



Newsletter: November - December 2018

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RACE PROGRAMME

All road races start at **8.30am.**

criteriums start at **8.00am**

Check the web page for course details and possible changes.

23 December- CHRISTMAS BREAK

30 December - CHRISTMAS BREAK

6 January – Criteriums – Bibra Lake

13 January – Criteriums - Kewdale

20 January – Tour Down Under – no racing

27 January – Criteriums - Wangara

3 February – Road Races – Herne Hill

3 February – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – follows the road race

10 February – Criteriums - Motorplex

17 February – Criteriums – Bibra Lake.

RACE REPORTS

4 November – Criteriums – Kewdale

An excellent start to the Summer Criterium season, with 108 riders turning up on a very pleasant day, when the sun shone and temperatures were in the low 20s. Possibly the break had a therapeutic affect, for the racing had more 'zing' than was witnessed at the end of the road season, as witnessed by the activity from 'E grade' which was first off the block, to 'A' grade that ended the day with lots of action.

While there was little sign of any heroics from the vantage point of the finish line, the editor was told from an impeccable source that a drone hovering on the back straight would have given a different picture of attempts to break up the field. But as hovering was not the case, the story from ground level recorded a fine win for Pantelis Karagoglou who in a hard-fought finish just held off Pat Briggs, and Bob Stephens. In turn, they just ahead of Craig McDonald and Helen Peniston with oldest man on the day, Derek Mayall, finishing only 8 seconds behind the winner.

'D' grade saw a number of attacks, though the main action as far as individual endeavour, occurred on the first two laps when Clinton Hort and Adrian Quick opened up a slim 10 seconds lead on the rest of the field. As with 'E' grade, the real action took place on the final lap, with a fight by the sprinters for the line. Jarred Finnigan led the charge and proved too strong for 2nd placed Rudi Seebach and Clinton Hort in 3rd place. A group of four comprising John Shattock, Nick Vroomans, Adrian Quick and Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan all finished in the same time as the winner. Chris Howard was 4 seconds behind in 9th place, and it was good to see him alongside a fair number of his Northern Districts cc compatriots.

'C' grade with 33 riders made up the largest group of the day. The bunch had three unknowns as trial riders, and also

George Miller who returned after a long lay-off. However, his long rest didn't dampen George's enthusiasm, as shown by an attack from the gun that lasted for three laps. Alison Dyson was also seen to be leading the charge at the head of the bunch. The bunch twice split but with three laps to go it was any one's race. With 2 laps to go Daniel O'Donoghue tried his luck, but at that stage in the race there were too many riders anxious to bridge the gap, and subsequently the race ended with a large sprint that was won by the initial instigator George Miller, who in the eyes of the handicapper blew his chances of again appearing in 'C' grade's ranks. Greg Smith was only a wheel behind, and David Ellis with 3rd place was also very close, as were Ben Wilton, Richard Barville, Duncan Rogers, Ian McFall and 21 others who recorded the same time as the winner.

'B' grade enjoyed a hard race with a number of attacks, though all eventually came to nought. John O'Boyle was first to attack, and that occurred on lap one. At the 24 minute mark, Merv Byfield and Mark Anastatas were off the front with a small margin of 10 seconds, a gap that they again recorded one lap later, Michael Bowles was next to try when riding to a lead of 15 seconds just after the 30-minute point in the race, with the final attempt being on the bell lap, when Lee James Smith and Mark Anastatas were about 40 metres to the good. As they entered the final straight there were still 22 riders in with a chance but it was Jason Roberts who took the 1st place laurels, just ahead of Nader El Sayed, Darin Dunstan, Mark Hamill, John Liso, Mark Welford and other chasers.

Early in 'A' grades race, Chris Glasby decided that attack was a better option than defensive riding, and opened up a small gap. When joined by sprinter Darren Harry, the duo rode hard to put 20 seconds into their pursuers, but after almost 5 laps, Darren decided to return to the comfort of the peloton. With a lead that had gone up to 22 seconds, Chris was joined by Lee Bolden who worked well with him for 17 minutes, at one time being 35 seconds ahead of the field, but their effort proved in vain as the field came together with 3 laps to go. This saw the sprinters come to the fore, and in an exciting finish there was almost a blanket finish as Doug Stewart, Darren Harry

and Jon Gregg crossed the line, with the verdict going by only a smidgin to Doug. Darren was 2nd, John Gregg 3rd, followed close behind by Tom Perry, Luke Pledger, Gavin Wark and five other riders. So ended a great day that finished with no accidents.

'A' Grade – 45 mins plus 2 laps

1. Doug Stewart; 2. Darren Harry;
3. Jon Gregg; 4. Tom Perry;
5. Luke Pledger; 6. Gavin Wark;
7. Craig Huxtable; 8. Lee Bolden;
9. Greg Gale; 10. Joey Rawson;
11. Travis Goad; 12. Andrew McClurg;
13. Martin Depiazzi; 14. Eddie Hollands;
15. Jason Cawthorne; 16. Chris Glasby;
17. Greg Bayley; 18. Bevan Tarrant;
19. Nathan Lude.

Average 42.6kph.

'B' Grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps

1. Jason Roberts; 2. Nader El Sayed;
3. Darin Dunstan; 4. Mark Hamill;
5. John Liso; 6. Mark Welford;
7. Keith Winch; 8. Philip Neild;
9. Mike Andrew; 10. John O'Boyle;
11. Michael Ricciardi; 12. Tim James;
13. Paul Borrett; 14. Eddy Pope;
15. Chris Reedman; 16. JC Van der Welt;
17. Lee James Smith; 18. Melissa Robinson;
19. Kevin McIllduff; 20. Shane Cable;
21. Merv Byfield; 22. Bruce McLennan;
23. Pedro Turibaka; 24. Michael Bowles;
25. Lee Jordan; 26. Chris Peniston;
27. Greg Stoyles; 28. Mark Anastatas.

Average: 40.9kph.

