



Newsletter – March 2015

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WARNING:

A serious message from one of our marshals: the lollipop STOP SIGNS are not there for decoration. During the recent age Criterium championships riders blithely ignored the marshal when he judged there was a dangerous situation that required riders to come to a halt. For your own, and the safety of other road users, the marshals must be obeyed – they are not there to only stop motor vehicles.

A complaint was also made that riders were warming up on the part of the circuit where he was marshalling while races were being conducted. This is a definite NO, NO.

FORTHCOMING RACES

Handicapper is Wayne Lally:
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Criteriums will start at 8.00am.

12 April, Colin Rossiter Memorial Criteriums, Kewdale, followed by B/Bque and Points Score Individual and Teams presentations.

ROAD SEASON starts on 3 MAY – 9.00am starts.

3 May – Graded Scratch races - Herne Hill

17 May – Graded Scratch – Wandii

24 May – Club WCMCC Time Trial Championships, Chidlow (Start near bottom of hill on Old Northern Road approx. 6km from Chidlow). **NOMS must be registered for the TT by the 18th May.**

RACE RESULTS

15 February – Total Travel, Points Score and Jim Thomson Memorial Races, Smeaton Way, Rockingham

A cool beginning with a sharp breeze that soon changed to almost perfect conditions was the scenario for the 81 riders who turned out for the Points races sponsored by Total Travel. The presentation also saw four members of Jim Thompson's family and two grandchildren to witness the racing for the Jim Thomson trophy. Jim Thompson, at the time a valued club member and Rockingham Councillor, unfortunately died in a race-day accident over 20 years ago, and the points race has since then been held in his memory. Also remembered on 'E' grades perpetual trophy were Jim Campbell and Lindsay Froyland who died on the Smeaton Road circuit some years ago from natural causes.

All races were keenly contested and the sprinting was intense. Points were allocated for the first four places on every sprint (5 for 1st, 3 for 2nd, 3 for 3rd and 1 for fourth), while the number of sprints ranged from 3 for E grade, 4 for C and D, and 5 each for A and B grades. Individual places for those on equal points were determined on a count back, while the overall points prize saw an adjustment of points to standardise the number of sprints in a grade.

Overall winner was John Gregg with 21pts; 2nd was Tim James with 16.25pts

(adjusted), and 3rd was Darren Lee with 15pts (adjusted)

Grade Results:

'A' grade:

1. John Gregg 21pts; 2. Patrick Hayburn 9pts;
3. Sam Smith 8pts; 4. Gary Wright 5pts;
5. Steve Harcourt 3pts; 6. Jeff Brooks 2pts;
7. Magnus Rudisele 2 pts; 8. Ian Lyne 1 pt.

'B' Grade

1. Cameron Jose 12pts; 2. Scott Ayles 11pts;
3. Anthony Collis 11pts; 4. Keith Winch 7pts;
5. Clive de Senneville 6pts;
6. Simon Mattiaccio 5pts; 7. Tim Mollison 3pts.

'C' Grade

1. Tim James 13pts; 2. Jarred Finnigan 9pts;
3. Jaimie Bell 5pts; 4. Anthony Doherty 5pts;
5. Richard Stokes 4pts; 6. Steve Ryan 3pts;
7. Mick Russell 3 pts; 8. John Liso 1pt;
9. Bruce Abbot 1pt.

'D' Grade

1. Darren Lee 12pts; 2. John Hoye 10pts;
3. Doug Macdonald 9pts; 4. Ian Broadley 5pts;
5. Bill Stibbs 3pts; 6. Andrew Lowe 2pts;
7. Peter Ebdon 2pts; 8. Steve Camarri 1pt.

'E' Grade

1. Laurie Muccarione 11pts;
2. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan 10pts
3. Leon Nieuwenhuizen 6pts; 4. Dai Sankey 5pts
5. Brian Kennedy 1pt.

22 February, Criteriums, Wangara

A good field of 128 riders experienced very comfortable temperatures, and a strong breeze that carried them up to the finish at a fast pace.

'E' grade was first off the mark and with the wind on their backs they rode together at a respectable pace until 2 laps to go when Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan, followed by Derek Mayall, attacked as they passed the judging line. However, all were together as they next passed for the final lap, but at the finish it was a different story as Dai Sankey and Fiona VF had opened up a gap and they crossed the line some nine seconds in front of Derek Mayall and 4th placed Bill Crout. Fiona took the 1st place over Dai, with a strong sprint that saw her cross half-a-wheel to the good.

'D' grade witnessed some heroic performances that started on lap 2 when Ian Broadley and Doug Macdonald led the peleton

by about 100 metres. Joined on lap 3 by Chris Coote the trio was soon after joined by trial rider Ian Cope. Having shown his colours, Cope and Ian Broadfield then dropped back by lap eight, leaving Doug and Chris Coote to again shine at the front until they were absorbed once more at the 28-minute mark. That was the signal for Greg Mumme to challenge the field, which he did successfully for four laps, and with a 20second lead at the bell there was no danger of his being caught, He won by a comfortable eight-second margin from John Shattock who led in the rest of the field. Third placed Jon Hoye was next, while Jon Dooner pipped Bill Stibbs by a very narrow margin. Ian Cope finished 6th but being a trial rider had to give up his cash prize to a delighted Doug Macdonald .

