



Newsletter –JUNE 2015

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PLEASE NOTE

We've had a complaint from the public about jell packets being dropped on the road during races. Please put these into your pocket after use, as it doesn't take much to persuade the authorities to close off our circuits.

CAMERAS

Note that under AVCC rules and also by direction of the UCI, cameras on a bike or a person are not allowed during racing. The reasons are for safety and for the bad publicity that can be recorded and transmitted on social media. This latter problem arose at the Neerabup event when a recording of a race accident was placed on the web. This saw a flood of criticism from outside the club and didn't do our image any good at all.

With respect to safety, we have reports from other states where irresponsible riding caused by the use of cameras has resulted in accidents. In one case, a rider, keen to film his 'mates' in a lead out, barged and butted other riders so as to get good shots and caused a number of riders to fall.

Do what you like when riding outside of racing but that ban will be strictly enforced by the AVCC and the club.

FORTHCOMING RACES

Handicapper is Wayne Lally:
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Road Races will start at 9.00am.

14 June – Points Score – Casuarina

21 June – Graded Scratch – Mt Helena

28 June – Graded Scratch – Dog Hill, Baldivis

5 July – Graded Scratch – Chidlow 'B'

12 July – Graded Scratch – Pickering Brook

19 July – Points Score – Casuarina

26 July – Graded Scratch - Neerabup

2 August – Group Handicap - York – Beverley York

9 August – Club Memorial Group Handicap – Herne Hill

RACE RESULTS

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

While the Crit season started with a bang, it ended in a fizzle, for the day saw the lowest turnout (62 riders) for years. Possibly a few members rode the Midland 100, and a few ATTA's 80km Time Trial, but the most likely reason for the low numbers was in all probability linked to the rain. If so, it doesn't reflect too well on dedication of many of our riders. While there were a few heavy showers, most racing took place on dry roads, and there were no falls. However, there were perhaps close to half-a-dozen punctures but overall conditions for racing were reasonable.

Neither 'D' not 'E' grades saw any reportable attacks and with 13 in the former and 8 in the latter divisions this was because everyone was closely marked. Also in both

events, the red-hot favourites, Doug Macdonald and Bill Crout, despite both being conspicuous in their yellow jerseys, gave way to others to take the limelight. For 'D' grade that meant Christopher Coote taking honours over 2nd placed Bill Stibbs and John Hoye, while in 'E' grade it was Fiona-Vescoli Finnigan who attacked up the straight to hold off Leon Nieuwenhuizen, Bill Crout and Derek Mayall.

'C' grade set off at a fast pace, and though there were no significant attacks, Craig Guy was prominent when forcing things at the head of the bunch, while the Northern Club riders were similarly active, especially in the 2nd half of the race. Maurice Berger managed to open a 50m gap at about the 30-minute point, but the bunch soon brought him to heel. The finish saw the sprinters come to the fore, and witnessed the rare scene of father and son taking podium place when Brett Russell took 1st place to the elder Mick Russell's third, the pair being split by 2nd placed Chris Graham.

'B' grade saw some valiant riding by Merv Byfield who opened up a gap of a few seconds for the first three laps before he was joined by Mark Welford for two laps, though their lead never rose more than 13 seconds. Mark dropped back to the peleton leaving Merv alone until joined for a lap or so by Elliott Carson who unfortunately punctured. The group was together with just over 10 minutes and 2 laps to go, when Merv again decided to stir up the race by opening a gap. However, with three laps to go, the peleton was once more intact and remained so until the sprint. This saw a clear victory of about 5 lengths by Keith Winch, with Mark Welford taking a deserved 2nd place after his earlier efforts. Mark Anastasas was third, Darin Dunstan fourth and Ken Fraser in 5th place.

