



## Newsletter: September-October 2019

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### RACE PROGRAMME

**All criteriums start at 8.00am;  
road races start at 8.30am.**

**Check the web page for course details and possible changes.**

**NOTE: 'E' and 'D' grades start 1<sup>st</sup> at criteriums, 'a', B' & 'C' will be rotated week by week. See the start order on the race programme on the webpage.**

**3 November – Criteriums – Kewdale.**

**10 November – Criteriums - Smeaton Way, Rockingham.**

**17 November – Criteriums - Wangara**

**24 November – NO RACING.**

**1 December – Criteriums – Kewdale.**

**8 December – Criteriums – Motorplex – Kwinana Beach.**

**15 December – Criteriums – Wangara.**

### CHRISTMA BREAK

**5 January – Criteriums – Kewdale.**

**12 January – Criteriums – Rockingham.**

**19 January – Criteriums – Wangara.**

**2 February – Criteriums – Kewdale.**

**9 February – Criteriums – Motorplex.**

### RACE REPORTS

**1 September – Graded Scratch races, Dog Hill, Baldivis**

With a grim forecast and Fathers' Day absentees, it came as no surprise to see a relatively small field of 46 riders. 'C' grade with 16 nominees had the largest field of the day, followed by 12 in 'B', 7 in both 'A', and 'D', and 4 in 'E'. A few heavy showers and a head wind on *the* finishing leg, saw some of those fields reduced even further. It also saw most riders stay in the shelter of the various peletons until late in the races.

The one surprise of the day was that 'C' grade moved faster than 'B' – or more to the point, 'B' grade moved much slower than 'C', with the 'B' on average being 40 seconds slower per lap.

Riding much of the race as a compact bunch, it was only on the penultimate lap that 'A' grade split into two bunches, with Jon Gregg, Sam Smith and Colin Rose taking a lead of 25 seconds. This had been increased by another six seconds at the finish of the race, when Jon Gregg sprinted to beat Sam and Colin by a couple of lengths. Bernie Swart took 4<sup>th</sup> followed by Greg Bayley and Ryan Willmot, with Mark Hamill finishing some distance behind.

Apart from the final sprint, the only point of note in 'B' grade was that as they crossed the start on two or three of the seven laps, Darren Lee was seen to be riding off the front by a few seconds.

However, in the fight for the finish in an eight-up sprint, 1st place went to Darren Kinsella, followed closely by Cameron Keevers, Gavin Wark and John Liso.

Most of 'C' grade moved as a compact group and at a fair pace for the duration of the race, discouraging any individual heroics. As with 'B' grade the decision came down to who was fastest over the last 200 to 300 metres. With 10 riders contesting, Quaid Smith put in a strong effort to sail over the line with a length to spare. Second place went to trial rider Chris Holgate, which proved fortunate for Jason Hapeta and Tony Doherty who took the next two places and prizemoney, while Chris went home with a plain sheet of paper bearing his name. David Menarry was 5<sup>th</sup>, David Ellis, 6<sup>th</sup>, with the Vroomans – Neil and Nick taking the next two places.

'D' grade was reduced to five riders when Sam Bolton retired following a mechanical problem, and Clinton Hort found that his level of fitness found it in the wet conditions. That left five riders to fight for the places. However, the finish proved the exception to the rule, as Jarred Finnigan broke away with two laps to go and retained a gap until he crossed the line some 45 seconds ahead of Lawrence Fahey. Tony Clews was another 20 seconds behind in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in a sprint contest with John Quinn, while last man standing, Nick Cowie was another few seconds behind.

With only four starters in 'E' grade it seemed unlikely that anyone was going to ride away, especially in the blustery conditions. And so it turned out, with the four lap race being decided in the final sprint when Ed Rose proved too strong for his opponents by finishing two or three lengths ahead of Pat Briggs, Bob Stephens and Natalie Quick.

A special thanks to all the marshals on the day who faced the elements to see all riders safely around the course.

*Results (1<sup>st</sup> four places)*

*'A' grade – 75km 7 laps*

1. Jon Gregg;
2. Sam Smith;
3. Colin Rose; Bernie Swart;
5. Gerg Bayley;
6. Ryan Wilmot;
7. Mark Hamill.

*Average speed 41.0kph. 15m 40secs per lap*

*'B' grade – 75km 7 laps*

1. Darren Kinsella;
2. Chris Holgate;
3. Gavin Wark;
4. John Liso;
5. Garry Horsfield;
6. Phil Deisel;
7. James Howard;
8. Paul Borrett;
9. Gavin Lawson;
10. Darren Lee;
11. Craig Huxtable;
12. Brett Fowler.

*Average speed 35.8kph. 17m 50secs per lap*

*'C' grade – 64km 6 laps*

1. Quaid Smith;
2. Chris Holgate;
3. Jason Hapeta; Tony Doherty;
5. David Menarry;
6. David Ellis;
7. Neil Vroomans;
8. Nick Vroomans;
9. Alan Nicholls;
10. Ken Veivers;
11. Stacey Thoms;
12. Steve Ryan;
13. Jodi Earnshaw;
14. Mark Williamson.

