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RACE PROGRAMME

Criterion races start at 8.00am; and road races at 9.00am. Check the web page for course details and possible changes.

10th January 2021 – Criteriums Kewdale

17th January – Criteriums Wangara

31st January – Criteriums DRMC (Airport)

7th February – Criteriums Kewdale

14th February – Criteriums Wangara

**21st February – Road Races – Herne Hill.
Followed by Annual General Meeting**

Latest Club Appointments

Following the retirement of Wayne Lally because of health issues, the committee has appointed Nick Vroomans as interim President of the Club. Mel Davies has also retired as Secretary after his many years in that position, with John Shattock now taking that role. Best wishes to both Nick and John who will no doubt bring fresh ideas to the running of the club.

RACE REPORTS

**Race Day Report by Mel Davies
25 October - Graded Road Races –
Herne Hill**

We were swamped today, when 161 riders turned up on the first hot day for quite a while, to set an all-time club record for the number of entries, In addition, 'B' grade

with 63 starters also set a record for the greatest ever number competing in one grade. Another welcome sight was to see 14 trial riders join our ranks, and also to note that 16 female riders were among the ranks. The racing was excellent, with the only incident to mar the day being a fall in 'D' grade that caused Peter Denham to be carted off in an ambulance, suffering cuts and suspected concussion. Hopefully he'll have a quick recovery.

'A' grade's 26 riders took a lap to warm up before four riders moved off the front on the 2nd lap to take a lead of 15 seconds. By the 4th lap the lead had been extended with the addition of another rider who now had almost a 2 minutes lead. Tim Bates. Michael Freiberg, Jon Gregg, Raphael Amouroux and Brian Sing proved strong workhorses and were never challenged, with the lead at the end of the race having been reduced but being still well clear from the peloton by 1m 47 seconds. In a hard-fought finish, Michael Freiberg took the honours with a strong sprint that carried him well clear of Tim Bates and Raphael Amouroux, followed into 4th a 5th places by Brian Sing and Jon Gregg. Daniel Smith and Wayne Thomson had to be satisfied with 7th and 8th places when leading in the 14 nearest chasers.

The size of 'B' grade caused jitters on the line at the thought of them thundering down William Street to a

packed finish. However, all ended without incident. Early in the race, Paul Hearne and Desmond Smith made a valiant break and were out front until joined by Darin Dunstan and Magnus Rudisele, though the lead never exceeded 55 seconds and lasted until they were absorbed into the bunch with a couple of laps to go. The finish looked destined for a mass finish but Pete OConnell upset the apple cart at the when he took a flyer and finished 2 seconds ahead of 18 other riders led in by Matthew Pollard, Julian Hamilton, Gavin Wark, Mark Welford, Phil Deisel, Magnus Rudisele, and Mark Hamill in 8th spot. Fortunately for them, our Race-day Secretary seeing the large numbers, extended her largess to the first eight placegetters, though all other grades also extended prizes.

As the handicapper remarked at the presentation, 'C' grade not only rode as a compact group but also obeyed the road rules, unlike other groups that rode more to the right of the road than to the left. No heroics were observed and at the finish there were 18 riders in contention for the rewards, with others coming in at intervals, with most damage being caused by an upping of the pace over the final laps and the misfortune of the fall involving Peter Denham that saw a few other riders also involved, though fortunately with no major injury. The winner Owen Henderson put in a strong effort over the final 300 metres to open a gap of a few lengths over 2nd placed Chris Holgate, with 3rd place going to John Liso. He was followed closely by David Menarry, Andrew Stevens, Tim James and David Vas, while trial riders Darren Clark and Jason Randall were 8th and 9th.

Sam Bolton, Jonathan Akers, and Clinton Hort were early aggressors in 'D' grade and looked as if they might stay away for the duration of the race, having at one time a lead that was close to one minute. However, after five laps off the front, they were caught with about 2 laps to go. The anticipation was that the finish would come to a sprint, except that Peter Foley attacked towards the end of the final circuit and surprised everyone by finishing 13 seconds ahead of a rejuvenated Jarred Finnigan. He was followed closely by John Quinn in 3rd place, Damien Greig in 4th, and 5th placed

Katrina Bolden, the only female rider on the day to take out a prize.

'E' grade had a respectable dozen starters most sporting Black Knight emblems on their jerseys. They averaged almost 31kph and were content to stay together until the final run down to the finish line at the end of their 5 laps. The dash to the line saw the closest finish of the day when it took the camera to give the verdict for 1st place to Bob Stephens over Bill Stibbs by the smallest of margins. Trevor Holmes was also close to the finish line, just ahead of Mike Young, trial rider Kate Boulton and others.

Results:

'A' grade – 86km 9 laps

1. Michael Freiberg; 2. Tim Bates;
3. Raphael Amouroux; 4. Brian Sing;
5. Jon Gregg; 6. Daniel Smith;
7. Wayne Thomson; 8. Quaid Smith;
9. Chris Glasby; 10. Ian Gregory;
11. Brett Rumford; 12. Chris Roberts;
13. Colin Rose; 14. Paul Miller;
15. Cian Brennan; 16. Stuart Robinson;
17. Jeffrey Kriel; 18. Robert Hurst;
19. Doug Stewart; 20. Matt Upton;
21. Matt Champaloup; 22. Clint Thompson
23. Joe Grasso.