With only 11 starters and a couple of mechanicals early in the 'A' grade race there were few people to chase effectively after Matt Upton, Martin Depiazzi and Luke Pledger broke away on lap two. The trio worked strongly together to hold off all opposition, and remained together until the 35-minute mark, when Martin Depiazzi, who was obviously suffering with back trouble, was left in no-man's land after his two compatriots attacked. Despite a hard chase by Chris Glasby and Chris Brown, the gap between them and the two leading riders steadily crept up almost 50 seconds by the bell. It took no

transponders to work out the results, with Matt Upton floating across the line with a happy Luke Pledger smiling at his side. Martin Depiazzi maintained his 3rd place, while Chris Glasby led Chris Brown across the line to take 4th. Ben Smith and Michael Tapscott were the only other two to survive the ordeal.

'A' Grade 50mins plus 2 laps

1. Matt Upton; 2. Luke Pledger;
3. Martin Depiazzi; 4. Chris Glasby;
5. Chris Brown; 6. Ben Smith;
7. Michael Tapscott.

'B' Grade 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Keith Winch; 2. Mark Welford;
3. Mark Anastasas; 4. Darin Dunstan;
5. Ken Fraser; 6. Mark Waite;
7. Merv Byfield; 8. Elliott Carson;
9. Peter Neuzerling; 10. Justin Schultz;
11. Jeff Gleadow; 12. Jayson de Senneville;
13. Peter Hunt; 14. Brett Clapham.

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Brett Russell; 2. Chris Graham;
3. Mick Russell; 4. Jarred Finnigan;
5. John Liso; 6. Ian Lee; 7. Duncan Rogers;
8. Maurice Berger; 9. Alvin Lim;
10. Robin Warrington; 11. Craig Guy;
12. Neil Foster; 13. Nick Cowie;
14. Chris Howard.

'D' Grade 30mins plus 2 laps)

1. Bill Stibbs; 2. Chris Coole; 3. John Hoye;
4. John Shattock; 5. Peter Ebden;
6. Ian Cope; 7. Kevin Dolman;
8. Doug Macdonald; 9. Andrew Lowe;
10. Darren Lee; 11. John Hanson;
12. Leila Spurgeon; 13. Pat Briggs.

'E' Grade 25mins plus 2 laps

- 1; Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan;
2. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
3. Bill Crout; 4. Derek Mayall;
5. Laurie Mucciarone; 6. Denis Robinson;
7. Brian Kennedy.

Following the conclusion of racing, Anne Rossiter presented sashes and prize-money to the winners of the five grades, while the individual points-score prizes were also presented, with Doug Macdonald taking out the Club cup (see results in the February Newsletter or on the web). In addition, the

Northern Beaches club members were presented by Gary Wright with the Teams Points Score medals for the criterium season.

3 May, Graded Scratch races, Herne Hill

Despite forecasts of showers, the first event of the road season that attracted a good field of 127 riders, saw almost perfect conditions, with pleasant temperatures, sunshine and calm conditions.

Overall, there wasn't much to report in terms of breakaways, except for a couple of instances in 'B' grade where Mark Crowther and Paul Shield had opened a small gap in the early stages, and Ian Turner and again Paul Shields had a 15-second lead at the bell. However, they were caught on the finishing straight which resulted in a change of personnel as Ray Lawrie beat Keith Winch, Anthony Mateljan, Mark Anastasa, Paul Borrett, Gavin Wark, and only female prizewinner of the day, Jessica Huston. 'A' grade witnessed an early break by Jeremiah Peiffer, Nathan Lude and Wayne Thomson that was joined a couple of laps later by Sam Smith, Ian Lyne, Nick Foster. However, with 4 of the 9 laps covered, the indefatigable Wayne Thomson, along with the hard-working Ian Lyne and Steve Marks spread their wings and steadily drew away to enjoy a lead of 30 seconds with 4 laps to go. Although that lead came down, the trio didn't look in any danger as they came onto the long home straight, and Sam Smith took the win from Ian Lyne and Steve Marks. Paul Hearne led in Anthony Collis at the head of the bunch some 50 seconds later

All other divisions saw mass sprint finishes. Brett Russell took out 'C' grade, to finish first, ahead of a charging group of 27 riders, and was followed closely by Tim James, John Liso, Alan Doak-Smith, and Andrew Neagy. The grade saw the only accident of the day when Ken Harvey landed in a culvert after being hit by a rider who deviated from his line, and he unfortunately broke his arm. This despite the warnings and pleadings of the President before the race start for riders to keep their line at all times.

