



Newsletter: November-December 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 1st at criteriums, 'A', 'B' & 'C' will be rotated week by week. See the start order on the race programme on the webpage.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

5 January – Criteriums – Kewdale.

12 January – Criteriums – Rockingham.

19 January – Criteriums – Wangara.

2 February – Criteriums – Kewdale.

9 February – Criteriums – Motorplex.

RACE REPORTS

3 November – Criteriums – Kewdale.

An excellent start to the Summer season as 97 riders turned up for the first of the criteriums at Kewdale. Conditions were good, and a threat of rain early in the day wasn't realised, favourable weather and keen competition leading to fast times recorded, 'A' grade covering their 45 mins and 2 laps at over 45kph, and 'B' grade hitting over 42kph. However, the President put the speed down to the new slick race numbers that were gifted to the club by Tony Anderson and Bruce Davies, representing **Vermarc Clothing**

'E' and 'D' started off the day's racing with 11 and 12 riders respectively. 'E' grade rode at a fair pace with most of the peloton being evenly matched, and with the action being left to the final lap. Happy to get out of the hills was Pat Briggs who finished in 1st place a length or two ahead of Graham Thornton and Bob Stephens. Craig McDonald was 4th, just ahead of Graeme. Helen Peniston was 1st lady home when finishing in 6th place.

Rider of the day in 'D' grade was Clinton Hort who attacked on lap one, to stay ahead of the field for the first 4 laps. Yael Gardner opened up a gap of a few seconds at the 18-minute mark, while Nick Cowie also took a short lead a lap or so later. Clint Hort attacked again just before the bell and was still in with a chance for a win until about 50 metres to go, when he was overtaken by John Quinn, Lawrence Fahey and John Shattock. Clint was a close 4th, just ahead of Graham Blyth, and Trevor Holmes took 6th place.

'C' grade had a field of 26 riders, and the pace was hot for most of the race, with numerous attacks taking place. Darren Lee was particularly active at the front, but the most serious attack took place with three laps to go when Simon Ribarich and Luke Golden stayed away for two laps, having opened up a gap of 15 seconds. They were caught just after the ringing of the bell and all riders were there to contest the sprint as they entered the final straight. Eddy Pope put in a strong bid to beat

Robert Collings across the line by about three lengths, with David Ellis being another length or two behind. Fourth place went to Chris Norris, Stuart Robertson 5th, and trial rider Scott Petricevich took 6th.

The largest bunch of the day was accommodated by 'B' grade, with 29 riders. This was a fast and sometimes furious event, with numerous attacks. On the 2nd lap Keith Winch and Mike Andrew rode away from the group, but their lead of 5 seconds was brought to heel on the following lap. When reeled in, it was the turn of Magnus Rudisele and Matt Korten. They kept ahead of the field by between 10 and 15 seconds for much of the race. After 28 minutes of riding Matt dropped back to the chasing peloton, while Magnus lasted another lap. Chris Brown then tried a solo with three laps to go but the race came together again until the final straight when a long sprint saw some splintering of the field. The run to the line witnessed a strong ride by Matt Korten who looked a likely winner with 50 metres to go, only for him to die and be overtaken by Gavin Wark, Chris Brown with 20 metres to go. Bruce Davies was 4th and Mike Andrew and Mark Welford filled the rest of the 1st six places.

'A' grade saw a fast and furious race that saw a number of early attacks, that started with Ian Gregory and Ricky Andrews, who were joined on lap 5 by Julian Lowes, Clint Thompson, Brett Schinitzerling and Jon Gregg. By the 15-minute mark, their lead was 25 seconds. However, the following lap saw only Julian Lowe and Ricky Andrews of the original break off the front, this time in the company of Sam Smith. Working hard together they steadily pulled away for the rest of the race, hovering at between 30 and 45 seconds for much of that time. Ricky Andrews attacked his two compatriots with 2 laps to go on the realization that he wasn't going to beat Sam and Julian in the sprint. His gamble paid off when he finished between 30 and 40 metres ahead of Sam, with Julian Lowes another 30 metres behind. Wayne Thompson crossed the line in 4th place some 40 seconds behind, while Ian Gregory was 5th. Much of the race was run in laps of just under 2 minutes. The only incident to mar the day occurred towards the latter part of the race when Lee Bolden fell, to suffer grazes and a damaged bike.

