



## Newsletter –NOVEMBER- DECEMBER 2017

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### RACE PROGRAMME

**All criterium races start at 8.00am but check webpage programme for road races.**

**7 January** – *Criteriums – Kewdale.*

**14 January** – *P & A Welding Criteriums – Bibra Lake.*

**21 January** – NO RACING (Tour Down Under, Adelaide)

**28 January** – *Criteriums – Wangara.*

**4 February** – *Graded Scratch Road Races – Herne Hill.*

### Races followed by AGM

**11 February** – *Tint.A. Car Criteriums – Smeaton Way, Rockingham.*

**18 February** – *'Fila Crit Series', Claremont Showgrounds.*

**25 February** – *Criteriums - Kewdale*

**4 March** – *Graded Road Races – Chidlow 'A'.*

### RACE RESULTS

**5<sup>th</sup> November** – *'Poyner Racing' Criteriums', Kewdale.*

A good start to the criterium season with 106 entries and dry and pleasant conditions, though some earlier groups did face a slight cross breeze on the home and back straights. It was interesting to look at the composition of the various fields, as the start of the season saw the

return of the criterium specialist to the fields. Also appearing were seven trial riders, induced to ride by offers of free noms and some coaching before the official start of the racing.

'A' grade started the race with 26 riders, but with a fair proportion of the field being eliminated towards the end of the race because they'd been lapped - only 17 riders finished. The attacks came from lap one when Mark Yankazos, Mark Hoyer, Matt Tognini and Doug Stewart opened up a 60m lead. Three laps later they were joined by another 5 riders for a 30seconds lead over the chasing bunch. Lapping at between 1m 57secs and 2mins 3secs per lap, that lead grew in fits and starts until around the 30-minute mark when the chasers started to split as the leading bunch gained an advantage of 1min 15secs. Part of the success of the lead group was undoubtedly due to negative riding by members of some teams among the ranks of chasers, although Magnus Rudisele and Ian Gregory tried hard but lay in no-mans-land for a long but unsuccessful chase. At the end of the race, Brian Sing proved the victor by a few cms over Matt Upton, with Chris Glasby close behind. Doug Stewart was 4<sup>th</sup>, Paul Mackay 5<sup>th</sup> and Bernie Swart 6<sup>th</sup>.

'B' grade saw a similar kind of race, though with the difference that the first real split occurred after 11mins of riding and a lap later Martin Lowell, Gary Harvey, Chris

Brown and Andrew Simpson had a small but clear lead of about 50metres. The lead had fallen to 15 seconds after 24 minutes of riding, but they held that for another four laps, when it dipped to 11 seconds. However, the chasers proved too lax, and though the original leaders lost a couple of riders, the rest held on doggedly to have a slim gap of 7 seconds at the bell. Those who bet at that juncture on a 'catch' were to be proved wrong as Chris Brown led Martin Lowell and Andrew Simpson across the line to fill the first three places, while John Liso led in a large group of riders only two seconds behind. Simon Vine was a close 5<sup>th</sup>, followed by Keith Winch, Tim James and a host of others.

'C' grade proved a good bit calmer, though there were some valiant attempts to break up the 23-strong Peloton. Mick Russell and Shaun Crook had a lead of about 40 metres as they entered the 7<sup>th</sup> lap of the circuit, while the beginning of the next lap Ross Scott made a strong attack. The next move came at the 24-minute mark when Andrew McAuliffe went on the rampage, to held a lead of between 50 and 100 metres over the next three laps. However, with no more attacks, it left the winning moves to the sprinters, with the recently promoted Owen Henderson taking line honours by a length over Nick Gibbons and our UCI Masters World Champion, Richard Barville coming third. They had a clear lead of 3 seconds over the chasers, with the 4<sup>th</sup> place going to trial rider Tim Matheson, 5<sup>th</sup> to Greg Smith, and 6<sup>th</sup> to Jarrad Finnigan.

'D' grade rode 'piano' for most of the race, with no gaps being recorded in the ranks. However, at the finish Jane Higgins impressed with a lead at the last corner that she consolidated for a win of about 15 metres as she crossed the line. John Shattock was 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mick Brown 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bill Stibbs in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

'E' grade sported their largest field since the last Criterium season, when 13 riders faced the starter. There was some strong riding, though no-one appeared brave enough to go out on their own – either that, or they were quickly brought to heel? With special interest in the performance of Doug Macdonald, there was to be disappointment as he blew a tyre on the run to the finishing line, a fact that upset Helen Peniston who had chosen to follow his wheel in the sprint. However, there was a

strong showing by Pantelis Karagoglou who pushed a large gear to hold off the opposition over the final 150 metres, to take the win by a length over Marina Thornton, with Pat Briggs close behind. Bob Stephens was next to finish some 3 seconds behind followed by Doc Lawrance and Graham Thornton.

