



Newsletter –MARCH - APRIL 2018

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RACE PROGRAMME

All races start at 9.00am.

Check the web page for course details and possible changes.

20 May – *Graded Scratch Races, Chidlow B (1st event of the road season).*

27 May – *Graded Scratch Races Neerabup.*

3 June – *Graded Scratch Races Pickering Brook*

10 June – *Graded Scratch Races – Casuarina.*

17 June – *Graded Scratch Races – Mt Helena*

24 June – *Graded Scratch Races – Herne Hill.*

1 July – *Graded Scratch Races – Chidlow ‘A’.*

8 July – *Graded Scratch Races – Dog Hill, Baldivis.*

11 March – *P & A Welding - Graded Scratch Criteriums Bibra Lake.*

A combination of a clash with CAs Ring Series at Technology Park, plus gusty winds that in some parts of the area reached about 90kph, both contributed to a low total of 55 nominations. ‘B’ grade with 20 riders had the largest field, followed by ‘A’ with 12, ‘C’ with 13, ‘E’ with 6, and ‘D’ with only four. The blustery conditions, and a cross wind on the far side of the course were hardly conducive to solo breaks, though there were some who did

venture away from the shelter of the pelotons – if that is the correct term for fields of 8 or under riders?

‘A’ grade, as usual saw a venturesome race with a number of breaks involving three or four riders, Jason Crawthorne, Ian Lyne and Scott Sanders were first to point their noses into the wind, when they opened up a gap that reached up to 10 seconds and which lasted for 6 or 7 laps before they were drawn back. When the next break went at the 14-minute mark, it was Ian Lyne who was once more into the action, this time accompanied by Luke Pledger, Paul Mackey, and Jon Gregg. The quartet quietly extended their lead until 10 minutes later they had a very respectable gap of 30 seconds that they held to the 30-minute mark, At that juncture some of their fire-power was removed when Ian Lyne dropped back to ride in no-man’s land where he remained until a couple of laps to go. With a lead of still 27 seconds after 40 minutes of riding, it appeared that the podium places were cemented, but as the last few laps were covered the lead tumbled down, so that at the two-to-go sign the lead had been reduced to 8 seconds, as a combination of jockeying at the front, and a sense of urgency from the chasers took affect. In the meanwhile Michael Tapscott came off the front of the chasers and latched on as the three breakaway compatriots started their sprint. This went to Luke Pledger, with Jon Gregg 2nd and Paul

Mackay in 3rd, with Michael Tapscott a length behind, and the remainder of the group closing to within 2 or 3 seconds of the winner's time.

'B' grade started cautiously but some hard riding on the 3rd lap saw a split occur that witnessed Bruce Davies attack to open up a 10-second gap that he held for four laps. When he was absorbed, Mark Yancazos, Patrick Woods, Darin Dunstan and Gavin Wark gave it a go but at the most, though out front for three laps, they could not distance themselves by over 6 or 7 seconds from the chasers. All then came together again, with the only additional drama being a puncture to Tony Anderson's rear wheel, which was exchanged for a spare after he had a lap out. With the field massed as they came around the final corner, and a strong wind blasting behind up the final straight, it was Craig Huxtable who timed his sprint to perfection when taking a length win over 2nd placed Gavin Wark, with Charlie Gargett in 3rd, and Patrick Woods in fourth. Craig was delighted with his first ever win in a WCMCC event.

After a careful start 'C' grade riders got into action, with Liam Donley opening a gap of 10 seconds that was held for almost three laps. When brought back to the bunch, it was the turn of Vanessa Johnson who took the lead by a few seconds, to be replaced again after 27 minutes of racing by Liam Donley. He was joined by Vanessa Johnson and Dave Harwood with three laps to go, but the chasers were too attentive and all were together for the final couple of laps. Owen Henderson unleashed a strong sprint as they closed in on the finish line, and impressed with a lead of about three lengths as he crossed the finishing line. Second place was taken by Dave Varcoe, with Robert Pietersen who had recovered from a recent trip to the US close behind, while Mark Cummings and Liam Donley filled the next two places.

Although 'D' grade only had four riders, they did their best to put on a show for the masses gathered at the finish line, and with Alan Taylor and Paul Greeney shouting encouragement what else could they do but try to impress? With no give among the compact field, the finish came down to a sprint that was easily taken by John Quinn who opened a 3-length gap over 2nd placed on Jon Dooner, with Bill Stibbs taking third place, just ahead of George Law.

'E' grade witnessed a lively performance with the field of six riding during the hardest part of the day when the wind was at its extreme. Although blown around a bit on the back of the course they all stayed upright, much to the delight of Dai Sankey's wife ... who had threatened to leave him behind to cook his own chips if he came off the bike before his return to snowbound Wales during the coming week. At one time Jon Nelson looked as if he was in trouble but he fought his way back to be there for the final few laps, and to contest the sprint. Once more the win went to Pantelis Karagolou who finished a clear length ahead of Doc Lawrance, with Jon Nelson in third. Bob Stephens remained one outside the first three, while Dai Sankey and Pat Briggs completed the list.