Average speed 41.7kph; 13m 40secs per lap

'B' grade – 76km, 8 laps

1. Peter OConnell; 2. Matthew Pollard;
3. Julian Hamilton; 4. Gavin Wark;
5. Mark Wellford; 6. Phil Deisel;
7. Magnus Rudisele; 8. Mark Hamill;
9. Steven Knight; 10. Jason Walsh;
11. James MacWatt; 12. Claude Morris;
13. Rob Pouw; 14. Joey Rawson;
15. Hunter Shipp; 16. Vitor Fioravanti;
17. Stuart Murray; 18. Greg Bayley;
19. Paul Hearne 20. Julian Middlewick;
21. Desmond Smith; 22. Kelana Saleh;
23. Tom Goerke; 24. Darin Dunstan;
25. Paul Borrett; 26. Brendon Scott;
27. Mark Shellard; 28. Stuart Hobson;
29. Con Antonas; 30. Joshua Curulli;
31. James Howard; 32. Ian Lyne;
33. Tony Smith; 34. Lachlan Mills;
35. Tony Anderson; 36. Paul Lamond;
37. David Coccione; 38. Gary Boylan;
39. Ben Philips; 40. Ryan Boyd-Gluck;

41. Keith Winch; 42. Sofia Erhard;
43. Darren Kinsella; 44. Bruce Dawes;
45. Russell Boulton; 46. Craig Huxtable;
47. Brecht Van Gastel; 48. Brad Smith;
49. Jack Grabowski; 50. Kane Blackburn;
51. Darren Hunt.

Average speed 38.6kph; 14m 00secs per lap

'C' grade – 67km, 7 laps

1. Owen Henderson; 2. Chris Holgate;
3. John Liso; 4. David Menarry;
5. Andrew Stevens; 6. Tim James;
7. David Vas; 8. Darren Clark;
9. Jason Randall; 10. John Staude;
11. Clodagh Glynn; 12. Diane NcAuliffe;
13. David Varcoe; 14. Eric Carles;
15. Andrea Coleman; 16. Michael Whitaker;
17. Michelle Tickner; 18. David Witts;
19. Darrren Gilbert; 20. Anthony Doherty;
21. Don McCracken; 22. Brett Fowler;
23. Peter Denham; 24. Dave Cashman;
25. John Hanson; 26. Nick Vroomans;
27. Michael Morton.

Average speed 37.2; 15m 20secs per lap

'D' grade – 57km 6laps

1. Peter Foley 2. Jarred Finnigan;
3. John Quinn; 4. Damien Greig;
5. Katrina Bolden; 6. Jim Bond;
7. Greg Smith; 8. David Williams;
9. Clinton Hort; 10. Martin Robertson;
11. Sam Bolton; 12. Dee Jennings;
13. Diane Chisholm; 14. Graham Blyth;
15. Nick Cowie; 16. Danielle Nordeck;
17. Heidi Nore; 18. Alison Jennings;
19. Katherine Hasted; 20. Julie de Jong.

Average speed 33.4kph; 17m 00secs per lap

'E' grade – 48km 5 laps

1. Bob Stephens; 2. Bill Stibbs;
3. Trevor Holmes; 4. Pat Briggs;
5. Mike Young; 6. Kate Boulton;
7. Pantelis Karagoglou; 8 Peter Godfrey;
9. Natalie Quick; 10. Sandro Calligaro.

Average speed 30.9kph; 18m 25secs per lap

Points Score Competition

Following the race presentations, the first 10 placegetters of the winter season's point competition received their awards, with the overall winner being Julian Hamilton. The team points competition medals were also presented to 10 members of the Zenith Presto Racing Team. The Summer season

starting in November, sees the start of yet another Points competition.

Bereavement

The opportunity was also taken to hold a one-minute silence for one of our oldest members, Brian Kennedy, who passed away age 87 years on 15th October. Brian who had a long racing pedigree, was racing up to last year, and will be remembered for his great sense of humour. He will be sadly missed.

8 November – Criteriums Kewdale

A good start to the Summer Series when 90 riders signed up at Kewdale for our first criterium on a perfect day for racing. However, there was a casualty, not in terms of injuries, but on the ranks of 'A' grade that could only raise a field of four riders; this the result of competition from the Margaret river Tour. This was resolved when a group of valiant 'B' graders agreed to join their 'A' grade compatriots in combat on the field, just minutes after they had completed their own race. (It is only rumour that all those who rode with 'A' graders will now be permanently upgraded).

In the 'A' grade event, 'B' grader Magnus Rudisele was the first to make a mark on the field when riding his single freewheel, when he broke away for the first 4 laps of the race. Halfway through the race, 'A' graders Tom Perry and Mark Hurley along with 'B' grade's Paul Foxwell were the animators until chased down by 'B' grader Ian Lyne. – 'though their lead was limited to a gap of 50 meters at the most. With 3 laps to go Martin Hurley and Tom Perry and emerged from the survivors to take a small lead that they held to the finish line, where they finished in that order. Andrew Brierley was the official third placed rider, with Lewis Blackie 4th, while somewhere in the fray were Paul Foxwell, Paul Anders, and Julian Middlewick.

