



## Newsletter: January - March 2019

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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.**

**10<sup>th</sup> March – Criterium Age Division Championships, Kewdale.**

**Note: NO nomination fees – no cash prizes, but you race for medals in 5 year age divisions.**

**17<sup>th</sup> March - Graded Criteriums, Smeaton Way, Rockingham.**

**24 March – Criterium races, Motorplex circuit, Kwinana.**

**31 March – Nascent Capital Supa Criteriums, Kewdale.**

**7<sup>th</sup> April – Graded Scratch Road Races, Herne Hill.**

**14<sup>th</sup> April – Criterium races, Wangara**

**21<sup>st</sup> April – No Racing – Easter weekend.**

**28<sup>th</sup> April – Colin Rossiter Criteriums, Kewdale (sponsorship by Pantelis Karagoglou Europairs Pty Ltd)**

**5<sup>th</sup> May – No Racing – Season break**

**12<sup>th</sup> May – No Racing – Season break**

**19<sup>th</sup> May – Start of Winter Road Season, programme to be announced.**

### RACE REPORTS

**6 January – Criteriums – Bibra Lake**

A good start to the New Year as 92 riders stepped up to face warm, though not unbearable conditions. A slight breeze helped to ventilate the circuit and proved to be to the benefit of finishers on the home straight. The Christmas break didn't seem to have adversely affected riders and in all grades competition was keen.

'E' grade started the day with 7 riders on the start-sheet but Ray Saliba was unable to start because he unfortunately lost a clamp helping to hold on his saddle and despite minutely perusing the circuit was unable to find it. With the exception of Denis Robinson who started the year as he had finished 2018 with a lonely ride, the rest of the group stayed together throughout the race. In the effort to the line, Pantelis Karagoglou was triumphant when taking a two-length win over Pat Briggs who finished with a 3-second advantage over Kevin Hart, while Graham Thornton improved on his pre-Christmas performances in fourth place.

'D' grade with 20 riders saw a number of early attacks, with Fermin Blanco Mayo, Adrian Quick and the trio of Chris Howard, Matt Cruickshank and Gary Sevier opening up small gaps. At the pointy part of the race valiant attempts were made by Chris Howard and Adrian Quick to open up a gap, and though they were out front for four or five laps they remained in striking

distance of the peloton that swept them up on the final lap. Of the 18 riders who were left as they entered the home straight, it was Matthew Wakeling who triumphed when just beating Jon Nelson, John Shattock, Lawrence Fahey and a still fighting Chris Howard. Tony Clewes and Bruce Abbott finished 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

Apart from Jarrad Finnigan who had a hard slog on his first post Christmas ride to finally DNF, the rest of the 21 riders rode a race that was similar to that ridden by 'D' grade. A few riders did their best to get away but never being able to hold off the chasers by more than 10 seconds. Toby Brown started off the attacks on the 3<sup>rd</sup> lap followed a lap later by an attack from Brett Clapham and Brett Fowler, while Jon Hanson took up the mantle for three laps as they approached the latter part of the race, but his lead never exceeded 5 seconds. With four laps to go Chris Hodge rode a two-lap epic and held off the bunch by 10 seconds, but with the wolves chasing in a pack, all came together with two laps to go. It was Toby Brown who had been the first to attack in the race who eased over the line first with a two-length advantage over Robert Collings, Greg Smith and trial rider Alistair Parratt, while Eddy Pope and Nick Vroomans took 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> places respectively.

'B' grade saw a pattern of fast laps, a slow down for a lap or so and then another surge of activity but as with the previous two races, no-one managed to gain more than 10 seconds on the bunch. Matt Warendynec was first out of the block after 5 minutes of racing. He was replaced off the front by Mark Anastasas, then Lee Jordan, and then Mark Taylor, all from the same team, who were obviously trying to soften up the opposition. It was then the turn of Hunter Shipp for two laps at about the 30-minute mark, joined a lap later by Bryn Green and Dean Shipp, who held the chasers at bay for a couple of circuits, before Dean Shipp set off on a solo four-lap attack during which his lead stretched out to 20 seconds over a five-strong group of chasers. However, the chase proved abortive, and Dean rode what was the race-winning ride of the day when he beat second-placed Paul Foxwell, Matt Warendynec, Bryn Green, Steel Bishop Mike Andrew and the rest of the group by 11 seconds. A winning ride that was registered in the keen brain of the handicapper!

'A' grade were certainly not standing around, with the first action occurring on lap one when a group of five riders made their move and remained ahead of the rest of the field for three laps. At no time had their lead exceeded 5 seconds. Their action was then replicated by the trio of Michael Fitzgerald, Greg Rossiter and Gavin Wark, who managed to double the lead to 10 seconds, but who were inevitably caught after six more laps when the whole group came briefly together. It was then the turn of Tom Perry and Greg Gale when they took flight for ten laps but never had an advantage exceeding 15 seconds. With a lull as they were caught with ten-minutes and 2 laps to go, there were a couple more unsuccessful attempts, but at the 37-minute point in the race, there were signs that the field was breaking apart. From that point on a group of nine riders forged an alliance for three laps before Jon Gregg and Mitchell Fitzgerald were given a late Christmas present when their breakaway compatriots inexplicably let them off the leash with two laps to go. Although the chasers closed in, Jon and Mitchell crossed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> with a comfortable gap before Brian Sing came across the line to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The remainder of the chase group finished 8 seconds further back, with Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth taking 4<sup>th</sup>, followed by Eddie Hollands, Luke Pledger, Tom Perry and Greg Gale. Another 13 seconds elapsed before Scott Sanders finished in no-man's land some 16 seconds ahead of 10<sup>th</sup> placed Gavin Wark and the rest of the field. There were lots of hot and tired riders at the following prize-presentation.

*'A' Grade - 45 mins + 2 laps*

1. Jon Gregg; 2. Mitchell Fitzgerald;
3. Brian Sing; 4. Daniel Hughes d'Aeth;
5. Eddie Hollands; 6. Luke Pledger;
7. Tom Perry; 8. Greg Gale;
9. Scott Sanders; 10. Gavin Wark;
11. William Cellis; 12. Matheos Venetis;
13. Jason Walsh; 14. Simon Duncalf;
15. Ian Lyne; 16. Martin Depiazzi;
17. Greg Rossiter.