'C' grade's 28 riders was probably the quietest race of the day, though the limited action off the front was probably inhibited by the fast pace. Jay Toon made a valiant attempt at a break on the third lap, and Roberta Richardson showed determination by forcing the pace on a couple of occasions, while trial rider Neil Webster along with Elliot Carson opened a 40metre gap at the 18-minute mark. However, it was towards the finish with 3 laps to go that major splits were seen in the ranks, though everyone came together by the bell lap. In a frantic and close sprint to the line, the laurels went to Tim James, with Jay Toon alongside and Mathieu Wilkinson just shading out Jarred Finnigan, Luke McElhinney, Mick Russell and trial rider Nicholas Seales who finished in 7th place.

'B' grade had the largest field of the day with 32 riders. Action started as soon as the countdown finished and at the end of the 1st lap a group of five riders held a lead of 100metres. They were joined by another two on the 2nd lap, but all came back together on lap three. It was then time for Anthony Collis to shine on his own, which he did for over four laps, leading by 12 seconds at one point. Soon after he rejoined the bunch a split occurred in the peleton from which emerged as strong group of five, Scott Ayles, John Clark, Ken Fraser, Cameron Jose, and Michael Bowles. Anthony Collis chased alone for a few of the final laps, while John Clark and Michael Bowles found the pace at

the front too hot to be able to contest the sprint. It was newly returned Norm Shattock who took out the four-up sprint just ahead of Cameron Jose, Scott Ayles and Michael Buytels. John Clark was 5th two seconds later, Michael Bowles 6th at another 2 seconds, and Anthony Collis another 16 seconds behind. Some 30 seconds after the winner, Ken Fraser led in the rest of the field in 8th place.

The fate of 'A' grade's 21 riders was settled in the first few laps and after the usual hectic 1st lap things settled down for a while before Sam Smith took flight for a 6 second lead on the 3rd lap, to be joined a lap later by Luke Pledger and Magnus Rudisele. With the break going so early in the race, a catch was expected at any time but that ignored the tenacity of the trio, who riding 2-minute circuits were unstoppable on the day. Not that there were no moves to close them down, but despite all efforts they retained a lead that varied from 15 to 30 seconds over the main bunch. Towards the latter part of the race there were a few splits out of which the most serious attempt to close down the leaders came from Carlos De Oliveira and Brett Stapelton. With some jockeying for position by the valiant three on the final lap, the chasers managed to close down the lead but at no time was the verdict in doubt. At the end, in a frenetic two-up sprint it looked with 10metres to go that Sam Smith would cross for first place, but a hard kick from Luke Pledger saw him finish a few centimetres ahead. Magnus Rudisele scored a well-deserved third place some 2 seconds later, while the chasing duo of Brett Stapelton and Carlos de Oliveria finished 7 seconds behind the leader. Eddie Hollands led in Matt Upton in 6th and 7th, followed by Andrew Brierley and Adam Feilding, before the main bunch came in to be headed by Robert Hurst.

'A' Grade 50mins plus 2 laps

1. Luke Pledger; 2. Sam Smith;
3. Magnus Rudisele; 4. Brett Stapelton;
5. Carlos de Oliveira; 6. Eddie Hollands;
7. Matt Upton; 8. Andrew Brierley;
9. Adam Feilding; 10. Robert Hurst;
11. Scott Sanders; 12. Joe Radisic;
13. Doug Stewart; 14. Chris Glasby;
15. Steve Harcourt; 16. Paul Dobson;
17. Jaimie Kirkwood; 18. Jon Gregg;
19. Matthew Swan; 20. Mark Hoyer;
21. Wayne Thomson; 22. Ian Lyne;

23. Tony Anderson; 24. Patrick Hayburn;
25. Philip Johnston; 26. Carlo Barendilla;
27. Steve Beales; 28. Jeff Brooks;
29. Lee Parker; 30. Martin Depiazzi;
31. Gary Wright

'B' Grade 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Norm Shattock; 2. Cameron Jose;
3. Scott Ayles; 4. Michael Buytels;
5. John Clark; 6. Michael Bowles;
7. Anthony Collis; 8. Ken Fraser;
9. Darren Hawley; 10. Clive de Senneville;
11. Keith Winch; 12. Stephen Farran;
13. Mark Hedges; 14. Peter Hunt;
15. Richard Barville; 16. Angus Cole;
17. Peter Wilshaw; 18. Jason Hapeta;
19. Mark Anastasas; 20. Jeff Gleadow;
21. Mark Waite; 22. Melissa Robinson;
23. Kevin McIlduff; 24. Merv Byfield;
25. Peter Neuzerling; 26. Paul Shields;
27. Justin Schultz;
28. Jayson De Senneville;
29. Chris Peniston; 30. Brett Clapham;
31. Pedro Turibaka.