'D' grade ended with the favourites, all sprinters, in contention. The verdict went to Peter Ebden who came over John Hoye, Darren

Lee, Kevin Dolman, John Shattock, Bernard Brummage and Bob Stephens.

'E' grade saw the return of Gerry Allen after his fortunate rescue following his shipwreck off Indonesia. Gerry finished in 4th place but came across the line just behind Bill Crout, Mick Dunne and Rod Babel. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan was fifth, some 3 seconds ahead of Derek Mayall and Kevin Hart.

'A' Grade 9 laps, 86km

1. Sam Smith; 2. Ian Lyne; 3. Steve Marks; 4. Paul Hearne; 5. Anthony Collis; 6. Andrew Brierley; 7. Steve Beales; 8. Nathan Lude; 9. Matthew Swan; 10. Martin Lowell; 11. Kim Halliday; 12. Tom O'Neil; 13. Mark Hoyer; 14. Andrew Kirkham; 15. Richard Cook; 16. Gary Wright; 17. John van Vliet; 18. Nick Foster; 19. Lee Parker; 20. Jon Gregg; 21. Wayne Thomson; 22. Shane O'Neill; 23. Jeremiah Peiffer; 24. Charlie Gargett; 25. Craig Pennell; 26. Magnus Rudisele.

Time: 2h 05m 00secs, or just over 13m 50secs per lap

'B' grade, 8 laps, 86km

1. Ray Lawrie; 2. Keith Winch; 3. Anthony Mateljan; 4. Mark Anastasas; 5. Paul Borrett; 6. Gavin Wark; 7. Jessica Huston; 8. Antony Bourn; 9. Craig Guy; 10. Peter Hunt; 11. Terry Mayor; 12. Mark Crowther; 13. Peter Neuzerling; 14. Richard Barville; 15. Ian Turner; 16. Ian Skidmore; 17. Bruce McLennan; 18. Darin Dunstan; 19. Warren Potma; 20. Jason Hapeta; 21. Scott Ayles; 22. Paul Shields; 23. Paul Lamond; 24. Chris Peniston; 25. Jayson de Senneville; 26. Jeff Gleadow.

Time: 1h 58m 58secs, or just over 14m 50secs per lap

'C' grade, 7 laps, 67km

1. Brett Russell; 2. Tim James; 3. John Liso; 4. Alan Doak-Smith; 5. Andrew Neagy; 6. Robin Warrington; 7. Brett Craig; 8. Bruce Abbott; 9. Mick Brown; 10. Dave Meney; 11. James Finnigan; 12. Ian Lee; 13. Neil Foster; 14. Garry Horsfield; 15. James Wolfe;

16. Ray Bergin; 17. Peter Daffen;
18. Dave Dyson; 19. Brian Klopper;
20. Nick Cowie; 21. Mark Taylor;
22. Drew Gibson; 23. Jamie Bell;
24. Jeff Usher; 25. Greg Smith;
26. Maurice Berger; 27. Wayne Reeve;
28. Liam Donley; 29. Ian McFall;
30. Trevor Quick; 31. Chris Young;
32. Colin Reeve; 33. Mick Russell.
Time: 1h 48m 15secs, or just over 15m 25secs per lap

'D' grade, 6 laps, 57km

1. Peter Ebdon; 2. John Hoyer;
3. Darren Lee; 4. Kevin Dolman;
5. John Shattock; 6. Bernard Brummage;
7. Bob Stephens; 8. Andrew Williams;
9. Michelle McGowan; 10. Rob Barrie;
11. Margaret Gollagher; 12. Bill Stibbs;
13. Brian Cotter; 14. John Hanson;
15. Kylie Anticich; 16. John Hanson;
17. Allan McDonald; 18. Christophet Coole
19. Jon Dooner; 20. Paul Greeney;
21. Richard Stokes; 22. Lorraine MacLennan;
23. Craig McDonald; 24. Derek Crowther;
25. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 26. Mark Castle;
27. Pat Briggs; 28. Helen Peniston;
29. Matt Cruikshank; 30. Wayne Gordon.
Time: 1h 03m 03secs, or 16m 00secs per lap