Among 'B' grade's 26 riders was George Miller who lit up the field on his newly painted red Japanese mount when attacking on the first lap. He continued until the latter part of the race when

darting off the front. Tony Anderson, Paul Foxwell, Paul Anderson, Ian Lyne and Julian Anderson were also active breakaway participants, but on the bell lap the sprinters moved to the front of the bunch and pounced on the final drive up the straight to the finish line. It was Brecht Van Gastel who took the victory from the hard-working Paul Foxwell, to be followed closely by Darin Dunstan in 3rd place, just ahead of Gavin Wark, Mike Andrew, Keith Winch and another 15 riders,

As with 'B' grade, 'C' also started with 26 riders. Normally 'C' grade ride a conservative race, but on this occasion there were a fair number of attacks that started on the 5th lap when Paul Patterson and trial rider Shae Watmore opened a small gap that they held for 3 laps. With a regrouping after 18 minutes of riding, Chris Peniston and trial rider Darren Clark took the initiative for almost 3 laps, before Darren decided to go it alone, which he did for the next 6 laps, but with a lead that never exceeded 20 seconds. At the bell, and after such a long effort it looked like curtains for the escapee, but to everyone's surprise Darren held onto his lead to take first place by 2 or three lengths from Tim James. He was followed by Shae Watson, John Liso, Neil Vroomans, Andrew Stevens and riders down to 21st place.

The 19 starters in 'D' grade largely kept together for much of the race. The exceptions saw Gavin Bramley take a lead on lap 2, and Damien Greig establish a lead of about 100 metres at the 19-minute mark. There was little tolerance for such moves by members of the peloton, and soon afterwards they were brought back to the comfort of the bunch. In a closely contested sprint, the laurels went to Greg Smith over Ian Gray, a rejuvenated Jarred Finnigan, Marshall Hughes, new member Scott Nestorovic, and Trevor Holmes. Also finishing in the same time as the winner were Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan and Marina Thorman in 10th and 11th places respectively.

'E' grade's 15 riders moved more swiftly than normal in their event, and to cover the race with an average speed of over 35kph. Responsible for the pace were Graham Blyth and Mike Young who were prominent at the head of affairs for much of the race. However, the pace didn't dent the

kick of Pantelis Karagoglou who charged up the finishing straight to outsprint Bob Stephens and workhorse Graham Blyth. Pat Briggs finished in 4th place followed by Bill Stibbs and Mike Young. The only two females in the grade, Natalie Quick and Helen Peniston finished 9th and 10th in the same time as the winner.

Results:

'A' grade – 40 mins + 2 laps

1. Martin Hurley; 2. Tom Perry;
3. Andrew Brierley; 4. Lewis Blackie;
Average speed 42.4kph.

'B' grade – 40 mins + 2 laps

1. Brecht Van Gastel; 2. Tim James;
3. Darin Dunstan; 4. Gavin Wark;
5. Mike Andrew; 6. Keith Winch;
7. Kelana Saleh; 8. Matt Walker;
9. Phil Deisel; 10. Tony Smith;
11. Ian Lyne; 12. Rob Pouw;
13. Josh Weidman; 14. Lee Smith;
15. Ben O'Brien; 16. Matthew Wilson;
17. Julian Hamilton; 18. Paul Anders;
19. Julian Middlewick;
20. Magnus Rudisele; 21. Patrick Apps;
22. Tony Anderson; 23. George Miller.
Average speed 42.76kph.

'C' grade – 35 mins + 2 laps

1. Darren Clark; 2. Tim James;
3. Shae Watmore; 4. John Liso;
5. Neil Vroomans; 6. Andrew Stevens;
7. Brendan Williams; 8. Richard Stokes;
9. Andrew Maccan; 10. Brett Clapham;
11. Joel Beard; 12. Duncan Rogers;
13. Simon Vandenberg; 14. Chris Holgate;
15. Paul Patterson; 16. Nick Vroomans;
17. Allan Wheeler; 18. Chris Norris;
19. Mark Leaker; 20. Vim Sephton;
21. Matt Chamberlain; 22. Greg Stoyles;
23. Chris Peniston; 24. Pedro Turibaka;
25. Fermin Blanco Mayo.
Average speed 39.7kph.

'D' grade – 57km 6laps

1. Greg Smith 2. Ian Gray;
3. Jarred Finnigan; 4. Marshall Hughes;
5. Scott Nestorovic; 6. Trevor Holmes;
7. John Quinn; 8. Robert Pietersen;
9. Gavin Bramley;
10. Fiona Vesconi-Finnigan;
11. Marina Thorman; 12. Mark Dring;

13. Jonathan Akers; 14. James Carter;
15. Tony Clews; 16. Nick Cowan;
17; Chris Howard; 18. Shirley Dow Vine.
Average speed 37.5kph/

'E' grade – 48km 5 laps

1. Pantelis Karagoglou; 2. Bob Stephens;
3. Graham Blyth; 4. Pat Briggs;
5. Bill Stibbs; 6. Mike Young;
7. Craig McDonald; 8. Jon Nelson;
9. Natalie Quick; 10. Helen Peniston;
11. Ian Davies; 12. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
13. Kevin Hart; 14. Denis Robinson.
Average speed 35.3kph;

15 November – Criteriums, Wangara

Another successful day when 107 riders were attracted to the Wangara circuit. Apart from one incident (see below) the event was a great success, with the only disappointment, for the 2nd weekend running, being the low turnout of 'A' graders who filled 12 places on the start sheet, compared to 40 in 'B' grade, 25 in 'C' and 15 in both 'D' and 'E. Conditions were good, and after a stormy and wet night the fields were blessed with dry weather.