'C' Grade – 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. George Miller; 2. Greg Smith;
3. David Ellis; 4. Benjamin Welton;
5. Richard Barville; 6. Duncan Rogers;
7. Ian McFall; 8. Philip Dangerfield;
9. Robert Pietersen; 10. Margot Biggs;
11. Chris Hodge; 12. Javier Vasquez;
13. Alison Dyson; 14. Charles Campbell;
15. Derek Munro; 16. Kate Nelligan;
17. Andrew Rother; 18. Vanessa Johnson;
19. Dave Harwood; 20. Alistair Saw;
21. Mark Leaker; 22. Vim Sephton;
23. Caroline Crow; 24. Antony Rieck;
25. Sam Bolton; 26. Cameron Dawson;
27. Chris Norton; 28. Brett Clapham;
29. Antony Bourn; 30. Daniel O'Donoghue;
31. David Williams.

Average - 39.4kph.

'D' Grade – 30 mins plus 2 laps

1. Jarred Finnigan; 2. Rudi Seebach;
3. Clinton Hort; 4. John Shattock;
5. Nick Vroomans; 6. Adrian Quick;
7. Tony Clews; 8. Fiona Vesconi-Finnigan;
9. Chris Howard; 10. John Robinson;
11. Bill Stibbs; 12. Matt Cruickshank;
13. John Hoye; 14. Alex Rogers;
15. John Quinn; 16. Peter Ebden;
17. David Marartens.

Average 36.3kph.

'E' Grade – 25 mins plus 2 laps

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Pat Briggs;
3. Bob Stephens; 4. Craig McDonald;
5. Helen Peniston; 6. Derek Mayall;
7. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 8. Kevin Hart;
9. Denis Robinson.

Average 31.1kph.

11 November – Criteriums - Bibra Lake

The 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, saw Vice-President Denis Robinson read a tribute followed by a minute's silence following the race presentation, to remember and honour those who fell during the First World War.

The day was cloudy and with a rising breeze that in particular hit 'A' and 'B' grade riders. With opposition from CA's Margaret River races, it was no surprise to see only 70 riders face the starter. As usual 'E' grade were first off the mark, starting off like greyhounds, a move that split the nine riders in the group. However after one-lap things settled down and the bunch kept together to ride at a sensible pace that pleased the sprinters. First time, trial rider Sophie Broun made a surprise dash for the corner after the ringing of the bell, but at that stage in the event no-one was prepared to allow her any rope, and she was soon pulled back. Following his wins on the previous rides, the hot money was on Pantelis Karagoglou, who didn't disappoint, though his win was by the slimmest of margins over Pat Briggs and Bob Stephens. Doc Lawrence led in Leon Nieuwenhuizen and two others some 6 seconds behind.

Quick by name and Quick by nature, as No. 151, Adrian Quick, accompanied by Rudi Seebach and Emma Tattum attacked and went clear on the 3rd lap of their event. They lasted

another lap before being dragged back to the peloton, though 9 minutes later, Adrian attacked again but was drawn back to the comfort of the peloton before the end of the lap. There were a few kicks that saw riders open up small gaps, but it was mainly the work of shutting down attacks that worked in favour of the sprinters who took advantage of the situation when it came to the finishing sprint. Hot favourite Jarred Finnigan, following his win the previous week, was expected to be first across the line, but in a fast finish it was Rudi Seebach who triumphed by the thickness of a wide rim. David Maartens was 3rd, while John Shattock, Lawrence Fahey, Jonathan Akers and Adrian Quick crossed the line in that order.

The return to the ranks of Iain Dow-Vine to 'C' grade saw him open up the action with an attack on the 1st lap that saw him take a small lead over his 15 fellow combatants. David Ellis then took his place off the front with Jon Nelson who had been promoted to the grade, chasing him down. Another surge in activity took place 18-minutes into the race when Chris Hodge led the field, followed at 20 metres by Iain Dow-Vine again. The following lap, the duo had been joined by Stephen Hesketh, though two laps later they too were brought to heel. In the concluding part of the race, as they came up to two laps to go, the indefatigable Iain was at it again, this time in the company of Graham Iddles, though Iain's earlier efforts probably took their toll, as he was dropped by Graham who at the bell enjoyed a gap of 8 seconds. As they came up the straight for the final time the peloton had reduced the gap but weren't able to close it completely, leaving Graham to cross the line 20 metres to the good. Ross Scott was best of the rest, while Derek Munro finished in 3rd place, followed by Andrew Rothern, Ian McFall, Iain Dow-Vine, Chris Hodge and the rest of the field.

After his 'C' grade win at his comeback ride at Herne Hill the previous week, George Miller accompanied by Tony Anderson proved just as aggressive by attacking early in the race, and a quarter of the way through the race they held a slight lead for four laps of the course. George was

at it again late in the race but there was a concerted effort from behind that swept up George who eventually finished 10th. The laurels went to a strongly finishing Mark Yangcazos, with Lee James Smith second, and Mike Andrew a close third. John Liso also finished strongly in 4th place, Matt Spencer 5th and Mark Welford in 6th.

It was good to see Ian Lyne return after his serious road accident while training a couple of months ago, and while he wasn't in a winning position, he still left his mark on 'A' grade's race. The event saw lots of action and changing scenarios as breaks of 4 or five riders went off the front only to be replaced by another group a few laps further into the race. Daniel Hughes-D'Aeth, Andrew Simpson, Ian Gregory and Luke Pledger were prominent from lap one when they held a slim lead of 20 metres, to be caught with a change of personnel on lap three when Ian Gregory was joined by Adam Fielding, Andrew McClurg, Martin Depiazzi and Philip Nield. When Luke Pledger bridged the gap on lap 5, the opinion at the line was this was the winning break, especially as the distance to the chasers increased to up to 45 seconds. However the pace was too hot for some, and by the 22-minute mark, the field was led by Ian Gregory, Luke Pledger and Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth. With 31 minutes of racing under their saddles, the trio was still leading by 40 seconds, but the party was spoilt when Ian Gregory attacked, to drop his two colleagues and to hold them off for another five laps. With three laps to go, Luke and Daniel had reduced the deficit to 2 seconds, after which the trio eyed each other and began jockeying for position. This reduced the gap to the chasers to 7 seconds at the bell. However, the chase also took its toll on the chasers, and at the finish it was Luke Pledger, followed by Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth who took 1st and 2nd places, with one of the chasers, Jason Roberts taking 3rd place, just ahead of Andrew Simpson, and Wayde Keyser in 5th place. Adam Fielding finished 11 seconds behind, and Ian Gregory, who had done much of the work, came in 7th some 20seconds behind. So ended an exciting event that had the masses gathered at the finish jumping with excitement.