*'A' grade 40mins plus 2 laps*

1. Brian Sing; 2. Matt Upton;
3. Chris Glasby; 4. Doug Stewart;
5. Paul Mackay; 6. Bernie Swart;
7. Chris Singleton; 8. Ian Lyne;
9. Jeff Brooks; 10. Eddie Hollands;
11. Wayde Keyser; 12. Doug Ithier;
13. Magnus Rudisele; 14. Mark Hoyer;
15. Matt Tognini; 16. Scott Sanders;
17. Ian Gregory.

*'B' grade – 35mins plus 2 laps*

1. Chris Brown; 2. Martin Lowell;
3. Andrew Simpson; 4. John Liso;
5. Simon Vine; 6. Keith Winch;
7. Tim James; 8. Darin Dunstan;
9. Alvin Lim; 10. Melissa Robinson;
11. Mike Andrew; 12. Kevin McIllduff;
13. David Frances 14. David Irvine;
15. Craig Huxtable; 16. Scott Keating;
17. Gary Harvey; 18. Paul McMurtrie;
19. Mark Welford; 20. Patrick Woods;
21. Rob Ramsden; 22. Merv Byfield;
23. Mark Waite; 24. Pedro Turibaka;
25. Greg Stoyles; 26. Michael Ricciardi;
27. Bruce McLennan; 28. Gwen Lossie.

*'C' Grade – 30mins plus 2 laps*

1. Owen Henderson; 2. Nick Gibbons;
3. Richard Barville; 4. Tim Matheson;
5. Greg Smith; 6. Jarred Finnigan;
7. Ross Scott; 8. Eddy Pope;
9. Rob Pietersen; 10. Andre McAuliffe;
11. Joshua Weidman; 12. Jon Dooner;
13. Shaun Crook; 14. Paul Humphreys;
15. Andrew Highfield; 16. Adrian Kenny;
17. Jared Price; 18. Ray Bergin;
19. Mick Russell; 20. Matt Poyner;
21. Faye Dallglisch-Jones; Megan Fyfield.

*'D' Grade – 30mins plus 2 laps*

1. Jane Higgins; 2. John Shattock;
3. Mick Brown; 4. Bill Stibbs;
5. David Williams; 6. Michelle McGowan;
7. Clinton Hort; 8. Byron Mavricks;

9. Trevor Holmes; 10. Shannon Arnott;
11. Nick Cowie; 12. Donna Love.

*'E' Grade – 20mins plus 2 laps*

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Marina Thorman;
3. Pat Briggs; 4. Bob Stephens;
5. Denis Lawrance; 6. Graham Thornton;
7. Lawrence Fahey; 8. Andrea Hind;
9. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
10. Wayne Gordon; 11. Helen Pensiston;
12. Derek Mayall.

**12 November, 'P & A Welding Criteriums', Bibra Lake**

A warm day with a breeze that hit later riders in the face on the finishing straight. Numbers were down, as some members decided to take a trip to Margaret River, where nomination fees were slightly higher than for our own events by a margin of roughly 230 per cent, so hope the absentees got their money's worth?

'E' grade got into action with a good field of 14 riders but there wasn't much action until they were 9 minutes into the race, when there was split that saw the dropped riders having to scramble to get back in contention. For the rest of the race the members of the group played into the hands of the sprinters when they slowed down to allow them to dominate the finish. Taking his 2<sup>nd</sup> win in two-weeks was Pantelis Karagoglou when beating Pat Briggs, Doug McDonald, Bob Stephens and the rest of the field.

'D' grade's race was much enlivened with impressive attacks from Shannon Arnott who made three breaks before being caught. She again attacked with John Shattock with 13 minutes gone, but her 'killer' move came with 2 laps to go when she blasted to a lead of 50 metres. Maintaining a strong pace, Shannon took line honours by a margin of 10 seconds, before John Shattock eased himself over the line, with Bill Stibbs, Michelle McGowan and Jane Higgins taking the rest of the first 6 places.

C' grade witnessed valiant attempts by Brett Clapham to open up gaps between himself and the bunch. Another brief attack at the 20-minute mark saw a group of 4 riders try to escape but this was again brought back after a lap. A final attack by a small group with 27 of their 35 mins and two laps gone, was also nullified, leaving all survivors of the main

group to contest the sprint. This went comfortably to Owen Henderson when recording his 2<sup>nd</sup> win of the summer season. The closely contested 12-up fight for 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Tim Matheson, followed by Adrian Kenny, Steve Ryan, Robert Collings and Nick Gibbons, with Brett Clapham coming in next in 7<sup>th</sup> place after expending much of his effort in his breaks.

'B' grade with 14 riders was the worst hit group affected by Margaret River absentees. Perhaps that explains a lack-lustre race, that saw them circle at 'C' grade pace. The most observable feature was the figure of Ian Dow-Vine who was conspicuous by heading the field into the wind on the majority of laps, to suffer the consequences when six of those happy to sit on his wheel swamped him into 7<sup>th</sup> place at the finish. The race win was taken by Simon Vine, Mike Andrew was 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the familiar face of John Liso was 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mark Anastasas was 4<sup>th</sup>, with Pedro Turibaka and Bruce McLellan filing the next two places.

