



Newsletter: June-August 2020

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RACE PROGRAMME

Road races start at 9.00am.

Check the web page for course details and possible changes.

NOTE: Grades start at 4-minute intervals.

16 August – No racing.

23 August – No racing.

30 August – Graded Road Races – Pickering Brook.

6 September – Fathers' Day – No racing

13 September - Graded Road Races – Dog Hill, Baldavis.

20 September - Graded Road Races – Chidlow 'B'.

27 September – no racing

4 October - Graded Road Races – Neerabup

11 October - Graded Road Races – Pickering Brook.

25 October – Graded Road Races = Herne hill, followed by Points score presentations.

RACE REPORTS

28 June – Graded Road Races – Herne Hill.

Despite threats of storms and torrential rain, there was an excellent re-start to racing following the Covid-19 break. Thankfully, while there was heavy rain, the conditions remained fairly calm, and the level of racing

was on par with pre-virus days. However, the rain took its toll on the writer's ability to fully report on the events due to soggy paper and running ink. Thus, today's report is just a skeleton of what occurred.

'A' grade was its usual ebullient self, with much attacking, that started on lap one when two riders took a lead of 20 seconds, while on the following lap they had been joined by six others. With four laps to go, when the field was almost together, a few riders moved off the front to open a gap of 40 seconds. However, the last lap saw a hard chase and at the finish there were only a few seconds between Sam Smith who was first, and Scott Taylor who finished in 21st place. Sam was followed over the line 2 seconds ahead of Mitchell Fitzgerald and another 13 seconds ahead of Tim Bate, Tom Ford and Wayne Thomson, while 5 seconds later Adrian Pahl crossed to take 6th place. Perhaps the 5 DNFs reflected the pressure and the effect of torrential rain?

'B' grade started with 16 riders, but only lost one rider, and that because of a mechanical problem. While the main bunch stayed together, a couple of riders attempted to stir up the action, the main aggressor being Greg Bailey who broke away to pass the timekeepers with a lead of 15 seconds at the bell. He was still in the lead as they turned the final corner, and despite a valiant attempt he was absorbed by the bunch with about 300 metres to go. In a closely contested finish, Martin Dolinschek kicked

to beat Paul Barrett, Darin Dunstan, Steven Knight, Julian Hamilton and others, with the first fourteen riders crossing the line within 4 seconds of the victor.

In 'C' grade, much of the action was associated with the efforts of Justin McGoldrick who paired up with Neil Vroomans with four of the 7 laps to go. At the bell Neil had dropped back to the bunch, but Justin had by that time shared his back wheel with Lachlan Mills. But the latter rider pulled away in the last couple of kms to finish 16 seconds to the good. David Vos then led in a group of seven riders who were over 40 seconds behind the winner.

'D' grade started with 10 riders and finished with eight, with the first five being within 2 seconds of each other. First across the line was Jonathan Akers, with Mark Williams and Nick Vroomans in 2nd and 3rd respectively. Joel Beard and Tony Clews were close behind, while Clint Hort in 6th was one second ahead of Marina Thorman. Kevin Dolman finished well behind and had a lonely ride, maybe because of a layoff, or possibly suffering from a mechanical.

E' grade saw the field of seven disintegrate as Graham Blyth and Bob Stephens attacked on the 2nd of their four laps. By that time they had distanced their compatriots and had an unbridgeable gap back to the next rider. Graham was in excellent form, and on the final lap Bob was unable to match his effort, which saw Graham win by a margin of just over 50 seconds. Peter Godfrey finished in 3rd place some two mins 40 seconds behind Bob, while Graham Thornton in 4th was another 1 minute 12 seconds behind. Unluckiest rider was Natalie Quick who punctured on the 1st lap.

Despite the conditions, everyone appeared to enjoy the chance to get back into competition again, and it was good to see so many faces that had been absent for so long.

Results

'A' grade – 86km, 9 laps

1. Sam Smith; 2. Mitchell Fitzgerald;
3. Tim Bate; 4. Tom Ford;
5. Wayne Thomson; 6. Adrian Pahl;
7. Taylor Wilcock; 8. Ian Gregory;
9. Stephen Hall; 10. Cian Brennan;
11. Quaid Smith; 12. Jeffrey Kriel;

13. Stewart Robertson; 14. Craig Huxtable;
15. Colin Rose; 16. Daniel Smith;
17. Ryan Willmot; 18. Brian Sing;
19. John Gregg; 20. Luke Jules;
21. Scott Taylor.

Average Speed 43.3kph.