'A' Grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps

1. Luke Pledger; 2. Daniel Hughes-D'Aeth;

3. Jason Roberts; 4. Andrew Simpson;
5. Wayde Keyser; 6. Adam Fielding;
7. Ian Gregory; 8. Philip Nield;
9. Ian Lyne; 10. Andrew McClurg;
11. Frank Bate.

Average 41.9kph.

'B' Grade – 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. Mark Yancazos; 2. Lee James Smith;
3. Mike Andrew; 4. John Liso;
5. Matt Spencer; 6. Mark Welford;
7. John O'Boyle; 8. Joshua Weidman;
9. Tony Anderson ;10. George Miller;
11. Chris Reedman; 12. Michael Bowles;
13. Bruce Davies; 14. Greg Stoyles.

Average: 39.1kph.

'C' Grade – 30 mins plus 2 laps

1. Graham Iddles; 2. Ross Scott;
3. Derek Munro; 4. Andrew Rothon;
5. Ian McFall; 6. Iain Dow-Vine;
7. Chris Hodge; 8. Chris Norris;
9. David Ellis; 10. Javier Vasquez;
11. Alistair Saw; 12. Melissa Robinson;
13. Anthony West; 14. Mark Leaker;
15. Stephen Hesketh; 16. Jon Nelson.

Average – 37.9kph.

'D' Grade – 30 mins plus 2 laps

1. Rudi Seebach; 2. Jarred Finnigan;
3. David Maartens; 4. Loren Dawson;
5. John Shattock; 6. Lawrence Fahey;
7. Jonathan Akers; 8. Adrian Quick;
9. David Williams; 10. Bill Stibbs;
11. Alex Rogers; 12. Matt Cruikshank;
13. John Quinn; 14. Emma Tattum;
15. John Robinson; 16. Shirley Dow-Vine;

Average 36.4kph.

'E' Grade – 25 mins plus 2 laps

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Pat Briggs;
3. Bob Stephens; 4. Denis Lawrance;
5. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 6. Edward Rose;
7. Sophie Brown; 8. Derek Mayall;
9. Denis Robinson.

Average 31.2kph.

18 November – Criteriums – Wangara

A few spots of rain before the start, but conditions remained fine during racing, much to the relief of the 108 participants. 'B' grade with 39 riders had by far the largest field of the day, with 'C' grade's 24 starters being the 2nd strongest field, 'D'

grade was not far behind with 22, 'A' grade with 15, and 'E' grade with eight.

'E' grade saw the return of Heather Sanderson, fresh from the UK on her annual visit to our shores, who came unstuck after an early attack up the rise to the finish that split the field. She was joined by Helen Peniston and oldest man in the race 82 year old Derek Mayall. Together they chased Pat Briggs, Pantelis Karagoglau, Denis (Doc) Lawrance and Edward Rose, but the latter were too strong and finished almost a minute ahead of the chasers. In the sprint finish, Pat Briggs came off the wheel of Pantelis, with Doc Lawrance in 3rd place. Edward Rose was happy to coast across the line in 4th place, while Helen Peniston took a hard-contested fifth place ahead of Derek and Heather. Last but not least was Octogenarian Denis Robinson who had a hard and lonely ride.

'D' grade witnessed a hard fought race with early antagonists being Fermin Blanco Mayo and trial rider Daniel Requejo who were prominent for a few laps riding off the front of the peloton. Half-way through their 30 minutes and 2 laps, all came together, though there were always people forcing the pace at the head of the field. With all attacks nullified, it was left to the sprinters in the field to contest the finish, which they did with alacrity, with Barry Cook taking his first victory, while the ever-present danger men, Jarrad Finnigan, John Shattock, Jonathan Akers, and Bruce Abbott filling the first five places. Kirsty Augustson was first lady finisher in 6th place, just ahead of Lawrence Fahey and Fermin Blanco Mayo.

'C' grade saw some brave riding by Sarah Kitis who attacked in the early stages of the race, and was prominent throughout. Joined by Wade McCann and Ian Dow-Vine, the trio were, however, never more than 5 to 10 seconds ahead of the chasers, and suffered a loss when Ian dropped back half-way through the race following a hard cyclo-cross ride the day before. Scott Fawley also took a slight lead for a couple of laps, while Mark Cummings, accompanied again by Sarah Kitis found themselves in the same position as they moved into the latter stages of the race. All came together at the 24-minute mark but the attacks continued with Mark Cummings again appearing as the aggressor, as were Chris Hodge and Paul McMurtrie over the last

couple of laps. A noticeable feature of the race was that despite numerous attacks, no one managed to gain more than a few seconds over the bunch. In a closely fought finish, Wade McCann was triumphant, just beating Paul McMurtrie and David Ellis to fill the first 3 places. Scott Fawley finished a close 4th, while Brett Clapham, and Greg Smith led in the rest of the closely packed bunch.

With 39 players, 'B' grade was never going to be docile, and so it proved, with attack coming after attack. However, as with 'C' grade, the peloton was not prepared to give up more than 5 to 10 seconds to any of the escapees. Mark Hamill and George Miller were early combatants as, at different times, were Matt Swan, Scott Ayles and Merv Byfield. With 3 laps to go Nick Foster, and Martin Hendrick joined Merv just off the front, but it proved a matter of a lap too far, and what resulted was a mass sprint of 22 riders after the leaders were swamped at the bottom of the rise to the line. Out of the fast-finishing mass the win went to Nader El Sayed who had proved himself a strong finisher over the last few events. He was closely followed by Paul Foxwell, Darin Dunstan, Tim Hopkins, James McWatt and Mike Andrew. Because of the large field, all received prize-money to be dutifully handed over to their spouses or partners!