If 'B' grade lacked attacking riding, this was compensated for by the action in 'A' grade. The attacks started on lap one, when Magnus Rudisele adopted his usual tactic of riding away from the word 'go'. In this venture he was joined by Adam Fielding, and at the end of three laps they were 1 minute 18 seconds to the good. But following a hard chase, they were joined by Taylor Wolcock, Jon Gregg and Luke Pledger. However the pace was a bit hot for two of the group who were dropped off, leaving Magnus Rudisele, Luke Pledger and Jon Gregg to up the action. Magnus lasted for about half-a-dozen laps before weakening, leaving his two companions to tandem to a lead that they held until the end of the race. After 25 minutes of riding the pair were 39 seconds to the good, but then the lead started to be eroded with losses of 3 seconds a lap as the peleton kept plugging along in pursuit. At the 40-minute point they were well in sight at 12 seconds, but either over-confidence, or possibly disruption by traffic on one of the corners, saw them double their lead on the following lap. When the 2-laps to go sign was shown, the lead was an unassailable 25 seconds, and the fight for the finish was taken by Jon Gregg,

with Luke Pledger cruising in behind with his hands on top of the bars. It took another 22seconds before Wayde Keyser won the bunch sprint, followed by Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth, Matt Upton, Wayne Thomson, Chris Glasby and the rest of a tired group of survivors.

*'A' grade 45mins plus 2 laps*

1. Jon Gregg; 2. Luke Pledger;
3. Wayde Keyser; 4. Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth;
5. Matt Upton; 6. Wayne Thomson;
7. Chris Glasby; 8. Andrew Simpson;
9. Paul Miller; 10. Tom Perry;
11. Phil Diesel; 12. David Manners;
13. Magnus Rudisele; 14. Adam Fielding;
15. Jools Spon-Smith; 16. Stuart Murray;
17. Martin Depiazzi.

*'B' grade – 40mins plus 2 laps*

1. Simon Vine; 2. Mike Andrew;
3. John Liso; 4. Mark Anastasas;
5. Pedro Turibaka; 6. Bruce McLennan;
7. Iain Dow-Vine; 8. Alvin Lim;
9. Jason John; 10. Michael Ricciardi;
11. Scott Keating; 12. Melissa Robinson;
13. Greg Stoyles.

*'C' Grade – 35mins plus 2 laps*

1. Owen Henderson; 2. Tim Mathieson;
3. Adrian Kenny; 4. Steve Ryan;
5. Robert Collins; 6. Nick Gibbons;
7. Brett Clapham; 8. Rob Pietersen;
9. Joshua Weidman; 10. Eddy Pope;
11. Andre Mcauliffe; 12. Tim Mollison;
13. Raynie Wilson; 14. Jon Dooner;
15. Peter Neuzerling; 16. Matt Poyner;
17. Ian Lee; 18. Chris Norris.

*'D' Grade – 30mins plus 2 laps*

1. Shannon Arnott; 2. John Shattock;
3. Bill Stibbs; 4. Michelle McGowan;
5. Jane Higgins; 6. Byron Mavrick;
7. John Hoye; 8. Mick Brown.
11. Nick Cowie; 12. Donna Love.

*'E' Grade – 25mins plus 2 laps*

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Pat Briggs;
3. Doug McDonald; 4. Bob Stephens;
5. Denis Lawrance; 6. Kevin Hart;
7. John Hoye; 8. Mick Brown.

**19 November – 'Fila Crit Series', Claremont Showgrounds.**

There was a thumbs up for the new circuit at the Showgrounds – no cars or trucks on the road, and spectators could follow the moves all around the circuit. Having to negotiate a small hill added a bit of grunt to the races, and there was no let up, resulting in quite a few DNFs as riders pulled out after being lapped. The weather was also kind, and a good day was had by all.

The pattern had emerged in 'E' grade, the first race of the day, when of 13 starters, only nine reached the finish line. Pat Briggs was first to shine when winning the race prime put up by Gwen Lossie of Arbonne, but keeping up his recent excellent form, it was Pantelis Karagoglou who took out the race after attacking just before the final ascent of the hill to maintain a lead of a few metres. Bob Stephens was 2<sup>nd</sup> when riding on a borrowed back wheel, with Wayne Gordon, Pat Briggs, Doc Lawrance and Donna Love finishing in that order in the front bunch.

Whatever has happened to 'D' grade numbers, for they started with the only seven riders? They were also the only group to record no DNFs. John Shattock took the Arbonne prime, and at the 20-minute mark it looked as if a break of three consisting of Michelle McGowan, Gregg Mumme and John Shattock had the race sewn up. However, vocal arguments as to someone not taking a turn saw them caught, leaving 5 riders to go into the final 2 laps. The final lap saw Greg Mumme open up a slight lead as they hit the final sharp corner, allowing him to cruise comfortably to the line. John Shattock took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Michelle McGowan 3<sup>rd</sup>, trial rider Anthony West was next, with Marina Thorman on his wheel. John Hoye in 6<sup>th</sup> place had a hard race, while trial rider Rex Tunks held onto the group until the last few laps, but finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place.