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Tim James; 2. Jay Toon;
3. Mathieu Wilkinson; 4. Jarred Finnigan;
5. Luke McElhinney; 6. Mick Russell;
7. Nicholas Sceales; 8. John Liso;
9. Andrew Yeates; 10. Ian Lee;
11. Richard Stokes ; 12. Steve Ryan;
13. Scott Keating; 14. Elliott Carson;
15. Greg Smith; 16. Neil Webster;
17. David Ledden; 18. James Somers;
19. Robin Warrington; 20. Duncan Rogers;
21. Margot Biggs; 22. Ray Bergin;
23. Roberta Richardson;
24. Tanya Birkbeck; Chris Howard;
26. Maurice Berger. .

'D' Grade 30mins plus 2 laps)

1. Gregg Mumme; 2. John Shattock;
3. John Hoye; 4. Jon Dooner;
5. Bill Stibbs; 6. Ian Cope;
7. Doug Macdonald; 8. Wayne Gordon;
9. John Petrie; 10. Ian Broadley;
11. Raquel Casas Huelin; 12. Bob Stephens;
13. Keith Shugg; 14. Brian Buck;
15. Matt Cruickshank; 16. Chris Coole;
17. Peter Ebden; 18. Pat Briggs;
19. Travis George; 20. Helen Peniston.

'E' Grade 25mins plus 2 laps

- 1; Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan; 2. Dai Sankey;
3. Derek Mayall; 4. Bill Crout;
5. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
6. Denis Lawrance; 7. Rod Babel;
8. Denis Robinson.

1 March, KHT Accounting Supa Criteriums, Kewdale.

A perfect day for riding for the 117 entrants, though a day marred by a fall towards the end of 'B' grade's race when Mellisa Robinson fell and broke her collar bone, though the other three victims all survived with minor cuts and bruises.

'E' grade saw a field of 12 riders most of whom rode at a smart 33kph, a record average for the division. There were apparently a couple of attacks, one involving Fiona Viscolli-Finnigan and Dai Sankey, and another when Derek Mayall tried to get away. However, they were given little leeway and there were ten riders left as they heard the bell. Unfortunately, on the finishing straight they got mixed up with 'D' grade, which rather confused some and discouraged others from joining in the sprint. However, victory went to Bill Crout who was followed by Laurie Mucciarone, Leon Nieuwenhuizen; Derek Mayall and Rod Babel.

As noted, 'D' grade was negligent at the finish when, despite wild gesticulations by the President and Secretary, they stuck to the centre and left of the road while 'E' grade were sprinting their hearts out, only to find themselves baulked. This was not a good day for 'D', as they moved at pedestrian pace for much of the event, so slowing down 'E' grade who on a number of occasions came up to the rear of 'D' to overtake, only for the 'D' grade riders to speed up for a few hundred metres. During the early part of the race Matt Cruickshank forced the pace slightly ahead of the bunch, and Wayne Gordon similarly at the halfway mark. The most prominent move of the day came with 2 laps to go when Jon Dooner and Wayne Gordon opened up a gap of 200metres, and riding strongly, the money was on their contesting the sprint finish. However, it was not to be, and they were caught before the final bend. This left it open to other sprinters, and the result saw Ian Cope cross the line first, with Bill Stibbs and Doug Macdonald

close behind. Fourth place went to Bob Stephens, followed by John Hoye and John Shattock.

'C' grade rode at a smart average of 41kph, only 1kph slower than their 'B' grade compatriots. For most of the race riders were content to swap turns and to remain in a compact group, though Elliott Carson tried to stir up the action for two laps about half-way through the race when he opened up a gap of almost 15 seconds over the bunch. Juliana Austin-Olsen, while the only female in the group was also seen on occasions to be forcing the pace at the head of the field. The only drama occurred when Richard Stokes punctured but he was soon back in action after taking a lap out. In the sprint, honours were taken by Steve Ryan who put in a strong burst over the last 100metres, while early aggressor, Elliott Carson finished a couple of lengths behind. Third place went to Jarred Finnigan, followed by Mathieu Wilkinson, John Liso and Alvin Lim.

'B' grade with 35 riders had the largest field of the day, and the action came soon after the start when Chris Peniston blasted off the front. There followed a stream of others who attacked and opened up slight gaps as they passed the judges, these being Mark Welford, Clive de Senneville, Kevin McIlduff and Scott Ayles, all of who had a few hundred metres of glory before being absorbed by the bunch. What looked like a serious move occurred after 20minutes of riding when Scott Ayles was joined by Tim Mollison some 50 metres to the good, but by the next lap they were back in the bunch to be replaced by Merv Byfield. Half way through the race there was a lull for a couple of laps before Jessica Huston went on the attack, only to be replaced by Greg Stoyles and Anthony Collis who held their lead for another couple of laps. Meanwhile the peleton began to split as riders attempted to close the gap. Clive de Senneville and Peter Morris were first to make the catch and working well together they gathered in Anthony Collis after 40 minutes of riding. The next lap Anthony Collis was still in the lead, but this time his compatriots were Scott Ayles, Mark

Crowther and Anthony Mateljan. With two laps to go the quartet had a lead of 50 metres, and the gap was the same as they passed the bell. However, While Scott Ayles was in at the kill, and indeed he took the sprint, he was followed across the line by Steven Gray, Keith Winch, Mark Anastasas, Ian Hughes and Anthony Collis who had timed their final attack to their satisfaction. Nine others finished in the same time.

