



**Sept 6th 2013**

**Duty Roster**

***This Week on 7th September*** – Ballarat weekend;- See promo below.

***Next Week on 14th September*** – Casey Fields;- Steve Bernard, Brian Smith, Quentin Frayne, Ray Watts.

**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](mailto:tiptop2@optusnet.com.au)**

**The following race reports follow the action out at Yarra Glenn on 31/8/13:-**

**E Grade (Brian Farrell)**

Yarra Glenn is always a hard ride and this week was made harder with an ever increasing head wind up the hill. Lap 1, 2, 3 and 4 passed steady and then I thought about testing my new bike at top speed downhill. I noted several riders were still in the small ring so I just thought I would give it a go down the hill. That turned out to not be a good idea as they quickly closed the gap on me. It was a little bit of fun but a wasted effort.

We were all expecting Ronnie to hit the gas up the hill on the last lap, so I decided to just keep rolling and hoped to go with the attack when it came. I kept my eye on Ronnie.

As expected he jumped on the hill; I was on his wheel with Geoff on my wheel. I held on until the

top but then seemed to die a natural death.

Geoff managing to hold on to Ronnie with me chasing at 50 meters .

On my own in the wind was never going to work for me with Michael Paul coming over me just on the line to take 3rd place.



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### E Grade (Jim Swainston)

It really felt great to be out amongst the sunshine and beautiful scenery on Saturday. I hadn't raced since our last outing at this venue so realised I would be underdone. Seeing Kaye Ward doing duty was a small relief as she thrives on a bit of solid climbing. JC kept things ticking over early but paid the penalty about mid-race. Tony Lateo was also unhitched. Brian Farrell was looking pretty good for only his second race back whilst Ronny and Geoff Miller seemed to have the answers.

At two to go Ronny kept the tempo honest up the climb and on the bell he went a little bit harder with the result the invisible rope broke. Ron and Geoff went over the top together with Brian battling on gamely and a gap back to Mick Paull, Ray Watts and myself. Around the last corner and we were never going to catch Ron and Geoff but Brian was a chance. Mick found a bit and picked up Brian to take third with the rest of us not too far away. I'm not sure how close the finish was as my eyesight isn't that good! Ron continued his good form and rode a sound tactical race.

### Results Yarra Glenn 31/8/13

Grade	First	Second	Third	Fourth
<b>A Grade (23)</b>	J Steward	T Leaper	D Holt	
<b>B Grade (14)</b>	M Peeters	C Woodgate	I Smith	
<b>C Grade (19)</b>	D Richards	K Stagg	D Ives	G Stopar
<b>D Grade (13)</b>	D Coull	P Mackie	B McCann	
<b>E Grade (8)</b>	R Stranks	G Miller	M Paull	

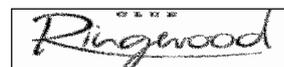
### Thanks to the officials

#### **Last Week : Yarra Glenn 31/8/13**

Ron Stranks and Peter Mackie for taking entries, Keith Bowen (referee), Nick Hainal, Peter Verheijden, Kaye Ward, Michael Waterfield, Andre Weber, Russell Wheelhouse and Peter Brain 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' Sept 4th 2013

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4
<b>First</b>	J. Halls	A Weber	P. Griffiths	B. Rodgers
<b>Second</b>	T. Perry	J. Thomas	T. Curulli	L. Bohn
<b>Third</b>	P Thompson	G. O'Loghlen	C. Tebbutt	R. Maggs



## Beware the worn rim! (By Mal Jones)



During the Eastern Beach Road Ride two weeks ago, there came a timely reminder to check your rim health regularly after Tony Curulli's Mavic Open Pro exploded, taking a section of 30-40 centimeters off outer edge of the rim. Never having heard a rim go off before, it was like a tube/tyre blowout with the added intensity that comes from exploding metal. The noise was enough to bring bystanders out of shops thinking something really serious had happened! As it was on the return trip from Frankston, Tony duly walked the bike over to the local rail station and was picked up by Ian Smith at South Yarra and then dropped off at his car. Inconvenient, but to see the damage caused to the rim (obviously now scrap metal), it could have been a lot worse with grave consequences as the speed wasn't high and Tony had no problems controlling the bike.



## Can't help bad luck!! (By Dave McCormack)

Eastern member Nigel Frayne has spent the last two months training in Europe, climbing all the legendary Cols in preparation for the Haute Route in the Pyrenees.

A week out from the start of the event, Nigel had a slow speed crash and fractured his right humerus, which is not very humorous at all!

He was obviously disappointed but as Nigel says, "Shit happens!" "Thankfully I have some wonderful memories of 2 months training taking in l'Alpe d'Huez, Stelvio, Livigno, Mortirolo, Garvia, Tuscany, Zoncolan, Monte Crostis, Lake Como, Ghisallo.... hey! Almost an Haute Route in itself; always look on the bright side of life *doo de doo de doodedoo...*"

## What is the Haute Route?

The Haute Route (high route) cycling event is the 'highest' and 'toughest' cyclosporitive in the world. It is a prestigious and professionally run 7 day race aimed at the amateur road cyclist.

Two Haute Route events are conducted each year; in the Alps and the Pyrenees, each cover over 750km and traverse the greatest cycling terrain in the world.

To view the 2012 Haute Route Alps event, click on the following link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-M29rBstEQ> it runs for about 45minutes and is worth watching.

## Eastern Vets in conjunction with Eureka Vets

### Presents

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2013**  
**Graded Scratch Races**  
**Ballarat**

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## Future events:-

### Eastern Vets Program: [www.easternvets.com/](http://www.easternvets.com/)

	Date	Time	Location	Melway Ref	Event
<b>September</b>					
Sat	7	2:00pm	Ballarat	927 A3	Graded Scratch Races
Sun	8	10:00am	Learmonth Yacht Club, Ballarat	927 A3	VVCC Open handicap
Sat	14	2:00pm	Casey Fields	134 E10	Handicap with GSR qualifier
Sat	21	2:00pm	Gruyere	282 F10	Graded Scratch Races
Sun	22	9:00am	Launching Place	287 H2	Don Road Hill Climb TT - Handicap
Sat	28	2:00pm	METEC	51 D8	Graded Scratch Races
Mon	30	7:30pm	Ringwood Club	50 C3	Monthly General Meeting

**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/>

1-09-2013	Eagle Handicap (Super Series - RACE 7)	65km	Broadford/Pyalong	10.00am
8-09-2013	Balliang Time Trial	20km TT	Balliang Hall, Balliang	9.30am
	VVCC Handicap - Learmonth			
15-09-2013	Graded Scratch	1hr+Bell	National Boulevard (Ford)	9.00am
22-09-2013	Graded Scratch	1hr+Bell	National Boulevard (Ford)	9.00am
	VVCC Handicap - Benalla			
29-09-2013	Spring Road Classic	60/81km	Lancefield	9.30am

### Victorian Veterans Cycling Council program: [www.veterancycling.com.au/](http://www.veterancycling.com.au/)

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 for this week's newsletter.

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