*Average speed 43.2kph.*

*'B' Grade - 40 mins + 2 laps*

1. Dean Shipp; 2. Paul Foxwell;

3. Matt Wardynec; 4. Bryn Green;  
5. Steele Bishop; 6. Mike Andrew;  
7. Darin Dunstan; 8. Anthony Rieck;  
9. Mark Wellford; 10. John Liso;  
11. John O'Boyle; 12. Sasa Trivic;  
13. Hunter Shipp; 14. Phil Deisel;  
15. Owen Henderson; 16. Mark Taylor;  
17. Gary Harvey; 18. Paul Borrett;  
19. David Saxey; 20. Greg Huxtable;  
21. Mark Anastasas; 22. Greg Stoyles.  
*Average: 41.8kph.*

*'C' Grade – 35 mins + 2 laps*

1. Toby Brown; 2. Robert Collings;  
3. Greg Smith; 4. Alastair Parratt;  
5. Eddy Pope; 6. Nick Vroomans;  
7. Peter Wilshaw; 8. Neil Vroomans;  
9. Brett Fowler; 10. Damien Grieg;  
11. Vanessa Johnson; 12. Ian Lee;  
13. Chris Hodge; 14. Alaister Saw;  
15. Jon Hanson; 16. Jill Pope;  
17. Javier Vasquez; 18. Anthony West;  
19. Brett Clapham; 20. Dave Harwood.  
*Average: 39.5kph*

*'D' Grade – 30 mins + 2 laps*

1. Matt Wakeling; 2. Jon Nelson;  
3. John Shattock; 4. Lawrence Fahey;  
5. Chris Howard; 6. Tony Clews;  
7. Bruce Abbott; 8. David Williams;  
9. Adrian Quick; 10. Jonathan Akers;  
11. Gary Sevier; 12. Fermin Blanco Mayo;  
13. Matt Cruickshank; 14. Rudi Seebach;  
15. Bill Stibbs; 16. John Robinson;  
17. Peter Ebden; 18. John Quinn.  
*Average: 37.5kph*

*'E' Grade 25 mins + 2 laps*

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Pat Briggs;  
3. Kevin Hart; 4. Graham Thornton;  
5. Denis Lawrance; 6. Derek Mayall  
7. Denis Robinson.  
*Average: 30.4kph*

### **13 January – Criteriums - Kewdale**

A respectable 99 riders were present on a pleasant but gusty day that tried the resolve of solo breakaways. However, even 'E' grade saw bursts of activity that excited the spectators, including an attempt by Pantelis Karagoglou and Pat Briggs on the 3<sup>rd</sup> lap, when they opened up a gap of 50metres on their 7 compatriots. However, although Doc Lawrence tried to bridge the gap, all came

together a lap later. After a hard ride to the event, that surge in effort put pay to oldest rider in the group, 84 year-old Derek Mayall, who decided to DNF. Denis Robinson added to his recent list of lonely rides, leaving 7 riders to contest the sprint. Once more it was Pantelis Karagoglou who came out of the pack to open up the sprint to hold off Pat Briggs, Graham Thornton and Doc Lawrance. Ray Saliba crossed the line 8 seconds later in the company of Leon Niewenhuizen and Mike Young, Denis Robinson finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place.

In 'D' grade Adrian Quick was determined to make his mark when attacking after only eight minutes of riding. His lead had reached 17 seconds five laps later, but at that juncture he was joined by Fermin Blanco Mayo and Darren Lee. Although chased hard by the peloton, the trio managed to stay out front and at the finish they were still 13 seconds to the good. The win went to Fermin, with Darren Lee in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Adrian Quick who had been out front for most of the race taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Peter Ebden headed the other 15 survivors to finish 4<sup>th</sup>, just ahead of Chris Howard, David Maartens and others.

From the line it appeared as if 'C' grade was the least active of the day, for apart from a go by Chris Hodge who opened a lead of 10 seconds at the 24-minute mark, 20 of the 22 starters finished as they started, in close proximity to each other. Toby Brown emerged from the closely packed bunch with a lunge that earned him a win over Robert Collings – a repeat of their positions at Bibra Lake at the previous race. Chris Norris finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, just ahead of Damien Greig, and first female rider, Annie Bramley in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

After the relatively small fields in recent events, it was nice to see 27 riders turn up for 'A' grade's race. It was their turn to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to race, and as usual the race was not without its dramas, including an unfortunate fall after 34 minutes of riding that upset the plans of some in the peloton, although most decided rejoin after a lap out. Fortunately there appeared to have been no human damage, though the fate of at least one machine was

questionable. Before this the event had been dominated by breaks that saw Andrew Simpson, Brian Sing, Dean Shipp and Ian Gregory at the front of affairs by gaps that went up to 30 seconds. Dean Shipp moved back to the peloton at the 25-minute mark but his fellow escapees continued on their merry way until the field came together with 4 laps to go. That was the signal for Lee Bolden and Tom Ford, who were joined by Jon Gregg as they crossed for the bell, though their lead at that juncture was only 3 seconds. There was drama on the final lap as Mitchell Fitzgerald made an effort that took him to a clear lead as he crossed the line. Unfortunately, as noted by Brian's mother in the sketch in Monty Python's 'Life of Brian', he was "a very naughty boy" when he gave a victory salute as he celebrated his win, an act which saw him relegated to the back of the field. This left 10 riders to contest the sprint, with Tom Perry taking the win over Jon Gregg, Tom Ford, Andrew Simpson, Brian Sing and Paul Foxwell. Lee Bolden who had done much to enliven the activity was a close 7<sup>th</sup>. Largely because of the fall there were 10 DNF's. Despite the disruption this caused, the average speed for the race was a very respectable 44.1kph.

'B' grade was a more sedate affair than 'A' grade's race but there were some heady moments when riders managed to create a gap. Gary Harvey was an early animator when he opened a small gap at the 23-minute mark. Two laps later Patrick Woods and Darin Dunstan were to the fore with a gap of 8 seconds, and that gap was replicated a lap later when Bryn Green and Josh Weidman went to the front. JC Van der Welt made a move 33 minutes into the race and held a lead of up to 15 seconds over a chasing trio of Bryn Green, Steele Bishop and Gary Harvey until the peloton caught up with three laps to go. There were 15 left to contest the final sprint, with Steele Bishop leading out as they kicked out of the final corner. However, Steel faded in the final 20 metres to finish 4<sup>th</sup> – but look out folk, our ex-world professional Pursuit World Champion is coming back fast! Patrick Wood took 1<sup>st</sup> place, Darin Dunstan 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Craig Huxtable 3<sup>rd</sup>. John Liso finished just behind Steele for 5<sup>th</sup> place and Jeremiah Peiffer a close 6<sup>th</sup>.

*'A' Grade - 45 mins + 2 laps*

1. Tom Perry; 2. Jon Gregg;
3. Tom Ford; 4. Andrew Simpson;
5. Brian Sing; 6. Paul Foxwell;
7. Lee Bolden; 8. Paul Mackay;
9. Ian Gregory; 10. Dean Shipp;
11. Chris Beeck; 12. Nathan Jones;
13. Bernie Swart; 14. Jason Walsh;
15. Mitchell Fitzgerald.

*Average speed 44.1kph.*

*'B' Grade – 40 mins + 2 laps*

1. Patrick Woods; 2. Darin Dunstan;
3. Craig Huxtable; 4. Steele Bishop;
5. John Liso; 6. Jeremiah Peiffer;
7. Mark Wellford; 8. Lee James Smith;
9. Eddy Pope; 10. David McFerran;
11. Shane Cable; 12. Bryn Green;
13. Joshua Weidmann; 14. Scott Ayles;
15. Owen Henderson; 16. Gary Harvey;
17. Greg Smith; 18. JC Van der Welt;
19. Nathalie Laurendeau;
20. Bruce McLennan; 21. Mark Anastasas;
22. Greg Stoyles.

*Average: 40.9kph.*

*'C' Grade – 35 mins + 2 laps*

1. Toby Brown; 2. Robert Collings;
3. Chris Norris; 4. Damien Greig;
5. Annie Bramley; 6. Brett Fowler;
7. Matt Wakeling; 8. Javier Vasquez;
9. David Ellis; 10. Gary Sevier;
11. Ian Lee; 12. Alistair Saw;
13. Dave Harwood; 14. Kate Nelligan;
15. Anthony West; 16. Chris Hodge;
17. Simon Vanderberg; 18. Jill Pope;
19. Mark Leaker; 20. Bradley Stalker;
21. Craig Lont.