*Average speed 37.4kph. 17m 10secs per lap*

*'D' grade – 54km 5 laps*

1. Jarred Finnigan;
2. Lawrence Fahey;
3. Tony Clews;
4. John Quinn;
5. Nick Cowie.

*Average speed 35.8kph. 17m 50secs per lap*

*'E' grade – 43km 4 laps*

1. Edward Rose;
2. Pat Briggs;
3. Bob Stephens;
4. Natalie Quick.

*Average speed 35.8kph. 17m 50secs per lap*

### **8 September Graded Scratch Races – Mt Helena**

A perfect day for visiting the hills and 55 riders did just that by rolling around the undulating 20km circuit. 'A' grade with 10 riders witnessed action on the 2<sup>nd</sup> lap when Sam Smith, Ian Gregory and Daniel Griffiths attacked to take a lead of 1m 45secs as they passed the start/finish line. At the bell the dice had been cast in their favour, as with a lead of 2m 30secs there was little or no chance for the rest of the grade to catch the leaders. Sam was triumphant when beating Ian by one second and Daniel by over half-a-minute. The duo of Chris Roberts and Mark Hamill were next when finishing some 4m 30secs after the winner, while Jason Roberts was 6<sup>th</sup> at another 2 seconds.

The 21 strong 'B' grade attracted the largest field of the day. Although recording an average of 4m 5sec per lap slower than the winners of 'A' grade, it was still a respectable pace but not fast enough to shed

many riders, with the result that 11 of them were left to contest the finishing sprint. The uphill drive to the line saw victory go to John Liso, who pulled out a strong kick which saw him cross over the line some half-a-length ahead of Mark Welford, Darren Kinsella and Cameron Keevers, with a host of others led by Greg Stewart, Mark Welford and Gavin Lawson taking 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> places respectively.

'C' grade's bunch of 15 riders contained two trial riders, Jon White and Luke Winson, the latter proving particularly strong when passing the finish line just ahead of the field on the first two laps. At the start of the final circuit this gap had increased to 47 seconds, but though there was a concerted effort to catch him before the finish, he managed to hold on to win by a couple of lengths. However, being a trial rider, this saw the cash prize for 1<sup>st</sup> place being awarded to David Ellis, while 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> placed riders, Graham Gardner and David Menarry also moved up a place. Paul McMurtrie appeared on the finish sheet as 4<sup>th</sup>, though that is debatable, as he got lost riding to the start and joined the peleton halfway through the first lap! Ten riders completed the race within 12 seconds of the winner.

D' grade started with five riders to fight for places in the pecking order, but as with 'C' grade there was a trial rider, Dave Croft, who took the premier award. After two of the three laps, John Shattock who was short of racing miles decided to call it a day, leaving the remainder to fight for honours. Sam Bolton proved best of the rest, finishing 15 seconds behind Dave Croft, followed 25 seconds later by Graham Blyth, while Justin Goldrick on his comeback ride taking out the third cash prize.

'E' grade also started with 5 riders, though unlike 'D' grade all were to finish their race. On the hills, John Gargioni and Bob Stephens proved too strong for their compatriots and on the 1<sup>st</sup> of their two laps found their lead to be one-and-a-half minutes over Andrea Hind, with Pater Fitzsimmons attracted out of retirement by the spring weather further back, while Pat Briggs was even further behind. In the final sprint it was John Gargioni who attracted cheers from his

family cheer squad when he crossed the line first.

### *Results*

#### *'A' grade – 80km 4 laps*

1. Sam Smith; 2. Ian Gregory;
3. Daniel Griffiths; Chris Roberts;
5. Mark Hamill; 6. Jason Roberts;
7. Ian Lyne; 8. Bernie Swart;
9. Michael Jones.

*Average speed 40.4kph. 27m 20secs per lap*

#### *'B' grade – 80km 4 laps*

1. John Liso; 2. Darren Kinsella;
3. Cameron Keevers; 4. Greg Stewart;
5. Mark Welford; 6. Gavin Lawson;
7. Phil Deisel;
8. Jon-Paul Grygorcewicz; 9. Nick Rudd;
10. Tony Anderson; 11. Keith Winch;
12. Julian Hamilton; 13. Quaid Smith;
14. Gavin Wark; 15. Paul Borrett;
16. Garry Horsfield; 17. Mark Taylor;
18. Craig Huxtable; 19. David Varcoe;
20. James Howard.

*Average speed 37.8kph. 31m 45secs per lap*

#### *'C' grade – 60km 3 laps*

1. Luke Wilson; 2. David Ellis;
3. Graham Gardner; 4. David Menarry;
5. Paul McMurtrie; 6. Chris Fox;
7. Jodi Earnshaw; 8. Simon Vandenberg;
9. Alan Nicholls; 10. Nick Vroomans;
11. Steve Ryan; 12. Jon White;
13. Neil Vroomans; 14. Mark Williamson.

