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Newsletter

Eastern Veterans Cycling Club



Aug 16th 2013

Duty Roster

This Week on 17th August – Yarra Junction: Robert Feigan, Kevin King, Shane Stiles, Franc Tomsic, Marcus Thiele, Tony Tonkin, Nick Thompson, Damien Toohey, Craig Eastwood, David Brown.

Next Week on 24th August – Arthur's Creek: Charles Lethbridge, Andrew Nielson, Alison Skene, Nick Tapp, Kenton Smith, Dale Thompson, Phil Smith, Kevin Turley, Kelvin Stagg.

Note: Members rostered for marshal or traffic control duties must be at the circuit at least one hour before the scheduled start time to assist with the setting up of the course. (But bring your bike, you just never know). If a marshal fails to turn up for duty, a rider will be balloted to do that duty. If you cannot turn up for duty, you must find a replacement and please advise Andrew Buchanan at tiptop2@optusnet.com.au

Conditions were good for last week's race out at the tough circuit at Gruyere, with the roads nice and dry and the sun making a welcome return. The following race reports describe some of the action:-

B Grade (Nick Tapp)

On a sparkling afternoon, with an unexpected air of spring about it, a decent-sized B-grade bunch set off, 'strengthened' by a small handful of A-grade riders who aren't so keen on the hills. The first six laps or so were hardish. If the sight of Anthony Gullace dangling off the front for a few laps wasn't enough, the efforts of Glen Pascall, James Aylmer, Warren Steinicke, Nick Tapp, Doug Reynolds and Clark Woodgate to do some early damage ensured a decent pace. The places to watch were the first pinch on Medhurst Road and, of course, the Killara Road hill. With only a

few exceptions, though, the big blokes hung tough and the group stayed intact. Halfway came and went, and there was some changing of the guard at the front. Ian Smith and Ray Russo appeared and did some good long turns. Glen, on the other hand, had disappeared. Otherwise the first few wheels remained the same: James doing more than his share, Doug doing it easily on the hills, Warren looking comfortable, Clark looking better and better, Nick always there, Anthony always threatening. Still the bunch stayed together.



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The lap marshal held up '3' and there was a general slackening of the pace, a catching of breath and shaking out of legs for the looming showdown. A late attack wasn't out of the question. The skinny blokes would have been concerned to see fast finishers such as Steve Ross, Ray Russo and Darryl Beovich still sitting comfortably in the pack. With two laps to go there was a micro attack as we turned into Medhurst Road. Anthony was the culprit, I think, but James and Nick were quickly onto his wheel and the rest were close behind. Killara Road hill this time was all about conserving.

The bell sounded as the two-man sprint in A grade unfolded just behind us. There was no last surge in Medhurst Road. Swinging into Killara Road, David ?? went very long, and suddenly the cat was among the pigeons -- sooner than most were expecting (or hoping for). Clark responded strongly from the foot of the hill, with Doug in pursuit and Nick on Doug's wheel. Clark reached the top with 40 or 50 metres advantage over Doug and Nick. These two then worked together down the other side and into Cahillton Road, trying to peg back Clark and desperate to stay away from the pursuing bunch. A fading Clark got to the line with maybe half of his 50-metre buffer to spare, Doug was too wily and strong for Nick in the final metres and took 2nd place, while Nick held on for 3rd and kept Darryl Beovich at bay in 4th.

C Grade (Tony Tonkin)

The weather at Gruyere improved from forecast to present as a fine sunny day with a moderate wind. Nineteen starters fronted up for this tough

course. I'm embarrassed to admit, that being down the back end of the peloton in the first lap or two, I missed seeing the main break of the day being T. Muurholm's early break in what must have been the first couple of laps. My eyes were firmly set on Ross Morgan who to me was the one 'up the road' and seemed to be setting the pace in the first three or so laps. The pivotal time of the race was lap 4 when Ross attacked immediately from the turn to go up the hill and he kept a very fast tempo all the way to the top. You could say the peloton then was then well and truly splintered. I lost contact at the top and had to work hard to rejoin the six or seven remaining riders in this group. The next few times 'up the hill' as a group was at a reasonable pace with the likes of Tim Crowe, Kelvin Stagg, myself and the others 'happy' just to hang in there and survive within this group. Chris Ellenby did a great job after being dropped on the hill about lap 5 or 6 to work his way back up to 'our' group' and set the pace at the front for a time in the latter laps. Of course with a compact group such as this, the race would get down to the last climb and it was at maximum capacity that we all attacked it with tired legs. Hitting the top there seemed to be about five of us in the mix for a fast descent and the line-up to the finish line. I gave it everything I had some 300 meters from the line knowing the likes of Chris(3rd place), Tim (4th place) and Kelvin would attack from behind, but was lucky enough to hold on for second place. Meanwhile of course, Mr. T Muurholm had ridden his own fantastic race out the front, it seems the whole race, to take a very strong win. Well done !