'A' Grade - 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Luke Pledger; 2. Jon Gregg;
3. Paul Mackay; 4. Michael Tapscott;
5. Scott Sanders; 6. Robert Van der Walt;
7. Ian Lyne; 8. Matt Upton;
9. Simon Duncalf; 10. Andrew Ballam;
11. Travis Goad.

Average 42.7kph

'B' Grade - 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Craig Huxtable; 2. Gavin Wark;
3. Charlie Gargett; 4. Mark Yancazos;
5. Patrick Woods; 6. Darin Dunstan;
7. John Liso; 8. Jeremy Outschoorn;
9. Tim Mollison; 10. Mike Andrew;
11. Amanda Nabi; 12. Jaimie Kirkwood;
13. Martin Hendrick; 14. Luke Austin;
15. Alvin Lim; 16. Kevin McIllduff;
17. Tony Anderson; 18. Bruce Davies;
19. Andre Mcauliffe.

Average 41.3kph

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Owen Henderson; 2. David Varcoe;
3. Robert Pietersen; 4. Mark Cummings;
5. Liam Donley; 6. Dave Harwood;
7. Vanessa Johnson; 8. Andrew Williams;
9. Mark Leaker; 10. Cameron Dawson;
11. Bruce Abbott; 12. Laurensia Rosana;
13. David Williams.

Average: 38.0kph

'D' Grade - 30mins plus 2 laps

1. John Quinn; 2. Jon Dooner;
3. Bill Stibbs; 4. George Law.

Average 33.5kph.

'E' Grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Denis Lawrance;
3. Jon Nelson; 4. Bob Stephens;
5. Dai Sankey; 6. Pat Briggs.

18 March – 10 year age Divisions Criterium championships, Wangara.

A reasonable field of 76 riders took to the Wangara circuit to contest the Club Criterium championships on a cool morning that saw a stiff breeze blow riders up the rise to the finish. The two younger divisions were well represented with over 20 riders in each, while the combined 55-64 and combined 65-74/75-84 a year group had 11 apiece. The ladies combined group had representatives from 5 age groups, though nomination numbers suffered as a result of competition from CAs Ring series.

The combined oldest age division drew particular attention as among the ranks was ex-World professional pursuit and prolific road race winner from the '70s, Steele Bishop, and he didn't disappoint when taking the sprint by four lengths after having enough time to look back at his opponents. In so doing he took gold in the 65-74 year division, while Robert Pietersen won silver and Bruce Abbott the bronze.

It came as no surprise to witness our other, recent World Champion, Richard Barville take the gold in the 75 to 84 year Div., while Derek Mayall went home with silver, and Denis Robinson with bronze.

Apart from a three-lap attack early in the race by Mark Cummings, the 55-64 year division held together until about half way through the race when Keith Winch, Tim Mollison, Tony Anderson and Ian Lyne forced a gap. However, after riding the slowest lap of the day on their final lap as they jockeyed for the sprint, they were caught by surprise by Merv Byfield who had pursued them in Norman's land for a few laps. However, after a hard chase Merv did not have enough left in the tank over the final 200metres and had to be satisfied with 4th place in the five-up sprint. Keith Winch took the gold by a length over Silver medallist Tim Mollison, with Tony Anderson taking bronze.

The 45-54 year division saw a hard contest and a number of attempts to break up the field, with an early break being attempted by Jason Hapeta, Justin Stephenson and Chris Glasby who opened a gap of 15 seconds. However, shortly afterwards the trio broke up leaving Chris Glasby to ride alone for half a lap before coming back to the chasing bunch. With just over 30 minutes elapsed, Jeff Brooks and Michael Tapscott had a go but were brought back to be replaced off the front by Nick Foster and Matt Tognini. As they approached 2 laps to go Matt, accompanied now by Colin Rose, took the initiative but their lead of 10 seconds wasn't sufficient to hold off the mob, and all were together as they rounded the final corner. For the sprint up the final rise the sprinters were well to the fore and the finish saw Doug Stewart come up fast but only just unable to get past Jon Gregg who took the gold. Jon, who had opened up an early sprint was fading over the final 40metres and was followed by Doug who took silver, while Andrew Brierley finished close behind for bronze, with John Liso and six others in a compact group behind.

The young 35-44 year division also saw much action with Troy Drewett riding up to 15 seconds off the front for over three laps until brought back at the 15-minute mark. After a split when Troy was caught, all came together at the 20-minute point in the race. With 10 minutes and 2 laps to go, Brian Sing, Wayde Keyser, Ian Gregory and Greg Rossiter put down their heads, and working well together they opened up a lead that reached 20 seconds with three laps to go. Ian sat up in the sprint to the line and finished 8 seconds behind, while his three compatriots fought a close battle, which was won in a lunge by local lad Wayde Keyser, with Brian Sing taking the silver, and Greg Rossiter the bronze.

