



Newsletter – November 2015 – February 2016

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RACE PROGRAMME

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All Criterium Races start at 8.00am & Road at 8.30am

21 February – Poyner Racing, Criteriums, Kewdale.

28 February – Age Div Championships 5-year age groups – Smeaton Way, Rockingham

Note – Nominations 7 days in advance

6 March – Euroz – 1st of Ascenda Super Crits – Wangara.

13 March – UCI Selection Races – **no club racing**

20 March – Colin Rossiter Memorial Criteriums – Kewdale.

27 March – Easter Weekend – **no club racing**

3 April – Friedman Lurie Singh & D'Angelo - 2nd of Ascenda Super Crits – Wangara.

25 to 28 March – 2016 South Pacific Veterans Cycling Championships, Maryborough, Victoria.

For details of this Veterans classic see our webpage, pick up a form from our noms desk, or contact Tom Finning at 03-5277-0722, email at: tfinning@ncable.net.au

RACE RESULTS

29 November - Swiss Watch Supa Criteriums, Graded Criteriums, Kewdale.

An excellent turnout of 137 riders on a calm and pleasant morning provided some great racing. Exhibiting the high standard of riding was the reported 34kph by the 12 'E' grade members and the fact that they twice passed 'D' grade towards the end of their race. This tends to confirm their greatly improved performance. It should also be said that the two female members of that graded were leading animators with Rebecca Schulz being particularly prominent at the head of affairs as they lapped the circuit. Illustrating their contribution was that at the finish they filled three of the first four places. Karen Coram riding as a trial rider was 1st across the line but as a non-member was not eligible for a cash prize. First cash prize therefore went to Rebecca Schultz, while Bill Crout came between her and Riana Rose, with Doc Lawrance on her wheel and Andrea Smith taking 6th place.

'D' grade rode at a fast but steady pace, until they noticeably slowed towards the end of their 30minutes and 2 laps, something already referred to when they were passed by 'E' grade on their final laps. Fortunately they controlled themselves from interfering in 'E' grade's finishing lap, which was a relief to the judges. During the event the two Chris's – Chris Coote and Chris Jackson flew the Northern Beaches flag to good affect by attacking, though their moves

were negated by the attentive bunch. In a fast finish Richard Stokes sprinted strongly to hold off a flying John Shattock, while Doug MacDonald who brought tears to the eyes of spectators as he dangled off the back of the peleton for lap after lap, made a miraculous recovery to finish 3rd overall. Rob Pietersen finished 4th, Chris Jackson 5th and John Hoye once more made the first half-a-dozen.

The 30 riders in 'C' grade also set a smart pace, and while there were no successful breakaways there were a few attempts towards the business end of the event, with Omar De Pellegrin, and Peter Hunt being particularly active. However, it all came down the final sprint, which was taken out by Duncan Rogers who beat Rob Collings and Ian McFall in a close sprint for the line. Jamie Cartwright, Ian Lee, John Liso, Andrew Yeates and Ian Cope took out the rest of the cash prizes that on the day had been swollen through the kind sponsorship of Swiss Watch Box.

'B' grade saw a number of serious looking attacks with Jon Van Vliet starring half way through the race with a gap of 10 seconds, followed a lap later with another attack by Paul Byrne, and a promising break by Chris Peniston and Pedro Turibaka at the 28-minute to 33 minute point in the race. However, they required a bit more firepower and had a couple more joined them they might have stood a chance. Paul Shields made an optimistic attack on the bell lap but the peleton was too aware to give him any leeway and soon absorbed him into the bunch. Gavin Wark took a clear victory of a few lengths, that saw calls for 'promotion' from his colleagues, and he was followed across the line by Mike Andrew, Darrren McIvor Darin Dunstan, Mark Anastasas, Justin Schultz, Michael Buytels and the rest of the closely-packed field.

For the first time in a long run of 'A' grade races, the predicted early break and team tactics to hold back any breaks from the bunch failed to appear, though there were some valiant attempts to set up fighting groups. As usual, there were lots of attacks, with Doug Stewart showing the pattern of things to come when he blasted to a 350metre lead on the 1st lap. Tom Ford then tried the same tactic while Carlos De Oliveira

and Matt Korten shot to a 2-lap break after 12 minutes of riding. Thereafter a number of combines attacked, were absorbed, and were followed by more combines, until a group involving Luke Pledger, Norm Shattock, Sam Smith, Tom Ford and Eddie Hollands took the initiative after 40 minutes by opening up a gap of 200metres. With a trio of riders, including Ian Lyne and Merv Byfield in no-man's land, and the bunch chasing hard, the last couple of laps saw the gap come down, but not by enough to endanger the leading group who crossed 7 seconds ahead of the peleton. Norm Shattock was on fine form and took a 3-length win over Luke Pledger, Tom Ford. Sam Smith and Eddie Hollands. Leading in the bunch to take 6th place was Scott Sanders, with Jon Gregg, Brett Stapelton, Joel Bertram and the rest of the bunch of 40 riders filling the width of the road behind

'A' Grade 45mins, plus 2 laps

1. Norm Shattock; 2. Luke Pledger;
3. Tom Ford; 4. Sam Smith;
5. Eddie Hollands; 6. Scott Sanders;
7. Jon Gregg; 8. Brett Stapelton;
9. Joel Bertram; 10. Andrew Brierley;
11. Charlie Gargett; 12. Bernie Swart;
13. Gary Wright; 14. Ian Lyne;
15. Doug Stewart; 16. Phillip Reimann;
17. Simon Bell; 18. Carlos De Oliveira;
19. Steve Beales; 20. Wayne Thomson;
21. Jeff Brookes; 22. Paul Prottey;
23. Matt Swan; 24. Richard Cook;
25. Elliott Carson; 26. Matt Korten;
27. Robert Van der Walt; 28. Luke Barbetti;
29. Scott Tulk; 30. Warren Potma;
31. Lee Parker; 32. Andrew Kirkham;
33. Nick Foster; 34. Chris Glasby;
35. Merv Byfield; 36. Matt Tognini;
37. Magnus Rudisele; 38. Kevin McIlduff;
39. Greg Bayley; 40. Adam Fielding;
41. Martin Depiazzi.

'B' Grade 40mins, plus 2 laps

1. Gavin Wark; 2. Mike Andrew;
3. Darren McIvor; 4. Darin Dunstan;
5. Mark Anastasas; 6. Justin Schultz;
7. Michael Buytels; 8. Jamie Bell;
9. Simon Duncalf; 10. Matheos Venetis;
11. Ben O'Brien; 12. Paul Byrne;
13. Bruce McLennan; 14. Keith Winch;

15. Ben Logan; 16. Bryan Saunders;
17. Jeff Gleadow; 18. Jarrod Bell;
19. Sarah Duffield; 20. Scott Ayles;
21. Paul Shields; 22. Pedro Turibaka;
23. Terry Mayor; 24. Melissa Robinson;
25. Garry Horsfield; 26. Chris Pensiston;
27. Paul Lamond.

'C' Grade 35mins, plus 2 laps

1. Duncan Rogers; 2. Robert Collings;
3. Ian McFall; 4. James Cartwright;
5. Ian Lee; 6. John Liso; 7. Andrew Yeates;
8. Ian Cope; 9. Jarred Finnigan;
10. Warren Land; 11. Darren Lee;
12. Peter Hunt; 13. Chris Graham;
14. John Hanson; 15. Omar De Pellegrin;
16. Darren Coram; 17. Luke McElhinney;
18. Troy Wainwright; 19. Michael Watson;
20. John Sinnamon; 21. Jonathan West;
22. Daniel O'Donoghue;
23. Mark Cummings; 24. Mark Castle;
25. Jon Hanson; 26. Craig Guy;
27. Rod Atkinson; 28. Neil Webster;
29. Cameron Hill; 30. Greg Smith. .

'D' Grade 30mins, plus 2 laps

1. Richard Stokes 2. John Shattock;
3. Doug Macdonald; 4. Robert Pietersen;
5. Chris Jackson; 6. John Hoye;
7. Craig McDonald; 8. Paul Greeney;
9. Bob Stephens; 10. Bill Stibbs;
11. Pantelis Karagoglou; 12. Fiona Vescoli-
Finnigan; 13. Allan McDonald;
14. Chris Coote; 15. Damien Fraser;
16. Anthony Clews; 17. Brian Buck;
18. Russell Kingham; 19. Jon Dooner;
20. Pat Briggs; 21. Helen Peniston;
22. Chris Howard; 23. Wayne Gordon;
24. John Fitzgerald; 25. Matt Cruikshank.