'E' grade, 5 laps, 48km

1. Bill Crout; 2. Mick Dunne; 3. Rod Babel;
4. Gerry Allen; 5. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan;
6. Derek Mayall; 7. Kevin Hart.
Time: 1h 31m 08secs, or just over 18m 25secs per lap

17 May – Graded Scratch – Casuarina

A very wet and windy day on the first ride on the Casuarina course, following the rejection by the Kwinana Shire of our race application, on the grounds that the circuit was too dangerous. This is but one of the difficulties that we face when trying to organise races during the year. On this occasion, because of the inclement weather, only 55 riders ventured forth into the rain. One outcome was that it made it impossible to put pen to paper, thus details of breaks, etc. are somewhat sketchier than usual.

With the circuit being about the same circumference as the Wandii circuit, the old time table allowed tabs to be kept on the progress of the various bunches despite the

situation that saw some of them break up. Not surprisingly there were quite a few 'abandons' but only one puncture. Perhaps the ride of the day involved 'B' grade's Alastair Milne who broke away on the first corner, never again to be seen by his erstwhile compatriots who finished almost 5 minutes behind. This was something that caught the eye of the handicapper, making it almost certain that he wouldn't be bothering 'B' grade in his next event. Ben Smith led in the rest of the field, with Lee Jordan and Paul Borrett on his wheel

In 'A' grade, Jon Gregg and Andrew Brierley were well to the fore on the final few laps, and though chased by Sam Smith and Chris Glasby they rode in for a comfortable win, with the remainder of the field strung out in single file. The 'A' grade riders event was not without its drama, when referee Bob Addy, who had warned everyone before the start of the event, stopped the bunch to give them a pep talk about crossing the white line, pointing out that such action could jeopardize the use of the circuit. Hopefully the message will bear fruit with all groups in future races.

Michael Morton rode in to win by 52seconds over his partner Chris Young for much of the race, while Jarrad Finnigan finished 5m 25secs behind to lead in the group.

In 'D' grade, John Hoyer sprinted strongly over the last few hundred metres to beat Kevin Dolman over the line, while Bill Stibbs finishes four seconds behind for 3rd place.

Jesse Searls in 'E' grade was a happy man at the end of the day, as he finished 3rd to Gerry Allan and Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan in his first race since the 1980s. Oldest man in the event, 82 year old Brian Kennedy, although way down, finished the event with a smile on his face, having been undaunted with the conditions, and being an inspiration to all.

'A' Grade 10 laps, 87km

1. Jon Gregg; 2. Chris Glasby;
3. Luke Pledger; 4. Sam Smith;
5. Patrick Hayburn; 6. Matthew Swan;
7. Colin Rose; 8. Wayne Thomson;
9. Michael Tapscott; 10. Andrew Simpson;

11. Gary Wright; 12. Matt Upton.
Time: 2h 10m 08secs; Average 13m 00secs per lap. 40.1kph.

'B' grade, 9 laps, 78km

1. Alastair Milne; 2. Ben Smith;
3. Lee Jordan; 4. Paul Borrett;
5. Anthony Bourn; 6. John Clark;
7. Elliott Carson; 8. Jason Hapeta;
Time: 2h 01m 39secs; Average 13m 27secs per lap. 38.6kph.

'C' grade, 8 laps, 70km

1. Michael Morton; 2. Chris Young;
3. Jarred Finnigan; 4. Garry Horsfield;
5. John Liso; 6. Alvin Lim; 7. Ian Lee;
8. Dave Meney.
Time: 1h 54m 12secs; Average 14m 15secs per lap. 36.6kph.

'D' grade, 7 laps, 60km

1. John Hoyer; 2. Kevin Dolman; 3. Bill Stibbs;
4. Wayne Gordon; 5. Bob Stephens;
6. Paul Greeney; 7. Pat Briggs.
Time: 1h 56m 18secs; Average 16m 35secs per lap. 31.4kph.

'E' grade, 5 laps, 44km

1. Gerry Allen; 5. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan;
3. Jesse Searls; Brian Kennedy.
Time: 1h 25m 00secs; Average 17m 00secs per lap. 30.7kph.