Because of the need to stop the start because of the wait for the ambulance to attend to Melissa Robinson who was involved in the accident in 'B' grade, there was a gap that caused the organizers to reduce 'A' grades race from 50 to 40 minutes. Perhaps encouraged by a shorter race, the race started in a frenzy of attack. On the third lap a split took place that saw 10 riders take the lead, a lead that had increased to about 120metres on the following lap. After 16minutes of racing the group, chased by Sam Smith, Andrew Patterson and Brett Stapelton were over 20 seconds ahead, but with the lead group lapping at between 1min 56secs and 1 min 59secs a lap, there was little hope of anyone getting back to the front. In the meanwhile, two of the lead group were dropped, and the remaining leading riders kept up the pace to take their lead to over 1 minute over the main bunch, and 25seconds over the chasing group of four.

With two laps to go, Tom Ford attacked the leaders and riding strongly not only kept them off his wheel but increased his lead to finish first some eight seconds ahead of Carlos de Oliveira who also finished alone. In a five-up sprint for third place, Carlo Barendilla beat Andrew Simpson, Wayne Thomson, Philip Reimann and Ian Gregory, while Jeff Brooks sat up and finished a few metres behind to take 8th place and the last of the cash prizes. In the chasing group of four, Sam Smith proved fastest in the sprint, followed by Brett Stapelton, Andrew Patterson and Jon Gregg.

Matt Tognini, whose KHT Accounting firm had kindly sponsored the event, presented the prizemoney.

'A' Grade 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Tom Ford; 2. Carlos de Oliveira;
3. Carlos Barendilla; 4. Andrew Simpson;
5. Wayne Thomson; 6. Philip Reimann;

7. Ian Gregory; 8. Jeff Brooks;
9. Sam Smith; 10. Brett Stapelton;
11. Andrew Patterson; 12. Jon Gregg;
13. Joe Radisic; 14. Bernie Swart;
15. Andrew Brierley; 16. Shaun Oneill;
17. Christian Singleton; 18. Chris Roberts;
19. Paul Shields; 20. David Sumich;
21. Bradeley Hall; 22. Adam Feilding;
23. Philip Johnston; 24. Gary Wright.

'B' Grade 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Scott Ayles; 2. Steven Gray;
3. Keith Winch; 4. Mark Anastasas;
5. Ian Hughes; 6. Anthony Collis;
7. Clive de Senneville; 8. Peter Morris;
9. Jessica Huston; 10. Richard Barville;
11. Kenneth Fraser; 12. Brett Clapham;
13. Mark Waite; 14. Tim James;
15. Andrew Candy; 16. Merv Byfield;
17. Tim Mollison; 18. Kevin McIlduff;
19. Stephen Farran; 20. Peter Hunt;
21. Adam Scott; 22. Jeff Gleadow;
23. Chris Peniston; 24. Anthony Mateljan;
25. Bruce McLennan.

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Steve Ryan; 2. Elliott Carson;
3. Jarred Finnigan; 4. Mathieu Wilkinson;
5. John Liso; 6. Alvin Lim;
7. Duncan Rogers; 8. Keith Hickey;
9. Brett Craig; 10. Ken Harvey;
11. John-Paul Dickinson; 12. David Leddin;
13. Luke McElhinney; 14. Steven Rouse;
15. Mick Russell; 16. Bruce Abbott;
17. Ray Bergin; 18. Richard Stokes;
19. Rod Atkinson; 20. Chris Graham;
21. Juliana Austin-Olsen; 22. Craig Guy;
23. Derek Munro.

'D' Grade 30mins plus 2 laps)

1. Ian Cope; 2. Doug Macdonald;
3. Bill Stibbs; 4. Bob Stephens;
5. John Hoyer; 6. John Shattock;
7. Peter Ebden; 8. Andrew Lowe;
9. David Bebee; 10. Pat Briggs;
11. Craig McDonald; 12. Travis George;
13. Matt Cruickshank; 14. Wayne Gordon;
15. Helen Peniston; 16. Jon Dooner; 17. Anthony Clews.

'E' Grade 25mins plus 2 laps

- 1; Bill Crout; 2. Laurie Mucciarone;
3. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 4. Derek Mayall;
5. Rod Babel; 6. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan;

7. Dai Sankey; 8. Terry Lack; 9. Liesl Swart;
10. Denis Robinson; 11. Alan Taylor.

8 March, Age Division Criterium Championships, Wangara

We had perfect conditions and some excellent racing for the age-division championships, though the day was marred by an unfortunate accident when Wayne Gordon hit a parked car while riding in the 55-59 year age division. Wayne suffered a broken jaw and other facial injuries but that's all that's known at the time of writing. [He's since turned up as a spectator!] Fortunately the other 75 entries escaped accident-free. We wish Wayne a speedy recovery. Thanks to everyone for their patience while we held up proceedings while the ambulance was in attendance, and thanks to Alison Atherton, Fran Watson and Gary Wright who were in attendance.