With a wide spread of ages, and as expected, after riding steadily together for a few laps, the ladies race saw the field break up when Corrie Fillmore, Kylie Anticich and Kerri Fennell took flight. At the bell Kylie and Corrie had dropped Kerri, but as it was a championship, it was the fight for medals that was at stake, and each rider was

lauded on the podium as champions in their various age categories.

75-84 year division – 25 minutes + 2 laps

Gold – Richard Barville

Silver – Derek Mayall

Bronze – Denis Robinson

65-74 year division – 30 minutes + 2 laps

Gold – Steele Bishop

Silver – Robert Pietersen

Bronze – Bruce Abbott

4. Chris Hodge;
5. Graham Blyth;
6. John Shattock;
7. Denis Lawrance;
8. Bill Stibbs;
9. Jon Nelson;
10. Bob Stephens.

55-64 year division – 35 minutes + 2 laps

Gold – Keith Winch

Silver – Tim Mollison

Bronze – Tony Anderson

4. Merv Byfield;
5. Ian Lyne;
6. Brett Clapham;
7. David Varcoe;
8. Mark Cummings;
9. Steve Ryan;
10. Paul Lamond.

45-54 year division – 40 minutes + 2 laps

Gold – Jon Greg

Silver – Doug Stewart

Bronze – Andrew Brierley

4. John Liso;
 5. Darin Dunstan;
 6. Patrick Woods;
 6. Mike Andrew;
 8. Chris Glasby;
 9. Colin Rose;
 10. Jeff Brooks;
 11. Martin Hendrick;
 12. Michael Tapscott;
 13. Matt Tognini;
 14. John O'Boyle;
 15. Paul Borrett;
 16. Nick Foster;
 17. Anthony West;
- plus 7 DNFs.

35-44 year division – 45 minutes + 2 laps

Gold – Wayde Keyser

Silver – Brian Sing

Bronze – Greg Rossiter

4. Ian Gregory;
 5. Julian Lowes;
 6. Jeffrey Kriel;
 7. Daniel Hughes-d' Aeth;
 8. Stephen McNeilly;
 9. Paul Mackay;
 10. Craig Huxtable;
 11. Richard Langsford;
 12. David Hind;
 13. Joey Rawson;
 14. Darren Shanahan;
 15. Jason Cawthorne;
 16. Robert van der Walt;
 17. Greg Bayley;
 - 18 Troy Drewett;
- plus 4 DNFs.

Women – 30 minutes plus 2 laps

60 – 69 years

Gold - Andrea Hind.

50 – 59 years

Gold – Kylie Anticich.

40 – 49 years

Gold – Kerri Fennell.

Silver – Sam Bolton.

30 – 39 years

Gold – Corrie Fillmore.

25 March – Tint-A-Car Criteriums, Kewdale

The day dawned dark and threatening, which no doubt deterred some from getting out of bed, but the added attraction of CA racing on the streets of Leederville, added up to a relatively poor turnout of 57 riders, with 'A' grade with 7 riders accounting for the smallest field of the day. Yet the racing was of high standard and 'B' grade in particular saw some notable moments.

The two lower grades possibly faced the most unfavourable part of the day with spots of rain and some wild gusts that made it particularly hard on the 2nd leg of the course. 'D' had seven, and 'E' started with eight, and with such small fields and in the adverse conditions, it was no surprise to see the groups stay closely sheltered together, with the one exception from the view at the start line being seen in a split in 'D' grade halfway through their race when Jon Dooner, John Shattock and Trevor Holmes split the field for two laps. But the gap of about 10 seconds was then closed. In both divisions there were fast finishes, with Lawrence Fahey impressing in 'E' grade with a 2 length win over Jon Nelson and Denis Lawrence, while in 'D' grade John Quinn put in a particularly strong sprint to outdistance Trevor Holmes and John Shattock across the line.

The 12 riders in 'C' grade saw only one 'incident', when Nick Cowie took to the bush halfway through the race on the last corner. As the bunch was moving at a fair pace that was the end as far as a good finishing position was concerned. Mick Russell who punctured before the start of his 'D' grade and who was promoted for the day, also surprised, when he rode off the front for two laps around the 30-minute mark, a move that saw a call from the gathered masses for permanent promotion.

In the sprint to the finish, it was the race promoter, Ian Lee who took the laurels, followed closely by Peter Hammond, Colin Day and Robert Collings.