*Average: 38.6kph*

*'D' Grade – 30 mins + 2 laps*

1. Fermin Blanco Mayo; 2. Darren Lee;
3. Adrian Quick; 4. Peter Ebden;
5. Chris Howard; 6. David Maartens;
7. David Williams; 8. John Quinn;
9. John Shattock; 10. John Hoye;
11. Jon Nelson; 12. Lawrence Fahey;
13. Alex Rogers; 14. Jonathan Akers;
15. Bill Stibbs; 16. Matt Cruickshank;
17. Luis Cortez; 18. John Robinson.

*Average: 36.7kph*

*'E' Grade 25 mins + 2 laps*

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Pat Briggs;
3. Graham Thornton; 4. Denis Lawrance;
5. Ray Saliba; 6. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
7. Mike Young; 8. Denis Robinson.

*Average: 32.8kph*

### **27 January – Criteriums - Wangara**

Another sunny day with temperatures reaching the high 20s before the end of the day's racing. Although the wind was gusty on the back of the course, any discomfort for the 91 starters was compensated with a tail wind up the drag to the finish.

As usual, 'E' grade was first to test the circuit, with 82 year-old Denis Robinson who has experienced lonely rides in recent times, being allowed the benefit of riding a lap less than his compatriots. However, although Denis held the group for the first lap, they eroded his lead thereafter and he was lapped with a few laps to go. In the meantime the group kept largely together, although Pat Briggs and Mike Young attempted to stir up the action at the half way mark when opening a slight lead. It was the final two laps that proved decisive, when Ray Saliba decided to force a break, and riding strongly he crossed the finish line some 14 seconds ahead of 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Denis (Doc) Lawrance, who just beat Graham Thornton across the line. Pat Briggs and Mike Young finished 20 seconds behind the winner.

'D' grade rode smartly around the circuit to average 32.8kph, with the pace being forced by a number of riders who attempted to open up gaps over the field. David Williams and Darren Lee were prominent in that respect on the first two or three laps while the most prominent solo attempt was made by Jonathan Akers who held a lead of about 10 seconds for five laps until overtaken by Rudi Seebach after 20 minutes had gone by. The group again came together with four laps to go, 'though on the bell lap a slight gap appeared as they sprinted for the line, the honours going to David Williams who successfully held off 7 riders to take the race by a length from Rudi Seebach and 1<sup>st</sup> lady home, Kirsty Jones. Fourth, fifth sixth and seventh went respectively to Chris Howard, John Shattock, Bruce Abbott and Darren Lee.

'C' grade saw two riders, Chris Hodge and Brett Fowler frequently at the head of

affairs trying to stir up the action, Chris being active the early part of the race and Brett in the latter part, though neither rider managed to be further than 10 seconds to the good. David Ellis tried to get away on the crucial last lap, but was swamped, to eventually finish 14<sup>th</sup>. In the meanwhile, he and 13 others contested the sprint, which went to Philip O'Dwyer by less than a quarter of a wheel from Damien Greig, with Brett Clapham a close third. Trial rider David Leech was 4<sup>th</sup>, followed closely by Chris Pearse, Neil Vroomens, Alistair Saw and the rest of the host.

'B' grade proved to have the largest field of the day when 33 competitors participated in an action filled race. Phil Johnston and JC Van der Walt started to unsettle the field when they moved away from the peloton on their fourth lap, but their lead was too slim and they rejoined the bunch at the 18-minute mark. Jaimie Kirkwood also tried his luck but was brought to heel after a two-lap break, when his margin barely exceeded 5 seconds. With 26 minutes gone, what looked like a winning move arose when a hard working group of four riders, JC Van der Walt, Keith Winch, Greg Bayley and Mark Anastasas rode away for seven laps, for most of that time gaining a lead of around 15 seconds. However, that came to a sudden end as they approached the 2 laps to go sign when the peloton accelerated to bring them back to 4 seconds. On the finishing straight 28 riders appeared around the final corner, and in a mass rush to the line the win by half-a-wheel went Jeremiah Peiffer over new Dunsborough rider Cameron Keevers, with Mike Andrew, Patrick Woods, Antony Rieck and Craig Huxtable filling the following five places.

As per the norm, attacks took place among the ranks of 'A' grade from the gun, but the pattern began to emerge when Chris Glasby and Tom Perry opened a slight gap on lap four, to be joined a lap later by Mitchell Fitzgerald. Seeing the danger, Jon Greg bridged the gap at the 16-minute mark, after which their lead crept up lap by lap. After 30-minutes of racing having now been joined by Sam Smith they had what looked like an insurmountable lead of just over a

minute, after lapping at under two minutes for most of their time off the front. Chris Glasby and Jon Gregg both tried to break up the small lead group during the final laps, as did Sam Smith when he moved off the front to a 5-second lead at the bell. However, they were all together to contest the sprint, with the victory going to Jon Gregg by about 3 lengths over Sam Smith, with Mitchell Fitzgerald another length or two taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place, while a tired Chris Glasby coasted in 8 seconds later for fourth place. Clint Thompson was the best of the rest when he finished 1m 14seconds behind the winner, while the peloton were another 3 seconds behind, being led in by William Celis. The average speed for the race was a respectable *40.2kph*.

### **3 February – Road Races – Herne Hill**

This was a blustery day with winds coming off the scarp forcing riders on Campersic Rd onto the left of the tarmac. It also meant a hard ride down Oakover Road, though compensated for by a flier on the finishing straight at William Street. Overall, times were close to those recorded on the same Sunday in 2018, but with some events showing valiant breakaways.

This was certainly the case in both ‘A’ and ‘B’ grades, the former seeing a break of 10 riders of the 23 starters on lap one that managed to stay away, and the same in ‘B’ where Mark Hamill, Paul George and JC Van der Walt were able to resist the chasers to the finish line.

‘A’ grade’s race was determined on the 2<sup>nd</sup> lap when the 10 leaders forced themselves to a lead of just over a minute. They then pulled away steadily so that by 2 laps to go they enjoyed a lead of 2m 35secs. Attacks in the breakaway group saw a few splits as they entered the final lap with four riders, Tom Ford, Sam Smith, Ian Gregory and Mitchell Fitzgerald in the lead. The same riders finished in that order, with Matheos Venetis being next in 5<sup>th</sup> place 1m 6seconds behind, followed 5 seconds later by Martin Hurley, Andrew Simpson and Andrew Lilley. The remaining 13 finishers came in close to 4 minutes behind the leaders.

‘B’ grade’s Mark Hamill, Paul George and JC Van der Walt took a gamble when attacking on lap one. Their lead of 30 seconds at the end of the lap then steadily increased to

45 seconds, and then to 1min 13secs with three laps to go. That gap reduced to 35secs with 2 laps to go, and was even slimmer when reduced to 20secs at the bell. However, they hung on to the end, as Chris Brown in 4<sup>th</sup> place headed a small group made up of Cameron Keevers, Jaimie Kirkwood and David Sofield chased hard to close to some 14 seconds behind the first three riders, who deserved ‘the ride of the day’ award, had there been one.

