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## Newsletter

Eastern Veterans Cycling Club



**Oct 25th 2013**

### Duty Roster

***This Week on 26th October*** – Royce Bennett H'Cap Avenal/Seymour:- Neville Williamson, Ken Woollard, Geoff Youll, Peter Norbury, Dale Eastick.

***Next Week on 2nd November*** – Casey Fields:- John Thomson, Matt Rice, David Mayne, Andrew Mapstone.

**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)**

### ***Race reports from Gruyere on 19th Oct 2013:-***

#### **A view from the finish line.( Keith Bowen)**

The finish line was all high tech on Saturday, with a new electronic lap counter designed and constructed by Peter Gray. Fantastic viewing for the riders, giving a clear indication of laps to go, but the people counting laps still need to have their wits about them. If there hadn't been loud protests from C grade they would have done 10 laps instead of nine.

A grade lost a few riders along the way and on the bell lap Stefan Kirsch must have spread-eagled the remaining riders, coming first with a very comfortable margin from Dave De Pedro, likewise with a similar margin back to Frank Nyhuis. B grade saw a couple of "rides of the

day". Early on four were away, Doug Reynolds, Dave Anderson, Anthony Gullace and Ian Smith. Ian was the first to go back to the bunch, Anthony dropped off from Doug and Dave and managed to stay in no man's land between the two leaders and the rest of the riders. Doug and Dave were never going to be caught, probably increasing their lead each lap. Despite having a perfect sit in the sprint, Dave was unable to get over Doug and sat up with 20 odd metres to go. Anthony was never in any danger of being caught, but caused confusion among the judges every time he came through, because he managed to get away with one of the narrow helmet covers, which in the shade of the trees can't be seen. With his



white helmet, we thought he was a dropped A grader.

Another candidate for "ride of the day" was John Thomson with his win in C grade. John slipped off the front with one or two laps to go, he never got a large gap, but managed to hold the bunch at bay, with Rob Debernadi and Dale Maizels filling the remaining places.

David Coull tried the same tactic as John Thomson, getting a bit of a gap, perhaps only 50 metres on the bunch at the bell, but was unable

### C Grade (Dale Maizels)

With 10 starters in C Grade, the pace was on from the first hill. Webby was pushing the pace up the hills in the first few laps and everyone was taking a turn at the front.

We were down to 8 riders with 3 laps to go when John Thompson decided to push it a bit harder up the long climb. No reaction came from the small bunch as we were all pretty tired by then and I think we thought we would catch him. It ended up being a great move by John as he stayed out front and won. On the last long climb three of the guys beat me to the top (as they did on all of the long climbs) with me about 20 metres off the pace. I thought that was it for me, as I have never placed at Gruyere, as the guys always descended faster than me. However this time I was catching them on the descent and by the

### D Grade (Peter Mackie)

Gruyere the race that most don't look forward to, particularly if their fitness is lacking or the legs are missing. Just to kick D graders confidence the handicapper had an attack of 'Mr. Nice' and we had six (6), not one, but six C graders join us.

The weather was good with some wind and warm. From lap one some appeared anxious to get the pace up, until we got to the first climb which saw a steady pace until David Coull (recent place getter of club champs against B & C grade riders), showed superior climbing legs and hit the top with a large gap to the bunch. We did catch

to keep ahead of the bunch. Peter Shanahan winning a bunch sprint from David and Peter Mackie.

New rider, Gordon Holland from the ACT and another "ride of the day" candidate, streeted them in E grade, going away in the first couple of laps and leaving the rest of the bunch strung out along the road. Dean Niclasen finishing second and Ronnie Stranks third.

time I got around the last corner for the 800 metres to the finish line I was thinking to myself, I think I can catch them. I did and with Kel Stagg on the front taking the wind, I was sitting pretty on 4th wheel waiting for someone to go. Rob took off with only about 100 metres to go I think and I then went around the other two and sprinted out of the seat for the line. I was not quick enough to catch Rob and finished 3rd. Finally a placing at Gruyere, I was very happy. As Neil mentioned I did back it up with 2 track races that night, however I had nothing left in me, however I did better the next day in the 50 min Crit finishing in the bunch with the A Grade Women.

him though, at the start/finish. We did drop a few riders who have been absent in recent months.

David's surge up the hill didn't appear to slow the likes of Geoff Youll & Cranstone, both putting in strong efforts prior to the hill. Laps 2 and 3 saw Nick Hainal decide he wanted to hurt the visitors from C Grade and hit the hill hard and split the bunch. Well it looked to be Nick to watch out for going forward. Myself I was struggling with breathing (warm air) and getting my legs going. I couldn't tell what was going on in front or behind with my head down and face screwed up in pain.



