



Newsletter –December 2014

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FORTHCOMING RACES

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Criteriums will start at 8.00am.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please note that apart from a couple of official vehicles, we are not allowed to park on the verges at **WANGARA**. Use of the circuit includes this restriction and should a Ranger come around to find cars on the grass verges, we could possibly lose the course.

HAPPY HINT

From a 'reliable' source within the club we hear that there are moves afoot to crack down on unofficial cycle events where there is mention on the social media of the event being a 'race', or mentioning a 'finishing line', or other terminology suggesting participation in a form of racing. So just a word of warning if you are an organiser, or a participant in such events.

4 January, Criteriums, Smeaton Way, Rockingham.

11 January, Addy 26 January – No Racing 1 Coaching, Supa Criteriums Kewdale.

18 January, Criteriums, Wangara.

26 January – NO RACING (Tour Down Under Races South Australia)

1 February Trek-Hall Supa Criteriums, Kewdale.

8 February, Arbitrage Racing, Supa Criteriums, Kewdale.

UNOFFICIAL EVENTS

Members who ride in unofficial events, beware, for from what we have learned, the police would soon be cracking down on those who participate in, or who organise such events. In particular people should be advised not to use the social media to advertise events that call for people to participate in unofficial races, or that mention 'finishing lines', or other terminology that suggest that the bunch event is a race. All racing on the road must go through official channels that involve the police and local authorities granting permission. Anything else should be treated with great caution.

RACE RESULTS

2 November – Friedman, Lurie, Singh and D'Angelo - Criteriums – Kewdale.

Following the break, the day saw a record entry of 130 riders for the first criterium event of the year. Lots of action on a relatively still day with comfortable temperatures saw aggressive riding. 'E' grade with 10 riders moved at a fast pace, followed by 'D' grade who averaged over 36kph, and 'A' grade lapping between 1m 57secs and 1m 3secs per lap.

'E' grade was enlivened, especially by the attacks put in by Andrea Smith who in turn stirred up the young lads in the bunch. In a fairly close sprint to the line Lauri Muccarone was the first of the season

to taste victory when he headed Bill Crout and Andrea Smith across the line.

Enlivened by Trial members of the Northern Beaches Club, 'D' grade saw a relatively large field of 28 riders, a figure which was in contrast to the poor attendance in the grade at races towards the end of the road season. The result of the increase in numbers was a fast race that denied most aspirants from breaking away – though Daniel Adams and Gerry Allen did succeed in throwing down the gauntlet on occasion, but to no avail. However, visiting rider Rod Petterson was the exception to the rule and he timed his break to the final two laps and took a clear victory over the bunch that finished some 60 or 70 metres behind. Leading them in was another trial rider, Daniel Adams, leaving third placed Doug MacDonald to take the cash prize for 1st place. John Shattock, Bill Stibbs, trial rider Richard Stokes and Bob Stephens filled the rest of the first eight places.

'C' Grade's event with 26 entries was again conducted at a fast pace, and particularly active in being involved in short breaks early in the race were Sean Crummey and Shaun Crook. Particularly impressive was the ride of the lone female in the group, Cassia Higgs, who seldom moved from about third in line during the whole event. Coming into the bell lap all were together, leaving it a clear run for the sprinters, with Dale Wright showing good form when beating Scott Keating, Brett Russell, James Somers, Justin Schultz, and Colby Thompson. Jane Higgins was also there in 7th place, while Mick Russell in 8th took the last cash prize to add to the Russell coffers already boosted by son, 2nd placed Brett.

'B' grade was an eventful event that was enlivened in the early phases by Tim Mollison and Chris Peniston. Chris was particularly persistent, and after Tim had gone back to the shelter of the peleton he remained out front for about half the race. A group of five gave chase at the 25-minute mark but the following lap it was Tim Mollison once more, this time accompanied by Ian Calverley, who were at the pointy end of the field where they remained with a 50metre lead for another three laps. Antony Bourn bridged the gap to make for a strong trio with a slight advantage at 35 minutes but were soon absorbed, leaving the lead to Mark Crowther and Scott Ayles who

had a 60m lead with three laps to go. However, there were lots of untried legs behind, and at the bell Merv Byfield and the persistent Ian Calverley joined Scott with a lead of 35metres as they passed the judges for the last time. In a frantic sprint for honours, it was Greg Roworth who proved strongest, with Darin Dunstan, Merv Byfield and Martk Welford, just ahead of Tim Mollison, Antony Bourn and Lee Jordan.

'A' grade with 40 riders was bound to be a fine spectacle but while exciting to watch, the eventual result was determined on the first lap when Magnus Rudisele, Andrew Patterson, Ian Lyne and Matt Tognini moved to a 100metre lead. It was a painful chase for them but Chad Albury, Chris Glasby and Adam Fielding succeeded in chasing them down after another 10 minutes. This spelled curtains for all other aspirants, and despite some promising chasing groups all failed to eventually rejoin the main bunch. For the rest of the 50minutes and two laps, the lead fluctuated between 53 seconds and 1min 3seconds, the latter being recorded as they entered the bell lap. Riding strongly, visiting rider Shane Miller on a brief visit from Victoria, put down his head and dropped his erstwhile companions to cross the line some 10metres ahead of Andrew Patterson, with Chris Glasby another 3 seconds behind, followed by Magnus Rudisele and Ian Lyne. Almost a minute later, Scott Sanders led in Doug Stewart, Steve Beales, Matthew Upton and the rest of the field