'A' grade – 45mins + 2 laps

1. Ricky Andrews; 2. Sam Smith;
3. Julian Lowes; 4. Wayne Thomson;
5. Ian Gregory; 6. Travis Goad;
7. Tom Perry; 8. Thomas Wolczyk;
9. Scott Sanders; 10. Mark Hamill;
11. Toby Brown; 12. Jon Gregg;
13. Brett Schnitzeling;
14. Andrew McClurg.

Average Speed 45.08kph plus.

'B' grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps

1. Gavin Wark; 2. Chris Brown;
3. Matt Korten; 4. Bruce Davies;
5. Mike Andrew; 6. Mark Welford;
7. John Liso; 8. Mark Welford;
9. Antony Rieck; 10. Keith Winch;
11. Kalena Saleh; 12. Tony Smith;
13. Paul McMurtrie; 14. Michael Brammer;
15. Adam Fielding; 16. David Menarry;
17. Lee James Smith; 18. Quaid Smith;
19. Shane Cable;
20. Jon-Paul Grygorcewicz; 21. Ian Lyne;
22. Kevin McIluff; 23. Matt Tognini;
24. Nathalie Laurendeau; 25. Scott Ayles;
26. Patrick Woods; 27. Chris Peniston;
28. Tony Anderson; 29. Magnus Rudisele.

Average Speed 42.66kph plus.

'C' grade 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. Eddy Pope; 2. Robert Collings;
3. David Ellis; 4. Chris Norris;
5. Stuart Robinson; 6. Scott Petricevich;
7. Liam Turner; 8. Nick Vroomans;
9. Brett Fowler; 10. Stephen Hesketh;
11. Andre McCauliffe; 12. Simon Ribarich;
13. Darren Lee; 14. Ross Scott;
15. Neil Vroomans; 16. Damien Greig;
17. Mark Leaker; 18. Richard Barville;
19. David Williams; 20. Simon Vandenberg;
21. Adrian Quick; 22. Vim Sephton;
23. Ian McFall; 24. Anthony West;
25. Justin McGoldrick; 26. Luke Golden,

Aver. speed 39.51kph

'D' grade – 30mins plus 2 laps

1. John Quinn; 2. Lawrence Fahey;
3. John Shattock; 4. Clinton Hort;
5. Graham Blyth; 6. Trevor Holmes;
7. Marina Thorman; 8. Yael Gardner;
9. Nick Cowie; 10. Sam Bolton;
11. Craig Lont; 12. Tony Clews.

Average speed; 36.07kph

'E' grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Pat Briggs; 2. Graham Thornton;
3. Bob Stephens; 4. Craig McDonald;
5. Graeme Benthien; 6. Helen Peniston;
7. Kevin Hart; 8. Natalie Quick;
9. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 10. Bill Stibbs;
11. Denis Robinson.

Average Speed: 31.95kph

10 November – Criteriums - Smeaton Way, Rockingham.

Apologies, but had to miss this event, so only the results are provided, though it looks as if there were two successful breakaways – the first by Tom Ford in 'A' grade, who won by 18 seconds, and the other by Jonathan Akers in 'D' grade who had a lead at the finish of 37 seconds.

'A' grade – 45mins + 2 laps

1. Tom Ford; 2. Shayne Dimmer;
3. Ryan Willmot; 4. Clint Thompson;
5. Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth; 6. Keith Winch;
7. Paul Dobson; 8. Thomas Wolczyk;
9. Julian Hamilton; 10. Ben Fairclough.

Average Speed 43.02kph plus.

'B' grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps

1. Matt Korten; 2. Joey Rawson;
3. Gavin Wark; 4. Magnus Rudisele;
5. Ian Lyne; 6. Darin Dunstan;
7. Ben Lewis; 8. Lee Smith;
9. Dave Rawlings; 10. Tony Smith;
11. Jon Liso; 12. Kelana Saleh;
13. Paul McMurtrie; 14. Dave Menarry;
15. Mark Anastasas; 16. Kevin Mcilduff.

Average Speed 42.6kph.

'C' grade 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. Robert Collings; 2. Peter Morris;
3. Stephen Hesketh; 4. Brett Clapham;
5. Ross Scott; 6. Liam Turner;
7. Nick Vroomans; 8. Andre Mcauliffe;
9. Simon Vandenberg; 10. Chris Norris;
11. Ian McFall; 12. Neil Vroomans;
13. David Ellis; 14. David Williams.