24 May, Time Trial Championships, Chidlow

A disappointing field of 41 riders (less a few DNFs) turned up at a sunny Chidlow, and faced conditions in complete contrast to the appalling weather last September when we used the course for the 2014 National Championships. As at the Nationals' Jon Gregg proved the fastest rider with a time of 35mins 08secs, just 32secs behind his 2014 course record. Second fastest was Gary Jones with a ride of 35m 26secs, and third was Colin Rose in the 50-54 years age division who recorded a ride of 35mins 41secs. This was good enough to give him an impressive age standard of plus 6m 05secs, and as the idea of the standard is to put all on an equal footing, he went home as TT champion with a gold medal. Gary Jones in the 45-49 year group took Silver with a standard of plus 5mins 47secs, while Jon Gregg in the 40 to 44yrs age div. took the bronze with a standard of plus 5m 51secs.

Congratulations to all, and find the full results attached to the end of the newsletter. Note that the placing in the division will be reflected in the Road Points Competition.

31 May – Graded Scratch – Neerabup

A perfect day for the 2nd road race of the season – the sun shone, there was a light breeze and some excellent racing for the 114 starters, marred only by falls in 'B' and 'D' grade, though damage to bodies was thankfully minimal.

As usual, 'A' grade saw a great deal of action with Jamie Kirkwood and Patrick Hayburn taking the initiative early in the race to hold a 25sec lead at the end of the 3rd lap, a lead that they held for a couple more. It was then the turn of Rob Hurst and Chris Roberts who were chased down and joined by Chris Singleton and Paul Dobson, and by the end of the 5th lap the quartet had opened up a gap from the peloton of almost a minute. Still riding strongly they were brought back by 15 to 20 seconds per lap and were caught with less than 3 laps to go. At that juncture, Tom Ford saw an opportunity and time trialling strongly he increased a lead of about 10 seconds to just on 35 seconds at the bell. With jockeying behind, that lead had increased to 55secs when he crossed for the last time. There were 14 others who contested the sprint for 2nd place, and this was taken in a strong surge by Doug Stewart who beat Sam Smith and Patrick Hayburn by a bike length. Martin Lowell, and Anthony Collis crossed closely behind.

'B' grade, riding 10 laps of the 7.5km circuit, also saw some valiant attempts, with Michael Buytels in particular being involved. Half-way through the event he and Ray Lawrie opened up a gap of 20 seconds, which they held for two laps. However, when the race came around with three laps to go Michael was accompanied by James Dunphy, though they were being chased down by Michael Johnston and Darin Dunstan who joined the pair just before the start of the bell lap. Their lead of 20seconds was reduced but the quartet still had 15 seconds up their sleeves as they jockeyed for the final sprint. This was taken by race animator, Michael Buytels, just

ahead of James Dumphy, Michael Johnston and Darin Dunstan. The rest of the cash prizes went to 5th placed Elliott Carson, followed closely by Jason Hapeta, Anthony Mateljan, Mark Anastasas and Gavin Wark.

'C' grade saw a strong start by Paul Byrne who held a lead of 15seconds after 2 laps that had increased to 20 seconds by lap three. However, the more than promising start came to an abrupt end when he suffered gear failure and DNF'd. There followed a steady stream of fast moving riders who stayed largely together until the final sprint among a contesting group of 21 riders. The verdict went to a strong-finishing Michael Morton, who crossed just ahead of Steve Ryan, Jarred Finnigan, Jaimie Bell, Simon Ferenc, James Somers and Robin Warrington, all of whom walked away with bulging envelopes!

In 'D' grade's event, a respectable group of 19 riders rode at an equally respectable pace through their 62km. The group shed a few riders and had five DNFs, which illustrates the keen pace of those who drove the bunch. In the final sprint, Rob Barrie finished ahead of the much-fancied John Shattock, followed closely by Kevin Dolman, John Hoye, Jon Dooner Chris Howard and in 7th place Tanya Newby who finished 33 seconds ahead of Richard Stokes and Michelle McGowan.