'A' Grade 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Shane Miller (Vic);
2. Andrew Patterson;
3. Chris Glasby;
4. Magnus Rudisele;
5. Ian Lyne;
6. Scott Sanders;
7. Doug Stewart;
8. Steve Beales;
9. Matthew Upton;
10. Gary Wright;
11. Nathan Lude;
12. Martin Lowell;
13. Ian Gregory;
14. Tony Anderson;
15. Colin Rose;
16. Wayne Thomson;
17. Anthony Collis;
18. Chad Albury;
19. Keith Winch;
20. Michael Buytels;
21. Peter Hammond;
22. Mark Hoyer;
23. Chris Singleton;
24. Roger Knight;
25. Brett Stapelton;
26. Brett Looney;
27. Michael Tapscott;
28. Matthew Miller

29. Jeff Brooks; 30. Charlie Gargett;
31. Simon Verona; 32. Bruce Davies;
33. Matt Tognini; 34. Patrick Hayburn;
35. Adam Fielding; 36. Bevan Tarratt.

'B' Grade 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Greg Roworth; 2. Darin Dunstan;
3. Merv Byfield; 4. Mark Welford;
5. Tim Mollison; Antony Bourn;
7. Lee Jordan; 8. Andrew Candy;
9. Anthony Matjelan; 10. Brian Saunders;
11. Kevin McIlduff; 12. Paul Borrett;
13. Pedro Turibaka; 14. Jeff Gleadow;
15. Melissa Robinson; 16. Idu Kim;
17. Mark Crowther; 18. Paul Shields;
19. Derek Helden; 20. Michael Bowles;
21. Scott Ayles; 22. Veronica Micich (Vic);
23. Chris Peniston; 24. Philip Johnston;
25. Greg Stoyles.

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Dale Wright; 2. Scott Keating;
3. Brett Russell; 4. James Somers;
5. Justin Schulz; 6. Colby Thomson;
7. Jane Higgins; 8. Mick Russell;
9. Tim James; 10. John Liso;
11. Mick Brown; 12. Cassia Higgs;
13. James Wolfe; 14. Peter Neuzerling;
15. Chris Hodge; 16. Ian Broadley;
17. Leila Spurgeon; 18. Paul Davis;
19. Craig Guy; 20. Ian McFall;
21. Nick Cowie; 22. Shaun Crook;
23. Sean Crummey; 24. Darren Freeman.

'D' Grade 30mins plus 2 laps)

1. Rod Patterson; 2. Daniel Adams;
3. Doug Macdonald; 4. John Shattock;
5. Bill Stibbs; 6. Richard Stokes;
7. Bob Stephens; 8. Peter Ebden;
9. Duncan Rogers; 10. Darren Lee;
11. Matthew Elwes; 12. Pantelis Karagoglou;
13. Roberta Richardson; 14. Craig McDonald;
15. Mark Watts; 16. Allan McDonald;
17. Andrew Lowe; 18. Helen Cripps;
19. Travis George; 20. Leon Niewenhuizen;
21. Chris Howard; 22. Wayne Gordon;
23. Gerry Allen; 25. Pat Briggs;
26. Megan McEwan; 27. Jon Dooner.

'E' Grade 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Laurie Mucciarone; 2. Bill Crout;
3. Derek Mayall; 4. Andrea Smith;
5. Ben Murdoch; 6. Brian Kennedy;
7. Denis Robinson; 8. Terry Lack;

9. Rod Babel; 10. Jack Iveson.

9 November --Criteriums – Wangara.

Down on numbers because of the clash with the Margaret River events, but still some attractive racing for the 81 competitors. A rear wind for the early grades saw riders blown up the hill, though 'A' grade faced calmer but hotter conditions on a day when temperatures rose to 36 degrees.

'E' grade saw a sharp decline from the previous week's 10 to 5 riders but they were evenly matched, though Brian Kennedy was a bit disappointed when dropped from the group with three or laps to go – but as the only Octogenarian in the bunch, he did well against his 'younger' compatriots. The sprint went to Bill Crout who just came over Doc Lawrence. Ben Murdoch was within a whisker to take 3rd place, while Rod Babel was also in contention.

History was made in 'D' grade when Doug McDonald attacked on the 2nd lap to catch trial rider David Self who had gone out on his own on the 2nd lap. Not only did Doug do an epic in catching David but he did bit-and-bit with him for the remainder of the race when they kept open a gap that varied from 50 to 100metres on the chasing bunch. There were a few attempts from individuals in the bunch, including Jon Dooner, to catch the duo but all dangled for a while in no-man's land before being absorbed by the bunch. In the sprint, David Self took 1st place, with Doug a length or so behind. The question raised was, is this the new Doug McDonald at last showing himself as a true roadie, rather than as a pure sprinter who waits until the last 200metres to do his thing? Watch this space for further observations!

Third place went to John Shattock from the remainder of the original 25 strong bunch, while Duncan Rogers, Bob Stephens, and Bill Stibbs took 4th, 5th and 6th places respectively.

Also with 25 starters, 'C' grade saw a few inspiring moves, with trial rider Mathieu Wilkinson and Peter Neuzerling making their move at about the 13minute mark. Out front by a few seconds for 5 laps they came back to the bunch only for James

Somers to attack and remain in front for another four laps before he too was caught just before the beginning of the bell lap. David Leddin attacked as he passed the judges to enter the final lap but his compatriots gave him little leeway at this late stage in the race, and he was brought back to the fold. The result saw a large bunch sprint with victory going for the 2nd week running to Dale Wright. Mick Russell was a close 2nd, while Morrison McQueen, and Jason Magditsch took out 4th and 5th, and the two Keatings', Scott and Richard finished 6th and 7th respectively.