'C' grade had a relatively large field of 26 riders, and was quite a lively event. The Arbonne prime went to Ross Scott who had earlier been prominent in attacking the field. Another to shine was Adrian Kenny who after 25 minutes of riding, opened up a gap of about 100metres that he held for just over 2 laps. However, the latter part of the race

saw a compact field, though the narrow roads on parts of the circuit did see riders string out in single file. The finish showed that experience pays, as Gary Suckling, never far from the front of the field, worked his way to the lead as they entered the final corner, to use the down hill finish to good effect when taking the victory. He was followed by Steve Ryan, Brett Fowler, Adrian Kenny, Paul Humphries and Joshua Weidman, with another eight riders in close proximity.

As with 'C' grade, 'B' grade started with 26 riders but finished with nineteen. Crashes accounted for a couple of the DNFs, one of these being Jim Gibson on his comeback ride who fell after suffering a blowout on the hill that could be heard all around the field. Unfortunately Merv Byfield was victim of a touch of wheels on the hill, and suffered a few broken ribs, a punctured lung, some deep cuts and other injuries, meaning he will be out of contention for quite a few weeks. Here's wishing him full recovery. Mark Hamill took the Arbonne prime, but best move of the day was the attack by Mark Anastasas after 22-minutes of riding when he opened a gap of 100 metres that he held for three laps before being caught. There were still 15 riders in contention as they entered the bell lap, Darin Dunstan was first around the final corner, but the second placed rider at that point shot off the road, leaving Darin to triumph over Mike Andrew, Mark Hamill, John Liso, Bruce Davies, Michael Ricciardi and the rest of the front group.

As expected, it was 'A' grade that put on the most aggressive riding, resulting in there being 12 DNFs out of 21 riders. They had all been on the road for 5 minutes when the move of the day took place, when Matt Upton, Ian Gregory, Wayde Keyser, Tom Ford, Tom Perry (?), Brian Sing and Jon Gregg opened up a gap. Unfortunately, Tom Perry had a blowout as he cornered just after the line, which forced Matt Upton onto the grass. Wayde Keyser dropped back to help him re-join the field, but took too much out of himself to stay in contention. For the remainder of the race, Jon Gregg, Matt Upton, Ian Gregory, Brian Sing and Tom Ford circled together to pick up and eliminate dropped riders. With three laps to go, Tom Ford attacked to take and hold a lead of 50 metres for 2 laps, but the chase proved too

strong, and saw the closest finish of the day when Brian Sing beat Jon Greg by a whisker with Tom Ford still in contention when he was third. Matt Upton finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place, while Ian Gregory took 5<sup>th</sup>, some 7 seconds behind. Jon Gregg took the Arbonne prime

*'A' grade 40mins plus 2 laps*

1. Brian Sing; 2. Jon Gregg; 3. Tom Ford;
4. Matt Upton; 5. Ian Gregory;
6. Stephen McNeilly; 7. Michael Tapscott;
8. Gavin Wark; 9. Ian Lyne.

*Arbonne Prime – Jon Gregg.*

*'B' grade – 35mins plus 2 laps*

1. Darin Dunstan; 2. Mike Andrew;
3. Mark Hamill; 4. Matt Upton;
5. Bruce Davies; 6. Michael Ricciardi;
7. Luke Austin; 8. Mark Welford;
9. John O'Boyle; 10. Tim Mollison;
11. Craig Huxtable; 12. Kylie Anticich;
13. David McFerran; 14. Jason John;
15. Paul Shields; 16. Kevin McIlduff;
17. Mark Anastasas; 18. Pedron Turibaka;
19. Travis Goad.

*Arbonne Prime – Mark Hamill.*

*'C' Grade – 30mins plus 2 laps*

1. Gary Suckling; 2. Steve Ryan;
3. Brett Fowler; 4. Adrian Kenny;
5. Paul; Humphrey s; 6. Joshua Weidman;
7. Greg Smith; 8. Chris Graham;
9. Matt Davidson; 10. Jon Hanson;
11. Eddy Pope; 12. Brett Clapham;
13. Shaun Crook; 14. Owen Henderson;
15. Andre Macauliffe; 16. Maurice Berger;
17. Ian Lee; 18. Ross Scott;
19. Mark Watters; 20. Graham Iddles;
21. Robert Pietersen.

*Arbonne Prime – Ross Scott.*

*'D' Grade – 25mins plus 2 laps*

1. Greg Mumme; 2. John Shattock;
3. Michelle McGowan; 4. Anthony West;
5. Marina Thorman; 6. John Hoye;
7. Rex Tunks.

*Arbonne Prime – John Shattock.*

*'E' Grade – 25mins plus 2 laps*

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Bob Stephens;
3. Wayne Gordon; 4. Pat Briggs;
5. Denis Lawrance; 6. Donna Love;
7. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
8. Craig McDonald; 9. Charles Coote.