As usual, we don't provide a blow-for-blow account of the various performances, believing that this would elevate the performance of some championship winners over others. The belief is that one medal winner is as meritorious as another. However, the ride of Wayne Thomson in the last race of the day was of special note, as he rode solo until three laps to go when he was joined by Sam Smith. It was good to see Sam gift the event to Wayne after his great performance. During that performance Wayne recorded laps of just under 2 minutes to 2mins 8 seconds.

Congratulations to all medal winners, and competitors:

80-84 years

Gold – Derek Mayall

75-79 years

Gold – Dai Sankey

Silver – Terry Lack

Bronze – Denis Robinson

4. Leo Enright.

70-74 years

Gold – Doug Macdonald

Silver – Richard Barville

Bronze – Bob Stephens

65-69 years

Gold – Ian Cope

Silver – Bruce Abbott

Bronze – John Shattock

4. Brian Buck; 5. Kevin Hart.

60-64 years

Gold – Mick Russell

Silver – Ken Harvey

55-59 years

Gold- Gary Wright

Silver – Brett Clapham

Bronze – Merv Byfield

4. Peter Neuzerling; 5. Graham Iddles;

6. Peter Wilshaw; 7. John Hoye.

8. Robin Warrington.

50-54 years

Gold – Scott Ayles

Silver – Ian Lyne

Bronze – Keith Winch

4. Jeff Brooks; 5. Colin Rose;

6. Steven Gray; 7. John Clark;

8. Peter Morris; 9. Philip Johnson

45-49 years

Gold – Wayne Thomson

Silver – Sam Smith

Bronze – Gary Jones

4. Michael Buytels; 5. Lee Parker;

6. Magnus Rudisele; 7. Kenneth Fraser;

8. Patrick Hayburn; 9. John Liso.

40-44 years

Gold – Ian Gregory

Silver – Paul Dobson

Bronze – Bernie Swart

4. Scott Sanders; 5. Doug Stewart;

6. Jon Gregg; 7. Joe Radisic.

35-39 years

Gold – Luke Pledger

Silver – Robert Hurst

Bronze – Adam Feilding

4. Andrew Simpson; 5. Elliot Carson

Women 50-54 years

Gold – Conchita Brodalka

Women – 45-49 years

Gold – Lorna Henson

Silver – Kyli Anticich

Bronze – Fiona Viscoli-Finnigan

Women 40-44 years

Gold – Helen Peniston

Silver- Leisl Swart

15 March, Poyner Racing Supa Criteriums, Kewdale.

We were down on our usual Kewdale complement with only 84 starters, a situation possibly related to ATTA's competing 40km time trial championship, members deciding to train for the UCI Road races and the overnight rain. If the latter, the roads were as dry as a bone for the whole of the morning, though there was a strong

wind that saw riders blast up the home straight, while probably hitting a brick wall on the opposite side of the circuit.

'A,'B' 'C' and 'D' grades were evenly matched in number with 17 riders apiece, 'A' grade had 22 starters and 'E' grade half that number.

'E' grade saw no heroics, which played into the hands of the sprinters. Thus it was no surprise to see Bill Crout and 'Doc' Lawrance appear at the head of affairs with victory going to Bill by a couple of lengths. Kevin Hart showed his recent road miles were paying off when he finished a couple of lengths behind the Doc, with Dai Sankey the Welsh Wizard another length behind.

'D' grade was carefully controlled, though Darren Lee showed spark and was the most most aggressive rider, but had no one prepared (or perhaps able) to go with him. He and John Hoyer did pull out a 40metre lead just after the 20-minute mark, but all were together the next time they came round. There was a frantic attack on the final lap, and once more Doug Macdonald was at the head of affairs, taking a four-length win over the hard-working Darren Lee, with Peter Ebdon scoring third place just ahead of Bill Stibbs and Peter Ebdon.

Some 'C' graders were full of fight, particularly so David Leddin and Mick Russell who opened up a 15 second gap after two laps to retain that lead for five laps of the circuit. When almost caught, Mick dropped back to the shelter of the bunch but David kept to the fore for another two laps. Half-way through the 35 minute race, all came together, with the next strong move coming after John Liso who had rested at the back of the bunch, put his fresh legs to good effect when he attacked and opened up a 70metre lead with 2 laps to go. However, the chasing peleton put down its collective head to bring him back on the far side of the circuit, and at the bell Neil Webster had taken a lead of 8 seconds over the field. Although Neil hung on to his lead as they came into the finishing straight, the gap was insufficient to deter Jarred Finnigan who put in a great effort to cross the line with a three-length advantage over Neil, with Elliott Carson another 2 lengths behind in third place. Next to cross was Duncan Rogers just ahead of John Paul-Dickinson and Maurice Berger.