As previously noted, 'B' grade with a field of 14 riders witnessed the more interesting of the day's races. The first move involved Lee Jordan who attacked early in the race to hold a lead of about 50 metres that he held for a couple of laps until joined by Martin Dolinschek and Tim Mollison. The trio held on for another 2 laps before being absorbed, but after 18 minutes on the road another split in the field occurred when seven riders got away to split the field. This proved a strong bunch involving Sasa Trivic, Melissa Robinson, Chris Reedman, Kylie Anticich, Charlie Gargett, Darren Kinsella and Tim Mollison. After a hard chase they were joined after a solo effort by Keith Winch, and with 4 laps to go when they had what looked like an insurmountable lead of 22 seconds they started to look at each other and ease the pace, a mistake that saw the lead tumble by a-half in one lap, and to only 6 seconds with 2 laps to go. At the bell they were all together to fight for placings in a sprint that saw Gavin Wark prove his prowess, with John Liso in 2nd and Martin Dolinschek, followed by Keith Winch, Charlie Gargett, Mark Taylor and 9 others, among whom were the two female members of the division Kylie Anticich (11th) and Melissa Robinson (13th) who had earlier ridden strongly in the break.

In 'A' grades race, the pattern of the race with its small field was obvious from the start – a fast bunch ride for the duration of the event with the action to come in the ride from the final corner to the finish line. Brian Sing who had featured strongly in recent races provided good evidence of his form when he beat Wayne Keyser and Mike Andrew across the line by a length.

'A' Grade - 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Brian Sing; 2. Mark Keyser;
3. Mike Andrew; 4. Craig Huxtable;
5. Darren Shanahan; 6. Ian Lyne.

Average 41.3kph

'B' Grade – 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Gavin Wark; 2. John Liso;
3. Martin Dolinschek; 4. Keith Winch;

5. Charlie Gargett; 6. Mark Taylor;
7. Darin Dunstan; 8. Sasa Trivic;
9. Chris Coote; 10. John O'Boyle;
11. Kylie Anticich; 12. Chris Reedman;
13. Melissa Robinson; 14. Darren Kinsella;
15. Kevin McIluff; 16. Mark Anastasas;
17. Tim Mollison; 18. Lee Jordan;
19. Greg Smith; 20. Jason Hapeta;
21. Luke Austin; 22. Paul McMurtrie.

Average 41.3kph

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Ian Lee; 2. Peter Hammond;
3. Colin Day; 4. Robert Collings;
5. Richard Barville; 6. Troy Drewett;
7. Mark Leaker; 8. Dave Harwood;
9. Bradley Stalker; 10. Nick Cowrie;
11. Mick Russell.

Average: 37.7kph

'D' Grade – 30mins plus 2 laps

1. John Quinn; 2. Trevor Holmes;
3. John Shattock; 4. Bill Stibbs;
5. Roberta Richardson; 6. John Hoye;
7. Jon Dooner.

Average 34.3kph.

'E' Grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Lawrence Fahey; 3. Jon Nelson;
3. Pat Briggs; 4. Denis Lawrence;
5. Bob Stephens; 6. Andrea Hind;
7. Derek Mayall; 8. Denis Robinson.

Average 31.9kph.

8 April – Graded Road Race – Herne Hill

Another glorious days with perfect condition that attracted exactly 100 riders to participate in the road races. Some excellent racing by all fields who all kept to the expected schedule, except that is for 'C' grade who finished 5mins down on schedule. 'C' grade also saw the only accident of the day, when Robert Pietersen went down hard just 100 metres from the finish of the race, bring down another two riders in the process. Sadly, Robert suffered a suspected broken collar bone, concussion and the loss of skin but was quickly attended to by our 1st Aid Queen, Alison Atherton, before the arrival of an ambulance that took him off to hospital. Thanks to those in the bunches that finished as the ambulance was still on the site, for taking care when they squeezed past the obstruction when sprinting for places.

'D' and 'E' grades had relatively small fields of 6 and 7 respectively resulting in a few being dropped off the back of the bunches, rather than there being many movements off the front, though in 'D' grade Emma Tattum and John Shattock rode away to a 43 seconds lead at the finish, a gap that was achieved in the final lap. In at two-up sprint, John took the laurels while Emma was a close 2nd., while Sam Bolton finished 3rd. 'E' grade meanwhile averaged 20mins 45 seconds per lap with victory going to Jon Nelson who finished a wheel ahead of fast-finishing Doc Lawrence, and Bob Stephens. This was Jon's 1st victory since his return to the ranks earlier in the season.

'C' grade did see some action as Wayne Mitchell and Mark Cummings attacked as they entered lap two. Mark later attacked again and with 2 laps to go he still held a small advantage. In a 12 –up sprint, unfortunately marred by the foregoing accident, Robert Collings, Chris Norris and Mark Williamson who were in front of the accident, took the first three places, closely followed by Mark Williamson, Wayne Mitchell, Kerri Fennell, Margot Biggs and 4 others. Mark Cummings who had featured strongly throughout the race, suffered the consequences when he gallantly finished in 14th place some 13m 27s behind the winner.