Average speed 39.2kph

'D' grade – 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Jonathan Akers; 2. Lawrence Fahey;
3. John Shattock; 4. John Gargioni;
5. Graham Blyth; 6. John Quinn;
7. Nick Cowie; 8. Craig Lont;
9. Tony Clews; 10. Marina Thorman;

11. Craig McDonald; 12. Trevor Holmes.
Average speed; 36.9kph

'E' grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Pantelis Karagoglou;
2. Pat Briggs; 3. Graham Thornton;
4. Bob Stephens; 5. Graeme Benthien;
6. Kevin Hart; 7. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
8. Bill Stibbs; 9. Denis Robinson.

Average Speed: 31.4kph

17 November – Criteriums – Wangara

After the 40 degree of the previous day it was a relief to find temperatures had dropped to the mid 20s when 100 riders signed on at Wangara. The light breeze varied, sometimes blowing people up the rise to the finish, and at other times presenting a head-on ride. Racing was keen, and as at other recent races, the largest group was in 'B' grade with 33 riders, followed by 18 in 'A', 15 in 'C', 14 in 'D' and 9 in 'E'.

Riding was disciplined for most of the day, though at the end of the day Referee Richard Barville, warned a few riders in 'C' and 'B' grades for switching and endangering other riders as they competed in the sprint finishes. This is a well-recognised 'No-No' and for general and even self-interest of the switchers, is a practice that will be jumped upon – keeping a straight line in a sprint isn't that difficult, so why endanger everyone by ignoring the direction?

The most dynamic racing took place in 'B' grade where attacks were followed by attacks, and even more attacks. Apart from a few laps at the end of the race, few of these exceeded 5 seconds or six seconds. It was no surprise to see Magnus Rudisele attack on the 1st lap and his solo effort lasted for three circuits of the course. On laps four and five he was joined by Adam Fielding, Craig Huxtable, Cian Brennan and Ian Lyne. Being brought back on the next lap, the action off the front of the peloton was taken up by Matt Korten and Antony Liddell. While Antony went back to rejoin the peloton, Matt Korten, kept up the pressure when joined by Craig Huxtable. With three laps to go, what looked like a race-winning move by Lee Jordan, Craig

Huxtable, Michael Brammer and Magnus Rudisele had the watching masses on tenterhooks. With two laps to go their lead was 12 seconds, and as they entered the bell and final lap, they still held the peloton at 7 seconds. However fresh legs among the peloton, saw that gap disappear by the time they came around for the final sprint, when 26 riders were in contention for the laurels. These went narrowly to Bill Gordin, who finished a length ahead of Matt Korten and 3rd placed Cian Brennan. Adam Fielding was a close 4th, Gavin Wark and Patrick Woods, 5th and 6th respectively.

On the first lap of 'A' grade's event, Clint Thompson went off like a hare to hold the peloton at 10 seconds on the line. Other short-lived attempts were made to stir up the action, but all came to naught, that is until a couple of splits developed in the field at the 13-minute mark that resulted in four riders putting down their heads to pull away from the chasers. The animators were Raphael Amouroux, Sam Smith, Michael Tapscott and Ian Gregory. Riding strongly, they pulled away steadily, to hold a 12-seconds lead at the 2-minute mark, that rose to 45 seconds after 30 minutes went by. At the bell this had been reduced to a lead of 32 seconds. With everyone expecting an uncomplicated four-up sprint finish, disaster struck, as Raphael Amouroux who suffered a mechanical as he shifted gear for the final run to the line, saw his front wheel slide from under him with 250 metres to go. Fortunately there were cuts and a loss of skin but no broken bones. Ian Gregory took the sprint, with Sam Smith 2nd and Michael Tapscott 3rd. Twenty seconds later, Clint Thompson, Scott Sanders and Thomas Wolczyk led in the rest of the field.

At the end of 'C' grade's 2nd lap. Justin McGoldrick started the action with a lead of 7 seconds. The group then consolidated for a couple of laps when trial rider Matthew Rice decided to test the field. His escape lasted for two laps and was followed by an attack by Stacey Thomas that lasted for another two laps. When caught, it was the turn of Peter Morris who lasted out front for four laps, at one time having a lead of 20 seconds. However, the writing was on the wall as he entered the final lap with a very narrow 4 seconds gap between himself and the chasers. Despite his effort he

still finished 7th overall, with the win being taken by Simon Ribarich, Stuart Robertson, Justin McGoldrick, David Ellis, Robert Collings and 6th placed Brett Clapham.