'B' grade with 21 riders was well down on its usual numbers but the race saw lots of attacking riding. From the 'off' a break went that saw three riders, Paul Lamond, Chris Peniston and Mattt Veleff retain a gap that didn't exceed 10 or 12 seconds for three laps, At the 13-minute mark they were joined by Mike Bowles and for a while it looked as if this would be the winning break, especially when the lead went to 15 seconds. However, Chris Peniston dropped off the back at the 17minute mark, and the weakened quartet saw their lead rapidly reduced, and was caught with 25 minutes of the 35 minute race gone. Merv Byfield tried his luck the following lap but was back in the bunch before the 2 laps to go sign was ahown. There were a couple of minor attacks in the final couple of laps, but with everyone alert at this late time in the race, there were never going to be any successful breaks. In a very close finish, Brett Parkes held off Mark Yancazos by a few cms. Karl Thorstensen was 3rd, Peter Morris 4th while Darren Dunstan and Merv Byfield took out the other money prizes.

'A' grade was its usual aggressive self, and saw breaks go from the 2nd lap when Andrew Brierley blasted off the front to stay out front for 5 laps. His coming back to the bunch after 15 minutes was the signal for Jeff Brooks to make a similar attack for another four laps, after which it was the turn of Steve Marks who valiantly stayed ahead of the field by up to 20seconds for another 7 or 8 laps. They were all together with 43 of the 45 minutes and 2 laps gone by, but this saw the final and successful move of Julian Lowes, Jeff Brooks, and Wayne Thomson, who with the aid of some negative riding behind, found themselves with an unbeatable lead of 27

seconds at the bell. In a close sprint Jeff Brooks just made it across the line with a few cms to spare, while there was a photo-finish for 2nd place, when Julian just beat Wayne across the line. Gary Wright proved best of the chasers, while 5th and 6th places went to Peter Hammond and Magnus Rudisele.

'A' Grade 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Jeff Brooks; 2. Julian Lowes;
3. Wayne Thomson; 4. Gary Wright
5. Peter Hammond; 6. Magnus Rudisele;
7. Andrew Brierley; 8. Lee Parker;
9. Anthony Collis; 10. Steve Marks.

'B' Grade 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Brett Parkes; 2. Mark Yancazos;
3. Karl Thorstensen; 4. Peter Morris;
5. Darin Dunstan; 6. Merv Byfield;
7. Jeff Gleadow; 8. Philip Johnston;
9. Paul Lamond; 10. Idu Kim;
11. Jarred Finnigan; 12. Ian Skidmore;
13. Ashley Williams; 14. Andrew Candy;
15. Matt Velloff; 16. Greg Stoyles;
17. Brad Allpike; 18. Chris Peniston.

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Dale Wright; 2. Mick Russell;
3. James Somers; 4. Morrison McQueen;
5. Bob Stephens; 6. Scott Keating;
7. Richard Keating; 8. Peter Neuzerling;
9. Alan Doak-Smith; 10. Wayne Gordon;
11. Allan McDonald; 12. John Hoye;
13. Jon Dooner; 14. Gerry Allen;
15. Andrew Lowe; 16. Pantelis Karagoglou;
17. Helen Cripps; 18. Craig McDonald;
19. Anthony Clews; 20. Helen Peniston;
21. Clinton Hort; 22. Megan McEwan.

'D' Grade 30mins plus 2 laps)

1. David Self; 2. Doug Macdonald;
3. 4 John Shattock; 4. Duncan Rogers;
5. Bob Stephens; 6. Bill Stibbs;
6. Richard Stokes; 7. Bob Stephens;
8. Peter Ebden; 9. Darren Lee;
10. Wayne Gordon; 11. Allan McDonald;
12. John Hoye; 13. Jon Dooner;
14. Gerry Allen; 15. Andrew Lowe;
16. Pantelis Karagoglou; 17. Helen Cripps;
18. Craig McDonald; 19. Anthony Clews;
20. Helen Peniston; 21. Clinton Hort;
22. Megan McEwan.

'E' Grade *25mins plus 2 laps*
1; Bill Crout; Denis Lawrance;
3. Ben Murdoch; 4. Rod Babel;
5. Brian Kennedy.

16 November -- Swiss Watchbox Criteriums -- Smeaton Way, Rockingham

Another day with pleasant temperatures, though a bit on the breezy side for the early starting D and E grades. With some opposition with CAs criteriums at Bentley's Technology Park, the numbers were down slightly, with 91 riders in for the fun.

'E' grade, with 9 riders was a close fought affair, though Kevin Hart opened up a small gap in the closing laps only to be absorbed by the bunch. Kevin must have been putting a few miles into his training, for he shone again in the sprint to the line when finishing third behind Denis 'Doc' Lawrance and Laurie Mucciarone. Doc who is retiring from his Roleystone practice in a week or two thus added a few dollars to the meagre pension that he'll have to call on to survive when he retires. Rod Babel improved on his recent rides when he finished fourth, to take the last of the cash prizes in the grade, and Brian Kennedy who finished with the bunch said it was the best he'd felt for a couple of years.

The 'D' graders were full of dash on the day, and particularly prominent was Helen Cripps who went solo for a while just before the 2-laps to go sign was shown. Travis George also made a valiant attempt to get away on the final lap, to be later swamped by the chasers. Richard Stokes took the sprint, while the 'elusive' Pimpennell 'Doug' MacDonald, finished on the podium for the 2nd week in a row, and John Shattock in 3rd place was just ahead of John Hoye, Craig McDonald and Bob Stephens.