*Average speed 36.1kph. 33m 20secs per lap*

#### *'D' grade – 60km 3 laps*

1. Dave Croft; 2. Sam Bolton;
3. Graham Blyth; 4. Justin McGoldrick.

*Average speed 31.9kph. 37m 40secs per lap*

#### *'E' grade – 40km 2 laps*

1. John Gargioni; 2. Bob Stephens;
3. Andrea Hinds; 4. Peter Fitzsimmons;
5. Pat Briggs.

*Average speed 29.1kph. 41m 30secs per lap*

### **13 September – Graded Scratch Races – Casuarina**

Sorry folk, afraid I missed this one – see webpage for results.

### **22 September – Graded Scratch Races – Chidlow 'A'**

A bright but chilly start to proceedings on the hills course, though none of the 59 starters complained about this as the pace in various groups was hot. However, there were some comments about the adverse wind on some parts of the circuit that caused suffering among the ranks.

'A' grade was particularly active when averaging 16m 50 secs per lap – or 39.3kph, being the result of almost constant attacks. Especially noticeable were attacks that took place after three of the eight laps were completed, when Michael Fitzgerald, Chris Glasby and Andrew Turnbull pulled away to a lead of 20 seconds over the chasing bunch. A counterattack by Luke Pledger and Jon Gregg saw them bridge the gap to join the trio for a lap, but as the race passed the start point with 3 laps to go, the lead had changed again, as Michael Jones, accompanied by trial rider Raphael Amaraux joined Luke Pledger to pass the timekeeper some 30 seconds to the good. However, the final showdown was cemented on the next and penultimate lap when Brian Sing, Mitchell Fitzgerald, Jon Gregg and Wayne Thomson, still accompanied by Luke Pledger, pulled away to a lead of 15 seconds. That lead had extended to 45 seconds at the bell, though by that time Wayne Thomson had retreated to join the chasers. The four-up sprint saw a close contest, with Jon Gregg taking the laurels in a last second lunge to just beat Brian Sing across the line. Luke Pledger was a close third, while Mitchell Fitzgerald was fourth, followed one minute later by Raphael Amaraux and Dean Shipp.

'B' grade with the largest field of the day, 24 riders, proved pedestrian compared with the fireworks in 'A' grade, with only two gaps of note appearing, when Hunter Shipp on lap three, and Ian Lyne on lap six, respectively held leads of 15 seconds. The final dash to the line witnessed 19 riders in contention for honours, with Mark Welford making a long attack which saw him triumph over Craig Huxtable, John Liso, Quaid Smith and Julian Hamilton, with the 20<sup>th</sup> rider finishing only 13 seconds behind the bunch.

The 11 members of 'C' grade were the only group of the day who were down on their previous time schedule, but over the final three of their six laps, Tony Smith and David

Menarry threw down the gauntlet when increasing a lead of 20 seconds to 1m 50 seconds at the bell. The lead over the rest of the field rose to almost 2 minutes by the finish. The massed spectators saw David Menarry sit up with 50 metres to go to watch Tony Smith take the victory. The fight for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> was contested by David Williams and Paul McMurtrie, with the former winning the contest by a small margin. A special mention to the ride of the only female rider of the day, Jodi Earnshaw, who was seen driving the peleton for much of the race, with the lads happily sitting on her wheel. Jodi finished a credible seventh.

With only six riders between them it was decided to combine 'D' and 'E' grades so as to provide them with some comfort into the wind. However, the only 'E' grader to stick with the higher grade was Bob Stephens who appeared to ride comfortably to the 'E' grade victory as 'D' grade started the last of their five laps. Pat Briggs was some distance behind to take 2<sup>nd</sup> place, while the 'D' graders plugged away to fight on their final lap for their 'rostrum' placings. In a hard-fought sprint, it was Graham Blyth who triumphed, being a wheel ahead of John Shattock, with John Gargioni eight seconds behind in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The only aberration of the day was associated with both 'A' and 'B' grades finishing within a few seconds of each other, a problem that occurred because of the merging of 'D' and 'E' grades that reduced the start time gaps. This upset the carefully and scientifically prepared schedule that would have seen the two groups finish about four minutes apart. Be assured this won't happen again, even though the affected group might have to wait a few minutes longer before the start!

### *Results*

*'A' grade – 88km 8 laps*

1. Jon Gregg; 2. Brian Sing;
3. Luke Pledger; 4. Mitchell Fitzgerald;
5. Raphael Amaraux; 6. Dean Shipp;
7. Wayne Thomson; 8. Ian Gregory;
9. Luke Johns; 10. Chris Glasby;
11. Andrew Turnbull; 12. Chris Roberts;
13. Michael Jones; 14. Greg Gale;

15. Sam Smith; 16. Julian Lowes.  
*Average speed 39.3kph; 16m 50secs per lap*

*'B' grade – 77km 7 laps*

1. Mark Wellford; 2. Craig Huxtable;  
3. John Liso; 4. Quaid Smith;  
5. Ian Lyne; 6. Julian Hamilton;  
7. Philip Lucas; 8. Keith Winch;  
9. Andrew Highfield; 10. Tony Anderson;  
11. Graham Gardner; 12. Phil Deisel;  
13. David Sofield; 14. Paul Borrett;  
15. Gavin Wark; 16. Chris Brown;  
17. Hunter Shipp; 18. Gary Horsfield;  
19. Brendon Clark; 20. Joshua Weidman;  
21. Pete O'Connell.