'D' grade rode steadily throughout their 30 minutes and 2 laps, though there were some sparks when members of the group attacked their compatriots. Fermin Blanco Mayo looked strong when leading the field on the 3rd lap, while female trial rider Danielle Nordeck attacked the field on a number of occasions in this, her first criterium. However, it was Chris Howard who caused the major damage when he attacked with 2 laps to go, to hold a lead of 15 seconds as he entered the final lap. The chase was then on, but Chris had the strength to hang on to record a win of 3 seconds over newly returned Robert Pieterse riding his first event since experiencing a shoulder injury some twelve months ago. Second, third and fourth were taken by Lawrence Fahey, John Shattock and Graham Blyth.

E' grade saw a race of attrition. Holding together for the first three laps people were shed one-by-one as Bob Stephens, Pat Briggs, Graham Thornton and Pantelis Karagoglou steadily pulled away. This group was further reduced when Graham Thornton fell behind two-thirds of the way through the race on the climb to the finish line. He was 4th at the finish of the race, the win having been taken by Pantelis some 35 seconds ahead of him, while Pat Briggs and Bob Stephenson finished in 2nd and third places. Helen Peniston was 5th and Mike Young 6th.

'A' grade – 45mins + 2 laps

1. Ian Gregory; 2. Sam Smith;
3. Michael Tapscott; 4. Clint Thompson;
5. Scott Sanders; 6. Thomas Wolczyk;
7. Bernie Swart; 8. Mark Hamill;
9. Kelana Saleh; 10. Ben Fairclough;
11. Jeff Brooks; 12. Matt Le Dilly;
13. Lee Bolden; 14. Mart in Depiazzi;
15. Anthony Minchin; 16. Raphael Amouroux.

Average Speed 40.1kph.

'B' grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps

1. Bill Gordin; 2. Matt Korten;
3. Cian Brennan; 4. Adam Feilding;

5. Gavin Wark; 6. Patrick Woods;
7. Antony Rieck; 8. Mark Welford;
9. Justin Schultz; 10. Quaid Smith;
11. Antony Liddell; 12. Michael Bremmer;
13. Bruce Davies; 14. Julian Hamilton;
15. Keith Winch; 16. Jon Paul-Grygorcewicz;
17. Allan Bowes; 18. Tony Anderson;
19. David Menarry; 20. Ian Lyne;
21. Darren Kinsella; 22. Darin Dunstan;
23. Matt Pollard; 24. Paul Mcmurtrie;
25. Philip Johnston; 26. Alan Nicholls;
27. Scott Ayles; 28. Dave Rawlings;
29. Craig Huxtable; 30. Magnus Rudisele;
31. Chris Peniston.

Average Speed 39,2kph.

'C' grade 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. Simon Ribarich; 2. Stuart Robertson;
3. Justin McGoldrick; 4. David Ellis;
5. Robert Collings; 6. Brett Clapham;
7. Peter Morris; 8. Kristian Vanderwilck;
9. Brett Fowler; 10. Nick Vroomans;
11. Neil Vroomans; 12. Ross Scott;
13. Damien Greig; 14. Scott Petricevich;
15. Margot Biggs; 16. David Williams;
17. Andre Mcauliffe; 18. Stephen Hesketh;
19. Jonathan Akers; 20. Simon Vandenberg;
21. David Varcoe; 22. Vin Sephton;
23. Chris Norris; 24. Matthew Rice;
25. Stacey Thomas; 26. Darren Lee.

Average speed 35.7kph

'D' grade – 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Chris Howard; 2. Robert Pietersen;
3. Lawrence Fahey; 4. John Shattock;
5. Graham Blyth; 6. John Gargioni;
7. Roberta Richardson; 8. Craig Lont;
9. Marina Thorman; 10. Tony Clews;
11. Danielle Nordeck; 12. Trevor Holmes;
13. Kevin Dolman;
14. Fermin Blanco Mayo.

Average speed; 31.9kph

'E' grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Pat Briggs;
3. Bob Stephens; 4. Graham Thornton;
5. Helen Peniston; 6. Mike Young;
7. Leon Nieuwenhuizen; 8. Denis Robinson.