Though small in number, as usual, 'A' grade saw a great deal of action. After a couple of steady but fast laps Martin Hurley and Daniel Smith attacked and two laps later had established a lead of 23 seconds over the main bunch, with Quaid Smith and Andrew Brierley chasing in-between. A lap later Martin dropped back, while Daniel rode alone to lead for another eight laps. During his break he held the peloton at bay by up to 20 seconds a lap and recorded fast circuit times of between 2 minutes to 2m 4 secs. With three riders dropped and a couple of abandonments, the remaining riders came together at the 36-minute mark leaving 6 riders to contest the sprint finish. In a hard-fought finish Tim Bates found victory by over a length from Michael Freiberg, Quaid Smith, Brian Sing, Sam Smith and Stuart Robinson, with the hard-working Daniel Smith coming in some 11 seconds behind to take 7th place.

'B' grade's 40 riders saw a first (and only) casualty some 30 metres after the start of the race, when Magnus Rudisele hit a cats-eye stud in the middle of the road and

came down heavily, to be later carted away by ambulance to Joondalup hospital suffering from concussion. This called for a halt to proceedings for a few minutes before the race was restarted.

As with 'A' grade, their race proved lively, with the action starting early in the proceedings when Jason Walsh moved off the front as he passed the finish line with a small lead of about 5 seconds. The following lap things settled down before Kevin McIlduff took the initiative when gaining a few seconds lead, although on the following lap Paul Foxwell, who decided to spice up the action had overtaken and dropped Kevin. Joined on lap nine by Paul Anders, both of whom had featured prominently at the previous criterium at Kewdale, the lead of the two Paul's was 15 seconds and a lap later Paul Foxwell crossed the line alone with a lead of 23 seconds. Alone for the final 10 laps, Paul increase his lead to cross the line at the bell with a lead of 50 seconds. By this time the peloton had split into small bunches, while Paul lapped as fast as the fastest of 'A' grades riders. No doubt destined after his sterling performance to a quick promotion, Paul finished the race 44 seconds ahead of his nearest rival, Gavin Wark, who sprinted strongly when finishing in 2nd place a length or two ahead of Mike Andrew, Antony Rieck, Paul Anders, Darin Dunstan, Craig Huxtable and 23 others. Paul's solo took him within 0.3kph of 'A' grade's average of 38.0kph.

'C' grade witnessed its usual steady approach, with the highlights being Dianne McAuliffe's attempt to stir up the action as she climbed the rise flowing past the start line on lap 4, Owen Henderson's lead of 5 metres at the 24 minute mark, Peter Morris's 4 metre lead on the following lap and Greg Stoyles vicious but short lived attack with 5 minutes and 2 laps to go. In other words, the field once more played into the hands of the sprinters by being largely content to sit in for the duration of the race. The finish saw Joel Beard whose finish has come on by leaps and bounds since he first raced with us a year ago, beat Owen

Henderson into 2nd place, with 3rd going to Chris Holgate. Mark Anastasas finished a close 4th, Paul Patterson 5th, and Brendan (2) Williams in 6th place – the (2) on the start sheet no doubt differentiating him from a member with the same name

'D' grade's race was lit up by the ride of Jonathan Akers who time trialled off the front for 5 or 6 laps after his attack on the 2nd lap. However, his effort began to tell early in the 2nd half of the race and he was brought back to eventually finish 8th in the same time as the winner. Meanwhile, Gavin Bramley was biding his time, attacked on penultimate lap and as he passed the timekeeper for the final, he did so with a lead of 18 seconds. That lead had been reduced to 11 seconds as he crossed the line to take the victory, to be followed by Jarred Finnigan who took his second consecutive 2nd place. He was followed by Lawrence Fahey, Ian Gray, Greg Smith, trial rider Simon Bell and three other riders. Both Mick Brown and Sean Crummey returning to competition for the first time this year, found things hard going, Sean abandoned saying he needed more miles in his legs, while Mick finished in 11th place.

'E' grade saw the 6 female members of the grade stir up the action on a number of occasions and with the pressure the peloton began to break up with about four laps to go to the finish. In particular, the ride up the rise to and past the finish line appeared to take its toll. However, all 15 starters finished, with the sprint victory going to Mike Young, with Bob Stephens a length or so behind, followed by 1st time club rider Lillian Heidell in 3rd place. Thirty-one seconds later the recently returned Jon Nelson finished 4th, just ahead of Pat Briggs, while he was followed 7 seconds later by Bill Stibbs, Natalie Quick and trial rider Sharna Farquhar.

Results:

'A' grade – 45 mins + 2 laps

1. Tim Bates; 2. Michael Freiberg;
3. Quaid Smith; 4. Brian Sing;
5. Sam Smith; 6. Stuart Robertson;
7. Daniel Smith; 8. Taylor Wilcock;
9. Andrew Turnbull; 10. Benjamin Crouch.

Average speed 38.0kph.

'B' grade – 40 mins + 2 laps

1. Paul Foxwell; 2. Gavin Wark;
5. Paul Anders; 6. Darin Dunstan;
7. Craig Huxtable; 8. Mark Welford;
9. Matt Walker; 10. Wade McCann;
11. Ian Lyne; 12. Kristian Vanderwilck;
13. Tony Smith; 14. Kalena Saleh;
15. Nelius Janse Van Rensburg;
16. Andrew Maccan; 17. Lee Smith;
18. Julian Middlewick; 19. Josh Weidman;
20. Ben O'Brien; 21. Vitor Fioravanti;
22. Jason Walsh; 23. Mark Hamill;
24. Gavin Lawson; 25. Keith Winch;
26. Con Antonas; 27. Liam Turner;
28. Mark Shellard; 29. Matt Pollard;
30. Sofia Erhard; 31. Tony Anderson;
32. Ian Lyne; 33. Kevin McIllduff;
34. Jack Grabowski.