'E' Grade – 25mins, plus 2 laps

1. Karen Coram; 2. Rebecca Schulz;
3. Bill Crout; 4. Riana Rose;
5. Denis Lawrance; 6. Andrea Smith;
7. Derek Mayall; 8. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
9. Dana Toppchian; 10. Laurie Mucciarone;
11. Jon Kelly; 12. Denis Robinson.

6 December – Driphouse Ascenda Super
Graded Criteriums, Wangara.

A day more like winter than summer, though
91 riders answered the call. All faced rain

except for the lucky 17 riders in 'A' grade
who fortunately met with dry roads.

First off the rank was 'E' grade where Riana
Rose outrode her six compatriots when she
broke away to a 40metre lead after 3 laps.
Riding strongly she increased her lead lap-by-
lap until at the bell she had a comfortable 31
seconds lead. In the sprint for 2nd place, Jon
Kelly crossed the line some two lengths
ahead of Rebecca Schultz, with Bill Crout
taking 4th place.

Paul Greeney and Russell Kingham
were in aggressive mood throughout 'D'
grade's race. Breaking away on the 3rd lap
they rode strongly, at one time taking a lead
of 19seconds over the chasing bunch. There
were a few attempts to bridge the gap, with
Jon Dooner in particular making a few
valiant efforts. However, with 4 laps to go
Chris Jackson made an effort from the
peleton to bridge the gap, something he
succeeded in doing by the time he hit the bell
lap. Not content with that, and despite his
previous effort he still had more in the tank
that his two companions and finished clear of
Paul Greeney and Russll Kingham, all
finishing well clear of the bunch. Fourth over
the line was John Hoye, just ahead of
Christopher Coote, Jon Dooner, Doug
Macdonald and the rest of the chasing bunch.

'C' grade were also in fine fettle and
after the 7-minute mark Duncan Rogers and
Peter Hunt held a slight lead that lasted until
half-way through the race when everything
was brought under control. Kylie Anticich
stirred up the bunch with an attack at the 20-
minute mark, but that was soon nullified,
leaving the finish open for the sprinters in the
bunch. Jarred Finnigan proved strongest but
only by half-a-length over Duncan Rogers,
with Omar De Pellegrin leading in the rest of
the 20 strong bunch. Missing from the bunch
was Brandon Wraith who suffered a puncture
with a few laps to go.

Perhaps stirred on by the reminder
from the referee that the previous week had
seen them ride at the same average speed as
'C' grade, the 'B' grade race was run off at a
fast pace. Michael Buytels and Barry Wilson
escaped the leash at the 20-minute mark, but

only lasted one lap out front when their place was taken by Ben Logan. Ben lasted as a lone rider for 2 laps before he was joined by Philip Johnston for a lap or so before being brought back by the bunch. Things calmed down for a couple of laps but with 34 minutes gone, trial rider Nathan Schmiedte took off on his own. Barry Wilson made a good attempt to bridge the 15 seconds gap but Nathan proved too strong. With three laps to go he was joined by Philip Johnston but the effort might have taken too much out of Philip, as Nathan took a what looked like an easy victory, thus probably condemning himself to a promotion to 'A' grade should he decide to join the club as a registered member. The fight for 3rd place went to Darin Dunstan, with Chris Brown finishing on his wheel and Justin Schulz finishing a close 5th.

'A' grade had a relatively small field of 17 riders and with a hard wind against on the finishing leg, the chances of a small break succeeding, was high. When Luke Pledger, Ian Gregory and Jon Gregg went on a rampage on the 3rd lap, and when there was hesitation in the bunch, then the chances of the trio being caught looked slim, especially as they lapped for circuit after circuit with times of 1min 57 to 2.00mins a lap. Wayne Thompson tried hard at one stage to bridge the gap on his own, but at the pace of the leading trio this proved an almost impossible task, and although fighting hard he was forced to re-join the chasing bunch. The same was later true of an attempt by Ian Lyne and Norm Shattock to close down the lead. The longer the race went on, the greater the gap and the larger the splits in the bunch. Not long before the finish, the trio lapped the fields, something which caused a bit of confusion on the line, but all was ironed out. Luke Pledger proved the strongest on the day and he successfully put some distance into his two compatriots, Jon Gregg who finished 2nd and Ian Gregory who was 3rd. In a four up sprint for fourth place, Wayne Thomson triumphed, with 5th going to Greg Jones, 6th to Norm Shattock and 7th to Chris Glasby.

'A' Grade 45mins, plus 2 laps

1. Luke Pledger;
2. Jon Gregg
3. Ian Gregory;
4. Wayne Thomson;
5. Gary Jones;
6. Norm Shattock;

7. Chris Glasby;
8. Doug Stewart;
9. Ian Lyne;
10. Scott Sanders.

'B' Grade 40mins, plus 2 laps

1. Nathan Schmiedte;
2. Gavin Wark
3. Darin Dunstan;
4. Chris Brown;
5. Justin Schultz;
6. Mike Andrew;
7. Mark Anastasas;
8. Keith Winch;
9. Michael Buytels;
10. Barry Wilson;
11. Gary Horsfield;
12. Ben Logan;
13. Greg Roworth;
14. Ken Fraser;
15. Brian Saunders;
16. Tim James;
17. Jaimie Bell;
18. Lee Jordan;
19. John O'Boyle;
20. Melissa Robinson;
21. Paul Borrett;
22. David Cocciolone;
23. Bruce McLennan;
24. Steve Ryan;
25. Philip Johnston.

'C' Grade 35mins, plus 2 laps

1. Jarred Finnigan;
2. Duncan Rogers;
3. Omar De Pellegrin;
4. James Cartwright;
5. Ian McFall;
6. John Liso;
7. John Hanson;
8. Peter Hunt;
9. Richard Barville;
10. Robert Warrington;
11. Nick Vroomans;
12. Derek Munro;
13. Bruce abbott;
14. Kylie Anticich;
15. Rod Atkinson;
16. Juliana Austin-Olsen;
17. Mark Cummings.
18. Ian Lee.;

'D' Grade 30mins, plus 2 laps

1. Chris Jackson
2. Russell Kingham;
3. Paul Greeney;
4. John Hoye;
5. Christopher Coote;
6. Jon Dooner;
7. Doug Macdonald;
8. Richard Stokes;
9. John Shattock;
10. Chris Howard;
11. Tarni Riggs;
12. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan;
13. Bill Stibbs;
14. Bob Stephens;
15. Allan McDonald;
16. Wayne Gordon;
17. Matt Cruikshank;
18. Anthony Clews.

'E' Grade – 25mins, plus 2 laps

1. Riana Rose;
2. Jon Kelly;
3. Rebecca Schultz;
4. Bill Crout;
5. Mick Dunne;
6. Derek Myall;
7. Denis Robinson.

13 December, Graded Road Races – Herne Hill.

Some excellent racing by the 113 riders but the day will be remembered for an unprecedented decision by the referees to disqualify all riders in 'B' grade at the finish of their race. Despite being warned at the start about crossing double white lines, and

also being told that there was a representative of the police present at the event, riders in the 34-strong group were seen to ignore the instruction when on Campersic Road. The decision to disqualify wasn't taken lightly and hopefully a lesson will be learned. If not, the conclusion will probably be that we will lose courses that are already difficult to acquire. Let's see more common sense – our races don't get the same benefit of closed roads as in the Tour de France, and some of our riders need to take a reality check!!

It was no surprise to find that the most to report occurred in 'A' grade where there was a four-man break from early in the race. The breakaway group of Wayne Thomson, Ian Gregory, Carlos De Oliveira and Ian Lyne had a 35 seconds lead at the end of lap two. This came down to 15secs at one time but then increased again, as the break either put its collective head down, or there were holding tactics in the peleton, for with 2 laps to go the gap was about 50seconds. This was halved as they entered the bell lap but they had enough time to jockey for positions down the final straight, where Wayne Thomson took and held a long sprint to finish clear of Ian Gregory, Carlos De Oliveira and Ian Lyne. In the chasing group, Sam Smith also took a long one to win the sprint by a clear margin from Doug Stewart, Jaimie Kirkwood, Mark Hoyer and Merv Byfield.