Average Speed: 29.0kph

1 December – Criteriums – Kewdale.

A great turnout of 125 riders on a warm but pleasant day was capped with excellent racing and no accidents. The fact that 'A' grade

recorded an average of 45.6 kph says all about the standard of racing and the calibre of riders in the premier grade. The addition of six trial riders from the younger 30-34 year age group in the 36 strong-field undoubtedly helped to raise the speed and to stir up pace. The action started on the first lap when Dean Shipp and trial rider, Daniel Smith, rode away to a lead of 9 seconds, a gap they held for 4 laps, after which they were joined by Wayne Thomson and Luke Pledger. A couple more riders then bridged the gap, but all were reigned in at the 14-minute mark. A short lull and the attacks continued, this time the aggressors were Lee Bolden and trial rider Luke Johns who stayed a short 5 seconds in front of the peloton for two laps, with the 2nd of these being in the company of Wayne Thomson. Jon Gregg stirred up the action with an attack at the 26-minute mark which caused a few splits among the chasers. Chris Glasby was among others who attempted to cause grief, but after 36 minutes of racing, all came together again. As one of the contestants stated, they covered some stages of the race at over 55kph. The final couple of laps were carefully policed, with a last desperate attack being made by Ricky Andrews as he passed the timekeeper on the bell lap. However, 24 riders came around the final corner to contest the sprint., with victory going to a fast-finishing Tom Ford, who beat Jon Gregg by a length, with Wayne Thomson another length behind. Brian Sing was 4th, Ian Gregory and Clint Thompson 5th and 6th respectively followed by first trial rider Theodore Code. Reflecting the fast pace was that there were 5 DNF's.

'B' grade with 37 entries was the largest field of the day and contained many who were also infected with the attack bug. In the process they recorded an average speed of 42.8kph. As with 'A' grade, riders attacked from the gun, the first lap seeing Matt Tognini move to a 5-second lead before on the 2nd lap being joined by Ian Lyne, Tony Anderson, Magnus Rudisele and trial rider Desmond Smith – a break that survived for another two laps. Tony Anderson and Desmond Smith then retreated to the shelter of the peloton,

leaving Ian Lyne and Magnus to ride another epic 7 laps, but with a gap that never exceeded 12 seconds. Caught with 4 laps to go, Magnus was again in action with 2 laps to go when he attempted to gap the field along with Eddy Pope and Brad Smith, but their lead was too little, and they were absorbed by the chasers on the final lap. Thirty-one riders came around the final bend together but making a strong bid up the finishing straight was Craig Huxtable who beat Matt Korten by a good length, followed at another length by Darin Dunstan. Tony Anderson crossed closely alongside, with John Liso, Julian Hamilton and Keith Winch taking the next three places.

'C' grade started with a respectable field of 30 riders, with Darren Lee continuing the 1st lap break example when crossing the line with a short lead of 5 seconds, a gap he also recorded on the following circuit. It took another four laps before Dave Harwood made a move, again leading with a small margin for a lap. When caught the role was taken up by trial rider Matthew Rice who held a lead for three laps, but that never exceeded 10 seconds. The field again came together with three laps to go and sensing a lull, Stuart Robertson took the opportunity to put down his head, something he continued to do as he crossed for the final lap with a 10-seconds lead. With hesitation behind, and with a determined effort he triumphed at the finish with a lead of 6 seconds. Brett Clapham who had been near the front of peloton for much of the race had the strength to lunge at the finish to beat Richard Barville by a wheel. With trial rider Andrew Bailey taking 4th and Nick Vroomans and Darren Lee finishing in 5th and 6th places.

Of the 11 riders in 'D' grade, there were two lady riders, Shirley Dow-Vine, who was delighted to finish 9th overall, and trial rider Sandy Franco who along with Mark Williamson was one of the heroes of the race (or should that be heroines!), for she and Mark went away on the 3rd lap never to be caught again, except by Chris Howard who bridged a gap with 2 laps to go. With hesitation behind, the three riders enjoyed a lead of 19 seconds at the finish, with the win going to Chris Howard, by a couple of lengths over 2nd placed Mark, with Sandy a couple of lengths behind. John Quinn led in the rest of the field followed in 5th

and 6th places by John Shattock and John Gargioni.