'B' grade with 38 starters had the largest field of the day and averaged just over 40kph for their 57km ride. Despite an attentive group, there were a few breakaway attempts that started on the first lap when Tim Mollison, Gary Boylan plus one other whose number I missed, took a lead of 20seconds. With four of the 6 laps to go, Tim and Gary were joined by Ciaran O'Sullivan and Greg Bayley but their lead of 20 seconds was whittled away, though at the bell Gary Boylan and Michael Buytels tried to get away but without much success as the large pack responded to their efforts. In a finish that involved a closely packed 30 riders, Jon O'Boyle proved the victor, while Mike Andrew, Matthew Owen, Tim Mollison, Darin Dunstan, Neil Roscoe were close behind to take out the rest of the cash prizes.

There were 31 starters in 'A' grade who started at a blistering pace that saw the main pack attempt to hunt down riders in the breakaway groups. On the third lap Ian

Gregory, Gavin Wark and Brian Sing worked their way off the front and remained there for two laps, though their lead never exceeded 20 seconds as they passed the start line. All came together with two laps to go but on the final lap Brian Sing, Ian Gregory, David Hind, Magnus Rudisele and Ryan Finn managed to take a slight lead of 6 seconds over the chasers, to finish in that order. The following 22 riders were led in by Mike Willacy and Julian Lowes, who finished 6th and 7th respectively. There were a few tired legs at the end, perhaps the effort being reflected in 4 DNFs.

'A' Grade - 7 laps, 66km

1. Brian Sing; 2. Ian Gregory;
3. David Hind; 4. Magnus Rudisele;
5. Ryan Fynn; 6. Mike Willacy;
7. Julian Lowes; 8. Michael Tapscott;
9. Matt Upton; 10. Tim Willing;
11. Travis Goad; 12. Jon Gregg;
13. Jaimie Kirkwood; 14. Jeff Brooks
15. Chris Glasby; 16. Andrew Turnbull;
17. Gavin Warrk; 18. Lee Parker;
19. John Sonogo; 20. Jason Crawthorne;
21. Melissa Robinson; 22. Ian Lyne;
23. Nick Foster; 24. Chris Singleton;
25. Steve Marks; 26. Nathan Jones; 27.
Craig Huxtable.

Average 42.5kph

'B' Grade – 6 laps, 57km

1. CJon O'Boyle; 2. Mike Andrew;
3. Matthew Owen; 4. Tim Mollison;
5. Darin Dunstan; 6. Neil Roscoe;
7. Martin Dolinschek; 8. Jason Hapeta;
9. Gavin Lawson; 10. Kylie Anticich;
11. Chris Coote; 12. Paul Williams;
13. Chris M. Norris; 14. Greg Bayley;
15. Paul McMurtrie; 16. Keith Winch;
17. Michael Buytels; 18. David Ellis;
19. Mark Taylor; 20. Wade Taseff;
21. Owen Henderson; 22. Peter Morris;
23. Greg Smith; 24. Tony Anderson; 2
25; Peter Hammond; 26. Charlie Gargett;
27. Ciaran O'Sullivan; 28. Corrie Fillmore;
29. Anthony Doherty; 30. Sasa Trivic;
31. Merv Byfield; 32. Justin Schultz;
33. Gary Boylan; 34. Tony Smith;
35. Nathalie Laurendeau; 36. Paul Borrett;
37. Paul Lamond.

Average 40.4kph

'C' Grade - 5 laps 48km

1. Robert Collings; 2. Chris Norris;
3. Mark Williamson; 4. Wayde Mitchell;
5. Kerri Fennell; 6. Margot Biggs;
7. Bradley Stalker; 8. John Hanson;
9. Shane Cable; 10. David Varcoe;
11. Maurice Berger; 12. Ed Marszalec;
13. Nick Cowie; 14. Mark Cummings;
15. Tony Newman; 16. David Williams,
Average: 36.4kph

'D' Grade - 5 laps, 48km

1. John Shattock; 2. Emma Tattum;
3. Sam Bolton; 4. Mick Russell.
Average 33.8kph.

'E' Grade - 4 laps 39km

1. Jon Nelson; 2. Denis Lawrance;
3. Bob Stephens; 4. Kevin Hart;
5. Pat Briggs; 6. Andrea Hind;
7. Derek Mayall.
Average 31.3kph

15 April - 'Dome' Graded Criteriums, Kewdale

A strong field of 91 riders turned out to blue skies and pleasant temperatures for the penultimate ride of the season on the Kewdale circuit. Once more, 'B' grade with 36 riders was the largest group of the day, while 'A' grade featured 26, 'C' grade 14, and 'D' and 'E' eight each. The pace in all races was high as shown by the recorded average speeds shown in the results column.

The main action of the day occurred in the two premier grades, and while it was reported there were attacks on the back of the course in the smaller grades, until the club purchases drones, such occurrences will have to remain in the memory of the attackers rather than in the archive of our newsletters. Thus there was little to report in either 'D' or 'E' other than that all witnessed excellent sprint finishes. 'C' grade appeared from the chair at the side of the road to be a sedate race, though from that very same chair Chris Norris, and Mark Leaker were seen to stir up the action on a few occasions but both were soon brought to heel.