'C' grade with 32 riders was the largest bunch of the day, and Brett Clapham stirred up the action for much of the race. On the first lap accompanied by Nick Cowie they got away and split the field into a number of chasing groups, though all came together at the 10-minute mark. After 18-minutes, Brett was at it again, this time in the company of Peter Neuzerling, and they stayed together with a small lead until the bunch absorbed them after 26 minutes of riding. A few solo attacks by Fraser Hanlan, and a couple of other riders

began to fragment the field, and when Alan Doak-Smith, Rod Atkinson and Brett Russell opened up a 60metre gap with three laps to go, it spelled danger. Alan dropped back, but with 2 laps to go, Alan and Rod still had 60metres over the bunch. However, by the time they came around for the bell the bunch had got together to bring them back, so once again leaving it to a mass sprint finish. Steve Ryan just headed Justin Schulz as they came into the final 30 metres, and afterwards Steve had a whisper in his year from our erstwhile referee, Fran Watson, for drifting to the right, though it is doubtful that the move affected the result. Mick Russell finished a length behind in third place, while Jarred Finnigan, John Liso and Brett Clapham were next across the line.

'B' grade's race was interesting in that the race split on the first circuit, leaving half the field to later regret that they didn't act to reduce the gap. The group of 10 or 11 riders either held or extended their lead until at the 30minute mark they were 1 minute 45 seconds ahead, and just before 2 laps to go they caught and passed the rest of the field. Good to see that the riders had read the rules, for the leaders were allowed to go ahead as a distinct group to contest the finish without interruption. There were a couple of riders dropped during the final 10 minutes, leaving eight riders to contest the sprint that was taken by a quarter of a wheel by Ben Smith over Idu Kim, who scored his first podium place since joining the club. David Irvine was a close third, Matthew Swan 4th, and Tim Mollison and Paul Burke were 5th and 6th respectively.

The 'A' graders started with a slim field of 11 riders, though that didn't adversely affect the action, which started on the first lap when Doug Stewart, Magnus Rudisele and Ian Lyne put down their heads to take a 50metre lead. Richard Cook was the next to attack, and when brought back it was the turn of Ian Lyne again. Various combinations of small groups continued to try to break up the bunch but it was again stalemate at 36 minutes. This was the signal for Matt Upton to try to hold off the bunch, which he did for three laps, but at 2 laps to go everyone was there to jockey for

positions again. All together at the bell, there was much action out of sight of the masses on the finish line, but laurels went to Matt Upton who was able to sit up before the line to finish some 6 seconds ahead of Doug Stewart, Sam Smith, Brett Stapelton and Patrick Hayburn.

Sponsor, Darren of Swiss Watchbox was there to present the prizes to a grateful group of riders – a bonus being the Swiss Watchbox hats presented to the winners of each grade. The presentations that saw E, D and C grades receive their prizes following the finish of ‘C’ grade, with a separate presentation for A and B grades at the end of the day’s proceedings seemed to go down well with those anxious to wend their weary ways home!

‘A’ Grade 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Matthew Upton; 2. Doug Stewart;
3. Sam Smith; 4. Brett Stapelton;
5. Patrick Hayburn;; 6. Ian Lyne;
7. Jeff Brooks; 8. Magnus Rudisele
9. Martin Lowell; 10. Richard Brooks.

‘B’ Grade 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Ben Smith; 2. Idu Kim; 3. David Irvine;
4. Matthew Swan; 5. Tim Mollison;
6. Paul Burke; 7. Reg Edwards;
8. Brian Saunders; 9. Merv Byfield;
10. Derek Heiden; 11. Jason Hapeta;
12. Alison Dyson; 13. Dave Dyson;
14. Derek Munro; 15. Paul Borrett;
16. Greg Stoyles; 17. Melissa Robinson;
18. Steve Rouse; 19. Keith Hicky;
20. Paul Shields; 21. Greg Roworth;

‘C’ Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Steve Ryan; 2. Justin Schulz;
3. Mick Russell; 4. Jarrad Finnigan;
5. John Liso; 6. Brett Clapham;
7. Peter Neuzerling; 8. Michael Watson;
9. Rod Atkinson; 10. James Somers;
11. Michael Morton; 12. Alan Doak-Smith;
13. Ian Lee; 14. Peter Hunt;
15. Darren Freemans; 16. Scott Keating;
17. Ian Broadley; 19. Greg Smith;
20. Paul Claessen; 21. Cameron Nobbs;
22. David Self; 23. Franco Rizza;
24. Juliana Austen-Olsen; 25. Nick Cowie;
26. Maurice Berger; 27. Graham Davies;
28. Fraser Hanlan; 29. Paul Davis;
30. Richard Keating; 31. Brett Russell;
32. Leila Spurgeon.

‘D’ Grade 30mins plus 2 laps)

1. Richard Stokes; 2. Doug Macdonald;
3. John Shattock; 4. John Hoye;
5. Craig McDonald; 6. Bob Stephens;
7. Duncan Rogers; 8. Darren Lee;
9. Matthew Elwes; 10. Wayne Gordon;
11. Roberta Richardson; 12. Paul Fyfe;
13. Andrew Lowe; 14. Gerry Allen;
15. Helen Cripps; 16. Travis George;
17. Allan McDonald; 18. Dan Adams;
19. Leon Niewenhuizen; 20. Pat Briggs.

‘E’ Grade 25mins plus 2 laps

- 1; Denis Lawrance; 2. Laurie Mucciarone;
3. Kevin Hart; 4. Rod Babel;
5. Ben Murdoch; 6. Brian Kennedy;
7. Derek Mayall; 8. Denis Robinson.

23 November --Criteriums – Kewdale.

Another successful day that attracted 96 entries. There were threats of rain but that never eventuated. Temperatures were comfortable, though a strong breeze driving down the finish straight would have made it difficult for breaks to establish and succeed. However, the facts defied the actual performance of some of the riders, and the days events contained some elements of drama in all grades.