Vale 'B' grade, but the 29 riders in 'C' kept closely together for their five laps. For the second time in two weeks Jarred Finnigan sprinted strongly to finish a length or so ahead of John Liso, Ian McFall Greg Smith, John Hanson and 6th placed Mick Russell. Does this spell promotion to 'B' grade for Jarred? Time will tell.

A similar story could be told for 'D' grade which lapped between 26m 30secs to 27m 10secs per lap. Again, a closely bunched finish, with the victor being John Shattock from John Hoyer with 3rd placed Robert Pietersen, Bill Stibbs, Chris Jackson, Fiona Vescoli Finnigan and a closely packed bunch on their heels.

The ten riders in 'E' grade rode almost a minute faster than they did on the previous event on the Herne Hill circuit, but with no breakaways in the peleton it came

down to a final battle between the grade's sprinters. It was no surprise to see Bill Crout ride in for a clear win, with Doc Lawrence a few lengths behind, followed by Mick Dunne in 3rd place. Andrea Smith was 4th, closely followed by Leon Nieuwenhuizen and Rebecca Schultz.

'A' Grade 66km, 7 laps

1. Wayne Thomson; **2.** Ian Gregory; **3.** Carlos de Oliveira **4.** Ian Lyne; **5.** Sam Smith; **6.** Doug Stewart; **7.** Jaimie Kirkwood; **8.** Mark Hoyer; **9.** Merv Byfield; **10.** Robert Hurst; **11.** Martin Lowell; **12.** Simon Bell; **13.** Sarah Duffield; **14.** James Dunphy; **15.** Gary Wright; **16.** Joel Bertram.
Time 1h 37m 26s = 13m 55s per lap.

'B' Grade 57kms, 6laps

Group Disqualified.

'C' Grade 48km, 5 laps

1. Jarred Finnigan; **2.** John Liso; **3.** Ian McFall; **4.** Gregory Smith; **5.** John Hanson; **6.** Mick Russell; **7.** Peter Hunt; **8.** Liam Donley; **9.** Ross Pittorini; **10.** Ray Bergin; **11.** Margot Biggs **12.** Troy Wainwright; **13.** Richard Barville; **14.** Mick Brown; **15.** Omar De Pellegrin; **16.** John-Paul Dickson; **17.** Kevin Taylor; **18.** Eddy Pope; **19.** Elliott Crain; **20.** Juliana Austin-Olsen; **21.** Andrew Rothon; **22.** Andrew Yeates; **23.** Jon Hanson; **24.** Gregg Mumme; **25.** Malcolm McWatt; **26.** Rod Atkinson; **27.** Mark Cummings; **28.** Neil Webster; **29.** Mark Williamson.
Time 1h 15m 39s = 15m 08s per lap.

'D' Grade 48km, 5 laps

1. John Shattock **2.** John Hoyer **3.** Robert Pietersen; **4.** Bill Stibbs; **5.** Chris Jackson; **6.** Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan; **7.** Dana Hedges; **8.** John Fitzgerald; **9.** Bob Stephens; **10.** Allan McDonald; **11.** Paul Greeney; **12.** Helen Cripps; **13.** David Walker; **14.** Pantelis Karagoglou; **15.** Doug Macdonald; **16.** Tertius Jansen Van Vuuren; **17.** Wayne Gordon; **18.** Anthony Clews.
Time 1h 23m 34s = 16m 45s per lap.

'E' Grade – 29km, 23laps

1. Bill Crout; 2. Denis Lawrance;
3. Mick Dunne; 4. Andrea Smith;
5. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 6. Rebecca Schultz;
7. Karen Coram; 8. Kevin Hart;
9. Derek Mayall; 10. Denis Robinson.
Time 55m 34s = 18m 30s per lap.

20 December–*Graded Criteriums, Smeaton Way, Rockingham*

92 riders were attracted to Smeaton Way where conditions for the earlier grades were more like June than December. A blasting wind and an unseasonable cool chill were enough to see spectators donning long sleeved jumpers, though by the time 'A' and 'B' grades started temperatures had risen to bring relief, though a strong wind saw riders scream down the finishing straight.

'E' grade with 9 riders, including 3 females, rode at a fair but steady pace past the judges, though as expected it was the sprinters who again benefited in the final dash to the line. Gerry Allen back again from his frequent trips overseas took the honours by a couple of lengths from Kevin Hart, Doc Lawrance and Leon Nieuwehuizen. Andrea Smith was 4th and first female, a place ahead of new rider Dana Topchian and 7th placed Riana Rose. Denis Robinson was dropped early in the race but gained ground on the final couple of laps when completing the race and his training for the week!

'D' grade was dominated by two riders, Brian Buck and Chris Jackson who broke away together on lap one. Steadily distancing their colleagues they rode strongly to extend their lead to 37 seconds by the end of the 6th circuit and by the bell they had an unassailable 52 seconds lead. There was a concerted effort behind, but much too late to make a dent on the two leaders. In the sprint Chris Jackson proved too strong for Brian Buck to beat him over the line by 4 or 5 lengths, while Doug Macdonald easily took out the bunch sprint for 3rd place. He was followed at a few lengths by John Shattock, Richard Stokes, Paul Greeney and the rest of the bunch.

'C' grade saw an early attack by Robert Collings, though that was soon brought to heel when riders such as in-form Omar de Pellegrin and Jarred Finnigan forced the pace, but the deciding move came

on the final lap when Peter Hunt and Ian McFall opened up a gap during the last half of the circuit. Peter had a clear win over Ian but unfortunately he was reported as having ridden on the wrong side of cones laid out on the penultimate corner and was disqualified. His misfortune was the good fortune of those who followed and who moved up a place on the result sheet. Ian McFall was followed over the line by Greg Smith, Robert Collings, Alvin Lim, Duncan Rogers and John Liso.

'B' grade saw much early jockeying as various riders attempted to set up breaks. Prominent in this respect were Brett Clapham, Greg Roworth, and Matt Veleff but the defining move occurred at about the 30-minute mark when Mike Andrew and Paul Byrne rode together for two laps maintaining a small gap of 10 seconds. However, at the 36-minute mark, Mike Andrew was on his own with a lead of 14 seconds, and executing the ride of the day he kept the peleton at bay to enter the bell lap with a lead of 20 seconds.

Back in the bunch, Greg Roworth sprinted to a clear lead when taking 2nd place overall, followed closely by Gavin Wark, Scott Ayles, Justin Schultz and 6th placed Ken Fraser.

After the change of tactics the previous week, the 'A' grade event went back to its usual pattern of an early break, an extending lead and consolidation, with those left behind fighting for the minor places. A group of 5 was whittled down to 4 riders who held a lead of 14 seconds after 14 minutes of riding. With Luke Pledger, Matt Upton, John Gregg and Martin Depiazzi firing at the front, all attempts to bring them back proved fruitless and this was even true after Martin dropped off the back of the break after 20 minutes of riding. The remaining trio then drew away adding a couple of seconds each lap until they held 29-seconds lead as they passed the start line with 3 laps to go. The trio saw their lead drop by a few seconds over the final three laps, but that was more to do with their jockeying than from gains from behind. In a long sprint, Luke Pledger sprang away from his two adversaries for a four or five length beating of John Gregg, though the latter was gaining on Luke as they drew near to the line. Matt Upton free wheeled to the

finish to take third place and Adam Fielding led in a crocodile of finishers, Gary Wright next, followed by Martin Depiazzi, Charlie Gargett, Ian Grgory, Andrew Simpson and six others all finishing some 12seconds after the winner.

'A' Grade - 45 mins plus 2 laps

1. Luke Pledger; **2.** Jon Gregg;
3. Matthew Upton; **4.** Adam Feilding;
5. Gary Wright; **6.** Martin Depiazzi;
7. Charlie Gargett; **8.** Ian Gregory;
9. Andrew Simpson; **10.** Merv Byfield;
11. Troy Fitzgerald; **12.** Richard Cook;
13. Chris Gaskell; **14.** Greg Bayley;
15. Martin Lowell; **16.** Doug Stewart;
17. Kevin McIllduff; **18.** Cassia Higgs;
19. Roger Knight.