Average speed 37.7kph.

'C' grade – 35 mins + 2 laps

1. Joel Beard; 2. Owen Henderson;
3. Chris Holgate; 4. Mark Anastasas;
5. Paul Patterson; 6. Brendan (2) Williams;
7. Tim James; 8. John Liso;
9. Daniel Harvey; 10. Richard Stokes;
11. Neil Vroomans; 12. Brett Fowler;
13. David Menarry; 14. Andrew Stevens;
15. Nick Vroomans; 16. David Varcoe;
17. Peter Morris; 18. Simon Vandenberg;
19. Fermin Blanco Mayo;
20. Dianne McAuliffe; 21. Duncan Rogers;
22. Mark Williamson ;23. Vim Sephton;
24. Allan Wheeler; 25. Greg Stoyles.

Average speed 35.3kph.

'D' grade – 57km 6laps

1. Gavin Bramley 2. Jarred Finnigan;
3. Lawrence Fahey; 4. Ian Gray;
5. Greg Smith; 6. Simon Bell;
7. Marshall Hughes; 8. Jonathan Akers;
9. Marina Thorman; 10. Chris Howard;
11. Mick Brown 12. Trevor Holmes;
13. Sam Bolton.

Average speed 32.9kph

'E' grade – 48km 5 laps

1. Mike Young; 2. Bob Stephens;
3. Lillian Heidell; 4. Jon Nelson;
5. Pat Briggs; 6. Bill Stibbs;
7. Natalie Quick; 8. Sharna Farquhar;
9. Ian Davies; 10. Rose Sellar;
11. Pantelis Karagolou;

12. Graham Thornton; 13. Andrea Hind;
14. Helen Peniston; 15. Denis Robinson.
Average speed 29.8kph.

29 November –Road Races, Herne Hill.

The Herne Hill events witnessed some fast and furious racing, a situation helped by the shorter Summer distances, a comfortable temperature and little if any wind. In total there were 102 riders, with 'B' grade again having the largest field with 32 riders, followed by C' grade with 25; A with 17, 'D' 15 and 'E' grade a respectable 13.

With 'A' grade recording over 60kmph on the William Street home straight, it was definitely a case of survival of the fittest. The action was on from lap one, when 6 riders made a clean break. At the end of the 2nd of their 6 laps, the leaders had opened a gap of 1m 15 secs, a lead they held until 2 laps to go when the chasers reduced the lead by 10 seconds. At the bell, the gap came down to 58 seconds, which, despite some heroic efforts behind was too great for any change in the order. The finish was a close fought battle, with Brian Sing taking victory over Chris Glasby, Sam Smith and Sean O'Neill, with Matt Burton rolling in 6 seconds later to take 5th place. Almost half a minute later, Michael Freiberg led in a group of seven. Unluckiest rider of the day was Daniel Smith who until a couple of laps to go was in the main breakaway but abandoned when his seat-pin snapped, resulting in his finishing with his saddle in hand rather than in the usual position of under his butt.

It was claimed by 'B' graders that there were many attacks - though from the limited viewpoint of judges on the line, the only break was by Ian Lyne who opened a small 5-seconds gap on the bell lap. Thus, an appeal for donations to buy a club helicopter so we can better police and report on action in the various pelotons. At the bell it looked as if there would be a mass sprint to decide the finish, but Brecht Van Gastel upset the applecart when he broke away a couple of km before the final corner. It looked ominous for him as he charged down William Street, but he managed to cross the line 3 seconds ahead of a 20- strong bunch. Jason Walsh was the first of these, followed

closely by Stuart Hobson, Matt Pollard, Anthony Rieck, Craig Huxtable in 6th place, and the rest of that group.

Again, as with 'B' grade, there appeared to be little to report on 'C' grade, though reports from the field was that there were a number of strong attacks on the back side of the course. Dave Witts, was, however, seen to make an attack with 3 laps to go, though how long he led the field remains a mystery. The vital move was made just before the start of the final lap when Greg Gale came down the straight with a lead of 15 seconds, and not only did he hold this lead over the lap but crossed at the end of the race to take victory by 17 seconds. The grade started with 7 trial riders, and two of these, Andrea Bisi and Fabio Petri finished in 2nd and 3rd places. Under the rules for trial riders, Brett Clapham took the cash for 2nd prize, and Richard Stokes for 5th, though Nick Vroomans took home only a few additional points for his official 4th place.

'D' grade rode as a compact group for much of the distance, which again suited the sprinters in the grade, with the result that familiar names filled the top placings. First across the line was Lawrence Fahey, followed by Marshall Hughes, Gavin Bramley. Jarred Finnigan, Tony Clews and Chris Howard, Female riders Fiona Vescoli Finnigan and Sam Bolton filled 7th and 8th. Sean Crummey who failed to finish on his comeback race the previous week, was this week pleased to finish in 14th place, only 6 seconds behind the winner, making it likely that he'll be competitive in a few weeks-time.

'E' group was resplendent with the orange socks of the 'Black Knights' being prominent as they flashed past the judges over their 5 laps. Indeed, they were also prominent in the finishing list when Jon Nelson took 2nd place, Pat Briggs 3rd, and Bob Stephens 4th. Three female riders, Rose Sellar, Denisse Knight and Andrea Hind took the next three places. It was lone wolf, Graham Blyth who took the victory following a race where he had been prominent in pushing up the pace.