The first bit of drama occurred in ‘E’ grade, where for the first half of the race, Rod Babel appeared to be doing much of the pace-making at the business end of the bunch. At this juncture Andrea Smith decided to up the ante and moved to an 80metre lead with about 15minutes to go. The older sages in the bunch determined that the best strategy would be to leave her out to dangle, which would allow the usual sprinting at the end of the race to sort out the pecking order. Unfortunately for them, Andrea proved too strong and quickly built up an unassailable lead that had reached over 1minute 30seconds with 2 laps to go. She rode even harder to increase her lead and on the line she almost had the rear of the chasing bunch in sight. With Andrea safely over the line, there was a strong fight for the minor placings, resulting in Bill Crout just beating Doc Lawrence, Ben Murdoch and Laurie Mucciarone on the line.

'D' grade experienced the least eventful race of the day, though the pace was quite brisk. With an evenly-matched field of 19 riders, all attempted breaks were soon negated, including that of Margaret Gollagher whose attempts early in the race showed promise. After their 30 minutes and a lap, everyone was still together, leaving the sprinters to damage the other aspirants. First across the line was previous week's winner, Richard Stokes who held off Duncan Rogers, while John Hoye improved to 3rd place from his previous week's fourth. Doug McDonald was also in the melee in 5th place, with Bob Stephens taking the money for sixth.

'C' grade witnessed the ride of the day with the eventual winner Colby Thompson attacking alongside Dale Wright on the 2nd lap of the race. With a lead that quickly reached 80 metres, all the pundits were of opinion that Colby had sealed his fate when he dropped Dale a lap or so later. However, rather than weaken, Colby lost none of his drive and for the remainder of the 35 minutes and 2 laps, he led the way, and by the end of the race was less than 15 seconds behind the back of the chasing bunch as it entered its bell lap. A great ride but undoubtedly sealing Colby's fate of another ride with his 'C' grade companions. Shaun Crook, John Liso, and father and son duo Mick and Brett Russell made it a profitable family affair when they took out 5th and 6th places respectively.

If some of the races could be described as relatively sedate, 'A' grades event could only be described as 'lung-searing'. Attack followed attack, gears could be heard crashing as riders responded to the frequent changes of pace and it was excitement from the time they finished the first neutralized lap behind Referee, Bob Addy's official car.

First serious move was by John Gregg and Matt Upton, who kept to the fore while wild attacks came from behind to close the gap. By the 30-minute lap, having been joined by Jeff Brooks they were just over 20 seconds ahead, and when Andrew Patterson managed to join them at the 40-minute point it was touch and go, as their lead had been whittled down to 10 seconds. With 2 laps to go it looked that their lead, that had now crept up by a few seconds was enough to see them fight for honours on the line. However, they were

caught by the chasers when passing the judges to start the final lap, thus leaving it to anyone's guess as to the victor. In a well-timed attack, it was Hilton McMurdo who came around the final bend with a few seconds lead over Andrew Patterson, and though the latter closed the gap on the straight, Hilton still had a lead of 4 seconds when he crossed the line. John Gregg gained third place, Doug Stewart fourth, Matt Upton fifth, and Gary Wright sixth, with others coming in in a broken line after an eye-popping final lap.

Compared to 'A' grade, the 'B' grade event was a quiet affair, at least for the first 18 minutes. At that juncture Jeremiah Peiffer and Tim Mollison decided it was time to stir up the actions, and for the 20 minutes they held a comfortable lead that at one time reached 25 seconds. With the lead under 10 seconds, Tim was seen to weaken, but that didn't deter Jeremiah who kept the same lead until three laps to go when he was chased down by Merv Byfield and Pedro Turibaka., only for the trio to be caught before start of the final lap. By that time, John van Vliet had put down his head to take a slight lead, but having been placed in 'B' grade because he'd missed a ride with the earlier starting 'A', he sat up to let the 'B' graders do their own thing. In a close-fought finish, Ben Smith possibly sealed his place in 'A' when he took his second and consecutive victory, while the consistent Ray Lawrie finished a length or so behind in second place. Third man across the line was Matt Swan, with Darren Hawley in fourth, and Mark Anastasas Darrin Dunstan and Simon Bell taking up the remaining cash prizes.

'A' Grade 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Hilton McMurdo; Andrew Patterson;
3. Jon Gregg; 4. Doug Stewart;
5. Matt Upton; 6. Gary Wright;
7. Brett Parkes; 8. Andrew Brierley;
9. Chris Roberts; 10. Julian Lowes;
11. Colin Rose; 12. Martin Depiazzi;
13. Magnus Rudisele; 14. Rober Knight;
15. Vaughan Harvey; 16. Patrick Hayburn;
17. Jeff Brooks; 18. Sam Smith;
19. Nathan Lude; 20. Ian Lyne;
21. Joe Radidic; 22. Anthony Collis;

23. Matt Tognini.

'B' Grade 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Ben Smith; 2. Ray Lawrie; 3. Matt Swan;
4. Darren Hawley; 5. Mark Anastasas;
6. Darin Dunstan; 7. Simon Bell;
8. Tim Mollison; 9. Merv Byfield;
10. Brian Saunders; 11. David Irvine;
12. Paul Borrett; 13. Idu Kim;
14. Kevin McIliduff; 15. Alison Dyson;
16. Paul Davis; 17. Jeremiah Peifer;
18. Paul Shields; 19. Chris Peniston;
20. Melissa Robinson; 21. Stephen Farran;
22. Pedro Turibaka; 23. Antony Bourn;
24. John Van Vliet.