‘C’ grade saw a more sedate race with few attacks noted at the line, the largest gap being observed on the first lap when Troy Drewett and Dave Harwood headed the 32-rider field with a slim margin of 10 seconds. At the finish there was only a 10 second gap between 1<sup>st</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> place, with victory going in a closely contested sprint to Paul McMurtrie, less than a length ahead of Andrew Rothon, David Ellis, Chris Hodge, trial rider Phillip Lucas, Lachlan Mills and 12 other riders who were given the same time as the victor.

‘D’ grade also came down to the final sprint for the 14-strong field, with all riders completing the race within 30 seconds of the winner. There was an attempt by Cameron Dawson, Adrian Quick and Chris Howard to move off the front on the first lap, but their slight gap was soon countered and they were brought back to the bunch. The popular winner was the only female rider of the day to feature in a podium place, with Kirsty Jones finishing in a strong final burst to beat David Williams by a length. Bruce Abbott was a close third followed by Rudi Seebach, John Shattock, Jon Nelson and Fermin Blanco Mayo.

‘E’ grade’s field of seven riders including trial rider Natalie Quick, broke up soon after the start, as Pat Briggs, Bob Stephens and Ray Saliba powered away. This was also the order of things at the end of the race, with Natalie Quick finishing some way behind, followed at intervals by Helen Peniston, Kevin Hart and Denis Robinson.

Those checking the average speed on the web will find there are a couple of discrepancies which show, for example, that ‘B’ grade’s race recorded an average of 40.2kph compared to that of ‘A’ grade with

36.3kph. In fact, the average times per lap show that all went as expected, as 'A' grade's time was 13m 25s; B's' average 14m 10secs, 'C's' 15m 25secs; 'D's' 17 minutes, and 'E' grade 18 minutes.

*'A' Grade – 66km – 7 laps*

1. Tom Ford; 2. Sam Smith;  
3. Ian Gregory; 4. Mitchell Fitzgerald;  
5. Matheos Venetis; 6. Mart in Hurley;  
7. Andrew Simpson; 8. Andrew Lilley;  
9. Brian Sing; 10. Gavin Wark;  
11. Greg Gale; 12. James MaxWatt  
13. John Somego 14. Darin Dunstan;  
15. Ian Lyne; 16. Daniel Hughes d'Aeth;  
17. Jason Walsh; 18. Travis Goad;  
19. Andrew McGlurg; 20 Taylor Wilcock;  
21. Eddie Hollands.

*Average per lap 13m 25s.*

*'B' Grade – 57km – 6 laps*

1. Mark Hamill; 2. Paul George;  
3. JC Van der Walt; 4. Chris Brown;  
5. Cameron Keevers; 6. Jaimie Kirkwood;  
7. David Sofield; 8. Greg Bayley;  
9. Greg Hendrie; 10. Mike Andrew;  
11. John Liso; 12. Keith Winch;  
13. Darren Naughton; 14. Tim James;  
15. David Saxey; 16. Antony Riek;  
17. Charles Campbell; 18. Mark Welford;  
19. Hunter Shipp; 20. Shane Cable;  
21. Joshua Weidman; 22. Neil Roscoe;  
23. Adam Ralph; 24. Merv Byfield;  
25. Sarah Kitis; 26. Paul B orrett;  
27. Owen Henderson; 28. Michael Jones;  
29. Andrew Highfield.

*Average per lap 14m10s.*

*'C' Grade – 48km – 5laps*

1. Paul McMurtrie; 2. Andrew Rothon;  
3. David Ellis; 4. Chris Hodge;  
5. Phillip Lucas; 6. Lachlan Mills;  
7. David Menarry; 8. Alan Nicholls;  
9. Justin Schultz; 10. Stephen Heskith;  
11. Annie Bramley; 12. Damien Grieg;  
13. Nick Vroomans; 14. Tony Drewett;  
15. Bradley Stalker; 16. Neil Vroomans;  
17. Brett Clapham; 18. Steve Ryan;  
19. Chris Norris; 20. Quaid Smith;  
21. Dave Harwood; 22. Alastair Saw;  
23. David Herne; 24. Mathys Labuschagne;  
25. John Spicer; 26. Simon Vandenburg;  
27. Keith Hickey; 28. Melissa Raybould.

*Average per lap 15m 35s.*

*'D' Grade – 48km – 5laps*

1. Kirsty Jones; 2. David Williams;  
3. Bruce Abbott; 4. Rudi Seebac;  
5. John Shattock; 6. Jon Nelson;  
7. Ferman Blanco Mayo; 8. Chris Howard;  
9. Jonathan Akers; 10. Adrian Quick;  
11. Sam Bolton; 12. Maya Dominicé;  
13. ameron Dawson.

*Average per lap 17m 00s.*

*'E' Grade 29km – 3 laps*

1. Pat Briggs; 2. Bob Stephens;  
3. Ray Saliba; 4. Natalie Quick;  
5. Helen Peniston; 6. Kevin Hart;  
7. Denis Robinson.

*Average per lap 18m 00s.*

***10 February Criteriums - Motorplex***

A great circuit, no traffic and excellent weather conditions, but what does it take to attract more people to race, for the Kwinana, Motorplex circuit only attracted 61 riders? True, there was competition from CA's Summer Series in the afternoon, but that would have attracted a very small number of our riders – so what does it take to attract competitors?

The programme therefore showed 'D' Grade with 9, 'E' grade with 10, 'B' grade with 11, 'A' with 12, and 'B' with a healthier field of 19 entrants. All grades apart from 'C' grade, where the field stayed compact, followed the same pattern, with early breakaway groups dictating the pattern of racing.

'E' grade were first to start, and soon after the countdown Pantelis Karagoglou, Pat Briggs and Bob Stephens opened a gap while Graham Thornton tried to chase them down for lap after lap with the trio remaining a tantalizing few seconds off their back. The sprint at the end of the race witnessed yet another win for Pantelis, with Pat Briggs 2<sup>nd</sup> and Bob Stephens 3<sup>rd</sup>. Graham Thornton was 19 seconds behind, while Mike Young, Ray Saliba and Leon Niewenhuizen followed. Denis Robinson and Brian Kennedy, both well into their 80s were given a one lap less to ride, but both had the advantage negated when lapped – a situation put down to too few training miles in their legs – though the inevitable scourge of old age might also have been a factor.

Dai Sankey, celebrating his annual flight from minus degrees of cold and snow in Wales, found the day's temperature too much and packed it in, having given himself too little time to acclimatise to Perth's sunshine.

'D' grade saw a valiant attempt by Jonathan Akers to stir up the action when he broke away on the 3<sup>rd</sup> lap. His lead of 20seconds was, however, eaten away lap by lap, and he was absorbed by the chasers 22 minutes into the event. The 'catch' saw Adrian Quick take advantage of the lull to attack, soon to be joined by Darren Lee and John Shattock. Riding strongly together they moved to an unbeatable lead of 40 seconds with three laps to go, with John and Darren having a slight advantage over Adrian as they turned into the crucial final corner. Unfortunately for Darren, he over-cooked it and pulled his foot out of his pedal when trying to stay upright, virtually gifting 1<sup>st</sup> prize to John Shattock. Darren finished 2<sup>nd</sup> and Adrian Quick crossed the line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 5 seconds later. Jonathan Akers who had worked hard throughout the race was 4<sup>th</sup>, followed by Bruce Abbott.