'E' grade started with one rider more than 'D' grade and rode steadily to average 31.8kph. Pat Briggs showed panache when attacking on lap one. But despite efforts by various members of the group, the only other attack observed was by John Dooner at the bell. However, this was soon negated, and nine riders appeared around the final corner to contest the sprint which was closely contested. Graham Thornton again put in a strong sprint to take the event, with Pantelis Karagoglou and Jon Dooner coming in on his coat tails. Bob Stephens was just outside the first three places, with Bill Stibbs and Pat Briggs being 5th and 6th respectively.

Results

'A' grade – 45mins + 2 laps

1. Tom Ford; 2. Jon Gregg;
3. Wayne Thomson; 4. Brian Sing;
5. Ian Gregory; 6. Clint Thompson;
7. Theodore Code; 8. Chris Glasby;
9. William Celis; 10. Thomas Wolczyk;
11. Daniel Hughes-d'Aeth; 12. Lee Bolden;
13. Philip Neild; 14. Chris Roberts;
15. Brendon Scott; 16. Dean Shipp;
17. Mark Hamill; 18. Bernie Swart;
19. Martin Hurley; 20. Mitchell Fitzgerald;
21. Scott Sanders; 22. Jeff Brooks;
23. Ricky Andrews; 24. Daniel Smith;
25. Luke Johns; 26. Raphael Amouroux;
27. Adam Fielding; 28. Lewis Blackie;
29. Luke Pledger.

Average Speed 45.6kph.

'B' grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps

1. Craig Huxtable; 2. Matt Korten;
3. Darin Dunstan; 4. Tony Anderson;
5. John Liso; 6. Julian Hamilton;
7. Keith Winch; 8. Quaid Smith;
9. John Paul-Grygorcewicz; 10. Mark Welford;
11. Gavin Wark; 12. Paul Prottey;
13. Matthew Pollard; 14. Michael Brammer;
15. Phil Deisel; 16. Magnus Rudisele;
17. Ian Lyne; 18. Brett Fowler;
19. David Menarry; 20. Joshua Weidman;
21. Antony Rieck; 22. Wayne Deany;
23. Chris Fox; 24. Paul McMurtrie;
25. Mike Andrew; 26. Desmond Smith;

27. Eddy Pope; 28. Brad Smith;
29. Amanda Nabi; 30. Allan Bowes;
31. Kevin McIluff; 32. Patrick Woods;
33. Bruce Davies; 34. Matt Tognini.
Average Speed 42.8kph.

'C' grade 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. Stuart Robinson; 2. Brett Clapham;
3. Richard Barville ; 4. Andrew Bailey;
5. Neil Vroomans; 6. Darren Lee;
7. David Ellis; 8. Tom Parkinson;
9. Stephen Hesketh; 10. Chris Norris;
11. Anthony West; 12. Kate Nelligan;
13. Damien Craig; 14. Matthew Rice;
15. Nick Vroomans; 16. Margot Biggs;
17. Don Dragicevich;
18. Simon Vandenberg; 19. Dave Harwood;
20. Roberta Richardson; 21. Paul Patterson; 22.
Jonathan Akers; 23. David Williams; 24. Vim
Sephton; 25. Chris Hodge;
26. Jodi Earnshaw; 27. Liam Turner.

Average speed 40.2kph

'D' grade – 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Chris Howard; 2. Mark Williamson;
3. Sandy Franco; 4. John Quinn;
5. John Shattock; 6. John Gargioni;
7. Kevin Dolman; 8. Trevor Holmes;
9. Shirley Dow-Vine; 10. Tony Clews;
11. Craig McDonald.

Average speed; 36.0kph

'E' grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Graham Thornton; 2. Pantelis Karagoglou;
3. Jon Dooner; 4. Bob Stephens;;
5. Bill Stibbs; 6. Pat Briggs;
7. Graeme Benthien; 8. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
9. Helen Peniston; 10. Brian Buck;
11. Kevin Hart; 12, Denis Robinson.