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Colby Thomson; 2. Dale Wright;
3. Shaun Crook; 4. John Liso;
5. Mick Russell; 6. Brett Russell;
7. Mathieu Wilkinson; 8. Greg Smith;
9. Justin Schulz; 10. Jarred Finnigan;
11. Scott Keating; 12. Jason Magditch;
13. Peter Hunt; 14. Peter Neuzerling;
15. Steve Ryan; 16. Jaimie Bell;
17. John O'Boyle; 18. Ian Lee;
19. Ian Broadley; 20. Richard Keating;
21. Nathalie Laurendeau; 22. Michael Watson;
23. Leila Spurgeon; 24. Ian McFall;
25. David Leddin; 26. Tracy Suckling;
27. Roberta Richardson;
28. Justin McGoldrick.

'D' Grade 30mins plus 2 laps)

1. Richard Stokes; 2. Doug Macdonald;
3. John Shattock; 4. John Hoye;
5. Craig McDonald; 6. Bob Stephens;
7. Duncan Rogers; 8. Darren Lee;
9. Matthew Elwes; 10. Wayne Gordon;
11. Roberta Richardson; 12. Paul Fyfe;
13. Andrew Lowe; 14. Gerry Allen;
15. Helen Cripps; 16. Travis George;
17. Allan McDonald; 18. Dan Adams;
19. Leon Niewenhuizen; 20. Pat Briggs.

'E' Grade 25mins plus 2 laps

1; Andrea Smith; 2. Bill Crout;
3. Denis Lawrance; 4. Ben Murdoch;
5. Laurie Mucciarone; 6. Rod Babel;
7. Derek Mayall; 8. Brian Kennedy;
9. Denis Robinson.

**30 November -- Euroz Securities Criteriums –
Kewdale**

Another fine racing day, with cross winds on the straights for much of the day, but veering to a fast finishing breeze by the time 'A' grade got on the line. Also a good field of 124 riders, despite some CA and ATTA activity that took some riders away.

The pace in all grades seems to move up a notch each week as the season progresses, and there was some hard and interesting action to please the watching masses. The 10 riders in 'E' grade stayed together for much of the event with the result that honours were decided on the drive to the finish on the final lap. The result in the absence of Andrea Smith who found herself promoted to 'D' grade, was a copy of the previous week, with Bill Crout improving from 2nd to 1st, Doc Lawrance from 3rd to 2nd, and Ben Murdoch from 4th to 3rd.

Thanks to the 'D' graders who held back to allow 'E' grade to complete their sprint after a hard run for most of their race. There were quite a few 'stretching moments' as riders went off the front in attempts to open gaps but all were eventually brought back. Prominent from the beginning were Darren Lee and John Hoye, Doug Macdonald, Pantelis Karagoglau, Travis George, Wayne Gordon and Bob Stephens, but their breaks proved in vain as they were all together with 2 laps to go. Bill Stibbs made a last minute attempt at the beginning of the final lap, but with an eager pack close behind, he too was brought back to the fold. In a close finish, Duncan Rogers, finished just ahead of Peter Ebden, Scott Neseorovic, Doug Macdonald; John Hoye and John Shattock.

In 'C' grade, Jaimie Bell found himself quickening the pace soon after the start, to be followed in stepping up the pace by Mick Brown, Shaun Creek, Brett Craig and trial rider Trevor Quick, although the most serious attack took place in the final few laps when Fraser Hanlan and Shaun Crook threw down the gauntlet by moving together off the front. It was a last minute scramble for wheels on the final straight, with victory going to Peter Hunt, over John Liso, Mick Russell, Steve Ryan, Brett Russell 'the younger' and Richard Barville. Ian Broadley found himself out of luck

when he punctured in the final couple of laps.

'B' grade saw early action when Anthony Bourn, Ian McFall and Pedro Turibaka opened up a gap of about 10 seconds. The break only lasted a lap, which was the signal for Tim Mollison to attack and remain in the front for four laps. His hope that he would be joined from behind didn't however, come to fruition, and when Jon Van Vliet, Matthew Swan and Jeremiah Pfeiffer took the lead, Tim, who continued to fight, found himself in no-man's land. Jon Van Vliet also dropped back, but the duo of Matthew and Jeremiah kept going to open up a lead of over 20 seconds by the 30-minute mark. An attempt to bridge the gap by Julian Chipper was unsuccessful and although the lead rose to 35 seconds it came back to 30 seconds with two laps to go, and 15 seconds at the bell. That was, however, 15seconds too far for the chasers, and in a hard sprint up the straight, Jeremy Pfeiffer proved the stronger, with Matthew Swan, resigning to defeat with about 30 metres to go by sitting up. Best of the rest was Darin Dunstan, closely followed by Simon Bell, Tim Mollison, Ben Smith and Peter Morris

'A' grade, as usual, set up a cut-throat race, with attack after attack from the end of the first and neutralised lap. Ian Gregory was just one of a few who blasted away during the first couple of circuits, but it was Andrew Patterson who lit up the action by leading the field by a few seconds for the next four laps. At that juncture he was joined by Jon Gregg, Sam Smith, Ian Lyne, Ian Gregory, Julian Lowes and Magnus Rudisele. Working well together, with all doing hard turns, spelled curtains for would-be-chasers, of whom there were quite a few. A lead that had risen to 33seconds at the 33 minute mark, had increased to just over a minute after 40 minutes of riding, and as many in the chase group gave up any hope of catching the break it rose by over 1 minute 35seconds with three laps to go. Meanwhile in the break, Sam Smith attacked on the bell lap, but his compatriots were not prepared to let him go and he was brought to heel. In a fast and furious sprint, it was Ian Gregory who triumphed over Jon Gregg, with Andrew Patterson and Ian Gregory fighting for 3rd and 4th respectively. Sam Smith, Magnus Rudisele finished a further 3 seconds down, and Ian Lyne a further 8 seconds. First in the

bunch to finish, and to claim the last cash prize of the day was Adam Fielding who just beat Track ace, Darren Harry over the line.