While 'C' grade was largely ridden as a procession, there were flashes of special activity which augured well as early as the 1<sup>st</sup> lap when Troy Drewett pulled away for three laps, but he never gained more than a lead of 10seconds. Brett Clapham and Sarah Kitis were also seen at the head of affairs on a number of laps but it was Trial rider Aaron Nagorka who really tested his qualities when he attacked with 4 laps to go. He spent two laps off the front by a small number of seconds but on the final lap 9 riders were still there to contest the sprint. The result saw a strong sprint by Aaron who won by a length or two from Stephen Hesketh, David Ellis and Sarah Kitis, the latter three taking the cash prizes.

The 'B' graders saw the result largely determined on the 2<sup>nd</sup> lap when 6 riders, Mike Andrew, Mark Hamill, Cameron Keevers, Joshua Weidman and Craig Huxtable rode steadily away from the rest of the field to open a gap of 25seconds after 12 minutes of riding. With attrition, two laps later the leaders were down to four and pulling away to an unassailable lead of just over a minute after 30 minutes of riding. There was some jockeying by the leaders in the final couple of laps, thus reducing their lead to 35 seconds as they

sprinted across the line. Cameron Keevers was triumphant while Craig Huxtable was a close 2<sup>nd</sup>, with Mike Andrew 3<sup>rd</sup> and Mark Hamill 4<sup>th</sup>. Of the chasers, John Liso just pipped Merv Byfield with a last lunge as they crossed the line.

'A' grade followed a similar pattern as 'B' grade with the field beginning to split on the 3<sup>rd</sup> lap when there was a successful break by Brian Sing, Sam Smith, Doug Stewart, Ian Gregory and Jon Gregg. Coincidentally, the group held a lead of 28seconds at the 28-minute mark, after which there were a few attacks, but they soon came together again. This is how they approached the finish, with two chasers Ian Lynne and Daniel Trinne putting up a good but unsuccessful chase behind. In a hard fought sprint the laurels went to Brian Sing by a couple of lengths over Jon Gregg, Ian Gregory, Doug Stewart, and 5<sup>th</sup> placed Sam Smith. Ian Lyne and Daniel Trinne finished almost 2 minutes behind in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> places respectively.

*'A' Grade - 45 mins + 2 laps*

1. Brian Sing; 2. Jon Gregg;
3. Ian Gregory; 4. Doug Stewart;
5. Sam Smith; 6. Ian Lyne;
7. Daniel Trinne; 8. Dean Shipp.

*Average speed 41.7kph.*

*'B' Grade - 40 mins + 2 laps*

1. Cameron Keeves; 2. Craig Huxtable;
3. Mike Andrew; 4. Mark Hamill;
5. John Liso; 6. Merv Byfield;
7. Paul Borrett; 8. Joushua Weidman;
9. Lee James Smith.

*Average: 38.1kph.*

*'C' Grade - 35 mins + 2 laps*

1. Aaron Nagorka; 2. Stephen Hesketh;
3. David Ellis; 4. Sarah Kitis;
5. Brett Fowler; 6. Ashley Shepherd;
7. Troy Drewett; 8. Paul McMurtrie;
9. Neil Vroomans; 10. Josh Vinci;
11. Chris Hodge; 12. Andrew Rothon;
13. Neil Vroomans; 14. Brett Clapham;
15. Damien Gregg; 16. Keith Hickey;
17. Anthony West.

*Average: 37.5kph*

*'D' Grade - 30 mins + 2 laps*

1. John Shattock; 2. Darren Lee;
3. Adrian Quick; 4. Jonathan Akers;

5. Bruce Abbott; 6. David Williams;  
7. Nick Cowie; 8. Clinton Hort.

*Average: 35.6kph*

*'E' Grade 25 mins + 2 laps*

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Pat Briggs;  
3. Bob Stephens; 4. Graham Thornton;  
5. Mike Young; 6. Ray Saliba;  
7. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;  
8. Denis Ronbinson; 9. Brian Kennedy.

*Average: 32.4kph*

### **17 February – Criteriums – Bibra Lake.**

The day couldn't have been better for the 95 riders who turned out for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the year's events at Bibra Lake, as skies were clear, temperatures were comfortable between 25 and 28 degrees and there was a gentle breeze. Only one fall marred the day when 'D' grade's Bruce Abbott cooked it as the closely packed bunch surged around the final bend to contest the finish. However, apart from a few grazes after landing on the verge in a haze of dust, Bruce picked himself up to examine his rear gear-hanger that looked much the worse for wear.

'E' grade rode a steady race, punctuated by a few surges that saw a few members of the 12-strong group being tailed off by a few seconds on the final lap. In a 6-up sprint victory went again to Pantelis Karagoglou who eased past Pat Briggs and Bob Stephens in the last 20 metres of the race. Graham Thornton was 4<sup>th</sup>, Doc Lawrance 5<sup>th</sup> and Kevin Hart 6<sup>th</sup>. Leon Nieuwenhuizen and Dai Sankey came closer to the winning time, at 6 seconds, than they did at the previous week's race at the Motorplex circuit, while Ray Saliba in 9<sup>th</sup> place lost some of the winning sparkle that he enjoyed a few weeks previous to the event. The only female in the Race, Natalie Quick, finished in 10<sup>th</sup> place. Last but not least was Denis Robinson, while the only DNF, Graeme Benthien found that coming back to racing after an absence of 2 years was a difficult task. Average speed was a respectable 33.2mph.

The main group in 'D' grade representing 12 of the riders appeared to be disinterested in chasing down two escapees, Darren Lee and Jonathan Akers, to the extent that on some of their laps they moved slower than 'E' grade. However, part of the disinterest might also have been the 1<sup>st</sup> lap attack of Darren Lee,

joined on lap 2 by Jonathan Akers, which the peloton found difficult to match. Steadily building up a lead, the pair moved ahead by 6 or 7 seconds a lap until Jonathan Akers found the pace too hard after 10 laps of riding. Meanwhile Darren, taking the 'Ride of the day' award increased the gap to nearly one-and-a-half minutes and on the final lap he lapped the field. Jonathan Akers finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, some 1minute 8 seconds after Darren, while Adrian Quick Rudi Seebach, John Shattock, Jon Nelson and the rest of the field came in 1minute 27 seconds behind the winner. Darren averaged 37.9kph.

'C' grade rode a sustained speed of about 1minute 20seconds a lap but apart from a couple of attacks by David Ellis on the 2<sup>nd</sup> lap, and at 24 minutes, all appeared to be evenly matched, as witnessed when 18 of the 19 starters finished with the same overall time. This put the fate of the race in the legs of the sprinters, with the win going to David Menarry in a closely contested finish when just beating Wade McCann, Paul McMurtrie, Robert Collings, Ian Lee, Philip Lucas and the rest of the grade. The grade averaged 39.2kph.

'B' grade started with 33 riders, the only non-finishers being Brett Arnold and Antony Rieck who both suffered mechanical troubles. It proved a cut-and-thrust event, though the first attack of note followed after 20minutes of riding when Joshua Weidman opened a gap of a few seconds, to be soon joined by Jaimie Kirkwood, Gary Harvey, and Mark Hamill. Two laps later all came together again, but that saw a few fresh attacks led by Eddy Pope and Scott Frawley, A couple of laps later they were joined by Greg Bayley but were absorbed a couple of laps later. A truck reversing out of a gate at the top end of the finishing straight, saw some quick thinking by referee Bob Addy who switched the race onto a shortcut without disrupting the flow of the race. With 3 laps to go, Greg Bayley opened a lead of 5 seconds, a gap that had increased by 2 seconds with 2 laps to go. He was caught just before the bell was rung to signal the last lap, but this was the signal for Greg's teammate Mark Anastasas to try a flyer off the front.