'B' Grade 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Mike Andrew; **2.** Greg Roworth;
3. Gavin Wark; **4.** Scott Ayles;
5. Ken Fraser; **6.** Justin Schultz;
7. Brett Clapham; **8.** Tim Mollison;
9. Garry Horsfield; **10.** Paul Byrne;
11. Steve Ryan; **12.** Matt Veleff;
13. Anthony Mateljan;
14. David Cocciolone; **15.** Ian Skidmore;
16. Bruce McLennan; **17.** Mark Anastasas;
18. Paul Borrett; **19.** John O'Boyle.

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Ian McFall; **2.** Greg Smith;
3. Robert Collings; **4.** Alvin Lim;
5. Duncan Rogers; **6.** John Liso;
7. Jarrad Finnigan; **8.** Richard Barville;
9. Julian Bleddyn; **10.** John Hanson;
11. Mark Castle **12.** Omar De Pellegrin;
13. Andrew Yeates; **14.** Ian Cope;
15. Steve Rouse; **16.** Mick Russell;
17. Daniel O'Donoghue; **18.** Kylie Anticich;
19. Lee Barber; **20.** Michael Watson;
21. Darren Lee; **22.** Kristan Hoops;
23. Peter Hunt.

'D' Grade 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Chris Jackson **2.** Brian Buck
3. Doug Macdonald; **4.** John Shattock;
5. Richard Stokes; **6.** Paul Greeney;
7. Chris Howard; **8.** Nicholas Wachter;
9. Nick Cowie; **10.** Bob Stephens;
11. Marthinus Kemp; **12.** Fiona Vescoli-
Finnigan; **13.** Pantelis Karagoglou;
14. Rebecca Schultz; **15.** Bill Stibbs;
16. Jon Kelly; **17.** Wayne Gordon;

18. Anthony Clews.

'E' Grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Gerry Allen; **2.** Kevin Hart;
3. Denis Lawrance; **4.** Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
5. Andrea Smith; **6.** Dana Topchian;
7. Riana Rose; **8.** Denis Robinson.

3 January – Graded Criteriums, Wangara

A great start to 2016 with 117 nominations on the board and some excellent racing. The earlier races were held in warm conditions but 'A' grade (as the last group of the day) found temperatures in the mid 30s which possibly explains the 7 recorded DNFs out of the 29 starters. This was an event that promised to see a continuation of the early-break pattern where a small group moved away to hold a lead to the finish. The early attacks certainly took place but the finish proved much closer than expected. Sam Smith and Chris Glasby opened up the action on the 3rd lap and were joined by another 3 riders on the following lap. Joined at the 14-minute mark by another 4 riders the nine pulled away to a lead of almost half-a-minute after 20 minutes of riding, and all looked as if it was a *fait accompli* as the chasing peleton began to split. With the lead going up to 45seconds after 30 minutes of riding the sages at the start line were predicting a runaway win for the group but when Ian Gregory and Thomas Perry attacked their compatriots the steam appeared to come out of the leaders and combined with a late resurgence behind the lead came down quickly with most of the break being absorbed with 3 laps to go, leaving only two with a 10second lead at the bell. At the finish Luke Pledger held onto his lead to win by 4 seconds from Tom Ford who was accompanied by Scott Sanders, Thomas Perry, Sam Smith, Matt Upton, Gary Wright, Doug Stewart and Jeff Brooks, with Chris Glasby a further 7seconds behind. The 'hot' pace was verified by the lap times, which for most of the race averaged a few seconds under 2minutes a lap.

With 37 starters, 'B' grade had the largest group of the day. There were moving scenarios as one small break was replaced by another. First off the mark were Scott Ayles, Matt Velloff and Tim Mollison on lap one, at

the 13-minute mark Keith Winch, Paul Byrne, Pedro Turibaka and trial rider Toby Brown were at the head of affairs for two laps before being absorbed. Phil Johnston, Paul Shields and Jason Hapeta then took over and remained ahead of affairs for three laps. Paul Lamond and Melissa Robinson gave it a go with 5 minutes and 2 laps to go but lasted only a lap off the front before Philip Johnston tried a solo attack. Paul Borrett made a strong effort when Paul was caught with 3 laps to go and was joined by Scott Ayles as the 2 laps to go sign was shown. However, on the final lap all came together again leaving the conclusion to the sprinters. Greg Roworth was first over the line closely followed by 26 other riders. Gavin Wark was a length or so behind, Mark Welford was 3rd with the remaining cash places going to Tim James, Mark Anastasas, Mike Andrew and Darren Hawley. Trial rider Jason Keily actually crossed in 5th place but was ineligible for a prize.

'C' grade also saw an interesting race that started with a break by Greg Smith on lap 1. He was chased by Omar de Pellegrin and they stayed together until the 3rd lap when the bunch closed in on them. Omar was not satisfied to sit-in and at the end of 22 minutes he made a solo effort that lasted for 2 laps before he was replaced at the front by Wayne Reeve who rode strongly to increase his lead to 20 seconds just before 30 minutes had been completed. Probably spelling doom for a continued stay in 'C' grade, Wayne rode at a consistent pace to hold his lead which was 25 seconds at the bell and 16 seconds as he crossed the line in 1st place. In a hard-fought sprint, 2nd place went to Duncan Rogers, 3rd to Gary Suckling. Ian McFall finished 4th, followed by John Liso, Mick Russell and Nick Vroomans, with the rest of the bunch breathing down their necks.

'D' grade saw a couple of riders force the pace at the front of the race for a number of laps, prominent among these was Fiona Vescolli-Finnigan and Nick Cowie, but overall the bunch stayed closely packed, though there was some stretching of the line as they came up the incline past the start. Recently returned Rob Pietersen proved strongest in the sprint with a clear lead over Nick Cowie, Margaret Gollagher, Doug

Macdonald, Nick Wachter and John Shattock.

With only three starters there is little to say about 'E' grade, especially as the trio stayed together for the duration of their race. At the finish it looked as if Mick Dunne (still recuperating from a leg operation) was going to lead his compatriots over the line, but he died with 20 metres to go, leaving the line clear for Bill Crout to take victory, Denis Robinson finished a few lengths down for his best performance in quite a while.

'A' Grade - 45 mins plus 2 laps

1. Luke Pledger; 2. Tom Ford;
3. Scott Sanders; 4. Tom Perry;
5. Sam Smith; 6. Matt Upton;
7. Gary Wright; 8. Doug Stewart;
9. Brett Stapelton; 10. Jeff Brooks;
11. Chis Glasby; 12. Ian Gregory;
13. Carlos De Oliveira; 14. Ben Godridge;
15. Norm Shattock; 16. Jon Gregg;
17. Ian Lyne; 18. Andrew McClurg;
19. Adam Feilding; 20. Wayne Keyser;
21. Liz Leyden; 22. Paul Doibson.

'B' Grade 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Greg Roworth; 2. Gavin Wark;
3. Mark Welford; 4. Tim James;
5. Jason Kiely 6. Mark Anastasas;
7. Mike Andrew; 8. Darren Hawley;
9. John O'Boyle; 10. Neil Thorpe;
11. Stephen Milford; 12. Michael Brammer;
13. Pedro Turibaka; 14. Paul Byrne;
15. Craig Huxtable; 16. Tim Mollison;
17. Lee Jordan; 18. Peter Wilshaw;
19. Keith Winch; 20. Steve Ryan;
21. Matt Veleff; 22. Paul Shields;
23. Patrick Quinlan; 24. Brad Dermody;
25. Marty Van Moorsel;
26. David Coccione; 27. Gary Horsfield;
28. Toby Brown; 29. Brett Clapham;
30. Paul Lamond; 31. Melissa Robinson;
32. Philip Johnston; 33. Scott Ayles;
34. Chris Peniston; 35. Paul Borrett;
36. Jason Hapeta.

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Wayne Reeve; 2. Duncan Rogers;
3. Gary Suckling; 4. Ian McFall;
5. John Liso; 6. Mick Russell;
7. Nick Vroomans; 8. Richard Barville;
9. John-Paul Dickson; 10. Ian Lee;
11. Chris Jackson; 12. Maurice Berger;

13. Mark Castle; 14. Jarred Finnigan;
15. Greg Smith; 16. Andrew Yeates;
17. Derek Munro; 18. David Self;
19. Rod Atkinson; 20. Kylie Anticich;
21. Julian Austin-Olsen;
22. Robin Warrington; 23. Peter Hunt;
24. Mark Leaker; 25. Daniel O'Donoghue;
26. Reg Edwards.