*Arbonne Prime – Pat Briggs.*

## 26 November – Tint-a-Car Criteriums, Wangara

A fair field of 91 turned out for Ian Lee's Tint-a-Car Criteriums. A blustery wind accompanied the earlier races, but died down towards the end of the morning, though the advantage for all lay in way it helped riders up the hill to the finish.

'A' grade for the first time in eons, experienced a non-attacking and slow first lap, and not until 10 minutes had passed did the first attack appear, when Doug Stewart opened up a 40metre gap. After that there was a great deal of action, as Doug was joined by Chris Singleton, Scott Sanders, Patrick Wood, and Doug Ithier. Brought back after 3 laps of the circuit, Jon Gregg, Chris Glasby and Matt Upton decided to go on a rampage and lapping at just under 2 minutes a lap (with a couple of 1m 56 second laps being recorded) they built up a lead that reached 35 seconds with five laps to go. Two laps later that lead was eroded to 15 seconds but the final chase was a shade too late, and the trio crossed the line 5 seconds ahead of Doug Stewart who led in the peloton to take 4<sup>th</sup> place just ahead of Scott Sanders and Paul Miller. There was a close fight for the first three places, and with 10 metres to go it looked as if Chris Glasby was a certainty, but that didn't take into consideration a last kick by Jon Gregg that saw him win by a tiny margin. Matt Upton was a close third.

'B' grade started out at a sedate pace but there were quite a few attacks that stirred up the action, with a couple of under 2-minute laps of the circuit that must have hurt. At about the 20-minute mark, Mike Andrew, Greg Bayley, Tony Anderson and Luke Austin took the lead by about 10 seconds, but were brought back to the fold after 24 minutes had gone by. It was then the turn of Scott Ayles, Ben Lewis and Darin Dunstan to have-a-go but that move was soon closed down, leaving a fresh attack featuring Jason Hapeta, Luke Austin, Rob Ramsden and Gary Harvey, who to see-sawed between 7 and 12 seconds in front of the bunch. At the 35-minute point the break was strengthened when the gap was bridged and they were joined by Scott Keating, Greg Bayley, Craig Huxtable and John Liso. With added leg power the gap between them and the main peloton was 30 seconds with 2 laps to go, making it almost impossible for anyone else to contest the finish. In a keenly contested

sprint, the win went to Luke Austin, with John Liso 2<sup>nd</sup>, Craig Huxtable 3<sup>rd</sup>, Scott Keating 4<sup>th</sup>, Greg Bayley 5<sup>th</sup>, and Gary Harvey in 6<sup>th</sup> place. Rob Ramsden finished 3 seconds behind, while the bunch were a further 38 seconds behind, being led in by Tim Mollison followed by a host of others.

'C' grade proved another aggressive race with the first few laps being driven either alone or together by Alison Dyson and Chris Hodge. To about the 30 minute mark, when the pair had again been prominent there were a few new faces at the head of affairs but the crucial move came at 31 minutes when Graham Iddles opened a gap of 80 metres to be joined soon after by trial rider Antony Rieck, Neil Foster, Brett Clapham, and Greg Smith, who built up a lead of 15seconds. From the 2 to go mark, splits began to appear among the ranks of the leaders, but a last attack by Alison Dyson and Greg Smith saw them draw away to cross the line in that order, some 5 seconds ahead of 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Neil Foster. Graham Iddles and David Vercoe, followed 2 seconds later, while Natalie Britz in 6<sup>th</sup> place led in another 10 riders at 15 seconds behind the winner.

'E' grade was much more sedate than the other grades, but with a blustery wind and a small field of 11 riders, the lack of heroics was not surprising. Both Graham Blyth and Bruce Abbott did their fair share at the pointy end of the bunch, and both also featured in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places in the sprint. It would be poetic to say that Graham won by a whisker, but in truth it was by more than the length of his bushy beard. The question is, is this a trendsetter? Third place went to trial rider Mark Dring, while Mike Thorman, John Shattock and Anthony West filled the next three places.

In 'E' grade, Wayne Gordon was seen driving the group on a number of occasions but on the vital lap it was Bob Stephens who triumphed when crossing the line about half-a-length ahead of Doc Lawrance and Pat Briggs. Wayne finished 4<sup>th</sup> while our most recent recruit, Rex Tunks, was fifth.

*'A' grade 45mins plus 2 laps*

1. Jon Gregg; 2. Chris Glasby;  
3. Matt Upton; 4. Doug Stewart;

5. Scott Sanders; 6. Paul Miller;  
7. Gavin Wark; 8. Paul Mackay;  
9. Doug Ithier; 10. Tom Perry;  
11. Bernie Swart; 12. Charlie Gargett;  
13. Ian Lyne; 14. Stephen McNeilly;  
15. Andrew Brierley; 16. Ian Gregory;  
17. Andrew McClurg; 18. Magnus Rudisele;  
19. Eddie Hollands; 20. Matt Tognini;  
21. Greg Gale; 22. Jaimie Kirkwood;  
23. Chris Singleton.