'B' grade – 76km, 8 laps

1. Martin Dolinschek; 2. Paul Barrett;
3. Darin Dunstan; 4. Steven Knight;
5. Julian Hamilton; 6. Matt Martins;
7. Stuart Hobson; 8. Keith Winch;
9. Tony Smith; 10. Lee Jordan;
11. Matt Pollard; 12. Greg Bayley;
13. Matt King; 14. Gavin Wark;
15. Alan Nicholls.

Average Speed 40.47kph.

'C' grade`

1. Lachlan Mills; 2. Justin McGoldrick;
3. David Vos; 4. Darren Gilbert;
5. Neil Vroomans; 6. Simon Vanderberg;
7. Chris Holgate; 8. John Liso;
9. Jamie Perry; 10. Roberta Busi;
11. Dianne McAuliffe;
12. Danielle Nordeck; 13. Gareth Roberts;
14. Adam Peacock.

Average speed 37.0kph

'D' grade – 57km, 6 laps

1. Jonathan Akers; 2. Mark Williamson;
3. Nick Vroomans; 4. Joel Beard;
5. Tony Clews; 6. Clint Hort;
7. Marina Thorman; 8. Kevin Dolman.

Average speed: 33.9kph

'E' grade – 40km, 4 laps

1. Graham Blyth; 2. Bob Stephens;
3. Peter Godfrey; 4. Graham Thornton.

Average Speed: 32.4kph.

5 July – Graded Road Races – Chidlow 'B'.

Following the torrential rain experienced at Herne Hill, the Chidlow race that attracted 114 riders felt almost like heaven. Calm and warm conditions proved perfect and led to some excellent racing. Perhaps reflecting the conditions were the times recorded by A B, C and D grades all of which recorded record lap times for the 17.6km circuit. 'A's average per lap was exactly one minute faster than the previous best time on the circuit; B's average was 1m 45seconds faster; 'C' grade 1m 35secs faster, and 'D'

grade was 40secs faster. As a promise of things to come, there were 10 trial riders participating for the first time, among their members being ex-Australian Professional road champion Michael Frieburg who informed one of our members that he had enjoyed the racing and would be back again.

Surprisingly, while the racing was fast and sometimes furious, there was little to report, as most grades stayed as compact groups throughout the race (at least when they came past the start line on each lap). 'A' grade's 32 riders did see an effort by John Gregg and Joseph Laurendi, who with 2 of their 5 laps to go they opened up a lead of 40 seconds, but they had been drawn back to the bunch by the time they again came around for the bell. The finish saw an eye-popping mass sprint finish, with the star of the effort being Clint Thompson who surged in the final 40 metres to win by a length. John Gregg and Stephen Hall went head to head, but could not be divided, as both the camera and transponders recorded a dead heat, both shared 2nd place. They were followed in by Tom Ford, Jeffrey Kriel, and Mitchell Fitzgerald, with another 9 riders recording the same time. Unluckiest rider was Chris Glasby who suffered a mechanical problem on lap one, and Wayne Thomson who retired after suffering from a previous injury.

At the end of 'B' grade's first lap, Magnus Rudisele and Mark Welford put down their heads to record a lead of almost 30 seconds over their compatriots in the bunch. However, for their sins it was one effort too much, and while Magnus DNF'd on the final lap, Mark finished towards the bottom of the 35 finishers in the grade. As with 'A' grade the final sprint of their four laps saw a mass of riders fight for the laurels, with Adrian Hamilton taking the race in a hard-fought finish as the bunch surged across the line. Kelana Saleh was 2nd, followed closely by Tony Smith, Nick Rudd, David Sofield and Greg Smith in 6th place. Another 22 riders shared the same time.

'C' grade followed a similar pattern, though without any breakaways, and this resulted in 16 riders contesting the final sprint. The winner was Chris Holgate, with Richard Quinlan 2nd, and trial rider Robert Kidnie in

third. However, as trial riders cannot claim prizes, this allowed Darren Gilbert to take the cash prize for 3rd place. The rest of the first six official placings went to Peter Wilshaw, Tim James and John Liso. There were another 9 riders in contention, with Nathalie Laurendeau being the only female rider in that number when taking 12th place overall.

'D' grade's 14 riders split on the 1st of their 3 laps when Mark Williamson, Phil Drayson, Joel Beard, Michael Morton and David Williams opened up a gap of 30 seconds at the end of lap one. This created mayhem behind the leaders for whom gaps began to appear. David Williams was shed off the back of the break on the final lap, leaving four riders to contest the finish. Of these, Michael Morton proved the strongest in the sprint, followed closely by Joel Beard, and Mark Williamson, while Phil Drayton sat up in the final metres to finish 5 seconds astray in 4th place. David Williams was 5th 1min 37 seconds behind the winner, while Jonathan Akers who had taken 1st place the previous week at Herne Hill was a distant 6th – perhaps proving the old adage, that there are horses for courses!