In 'E' grade, Gerry Allen seemed to have well recovered after his three-week break when finishing a few lengths ahead of Pat Briggs and Pantelis Karagoglou, while in 'D' grade, a clear win went to Javier Pollard, who as a trial

rider, ended up with only an inscribed empty envelope in boasting rights, while lucky 2nd, Mick Russell found himself promoted to 1st to take that cash prize. Similarly, Graham Blyth was promoted to 2nd place, with Bill Stibbs, Roberta Richardson, Emma Tattum and John Hoye respectively taking the remaining places. Unluckiest rider was Trevor Holmes who punctured just as he reached the line when receiving the bell.

The 'C' grade finish for 1st place was closely contested by Eddie Pope, Robert Collings and Darrell Slater, and finished in that order. Chris Norris, Richard Barville and David Varcoe took 4th, 5th and 6th, followed closely by the rest of the field.

'B' grade saw an epic ride by seven riders, Lee Jordan, Mark Taylor, Luke Austin, Patrick Woods, Bruce Davies Martin Dolinschek and Mike Andrew. Breaking away on the 2nd lap when they crossed the line with a lead of about 150 metres, they were never to be seen again by the chasers, if that was the correct term, for there appeared to be quite a lot of blocking behind. At one time they led by just over a minute, but with some jockeying on the final lap-and-a-half that lead was 38 seconds on the finish line. Not that there were no attempts to cross the gap, but these were by individuals such as Mark Cummings who had little chance when chased down by the main peloton. In a fast drive up the finishing straight, Patrick Woods took the laurels by 2 seconds over Martin Dolinschek, Mike Andrew, Luke Austin, and Mark Taylor, with Lee Jordan last of the original group, Bruce Davies having DNF's along the way. Chris Cote was first of the chasers, followed closely by recent winner of the Three Dams Race, John Liso.

As expected, the 'A' graders saw attack after attack, but what was different from previous criteriums by the grade was that no-one was able to make a lasting impression, and all breaks were brought back within the same lap that gaps appeared. On lap two a hopeful group of four got away to a 50metre lead, but were back in the peloton at the start of lap 3 when Matt Upton was seen to be about 5 seconds

ahead, to be joined the following lap by Ian Lyne when they opened a gap of about 70 metres. At times the bunch stretched like elastic but at the end it came down to a hard-fought sprint that was contested closely, with the battle for 1st place being fought to the line by Jon Gregg and Scott Sanders. So close was the finish that all bets were called off by the bystanders, leaving the verdict to transponders and camera, with both giving a small margin to Jon. Tom Perry was a close 3rd, Eddie Hollands 4th, and Trial rider Will Main 5th, with 6th place going to Gavin Wark.

Thanks to 'Dome' for the Sponsorship that allowed for extra prize-money, and for valuable 'Dome' vouchers to the winners of each division, that were worth their weight in coffee. Also thanks to marshals, Alan Doak-Smith, Leo Enright, Ray Craig and Dave Nangle for their valuable services on the corners. Their reward lies in the suntans they earned as they directed the traffic.

One notable feature of the day was that arms in plaster appeared to be in vogue, with Ray Bergin, Robert Pietersen, and Wayne Lally all sporting their wounds. However, pride of place went to our President, Wayne, who was able to show an upmarket carbon fibre cast.

'A' Grade - 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Jon Gregg; 2. Scott Sanders;
3. Tom Perry; 4. Eddie Hollands;
5. Will Main; 6. Gavin Wark;
7. Brian Sing; 8. Chris Glasby;
9. Doug Stewart; 10. Richard Langsford;
11. Darren Shanahan; 12. Bernie Swart;
13. Luke Pledger; 14. Craig Huxtable;
15. Ian Lyne; 16. David Hind;
17. Travis Goad; 18. Simon Duncalf;
19. Jeff Brooks; 20. Ian Gregory;
21. Martin Depiazzi; 22. Andrew Dawson;
23. Melissa Robinson; 24. Matt Upton; 25. Adam Fielding.

Average 43.8kph

'B' Grade - 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Patrick Woods; 2. Martin Dolinschek;
3. Mike Andrew; 4. Luke Austin;
5. Mark Taylor; 6. Lee Jordan;
7. Chris Coote; 8. John Liso;
9. Darin Dunstan; 10. Mark Yancazos;
11. Tony Anderson; 12. Steel Bishop;

13. John O'Boyle; 14. Tim Mollison;
15. Paul Mcmurtrie; 16. Nader El Sayed;
17. Jason Hapeta; 18. Greg Smith;
19. Justin Stephenson; 20. Tony Smith;
21. Ian Lee; 22. Corrie Fillmore;
23. Justin Schultz; 24. Brett Clapham;
25. Mark Anastasas; 26. Mark Cummings;
27. Andre Mcauliffe; 28. Chris Reedman;
29. Owen Henderson; 30. Darren Kinsella;
31. Chris Peniston; 32. David Irvine;
33. Joshua Weidman; 34. Scott Ayles.