*Average speed 36.6kph; 18m 05secs per lap*

*'C' grade – 66km 6 laps*

1. Tony Smith; 2. David Menarry;  
3. David Williams; 4. Paul McMurtrie;  
5. Simon Vandenberg;  
6. Justin McGoldrick; 7. Jodi Earnshaw;  
8. Vim Sephton.

*Average speed 33.1kph; 20m 00secs per lap*

*'D' grade – 55km 5 laps*

1. Graham Blyth; 2. John Shattock;  
3. John Gargioni.

*Average speed 29.5kph; 22m 15secs per lap*

*'E' grade – 44km 4 laps*

1. Bob Stephens; 2. Pat Briggs.

*Average speed 29.6kph; 22m 30secs per lap*

### **29 September – Graded Scratch Races – Pickering Brook**

For the first time in living memory this was the first event at Pickering Brook that did not require the wearing of thermals. In fact, much to everyone's delight, the 64 participants met with temperatures in the 20s, accompanied by a slight breeze.

The only disconcerting event of the day occurred following complaints from members of 'B' grade, that the 'winning' group had taken advantage early in the race to open up a gap by jumping into the 'A' grade peloton as they passed the group. As such, it was decided that apart from earning start points, the members of the grade break would be penalized by forfeiting their prizemoney. It should be noted that the starter at all our events warns riders they shouldn't take advantage by riding with any other coloured numbers than their own. It might be noted that 11 riders

DNF'd mainly because of the advantage enjoyed by those in the break.

While the above incident was taking place, 'A' grade saw a very strong ride by a breakaway group of seven riders, a number that represented exactly half the field. Their average pace saw them create what is believed to be a new record of 11m 15secs per lap. Four of the breakaway group contested the final sprint, with victory being taken by Brett Stapleton, who held off 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Luke Pledger, Mitchell Fitzgerald and trial rider Ricky Andrews. Patrick Sacconi-Williams was 5<sup>th</sup> at 1m 20ses, while Daniel Hughes d'Aeth led in two riders who were well back from the winner by over 9 minutes. The one unusual feature of 'A' grade was the early retirement of Brian Sing, who started despite suffering from a dose of flu!

We shall draw a veil around 'B' grade and move onto 'C'. True to the pattern of most of their races, the 17 riders in the grade rode at a steady tempo that witnessed no breakaways until the final lap. The finish resulted in 11 riders being within 10seconds of first and second placed Alan Nicholls and Peter Morris. Tony Smith in 3<sup>rd</sup> place finished 6 seconds behind, while Dave Mennary led in the rest at another 4 seconds, to be followed at close quarters by Margot Briggs, Chris Fox, Jon Hanson, Vanessa Johnson, David Varcoe, Merv Byfield and Justin McGoldrick.

'D' grade only attracted four riders: Graham Blyth, Sam Bolton, Nick Cowie and Yael Gardner. While three of them rode in close proximity, Sam had a bad day but still carried on, to complete the grade's 7 laps of the course. The finish was closely contested between Graham and Yael, and while it looked with a few metres to go that Yael would take victory, it was Graham who triumphed after a last desperate lunge. Nick Cowie finished a couple of seconds behind in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

'E' grade was also short of contestants, starting as did 'D' with 4 riders. However, unlike 'D', the group soon broke up, so that Bob Stephens led by 10 seconds from Natalie Quick at the end of lap 1, with Pat Briggs and Denis Robinson further

behind. Denis decided to call it a day a lap or two into the race, leaving three riders to decide the placings. While at one time it looked as if Natalie would close on Bob, he drew away on the final lap to win by 1m 8secs, with Pat Briggs, who dislikes the hills, being some way back in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

#### *Results*

##### *'A' grade – 76km 10 laps*

1. Brett Stapleton; 2. Luke Pledger;
3. Mitchell Fitzgerald; 4. Ricky Andrews;
5. Patrick Sacconi-Williams;
6. Daniel Hughes d'Aeth; 7. Bernie Swart;
8. Chris Beck; 9. Julian Lowes;
10. Andrew Lilley.

*Average speed ?; 11m 15secs per lap*

##### *'B' grade – 68km 9 laps*

Race declared void.

*Average speed 36.9; 12m 55secs per lap*

##### *'C' grade – 61km 8 laps*

1. Alan Nicholls; 2. Peter Morris;
3. Tony Smith; 4. David Menarry;
5. Margot Biggs; 6. Chris Fox;
7. Jon Hanson; 8. Vanessa Johnson;
9. David Varcoe; 10. Merv Byfield;
11. Justin McGoldrick; 12. Neil Vroomans;
13. Brett Fowler; 14. Nick Vroomans;
15. Tom Parkinson; 16. Vim Sephton.