'E' grade's seven riders saw five of that number stay together for the duration of their 2 laps. Denis Robinson, the oldest rider of the group at well over 80 years of age, rode his usual time trial, yet finished the race, while Pat Briggs who had been busy putting out the race signage, also had a lonely ride when finishing in 6th place. In the sprint finish, first across the line was 'GUEST' rider Malcolm McWatt who had agreed not to accept any prizemoney if he finished in the first three places. As it turned out he was first to cross the line, but the prizemoney went to Graham Thornton, who beat Trevor Holmes, Bob Stephens and Peter Godfrey in that order.

Results

'A' grade – 88km, 5 laps

1. Clint Thompson; Eq. 2. Jon Gregg,
3. Stephen Hall; 4. Tom Ford;
5. Jeffrey Kreil; 6. Mitchell Fitzgerald;
7. Daniel Smith; 8. Taylor Wilcock;
9. Ian Gregory; 10. Brian Sing;
11. Sam Smith; 12. Shaun Oneill;

13. Andrew Turnbull; 14. Stuart Robertson;
15. Nathan Jones; 16. Michael Frieberg;
17. Matt Burton; 18. Luke Johns;
19. Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth; 20. Greg Bayley;
21. Dean Shipp; 22. Cian Brennan;
23. Julian Lennon; 24. Colin Rose;
25. Andrew Lilley; 26. Blake Koppler.

Average Speed 40.0kph; 26m 35secs per lap

'B' grade – 70km, 4 laps

1. Julian Hamilton; 2. Kelana Saleh;
3. Tony Smith; 4. Nick Rudd;
5. David Sofield; 6. Greg Stewart;
7. Mike Andrew; 8. Alan Nichols;
9. Julian Johnson; 10. Paul Borrett;
11. Mark Hamill; 12. Wade McCann;
13. Darren Dunstan; 14. Stuart Hobson;
15. Ian Lyne; 16. Luke Wilson;
17. Martin Dolinschek; 18. Steven Knight;
19. Darren Hunt; 20. Gavin Wark;
21. Neil Roscoe; 22. Joshua Weidman;
23. Darren Kinsella; 24. Craig Swain;
25. Keith Winch; 26. Serene Lee;
27. Waeel Llahi; 28. Luke Austin;
29. James McWatt; 30. Daniel Savage;
31. Ben Fairclough; 32. Paul Lamond;
33. Mark Welford; 34. Chris Fox;
35. Lee Jordan.

Average Speed 37.0kph; 28m 45secs per lap

'C' grade 70km, 4 laps

1. Chris Holgate; 2. Richard Quinlan;
3. Robert Kidnie; 4. Darren Gilbert;
5. Peter Wilshaw; 6. Tim James;
7. John Liso; 8. Anthony West;
9. John Staude; 10. Stephen Hesketh;
11. Mark Stephens; 12. Nathalie Laurendeau;
13. Simon Vandenberg; 14. David Varcoe;
15. Justin McGoldrick; 16. David Ellis;
17. David Vas; 18. Alan Doak-Smith;
19. Dianne McAuliffe; 20. Philip Lucas.

Average Speed 35.2kph; 30m 15secs per lap

'D' grade – 53km, 3 laps

1. Michael Morton; 2. Joel Beard;
3. Mark Williamson; 4. Phil Drayson;
5. David Williams; 6. Jonathan Akers;
7. Sam Bolton; 8. Graham Blyth;
9. Jim Bond; 10. Clinton Hort;
11. Nick Vroomans; 12. Damien Greig;
13. Gareth Roberts.

Average Speed 32.4kph; 33m 00secs per lap

'E' grade – 35km, 2 laps

1. Malcolm McWatt; 2. Graham Thornton;
3. Trevor Holmes; 4. Bob Stephens;
5. Peter Godfrey; 6. Pat Briggs;
7. Denis Robinson.

Average Speed 27.4kph; 39m 00secs per lap

12 July – Graded Road Races – Dog Hill, Baldivis.

Another great day at the office when 120 riders turned up on a crisp but fine morning. 'A' grade with 32 riders was only exceeded in numbers by 'B' with their 36 riders. All others had respectable numbers to cater for competitive riding. C; grade started with 22 entrants; 'D' with 17, and 'E' with 13. 'A' grade circling the circuit at an average 15m 10secs per lap were 25 seconds per lap faster than their last time out, and exactly duplicated the average by Peel CC's premier grade the previous day. B' were 5 secs per lap faster than their last ride on the circuit, while the other grades were a few seconds slower. Unfortunately, some grades going faster and other groups going slower added a few grey hairs to the head of the timekeeper, for this caused some grades to come close to clashing at the finish. Thankfully it didn't happen.