Average 41.7kph

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Eddy Pope; 2. Robert Collings;
3. Darrell Slater; 4. Chris Norris;
5. Richard Barville; 6. David Varcoe;
7. Bruce Abbott; 8. Shane Cable;
9. Mark Leaker; 10. Mark Williamson;
11. Troy Drewett; 12. Dave Harwood;
13. Brad Stalker; 14. Kerri Fennell.

Average: 37.1kph

'D' Grade - 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Javier Pollard; 2. Mick Russell;
3. Graham Blyth; 4. Bill Stibbs;
5. Roberta Richardson; 6. Emma Tattum;
7. John Hoye.

Average 36.2kph.

'E' Grade - 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Gerry Allen; 2. Pat Briggs;
3. Pantelis Karagoglou; 4. Bob Stephens;
5. Jon Nelson; 6. Andrea Hind;
7. Helen Peniston; 8. Derek Mayall.

Average 32.8kph.

22 April - Graded Criteriums, Smeaton Way, Rockingham

Our smallest field ever, when two riders turned up at the start to be vastly outnumbered by officials, and those two only turned up because they had to attend to other business in the area. Thus Mick Russell and Jon Nelson were respectively promoted on the day to 'A' and 'B' grades, only to be told that the day's racing was to be cancelled. This was after the President decided to call off the races when torrential rain and lightning strikes all around determined that sensible brains and not strong hearts and legs were the order of the day.

29 April – Colin Rossiter Memorial Criteriums & Points Presentation, Kewdale

Glorious sunshine and temperatures in the 20's, attracted 107 riders to the final event of the Summer season. Anne Rossiter was there to hand out the prizes and to drape the winners of the five categories with sashes of silk, while the day climaxed with presentation of the Summer Season Individual, and Team Points Competition prize-money and trophies. Despite some gusty moments around the circuit that tended to blow people around on the rear side of the course, the day ended without a recorded incident.

With final race excitement permeating the ranks, all five grades rode hard and fast with the lower three grades finishing in group sprints. 'A' with 34 and 'B' with 36 entries apiece, saw some breakaway action, though the difference was that the premier grade saw aggressive attacks from the start of the race, while 'B' grade remained together until the latter 20 minutes of their race.

'E' grade's event was invigorated by Doc Lawrence who seemed to thrive at the front of the bunch for a large number of laps, possibly stimulated by his figure-hugging red skin suit, while Shirley Dow-Vine also shone at the half-way mark with a short-lived attack. However, the finish witnessed a compact group turn the final bend but the race to the line was dominated by Lawrence Fahey who surged to a three-length win over closely placed Jon Nelson and Pantelis Karagoglou, with Doc Lawrence and Bob Stephens close behind.

'D' grade averaged a fair 35kph but the most exciting part of the race occurred over the final couple of laps when Sam Bolton and Emma Tattum took flight and opened up a gap, only to be chased down and caught on the final lap by Mick Russell and Graham Blyth. Pushing a large gear, Mick forged ahead over the final 200 metres to take a 3-length victory over Emma, with Graham 3rd and Sam in 4th place. Some 10 seconds after Mick Russell crossed the line, John Shattock led in the main bunch.

'C' grade's 20 riders rode a fast race but no-one appeared willing or strong enough to shake off their compatriots, although Shane Cable did take a small lead of about 8 seconds in the closing stages of the race. The last two laps were run at a fast pace that helped shake

out half the field, leaving Iain Dow-Vine to comfortably win the sprint. Richard Barville, the oldest rider in the grade, took 2nd place, while Steve Ryan, Robert Collings, Ian Lee and five others followed in their wake.

'B' grade's race was enlivened early in the race by Scott Ayles but his lead was removed within a lap. Charlie Gargett moved off the front after 25 minutes of riding and managed to stay away on his own for three laps, at one time showing a lead of 15 seconds, before a serious chase brought him back to the peloton. With 36 minutes on the clock, Chris Brown went out on his own, to be joined a lap later by Tim Mollison and Patrick Woods, who enjoyed a lead of six seconds. A lap later, as they heard the bell, Chris Brown was still there, although his two earlier compatriots had been replaced by Patrick Woods and Greg Bayley. However, their effort had been in vain, for they were absorbed, and the honours at the line went to Darin Dunstan who was offered immediate promotion to 'A' grade by the handicapper. Nader El Sayed who contested strongly, was a close 2nd, with John O'Boyle 3rd, and first female across the line, Natalie Britz in 4th place. Chris Coote was 5th and John Liso 6th.