Results:

'A' grade - 57km, 6 laps

1. Brian Sing; 2. Chris Glasby;
3. Sam Smith; 4. Sean O'Neill;
5. Matt Burton; 6. Michael Freiburg;
7. Jon Gregg; 8. Wayne Thomson;
9. Andrew Brierley; 10. Chris Roberts;
11. Taylor Wilcock; 12. Martin Hurley;
13. Tim Bates; 14. Julian Hamilton;
15. Nathan Jones; 16. Benjamin Crouch.
Average speed 44.1kph, 12m 55s per lap.

'B' grade - 57km, 6 laps

1. Brecht Van Gastel; 2. Jason Walsh;
3. Stuart Hobson; 4. Matt Pollard;
5. Anthony Rieck; 6. Craig Huxtable;
7. Gavin Wark; 8. Wade McCann;
9. Lee Smith; 10. Lee Jordan;
11. Julian Middlewick; 12. David Sofield;
13. Gavin Lawson; 14. Matt Walker;
15. Tony Smith 16. Mike Andrew;
17. Vitor Fioraventi; 18. Ian Lyne;
19. Brad Smith; 20. Mark Hamill;
21. Julian Johnson; 22. Josh Weidman;
23. Liam Turner; 24. Phil Deisel;
25. Paul Lamond; 26. Jack Grabowski;
27. Paul Foxwell; 28. Mark Taylor;
29. Keith Winch; 30. Magnus Rudisele.
Average speed 38.7kph, 13m 40s per lap.

'C' grade - 46km, 5 laps

1. Greg Gale; 2. Andrea Bisi;
3. Fabio Petri; 4. Brett Clapham;
5. Richard Stokes; 6. Nick Vroomans;
7. Jason Battaglia; 8. Andrew Stevens;
9. John Liso; 10. Duncan Rogers;
11. Brendan Williams; 12. Guido Gadowsky;
13. Simon Vandenberg; 14. Chris Holgate;
15. Jason Hapeta; 16. Michael Whitaker;
17. John Hanson; 18. Mark Anastasas;
19. Paul Patterson; 20. Mark Williamson;
21. Fermin Blanco Mayo; 22. Chris Neal;
23. David Witts; 24. Herman Lambrechts.
Average 38.7kph, 14m 50s per lap

'D' grade - - 46km, 5 laps

1. Lawrence Fahey; 2. Marshall Hughes;
3. Gavin Bramley; 4. Jarred Finnigan;
5. Tony Clews; 6. Chris Howard;
7. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan; 8. Sam Bolton;
9. Peter Foley; 10. Mick Brown;
11. Danielle Nordeck; 12. James Carter;
13. Jonathan Akers; 14. Sean Crummey;
15. Trevor Holmes.

Average speed 35.2kph, 16m 10s

'E' grade - 40km, 4 laps

1. Graham Blyth; 2. Jon Nelson;
3. Pat Briggs; 4. Bob Stephens;
5. Rose Sellar 6. Denisse Knight;
7. Andrea Hind; 8. Derek Crowther;
9. Lillian Heidell; 10. Graham Thornton;
11. Craig McDonald.;
Average speed 33.1kph, 17m 15s per lap.

6 December - Criteriums - Smeaton Way, Rockingham.

Seventy-two riders turned out to ride Smeaton Way's first event of the season. They were met by sunny skies, and a stiff breeze that saw riders cling to the right-hand gutter on the finishing straight, while for once the various grades with the exception of 'B' were well balanced in terms of numbers, with 'A' Grade attracting the largest field of 17 riders, and the others between 14 to 16. 'B' grade, which normally attracts the largest field, was down to 10 riders, 'Both' 'D' and 'E' grades for the large part of their respective races, stayed close together, despite attempts to soften up the sprinters. This was certainly seen in 'D' grade where Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan and Sam Bolton tried to force the pace, while numbers of male sprinters sat on their wheels. In both races, the almost inevitable result saw tight mass finishes that were taken by the sprinters.

'E' grades strongman Pantelis Karagoglou was first over the line, despite a strong challenge by Graham Thornton and Jon Nelson, with the familiar presence of Bob Stephens close behind, followed by Bill Stibbs and the newly returned Doc' Lawrence. 'D' grade saw a split of 6 seconds on the bell lap with a three-up finish in which John Quinn just edged out Jarred Finnigan and newly promoted Graham Blyth in 3rd place. Fionna Vescoli-Finnigan almost made the podium a family affair when taking 4th place, while Martin Robertson in 5th place got between Fiona and fellow female competitor Marina Thorman who finished 6th.

'C' grade which averaged just below 40kph, saw a number of attacks and zip on the home straight at various times during the race. Jason Hapeta was to the fore after 18 minutes of riding but was soon brought back to the peloton. Chris Holgate followed up seven minutes later to gain 30metres before being brought back to the fold, while David Menarry and Nick Vroomans attacked with 3 laps to go but soon after ran out of legs as the pursuers put in a successful challenge. Jason Hapeta and Owen Henderson took the initiative on the bell lap, and this time their efforts bore fruit, with Jason ramping away to beat Owen over the line by 4 seconds, with Peter Morris in 3rd place finishing another 7 seconds behind when leading in another 10 riders.