'A' grade saw a couple of breakaways, the first promising break by 8 riders on the 4th and 5th laps when they held a lead of between 35 and 40 seconds. However, with 2 laps to go there was a re-grouping and all were still together at the start of the final lap. Somewhere along the way, four riders got away, and finished 10 seconds ahead of the closely packed main peleton. Brett Rumford sprinted hard to take the race by a length from Jon Gregg, Adrian Pahl and Wayne Thomson. Fifth place went to Stephen Hall, followed closely by Clint Thompson and 22 other closely packed riders.

'B' grade saw a good attempt to split the field on the first lap when Darren Kinsella, Luke Austin and Lee Jordan got together to open up a gap of 25 seconds. They were later absorbed, but then James MacWatt and Mark Welford attempted to shake up the action. but only managed to lead by 15seconds before being chased down. A successful break occurred won the

penultimate lap when 5 riders, Darren Dunstan, Magnus Rudisele, Ian Lyne, David Sofield and Paul Borrett led by 10 seconds. The lead over the chasers increased by 12 seconds over the final lap, with the five finishing in that order. Dominic de Silva then led in a closely packed bunch of 26 riders.

There were no notes on the goings-on in 'C' grade, with no epics to record, suggesting a scenario when the grade riders stayed closely together. This played into the hands of the sprinters who took advantage to fight hard for the line. The 1st place went to Robert Kidnie who was taking his 2nd trial ride, a performance that while seeing him cross the line in first place, meant that the cash prize for that place went to John Liso. Chris M. Norris was next across the line, while Steven Allan Smith in 4th place was followed by first female rider to finish, Joanna Milward. Stephen Hesketh was 6th and Chris Holgate 7th. They were followed by 5 riders, while Margo Biggs led in the next group of six, at 4 seconds behind.

'D' grade saw what was the solo effort of the day when Dave Croft spent three laps on his own. With two laps to go his lead was 40 seconds, a gap reduced to 25 seconds as he crossed the line for the final lap. However, his heroic attack came to end on the final couple of hundred metres when Michelle Tickner bridged the gap on her own to beat Dave to the finishing flag by 4 seconds. Forty-nine seconds later the main bunch arrived to fight for 3rd place. This went to Lawrence Fahey, who was just ahead of David Williams, Jonathan Akers, Jim Bond and Graham Blyth.

Pat Briggs was the first in action in the early laps of 'E' grade's race when he crossed the line well ahead of his compatriots. Halfway through the event, it was the turn of Pantelis Karagoglou, better known for his sprint, who tried another tactic by storming to a lead of 15 seconds. However, he decided discretion was the better part of valour and dropped back to the main group of 7 riders. This was a wise move, and at the finish he put down his head to take the win by over a length from Graham Thornton, Bob Stephens, Pat

Briggs, Peter Godfrey, Bill Stibbs and Derek Crowther.

A good day's racing, though young Scott Stephens on the computer, was unhappy to find that at least half-a-dozen riders had My Laps transponders that did not work. As all the club transponders have recently been tested, it would be appreciated if you could check your rider-owned transponders before the next race day.

Results

'A' grade – 75km, 7 laps

1. Brent Rumford; 2. Jon Gregg;
3. Adrian Pahl; 4. Wayne Thomson;
5. Stephen Hall; 6. Clint Thompson;
7. Cian Brennan; 8. Brian Sing;
9. Ian Gregory; 10. Andrew Brierley;
11. Lewis Blackie; 12. Sam Smith;
13. Andrew Turnbull; 14. Luke Johns;
15. Mitchell Fitzgerald; 16. Taylor Wilcock;
17. Scott Meuleman; 18. Martin Hurley;
19. Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth;
20. Daniel Smith; 21. Julian Lennon;
22. Scott Taylor; 23. Michael Mahon;
24. John Wood; 25. Tim Bates;
26. Craig Huxtable;
27. Brett Schenitzerling; 28. Greg Bayley;
29. Joseph Laurendi; 30. Dean Shipp.
Average Speed 42.3kph; 15m 10secs per lap