The usual fast and furious attacks occurred in 'A' grade's race, one of the first bursts coming from Luke Pledger, Ian Gregory and Darren Harry. However, a big and decisive split in the peloton occurred after 17-minutes of riding when Matt Upton, Luke Pledger and Jon Gregg put down the hammer and rode away steadily from the chasing bunch. Building up a lead of almost 30 seconds, there were attempts from behind to get the trio back, but to no avail, though with 3 laps to go, trial rider Sean Ralph, Eddie Hollands and Ian Gregory reduced the gap to 18 seconds. With two Arbitrage riders up against Jon Gregg on the final lap, the expected 'one-two' attack never came off, and Jon taking a long sprint, took the win by a clear length over Luke Pledger, with Matt Upton a further 5 seconds behind. Ian Gregory was

another 17 seconds in arrears, while Sean Ralph coasted across the line at another 8 seconds.

'A' Grade – 45 mins plus 2 laps

1. Jon Gregg;
2. Luke Pledger;
3. Matt Upton;
4. Ian Gregory;
5. Sean Ralph;
6. Eddie Hollands;
7. Gavin Wark;
8. Greg Gale;
9. Ian Lyne;
10. Greg Bailey;
11. Martin Depiazzi.

Average 38.9.

'B' Grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps

1. Nader El Sayed;
2. Paul Foxwell;
3. Darin Dunstan;
4. Tim Hopkins;
5. James MacWatt;
6. Mike Andrew;
7. Mark Hamill;
8. John Liso;
9. JC Van der Walt
10. Keith Winch;
11. George Miller;
12. Mark Welford;
13. Bruce McLennan;
14. Graham Holden;
15. Tony Anderson;
16. Joshua Weidman;
17. Mark Yancazos;
18. Rif Pezaj;
19. Phil Johnston;
20. David Sofield;
21. Michael Ricciardi;
22. Matt Swan;
23. Merv Byfield;
24. Scott Ayles;
25. Mark Anastasas;
26. Jason Hapeta;
27. Nick Foster;
28. Charles Campbell;
29. Kevin McIlduff;
30. Antony Rieck;
31. Shane Cable;
32. Melissa Robinson;
33. Lachlan Mills;
34. Nathan Dyke;
35. Michael Jones;
36. Greg Stoyles.

Average: 37.9kph.

'C' Grade – 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. Wade McCann;
2. Paul McMurtrie;
3. David Ellis;
4. Scott Frawley;
5. Brett Clapham;
6. Greg Smith;
7. Richard Barville;
8. Neil Vroomans;
9. David Varcoe;
10. Robert Pietersen;
11. Chris Hodge;
12. Nick Vroomans;
13. Alison Dyson;
14. David Munro;
15. Mark Cummings;
16. Sarah Kitis;
17. Andrew Rotheron;
18. Brendon Logan;
19. Ross Scott;
20. Anthony West;
21. Javier Vasquez;
22. Ian Dow-Vine.

Average – 35.3kph.

'D' Grade – 30 mins plus 2 laps

1. Barry Cook;
2. Jarred Finnigan;
3. John Shattock;
4. Jonathan Akers;
5. Bruce Abbott;
6. Kirsty Auguston;
7. Lawrence Fahey;
8. Fermin Bianco Mayo;
9. Peter Ebdon;
10. David Williams;

11. Katheryn Dines;
12. Adrian Quick;
13. Emma Tattum;
14. Matt Cruikshank;
15. Daniel Requejo;
16. Alex Rogers;
17. Rudi Seebach;
18. Chris Howard;
19. John Quinn.

Average 32.9kph.

'E' Grade – 25 mins plus 2 laps

1. Pat Briggs;
2. Pantelis Karagoglou;
3. Denis Lawrance;
4. Edward Rose;
5. Helen Peniston;
6. Derek Mayall;
7. Heather Sanderson;
8. Denis Robinson.

Average 27.2kph.

25 November – Criteriums – Motorplex,

While I was idling for a few days at the Royal Perth Hospital, our visiting ace reporter, Wayne Lally was hot on reporting the action of the day. With 107 starters and very positive reports from those who competed, it looks as if we have hit upon an excellent circuit. Especially important is that it's a closed circuit and an all-round view of the action for spectators and officials. Wayne writes:

The Motorplex circuit welcomed WCMCC early this morning with sunshine and still conditions for our first few grades, but there were clouds, wind and drizzle for our A and B grades. Quality racing enjoyed by all.

E grade started quite fast and after 3 laps Bob Stephens, Pantelis Karagoglou and Pat Briggs had a few hundred metres gap on the other six riders. They held on to finish with a close sprint in that order.

D started with 20 riders and set off at a steady pace. Riders were soon all spaced around the circuit. At the bell only the top 8 were left to face the chequered flag. Trial rider Alister Evans was 1st over the line, 2nd Jarred Finnigan, T Jason Barnes 3rd, Tony Clews 4th and John Shattock 5th.

C grade with 30 riders started at a hectic pace with Robert Collings and Troy Coulthard out the front for several laps. For the next 25 minutes the pace kept improving. At 10 minutes to go 4 riders were away with 15 chasing, eventually to no avail. New rider to WCM Teneal Attard won the sprint to the line by 20 metres from David Menarry,

Brett Fowler and Alison Dyson. The main peloton was some 300 metres later.

28 riders lined up for B grade. By 25 minutes only a few were off the back, and at 10 to go Nader El Sayed made a strong solo move for several laps. At the 2 to go, George Miller attacked and led the field of 22 around the circuit. The final 500 metres was very fast, with the close sprint taken out by Patrick Woods, Tim Hopkins, Darin Dunstan, Mike Andrew, Mark Hamilton, John Liso, etc., etc.