*Average:* 39.8kph

*'B' grade – 40mins plus 2 laps*

1. Luke Austin; 2. John Liso;  
3. Craig Huxtable; 4. Scott Keating;  
5. Greg Bayley; 6. Gary Harvey;  
7. Rob Ramsden; 8. Tim Mollison;  
9. Mike Andrew; 10. Ben Lewis;  
11. David McFarren; 12. Jason Hapeta;  
13. Tony Anderson; 14. Scott Ayles;  
15. Kevin McIlduff; 16. Mark Yancazos;  
17. Chris Peniston; 18. Bruce McLennan;  
19. Stephen Ferran; 20. Anna Heitz.

*Average:* 37.8kph

*'C' Grade – 35mins plus 2 laps*

1. Alison Dyson; 2. Greg Smith;  
3. Neil Foster; 4. Graham Iddles;  
5. David Varcoe; 6. Natalie Britz;  
7. Eddy Pope; 8. Ian Lee;  
9. Owen Henderson; 10. Dave Harwood;  
11. Joshua Weidman; 12. Chris Woodhead;  
13. Antony Rieck; 14. Richard Barville;  
15. Chris Hodge; 16. Paul Humphreys;  
17. Brett Fowler; 18. Brett Clapham;  
19. Tim Matheson; 20. Chris Coote;  
21. Jon Dooner.

*Average:* 35.5kph

*'D' Grade – 30mins plus 2 laps*

1. Graham Blyth; 2. Bruce Abbott;  
3. Mark Dring; 4. Mike Thorman;  
5. John Shattock; 6. Anthony West;  
7. Michelle McGowan; 8. John Hoye;  
9. Sam Bolton; 10. Marina Thorman.

*Average:* 32.6kph

*'E' Grade – 25mins plus 2 laps*

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Pat Briggs;  
3. Doug McDonald; 4. Bob Stephens;  
5. Denis Lawrance; 6. Kevin Hart;  
7. John Hoye; 8. Mick Brown.

*Average:* 27.6kph

### ***10 Dec – Graded Road Races, Chidlow 'A'***

With 'A' and 'B' grades attracting 23 riders each, and 'C' grade 20, the rest of the 79 riders were split between 'D' and 'E' grades with six and seven riders respectively. All went well, though a few riders found the heat a bit on the high side and there were quite a few relieved to see the finish.

'A' grade started with a bang for Tom Perry and Chris Singleton who had a lead of 55 seconds at the end of the first lap. But the crucial move came with two of the six laps to go, when a group of five riders opened up a gap of 40 seconds. At the bell, the five, comprising Jon Gregg, Tom Ford, Brian Sing, Ian Gregory and Matt Upton led by 30 seconds, but the group split on the run to the line, to finish in that order. It was good to see Emma Pooley, who joined the event to keep her legs moving, back in the field.

'B' grade stayed largely together until the final lap, with the exception of Paul Williams who flew his colours with a 20 seconds lead on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> laps. The final couple of hills before Ash Road and the finish, as with 'A' grade, saw five riders gap the field to contest the sprint. Taking first place was James MacWatt, followed closely by Michael Buytels on his comeback ride, Chris Brown was third, followed by Franks Bate and Giovanni Carniceli, while John Liso came in 9 seconds behind to head four other riders. It was a hard comeback race for Paul Hearne, who was welcomed back to racing after suffering the effects of a fall at one of our 2016 Casuarina events.

'C' grade saw the only drama of the day when 'B' grade caught them on the final lap with about 5km to go. Unfortunately, ignoring pre-race instructions, a few of the 'C' riders jumped into the 'B' grade peloton and were with them when they contested the sprint. David Sofield placed first in 'C', followed by Brian Cotter, Joshua Weidemann and Steve Ryan. Following lots of complaints from their fellow riders, in his wisdom, the day's referee, Wayne Lally, allowed the first three 'C' graders to keep their prize-money, but in his wisdom, promoted the first three to 'B' grade when each turns up for their next event. All other would be bunch poachers beware!

'D' grade with only a small field saw no heroics, leaving six riders to fight out the finishing sprint. Colin Day beat Bruce Abbott by a length, with Graham Blyth a close third. Michelle McGowan rode well to finish only 4 seconds behind. Some 12 seconds up on John Shattock.

'E' grade rode a steady race until the final lap when Gerry Allen and Trevor Holmes put on the pressure. Buoyed by his mountain bike altitude riding in New Mexico, Gerry's enhanced lung power saw him take the sprint by a couple of lengths from Trevor by a couple of lengths, while 4 seconds later, local rider Dave Walker beat Derek Crowther and Pat Briggs. Donna Love showed improved form in 6<sup>th</sup> place, while Doc Lawrence finished the hard way by riding in with a flat rear tyre.