'B' grade – 75km, 7 laps

1. Darin Dunstan; 2. Magnus Rudisele;
3. Ian Lyne; 4. David Sofield;
5. Paul Borrett; 6. Dominic Da Silva;
7. Doug Stewart; 8. Darren Kinsella;
9. Kelana Saleh; 10. Mike Andrew;
11. Julian Hamilton; 12. Gavin Wark;
13. James MacWatt; 14. Chris Race;
15. Antony Rieck; 16. Greg Stewart;
17. Lee Jordan; 18. Martin Dolinschek;
19. Alex Robeson; 20. Wayne Karger;
21. Joshua Curulli; 22. Sofia Erhard;
23. Peter Wilshaw; 24. Tony Anderson;
25. Justin McGoldrick; 26. Julian Johnson;
27. Anthony Rubotham; 28. Julian Chipper;
29. Keith Winch; 30. Joshua Weidman;
31. Scott Ayles; 32. Luke Austin;
33. Daniel Svensson; 34. Mark Welford.
Average Speed 38.7kph; 16m 35secs per lap

'C' grade 64km, 6 laps

1. Robert Kidnie; 2. John Liso;
3. Chris M. Norris; 4. Steven Allan Smith;
5. Joanna Milward; 6. Stephen Hesketh;
7. Chris Holgate; 8. Dave Harwood;
9. Joel Beard; 10. Eddy Pope;
11. Michael Morton; 12. Anthony Doherty;
13. Margot Biggs; 14. Steve Ryan;
15. John Hanson; 16. Rob Baker;
17. Simon Vandenberg; 18. Barry Williamson;
19. Neil Vroomans; 20. Mark Williamson.
Average Speed 36.8kph; 16m 35secs per lap

'D' grade – 64km, 6 laps

1. Michelle Tickner; 2. Dave Croft;
3. Lawrence Fahey; 4. David Williams;
5. Jonathan Akers; 6. Jim Bond;
7. Graham Blyth; 8. Sam Bolton;
9. Clinton Hort; 10. Damien Greig;
11. Malcolm McWatt; 12. Marina Thorman;
13. Caliigaro Sandro.
Average Speed 36.8kph; 18m 35secs per lap

'E' grade – 43km, 4 laps

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Graham Thornton;
3. Bob Stephens; 4. Pat Briggs;
5. Peter Godfrey; 6. Bill Stibbs;
7. Derek Crowther; 8. Trevor Holmes;
9. Natalie Quick; 10. Edward Rose;
11. Kevin Hart.
Average Speed 29.4kph; 21m 45secs per lap

19 July – Graded Road Races – Neerabup.

A bit of a breeze on some sections of the course combined with a chilly morning didn't deter 128 riders from turning up at Neerabup. 'B' grade with 44 riders sported the largest field for quite some time; 'C' had 30 entrants, and 'A' grade 25. Race times were on par with the previous ride on the circuit apart from 'D' grade that slowed appreciably.

'A' grade witnessed a runaway victory for Daniel Smith who took the win in a sprint when up against his two breakaway compatriots Rocky Andrews and trial rider Matt Burton. This break lasted for the duration of the race with the trio going from the start to lead at the end of that lap by 40 seconds. With four of the 11 laps to go, their lead had extended to 1m 20 secs and with no seeming urgency from the chasers, they crossed the finish with 1min 7secs to spare.

Michael Freiburg taking his 2nd trial ride, showed that he had learned a lot from his first trial ride with the Masters, by leading in the main peleton, to finish 4th. Close to his wheel were Brad Hall, Clint Thompson, and a host of others.

'Despite the large field, only Nick Rudd appeared to show any inclination to stir up the action and rode upto 30 seconds ahead of the bunch for a number of laps. Unfortunately, he punctured on the final lap to DNF, leaving the win to the sprinters. In the final 200metres, Dougie Stewart eased himself off the front to take a smooth victory by just over a length from Dominic da Silva, Ben Fairclough, and other renown sprinters, Martin Dolinscheck, Chris Race and Matt Pollard. Thirty others finished in their wake.

'C' grade's Steve Rushe and trial rider Dave Cashman weren't content to sit with their 'C' grade companions, so they swapped turns for the first three of their 9 laps and opened a gap of 35 seconds. John Liso also led the field by a few seconds towards the final stages of the race, but fell back to contest the mass sprint in which he finished in 5th place. First across the line, however, was Richard Quinlan, followed by Steven Rushe and Chris Holgate. Fifth and sixth places went to David Vas and trial rider Con Antonas.

Eight of the 17 starters in 'D' grade were females, which was a heartening number that almost balanced the sexes. There were few heroics, but Sam Bolton held a lead of a few seconds as they started the final lap. However, she was brought back to unfortunately witness a fall in which a touch of wheels saw Julie de Long hit the deck. Fortunately, while it shook her up, there was no lasting damage. Meanwhile eight riders had opened a lead but a few small gaps appeared in the long run to the line. The laurels went to Lawrence Fahey, just ahead of Keith Hickey, David Williams and Jonathan Akers, while Nick Vroomans and Graham Blyth coasted across the line 3secs behind. Katrina

McLennan was the first female rider to finish when she took 8th place behind trial rider Gavin Bramley 7secs behind the winner. A few minutes later the rest of the field, bar the unfortunate Julia, rode over the line in a block.