*Average speed 35.9kph; 12m 45secs per lap*

##### *'D' grade – 53km 7 laps*

1. Graham Blyth; 2. Yael Gardiner;
3. Nick Cowie; 4. Sam Bolton

*Average speed 30.2kph; 15m 15secs per lap*

##### *'E' grade – 38km 5 laps*

1. Bob Stephens; 2. Natalie Quick;
3. Pat Briggs.

*Average speed 27.9kph; 16m 35per lap*

#### **6 October– Graded Scratch Races – Dog Hill, Baldivis**

Numbers were greatly improved over those recorded over the previous few weeks, with 85 riders throwing down the gauntlet. Conditions were pleasant, and the finish flag hardly managed a ripple. Competition among the ranks was keen and all races saw relatively high speeds, with the only complaint being made in 'D' grade's race when reported they were delayed slightly by a flock of sheep. Baa,

glad that there were no adverse incidents as a result of the flock.

'A' grade circled the course at over 41kph and while there were a number of attacks none succeeded in staying away for long. At the line, Julian Lowes enjoyed a 15 seconds lead on lap one; Shayne Dimmer by 10 seconds on lap two, and Shayne again shone later in the race when accompanied by Ricky Andrews. At the finish, seven remained to contest the sprint, with the win going to new rider Raphael Amaraux, who led in Jon Gregg by a wheel. Bernie Swart was close behind in third place, followed closely by Julian Lowes, Ian Gegory, Matt Upton and Shayne Dimmer.

'B' grade with 29 entrants fielded the largest bunch of the day, and far exceeded the experience of the group in their last appearance on the circuit, on which occasion they were slower than 'C' grade. However, at least as viewed from the line, there were few attacks, though Mark Welford tried to stir up the action on the first lap when he recorded a lead of 10 seconds, followed the next lap by Toby Brown with a similar time gap. The most promising break came with four laps to go when Quaid Smith and Magnus Rudisele led for a lap to pass the timekeeper with a gap of 20 seconds. However, the large bunch gave little quarter and they were brought back to the fold. As with 'A' grade there was keen competition in the final charge to the line, the verdict going to a fast-finishing Darren Kinsella by a couple of lengths. There was a keen fight for second that was taken by a dramatic last second kick and thrust by John Liso over Keith Winch, who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in close contention. There were in fact 20 riders left to fight out the finish of whom Gavin Wark was fourth, Mark Wellford fifth and Garry Horsfield sixth.

The 24 riders in 'C' grade again fared well when averaging just 1.1kph slower than 'B' grade. Riding to their usual pattern of staying as a compact group, 22 of the 24 riders in the peloton ended up together, and the other two were only six seconds behind. Brett Clapham was the only rider noted from the line as gaining a lead,

and that with three laps to go when he enjoyed a slim lead of less than 10 seconds. With the large finishing group bearing down at the finish it looked to be anyone's race, that is until Merv Byfield put in an extra strong performance to cross the line half-a-wheel in front of David Menarry, Neil Vroomans, Brett Clapham, Tom Parkinson, sixth placed Stuart Robertson, and the rest of the pack.

It was good to see a much larger number of nominations in 'D' grade than witnessed over the previous few weeks. With a dozen riders there were sufficient riders to provide a spectacle and some competition. Although for most of their five laps the group stayed together, trial rider Tim Burford showed some metal when jumping away to a lead of 10 to 15 seconds with three laps to go, but soon after was brought back to the shelter of the group. As with the other grades, the sprint was closely contested, by winner Lawrence Fahey, and Nicola Molloy – the only female rider of the day to feature on the podium - and Graham Blyth in third. Tony Clews was pleased with his fourth place, while John Gargioni who had recorded a number of sprint wins in recent weeks, had to be satisfied with fifth place, just ahead of Tim Burford. The two ladies in the grade, Roberta Richardson and Sam Bolton were eighth and ninth respectively.

'E' grade also sported an enlarged field when seven riders turned up to face the starter – again, a welcome number when compared with recent fields of three riders. They rode strongly to record an average speed of almost 31kph, though Graham Benthien having a 'bad' day decided to pack with 2 laps to go, while Denis Robinson did likewise on his final lap. The fight at the finish was keenly contested, with Pantelis Karagoglou taking the laurels when he held off Bob Stephens by a wheel, followed closely by Peter Fitzsimmons, Pat Briggs and Jane Crippa.

#### *'A' grade – 74km 7 laps*

1. Raphael Amaraux; 2. Jon Gregg;
3. Bernie Swart; 4. Julian Lowes;
5. Ian Gregory; 6. Matt Upton;
7. Shayne Dimmer; 8. Ricky Andrews;
9. Ryan Willmott; 10. Greg Bayley;
11. Adrian Berthelson.