Unfortunately, his move was doomed as the bunch took up the chase and in the final dash to the line it was Patrick Woods who triumphed over Craig Huxtable by a small margin, with Mike Andrew being alongside in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Mark Hamill kept up his recent record of high placings when finishing 4<sup>th</sup>, and he was followed by Lee Jordan, Kalena Saleh and another closely grouped 23 riders. The average speed for the race was 41.8kph.

'A' grade's average speed was even higher, at 43.6kph, and as usual there was little in the leisure-riding zone during the whole 45 minutes and 2 laps. The action started after 2 laps when Bernie Swart, Clint Thompson and Adam Fielding stirred up the action for two laps. When captured by the peloton it was a signal for Doug Stewart to stir up the action, which he did for another 5 laps before he was caught. A lap or two later Henry Morley flew his colours and was soon joined by Ian Gregory and William Celis, and they managed to stay off the front for three laps. With 25 minutes gone on the clock Andrew Simpson also rode off the front for three lonely laps, before the previous pattern was repeated when he was joined by 4 other riders. Coming to the business end of the race Jon Gregg, Henry Morley, Matt Upton, Andrew McClurg, Andrew Simpson and Brian Sing, found themselves 15 seconds ahead of the chasers, but when it looked as if this was the composition of the winning group, there was a surge of activity among the chasers to bring them within 4 seconds of the leaders as they crossed for the bell. In the rush to the line, Henry Morley proved fastest when he beat Ian Gregory and Eddie Hollands, Andrew Simpson and Brian Sing. Two seconds later Jon Gregg took 6<sup>th</sup> place followed by William Celis and the rest of the group.

*'A' Grade - 45 mins + 2 laps*

1. Henry Morley; 2. Ian Gregory;  
3. Eddie Hollands; 4. Andrew Simpson;  
5. Brian Sing; 6. Jon Gregg;  
7. William Celis; 8. Darin Dunstan;  
9. Matt Upton; 10. Andrew McClurg;  
11. Greg Gale; 12. Ian Lyne;  
13. Adam Fielding; 14. Doug Stewart;  
15. Bernie Swart; 16. Andrew Ballam.  
Average speed 43.6kph.

*'B' Grade - 40 mins + 2 laps*

1. Patrick Woods; 2. Craig Huxtable;  
3. Mike Andrew; 4. Mark Hamill;  
5. Lee Jordan; 6. Kalena Saleh;  
7. Bryn Green; 8. John Liso;  
9. Nigel Stella; 10. Joushua Weidman;  
11. Owen Henderson; 12. David Sofield;  
13. John O'Boyle; 14. Gary Harvey;  
15. Hunter Shipp; 16. Greg Smith;  
17. Brett Fowler; 18. Eddy Pope;  
19. Lee James Smith; 20. Jaimie Kirkwood;  
21. Kate Nelligan; 22. Scott Frawley;  
23. Tony Smith; 24. Greg Bayley;  
25. Shane Cable; 26. Scott Ayles;  
27. Aaron Nagorcka; 28. Melissa Robinson;  
29. Keith Winch; 30. Mark Anastasas;  
31. JC Van der Walt.  
*Average: 41.8kph.*

*'C' Grade - 35 mins + 2 laps*

1. David Menarry; 2. Wade McCann;  
3. Paul McMurtrie; 4. Robert Collings;  
5. Ian Lee; 6. Phillip Lucas;  
7. Andrew Rothern; 8. Damien Johnson;  
9. Nick Vroomans; 10. Damien Grieg;  
11. Javan Wolsoncroft;  
12. Simon Vandenberg; 13. Margot Biggs;  
14. Dave Harwood; 15. David Varcoe;  
16. David Ellis; 17. Keith Hickey;  
18. Stuart Miller.  
*Average: 39.2kph*

*'D' Grade - 30 mins + 2 laps*

1. Darren Lee; 2. Jonathan Akers;  
3. Adrian Quick; 4. Rudi Seebach;  
5. John Shattock; 6. Jon Nelson;  
7. Richard Barville; 8. Sam Bolton;  
9. Steven Rouse; 10. Trevor Holmes;  
11. David Williams; 12. Peter Ebdon.  
*Average: 37.9kph*

*'E' Grade 25 mins + 2 laps*

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Pat Briggs;  
3. Bob Stephens; 4. Graham Thornton;  
5. Denis Lawrance; 6. Kevin Hart;  
7. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 8. Dai Sankey;  
9. Ray Saliba; 10. Natalie Quick;  
11. Denis Robinson.  
*Average: 33.2kph*

## **24 February - Vermarc Custom Supa Crits - Wangara**

Another successful day at the hustings, as 113 riders faced the undulations of the Wangara circuit. With pleasant temperatures in the mid to high 20s, and a breeze carrying riders up the rise to the finish, the pace in all grades was high, and the races made more interesting by the high grade numbers. In the latter, 'B' grade had the largest field with 39 riders; 'C' grade was next with 26; 'A' with 19, and 'E' grade showed a record 15 starters, just one ahead of 'D'.

'A' and 'B' grades followed a common template in terms of action, with early breaks being followed by a trio of riders taking up the cudgels to outpace the chasers. In 'A' grade's event, there was early action that saw Martin Hurley, Dean Shipp, Sam Smith and Greg Gale flee the group to record a lead of 17 seconds after 5 laps of riding. Brian Sing lay 9 seconds behind the leaders at that stage, but soon after returned to the chasers, along with Greg Gale who found the pace at the front a little too hot. That left the trio of Dean Ship, Sam Smith and Martin Hurley to fight off the chasers, which they did with alacrity. At the 19 minute mark they held a lead of 36 seconds, but 14 minutes later that had been reduced to 7 seconds, at which stage all the sages gathered at the line predicted a 'catch' and attacks from others in the chasing group. However, the trio held their nerve and picked up a second or two lap by lap until with 2 laps to go their lead had again extended to 22 seconds, despite attempts by Ian Lyne and Paul Mackay to bridge the gap. At the bell, and after some jockeying on the final lap, the leaders crossed 13 seconds ahead of the rest of the field, Sam Smith taking the win in a lung-bursting final 100 metres that saw him open a 2-length gap over Martin Hurley and Dean Shipp. With 6 cash prizes for every grade thanks to sponsor Vermarc Custom, there was great interest shown by the chasing group of 10 riders, with the cash pickings going to Brian Sing, Wayne Thomson and Doug Stewart. The average speed was 40.1 kph.