'E' grades 12 starters rode a comfortable pace of almost 30kph to complete their 5 laps of the circuit. For the 2nd race in a run, Pat Briggs drew the admiration of the mass of spectators when he attacked on the first lap to open up a gap of about 30 seconds before being brought back to the field. On the final lap small gaps appeared over the final couple of hundred metres, with the usual stars coming off best. The long run-in particularly suited Pantelis Karagoglou, who beat Graham Thornton and Bob Stephens by a length to record his 2nd win in a row. A group of five rode in 3 seconds behind led by Martin Robertson.

Results

'A' grade – 86km, 11 laps

1. Daniel Smith; 2. Ricky Andrews;
3. Matt Burton; 4. Michael Freiberg;
5. Stephen Hall; 6. Clint Thompson;
7. Greg Hendrie; 8. Brett Stapelton;
9. Jeffrey Kriel; 10. Scott Taylor;
11. Andrew Brierley; 12. Start Robinson;
13. Andrew Turnbull; 14. Shaun Oneill;
15. Theodore Code; 16. Craig Huxtable;
17. Robert Hurst; 18. Chris Roberts;
19. Quaid Smith; 20. Colin Rose;
21. Ian Gregory; 22. Blake Kappler;
23. Chris Glasby; 24. Greg Bayley.
Average Speed 40.7ph; 12m 20secs per lap

'B' grade – 78km, 10 laps

1. Doug Stewart; 2. Dominic Da Silva;
3. Ben Fairclough; 4. Martin Dolinschek;
5. Chris Race; 6. Matt Pollard;
7. Julian Hamilton; 8. Gavin Wark;
9. Paul Prottey; 10. Des Smith;
11. Robert Kidnie; 12. Brendon Scott;
13. Darren Hunt; 14. Darren Kinsella;
15. Antony Rieck; 16. Gavin Lawson;
17. Keith Winch; 18. Allan Bowes;
19. Peter Wilshaw; 20. Cameron Keevers;
21. Ryan Boyd-Gluck; 22. Wade McCann;
23. Paul Borrett; 24. Alan Nichols;
25. Craig White; 26. David Thompson;
27. Bill Gordin; 28. Joshua Curulli;

29. Ian Lyne; 30. Sofia Erhard;
31. Lee Jordan; 32. Kevin McIlduff;
33. Luke Austin; 34. Darin Dunstan;
35. Anthony West; 36. Scott Ayles;
37. Paul Lamond; 38. Alex Robesn;
39. Craig Smith-Gander;
40. Justin McGoldrick; 41. Joshua Weidman.

Average Speed 38.6kph; 11m 50secs per lap

'C' grade 70km, 9 laps

1. Richard Quinlan; 2. Steven Rushe;
3. Chris Holgate; 4. Scott Petricevich;
5. John Liso; 6. David Vas;
7. Con Antonas; 8. Stephen Hesketh;
9. John Hanson; 10. Tom Goerke;
11. Ryan McLaren; 12. Michael Whitaker;
13. Eddy Pope; 14. David Varcoe;
15. Simon Vandenberg; 16. Margot Biggs;
17. Brett Clapham; 18. Neil Vroomans;
19. Richard Stokes;
20. Ben Tower-Hammond;
21. Dave Harwood; 22. Dave Cashman;
23. Vim Sephton.

Average Speed ??; 12m 20secs per lap

'D' grade – 64km, 6 laps

1. Lawrence Fahey; 2. Keith Hickey;
3. David Williams; 4. Jonathan Akers;
5. Nick Vroomans; 6. Graham Blyth;
7. Gavin Bramley; 8. Katrina McLennan;
9. Malcolm McWatt; 10. Kylie Thornton;
11. Tony Clews; 12. Sam Bolton;
13. Marina Thorman; 14. Katrina Puttman;
15. Katherine Hasted; 16. Cate Wray.
Average Speed 33.3kph; 13m 50secs per lap

'E' grade – 39km, 5 laps

1. Pantelis Karagoglou;
2. Graham Thornton; 3. Bob Stephens;
4. Martin Robertson; 5. Mike Young;
6. Peter Godfrey; 7. Pat Briggs;
8. Bill Stibbs; 9. Trevor Holmes;
10. Helen Peniston.
Average Speed 29.7kph; 15m 10secs per lap