*'A' grade - 6 laps, 66km*

1. Jon Gregg; 2. Tom Ford;  
3. Brian Sing; 4. Ian Gregory;  
5. Matt Upton; 6. Jason Boynton;  
7. Shaun Oneill; 8. Ciaran O'Kane;  
9. Sean O'Neill; 10. Peter Trench;  
11. Paul Mackay; 12. Joey Rawson;  
13. Tom Perry; 14. Gavin Wark;  
15. Andrew McClurg; 16. Ian Gregory;  
17. Andrew McClurg; 18. Chris Roberts.

*'B' grade - 6 laps, 66km*

1. James MacWatt; 2. Michael Buytels;  
3. Chris Brown; 4. Frank Bate;  
5. Giovanni Carnicelli; 6. John Liso;  
7. Keith Winch; 8. David McFerran;  
9. Mark Hamill; 10. Jeff Ayton;  
11. Tim Mollison; 12. Craig Huxtable;  
13. Paul Borrett; 14. Luke Austin;  
15. Paul Williams; 16. Paul Hearne;  
17. Paul Lamond; 18. Mike Andrew;  
19. Tony Smith; 20. Leo Gott-Cumbers..

*'C' Grade - 5 laps, 55km*

1. David Sofield; 2. Brian Cotter;  
3. Joshua Weidman; 4. Steve Ryan;  
5. Corrie Filmore; 6. David Varcoe;  
7. John Hanson; 8. Don McCracken;  
9. Mark Williamson; 10. Richard Barville;  
11. Brad Stalker; 12. Russell Brooks;  
13. Brett Clapham; 14. Chris Hodge;  
15. Nathalie Laurendeau;  
16. Chris Woodhead; 17. Andre McAuliffe; 18. Dave Harwood; 19. Owen Henderson; 20. Adrian Kenny.

*'D' Grade - 4 laps, 44km*

1. Colin Day; 2. Bruce Abbott;  
3. Graham Blyth; 4. Michelle McGowan;  
5. John Shattock.

*'E' Grade - 3 laps, 33km*

1. Gerry Allen; 2. Trevor Holmes;  
3. Dave Walker; 4. Derek Crowther;  
5. Pat Briggs; 6. Donna Love;  
7. Denis Lawrence.

**17 December - 'Fila Crit Series', Claremont Showgrounds.**

While 'unbelievers' stayed in bed because of the rain, 41 stalwarts defied the gods to ride on Showgrounds circuit. With rain coming down with 20 minutes to go, and more officials being present than riders, there were thoughts of calling off racing, but Merv Byfield consulting his mobile weather app, promised fine conditions for the morning. His prognosis proved correct, and rather than buckets of rain, all grades rode in glorious sunshine, though there was quite a strong wind, but even that proved a help rather than a hindrance as it blew behind them on the back straight and allowed them to fly up the short hill.

With only Marina Thorman turning up to ride 'E' grade, she joined 'D' grade's five riders, and rode well to stick with them for over half the race. In a five-up finish, single gear addict Graham Blyth took the winning sprint just ahead of Colin Day and Mike Thorman. 'C' grade also with a relatively small field of nine riders was more adventurous, and the opening laps saw an aggressive ride by Melissa Robinson, that was well rewarded when she took 2<sup>nd</sup> place two seconds behind Adrian Kenny who had managed to open up a gap on the latter half or the final lap. Steve Ryan finished third alongside Melissa, and was followed another 4 seconds behind by Andrew McAuliffe. Greg Smith experienced the only fall on the day when he shot off the road at the final corner. He had a flat tyre when he walked to the line, though it wasn't known whether he had punctured before, or as a result of the fall.

Both 'A' and 'B' grades started with 13 riders, though 'A' grade was to lose 3

riders who were lapped and decided to retire from the race, while 'B' only lost Pedro Turibaka. 'A' grade witnessed some hard riding from the start, with Graeme Browne and Tom Ford starting the fun with an early attack that forced the chasers to work hard for a good number of laps before they were brought to heel. It was then the turn of Brian Sing and Luke Pledger who managed to hold off chasers for about 7 laps. All were together after 35 minutes of riding, with the last attack going off the front by Tom Ford at the 37-minute mark, though that was to prove unsuccessful as he was hunted down when he merged with a group of four riders. All five stayed together on the final two laps. In the sprint there was no holding Graeme Brown who beat Jon Gregg by over a length. Tom Ford was 3<sup>rd</sup>, Brian Sing 4<sup>th</sup> and Matt Upton in 5<sup>th</sup> place, with the rest of the field finishing some 14 seconds later.

'B' grade followed a similar pattern to 'A' grade. Iain Dow-Vine attacked from the gun but suffered as a result to be dropped off the back when caught by the chasers. After 7 minutes, a group of three – Greg Bayley, Luke Austin and Tim Mollison opened up a gap, to be joined a couple of laps later by Mark Yanczos and Craig Huxtable. There followed a yo-yo battle as a chasing group of riders came close to closing the gap, only for the breakaway to again pull away. The last two laps, however, saw the group split, with Luke Austin being particularly aggressive. In the sprint he held off Greg Bayley, with Craig Huxtable coming third at 3 seconds, Tim Mollison at another 4 seconds, and Mark Yanczos of the breakaway coming in after another 8 seconds.