Gruyere results 10th Aug 2013

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
A-grade (9)	H Bradbury	G Donnelly	D Holt		
B-grade (16)	C Woodgate	D Reynolds	N Tapp	D Beovich	
C-grade (19)	T Muurholm	T Tonkin	C Ellenby	T Crowe	
D-grade (9)	N Hainal	K Wade	J Neil		
E-grade (8)	G Youl	K Ward	A Chiong		



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Thanks to the officials

Last Week :10th Aug 2013 at Gruyere

Peter Mackie and Ron Stranks for taking entries, Richard Dobson (referee), Andrew Buchanan, Tony Curulli, Lance Wearne, Joan Sloan, Jeff Smith, Jim Swainston, Wes Hurrey and Curt Tebbutt for marshalling. Also thanks to Andrew Buchanan for managing the duty roster, J.C Wilson for bringing the trailer and to Dean Niclasen for the drinks. Special thanks to those that replaced rostered officials or helped out at short notice and of course thanks to all the riders for making the day.

Results for 'The Loop' Aug 14th

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
First	D. Beovich	B. Hawker	A. Skene	n/a
Second	P Thompson	N. Cartledge	S. Dwyer	
Third	T. McDonough	C. Ellenby	T. Curulli	

Bad road alert - by Stephen Gleeson

I thought that you may be interested in seeing photos that I took this Sunday afternoon. They show two very deep pot holes. Note the box of matches in each photo to demonstrate scale! The pot holes are the result of the road works council are currently undertaking along **Park Road, Donvale**. The holes are bad enough for a car to negotiate but are potentially lethal for a bike rider. They are on the very edge of the bitumen, where bike riders go. In dim light or very early morning / night time, they are virtually invisible. I know, as I ride my bike along Park Road twice a week at 6am, before sun rise, as part of my training. Last week I very nearly hit one of the pot holes, swerving at the last moment to miss. Luckily I didn't swerve into the path of a car! It is obvious council have no procedures in place for road work teams to ensure roads are left in a safe state for bike riders during works. .



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Future events:-

Eastern Vets Program: www.easternvets.com/

	Date	Time	Location	Melway Ref	Event
August					
Sat	17	1:30pm	Yarra Jn/Piedmont	288 G10	Graded Scratch Races
Sat	24	2:00pm	Arthurs Creek	510 N12	Graded Scratch Races
Mon	26	7:30pm	Ringwood Club	50 C3	Monthly General Meeting
Sat	31	2:00pm	Yarra Glen	26 J11	Graded Scratch Races - Kermesse
Wednesday's		10:15am	The Loop	44 G4	Graded Scratch Races - Criterium

Note: Graded Scratch Race entries are accepted on the day up to 15 minutes before the advertised race start time. Handicap entries close the Tuesday before the race. Riders entering a handicap **MUST** pay the entry fee regardless of participation. Fees are due on race day; entrants will **NOT** be allowed to start in any EVCC race until fees have been paid. No late entries will be accepted for either scratch races or handicaps. Entries to handicaps can be submitted via e-mail to the handicapper or on any race day prior to the event.

Northern Vets Program: <http://www.northerncycling.com/>

4-08-2013	Tom Stewart Memorial (Super Series - RACE 6)	64km		10.00am
	[Enter Online Soon]			
11-08-2013	Age Championships [Enter Online Soon]	Various		10.00am
18-08-2013	Graded Scratch	1hr+Bell	National Boulevard (Ford)	9.00am
	VVCC Handicap - Goulburn Valley Vets			
25-08-2013	Lancefield/Pastoria Scratch [Enter Online Soon]	60/81km		9.30am

Victorian Veterans Cycling Council program: www.veterancycling.com.au/

11/8/2013 10:00am	Handicap (Goulburn Valley)	Kialla	55k		
08/9/2013 10:00am	Open handicap (Eureka Vets)	Learmonth Yacht Club Ballarat	58k	not yet open	
22/9/2013 10:00am	'George Goodwin' Memorial (Hume Vets)	Scout Hall, Coster Street, Benalla	52k	not yet open	

Note: Entries are to be on the appropriate VVCC Open entry form (available on VVCC website) and are to be accompanied by the requisite fee.

Thank you to all the contributors to this week's newsletter.

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