2 August – Group Handicap – Club Memorial Race – Herne Hill.

Fourteen trial riders joined club members to make up a field of 109 riders for the best-supported Group Handicap in the club's history. Calm but cool conditions to keep out the chill at the start saw riders

rug up, but after a fast first circuit of the course, there was a shedding of outer garments as the riders put on the pace. By that time the die was cast for 'A' grade had picked up 1minute on 'B'; 'B' had gained 1min 10secs on 'C'; 'C' had taken back 2m 20secs on 'D'; and 'D' had drawn back a starting gap of 9 mins to be 6minutes behind 'E'. Noting the gaps in the field at the start of the event, the sages standing on the line were equally split between the verdict going to 'A' grade on scratch, or 'D' grade starting 16mins before them. Steadily the gaps between the groups decreased and with 3 laps to go the gap between scratch and limit had been reduced from 25 to 8mins 20secs. While only small gaps separated 'E' and 'D' on the side of the field, among the higher echelons only seconds separated 'A', 'B' and 'C'. At that juncture it looked as if 'D' grade still had a chance, but with 2 laps to go there were doubts that they would, for by that time the three top grades had combined. Meanwhile, 'D' had just passed 'E'. At the bell 'D' still held an advantage of 1m 15secs over the combined might of the higher grades, who, travelling at speeds in the high 40's caught 'D' grade just after they entered Campersic Road. The finish was hectic, as 55 riders travelled in a tight pack blasted down the William Street finishing straight to fight for the laurels. With 20 to 30 metres to go 'A' grader Joseph Laurendi gave a few strong kicks, to cross the line just over a length ahead of Jon Gregg and Clint Stephenson followed by a matter of cms ahead of Brett Stapelton, Stephen Hall and Sam Smith. Garry Hansson in 11th place, was the first 'B' Grader, fighting off his grade compatriots, first time club rider Brecht Van Gastel and Ian Lyne. Chris Holgate first in 'C' grade finished 22nd overall, while Michael Morton was the first 'D' grader, in 58th place, some 37secs down on the race winner. First 'E' grader was Martin Robertson in 71st place, who finished one place ahead Bob Stephens, just 3mins 25secs behind the winner. First lady to finish was Amanda Nabi of 'B' grade in 21st place, who was given the same time as the race winner.

An excellent race in which record speeds were recorded for all divisions.

Unfortunately, one incident marred the event, when after a touch of wheels just after they turned the final corner, 5 riders came down. This resulted in 'E' grade's Graham Thornton and 'C' grade trial rider John Staude being carted off to hospital in ambulances. After picking himself up, John actually finished the race, though he probably doesn't remember doing so! Bob Stephens might also have broken his finger in the same incident. The latest news, 9 August, is that Graham's worst fears of a cracked vertebrae in his neck has not been realised. He is currently in the Intensive Care Unit at RPH. John Staude is also well on the way to recovery, and after a night or two under observation he returned home].

Cash prizes for the first three riders in each grade, plus the overall cash prizes were later presented at Herne Hill Primary School following a reading of the names of deceased members on the Memorial list was read. Joseph Laurendi was also presented with a trophy, and he and the 2nd and 3rd riders over the line had a double whammy when they also took away the 'A' grade prizes.

Results:

Handicaps – 'E' grade at limit; 'D' grade at 9 Mins; 'C' grade at 18mins; 'B' grade at 22mins; 'A' grade at 25mins (Scratch).

Memorial Race winner & placings:

1. Joseph Laurendi (A);
2. Jon Gregg (A);
3. Clint Thompson (A);
4. Brett Stapelton (A);
5. Stephen Hall (A);
6. Sam Smith (A);
7. Quaid Smith (A);
8. Brian Sing (A);
9. Adrian Pahl (A);
10. Scott Taylor (A);
11. Garry Hansson (B);
12. Brecht Van Gastel (B);
13. Ian Lyne (B);
14. Dominic Da Silva (B);
15. Jeff Kriel (A);
16. Paul Borrett (B);
17. Andrew Simpson (B);
18. Daniel Smith (A);