Brett Stapelton and Cameron Murray representing sponsor Euroz Securities helped present the prizes, which included stubby holders, key rings, and for the winners of each grade, a Euroz Securities cap. They also drew names out of a hat for a bottle of wine, but such was the dearth of people in attendance that it took over half-a-dozen dips to find a winner. Thus a plea for people to stay around a little longer after they finish racing, a) to applaud the victors; b) to respect the sponsors, and c) to acknowledge that the officials will not only be there until the end of the presentations, but will be clearing up for some time after that.

'A' Grade 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Julian Lowes; 2. Jon Gregg;
3. Andrew Patterson; 4. Ian Gregory;
5. Sam Smith; 6. Magnus Rudisele;
7. Ian Lyne; 8. Adam Fielding;
9. Darren Harry; 10. Brett Stapelton;
11. Doug Stewart; 12. Vaughan Harvey;
13. Brett Parkes; 14. Matt Upton;
15. Andrew Brierley; 16. Joe Radisic;
17. Gary Wright; 18. Jeff Brooks;
19. Richard Cook; 20. Bruce Davies;
21. Tony Anderson; 22. Martin Lowell;
23. Jaimie Kirkwood; 24. Brett Looney;
25. Michael Tapscott; 26. Chris Singleton;
237. Bradely Hall; 28. Mark Hoyer.

'B' Grade 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Jeremy Pfeiffer; 2. Matthew Swan;
3. Darin Dunstan; 4. Simon Bell;
5. Tim Mollison; 6. Ben Smith;
7. Peter Morris; 8. Dale Wright;
9. Brian Saunders; 10. Jeff Gleadow;
11. Anthony Mateljan; 12. David Irvine;
13. Melissa Robinson; 14. Antony Bourn;
15. Jayson de Senneville; 16. Ray Lawrie;
17. Dave Dyson; 18. Idu Kim;
19. Kevin McIllduff; 20. Paul Davis;
21. Paul Shields; 22. Craig James;
23. Garth O'Leary; 24. Darren Hawley;
25. Paul Evans; 26. Julian Chipper.

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Peter Hunt; 2. John Liso;

3. Mick Russell; 4. Steve Ryan;
5. Justin Schultz; 6. Brett Russell;
7. Richard Barville; 8. Jarred Finnigan;
9. Jaimie Bell; 10. Ian Lee; 11. Greg Smith;
12. Peter Neuzerling; 13. Richard Keating;
14. Scott Keating; 15. Mick Brown;
16. Brett Craig; 17. Shaun Cook;
18. Adam Scott; 19. Trevor Quick;
20. Guy Dekok; 21. Shannon Arnott;
22. Leila Spurgeon; 23. Roberta Richardson;
24. Fraser Hanlan; 25. Grahame Gilson;
26. John-Paul Dickinson; 27. Chris Young;
28. Mark Schorer.

'D' Grade 30mins plus 2 laps)

1. Duncan Rogers; 2. Peter Ebden;
3. Scott Nestorovic; 4. Doug Macdonald;
5. John Hoye; 6. John Shattock; 7. Darren Lee;
8. Matthew Elwes; 9. Bob Stephens;
10. Travis George; 11. Pantelis Karaggoglou;
12. Pat Briggs; 13. Dave Bebee;
14. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 15. Wayne Gordon;
16. Allan McDonald; 17. Matt Davidson;
18. Andrea Smith; 19. Bill Stibbs;
20. Andrew Lowe.

'E' Grade 25mins plus 2 laps

1; Bill Crout; 2. Denis Lawrance;
3. Ben Murdoch; Derek Mayall;
5. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan;
6. Laurie Mucciarone; 7. Brian Kennedy;
8. Denis Robinson; 9. Fran Watson.

7 December – Joondalup Motor Cycles Criteriums – Wangara.

Another century achieved, when 107 riders faced the starter. A pleasant day – not too hot and once again, some excellent riding.

'E' grade had a disappointing 5 riders in their race, 'D' grade a satisfactory 20, 'C' grade 22, 'B' grade 29 and the premier grade even better with 31 entrants. 'E' grade saw a process of elimination, with 'Brian Kennedy going off the back after a few laps, followed by Ben Murdoch who wasn't enjoying the rise past the finish line, while Denis Robinson was off the back after 20 minutes. This left it to Bill Crout and Derek Mayall to fight for the first two places, and as during the previous week, it was Bill who took the laurels. At that juncture, Denis had managed to fight back, but was still some 30 metres off at the end.

'D' grade saw the bunch keep in close contact for the duration of the race. New rider

Raquel Casa Huelin did some sterling work at the head of the race during the early period and looked to be riding easily throughout the event. With three laps to go, Bob Stephens sprinted for the line, but having expended his energy discovered that the 2 laps to go sign he'd noticed had been for the benefit of the 'E' graders who happened to be in the midst of the 'D' grade group. Three laps later the real sprint took place, and it was Duncan Rogers who crossed just ahead of John Hoye and Peter Ebden. Doug Macdonald, as usual was well up in the listing in 4th place, followed closely by Darren Lee and Bill Stibbs.