'D' Grade 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Robert Pietersen 2. Nick Cowie;
3. Margaret Gollagher; 4. Doug Macdonald;
5. Nicholas Wachter; 6. John Shattock;
7. Chris Howard; 8. Tracy Suckling;
9. Matt Cruickshank; 10. Allan McDonald;
11. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigna;
12. Lynne Wolfe; 13. Graham Blyth;
14. Paul Greeney; 15. Bill Stibbs;
16. John Fitzgerald; 17. Wayne Gordon;
18. David Self; 19. Anthony Clews.

'E' Grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Bill Crout; 2. Mick Dunne;
3. Denis Robinson.

10 January – Road Races – Mt Helena.

After the heat of the preceding week it was a great relief for the 100 participants to face cool conditions. All went well, though one irate driver complained of riders crossing double white lines, and had a camera to prove it. This occurred despite the warnings by our referee before the beginning of the races. A need therefore to abide strictly by the road rules lest we find ourselves searching for new circuits.

D & E grades rode as a combined group for one lap of the Mt Helena circuit, though 'E' was scheduled for only one lap while 'D' grade rode two. Mick Dunne was the successful finisher on the former division while compatriot Denis Robinson again took a podium position in 2nd place.

'D' grade witnessed Nicholas Wachter and Marthinus Kemp with a 15second lead at the end of the 1st lap, with the race splitting at that stage into three distinct groups. However, there was a regrouping on the 2nd and final lap, though Nicholas and Marthinus still had enough in the tank to take 1st and 2nd places respectively. Chris Howard held the flag for the Northern Beaches team when winning the

group sprint, with Margaret Gollagher and Robert Pietersen a length or so behind.

The 27 riders in 'C' grade stayed largely together for two of their three laps, but the third and final lap took its toll. The five female riders in the group more than held their own and it was good to see them feature in the cash placings. The sprint saw a strong effort by Julian Bleddyn who outdistance 2nd placed John Liso and 3rd placed Elliott Crain by a couple of lengths. Nick Vroomans was next, followed closely by Peter Neuzerling, Gary Suckling and Richard Barville, with the rest of the bunch breathing down their necks.

After a relatively steady 1st lap, Michael Bonner, Scott Ayles and Tim Mollison made a successful attack in 'B' grade to cross the line with a 15seconds lead at the bell. However, they were swamped on the final lap, and a mass finish ensued in which the victor was Mark Welford who finished just ahead of Justin Schultz, Jason Kiely, Patrick Quinlan, Craig Brown, Chris Brown and a host of others.

The 20 riders in 'A' grade didn't stand around, with a group of 4 riders recording a 1st lap of 28m 40seconds. On the 2nd of the 3 laps Jamie Kirkwood, Sam Smith and Bevan Tarrat were in command, with the bunch at 35 seconds and a small chasing group between them and the peleton. On the final lap Sam Smith and Jon Gregg got away and in the sprint Jon proved stronger than Sam, to wrap up the win by a couple of lengths. Bevan Tarratt finished about half-a-minute down accompanied by Jaimie Kirkwood, while Gary Wright came in at 43seconds with others including 6th placed Doug Stewart another 3 seconds behind. In his wake others dribbled in at intervals of a few seconds.

A' Grade – 60km – 3 laps

1. Jon Gregg; 2. Sam Smith;
3. Bevan Tarratt; 4. Jaimie Kirkwood;
5. Gary Wright; 6. Doug Stewart;
7. Chris Roberts; 8. Robert Hurst;
9. Wayne Thomson; 10. Mark Hoyer;
11. Jeremiah Peiffer; 12. Ian Gregory;
13. Adam Fielding; 14. Andrew McClurg;
15. Chris Glasby; 16. Ciaran O'Kane;
17. Paul Mackay; 18. Ian Lyne;

19. Craig Pennell; 20. Charlie Gargett
Lap Average – 29m 0secs.

'B' Grade – 60km – 3 laps

1. Mark Welford; 2. Justin Schultz;
3. Jason Kiely; 4. Patrick Quinlan;
5. Craig Huxtable 6. Chris Brown;
7. Peter Wilshaw; 8. Matt Spencer;
9. Simon Duncalf; 10. Michael Brammer;
11. Stephen Milford; 12. Andrew Candy;
13. Brad Dermody; 14. Peter Lundberg;
15. Wal Crowley; 16. Matt Davis;
17. Mike Andrew; 18. James Flynn;
19. David McFerran; 20. Tim Mollison;
21. Gavin Wark; 22. Ben O'Brien;
23. Gary Horsfield; 24. Michael Bonner;
25. John Healy; 26. Paul Lamond;
27. Scott Ayles; 28. Neil Thorpe;
29. Steve Ryan; 30. Craig Guy;
31. Matheos Venetis; 32. Leo Gott-Cumbers;
33. Troy Wainwright; 34. Brett Clapham;
35. Bruce Rollerson.

Lap Average – 31m 09secs.

'C' Grade – 60km – 3 laps

1. Julian Bleyddyn; 2. John Liso;
3. Elliott Crain; 4. Peter Neuzerling;
5. Gary Suckling; 6. Richard Barville;
7. Kylie Anticish; 8. Brian Cotter;
9. Ian McFall; 10. Nick Vroomans;
11. Lorna Henson; 12. Margot Biggs;
13. Matt Pittorini; 14. Annie Bramley;
15. Liam Donley; 16. Jaimie Cartwright;
17. Jarred Finnigan; 18. Robin Warrington;
19. Wessel Victor; 20. Emma Molloy;
21. Richard Holroyd; 22. Mark Williamson;
23. Greg Smith; 24. Mick Brown;
25. Mark Cummings; 26. Ian Lee.

Lap Average – 33m 40secs

'D' Grade – 40km – 2 laps

1. Nicholas Wachter 2. Marthinus Kemp;
3. Chris Howard; 4. Margaret Gollagher;
5. Robert Pietersen; 6. Fiona Vescoli-
Finnigan; 7. Graham Blyth;
8. Allan McDonald; 9. Tracy Suckling;
10. John Shattock; 11. Paul Greeney;
12. Derek Crowther 13. Doug Macdonald;
14. Sam Bolton; 15. Pat Briggs;
16. Dave Walker.

Lap Average – 35m 30secs.

'E' Grade – 20km – 1 lap

1. Mick Dunne; 2. Denis Robinson.

Lap Average – 41m 48ses.

17 January – Wayne Thomson Wood
Flooring, Graded Criteriums, Kewdale.

Down a few in numbers in 'C' and 'D' grades but we still managed to get 107 riders to the start line to enjoy a morning's racing under pleasant conditions.

'E' grade, as usual, started off the action with 10 riders facing the starter, and a great improvement from the previous hilly Mt Helena ride when only two nominations were received. It turned out to be a steady ride with no heroics and all riders finished within a few seconds of each other. In the sprint, Bill Crout proved a length or two faster than Doc Lawrance, with Gerry Allen and Mick Dunne close behind.

The 'D' graders saw much action with Paul Greeney, Rob Pietersen, Richard Stokes and Rebecca Schultz in particular winding things up at the front of the bunch. Richard Stokes kicked hard to take the sprint a few lengths ahead of John Shattock, Robert Pietersen, Doug Macdonald, Nicholas Wachter, Bill Stibbs and others with a penchant for sprinting.

'C' grade with 15 riders was well down in numbers on the usual field but that didn't stop the race being run at a fast pace. Highlight of the day was seeing Mick Russell at the front of the field early in the race but unfortunately he punctured with two laps to go, so was unable to take a lap out and join in for the kill. Chris Jackson and Kylie Anticich were also prominent in stirring up the action, though again, as in 'D' grade there were no breakaways and the final placings were determined by action on the final straight. Rob Collings put in a strong sprint to beat Duncan Rogers and Ian Lee across the line, with John Liso, Ian Lee, Chris Norris and David Self taking the minor cash prizes.