The President presented the prize-money and the 1<sup>st</sup> in each division were presented with and addition voucher from Gwen Lossie of Arbonne products.

*'A' grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps*

1. Graeme Browne; 2. Jon Gregg;
3. Tom Ford; 4. Brian Sing;
5. Matt Upton; 6. Tom Perry;
7. Paul Mackay; 8. Luke Pledger;
9. Chris Singleton; 10. Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth.

*'B' grade- 40 mins plus 2 laps*

1. Luke Austin; 2. Greg Bayley;

3. Craig Huxtable; 4. Tim Mollison;
5. Mark Yanczos; 6. Peter Lundberg;
7. Joshua Weidman; 8. Ben Lewis;
9. Dale McBride; 10. Kevin McIluff;
11. Ian Dow-Vine; 12. Paul Shields.

*'C' Grade – 30 mins plus 2 laps*

1. Adrian Kenny; 2. Melissa Robinson;
3. Steve Ryan; 4. Andre Mcauliffe;
5. Ian Lee; 6. Jon Hanson; 7. Jon Liso;
8. Don McCracken; Chris Woodhead.

*'D' Grade – 25 mins plus 2 laps*

1. Graham Blyth; 2. Colin Day;
3. Mike Thorman; 4. John Shattock;
5. Anthony West; 6. Marina Thorman.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We'd like to congratulate Gerry Allen who on 29 August was the recipient of a prestigious NOGI Award in Orlando, Florida, USA. This was at the 57<sup>th</sup> annual awards ceremony. Gerry, who these days rides with 'E' grade, won the 'Scientific' section of the awards. Folk might know that Gerry often goes off to exotic areas on his fishing ventures, but might not know the status that he has in the scientific world. The citation for his award reads:

"Gerry Allen is an international authority on the classification and ecology of coral reef fishes. His expertise also encompasses freshwater fishes of the Australia—New Guinea region. The author of 35 books and over 500 scientific publications, Gerry has described 520 new species of fishes. Underwater-based field studies form an integral part of his research with various expeditions to all the world's tropical seas. Gerry is also an avid underwater photographer, using his photographs to illustrate the scientific and popular publications, most recently a three volume monograph, *Reef Fishes of the East Indies*. After receiving a PhD and having worked as Curator of Fishes at the WA Museum, Gerry migrated to Australia. He now spends most of his time researching coral reef fishes in his home laboratory and conducting marine biological surveys in Southeast Asia for Conservation International. He is the recipient of several awards for lifetime contributions to the knowledge of fish

biology including the K. Radway Allen Award (Australia), Bleeker Award (Indo-Pacific Fish Society) and Joseph Nelson Award (American Society of Ichthyology and Herpetology).

One source states:

“The **NOGI** awards is an award presented annually by the Academy of Underwater Arts and Sciences to diving luminaries and is ‘Considered the Oscar of the ocean world.’ “

So congratulations again Gerry and keep up the good work (in bike racing as well as in the fishy world).

### **PARKING – BIBRA LAKE**

**Just to bring to your notice that thanks to Peter, the owner of P & A Welding, we have not only been given access to his toilet facilities but he has also provided two large parking facilities each side of the start line. Yet, members still chose at our last event to park their vehicles along verges. Note that we have received a letter from one of the businesses near the start that he is happy for us to race on the circuit but that to protect his reticulation we had to provide a written guarantee to say that we would not park on his verge. The point is that one complaint to the shire council and we lose the circuit – so why not do the sensible thing and park in the offroad facilities provided?**

**In addition, not only were a few cars parked on the verge just before the finish line, but they were parked so as to block out the road signs that we placed there to warn traffic. This is not at the whim of our officials but is a regulation that we have to abide by in order to get Main Roads and Police permission to run our races. Again, such a transgression could cost us use of the course.**

**In order to protect our interests, when we race on the Bibra Lake circuit at future races, we will insist on people parking in the areas designated by P @ A Welding.**

### **COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON**

Its that time of year again when the minds and hearts of all cyclists turn to wheedling their partners to provide them with works of art from stables such as Campagnolo or Shimano – or even possibly a new Road Machine with all the latest gadgets, including hidden engines in the down tube. There will be an urge to buy only the best at great cost, for to do less would be to dilute the art of giving. To encourage others to be generous is a noble thing, and your partner will appreciate the chance to make you contented and happy through your well-intentioned desire for the latest in technology – though a good supply of race clothing would add to the joy of the Christmas celebration. Be kind to your partner, and the kindness will be rewarded ten-fold.

Be good, and Father or Mother Christmas will supply, to bring joy on this Festive Season. !