A grade started with 22 riders, but it didn't take long before no.1 saddlecloth rider Matt Upton attacked and attacked again. Soon there were bunches of 4 and 5 riders all around the circuit. It was like several team pursuits with Matt out the front by himself. At 10 minutes to go Jon Gregg made his solo effort to catch Matt. These two worked together to the finish. Jon won the sprint from Matt, with Tom Ford of the chasers 3rd, ahead of Brian Sing, Luke Pledger, Ian Gregory, etc, etc. Luckily, not long after presentation and site cleanup, rain started to fall.

Wayne Lally

'A' Grade – 45 mins plus 2 laps

1. Jon Gregg; 2. Matt Upton;
3. Tom Ford; 4. Brian Sing;
5. Lujke Pledger; 6. Ian Gregory;
7. Doug Stewart; 8. Chris Beeck;
9. Chris Glasby; 10. Wayde Keyser;
11. Paul Mackay; 12. Scott Sanders;
13. Gavin Wark; 14. Chris Roberts;
15. Greg Gale; 16. Ian Lyne.

Average 40.1 kph.

'B' Grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps

1. Patrick Woods; 2. Tim Hopkins;
3. Darin Dunstan; 4. Mike Andrew;
5. Mark Hamill; 6. John Liso;
7. Lee James-Smith; 8. Bruce Davies;
9. George Miller 10. Amanda Nabi;
11. David Sofield; 12. Mark Welford;
13. Joshua Weidman; 14. Michael Jones;
15. Magnus Rudisele; 16. John O'Boyle;
17. Merv Byfield; 18. Shane Cable;
19. Nader El Sayed.

Average: 37.9kph.

'C' Grade – 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. Teneal Attard; 2. David Menarry;

3. Brett Fowler; 4. Alison Dyson;
 5. Scott Fawley; 6. Greg Smith;
 7. Barry Cook; 8. Chris Hodge;
 9. Ian McFall; 10. Melissa Robinson;
 11. Kate Neligan; 12. Brett Clapham;
 13. Troy Coulthard; 14. Paul McMurtrie;
 15. Chris Norris; 16. Daniel Clausen.;
 17. Robert Collings; 18. Steve Ryan;
 19. Anthony West; 20. Anthony West;
 21. Javier Vasquez; 22. Ian Dow-Vine.
- Average – 37.7kph.*

'D' Grade – 30 mins plus 2 laps

1. Alastair Evans; 2. Jarred Finnigan;
 3. Jason Barnes; 4. Tony Clews;
 5. John Shattock; 6. Chris Howard;
 7. Adrian Quick; 8. Loren Dawson;
 9. Fermin Bianco Mayo;
 10. Alex Rogers; 11. David Williams;
 12. Rudi Seebach; 13. Peter Ebden;
 14. John Robinson; 15. John Quinn;
 16. Bill Stibbs; 17. Shirley Dow-Vine.
- Average 34.8kph.*

'E' Grade – 25 mins plus 2 laps

1. Bob Stephens; 2. Pantelis Karagoglou;
 3. Pat Briggs; 4. Craig McDonald;
 5. Edward Rose; 6. Graham Thornton;
 7. Derek Mayall; 8. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
 9. Denis Robinson.
- Average 31.3kph.*

2 December – Criteriums – Kewdale

Weatherwise it was another good day, attracting 97 riders, 'though we would have had over the century if a fair number of 'A' graders hadn't been attracted by CA's championships in the Bassendean area. As a result the premier grade had only 10 starters, but as usual they rode a hard attacking race. Doug Stewart started off the action when he flew away on the first lap to a lead of 17 seconds, but was brought to heel on lap three. Doug was again in action on lap four, this time in the company of Lee Bolden, with the pair holding off the chasers for another two laps. At the 17-minute mark, it was Craig Huxtable and trial rider Will Main who headed the field but their effort came to an end after a three-lap break after which Greg Gale, Ian Lyne and Lee Bolden stole a march to hold off the field by 12 seconds, a gap that had increased to 30 seconds after 29 minutes of racing. Behind

the leaders, the chase was conducted by Brian Sing and Doug Stewart, but when Doug dropped back, Brian was left dangling in no-man's land. With a comfortable lead over the last few laps, the three escapees worked together until the final lap when Lee Bolden took flight to record a comfortable win, with 2nd place going to Greg Gale, and Ian Lyne third. Doug Stewart was best of the rest, followed closely by Craig Huxtable, and Travis Goad.

'B' grade with 26 starters had a calmer start than 'A' grade, though on lap two a split occurred. Prominent in early attacks was George Miller who kept the rest of the field on its toes. After two laps alone, he was joined by another eight riders until the chasers succeeded to bring them back at the 15-minute mark. A couple of further attacks by George were nullified, signalling to Mike Andrew and Mark Hamill it was time to go up the road. Riding strongly they increased their lead to 25 seconds but that gap came down to 20 seconds after 37 minutes of racing and then dropped quickly to single figures, with 3 laps to go. After this Merv Byfield and the ebullient George Miller attacked hard. On the final lap, the reward for 1st place went to Mike Andrew who had worked hard earlier in the race, and who was followed across the line by Darin Dunstan and Greg Bayley, Patrick Woods and George Miller with a host of riders close to their wheels.

'C' grade had the largest field of the day but for much of the race they appeared to ride steadily together with the only successful attempts to get away being recorded at the very beginning and end of the race. The first two laps saw a good attempt by Barry Cook who opened up a lead of 12 seconds that on the second lap of his break had been reduced to 5 seconds. At the 30-minute point in the race, trial rider Luis Cortez came around the final bend with a few seconds lead but then eased off to be caught by the peloton. The last attempt to do damage was by Barry Cook with three laps to go, though his lead of 5 seconds was easily absorbed. Following up on his recent podium results, Greg Smith crossed the line after easing up over the final 30 metres or so, with Neil Vroomans being 2nd and Robert Collings in 3rd place. Next was Ian McFall who just eased past Chris Norris, and David Ellis'

It was good to see the numbers in 'D' grade increase from the low numbers experienced at the end of the road season, and also good to see some hard riding in the bunch. It was also good to see sprinter, Bruce Abbott head the field on a number of occasions as did some of the female contingent of Emma Tattum, Kirsty Auguston, and Roberta Richardson. Shirley Dow-Vine also rode, but while she didn't appear at the front, she was delighted to record her first ever finish in the midst of the bunch. In a hard fought finish, Loren Dawson was triumphant, with Damien Greig 2nd, John Shattock 3rd, Davis Williams 4th, Fermin Blanco Mayo 5th, and Matt Cruikshank in 6th place.