As expected, most action took place in the premier grade and came early in the race when Greg Rossiter, Matt Upton and Lee Bolden fled the flock and remained at the front to the bitter end of the race. Along the way, but only after 35 minutes had gone by, were they caught by a chasing group of five riders – Andrew Brierley, Ian Gregory, Ian Lyne, Chris Glasby and Wayde Keyser. The winner by a couple of lengths over 2nd placed Greg Rossiter was Ian Gregory, with Andrew Brierley being the third podium rider. Lee Bolden and Chris Glasby finished 4th and 5th, while Matt Upton finished 7 seconds behind, followed by Ian Lyne.

Overall, the day witnessed excellent racings and a fitting conclusion to the Summer Season. Anne Rossiter did the honours at the presentation, and all four winners were delighted with the blue silk sashes that she draped them with.

The day ended with presentation of the individual Points Competition awards,

he winner with 141 points being John Liso who had a deserving win after being promoted during the season from 'C' to 'B' grade where he continued with a series of excellent placings. Team Arbitrage took the Teams Competition medals, and looked resplendent in their deep blue jerseys and with the glint of gold around their necks as they stood beside the club podium. However, we followed the UCI with the absence of podium girls!

'A' Grade - 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Ian Gregory; 2. Greg Rossiter;
3. Andrew Brierley; 4. Lee Bolden;
5. Chris Glasby; 6. Matt Upton;
7. Ian Lyne; 8. Brian Sing; 9. Wayde Keyser;
10. Henry Morley; 11. Paul Mackay;
12. Ben Masden; 13. Gavin Wark;
14. Tony Anderson; 15. Darren Shanahan;
16. Adam Fielding; 17. Chris Singleton;
18. Tom Perry; 19. Scott Sanders;
20. Michael Tapscott; 21. Chris Roberts;
22. Jeff Brooks; 23. Andrew Dawson.

Average 42.4kph

'B' Grade - 40mins plus 2 laps

1. Darin Dunstan; 2. Nader El Sayed;
3. John O'Boyle; 4. Natalie Britz;
5. Chris Coote; 6. John Liso;
7. Jeffrey Burt; 8. Paul Borrett;
9. Mark Hamill; 10. Keith Winch;
11. Martin Hendrick; 12. Chris Brown;
13. Paul Mcmurtrie; 14. David Irvine;
15. Kevin McIllduff; 16. Mark Taylor;
17. Greg Bayley; 18. Brett Clapham;
19. Peter Morris; 20. Charlie Gargett;
21. Kylie Anticich; 22. Andre Mcauliffe;
23. Tony Smith; 24. Tim Mollison;
25. Patrick Woods; 26. Scott Ayles;
27. Greg Smith; 28. Greg Stoyles;
29. Mark Cummings; 30. Michael Piromali.

Average 40.7kph

'C' Grade 35mins plus 2 laps

1. Iain Dow-Vine; 2. Richard Barville;
3. Steve Ryan; 4. Robert Collings;
5. Ian Lee; 6. Ross Scott;
7. Chris Graham; 8. Dave Harwood;
9. Margot Biggs; 10. Darrell Slater;
11. Brad Stalker; 12. Mark Williamson;
13. Shane Cable; 14. Stacey Thomas;
15. Mark Leaker; 16. Javier Vasquez;
17. Chris Woodhead;
8. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan.

Average: 37.9kph

'D' Grade - 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Mick Russell; 2. Emma Tattum;
3. Graham Blyth; 4. Sam Bolton;
5. John Shattock; 6. John Quinn;
7. Bill Stibbs; 8. John Hoyer;
9. Kathryn Dines; 10. Roberta Richardson;
11. Jon Dooner; 12. Trevor Holmes.

Average 35.2kph.

'E' Grade - 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Lawrence Fahey; 2. Jon Nelson;
3. Pantelis Karagoglou;
4. Denis Lawrance; 5. Bob Stephens;
6. Pat Briggs; 7. Shirley Dow-Vine;
8. Graham Thornton; 9. Helen Peniston.

Average 32.8kph.

Summer Points Competitions

For full list see web page.

Congratulations to the following:

Individual Points Scores:

1. John Liso 141pts; 2. Jon Gregg 128;
3. Mike Andrew 122; 4. Brian Sing 117;
5. Darin Dunstan 109;
6. Owen Henderson 107;
7. Bob Stephens 99; 8. Tim Mollison 97;
9. John Shattock 95; 10. Pat Briggs 92.

Teams Points Competition:

1. Team Arbitrage 359 pts;
2. Gary Suckling Team 351;
3. Bicycle Center Cannington 332;
4. Team Brooks 315;
5. Northern Beaches CC 287;
6. Eddy Hollands Bicycle Services 232
7. Unicorn Racing 223;
8. Total Travel WA 222;
9. KHT Cycling Team 215.

APOLOGIES

Apologies to Richard Barville whose name was left off the list of club referees in the report of the AGM in the last newsletter

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