'B' grade was full of action, with Brecht Van Gastel being prominent from lap two when he opened a gap along with Bruce Davies and Lee Jordan. On lap 3, Brecht dropped his two companions to ride solo at the head of affairs for 5 or 6 laps before being joined by Matt Walker, Magnus Rudisele and Ian Lyne. Riding strongly, they steadily drew ahead and 4 laps later they held a lead of 50 seconds over the remaining riders who appeared to give up, just as the four riders upped their pace. However, this was too much for Matt Walker who remained in no-man's land for the rest of the race to finish in 4th place. Of the other three, Brecht proved too strong for his companions and with 2 laps to go had opened up a gap, to eventually finish 9 seconds ahead of Magnus Rudiselle, with Ian Lyne a couple of lengths behind. Matt Walker managed to hang on to finish 4th while the chasers were lapped and watched the victor cross the line. A lap later, Wade McCann led in Gavin Wark and 7 other survivors.

'A' grade was dominated by the ride of Daniel Smith who broke away on the 2nd lap and opened up a gap of 15 seconds that he held until he sat up to wait the arrival of his team-mate Tim Bates at the 17-minute mark. The duo managed to hold the chasers at bay by about 15 seconds for another 5 laps before being brought back to join the chasers after 28 minutes of the race. Soon after that Tim Bates punctured but after a lap out continued the race, though the incident did

little to damp his fire. Twelve riders tore down the finishing straight to contest the finish and despite his earlier efforts, the winner was Daniel Smith, with Adrian Pahl, Jason Roberts, Tim Bates Joseph Laurendi and Josh Adams finishing in that order in the 12-up finish.

Results:

'A' grade – 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Daniel Smith; 2. Adrian Pahl;
3. Jason Roberts; 4. Tim Bates;
5. Joseph Laurendi; 6. Josh Adams;
7. Dominic Da Silva; 8. Ian Gregory;
9. Paul Foxwell; 10. Jon Gregg;
11. Paul Dobson; 12. Michael Mann;
13. Keith Winch; 14. Garry Hanson;
15. Shayne Dimmer.

Average speed 43.3kph

'B' grade - 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Brecht Van Gastel; 2. Magnus Rudiselle;
3. Ian Lyne; 4. Matt Walker;
5. Wade McCann; 6. Gavin Wark;
7. Mike Andrew; 8. Chris Race;
9. Lee Jordan; 10. Lee Smith;
11. Mark Anastasas; 12. Bruce Davies;
13. Anthony West.

Average speed 42.0kph.

'C' grade - 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Jason Hapeta; 2. Owen Henderson;
3. Peter Morris; 4. Chris Holgate;
5. Greg Smith; 6. David Menarry;
7. Maurice Hermann; 8. Nick Vroomans;
9. Brett Fowler; 10. John Liso;
11. Andrew Stevens; 12. Brett Clapham;
13. Neil Vroomans; 14. Lachlan Mills;
15. Alan Graham; 16. Alan Wolfarth.

Average 39.5kph.

'D' grade – 45mins plus 2 laps

1. John Quinn; 2. Jarred Finnigan;
3. Graham Blyth; 4. Fiona Vescoli-Finnigan;
5. Martin Robertson;
6. Marina Thorman; 7. Jonathan Akers;
8. Sam Bolton; 9. Gavin Bramley;
10. Ray Bergin; 11. Mark Raleigh;
12. Trevor Holmes; 13. Craig McDonald;
14. Lawrence Fahey; 15. Trevor Holmes.

Average speed 36.6kph.

'E' grade – 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Pantelis Karagoglou.
2. Graham Thornton; 3. Jon Nelson;
4. Bob Stephens; 5. Bill Stibbs;

6. Denis Lawrance; 7. Pat Briggs;
8. Mike Young; 9. Natalie Quick;
10. Chris Whiley; 11. Ian Davies;
12. Kevin Hart; 13. Leon Nieuwenhuizen;
14. Vicki Kelly; 15. Denis Robinson.
Average speed 32.7kph.

13th December – Criteriums – Wangara.

The day dawned with grey skies and drizzling rain, but by the time that 'E' grade gathered at the start line, the rain had stopped and the roads dried out, thus confirming again that He who looks after cyclists had blessed us once again. Despite the pessimistic forecast, 85 riders turned out on a breezy morning to bring the pre-Christmas races to an end. The competition was fierce, and the times recorded were at the high side of the spectrum, with 'B' grade recording a few sub-2-minute laps and their 'A' grades compatriots recording laps of 1m 55secs.

In 'E' grade, Pat Briggs and Mike Young stirred up the action at the 15-minute mark until joined a lap later by Graham Thornton, while Natalie Quick who had been distanced, valiantly fought her way back to join the leaders. In the dash to the finish line, Pat Briggs took the win by a length from Mike Young and Graham Thornton, while Natalie Quick finished 3 seconds behind. Denis Robinson completed the race, while Kevin Hart who had a hard day decided to abandon when over halfway through the race.

'D' grade's 35minutes plus 2 laps event witnessed a number of attacks. Particularly prominent among the attackers was Ian Gray who remained about 20 metres off the front of the race for 2 laps around the 20-minute mark, and Nick Cowie who attacked in an attempt to break up the peloton on the uphill section. However, there were eight riders left still in contention as they came into the finish. This saw a clear victory for John Quinn by about 5 lengths over 2nd placed Ian Gray who in turn finished another length behind in 3rd place. Marshall Hughes who had recently been in the first three on a few of occasions was close behind in 4th place, while Sam Bolton improved on her recent performances when placing 5th just ahead of Graham Blyth.