*Average speed 41.1kph; 15m 35secs per lap*

#### *'B' grade – 74km 7 laps*

1. Darren Kinsella; 2. John Liso;
3. Keith Winch; 4. Gavin Wark;
5. Mark Wellford; 6. Julian Hamilton;
7. Garry Horsfield; 8. Paul McMurtrie;
9. Josh Weidman; 10. Greg Stewart;
11. Paul Borrett; 12. Tom Goerke;
13. Chris Fox; 14. Ian Lyne;
15. Nick Rudd; 16. Gavin Lawson;
17. Cian Brennan;
18. John Paul Grygorcewicz;
19. Richelle Gamble;
20. Nathalie Laurendeau;
21. John O'Boyle; 22. Gary Harvey;
23. Quaid Smith; 24. Magnus Rudisele;
25. Craig Huxtable; 26. Peter Wilshaw;
27. Mark Anastasas; 28. Toby Brown.

*Average speed 39.7kph; 16m 10secs per lap*

#### *'C' grade – 64km 6 laps*

1. Merv Byfield; 2. David Menarry;
3. Neil Vroomans; 4. Brett Clapham;
5. Tom Parkinson; 6. Stuart Robertson;
7. Justin McGoldrick; 8. Anthony West;
9. Brett Fowler; 10. David Varcoe;
11. Stacey Thomas; 12. Nick Vroomans;
13. Jason Hapeta; 14. Rudi Seebach;
15. Tom Parkinson; 16. Simon Vandenberg;
17. Margot Biggs; 18. Andrew Rother;
19. Anthony Doherty; 20. Vin Sephton;
21. Callum Henderson; 22. Arek Mazurek;
23. Alan Nicholls; 24. Matt Poyner.

*Average speed 38.6kph; 16m 40secs per lap*

#### *'D' grade – 53km 7 laps*

1. Lawrence Fahey; 2. Nicole Molloy;
3. Graham Blyth; 4. Tony Clews;
5. John Gargioni; 6. Tim Burford;
7. Clint Horton; 8. Roberta Richardson;
9. Sam Bolton; 10. Bill Anderson;
11. Nick Cowie; 12. Trevor Holmes.

*Average speed 33.9kph; 18m 50secs per lap*

#### *'E' grade – 38km 5 laps*

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Bob Stephens;
3. Peter Fitzsimmons; 4. Pat Briggs;
5. Jane Crippa.

*Average speed 30.9; 20m 45secs per lap*

### **13 October - Graded Scratch Races – Neerabup**

After the recent drought of numbers, it was a relief for the organisers to see 106 riders turn out on what was a pleasant morning,

though heralds of summer – ‘the flies’ were instrumental in promoting the famed Ozzie wave of the hand. Numbers were up in all grades, which made for more interesting racing, with ‘B’ grade’s 42 riders constituting the largest field. This was followed by 26 in ‘C’; 17 in ‘A’; 11 in ‘D’; and 10 in ‘E’ grade.

‘A’ grade covered the circuit 5 seconds faster than on the previous ride on the course, and after two laps the pressure forced a split in the ranks. With 5 of the laps covered the gap had increased to 1min 15secs and then increased lap by lap. There were a number of attacks at the front end of the race, though passing the line, only Ricky Andrews was seen to gap the peleton, but by only 10 seconds with 6 of the 11 laps to go. Five riders contested the finish, with the verdict going to Brian Sing, who beat the previous week’s winner Raphael Amaraux by a couple of lengths. However. Raphael was fortunate in that 2<sup>nd</sup> across the line was trial rider Brian Staring who left with only a piece of paper bearing his name, while Raphael went home a rich man! Next in line was Wayne Thomson and Greg Hendrie, while Mitchell Fitzgerald and Ian Gregory were 5 seconds down in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> places respectively.

As with ‘A’ grade, and probably stimulated by the large bunch, ‘B’ grade circled the course faster than on the last two occasions, by knocking off 15 seconds per lap, to record an average of 11 mins 50 seconds. Ian Lyne and John-Paul Grygorcewicz enlivened proceedings when opening up a gap of 20 seconds on the 2<sup>nd</sup> lap, a lead that increased to one minute on the following lap. However, all then came together, with the only other escapee Hunter Shipp making an effort with 2 laps to go. Unfortunately for the leader there were too many aspirants for glory to let him completely off the leash, with the result that the finish witnessed a wall of riders approach the line. There were one or two worrying switches in the peleton, but all crossed the line safely, with the win going to Quaid Smith by a couple of lengths over Bill Gordon, our ex club member recently returned to WA from Victoria. Martin Dolinschek was third, while John Liso was also in the frame in 4<sup>th</sup> place, followed by Jason Walsh, Gary Horsfield and 27 others.

While ‘C’ grade repeated their usual pattern of riding as a compact group, as with the two premier grades, they recorded fast times when lapping at an average of 12minutes 35seconds. Not surprisingly, the combined pace was probably too high for successful breakaways, and the verdict was decided in the final sprint when Rudi Seebach took the honours, with Tim James 2<sup>nd</sup> and Brett Clapham sprinting strongly to take 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Trial rider Stuart Robertson was 4<sup>th</sup>, while the oldest rider in the field, Richard Barville, was next. Alan Nichols in 6<sup>th</sup>, led in a bunch of 13 riders. Unluckiest rider was Justin Schultz who shipped a chain, and then repeated the problem as he re-joined the peleton.