'E' grade started and finished with a respectable field of 11 riders, a race that was animated in the early stages by Pat Briggs and Edward Rose of the Northern Beaches club, but no-one was given enough leeway to make a clean break. For the final sprint the judges had an easy task, as there was enough space between each rider to record the placings. The winner, Bob Stephens had a clear length advantage over Pat Briggs, with Andrea Hind being the only female prize-winner of the day when she finished third. Pantelis Karagoglous was 4th, and improving Leon Nieuwenhuizen finished just ahead of Helen Peniston and the rest of the field.

'A' Grade – 45 mins plus 2 laps

1. Lee Bolden; 2. Greg Gale;
3. Ian Lyne; 4. Doug Stewart;
5. Craig Huxtable; 6. Travis Goad;
7. Brian Sing; 8. Will Main;
9. Jason Walsh.

'B' Grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps

1. Mike Andrew; 2. Darin Dunstan;
3. Greg Bayley; 4. Patrick Woods;
5. George Miller; 6. John Liso;
7. Mark Hamill; 8. Merv Byfield;
9. Keith Winch; 10. Paul Borrett;
11. Rif Pezaj; 12. Charlie Gargett;
13. Joshua Weidman; 14. Bruce McLellan;
15. Charles Campbell; 16. Eddy Pope;
17. Michael Jones; 18. Lee Jordan;
19. Wai Mun Yeong;
20. Giovanni Carnicelli;

21. Melissa Robinson; 22. Mark Anastasas;
24, Chris Pensiston; 25. Michael Ricciardi;
26. Greg Stoyles
Average: 37.9kph.

'C' Grade – 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. Greg Smith; 2. Neil Vroomans;
3. Robert Collings; 4. Ian McFall;
5. Chris Norris; 6. David Ellis;
7. Chris Pearce; 8. Barry Cook;
9. Annie Bramley; 10. Robert Pietersen;
11. Brett Clapham; 12. Jarred Finnigan;
13. Dave Harwood; 14. Nick Vroomans;
15. Chris Norris; 16. Paul McMurtrie;
17. Andrew Rothon; 18. David Menarry;
19. Jill Pope; 20. Nathalie Laurenda;
21. Mark Leaker; 22. Javier Vasquez;
23. Keith Hickey; 24. Duncan Rogers;
25. Troy Drewett; 26. Samantha Flockhart;
27. Luis Cortez.

'D' Grade – 30 mins plus 2 laps

1. Loren Dawson; 2. Damien Greig;
3. John Shattock; 4. David Williams;
5. Fermin Blanco Mayo; 6. Matt Cruickshank;
7. Tony Clews; 8. Bruce Abbott;
9. Fermin Bianco Mayo; 10. Peter Ebden;
11. Adrian Quick; 12. John Quinn;
13. Peter Ebden; 14. Emma Tattum;
15. Bill Stibbs; 16. Alex Rogers;
17. John Robinson; 18. Chris Howard;
19. Kirsty Augustson; 20. David Maartens;
21. John Hoye; 22. Shirley Dow-Vine;
23. Mike Young.

'E' Grade – 25 mins plus 2 laps

1. Bob Stephens; 2. Pat Briggs;
3. Andrea Hind; 4. Pantelis Karagoglou;
5. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 6. Sophie Broun;
7. Helen Peniston; 8. Edward Rose;
9. Graham Thornton; 10. Kevin Hart;
11. Denis Robinson.

9 December – Road Race – Chidlow 'A'.

Another glorious day attended by comfortable temperatures and light breezes attracted 102 riders to the undulating roads of the 'A' circuit. All this led to fast races, with 'A' grade recording 42.11kph over its six circuits of the 11km course.

After two laps a group of eight riders had gained a lead of just over 30seconds over the 14 chasers in 'A' grade, though that number in the lead was reduced to seven when Sam Smith

abandoned after suffering a puncture. With two laps to go the break appeared to have a unassailable lead of 1min 15 seconds, but with a hard chase behind and a split in the lead group there were three riders with a lead of only 20 seconds as they crossed the line for the final lap. It was a close call and at the finish there were only three seconds separating first placed Jon Gregg and the last of the 17 finishers. Jon was closely followed by Daniel Hughes d'Aeth, Tom Ford, Matt Upton, Chris Glasby, and Elar Kalda, with split seconds separating the rest of the field.

'B' grade witnessed the largest field of the day when 34 riders faced the starter. The event started with a flurry of activity that saw a group of five riders establish a lead of 45 seconds. The break consisted of George Miller, Paul Prottey, Jaimie Kirkwood, Mark Hamill and Michael Jones. On the 2nd lap, Michael fell back, but the break continued to increase its lead, being 1m 45 seconds ahead at the end of lap two and 1m 35seconds with three to go. However, with 2 laps to go the break was further weakened with the loss of another rider, and by the bell their lead had been reduced to 12 seconds. With one of the group losing confidence, they were finally swamped early on the final lap with Paul Prottey being the first of the break to finish, in 17th place. As with 'A' grade there was a compact bunch as they covered the final 300 metres, with only 2 seconds separating the first and 31st rider. First over the line was Martin Dolinscheck, followed closely by Chris Brown, John Liso, Gavin Wark, Julian Johnson and a hoard of riders breathing down his neck. Their average was a very respectable 39.214kph.