Average Speed: 31.8.kph

8 December – Criteriums – Motorplex – Kwinana Beach.

This was probably the most trying event of the season to date for the 5 grades, not because of excessive heat, indeed it was quite cool, but because of a very strong breeze that helped break up the various races. First to face the elements was 'E' grade with 7 riders, a figure reduced after a few laps when Graham Benthien found himself unprepared for the conditions, and Bill Stibbs, who suffered a fall when he looked back after entering the straight and hit the kerb. Luckily, only his pride was

hurt, and after a pause he continued on his own to finish the race. Meanwhile Pantelis Karagoglou, Bob Stephens, Pat Briggs and Leon Nieuwenhuizen rode steadily together until approaching the final corner. Pantelis was first onto the straight, and managed to hold off Bob, Pat and Leon. Denis Robinson was also pleased to finish after a virtual time trial over the 25 minutes and 2 lap to go.

'D' grade's 12 entrants saw quite a few attacks, the first of which split the field occurring on the 2nd lap. However, all came together just over a lap later. As the race approached the last few minutes, Kevin Dolman valiantly tried to drop his erstwhile compatriots, but as this was close to the finish his fellow riders felt no compassion and brought him back to the fold with two laps to go. At the bell, Clinton Hort tried the same tactic, but again his fellow riders didn't allow him any freedom, leaving 9 riders to approach the final bend with the hope for a win. It was Jon Shattock who was successful, jumping away to finish strongly with a 4-seconds lead over 2nd placed Graham Blyth, followed closely by Clinton Hort, Chris Howard, John Gargioni and 6th placed Jarred Finnigan.

'C' grade was far more than just a procession, for man of the day was Simon Ribarich who took off to enter the 2nd lap with a lead of 5 seconds over the other 16 riders in the group. Riding off the front for the 5 laps he was then joined by Darren Lee and Justin Goldrick, who in turn were joined a lap later by Peter Morris and Eddy Pope. With a lead that steadily built up to 47 seconds with 2 laps to go, there was time for some cat-and-mouse tactics as they came into the finish, and this saw Simon Ribarich end where he had started, in the lead as he crossed the line by a clear 10 metres. Justin McGoldrick was 2nd, Peter Morris 3rd, and Darren Lee 4th, while Brett Clapham who had chased hard was another 25 seconds down.

'B' grade with 27 entrants had the largest field of the day and witnessed some challenging riding and a pace exacerbated by the kicks required as they came out of the corners. This saw some riders suffer, to

the extent that there were 6 DNFs. Darren Lee and Ian Lyne started the action when they attacked from the gun to be joined during the 1st lap by Ben Lewis, Mike Andrew, Patrick Woods, Antony Rieck and Darin Dunstan, but within a lap they were caught by the main peloton. On the 3rd and 4th laps, Magnus Rudisele, accompanied by Ian Lyne were again on the attack, and were joined halfway through the lap by Josh Weideman, Jason Walsh and Darin Dunstan, and half a lap later by Cian Brennan and Gavin Wark, both of who did well to close the gap after solo efforts. Meanwhile, trial rider Steven Knight accompanied by Cameron Keevers chased hard to latch on to the break. At that juncture the break was 45 seconds ahead of the rest of the field. The smart money was on Ian Lyne and Magnus Rudisele as they both attacked at various times on the final laps. However, during the crucial run to the final corner, it was obvious they had both run out of legs for they were swamped. Gavin Wark, Cian Brennan and Darin Dunstan took the podium places in that order, finishing 3 seconds ahead of Cameron Keevers and Jason Walsh, while Magnus finished in 6th place another 2 seconds behind.

Again, illustrating the hard conditions was the fate of 6 of 19 starters in A' grade who failed to finish. The event started with an attack by Luke Pledger and Mitchell Fitzgerald which opened up a gap of 10 seconds that began to increase as they entered the 4th lap. However, the promise came to a sharp halt as one of the pair clipped a pedal as they came fast around the roundabout just after the start point. Both came down, Mitchell retired but Luke Pledger took out a lap before re-joining the field. Things quietened down for a lap or two until John Gregg and Luke Pledger opened up a gap that steadily increased as the race progressed. Brian Sing attempted to bring the pair back, but his strong solo ride wasn't able to match the speed of the breakaway duo, though for lap after lap he lay within striking distance. With 3 laps to go the peloton was just over a minute behind the leaders and ended when John proved the stronger on the final straight to win by about 2 lengths. By that time Brian Sing was beginning to tire but crossed 54 seconds behind the lead but only 4 seconds ahead of two chasers, Clint Thompson and

Andrew Simpson. Trial rider Adrian Pahl was next in 6th place when leading in 4 other riders.