'B' grade's rider of the day was Michael Bowles who was prominent in breaks throughout the race His rampage started on the first lap when he opened up a lead of 12 seconds and remained at large for another four laps. He went back to the field for a few laps while his place was taken by the trio of Merv Byfield, Darren Hawley and Michael Buytels who held a lead that never exceeded 10 seconds for four laps before they returned to the peleton. At that juncture Michael Bowles again put his face into the wind and held out until joined at the 30minute mark by Darren Hawley and Mark Crowther. The trio rode strongly together until they split with four laps to go. Over the final three laps, Michael Bowles was joined by Brett Clapham and they remained clear until the bell lap when heads went down to bring them back. However, it was too late to bring back the indefatigable Michael Bowles who took a well-deserved victory over Michael Buytels, Keith Winch, Mark Anastasas Pedro Turibaka and Mark Waite.

'A' grade took the now common pattern of seeing a small group blast away, and people blocking behind. Clive de Senneville started the action with a solo blast on lap two, but was brought back on the following lap. A break of seven riders – Norm Shattock, Scott Sanders, Martin Depiazzi, Jeff Brooks, Adam Fielding, Luke Pledger and Wayne Thomson went away after 13 minutes of riding. They were eventually chased down by a group of four after 35 minutes of riding. However, two laps later, a split occurred when Wayne Thomson, Sam Smith, Martin Depiazzi Luke Pledger and Matt Upton left their compatriots to steadily open up a gap that with two laps to go had reached 25seconds. With some tactical manoeuvres over the last two laps, that lead came down, but was still large enough to allow the break to stay away. Luke Pledger made an astute move with 2 corners to go, and blasted up the finishing straight to hold off a closing Martin Depiazzi by a few lengths. Sam Smith was a close third, while Wayne Thomson and Matt Upton were on his tail, with the next group of four led in by Adam Feilding some 4 seconds behind.

Matt Poyner presented the prizes, and as a bonus he awarded the first rider in each grade free entries to the UCI road race, while 2nd placed had 50% off the entry fee, and 3rd 30%.

'A' Grade 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Luke Pledger; 2. Martin Depiazzi;
3. Sam Smith; 4. Wayne Thomson;
5. Matt Upton; 6. Adam Feilding;
7. Norm Shattock; 8. Jon Gregg;
9. Scott Sanders; 10. Ian Gregory;
11. Jeff Brooks; 12. Patrick Hayburn;
13. Ben Smith; 14. Tony Anderson;
15. Magnus Rudisele; 16. Shaun Oneill;
17. Gary Wright.

'B' Grade 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Michael Bowles; 2. Michael Buytels;
3. Keith Winch; 4. Mark Anastasas;
5. Pedro Turibaka; 6. Mark Waite;
7. Darren Hawley; 8. Merv Byfield;
9. Scott Ayles; 10. Peter Morris;
11. Mark Crowther; 12. Paul Shields;
13. Brett Clapham; 14. Scott Keating;
15. Greg Stoyles.

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Jarred Finnigan; 2. Neil Webster;
3. Elliott Carson; 4. Duncan Rogers;
5. John Paul-Dickinson; 6. Maurice Berger;
7. Mathieu Wilkinson; 8. Craig Guy;
9. Mick Russell; 10. John Liso;
11. Alvin Lim; 12. John O'Boyle;
13. Brian Cotter; 14. Kirk Kitchin;
15. Brett Russell; 16. David Leddin;
17. Luke McElhinney.

'D' Grade 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Doug Macdonald; 2. Darren Lee;
3. Bill Stibbs; 4. Peter Ebden;
5. Greg Smith; 6. Jon Dooner
7. John Hoyer; 8. Andrew Lowe;
9. Bob Stephens; 10. Craig McDonald;
11. Pantelis Karagoglou; 12. Allan McDonald;
13. Ian Cope; 14. Mark Castle;
15. John Shattock; 16. Kevin Dolman;
17. Travis George.

'E' Grade 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Bill Crout; 2. Denis Lawrance;
3. Kevin Hart; 4. Dai Sankey; 5. Rod Babel;
6. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
7. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan;
8. Laurie Mucciarone; 9. Terry Lack;
10. Denis Robinson; 11. Leo Enright.

22 March, Criteriums, Wangara.

The first cool day for a while but the racing was as hot as ever! It was also the final race for the individual and team points competitions. Despite some members riding in the Freeway ride, we still managed a respectable 110 starters including visiting Dutch rider Lex Nederlof who was in Perth to ride the UCI races.

With a following wind up to the rise to the finish, 'E' grade's average speed was more than respectable, with the pace curbing any chance of a break occurring. Thus, of the 9 starters, six were there to contest the sprint, and surprising no-one was the triumph of Bill Crout who crossed a couple of lengths ahead of Derek Mayall, Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan, Leon Nieuwenhuizen, Dai Sankey and Andrea Smith.

