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Newsletter

Eastern Veterans Cycling Club



Dec 27th 2013

Duty Roster

This Week on 29th December – Metec:- Keith Bowen, Rob Devolle, Brian Dew, Nathan Dewar.

Next Week on 4th January – Casey Fields:- Nigel Kimber, Frank Donnelly, Gerard Donnelly, Gary Dowell.

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

Christmas Handicap Criterium at Metec 21/12/13; Race reports:-

A Grade (Rob Amos)

12 riders hoping to be in the top 5 to qualify for the Xmas Handicap meant it was could be an aggressive race, or everyone could soft pedal for 50 minutes and let the sprinters have the placings, but this is A grade and that was not going to happen with the attacks coming thick & fast. All the 4 BikegearNow riders taking it in turns to attack, along with Tony Chandler, JP. & Anthony Gullace making all the moves. Roy was also constantly at the front protecting his lead in the aggregate. At the 30 min mark Frank, Rob & Roy finally broke the elastic and built a small gap. A few laps later Stef & Guy jumped across with Tom from Northern in tow. After a couple of hard laps they were able to turn the gas down as the

rest of the field had blown to pieces. When the bell was rang, the only question was would Tom sprint as he had not done a turn all day, Tom decided to do the right thing !

Stats 32 kms in 50 min ave 39.2 kph, max 51.6 kph

HANDICAP

With Stef leading off Roy, Guy Frank & Rob they all got off on a steady first lap, catching B grade halfway round the 2nd lap with Doug Reynolds & David Woolhouse jumping on and splitting Rob & Frank from the turns. As they came into the finishing straight they were meet with a wall of riders blocking the track, Stef was the only rider able to weave himself through for 7th, F grade was still out of sight.



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C Grade (David Brown)

C grade was the biggest grade with 23 riders, meaning a lot of competition for the first five places to get through to the handicap. Although the overall speed wasn't super fast there were a number of attacks/testers from early on but these were mainly short lived thanks to people like Chris Norbury and Tony Curulli chasing them down. With a short lull in the racing I decided to go off the front to test my legs which lasted for about 1/2 a lap before Ian Smith(the other one) came smoothly past and kept on going. Unfortunately, I could not grab his wheel as he looked strong and meant business. I was soon swallowed back into the bunch but Ian took a lead of about 150 metres for several laps before he too was brought back in to the fold. Very hard to stay away at Metec where you are pretty much always in sight. The last couple of laps saw the main contenders taking up position near or at the front and the speed started to ramp up considerably specially on the last lap. A couple of hairy moments where the race line was not respected and shouts were heard going in to the corner after the 'hill'. Took a good outside line going in to the final corner and was building momentum before being impeded by someone sitting up in the final straight. Them's the breaks. Congrats to all the place getters for a fine race. And Well done to the guys from C Grade who also got places in the handicap - John Thomson, Peter Ransome and Peter Shanahan.



Overall winner Jeff Smith with Xmas Handicap trophy.



Jeff Smith winning the Handicap. Photo courtesy of Anita.

Results Metec 21/12/13

	Xmas Handicap	
1st	Jeff Smith	
2nd	Tony Lateo	
3rd	John Eddy	
4th	JC Wilson	
5th	Gary Leroy	
6th	John Thomson	
7th	Stefan Kirsch	
8th	Peter Ransome	
9th	Peter Shanahan	
10th	Simon Peeters	



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Future events:-

Eastern Vets Program: www.easternvets.com/

	Date	Time	Location	Melway Ref	Event
January 2014					
Sat	4	2:00pm	Casey Fields	134 E10	Graded Scratch Races
Sat	11	1:30pm	Dunlop Road	70 K10	Graded Scratch Races
Sat	18	2:00pm	Casey Fields	134 E10	Graded Scratch Races
Sat	25	2:00pm	METEC	51 D8	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/>

January 2014				
5/01/2014	Graded Scratch	1hr+Bell	National Boulevard	9.00am
12/01/2014	Graded Scratch	1hr+Bell	National Boulevard	9.00am
19/01/2014	Graded Scratch	1hr+Bell	National Boulevard	9.00am
26/01/2014	NO RACING - Australia Day			

Thanks to the officials

Last Week : Casey Fields 30/11/13.

Peter Mackie and Ron Stranks for taking entries, Richard Dobson (referee), Nigel Kimber, Dave Depedro, Graham Cadd and Damiano Ambrosini for marshalling duties. Also thanks to Andrew Buchanan for managing the duty roster, JC Wilson for bringing the trailer and Dean Niclasen for bringing the drink refreshments. Special thanks to Ronnie and those helping out on the free BBQ which was great.

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

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