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On lap 4 or 5 we heard shouts and maybe a 'Sh...' which resulted in a small surge & lots of 'what happened.' Apparently Adam Dymond touched a wheel as the rider in front stood up on his pedals, which resulted in Adam coming down. The bunch saw him stand & he looked ok, so the group continued. Once I looked around to take stock of the group, it appeared to be down to five (5) riders (started with 14) - Geoff Cranstone, Hylton, Peter Shanahan, David Coull & myself.

Geoff soon departed with a 'BANG!' just after the start/finish; no not shot, he's rear wheel popped. Now we were four (4). From here it became David Coull's ride. Leaving Hylton and Peter's each time up the hill and going solo. Tony Curulli (C grade) tagged on the back of the three chasing David, giving words of engagement to the point he wouldn't let me drop of Peter S or Hylton's wheels when I was almost shot - "go on, get back on the wheel!" "don't leave a gap." My thoughts - "Shut up Tony!"

Last lap David was only 100 metres in front and we made a surge to get back onto his wheel prior to the final climb. Nothing exciting happened over

the hill, all four appearing knackered. David & myself had a small lead over Peter turning into the long finishing straight, Hylton a little further back. As we got to the small hump before the finish line it was Peter, David & Peter. With the finishing line in sight, Peter Shanahan went, David chased and I shook my head - where did they get the energy from. Peter S had a gusty win, David a close 2nd & me rolling over for 3rd, with Hylton a further 50M back.

I followed up with Around The Bay on Sunday. Riding from home I did 225km for the day. Initially the legs hurting from Gruyere, but once heading down Beach Rd with a tail wind the pain was gone. Had my roll in Sorrento at 9.30am next to the Bicycle Superstore Tent; I headed back at 9.45am into a persistent head wind. I used any wheel I could most of the way home, now the pain from racing the day before returned. I saw a few EVCC riders, I think - John Neil, Jim Hobbs and Daniel Hulbert. Only one flat tyre for the day, otherwise incident free, with a nice cold beer once I arrived home - aahh!

### Thanks to the officials

#### **Last Week : Gruyere on 19th Oct 2013**

Peter Mackie for taking entries, Keith Bowen (referee), Jamie Goddard, Nick Hainal, Mal Jones, Tom Blazevic, Haydn Bradbury, David Casey, Ken Davis, Petra Niclasen, Richard Partington, and Rob Birch for marshalling and traffic control. Also thanks to Andrew Buchanan for managing the duty roster, J.C Wilson for bringing the trailer and Dean Niclasen for supplying 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 Gruyere on 19th Oct 2013**

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>A Grade (7)</b>	S.Kirsch	D.DePedro	F.Nyhuis
<b>B Grade (11)</b>	D.Reynolds	D.Anderson	A.Gullace
<b>C Grade (11)</b>	J.Thompson	R.Debernadi	D.Maizels
<b>D Grade (9)</b>	P.Shanahan	D.Coull	P.Mackie
<b>E Grade (6)</b>	G.Hollards	D.Niclesen	R.Stranks



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## Future events:-

**October 8<sup>th</sup>** Tuesday Nights racing commences at Metec – **6pm sharp!** This series relies on volunteers; please pass on your preferred marshalling dates to Peter Mackie at :- [peter.mackie@parmalat.com.au](mailto:peter.mackie@parmalat.com.au)

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

	Date	Time	Location	Melway Ref	Event
<b>October</b>					
Sat	26	1.30pm	Avenel/Seymour	910M5	Royce Bennett Handicap
Mon	28	7:30pm	Ringwood Club	50 C3	Monthly General Meeting
<b>November</b>					
	2	2:00pm	Casey Fields	134 E10	Graded Scratch Races
Sat	9	2:00pm	Yarra Glen	266 J11	Graded Scratch Races
Sat	16	2:00pm	Casey Fields	134 E10	Graded Scratch Races
Sat	23	1:30pm	Dunlop Road	70 K10	Graded Scratch Races
Mon	25	7:30pm	Ringwood Club	50 C3	Monthly General Meeting
Sat	30	2:00pm	Casey Fields	134 E10	Graded Scratch Races

**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/>

	Sat 12th Oct - VVCC Handicap - Camperdown to Warrnambool			
20-10-2013	Highlands Spring Classic	60/105km	Highlands PS, Highlands	9.30am
27-10-2013	Jim Pritchard Memorial Handicap	64km	Avenel Rd, Seymour	10.00am

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

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