As mentioned previously, 'B' grade followed a similar pattern, in this case the first lap saw Josh Weidman and Mark Taylor zoom ahead for a lead of 80 metres at the end of the lap, while Scott Ayles then showed his colours

on the 3<sup>rd</sup> lap. It was then the turn of Matthew Kordan who made a solo attack at the 12-minute mark, and though by the following lap he had increased his lead to 15 seconds, all the money was put on a quick catch by the chasers, especially as it was known that Matt hadn't raced for two years due to his work in the Pilbara where his sporting time was spent fishing. But the laugh was on the 'experts' as Matt, now joined by JC Van der Walt and Greg Bayley forged a partnership that just like 'A' grade saw them brought back to a lead of 5 seconds. After some fluctuation this reached 34 seconds with three laps to go. A lap later the lead had been reduced by 2 seconds, but just like 'A' grade, some jockeying saw them cross the finish line 13 seconds ahead of the rest of the field. After Matt glided across the line with a margin of a couple of lengths, his strength was acknowledged by 2<sup>nd</sup> placed JC Van der Welt and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Greg Bayley. Also riding smoothly to the finish was 4<sup>th</sup> place Steele Bishop, which augers well for his forthcoming track debut at the Australian CA championships in Brisbane that is coming up. Mark Hamill was a couple of lengths behind Steele, followed by Keith Winch, John Liso, Craig Huxtable and trial rider Simon Ribarich. Average speed was 39.1kph.

As expected, apart from a few short-lived dives off the front of the peloton, 'C' grade largely kept together as a compact group for much of the race. Noted were attempts by Tony Drewett, and also later in the race by Russell Brooks around the 20-minute mark when he opened a gap that was held for two laps. A few riders dropped off the back on the final circuit, leaving some 19 riders to come around the final bend to contest the sprint. However, whether Paul McMurtrie attacked before the bend, or whether he opened up the gap in the final couple of hundred metres is a moot point, but he crossed the line some 3 seconds ahead of Damien Grieg, David Ellis, Robert Collings, Craig Smith-Gander, David Menarry, and the rest of the bunch. Average 36.1kph.

'D' grade witnessed a split on the 2<sup>nd</sup> lap when Adrian Quick, Nick Cowie and Javier Vaquez moved to a slight lead of

about 30 metres, though the move of the race came after 17 minutes of racing when the aforementioned riders were joined by Bruce Abbott, Rudi Seebach and Richard Barville. Working together this split the race into two major bunches, with the leaders steadily extending their lead over the chasers to 45 seconds after 20 minutes of riding. By the end of the race that lead had extended to 1 minute 10 seconds, with Javier Vasquez winning the sprint by 2 lengths over Rudi Seebach, Bruce Abbott, Adrian Quick and Ruichard Barville, with Nick Cowie another 3 seconds behind. John Shattock led in the chasers. Race average speed: 33.0kph.

Last but not least was 'E' grade, with a strong field of six female riders who certainly stirred up the action to the extent that it left some of the usual favourites gasping for air. A split occurred after completion of 5 laps, and little changed for the remainder of the race. The sprint saw a triumph for womankind when Maya Dominice crossed the line ahead of Bob Stephens, who in turn was sandwiched by Jodi Earnshaw in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Andrea Hind came in 4<sup>th</sup> and Doc Lawrance in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Pantelis Karagoglou appeared to suffer on the climb to the finish and after his spate of recent wins, had to be content with 6<sup>th</sup> place. Brian Buck finished 7<sup>th</sup>, after a long break from racing, and was just happy to finish. Average speed was 32.3kph.

Thanks to Tony Anderson and his Vermarc Clothing team for their sponsorship support. It was also good to see Dave Edwards, one of our faithful and regular marshals, turn up to watch the race after recent heart problems that saw him hospitalized. He promised to come back after a few weeks additional rest to wave the lollipop.

#### *45 mins + 2 laps*

1. Sam Smith; 2. Martin Hurley;  
3. Dean Shipp; 4. Brian Sing;  
5. Wayne Thomson; 6. Doug Stewart;  
7. Tom Perry; 8. Jon Gregg;  
9. Paul Mackay; 10. Greg Gale;  
11. Darrin Dunstan; 12. Ian Lyne;  
13. Paul Dobson; 14. Colin Rose;  
15. Giovanni Carnicelli; 16. Phil Johnston;  
17. Eddie Hollands; 18. Wayde Keyser;  
19. Adam Fielding.

*Average speed 40.1kph.*

#### *'B' Grade – 40 mins + 2 laps*

1. Matt Korten; 2. JC Van der Walt;  
3. Greg Bayley; 4. Steele Bishop;  
5. Mark Hamill; 6. Keith Winch;  
7. John Liso; 8. Craig Huxtable;  
9. Simon Ribarich; 10. Nigel Stella;  
11. Kalena Saleh; 12. Jaimie Kirkwood;  
13. Tony Smith; 14. Bruce McLennan;  
15. Jason Hapeta; 16. Eddy Pope;  
17. Tony Anderson; 18. Graham Holden;  
19. Brett Fowler; 20. Mark Taylor;  
21. Anthony Rieck; 22. Mike Andrew;  
23. Owen Henderson; 24. Ben Lewis;  
25. Garry Harvey; 26. Paul Borrett;  
27. Martin Hendrick; 28. Charles Campbell;  
29. Josh Weidemann; 30. Sarah Kitis;  
31. Merv Byfield; 32. Lee James Smith;  
33. Bruce Davies; 34. Shane Cable;  
35. Scott Ayles; 36. Mark Anastasas;  
37. Lee Jordan; 38. Chris Peniston.

*Average: 39.1kph.*

#### *'C' Grade – 35 mins + 2 laps*

1. Paul Mc Murtrie; 2. Damien Greig;  
3. David Ellis; 4. Robert Collings;  
5. Craig Smith-Gander; 6. David Menerry;  
7. Andrew Rother; 8. Ian Lee;  
9. Steve Cassie; 10. Javan Wolsoncroft;  
11. Stephen Hesketh; 12. Troy Drewett;  
13. Alastair Saw; 14. Neil Vroomans;  
15. Nick Vroomans; 16. Anthony West;  
17. Chris Graham; 18. Russell Brooks;  
19. Nathalie Laurendeau;  
20. Christian Avramati; 21. Brett Clapham;  
22. Jeff Gleadow; 23. Greg Smith;  
24. Keith Hickey; 25. BJ Miles.

*Average: 36.1kph*

#### *'D' Grade – 30 mins + 2 laps*

1. Javier Vasquez; 2. Rudi Seebach;  
3. Bruce Abbott; 4. Adrian Quick;  
5. Richard Barville; 6. Nick Cowie;  
7. John Shattock; 8. John Quinn;  
9. Lawrence Fahey; 10. Jonathan Akers;  
11. Luis Cortez; 12. Keith Shugg;  
13. Trevor Holmes; 14. Shirley Dow-Vine.

*Average: 33.00kph*

#### *'E' Grade 25 mins + 2 laps*

1. Maya Dominice; 2. Bob Stephens;  
3. Jodi Earnshaw; 4. Andrea Hind;  
5. Denis Lawrance; 6. Pantelis Karagoglou;  
7. Brian Buck; 8. Mike Young;  
9. Dai Sankey; 10. Jane Crippa;

11. Natalie Quick; 12. Pat Briggs;  
13. Helen Peniston; 14. Derek Mayall;  
15. Denis Robinson.  
*Average: 32.3kph*

### **3 March - Road Races, Chidlow 'A'**

Another excellent day's racing for the 92 riders who turned up on a sunny and pleasant morning to compete on the undulating roads around Chidlow. There was a slight breeze that would have made it difficult for anyone dropping off from the shelter of the pelotons and there were 18 DNFs as proof of this. Only two or three of these suffered mechanical problems. What pleased the timekeeper was that virtually all grades lapped the 11km circuit according to his schedule calculations!