There were 8 starters in 'E' grade, though only 6 finishers, as Denis Robinson packed after suffering from lack of miles, and Mick Dunne found that he hadn't fully recovered from a leg operation. Moving 2 minutes a lap faster than their last visit to the circuit, it was anyone's race as they came up for the sprint. First place went to oldest man of the day, Derek Mayall, who beat 2nd placed Gerry Allen by a length, with Denis (Doc) Lawrance finishing 3rd, Dana Hedges in 4th, with Rod Babel and Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan behind within striking distance.

'A' Grade 11 laps, 86km

1. Tom Ford; 2. Doug Stewart; 3. Sam Smith;
4. Patrick Hayburn; 5. Martin Lowell;
6. Anthony Collis; 7. Paul Dobson;
8. Jerrard Ghossein; 9. Vaughan Harvey;
10. Lee Parker; 11. Clive de Senneville;
12. Rob Hurst; 13. Ben Smith;
14 Tony Anderson; 15. Ian Lyne;

16. Andrew Kirkham; 17. Roger Knight;
18. Chris Singleton; 19. Craig Pennell;
20. Chris Roberts; 21. Nick Foster;
22. Jamie Kirkwood; 23. Gary Wright.
Time: 2h 07m 49secs; Average 11m 38secs
per lap. 40.3kph.

'B' grade, 10 laps, 78km

1. Michael Buytels; 2. James Dunphy;
3. Michael Johnston; 4. Darin Dunstan;
5. Elliott Carson; 6. Jason Hapeta;
7. Anthony Mateljan; 8. Mark Anastasas;
9. Gavin Wark; 10. James MacWatt;
11. Paul Lamond; 12. Simon Bell;
13. Antony Bourn; 14. Cassia Higgs;
15. Craig Guy; 16. Carie Green;
17. Dave Dyson; 18. Justin Schulz;
19. Mark Welford; 20. Mark Crowther;
21. Pater Hunt; 22. Peter Neuzerling;
23. Ian Skidmore; 24. Chris Peniston;
25. Ray Lawrie; 26. Julian Chipper
27. Paul Borrett; 28. Nathan Dyke;
Time: 2h 01m 57secs; Average 12m 00secs
per lap. 38.4kph.

'C' grade, 9 laps, 70km

1. Michael Morton; 2. Steve Ryan;
3. Jarred Finnigan; 4. Jaimie Bell;
5. Simon Ferenc; 6. James Somers;
7. Robin Warrington; 8. Alan Doak-Smith;
9. Nicholas Sceales; 10. Mark Leaker;
11. Mick Brown; 12. Brian Klopfer;
13. Keith Hickey; 14. Ross Pittorini;
15. Nick Vroomans; 16. Paul van der Wait;
17. Dave Meney; 18. Garry Horsfield;
19. James Toth; 20. Bruce Abbott;
21. Andrew Neagy; 22. Mick Russell;
23. Alex Stollinger; 24. Ray Bergin;
25. Peter Daffen; 26. Luke McElhinney.
Time: 1h 52m 38secs; Average 12m 32secs
per lap. 33.8kph.

'D' grade, 8 laps, 62km

1. Rob Barrie; 2. John Shattock;
3. Kevin Dolman; 4. John Hoye;
5. Jon Dooner; 6. Chris Howard;
7. Tanya Newby; 8. Richard Stokes;
9. Michelle McGowan; 10. Derek Crowther;
11. Andrew Williams; 12. Wayne Gordon;
13. Paul Greeney; 14. Pat Briggs.
Time: 1h 50m 50secs; Average 13m 52secs
per lap. 33.8kph.

'E' grade, 6 laps, 47km

1. Derek Mayall; 2. Gerry Allen;
3. Denis Lawrance; 4. Dana Hedges;
5. Rod Babel; 6. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan.

Time: 1h 31m 47secs; Average 15m 18secs per lap. 30.6kph.

7 June – Graded Scratch – Pickering Brook

138 riders faced the starter on a pleasant morning, and though rain clouds threatened the races were run in dry conditions. The timekeeper was pleased to note that groups kept close to his time schedule apart from 'A' grade where the first riders completed the event over 2 mins ahead of time. The main culprits were winner Sam Smith, and 2nd place-getter Tom Ford, but no penalties were awarded for failing to keep to schedule on this occasion!