The surprising point noted with the ‘D’ and ‘E’ races was that both recorded average lap times that differed by less than 1.5kph. The one feature of ‘D’ grade that attracted attention was that it was the only woman in the race, Yael Gardner, who won the keenly contested sprint, with a strong kick that took her over the line ahead of trial rider Grant Gregory. Thirty-three seconds later, Lawrence Fahey became the 2<sup>nd</sup> rider of the day to have his cash prize upgraded, as was the case for next placed, Graham Blyth.

While ‘D’ grade only had one female rider, ‘E’ grade was blessed with women representing 50% of the field of 10 riders. All made their presence felt during the race and Andrea Hind upheld the honour of the female contingent by taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Pantelis Karagoglou once again took the honours over Bob Stephens, while John Shattock and Ian McFall finished 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> respectively.

#### *‘A’ grade – 86km 11 laps*

1. Brian Sing; 2. Brian Staring;
3. Raphael Amaraux; 4. Wayne Thomson;
5. Greg Hendrie; 6. Mitchell Fitzgerald;
7. Ian Gregory; 8. Andrew Turnbull;
9. John Gregg; 10. Rickey Andrews;
11. Julian Lowes; 12. Chris Roberts;
13. Bernie Swart; 14. Phil Johnston.

*Average speed 40.2kph; 11m 10secs per lap*

*'B' grade – 78km 10 laps*

1. Quaid Smith; 2. Bill Gordin;
3. Martin Dolinschek; 4. John Liso;
5. Jason Walsh; 6. Garry Horsfield;
7. Mark Welford; 8. Kelana Saleh;
9. Keith Winch; 10. Julian Hamilton;
11. Ian Lyne; 12. Paul McMurtrie;
13. Graham Gardner; 14. Greg Stewart;
15. Josh Weidman; 16. Michael Brammer;
17. Gavin Lawson; 18. Stacey Thomas;
19. Gavin Wark; 20. Richelle Gamble;
21. Merv Byfield; 22. Paul Borrett;
23. Kevin McIllduff; 24. Nic Foster;
25. Nathalie Laurendeau; 26. Garry Harvey;
27. Teneal Attard; 28. Mark Taylor;
29. John Paul Grygorcewicz;
30. Andrew Highfield;
31. Derman Donovan; 32. Hunter Shipp;
33. Darren Kinsella; 34. Nick Rudd;
35. Mark Anastasas; 36. Brad Smith;
37. Peter Wilshaw.

*Average speed 38.1kph; 11m 50secs per lap*

*'C' grade 70km 9 laps*

1. Rudi Seebach; 2. Tim James;
3. Brett Clapham 4. Stuart Robertson;
5. Richard Barville; 6. Alan Nichols;
7. Paul Hayes; 8. Nick Vroomans;
9. Jason Hapeta; 10. Andre McAuliffe;
11. Simon Vandenberg; 12. Neil Vroomans;
13. Brett Fowler; 14. Mark Cummings;
15. JC Van der Walt; 16. Andrew Rothon;
17. Eddy Pope; 18. Dave Harwood;
19. Vim Sephton; 20. David Williams;
21. Alistair Saw; 22. Ross Scott;

*Aver. speed 36.00kph; 12m 35secs per lap*

*'D' grade – 55km 7 laps*

1. Yael Gardner; 2. Grant Gregory;
3. Lawrence Fahey; 4. Graham Blyth;
5. John Shattock; 6. Ian McFall;
7. Tony Clews; 8. Chris Howard;
9. Fermin Blanco Mayo.

*Aver. speed 31.00kph; 14m 35`secs per lap*

*'E' grade – 38km 5 laps*

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Bob Stephens;
3. Andrea Hind; 4. Jane Crippa;
5. Pat Briggs; 6. Natalie Quick;
7. Rose Sellar; 8. Peter Fitzsimmons;
9. Helen Peniston; 10. Denis Robinson.

*Average speed 29.6kph; 15m 10secs per lap*

**20 October - Graded Scratch Races - Herne Hill**

In the words of Donald Trump – a great, great finish to the Winter season. Ninety-eight enthusiasts scorched the roads, with 'B' grade's 41 riders recording 55kph early in the race – a matter of strength in numbers, though the average for the whole race differed little from their last time out. Meanwhile, C' grade surprised on their first lap when they covered the circuit 5 seconds slower than 'D',

Taking the race grade by grade, 'A' saw an early break of 5 riders, Patrick Saccani-Williams, Brian Sing, Ricky Andrews Raphael Amaraux and Ian Gregory keep the rest of the field at bay, to accumulate a lead of 1m 55 seconds with 4 laps to go. At two to go the lead had been reduced to 30 seconds, though at the bell either they had recovered or the peleton had slowed, for when they crossed the line for the bell their lead had been increased to 1m 40 seconds. With an unassailable lead, the group fought out the finish, with Brian Sing taking the win, while Raphael Amaraux was a length or so behind. Ten seconds later, 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Ricky Andrew, while Patrick Saccani-Williams and Ian Gregory were also in the frame. The main peleton came in just over a minute after the winner, led in by Bernie Swart.