'A' grade's race was boosted with three \$20 primes, with two of these being taken by Martin Depiazzi and the third by Andrew Brierley who was justly rewarded when facing bad luck on the final lap. As is usual, the race saw lots of action, with a few attempts being made to form successful breaks. Wayde Keyser started the serious action with an attack on the third lap, but the first promising break occurred at the 12minute mark when Sam Smith, Jeff

Brooks, Luke Pledger and Nick Foster shot off the front to cross the line 60metres ahead of the bunch. However, seeing the danger, that attempt was soon nullified by the peleton. Greg Rossiter, Ian Gregory, Luke Pledger and Jon Gregg then got away for two laps. A lap later, after 21 minutes of riding, another break involving likely candidates for honours – Sam Smith, Ian Gregory and Jon Gregg formed a strong trio but were brought to bay in another lap. Another long break by Andrew Brierley and Jeff Brooks occurred after 29 minutes and lasted for five laps, though the lead never exceeded a slim 10 to 20 seconds. Relief came in the form of Bernie Swartz and Sam Smith who added more power to the break, which they held for another 5 circuits. Unfortunately for Andrew Brierley, he punctured as he approached the final corner, and was forced to go straight ahead instead of taking the corner. This left his compatriots to contest the sprint with victory going to Sam Smith over Ian Gregory and Bernie Swartz. The peleton came in some 10 seconds later being led across the line wby Jon Gregg, Luke Pledger, Adam Fielding, Greg Rossiter and Gary Wright.

Being last off, the 'B' graders had the warmest part of the day. Though as already stated, conditions were still bearable for the 31 entrants. As with 'A' grade, there were a number of attempts to break up the field with attacks coming from early in the race. Mark Yancazos, Mark Hamill and Lee Jordan were quick out of the traps and had established a lead of over 300metres at the end of lap two. All came together after 11 minutes of riding when Tim Mollison tried a heroic solo, building up a lead of 15 seconds that he held for almost 5 laps. It was then the turn of Mark Yancasos again, this time joined by Ben Obrien who held a lead that varied between from between 10 to 18 seconds over the rest of the field until the 37minute mark when they were joined by Reagan Gruenthal and a lap later by Bruce McLennan. Mark Yancazos put in a strong effort to blast across the line a couple of lengths ahead of Mark Hamill, followed closely by Ben O'Brien, Tim Mollison, Reagan Gruenthal, Trial rider Jeff Burt, Simon Duncalf and the rest of the group.

The only accident of the day occurred in 'B' grade on the penultimate bend when a group of 5 riders came down. Fortunately there was little damage done, though Scott Keating and Andrew Candy lost a little bark that was doctored by our resident first-aider Alison Atherton.

Sponsor Wayne Thomson who helped swell the prize-money also helped present the prizes.

'A' Grade - 45 mins plus 2 laps

1. Sam Smith; 2. Ian Gregory;
3. Bernie Swart; 4. Jon Gregg;
5. Luke Pledger 6. Adam Fielding;
7. Greg Rossiter; 8. Gary Wright;
9. Martin Depiazzi; 10. Philip Riemann;
11. Martin Lowell; 12. Jeremiah Peiffer;
13. Andrew McClurg; 14. Wayde Keyser;
15. Barry Wilson; 16. Alistair Patterson;
17. Elliott Carson; 18. Brad Demordy;
19. KeithWinch; 20. David Sumich;
21. Jeff Brooks; 22. Nick Foster.
23. Richard Cook; 24. Patrick Hayburn;
25. Jaimie Kirkwood; 26. Matt Upton;
27. Wayne Thomson; 28. Bevan Tarratt;
29. Andrew Brierley.

'B' Grade 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Mark Yancazos; 2. Mark Hamill;
3. Ben O'Brien; 4. Tim Mollison;
5. Reagan Gruenthal 6. Jeffrey Burt;
7. Simon Duncalf; 8. Matheos Venetis;
9. Craig Huxtable; 10. Richard Zuiderduyn;
11. Chris Reedman; 12. Bruce McLennan;
13. Justin Schultz; 14. Jason Hapeta;
15. Alvin Lim; 16. Ashley Heuchen;
17. Brett Clapham; 18. Anthony Doherty;
19. Lee Gott-Cumbers;
20. Nicholas Handevitt-Haar;
21. John O'Boyle; 22. Neil Thorpe;
23. Paul Byrne; 24. Ian Skidmore;
25. Lee Jordan; 26. Lorna Henson;
27. Antony Bourn; 28. Paul Lamond;
29. Kevin Mcilduff; 30. Melissa Robinson;
31. Gary Horsfield; 32. Troy Wainwright;
33. Scott Keating; 34. David Irvine.

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Robert Collings; 2. Duncan Rogers;
3. John Liso; 4. Ian Lee;
5. Chris Norris; 6. David Self;
7. Ian Cope; 8. Richard Barville;
9. Ray Bergin; 10. Craig Guy;

11. Robin Warrington; **14.** Kylie Anticich;
15. Chris Jackson; **18.** Maurice Berger..

'D' Grade 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Richard Stokes **2.** John Shattock;
3. Robert Pietersen; **4.** Doug Macdonald;
5. Nicholas Wachter; **6.** Bill Stibbs;
7. Chris Howard; **8.** Pantelis Karagolou;
9. Paul Greeney; **10.** Matt Cruickshank;
11. Pat Briggs; **12.** Steve Camarri;
13. Rebecca Schultz; **14.** Allan McDonald;
15. Riana Rose.

'E' Grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Bill Crout; **2.** Denis Lawrance;
3. Gerry Allan; **4.** Mick Dunne;
5. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
6. Laurie Mucciarone; **7.** Terry Lack;
8. Rod Babel; **9.** Denis Robinson;
10. Brian Kennedy.

31 January – Total Travel \$upa Criteriums, Smeaton Way, Rockingham.

Pleasant conditions other than a hard cross wind on the finishing and back straights faced the 103 entrants. The torrential rain of the previous day didn't appear to have deterred riders from turning up even though the skies at time looked threatening.

As usual, the greatest activity took place in the premier grade with attacks going from the word go, resulting in a group of 6 riders taking a lead of 150metres on the first lap, though they were absorbed two laps later. After 10 minutes of riding three distinct bunches were observed with 12 riders taking to the front at the 15-minute mark when they were timed with a lead of 30 seconds. At the 20-minute mark Ian Gregory attacked and the group split but soon came together to enjoy a lead of 40 seconds some five minutes later. A further shattering of the lead bunch saw Luke Pledger, Jon Gregg and Tony Ford, who recorded record lap times of about 2mins 15secs, move in concerted action to hold the chasing bunch between 23 to 26 seconds until three laps to go. A final effort from behind saw them lose 5 seconds with two laps to go, a lead that was reduced to 15seconds at the bell, though this loss might have had something to do with the tactical moves made among the leading trio.

Luke Pledger took the final sprint, with Jon Gregg and Tom Ford in 3rd place. Sam Smith took the bunch sprint from Matt Upton, while Chris Glasby, Ian Gregory and Wayne Thomson sopped up the rest of the prizes. In the melee a number of riders were lapped and retired.

'B' grade was tame in comparison, with the biggest break occurring after 10 minutes of riding when Chris Reedman and Michael Buytels chanced their luck with a gap of about 80 metres that they held for two laps. There followed a few minor breaks but there was a serious looking attempt after 35 minutes when Jeff Burt, Michael Buytels and Keith Winch made a valiant effort that lasted for almost a lap. The bunch was all together as they came down the final straight for the finish with Jeff Burt showing a clean pair of heels to beat Michael Buytels by a couple of lengths, with Mark Welford in third place. Mark Anastasas was best of the rest with Bruce MacLennan, Mike Andrew, Richard Zuiderduyn and a host of others in his wake.

'C' grade rode at a fair pace but the bunch was reluctant to give anyone clean air. Greg Smith was an early animator but decided to go back to the bunch when he had opened up a gap at the 20-minute mark. Maurice Berger was also seen in action but again only for a short time, as the rest of the bunch was careful to police every move. The finish therefore saw a mass sprint in which Peter Hunt proved the victor over John Liso, Greg Smith, Bruce Abbott, Ian Lee, Mick Russell and three other well known kings of the sprint.

'D' grade witnessed a few attacks all of which were nullified after a couple of laps. Nicholas Wachter, Doug McDonald and Chris Howard were early antagonists and there were splits in the bunch behind. When three laps had been completed it looked as if they would ride away from the peloton but surprisingly it came to an end on lap four. Tracy Suckling then attacked to open up a 50metre lead that she held for over a lap before the bunch came together again after 20 minutes. The last 10 minutes and 2 laps were ridden at tempo, leaving the finish open to the sprinters. Northern Beaches Chris Coote took a clear victory egged on by a cheering group of supporters, with 2nd and

3rd places going respectively to Nicholas Wachter and John Hoye. Richard Stokes was close behind, as was Marthinus Kemp, the irrepressible Doug Macdonald, and Bill Stibbs.