'C' grade's 18 riders were in combative mood as represented by Brett Fowler who led the field with a small gap on their 2nd lap, as did Andrew Stevens on lap five. Brett Clapham broke away to hold a slight lead at the 18-minute mark and was still ahead a lap later, though he later suffered for his sins when finishing 11 seconds behind the 15-strong group who contested the final sprint. Before this, Mark Williamson impressed with a solo ride that saw him lead the group from the 6th until the start of the final lap. Throughout his ride, Mark's lead never exceeded 10 seconds and any hopes of a victory was dashed as the bell tolled his demise as the peloton closed in resulting in his finishing at the back of the 15 riders who contested the final sprint. Showing his recent good form, Joel Beard led in the field to take 1st place, followed by Tim James, trial rider Simon Bell, Aaron Caratti, Chris Holgate and in 6th place was Brett Fowler. Welcomed back to the field after a few months in Canberra was Chris Hodge who finished in 14th place.

'B' grade saw some impressive riding of just under 2 minutes a lap in a race that saw determined aggression from the word 'Go'. Steve Knight and Tony Anderson were first to show their colours on the 2nd lap after which four riders joined them: Steve Rushe, Magnus Rudisele, Darin Dunstan, and NSW visitor Nick Coster, who was fresh out of quarantine. Working together their lead soon rose to 20 seconds and then steadily increased to 35 seconds at the 25-minute mark. The chasers then appeared to give up hope, so that a lap later the lead rose to just over a minute spelling the end of any serious challenge. Visitor, Nick Coster proved the surprise package when he attacked with over a lap to go, and despite a hard chase he finished 9 seconds ahead of Darin Dunstan who pipped Magnus Rudisele across the line. Steve Rushe was 4th, followed by Steven Knight, though sixth member of the original group, Nathan Schmiedte had earlier been dropped but continued gamely to finally finish in 25th place.

If 'B' grade showed speed and fire, 'A' grade went even better when recording laps of 1m 55seconds for much of the race. Attacks took place from the gun and at the end of the 4th lap, Andrew Turnbull and Ricky Andrews got away to be joined a lap or two later by Jon Gregg, Ian Gregory and Shaun Oneill. The pattern then followed that set by 'B' grade, with the advance guard forging steadily ahead by 2 seconds a lap. With a valiant attempt to bridge the gap, Paul Foxwell reduced the gap, but finally fell back to the chasing group. All went well with the breakaway until about 200metres to go, when disaster saw Ricky Andrews come down heavily to disrupt the sprint, and to see him end up with cuts and bruises. Meanwhile, John Gregg crossed the line in 1st place some 3 seconds ahead of Shaun Oneill and another 2 seconds ahead of Ian Gregory. Meanwhile Ricky Andrews picked himself up to finish 4th, followed 4 seconds later by Clint Thomson. Tom Ford led in a group of nine, 55 seconds after the winner, when finishing in 6th place. So ended a good day of excellent racing

New club President Nick Vroomans presented the Mayor of Wanneroo to those gathered at the finish, before she made the presentations. Following 'A' grade in Referee Bob Addy's magnificent red machine, she announced being amazed at the speeds reached by the riders and was favourably impressed with the event.

Results:

'A' grade – 45mins plus 2 laps

1. John Gregg; 2. Shaun Oneill;
3. Ian Gregory; 4. Ricky Andrews;
5. Clint Thompson; 6. Tom Ford;
7. Paul Foxwell; 8. Brecht Van Gastel;
9. Greg Rossiter; 10. Stuart Robinson;
11. Quaid Smith; 12. Brett Rumford;
13. Josh Adams; 14. Colin Rose;
15. Wayne Thomson; 16. Matt Upton;
17. Andrew Brierley.

Average speed 40.6kph

'B' grade - 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Nick Coster; 2. Darin Dunstan;
3. Magnus Rudiselle; 4. Steven Rushe;
5. Steven Knight; 6. Matt Pollard;
7. Wade McCann; 8. Lee Smith;

9. Keith Winch; 10. Craig Huxtable;
11. Joey Rawson; 12. Graham Holden;
13. Andrew McCann; 14. Tony Smith;
15. Mark Hamil; 16. Jason Hapeta;;
17. Josh Weidman; 18. Ian Lyne;
19. Tony Anderson; 20. Lee Jordan;
21. Greg Gale; 22. Mark Welford;
23. Liam Turner; 24. Mark Anastasas;
- 25, Nathan Schmiedte.

Average speed 38.5kph.

'C' grade - 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Joel Beard; 2. Tim James;
3. Simon J. Bell; 4. Aaron Caratti;
5. Chris Holgate; 6. Brett Fowler;
7. Duncan Rogers; 8. Dave Harwood;
9. Aaron Doyle; 10. John Liso;
11. Nick Vroomans; 12. Andrew Stevens;
13. Simon Vandenberg; 14. Chris Hodge;
15. Mark Williamson; 16 Brett Clapham

Average speed 34.1kph.

'D' grade – 45mins plus 2 laps

1. John Quinn; 2. Ian Gray;
3. Mark Dring; 4. Marshall Hughes;
5. Sam Bolton; 6. Graham Blyth;
7. Mick Brown; 8. Chris Howard;
9. Nick Cowie; 10. Sean Crummey;
11. Herman Lambrechts;
12. Ray Bergin; 13. Jon Nelson.

Average speed 31.6kph.

'E' grade – 45mins plus 2 laps

1. Pat Briggs; 2. Mike Young;
3. Graham Thornton; 4. Natalie Quick;
5. Denis Robinson.

Average speed 26.5kph.

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