Overall, there were relatively few heroics, with only two being recorded for 'A' grade's 16 competitors, and those took place on the first and the final circuits. The first occurred on lap one, as Andrew Lilley and Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth enjoyed a lead of 23 seconds; while on the final lap Ian Gregory (again), Tom Ford and Jon Gregg attacked and opened up a gap. Jon Gregg proved the strongest to take the win by 3 seconds from Ian Gregory and Tom Ford, while Paul Mackay finished another 45 seconds behind, followed 6 seconds later by Brian Sing in 5<sup>th</sup> place. Paul Dobson finished alone in 6<sup>th</sup> place, 6 seconds ahead of five remnants of the main bunch who were just over a minute behind the winner. *Average speed for the 66km (6 laps) was 39.3kph.*

'B' grade with 25 riders rode at a fair pace and remained together until the bell was rung. At that juncture it was seen that Chris Brown and Greg Bayley had caught the rest of the bunch napping. At that stage of the race their lead was 30 seconds but this had increased by another 20 seconds as they sprinted past the finish line. Chris took the sprint. Greg was close by in 2<sup>nd</sup>, while Mike Andrew came in at the head of 11 chasers who represented the main bunch. Paul George was 4<sup>th</sup>, and John Liso who was urged on by his fan club was 5<sup>th</sup>, just ahead of Gavin Lawson. *Average speed for the 66km (6 laps) was 38.3kph.*

The largest group of the day was 'C' grade, which started with 31 riders. While riding steadily, their overall speed was only

0.2kph slower than 'B', which perhaps explains the 5 DNF's, and the split that occurred on the final lap when a few riders were tailed off. In a 13-up sprint, the win went to Lloyd Forsyth in his 2<sup>nd</sup> ride with the club, while Dave Ellis crossed only half-a-wheel in arrears. After returning from a quick trip to the USA and the UK, Chris Hodge was surprised to finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, while he was followed by Russell Brooks, Stephen Hosketh and Troy Drewett. There were also 2 female riders in close contention, these being Alison Dyson in 8<sup>th</sup> place and Nathalie Laurendeau in 11<sup>th</sup>, while Jill Pope finished only 6 seconds behind the lead group in 14<sup>th</sup> place. *Average speed for the 55km (5 laps) was 36.1kph.*

There was a 'lucky' field of 13 who started off in 'D' grade, and more than any other grade it saw the largest gaps between competitors at the end of the race. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of their 4 laps, Cameron Dawson and Adrian Quick let fly and moved to a lead of 1 minute 10 seconds, a figure that was almost doubled by the time they hit the start of the final lap. As they crossed the finish line the lead had increased to 3m 42 seconds over 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> placed David Williams and Bruce Abbott, with Kirsty Jones another 5 seconds behind. I shall refrain from making light of Adrian Quick's surname, but he and race winner Cameron Dawson might have been too 'quick' for their own good, as almost certainly their future in 'D' grade has been jeopardized by the extent of their win. *Average speed for the 44km (4 laps) was 33.3kph.*

'E' grade's number of riders fell by 50% from their previous week's race at the Wangara Criterium races but that didn't stop the group from splitting. Denis Robinson was the first casualty, after suffering on the hilly section of the course, while Pat Briggs and Natalie Quick finished just over 3 minutes behind the leaders - Bob Stephens, Ray Saliba, Trevor Holmes and Dave Walker. Much of the damage was done by Ray Saliba who attacked on the final lap, to drop Bob, Trevor and Dave. Old-timer Bob Stephens was too canny to let Ray go and chased hard to bring him back, and having sat on Ray's wheel to recuperate he was able to gather enough

energy to take the sprint. Trevor Holmes and Dave Walker were 12 seconds behind in that order, while Pat Briggs and Natalie Quick finished 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. *Average speed for the 33km (3laps) was 29.7kph.*

*'A' grade – 66km (6 Laps)*

1. Jon Gregg; 2. Ian Gregory;  
3. Tom Ford; 4. Paul Mackay;  
5. Brian Sing; 6. Paul Dobson;  
7. Tom Perry; 8. Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth;  
9. Shaun Oneill; 10. Greg Gale;  
11. Andrew McClurg; 12. Dean Shipp.

*Average speed 39.3kph.*

*'B' Grade 66km (6 laps)*

1. Chris Brown; 2. Greg Bayley;  
3. Mike Andrew; 4. Paul George;  
5. John Liso; 6. Gavin Lawson;  
7. Graham Holden; 8. JC Van der Walt;  
9. Drew Mitchell; 10. Paul Borrett;  
11. Serene Lee; 12. Charles Campbell;  
13. Andrew Highfield; 14. Joshua Weidmann;  
15. Jon-Paul Grygorewicz;  
16. Jaimie Kirkwood; 17. Neil Roscoe;  
18. Keith Winch; 19. Scott Ayles.

*Average: 38.3kph.*

*'C' Grade – 55 km (5 laps)*

1. Lloyd Forsyth; 2. David Ellis;  
3. Chris Hodge; 4. Russell Brooks;  
5. Stephen Hesketh; 6. Troy Drewett;  
7. Lachlan Mills; 8. Alison Dyson;  
9. David Varcoe; 10. Alan Nicholls;  
11. Nathalie Laurendeau; 12. John Spicer;  
13. Jon Hanson; 14. Jill Pope;  
15. Nick Vroomans; 16. Simon Vandenberg;  
17. Steve Cassie; 18. Quaid Smith;  
19. Daniel Harvey; 20. Neil Vroomans;  
21. Eddy Pope; 22. Brett Clapham;  
23. Damien Greig; 24. Anke Hoskins;  
25. Anthony West; 26. Ian Dow-Vine.

*Average: 36.1kph*

*'D' Grade – 44km (4 laps)*

1. Cameron Dawson; 2. Adrian Quick;  
3. David Williams; 4. Bruce Abbott;  
5. Kirsty Jones; 6. Maya Dominice;  
7. Rudi Seebach; 8. Roberta Richardson;  
9. Jarrad Finnigan; 10. Kelvin Brooks.

*Average: 33.3kph*

*'E' Grade – 33km (3 laps)*

1. Bob Stephens; 2. Ray Saliba;  
3. Trevor Holmes; 4. Dave Walker;

5. Pat Briggs; 6. Natalie Quick.

*Average 29.7kph*

### **Club Points Score Competition**

With only six more events to the end of the competition (the Colin Rossiter event will not count) there's a close fight for the first 10 places, and also in the Team competition. For additional placings see the webpage Race Results page.

#### *Individual Competition:*

1. Mike Andrew	100pts
2. Jon Gregg	96
3. Darren Dunstan	94
4. David Ellis	93
5. John Liso	92
6. Pat Briggs	91
7. John Shattock	86
8. David Williams	85
9. Mark Hamill	81
10. Craig Huxtable	79
11. Andrew Quick	76
12. Denis Robinson	75
13. Greg Smith	72
14. Robert Collings	71
15. Bob Stephens	70

#### *Team Competition*

1. Gary Suckling Team	286pts
2. Unicorn Racing	269
3. Team Brooks	261
4. Northern Beaches CC	249
5. Eddy Hollands Bicycle Service	224
6. Bicycle Centre Cannington	213
7. Nascent Capital Cycling Team	205
8. South Perth Roulers	198
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