'C' grade also had a largish field with 30 riders taking to the road. Overall, the group passed the timekeepers in a fairly compact group throughout the race, though what happened around the rest of the circuit will remain a mystery. There were a few casualties through mechanical problems and punctures, including Nic Vroomans, Robert Collings and Ian Dow Vine, and one or two who found the going hard, but as with the previously mentioned 'A' and 'B' grades, there was little between the first and 23rd

places. Trial rider Bryn Green showed his ability when taking the race over 2nd placed David Menarry by a split second, while he was followed by Paul McMurtie, Anthony West, Brett Fowler and Daniel Harvey. Kate Nelligan was first of the female finishers, in 10th position, with Sarah Kitis in 14th and Margo Biggs in 15th place.

In 'D' grade Adrian Quick was fast off the mark, and by the end of the 1st lap he had gained a lead of 30seconds over 10 chasers. When Roberta Richardson decided she was having a bad day, she and trial rider Belson Yong pulled out followed by John Robinson and Shirley Dow-Vine dropping back, the seven remaining riders were left with much reduced fire-power. However, at the finish there were still five left to contest the sprint, which was won by a length by David Williams over Rudi Seebach. Andrew Williams (no relation to the winner) was 3rd, Chris Howard 4th and Adrian Quick 5th. Kirsty Auguston finished four seconds down on the winner in 6th place. The winner recorded a respectable average speed of 32,84kph.

'E' grade's seven starters rode valiantly over the hills, but they took a quick toll, with Bob Stephens and Sophie Broun opening a break of 15 seconds on the first lap over what remained of the bunch, while trial rider Jodi Earnshaw, riding her first road race, was a few seconds behind. That remained the position until the final lap when Sophie Broun went on the attack, leaving Bob Stephens to chase her, but at the end finishing some 90 seconds behind for 2nd place. As Jodi was a trial rider, lucky man in the grade was Pat Briggs who took the 3rd place cash prize. Dave Walker finished in 5th place, while Denis Robinson had yet another lonely ride to valiantly finish 6th after a virtual time trial. The average speed of the winner, 32.26kph, was not too far behind the 32.84 recorded by 'D' grade.

'A' Grade – 66km, 6 laps

1. Jon Gregg; 2. Daniel Hughes-d' Aeth;
3. Tom Ford; 4. Matt Upton;
5. Chris Glasby; 6. Elar Kalda;
7. Greg Gale; 8. Giovanni Carnicelli;
9. Andrew Simpson; 10. Jason Cawthorne;
11. David McFerran; 12. Ian Lyne;
13. Andrew Lilley; 14. Paul Mackay;
15. Ryan Bough; 16. Nathan Jones;

17. Andrew McClurg.
Average speed 42.11kph.

'B' Grade – 66km, 6 laps

1. Martin Dolinschek; 2. Chris Brown;
3. John Liso; 4. Gavin Wark;
5. Julian Johnson; 6. Mitchell Henville;
7. Adam Ralph; 8. Michael Jones;
9. Phil Deisel; 10. Steve Jones;
11. Matt Pollard; 12. Mark Hamill;
13. David Saxey; 14. Paul Barrett;
15. Charles Campbell; 16. Serene Lee;
17. Paul Prottey; 18. Jamie Kirkman;
19. Ridelle Gamble; 20. Stuart Hobson;
21. Gary Boyalan; 22. Kevin McIllduff;
24. Brett Arnold; 25. George Miller;
26. David Sofield; 27. Andrew Highfield;
28. Lachlan Mills; 29. Shane Cable;
30. Paul Williams; 31. Patrick Woods.
Average: 39.21kph.

'C' Grade – 55km, 5 laps

1. Bryan Green; 2. David Menarry;
3. Paul McMurtrie; 4. Anthony West;
5. Brett Fowler; 6. Daniel Harvey;
7. Marcus Van Dalen; 8. John Hansen;
9. David Ellis; 10. Kate Nelligan;
11. Scott Frawley; 12. Simon Hinton;
13. Peter Wilshaw; 14. Sarah Kitis;
15. Margot Biggs; 16. Barry Cook;
17. Vanessa Johnson 18. Neil Vroomans;
19. Steve Ryan; 20. Brett Clapham;
21. Jon Hanson; 22. Andrew Rathon;
23. Dermott Blackweir; 24. Ryan McLaren;
Average: 36.72kph

'D' Grade – 44km, 4 laps

1. David Williams; 2. Rudi Seebach;
3. Andrew Williams; 4. Chris Howard;
5. Adrian Quick; 6. Kirsty Auguston;
7. John Shattock; 8. John Robinson;
9. Shirley Dow-Vine.
Average: 32.84kph

'E' Grade – 36km, 3 laps

1. Sophie Broun; 2. Bob Stephens;
3. Jodi Earnshaw; 4. Pat Briggs;
5. Dave Walker; 6. Denis Robinson.
Average: 32.26kph,

**16 December – 'Vermarc Clothing'
Criteriums – Smeaton Way, Rockingham**

The final race of 2018 saw 99 riders appear at the Smeaton Way circuit to experience some waist-reducing racing before, like Pooh Bear, practicing their fattening Exercises over the Christmas period.

Facing a strong wind that other than the very brave, discouraged breakaways, 'E' grade started off the day with a steady start. That soon changed into a split field after 13 minutes of racing, as Bob Stephens, Pat Briggs and Graham Thornton opened up a gap on the rest of the field. With only 6 starters that saw a lonely ride for the other 3 riders, while the leaders carried on together until Pat Briggs punctured. However, under the lap out rule he was soon back at the front of affairs, and was still there to contest the final sprint, which he took when making a last second surge to just beat Bob Stephens across the line. Graham Thornton finished 4 seconds behind in 3rd place, an improvement in fitness following his lay-off and being dropped in the last two events. Leon Nieuwenhuizen was 3rd, Kevin Hart 5th and Denis Robinson 6th.

D' grade's 19 riders opened the racing with an attack that saw 6 riders move to a lead of 10seconds. The following lap they had been joined by one other rider who helped double that lead. However, the group then came together but later in the race the pace began to tell as riders dropped off the back of the race. Prominent in the break through most of the race was the only female rider, Emma Tattum, who was still driving hard at the front of the group as they crossed for the bell. Unfortunately she was tailed off as they came in sight of the finish line, to eventually finish in sixth place. In a close contested finish Gary Sevier just beat Fermin Blanco Mayo across the line, followed closely by David Williams, Chris Howard, and Adrian Quick, while Emma was 4 seconds further behind.