As can be gathered from the above, 'A' grade saw a series of attacks that resulted in a group of 8 riders move to a lead before half-way. With 6 laps to go they had accumulated a lead of 50 seconds, a lead that had crept up to 2 minutes with 3 laps to go, and which exceeded 3 minutes at the end of the following lap. At that juncture, a split occurred among the lead bunch that saw Andy Jarvis, Tom Ford and Sam Smith cross for the last lap with an advantage of 15 seconds. At the finish Sam took the sprint convincingly over Tom Ford, while Andy came in almost 25 seconds behind. Tom O'Neill led in the rest of the original breakaway group 1m 27secs behind, and was followed by Jaimie Kirkwood, Paul Prottey, Chris Glasby and Michael Tapscott. Almost 3min and 25secs after the winner, Bernie Swart led in the remaining members of the field. Of particular note, was that Erin Kinnealy finished in 19th place, and was the 2nd woman after Emily Pooley to ride in our 'A' grade ranks. Unluckiest man of the day was Steve Beales who ran over an abandoned bottle - a lesson here, keep your bottles safe in your bottle cages.

'B' grade stayed largely together, though with 5 laps to go Michael Bowles and Dave Sanders had a lead of 20 seconds as they passed the finish line. They kept the lead for a couple of laps before being absorbed into the peleton, leaving the finish to a mass sprint involving 33 of the 44 starters. In a very close

finish, the race was taken by Elliott Carson over Keith Winch, Michael Buytels, Tim James, Peter Morris, Jayson de Senneville, Gavin Wark and Darin Dunstan, all who took home elevated pay packets because of the large number of starters in the grade. Next in line was Wayne Deany who was taking a trial ride.

'C' grade, as usual kept up a steady but decent pace when averaging 35.5kph. Largely keeping together there were no apparent heroics, but of course at the finish only part of the story is revealed. The real action took place on the final lap when Alvin Lim and Michael Bowden finished 4 seconds ahead of 3rd placed John O'Boyle and another 15 riders. Greg Smith took 4th place ahead of Keith Hickey, Michael Morton, Ross Pittorini, with Steve Ryan in 8th place.

'D' grade started with 19 riders, but with some attrition only 16 finishers, with Wayne Gordon and Paul Greeney being the last to finish in leisurely fashion, and their cheerful chatter could be clearly heard over the final 300 metres. The winner of the group sprint was Rob Barrie who repeated his 1st place the previous week at Neerabup. Eleven other riders finished in the same time, with 2nd place going to Bernard Brummage, 3rd to Brian Cotter, 4th to the first female finisher, Kylie Anticisc, 5th to Allan McDonald, while Michelle McGowan was 6th. It was good to see the women hold their own.

The mighty 'E' grade started with 8 riders, though Laurie Muccarione found the hill a bit much in his first ride for some time, while Denis Robinson also found the course too hard going for his level of fitness. Half way through their 6 laps, the winners had emerged with Dennise Knight, Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan taking turns with lone male, Gerry Allen. With a clear lead of over 2 minutes at the bell, bets were whether two females would outfox one male, but the answer was no, as Gerry took a last lunge to cross just ahead of Fiona. Rod Babel had a lonely ride to finish 2m 12secs behind with Anthony Clews at 4 seconds.

'A' Grade 10 laps, 76km

1. Sam Smith; 2. Tom Ford; 3. Andy Jarvis;
4. Tom O'Neill; 5. Jaimie Kirkwood;
6. Paul Prottey; 7. Chris Glasby;
8. Michael Tapscott; 9. Bernie Swart;
10. Andrew Brierley; 11. Doug Stewart;
12. Wayne Thomson; 13. Joel Bertram;
14. Lee Parker; 15. Matthew Swan;
16. Steve Marks; 17. Paul Hearne;
18. Ian Lyne; 19. Erin Kinnealy;
20. Eddie Hollands; 21. Clive de Sennneville;
22. Alistair Patterson; 23. Robert Hurst;
24. Charlie Gargett; 25. Craig Pennell;
26. Martin Depiazzi; 27. Norm Shattock;
28. Nick Foster; 29. Bevan Tarratt;
30. Patrick Hayburn; 31. Gary Wright.
Time: 1h 56m 05secs; Average 11m 35secs per lap. 39.3kph.