'E' grade had a field of nine riders who rode hard throughout their race. The group split in the early stages because of the pressure from the front though there were still 5 riders left at the end to contest the sprint. Victory went to old hand Graham Thornton returning to the ranks after many years, and he beat the other sprint kings, Gerry Allen, Denis Lawrence, Rod Babel and Leon Nieuwenhuizen in that order.

'A' Grade - 45 mins plus 2 laps

1. Luke Pledger; 2. Jon Gregg;
3. Tom Ford; 4. Sam Smith;
5. Matt Upton; 6. Chris Glasby;
7. Ian Gregory; 8. Wayne Thomson;
9. Eddie Hollands; 10. Greg Rossiter;
11. Troy Fitzgerald; 12. Andrew Brierley;
13. Gary Wright; 14. Paul Dobson;
15. Wayde Keyser; 16. Martin Lowell;
17. Ian Lyne; 18. Chris Singleton;
19. Erin Kinnealy; 20. Chris Gaskell;
21. Michael Tapscott; 22. Magnus Rudisele;
23. Roger Knight; 24. Elliott Carson;
25. Kevin McIluff; 26. Patrick Hayburn ;
27. Andrew Brierley.

'B' Grade 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Jeffrey Burt; 2. Michael Buytels;
3. Mark Welford; 4. Mark Anastasas;
5. Bruce McLennan; 6. Mike Andrew;
7. Richard Zuiderduyn; 8. Jarred Finnigan;
9. Justin Schultz; 10. Paul Byrne;
11. Richard Barville; 12. Mark Yancazos;
13. Marty Van Moorsel; 14. Keith Winch;
15. John O'Boyle; 16. Lee Jordan;
17. Tim Mollison; 18. Chris Reedman;
19. Brett Clapham; 20. Paul Zuvella
21. Kylie Anticich.

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Peter Hunt; 2. John Liso;
3. Greg Smith; 4. Bruce Abbott;
5. Ian Lee; 6. Mick Russell;
7. Gary Suckling; 8. Omar De Pellegrin;
9. Ian McFall; 10. Carmen de Rooze;
11. Robin Warrington; 12. Trevor King;
13. Chris Jackson;
14. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan;

15. Reg Edwards; 16. Wayne Reeve;
17. Ian Cope; 18. Duncan Rogers;
19. David Self; 20. Maurice Berger.

'D' Grade 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Christopher Coote 2. Nicholas Wachter;
3. John Hoye; 4. Richard Stokes;
5. Marthinus Kemp; 6. Doug Macdonald;
7. Bill Stibbs; 8. Chris Howard;
9. John Shattock; 10. Tracy Suckling;
11. Paul Greeney; 12. Pantelis Karagoglou;
13. Rebecca Schultz; 14. Pat Briggs;
15. Allan McDonald; 16. Matt Cruickshank;
17. Wayne Gordon; 18. Craig McDonald;
19. Jon. Kelly; 20. Jon Dooner.

'E' Grade - 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Graham Thornton; 2. Gerry Allen;
3. Denis Lawrence; 4. Rod Babel;
5. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
6. Denis Robinson; 7. Terry Lack;
8. Brian Kennedy.

7 February – Momentum Wealth, Ascenda Supa Criteriums, Wangara.

A warm but upsetting day as we had to cancel the 'A' and 'B' grade races because of an accident that saw Duncan Rogers come down on the last lap in 'C' grade to suffer injuries to his back. As he couldn't be moved until an ambulance arrived on the scene and as time was getting on, it was decided to abandon racing for the day, leaving 47 'A' graders in what would have been our largest grade race ever, and an unknown number of 'B' graders, to mull over the unfortunate outcome and to keep their strength for another day. Thanks go to our marvellous female para-medics who efficiently looked after Duncan until the Ambulance arrived.

However, three races were competed, and 'E' grade being first off had the coolest part of the day. The small field of five riders stayed together for some time but at the 20-minute mark Edward Rose, Bill Crout and Rod Babel had dropped off their compatriots, Terry Lack and Denis Robinson, to fight out the finish. At least it looked like a three up finish until Ed Rose taking a 'trial' ride decided to go it alone on the bell lap and riding strongly he put in some distance to easily outpace his two companions, and to probably ensure that his next ride would be in the company of 'D' graders. Rod Babel

finished 2nd a few lengths ahead of Bill Crout, while the winner of a keenly contested fight behind went to Denis Robinson who sprinted past Terry Lack just before the line.

The 'D' grade event saw some appreciable action among the 19 starters and noted was that Doug Macdonald was seen out on his own by about 30 metres after 11 mins of riding. The group moved at a smart pace past the start line but the most serious moves were made just after the half-way mark, first when Wayne Gordon and Chris Howard took a lead of about 200metres. Wayne decided to go back to the shelter of the bunch a lap later but Chris survived for another two laps before being brought back. A hard last lap saw riders arrive in a steady stream with the win going to Chris Coote ahead of Doug Macdonald, John Hoye, Darren Lee, Rob Pietersen, and Paul Greeney.

'C' grade attracted 26 riders who had a fast start. Perhaps poignantly it was Duncan Rogers who set the tone when he moved to a lead on lap 1. Two laps later it was Chris Jackson and John Liso who were out front, while after 16 minutes of riding Kieran Glaser, Wayne Reeve opened up a lead that was held at about 15seconds for four laps. With 5 minutes and 2 laps to go Chris Jackson and Wayne Reeve were again the animators, this time along with Reg Edwards, though that break was soon brought back by the main bunch. At the finish, the fast pace of the group in the sprint was, as with 'D' grade, obvious from the crocodile style by which riders came over the line. Victory went to Gary Suckling, with John Liso 2nd, Ian McFall 3rd, Keiran Glaser 4th, Omar de Pellegrin 5th, and Ian Lee in 6th place. Unfortunately, as previously noted a touch of wheels on the back of the course meant that three or four riders failed to finish. Duncan Rogers was seriously hurt, while Reg Edwards was also taken off to hospital. Mick Russell and Peter Hunt also went down to suffer a few cuts and bruises.

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Gary Suckling;
2. John Liso;
3. Ian McFall;
4. Kiernan Glaser;
5. Omar De Pellegrin;
6. David Self;
7. Ian Lee;
8. Wayne Reeve;

9. Andrew Yeates;
10. Brandon Wraith;
11. Fiona Vescolli-Finnigan;
12. Greg Smith
13. Mick Brown;
14. Chris Jackson;
15. Ray Bergin;
16. Craig McDonald;
17. Trevor King;
18. Mick Russell.

'D' Grade 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Chris Coote;
2. Doug Macdonald;
3. John Hoye;
4. Darren Lee;
5. Robert Pietersen;
6. Paul Greeney;
7. Tracy Suckling;
8. Graham Blyth;
9. Chris Howard;
10. Allan McDonald;
11. Gary Sevier;
12. John Fitzgerald;
13. Russell Kingham;
14. Bill Stibbs;
15. Richard Stokes;
16. Anthony Clews;
17. Wayne Gordon;
18. Lawrence Fahey;
19. Helen Peniston.

'E' Grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Edward Rose;
2. Rod Babel;
3. Bill Crout;
4. Denis Robinson;
5. Terry Lack

14 February – *Jon Nelson, Elders Insurance, Midland, Graded Road Races – Herne Hill.*

A great day's racing for the 138 members who started on a cool but very windy morning, with a strong and blustery wind blowing down the scarp to hit riders face-on on Oakford Road and to provide a flyer down the finishing straight. Despite the crosswinds on Lefroy and Campersic roads, people thankfully tried their best to keep to the left side of the road much to the satisfaction of the referees.

Both 'C' and 'D' grades kept roughly to the timekeepers schedule but the hard conditions into the wind and the fast pace on the finishing straight made it difficult for anyone to ride away from the bunch, leaving it once more to the sprint specialists to take the laurels. The results were largely predictable and in 'C' grade Greg Smith led in Omar De Pellegrin, Chris Coote and Nick Vroomans in a blanket finish that only the computer could work out. In 'D' grade John Hoye, Paul Greeney, Darren Lee and Neil Vroomans replicated the 'C' grade result and brought glory to the house of Vroomans in particular! Mark Stephens, Ian McFall, Gary Suckling and John Liso filled the next four placings in 'C' and Robert Pietersen, Gary

Sevier and Bruce Hunt in 'D', the latter rider participating in his first race for two years.