'C' grade rode hard but apart from a small 5 seconds gap made by Ian Dow Vine, Brett Clapham and David Ellison at the end of the 3rd lap, all the 25 riders remained together until the pace began to take affect with about 5 laps to go and gaps began to appear. Throughout the race Ian Dow-Vine and Brett Clapham were active in keeping the pace going, but as they entered the final lap it was Scott Frawley who attacked to open up a lead. However, it was too late, and with the chasers

getting together he was brought back to take part in an 18-up sprint that was won comfortably by Bryn Green, to record his second win in two weeks. Iain Dow-Vine, after his hard work, took a deserved second place, followed closely by trial riders Chris Pearce, with Pater Wilshaw in 4th, Scott Frawley in 5th and Brett Fowler in 6th place.

'B' grade with 29 riders had the largest field of the day. It also saw the ride of the day, when in windy conditions Dean Shipp broke away on the 3rd lap and was only caught by the chasers with 2 laps to go. Half-way through the race the gap had extended to 33 seconds where he dangled for much of the race. However, even after he was caught Dean was strong enough to stay with the peloton and to seriously challenge in the sprint finish, when he took third place, finishing just behind Lee James Smith and Darin Dunstan. His effort also saw him beat experienced sprinters Martin Dolinscheck, Mark Hamil, John Liso, and also 15 other riders who were there to contest the finish. Perhaps illustrating the windy conditions was the granting of a lap out for Bruce Davies who had his contact-lens blown off his eye to stick to the glasses he was wearing. By the time he put the lens in place he had lost an appreciable amount of time, but so novel was the excuse that referee, Bob Addy, was lost for words and let him take a lap out.

The 22 riders in 'A' grade were soon in action, and on lap three Jon Gregg, Henry Morley and Lee Bolden had opened up a small gap. Chris Glasby tried a loner a lap later, followed on the 5th lap by Scott Sanders and once more, Henry Morley. The final scene was, however set when the latter two riders were joined by Sam Smith, Chris Glasby, Chris Beeck, Lee Bolden, Tom Perry and trial riders Ben Wray and Clint Thompson. Unfortunately Tom Perry was forced to pull out following a puncture. With 2 laps to go, Henry Morley and Lee Bolden forced a 10 seconds lead over their breakaway colleagues, a lead that had doubled as they crossed for the final lap and which, after much manoeuvring on the final lap by the chasers had extended to about 40seconds. Henry Morley was 1st to cross the line, leaving Lee Bolden 4 seconds in

his wake. Chris Thompson managed to drop the chasing group to finish three seconds ahead of 4th placed Chris Beeck, Sam Smith, Scott Sanders and Chris Glasby. In total there were 6 DNF's, perhaps a reflection of the hard conditions and hard racing.

Thanks to Vermarc Clothing's Tony Anderson and Bruce Davies, prize-money of \$1,000 was paid out on the day, making for welcome Christmas presents for those in the extended prizelists in the various grades.

Here's wishing everyone a pleasant break and may your Christmas stockings be filled with things Campag or Shimano.

'A' Grade - 45 mins + 2 laps

1. Henry Morley; 2. Lee Bolden;
3. Clint Thompson; 4. Chris Beeck;
5. Sam Smith; 6. Scott Sanders;
7. Chris Glasby; 8. Jon Gregg;
9. Gavin Wark; 10. Adam Fielding;
11. Philip Neild; 12. Ian Lyne;
13. Ben Wray; 14. Nartin Depiazzi;
Average speed 43.3kph.

'B' Grade - 40 mins + 2 laps

1. Lee James Smith; 2. Darin Dunstan;
3. Dean Shipp; 4. Martin Dolinschek;
5. Mark Hamill; 6. Mike Andrew;
7. John Liso; 8. Charles Campbell;
9. Tim James; 10. David Sofield;
11. Paul Borrett; 12. Bruce McLennan;
13. Joey Rawson; 14. Magnus Rudisele;
15. Tony Anderson; 16. Joshua Weidemann;
17. Jason Hapeta; 18. Hunter Shipp;
19. Patrick Woods; 20. Charlie Gargett;
21. Bruce Davies; 22. Shane Cable;
24. Owen Henderson; 25. Lee Jordan;
26. Anthony Rieck.

Average: 41.5kph.

'C' Grade - 35 mins + 2 laps

1. Bryan Green; 2. Iain Dow-Vine;
3. Chris Pearce; 4. Peter Wilshaw;
5. Scott Frawley; 6. Brett Fowler;
7. Chris Hodge; 8. David Ellis;
9. Don McCracken; 10. Greg Smith;
11. Paul McMurtrie; 12. Neil Vroomans;
13. Alastair Parratt; 14. Ian Lee;
15. Marcus Van Dalen; 16. Mark Leaker;
17. Robert Collings; 18. Chris Norris;
19. Vanessa Johnson; 20. Brett Clapham;
21. Jarred Finnigan; 22. Jon Nelson.

Average: 38.5kph

'D' Grade - 30 mins + 2 laps

1. Gary Sevier; 2. Fermin Blanco Mayo;
3. David Williams; 4. Chris Howard;
5. Adrian Quick; 6. Emma Tattum;
7. John Shattock; 8. Kirsty Auguston;
9. Roberta Richardson; 10. John Quinn;
11. Darren Lee; 12. John Robinson;
13. Alex Rogers; 14. Matt Cruickshank;
15. John Hoye; 16. Peter Ebden;
17. Shirley Dow-Vine;
18. Javan Wolsoncroft.

Average: 36.7kph

'E' Grade 25 mins + 2 laps

1. Pat Briggs; 2. Bob Stephens;
3. Graham Thornton;
4. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
5. Kevin Hart; 6. Denis Robinson.

Average: 32.4kph,

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