'C' grade saw much attacking riding, with Justin Schultz and Peter Neuzerling doing the lions share when holding a lead of between 10 to 25 seconds from the 2nd lap to the 30 minute mark. At that juncture the group came together, but at 5 minutes and 2 laps to go Neil Foster attacked. He was brought back at the start of the following lap but went off on his own again with 2 laps to go. His effort was nullified, but the running over the last lap was taken up by his Northern Beaches' club mates, and in the closely packed run to the line it was John O'Boyle who crossed first. Unfortunately for John, he took a hand off the bars just after the line and in sight of the referee. With warnings having been given before the race, the ref had no option but to give first placing to fellow N. Beaches' club mate, Peter Hunt. Mick Russell was promoted to 2nd, while Steve Ryan, Richard Barville, Scott Keating, John Liso and Ian McFall finished in the same compact group – again showing the value of the transponders in being able to pick the winners.

'B' grade also saw attacks come fast and furious. Nathan Dyke was first off the mark and led for the first three laps. At the end of that lap, the bunch split for a lap or so, before Merv Byfield decided to do a solo. When brought to heel, it was the turn of Jason Hapeta and Matt Veleff, though they in turn became absorbed after another two circuits. Still feeling frisky, Merv Byfield then attacked for just over 2 laps but his lead was never more than 10seconds. Pedro Turibaka tried his luck with roughly

20minutes to go, before the first serious break occurred when he was joined by Tim Mollison and Jayson de Senneville. Building up to a lead of 25 seconds after 39 minutes of racing, the advantage then came down to 12 seconds with 2 laps to go. With his compatriots weakening, Tim then decided to go alone, and at the bell he had an unassailable lead that he held to the finish with a comfortable margin at the finish line. Ben Smith took the bunch sprint for 2nd place, while Simon Bell took 3rd, Mark Anastasas 4th, Andrew Brown 5th, and Pedro Turibaka 6th.

There was nothing new in the tactics in 'A' grade – John Gregg featured off the front for much of the race, but for the first three laps he was accompanied by Matthew Miller. It was the turn of Phil Johnston and Matthew Swan to join them before their role was taken over by Julian Lowes at the 20-minute mark. He built up a lead that almost reached 30 seconds after 30 minutes of racing but that was whittled away and everyone came together at with 10 minutes and 2 laps to go. Further attacks proved unsuccessful and all were again together as they approached 2 laps to go. In a last heroic attempt, John Gregg opened another gap that he held until into the bell lap, but in the sprint to the line, it was Doug Stewart who proved strongest when he crossed a couple of lengths ahead of Andrew Patterson, John Gregg, Andrew Brierley, and Gary Wright. Unfortunately there was a fall involving four riders with 2 laps to go, and after a touch of wheels Darren Harry was the main victim with grazes and possible injury to his shoulder. Mathew Miller also suffered a few grazes but no permanent damage was done. Magnus Rudisele also went out with a bang, but this was a blown tyre as he punctured close to the finish line after only a few laps.

14 December – Total Travel, Supa Criteriums, Kewdale.

Unfortunately, for safety reasons, the race was called off when traffic at the new roadwork construction going on the highway was diverted onto the circuit. These things happen!!

Points Competition

After six races, the points competition is wide open, and the new system is resulting in a good

spread among the grades. For full results to date, see the web page.

Individual Points Competition

1. Mick Russell 51 pts;
2. Doug McDonald 50 pts;
3. Andrew Patterson 45 pts;
4. John Shattock 43 pts'
- Eq. 5. Duncan Rogers, John Liso, Dale Wright 42 pts;
8. Doug Stewart 41 pts.
9. Magnus Rudisele 39 pts;
- Eq. 10. Scott Keating, Ben Smith 37 pts;

Teams Points Score Competition

- Eq. 1. KHT Cycling team, Northern Beaches Club 145 pts;
3. Eddy Hollands Bicycle 102 pts;
4. Hall Cycling 101 pts;
5. MAN Riders Choice 99 pts;
6. Glen Parker Cycles 93 pts;
7. Team Arbitrage 88 pts;
8. WCM 87 pts;
9. Cycles Bespoke 76 pts;
10. Team Brooks 70 pts.

Annual General Meeting

For those who missed the excitement, there were no great surprises. Fees remain the same as in the current year, all officers were returned, and we have a much-enlarged committee. One motion passed was to go back to the old system whereby 'A' grade starts last on each criterium race day - this to take effect from January. Also, prize-winners will be expected to be present at the presentations unless they first present the officials with a good reason why they can't attend. No more getting someone to step in as a substitute, and any unclaimed money will go back to the club. The embarrassment of seeing sponsors turn up to large gaps in the claimants has brought this on.

Our Treasurer, Helen Peniston reported that we are in a healthy financial position despite a year when we expended on a Ute for use of our Property Officer among other expenditures.

The following members were elected to positions for 2014-15:

President: Wayne Lally;

Vice-Presidents: Denis Robinson and Gary Wright.

Secretary: Mel Davies
Treasurer: Helen Peniston.
Auditors: M. Tognini & Co.
Membership Secretary: Trelma Laly.
Race Day Secretary: Alison Atherton.
Property Officer: Bob Stephens.
Webmaster: Tim Mollison.
Committee: Mark Anastasas;
Richard Barville; Trevor Edwards;
Roger Knight; Roberta Richardson;
Magnus Rudisele; Greg Smith;
Appeals Committee: The President plus any
two members of the committee.
Referees: Bob Addy, Dave Bebee, Brian Buck,
Brian Taylor, Wayne Lally, Fran Watson.



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SEASONS GREETINGS

Here's wishing everyone the complements of the Season and a Happy New Year. May your chimneys be wide and may your wishes for the latest in carbon fibre come true!