'B' grade, 9 laps, 68km

1. Elliott Carson; 2. Keith Winch;
3. Michael Buytels; 4. Tim James;
5. Peter Morris; 6. Jayson de Senneville;
7. Gavin Wark; 8. Darin Dunstan;
9. Wayne Deasny; 10. Paul Borrett;
11. Jarrod Bell; 12. Peter Neuzerling;
13. James Howard; 14. Mark Anastasas;
15. Simon Bell; 16. Paul Zuvela;
17. Richard Barville; 18. Dave Sanders;
19. Andrew Candy; 20. Ben Bartlett;
21. Scott Ayles; 22. Mark Crowther;
23. Ian Turner; 24. Paul Lamond;
25. Anthony Mateljan; 26. Philip Johnston;
27. Ray Lawrie; 28. Kevin McIllduff;
29. Paul Shields; 30. Mark Yancazos;
31. David Smith; 32. John Clark;
33. Ian Skidmore; 34. Michael Boles;
35. Merv Byfield; 36. Warren Potma;
37. Sarah Duffield; 38. Steven Gray.
Time: 1h 57m 17secs; Average 12m 20secs per lap. 36.9kph.

'C' grade, 8 laps, 61km

1. Alvin Lim; 2. Michael Bowden;
3. John O'Boyle; 4. Greg Smith;
5. Keith Hickey; 6. Michael Morton;
7. Ross Pittorini; 8. Steve Ryan;
9. Robin Warrington; 10. Peter Daffen;
11. Duncan Roberts; 12. Anthony Doherty;
13. Nick Vroomans; 14. Nicholas Scales;
15. Paul van der Wait; 16. Clay Yarwood;
17. Brian Klopper; 18. Wes Gorman;
19. Luke McElhinney; 20. Bert Veenendaal;

21. Toby Whincup; 22. Dave Meney;
23. Derek Munro; 24. Chris Young;
25. Alex Stollinger; 26. Liam Donley;
27. Jarred Finnigan; 28. Rob Bryers.
Time: 1h 42m 58secs; Average 12m 55secs per lap. 32.6kph.

'D' grade, 7 laps, 53km

1. Rob Barrie; 2. Bernard Brummage;
3. Brian Cotter; 4. Kylie Anticich;
5. Allan McDonald; 6. Michelle McGowan;
7. Jon Dooner; 8. Tanya Newby;
9. Kevin Dolman; 10. Lorraine MacLennan;
11. Jon Hanson; 12. John Hanson;
13. John Shattock; 14. John Hoye;
15. Wayne Gordon; 16. Paul Greeney.
Time: 1h 37m 57secs; Average 14m 00secs per lap. 32.6kph.

'E' grade, 6 laps, 46km

1. Gerry Allen; 2. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan;
3. Dennise Knight; 4. Rod Babel;
5. Anthony Clews; 6. Kevin Hart.
Time: 1h 32m 07secs; Average 15m 20secs per lap. 29.7kph.

REQUEST FOR PHOTOS

Anne Rossiter who is keeping a photographic record of the Colin Rossiter Memorial races, has asked whether anyone has photos of the sash winners for the 2014 event? If so she would greatly appreciate copies. If need be she is prepared to pay for them and pay postage, or arrange to have them picked up. You might also like to contact or email copies to her at: alrossiter@bigpond.com

WANTED

George Miller, one of our 'A' grade aces who is still recovering from a road accident that damaged his knees two years ago, is quietly thinking of making a return to racing. However, George is still a traditionalist, and like Terry Lack, he has a penchant for steel frames and trustworthy old equipment. He has one problem at the moment and that is that he needs to obtain a **Crank Puller for his Stronglight chain set**. If you can help George, please give him a call at 92-996-717.

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