As previously noted, 'B' grade put their heads down on the early laps, but Magnus Rudisele was keen to show his colours and at the end of the 6<sup>th</sup> lap had a small lead of 10 seconds. At the bell, the whole group were together again, but on Lefroy Road, Alan Nichols attacked. Magnus chased and caught him on Oakdale Road and finally beat him over the line by five-seconds. Nader El Sayed was a further four seconds behind in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, followed within one or two seconds by Graham Gardner, John Liso, Julian Hamilton and fifteen other riders.

'C' grade witnessed strong riding by Tony Smith and Stuart Robinson. who gapped the field of 19 riders on the 3<sup>rd</sup> lap, and while at one time holding a lead of

1min 45 seconds, at the bell this was down to exactly one-minute. Tony rode Stuart off his wheel on the finishing straight and finished 7 seconds ahead at the line. Accompanied by 17 other contestants, Justin McGoldrick led in the group 1min 41 seconds behind the winner, with Brett Clapham being a close 4<sup>th</sup>, Russell Brookes 5<sup>th</sup>, Nick Vroomans 6<sup>th</sup> and Richard Barville 7<sup>th</sup>.

With 10 riders, it was unlikely that 'D' grade would see too many heroic efforts and the race was determined on the final straight. This resulted in 6 riders finishing within 2 seconds of each other. In a close fought sprint, John Shattock just held off Ian McFall, Tony Clews, Roberta Richardson Graham Blyth and John Gargioni. Craig Lont and Sam Bolton were within spitting distance at another 4 seconds.

'E' grade's race over 4 laps, saw the field hold together for the 1st lap. At that juncture, Andrea Hind, Bob Stephens, Pat Briggs and Peter Fitzsimmons decided to test each other when dislodging Natalie Quick, Kevin Hart and Helen Peniston. However, the one blot of the day saw them enter the finishing straight just as the large 'B' grade turned the corner to swamp them before the finish, and though there were cries of protest by the 'E' graders, no one in 'B' grade paid attention, which resulted in their finishing sprint being ruined. However, even though caught up in the middle of the group the transponders recorded Pat Briggs as being 1<sup>st</sup> across the line, followed by Bob Stephens, Andrea Hind and Peter Fitzsimmons.

*'A' grade – 86km 9 laps*

1. Brian Sing;
2. Raphael Amaraux;
3. Ricky Andrews;
4. Patrick Saccani-Williams;
5. Ian Gregory;
6. Bernie Swart;
7. Michael Tapscott;
8. Travis Goad;
9. Matt Upton;
10. Simon Duncalf;
11. Julian Lowes;
12. Eddie Hollands;
13. Michael Jones;
14. Mark Hamill;
15. Chris Glasby;
16. Dean Shipp.

*Average Speed 43.0kph; 13m 10secs per lap*

*'B' grade – 76km 8 laps*

1. Magnus Rudisele;
2. Alan Nichols;
3. Nader El Sayed;
4. Graham Gardner;
5. John Liso;
6. Julian Hamilton;

*Average Speed 40.2kph; 14m 10secs per lap*

*'C' grade 67km 7 laps*

1. Tony Smith;
  2. Stuart Robinson;
  3. Justin McGoldrick;
  4. Stuart Robertson;
  5. Russell Brookes;
  6. Nick Vroomans.
- Aver. speed 36.1kph; 16m 50secs per lap*

*'D' grade – 48km 5 laps*

1. John Shattock;
2. Ian McFall;
3. Tony Clews;
4. Roberta Richardson;
5. Graham Blyth;
6. John Gargioni;
7. Criag Lont;
8. Sam Bolton.

*Average speed 33.8kph; 16m 50secs per lap*

*'E' grade – 38km 4 laps*

1. Pat Briggs;
2. Bob Stephens;
3. Andrea Hind;
4. Peter Fitzsimmons;
5. Natalie Quick;
6. Kevin Hart;
7. Denis Robinson.

*Speed 30.7kph; 18m 30secs per lap*

### ***Points Series Presentations – Herne Hill***

Congratulations to the following members who were rewarded for their performances in the season's points competition, where points were awarded for race placings and attendance at events throughout the season.

1. Darren Kinsella – 141 points.
2. John Liso – 136;
3. Garry Horsfield 111;
4. Bob Stephens 110;
5. Paul Borrett 107;
6. Gavin Lawson 94;
7. Brian Sing 93;
8. Nick Vroomans; Equal
9. Mark Williamson and Gavin Wark 90 points.

There was also keen competition in the Teams competition. Congratulations especially to the members of Woodvale Go Racing who were presented with medals

1. Woodvale Go Racing 358 points;
2. Gary Suckling Team 341;
3. Unicorn Racing 312;
4. Team Brooks 300;
5. South Perth Roulers 297;
6. Bicycle Centre Cannington 245;
7. Velofit Racing 235;
8. Team Arbitrage 216;
9. Giant Ocean Keys 211;
10. Northern Beaches Cycling Club 188.

See webpage for further results.