgins (also a T rider).

'E' grade kept to their time schedule for much of the race but slipped back towards the end, possibly because they were reduced to three riders after Dave Nangle punctured and Denis Robinson got shunted off the back to DNF. Denis 'Doc' Lawrance triumphed once more when putting in some clear space between himself and Roy Swift, with Derek Mayall a further few lengths behind. Dave Nangle was an example to all when changing his tube to finish well down on his compatriots – but he at least boosted his points score in the 'E' grade competition.

A lesson to all when riding the Wandri course in the wet – try tractor tyres!

'A' grade – 75km – 9 laps

1. George Miller; 2. Troy Coulthard;
3. Greg Stoyles; 4. Peter Shanley;
7. Lee Parker; 8. Andrew Kirkham;
9. Ian Lyne; 10. Nick Foster;
11. Jeff Brooks.

Average: 13m 15secs per lap

'B' grade – 67km – 8 laps

1. Magnus Rudisele; 2. Anthony Mateljan;
3. Mark Waite; 4. Ian Turner;
5. Matt Reed; 6. Lindsay O'Brien;
7. Tim Mollison; 8. Sean Crumme;
9. John Buonvecchi; 10. Julian Chipper;
11. Carl Poingdestre; 12. Bob Addy;
13. Michael Whittaker; 14. Antony Bourn.

Average: 13m 45secs per lap

'C' grade - 58km – 7 laps

1. Chris Barker; 2. Peter Neuzerling;
3. Javan Wolsoncroft; 4. Jeff Usher;
5. Scott Martin; 6. Mick Russell;
7. Craig McDonald.

Average: 14m 30secs per lap

'D' grade – 50km – 6 laps

1. Simon Neaves; 2. Pat O'Neill;
3. John Flynn; 4. Jon Dooner;
5. Ian Broadley; 6. Mick Brown;
7. Jarrad Finnigan; 8. Jane Higgins;
9. Allan MacDonald; 10. Garry Lyon;
11. Glenn Pedersen; 12. Derek Robertson;
13. Glynn Roberts; 14. Andrew Lorrimar.

Average: 14m 30secs per lap

'E' grade – 43km – 5 laps

1. Denis Lawrance; 2. Roy Swift;
3. Derek Mayall; 4. Dave Nangle;

Average: 17m 45secs per lap

THANKS

Many thanks from Bob and Scott Stephens, and also from the committee for the invaluable help from the following members who have been helping to put out the road signs before the start of our races this season. Because of the increased regulations imposed by Main Roads, this is no easy task, and its done long before folk arrive to race. Their help is much appreciated:

Jon Dooner, Geoff Gilmore, Derek Robertson; Paul Greeney, Gary Lyon, Richard Barvill and Leon Nieuwenhuizen,

CYCLING AUSTRALIA – Masters National Track Championships

Members might like to note that Cycling Australia's Masters National Track Championships will take place at the Midvale Speed Dome from 9-12 April 2013. This will also coincide with the Perth stage of the UCI World Cycling

Tour. The Time Trial at the latter will take place on April 12th and the Road race on the 14th.

OLYMPICS

Those watching the Olympics will have noted that the club was well represented in the Women's Road Race and the Time Trial by our dynamic member, **Emma Pooley**. Emma, many will remember, starred earlier in the year when riding some of our criteriums in 'A' and 'B' grades. Those who rode with her will appreciate her class, and this has been more than confirmed by her road racing activities in Europe this season and also at the Olympics. At the latter, Emma was seen in action in the road race and played an important role in working over the bunch on the climbs of Box Hill. A silver medallist at Beijing, Emma again performed magnificently in the time trial where she finished in 6th place with a time of 38m 37.70secs, as against the winning time of American rider Kristin Armstrong who rode the event in 37m 34.82secs, or 43.3kph. A gutsy ride and on a course that wasn't really suited to Emma's forte in the hills. Congrats Emma, you're an inspiration to us all.

HOW GENEROUS CAN YOU GET?

As announced by our good President Wayne at the Pickering Brook race, the club will pay the nomination fees for those who register for the AVCC National Championships to be held in Launceston in November. In addition, the club will reimburse each representative for the cost of the Championship Presentations Dinner. For details of the championships see the link to the Tasmanian VCC page on our website.

MARK KEYSER 2-DAY STAGE RACE

Just to inform folk of developments: first, it's expected that this year prize-money of about \$5,000 will be paid; second, to ensure all riders are on an equal footing, riders will have to ride their standard road bikes in the prologue time trial. No special bars or other gizmos.

ROSE PREEDY COMPETITION POINTS SCORE

Points are up to and including 8 August. Still a long way to go and still a very close competition. For additional point scores see the web page.

'E' Grade Competition

Rank	Name	Points
1	Nangle, David	84
2	Mayall, Derek	79
3	Robinson, Denis	74
4	Mucciarone, Laurie	61
5	Allen, Gerry	61
6	Swift, Roy	59
7	Grasso, Sandy	58
8	Lawrance, Denis	57
9	Jones, Lea	48
10	Iveson, Jack	36
11	McEwan, Megan	17
12	Dunne, Mick	13
13	Williams, Des	12
14	Chew, Tony	10
15	Ridley, Reg	10

Overall

1	Dooner, Jon	119
2	Wright, Gary	109
3	McDonald, Allan	104
4	Stephens, Bob	97
5	Hynes, Craig	95
6	Waite, Mark	90
7	Rudisele, Magnus	88
8	Lyon, Garry	88
9	Greeney, Paul	88
10	Broadley, Ian	83
11	McDonald, Craig	83
12	Grasso, Joe	81
13	McFall, Ian	81
14	Skinner, Carl	79
15	Parker, Lee	78
16	Gordon, Wayne	77
17	Stewart, Doug	75
18	Pedersen, Glenn	74
19	Burton, Mike	74
20	Lee, Scott	71
21	Abbott, Bruce	71
22	Gleadow, Jeff	71
23	Trayler, Ian	70

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