Results

'A' grade – 45mins + 2 laps

1. Jon Gregg; 2. Luke Pledger;
3. Brian Sing; 4. Clint Thompson
5. Andrew Simpson; 6. Adrian Pahl;
7. Philip Neild; 8. Raphael Amaroux;
9. Matt Korten; 10. Thomas Wolczyk;
11. Matt Upton; 12. Scott Taylor;
13. Mark Hamill.

Average Speed 41.8kph.

'B' grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps

1. Gavin Wark; 2. Cian Brennan;
3. Darin Dunstan; 4. Cameron Keevers;
5. Jason Walsh; 6. Magnus Rudisele;
7. Ian Lyne; 8. Josh Weidman;
9. Quaid Smith; 10. Brad Smith;
11. Antony Rieck; 12. Lindsay Dickie;
13. Kalena Saleh; 14. John Liso;
15. Steven Knight; 16. Josh Vine;
17. Matt Pollard; 18. Ben Lewis;
19. Gary Harvey; 20. Kevin McIluff;
21. Craig Huxtable.

Average Speed 40.0kph.

'C' grade 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. Simon Ribarich; 2. Justin McGoldrick;
3. Peter Morris; 4. Darren Lee;
5. Brett Clapham; 6. David Witts;
7. David Ellis; 8. Stacey Thomas;
9. Simon Vandenberg; 10. Tim Boardman;
11. Eddy Pope; 12. Tom Parkinson;
13. Nick Vroomans; 14. Gavin Adams.

Average speed 37.6kph

'D' grade – 30mins plus 2 laps

1. John Shattock; 2. Graham Blyth;
3. Clinton Hort; 4. Chris Howard;
5. John Gargioni; 6. Jarred Finnigan;
7. Mark Williamson; 8. Kevin Dolman;
9. Caroline Witts; 10. Nick Cowie;
11. Tony Clews; 12. Trevor Holmes.

Average speed; 33.8kph

'E' grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Bob Stephens;
3. Pat Briggs; 4. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
6. Bill Stibbs; 7. Denis Robinson.

Average Speed: 29.6kph

15 December – Criteriums – Wangara.

Afraid I missed this one and the 42-degree heat because I was having a hard time enjoying myself in bountiful Bali. Congrats to the place-getters and those who braved the heat. These are the raw results:

Results

'A' grade – 45mins + 2 laps

1. Ricky Andrews; 2. Sam Smith;
3. Clint Thompson; 4. Jason Roberts;
5. Andrew Turnbull; Plus 7 DNF's which perhaps indicates the extra hot conditions.
Average Speed 39.7kph.

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'B' grade – 40 mins plus 2 laps

1. Quaid Smith; 2. Jon-Pail Grygorcewicz;
3. Mike Andrew 4. Magnus Rudisele;
5. Craig Huxtable; 6. Matt Korten;
7. Darin Dunstan; 8. Simon Ribarich;
9. Gavin Wark; 10. John Liso;
11. Anthony Rieck; 12. Graham Holden;
13. David Saxey; 14. Alan Nicholls;
15. Ian Lyne; 16. Kevin McIllduff.
Plus 4 DNFs.
Average Speed 37.8kph.

'C' grade 35 mins plus 2 laps

1. Stuart Robinson; 2. Peter Morris;
3. Brett Clapham; 4. Nick Vroomans;
5. David Ellis; 6. Darren Lee;
7. Liam Turner; 8. David Varcoe;
9. Simon Vandenberg; 1
10. Kristian Vanderwilk; 11. Steve Rush.
12. David Witts; 13. Robert Collins;
14. Chris Norris; 15. Jonathan Akers;
16. Dave Harwood; 17. David Williams;
plus 4 DNF's.
Average speed 35.6kph

'D' grade – 30mins plus 2 laps

1. Eben van Niekerk; 2. John Shattock;
3. Kevin Dolman; 4. Lawrence Fahey;
5. Garham Blyth; 6. Chris Howard;
7. John Quinn; 8. Tony Clews;
9. Joel Beard; 12. Craig McDonald;
Plus 2 DNF's.

Average speed; 32.6kph

'E' grade – 25mins plus 2 laps

1. Bob Stephens; 2. Pat Briggs;
3. Mike Young; 4. Helen Peniston;
5. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
6.. Denis Robinson.; plus 1 DNF.
Average Speed: 29.7kph