19. Robert Hurst (A);
20. Ben Fairclough (B);
21. Amanda Nabi (B)
22. Chris Holgate (C);
23. Josh Weidman (B);
24. Tom Goerke (C);
25. Magnus Rudisele (B);
26. Tony Martin (C);
27. Stuart Robertson (A);
28. Mark Shellard (C);
29. Scott Meuleman (A);
30. Darren Hunt (B);
31. Ian Gregory (A);
32. Brett Rumford (? A);
33. Darin Dunstan (B);
34. Con Antonas (C);
35. Garry Horsfield (C);
36. Gavin Lawson (B);
37. Jack Grabowski (C);
38. Dean Shipp (A);
39. Ryan McLaren (C);
40. Darren Kinsella (B);
41. Craig Smith-Gander (B);
42. Doug Stewart (B);
43. Julian Hamilton (B);
44. Stephen Hesketh (C);
45. Julian Johnson (B);
46. Tony Anderson (B);
47. Dave Cashman (C);
48. Neil Roscoe (B);
49. Sofia Erhard (B);
50. Mark Stephens (C);
51. Mitchell Fitzgerald (A):
52. Rob Baker (C);
53. James MacWatt (B)
54. Tim Bates (A);
55. Raphael Amouroux (A);
56. Thomas Wheeler (C);
57. Eddie Hollands (A);
58. Michael Morton (D);
59. Roma Erwin (D)
60. Andrew Stevens (D);
61. Jim Bond (D);
62. Kristan Hoops (D);
63. Keith Hickey (D);
64. Katrina McLennan (D);
65. Nick Vroomans (D);
66. Jonathan Akers (D);
67. Danielle Nordeck (D);
68. Graham Blyth (D);
69. Sam Bolton (D);
70. Chris Howard (D);

71. Martin Robertson (E);
 72. Bob Stephens (E);
 73. Joel Beard (C);
 74. John Staude (C);
 75. Dave Harwood (C);
 76. Michelle Tickner (C);
 77. Neil Vromans (C);
 78. David Witts (C);
 79. Theodore Code (A);
 80. Peter Wilshaw (B)
 81. David Croft (C);
 82. Nigel Stella (B);
 83. Vim Sephton (C);
 84. Anthony West (B);
 85. Damien Greig (D);
 86. Alan Nicholls (B);
 87. Lee Mercado (C);
 88. Chris Peniston (C);
 89. Peter Godfrey (C);
 90. Simon Vandenberg (C).
- Winner's time 1hr 14m 05secs,
Average 12m 20secs per lap.*

9 August – Age Division Club Championships - Chidlow 'B.

Only the brave ventured out on a cold and windy day to seek the glory of being club champions. Thus, a relatively small total of 37 members faced the starter, lined up in groups encompassing two age divisions, but riding for medals in their 5-year age divisions. Perhaps illustrating the difficulties of the day is that despite a decision to cut one lap off the advertised number of laps, there were 6 non-finishers. Congratulations to all the medal winners including Sam Bolton, who was the only female competitor in the event, and also to all those who braved the elements in their attempt to ride for glory. Of some interest is that the times recorded per lap for all races were only a minute or so outside the times recorded by graded groups in the last races on the circuit, when conditions were relatively calm and temperatures were in the 20s

Results

Women 45-49 years, 35km, 2 laps

Gold: Sam Bolton.

Men – 80-84 years, 17.6km, 1 lap

Gold: Denis Robinson.

70-74 years – 35km, 2 laps

Gold: Michael Morton.

Silver: Graham Blyth.

65-69 years – 35km, 2 laps

Gold: Nick Vroomans.

60-64 years – 35km, 2 laps

Gold: Peter Wilshaw.

Silver: Vim Sephton.

Bronze: Nick Cowie.

55-59 years – 53km, 3 laps

Gold: Tom O'Neill.

Silver: Colin Rose.

Bronze: Stephen Knight.

4. Paul Borrett.

5. Garry Horsfield.

6. Andrew Stevens.

7. Con Antonas.

50-54 years – 53km, 3 laps

Gold: Mark Hamill.

Silver: Tom Goerke.

Bronze: Lachlan Mills.

4. Darren Gilbert

45-49 years – 74km, 4 laps

Gold: Jon Gregg.

Silver: Ian Gregory.

Bronze: Dean Shipp.

4. Julian Hamilton.

40-44 years – 74km, 4 laps

Gold: Robert Hurst.

Silver: Tony Smith.

Bronze: Jeffrey Kriel.

35-39 years – 74km, 4 laps

Gold: Cian Brennan.

Silver: Clint Thompson.

Bronze: Stuart Robertson.

30-34 years – 74km, 4 laps

Gold: Stephen Hall.

Silver: Raphael Amaroux.

The President – Latest Report

To answer the many queries on the progress of President Wayne Lally after his recent accident: Wayne is now out of rehab and is staying for while with his family. He is progressing and walking slowly with aid of a stick, but his greatest problem is with his left arm which now contains three metal plates. It will be some time before he gets to our races again and I'm sure that everyone wishes him a speedy recovery. Wayne sends his regards to all in the club.

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