'D' grade started in attacking mode when Doug Macdonald and Darren Lee broke away to open up a 40m gap on the third lap. After a hectic chase, John Shattock joined the duo and they lasted until just after halfway through the race. Thereafter, there was no leeway given and apart from a few burnoffs, the bunch remained compact to the end of the race. Yet again Doug Macdonald proved triumphant with a strong show of force, beating Darren Lee by a couple of lengths and forcing John Hoyer to third. Following in their wake, Peter Ebden was first of the rest, with Jon Dooner 5th, Andrew Lowe in 6th place, and Margaret Gollagher in 7th.

If 'D' grade proved a bit pedestrian, not so 'C' grade where there was an early breakaway by Craig Guy who stayed away for 3 laps. He was then joined by Elliott Carson, Neil Webster tried to close the gap and got tantalisingly close but was forced to fall back to the chasing group at the 26minute mark. Thereafter the breakaway duo maintained their lead of around 30 seconds that they held to the bell lap. With some jockeying by the duo, and some late attacks in the peleton, they finally crossed the finishing line with a lead of 25 seconds. Elliott Carson took the honours three or four lengths ahead of Craig Guy. Mick Russell was first of the chase group, followed by Neil Webster, Jarred Finnigan, John Liso,

James Wolfe and Sofia Gregory, accompanied by another four riders who finished in blanket fashion when taking up the width of the road.

'B' grade had a strong field of 28 riders who rode an aggressive race. Scott Ayles in particular was prepared to show the way and held a lead until the 13minute mark when he was joined Paul Borrett, Ken Fraser and Mark Welford. The group was hauled back after another two laps but a few laps later it was Scott Ayles in the company of Peter Wilshaw who challenged the field when holding a lead of just under 10 seconds for two laps. With the field all together at the 30minute point, Kevin McIllduff decided to give it a go for two laps until joined by Graham Holden. With two laps to go they held a slim lead of 8 seconds that was reduced by 3 seconds at the bell. But, with such a slim lead they were soon swamped by the peleton. At the finish, Scott Ayles again showed his strength, and with a number of wins under his belt he probably rode himself into 'A' grade promotion. Steve Gray was 2nd a length or so behind, with the consistent Mark Welford, Mark Anastasas, Keith Winch Michael Buytels and Darren Hawley filling the rest of the cash awards.

The script for 'A' grade could well have been written way before the start, for it followed the pattern of the previous three or four races where an early breakaway and blocking tactics in the peleton ensured that the early breakaway riders would turn up trumps. This is not to detract from the excellent riding at the front of the race, nor of the attempts by the few to stir up the action in the peleton where the average speed was about 45kph.

Steve Beales and Doug Stewart got the race off to a fast start and they kept open a gap of about 8 seconds for the first three laps of the circuit. When they were absorbed by the peleton, it was the turn of Sam Smith, Eddie Hollands, and Carlos De Olivei who were joined a lap later by Martin Deppiazi and visiting Dutchman Lex Nederlof. Eddie then dropped back to the bunch but was replaced at the front by Luke Pledger. Settling down to a fast but steady pace of about 2minutes per lap and with see-sawing in the peleton behind, the group of five ploughed on to increase their lead to just over 30 seconds after 30minute of racing, and though that had been reduced to 13 seconds after 46 minutes of riding, it seemed it

unlikely that anyone would bridge the gap. Just after that point, the lead group split, with Sam, Carlos and Luke shedding Lex Nederlof and Martin Depiazii who were caught by the peleton with less than a lap to go. The end saw yet another victory for Luke Pledger, to follow up on his CA Masters victory of the previous day, while Sam Smith was a length or two behind and Carlos in their shadow. Eddie Hollands took the group finish at 11seconds behind the time of the winner, with Matt Upton finishing 5th, Doug Stewart 6th Brett Stapelton 7th and Clive de Senneville 8th, and with another 17 following on their tails.

'A' Grade 50mins plus 2 laps

1. Luke Pledger; 2. Sam Smith;
3. Carlos de Oliveira; 4. Eddie Hollands;
5. Matt Upton; 6. Doug Stewart;
7. Brett Stapelton; 8. Clive de Senneville;
9. Andrew Petterson; 10. Norm Shattock;
11. Gary Wright; 13. Steve Harcourt;
14. Jeff Brooks; 15. Anthony Collis;
16. Nathan Lude; 17. Magnus Rudisele;
18. Hilton McMurdo; 19. Robert Hurst;
20. Ian Lyne; 21. David Irvine;
22. Shaun Oneill; 23. Jaimie Kirkwood;
24. Jon Gregg; 25. Chris Brown;
26. Lee Parker; 27. Paul Shields;
28. Chris Glasby; 29. Patrick Hayburn;
30. Lex Nederlof; 31. Martin Depiazii;
32. Wayne Thomson.