The conditions proved difficult for the 11 riders in 'E' grade and though the bunch stayed largely together for 2 laps there were large splits on the final lap. Graham Thornton riding his 2nd race since his comeback cemented his position as a winner when he outsprinted Edward Rose. Gerry Allen finished 13 seconds behind while Doc Lawrance beat Dai Sankey into 5th place a further 2 minutes behind.

'B' grade's Mark Welford was in good form and blasted to a lead of just over 20 seconds at the end of the 1st lap. He was still there on the 2nd circuit but at the half-way mark a group of 7 riders had moved to a lead of one-and-a-half minutes. There were a few DNF's as the pace picked up but at the finish five riders had survived to fight for placings in a tightly contested sprint. Victory by a small margin went to Greg Bayley, with Mark Welford 2nd, Gavin Wark 3rd, Tim Mollison 4th, Mike Andrew 5th and Peter Wilshaw 6th. Peter Schultz finished alone 50 seconds later, while Justin Schultz also finished alone another 50 seconds behind. The main bunch was 17 seconds behind Justin led in by Craig Baker and Chris Brown.

'A' grade's 42 riders saw a hard fought contest over their 7 laps of riding. The conclusion was set on lap one when five riders opened a gap that vacillated but which was 30seconds with 2 laps to go and 1minute 20seconds at the bell. Being well clear, the riders in the lead slowed on the final lap as they jockeyed for position but were well clear of the chasers as they came around the final bend. Sam Smith was a clear winner from Greg Rossiter and Eddie Hollands, while Paul Miller led in Jaimie Kirkwood and Shaun Oneill after another 15 seconds. The main bunch finished 1 minute and 15 seconds behind the winner, with 7th placed Kim Halliday ahead of the last of the prize-winners, Wayne Thomson .

Sponsor Jon Nelson of Elders Insurance, Midland, handed out the prizes, and as a bonus all grade winners were also presented with an Elders beach umbrella – hope they get to use them soon!

'A' Grade – 66km – 7 laps

1. Sam Smith; **2.** Greg Rossiter;
3. Jaimie Kirkwood; **6.** Shaun Oneill;
7. Kim Halliday; **8.** Wayne Thomson;
9. Steve Beales; **10.** Andrew Brierley;
11. Chris Glasby; **12.** Ian Lyne;
13. Joel Bertram; **14.** Elliott Carson;
15. Charlie Gargett; **16.** Paul Hearne;
17. Chris Gaskell; **18.** Paul Mackay;
19. Matthew Swan; **20.** David Sumich;
21. Andrew Lawrence; **22.** Simon Bell;
23. Magnus Rudisele; **24.** Amanda Nabi;
25. Gary Wright; **26.** Erin Kinnealy;
27. Jeff Brooks; **28.** Mark Hoyer;
29. Andrew McGlurg; **30.** Bevan Tarratt;
31. Patrick Hayburn; **32.** David Irvine;
33. Patrick Hayburn; **34.** Gary Boylan;
35. Chris Roberts; **36.** Chris Singleton.
Average per lap: 13mins 50secs – 41.1kph

'B' Grade – 57km – 6 laps

1. Greg Bayley; **2.** Mark Welford;
3. Gavin Wark; **4.** Tim Mollison;
5. Mike Andrew; **6.** Peter Wilshaw;
7. Justin Schultz; **8.** Craig Baker;
9. Chris Brown; **10.** Jarrod Bell;
11. Steve Ryan; **12.** Richard
13. Paul Zuvela; **14.** Richard Zuiderduyn;
15. Peter Lundberg; **16.** Luke Austin;
17. Paul Borrett; **18.** Sarah Duffield;
19. Scott Ayles; **20.** Michael Bonner;
21. Merv Byfield; **22.** Mark Castle;
23. Michael Morton; **24.** Peter Neuzerling;
25. Antony Bourn; **26.** Lee Jordan;
27. John O'Boyl; **28.** Kylie Anticich. .
Average per lap: 14m 20secs – 39.8kph

'C' Grade – 48km – 5 laps

1. Greg Smith; **2.** Omar De Pellegrin;
3. Chris Coote; **4.** Nick Vroomans;
5. Mark Stephens; **6.** Ian McFall;
7. Gary Suckling; **8.** John Liso;
9. Richard Holroyd; **10.** Ian Lee;
11. Chris Truisson; **12.** Ian Cope;
13. Ray Bergin; **14.** Jill Pope;
15. Bruce Abbott; **16.** Chris Jackson;
17. Luke McElhinney; **18.** Wessell Victor;
19. Robin Warrington; **20.** Maurice Berger;
21. Mick Russell; **22.** Mark Williamson;
23. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan; **24.** Eddy Pope;
25. Craig McDonald.
Average per lap: 15m 00secs – 35.6kph

'D' Grade – 38km – 4 laps

1. John Hoye
2. Paul Greeney;
3. Darren Lee;
4. Neil Vroomans;
5. Robert Pietersen;
6. Gary Sevier;
7. Bruce Hunt;
8. Russell Kingham;
9. Bob Stephens;
10. Allan McDonald;
11. Doug Macdonald;
12. Jon Dooner;
13. Margaret Gollagher;
14. John Hanson;
15. David Wimbridge;
16. John Fitzgerald;
17. Colin Pryor;
18. Wayne Gordon;
19. Pantelis Karagoglou;
20. Lawrence Fahey;
21. Anthony Clews;
22. Helen Peniston.

Average per lap: 17m 00secs – 33.4kph

'E' Grade – 29km 3 laps

1. Graham Thornton;
2. Edward Rose;
3. Gerry Allen;
4. Denis Lawrance;
5. Dai Sankey;
6. Riana Rose;
7. Bill Crout;
8. Dana Topchian;
9. Rod Babel;
10. Terry Lack;
11. Denis Robinson.

Average per lap: 19m 00s – 30.00kph

POINTS SCORE to 14 February

Please note that in its infinite wisdom, the committee at their monthly meeting decided that no place points should be awarded to 'C' D' and 'E' grade riders for the Wangara event on 7 February but that every rider who registered from all divisions should be allocated their attendance 5 points.

The situation in both teams and individual points competitions is still close.

Individual Competition

1. Sam Smith 105 pts;
2. John Liso 92;
3. Gavin Wark 88;
4. Mike Andrew 85;
5. Luke Pledger 80;
6. Jon Gregg 78;
9. Justin Schultz 77;
10. Doug Macdonald 75;
11. Ian McFall 74;
- Eq. 12. John Shattock, Duncan Rogers 72;
14. Paul Greeney 71;
15. Greg Smith 70;
16. Mark Welford 69;

17. Ian Lyne 68;
 - Eq. 18. Chris Glasby, John Hoye, Chris Jackson, Jarred Finnigan, Omar de Pellegrin;
 23. Denis Robinson 65;
 24. Tim Mollison 63.
 - Eq. 25. Gary Wright, Ian Lee, Wayne Thomson 62;
 - Eq. 26. Allan McDonald, Richard Stokes 61;
 28. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan;
 29. Mick Russell 58;
 - Eq. 30. Chris Howard, Mark Anastasas.
- For further results see the webpage.*

Teams Points Competition

1. Northern Beaches CC 318 pts;
2. Team Brooks 280;
3. Man Riders Choice 250
4. Eddy Hollands Bicycle Services 232;
5. Team Arbitrage 227;
6. KHT Cycling Team 199;
7. Total Travel WA 180;
8. Churchill Cycles 169;
9. Hall Cycling;
10. BMC Flyers 166;
11. Roues Chaudes Cycling Team 155;
12. Unicorn Specialized 150;
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14. Glen Parker Cycles 143;
15. WCM 115;
16. Speedlite Cycles 67;
17. Vayda Sport 57;
18. Garland Cycleworks 50;
19. Dome Coffee Cycling 41;
20. Team Transform 39;
21. Squadra RTR 35;
22. Bicycle Centre Cannington 29;
23. Team Aherns 25;
24. Pedalare Racing 20;
25. Squadra Barista 7;
- EQ. 26. Access Unlimited, OTOC Vault Masters Racing

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