'B' Grade 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Scott Ayles; 2. Steven Gray;
3. Mark Welford; 4. Mark Anastasas;
5. Keith Winch; 6. Michael Buytels;
7. Darren Hawley; 8. Peter Wilshaw;
9. Peter Hunt; 10. Graham Holden;
11. Paul Borrett; 12. Bruce McLennan;
13. Ken Fraser; 14. Matt Saliacus;
15. Jay Toon; 16. Brett Clapham;
17. Scott Keating; 18. Richard Barville;
19. Mark Waite; 20. Matt Davis;
21. Peter Neuzerling; 22. Jeff Gleadow;
23. Chris Peniston; 24. Jason Hapeta;
25. Kevin McIllduff; 26. Pedro Turibaka.

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Elliott Carson; 2. Craig Guy;
3. Mick Russell; 4. Neil Webster;
5. Jarred Finnigan; 6. John Liso;
7. James Wolfe; 8. Sofia Erhard;
9. Greg Smith; 10. Ian Lee;

11. Luke McElhinney; 12. Steve Ryan;
13. Duncan Rogers; 14. David Leddin;
15. Ray Bergin; 16. Brian Cotter;
17. Chris Howard; 18. Mathieu Wilkinson;
19. Michael Morton; 20 Peter Ryalls;
21. Robin Warrington.

'D' Grade 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Doug Macdonald; 2. Darren Lee;
3. John Hoye; 4. Peter Ebden;
5. Jon Dooner; 6. Andrew Lowe;
7. Margaret Gollagher; 8. John Shattock;
9. Kevin Dolman; 10. Bob Stephens;
11. Bill Stibbs; 12. Mark Castle;
13. Helen Cripps; 14. John Hanson;
15. Matt Cruikshank; 16. Pat Briggs

'E' Grade 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Bill Crout; 2. Derek Myall;
3. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan;
4. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 5. Dai Sankey;
6. Andrea Smith; 7. Terry Lack;
8. Denis Robinson; 9. Brian Kennedy.

FINAL Criterium Points Scores

Teams Points Competition:

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| 1. Northern Beaches | 363 pts |
| 2. KHT Cycling Team | 341 pts |
| 3. Eddy Hollands Bicycle | 330 pts |
| 4. Team Arbitrage | 316 pts |
| 5. Man Riders Choice | 305 pts |
| 6. Hall Cycling | 276 pts |
| 7. Team Brooks | 269 pts |
| 8. WCM | 257 pts |
| 9. Roues Chaudes Cycling | 235 pts |
| 10. Pedalare Racing | 234 pts |
| 11. Total Travel WA | 229 pts |
| 12. Glen Parker Cycles | 227 pts |
| 13. Cycles Bespoke | 176 pts |
| 14. Churchill Cycles | 136 pts |
| 15. Vayda Sport | 123 pts |
| 16. Dome Coffee Cycling | 38 pts |
| 17. Unicorn Specialised | 36 pts |
| 18. Rota-M | 35 pts |
| 19. Access Unlimited | 32 pts |
| 20. Speedlite Cycles | 30 pts |
| 21. Squadra Barista | 24 pts |
| 22. Squadra RTR | 5 pts |

Individual Category:

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| 1. Doug Macdonald (D Grade) | 125 pts |
| 2. Jarred Finnigan (C Grade) | 111 pts |
| 3. Mick Russell (C Grade) | 108 pts |
| 4. Scott Keating (C Grade) | 104 pts |
| 5. Sam Smith (A Grade) | 103 pts |
| Eq. 6. John Hoye (D Grade) | 101 pts |

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| Eq. 6. Jon Gregg (A Grade) | 101 pts |
| Eq. 8. John Liso (C Grade) | 96 pts |
| Eq. 8. Doug Stewart (A Grade) | 96pts |
| Eq. 10. John Shattock (D Grade) | 92 pts |
| <u>Eq. 10. Keith Winch (B Grade)</u> | <u>92pts</u> |
| 12. Magnus Rudisele (A Grade) | 90 pts |
| 13. Bob Stephens (D Grade) | 89 pts |
| 14. Duncan Rogers (C Grade) | 88 pts |
| Eq. 15. Bill Crout (E Grade) | 87 pts |
| Eq. 15. Anthony Collis (B Grade) | 87 pts |
| 17. Peter Neuzerling (B Grade) | 86 pts |
| Eq. 18. Gary Wright (A Grade) | 83 pts |
| Eq. 18. Bill Stibbs (D Grade) | 83 pts |
| 20. Paul Shields (B Grade) | 81 pts |

Congratulations to all in the first ten in the individual points score competition. This is the first competition using the new points allocation system – is it an improvement on the old system? Also congrats to the top teams for their participation. Teams racing has added another dimension to our racing activities, and we hope that you'll all continue by turning up and competing in the road season. Presentations of trophies and medals will take place on 12 April.

Waterlogged !!

How many of our members recognised our Marine Biologist member Gerry Allen who featured in an article in the *West Australian* on the 16th March? Gerry who specialises in the 'fish department' as one of Australia's top marine biologists was on one of his frequent research trips when the wooden ship he and another 18 scientists and crew were sailing in sprang a leak and sank near Bintan Riau. Forced to abandon ship it took the Indonesian navy to find and rescue them after they had spent a night in lifeboats. Glad that they found you Gerry, and we look forward to seeing you back on two wheels on *terra firma* again.

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