



January 10th 2014

Duty Roster

This Week on 11th January – Dunlop Rd:- Steve Barnard, Adrian Dickinson, Steve Short, Neil Cartledge, Simon Bone, Rudi Botha, Peter Bram, Lindsay Bridgford, Ian Brown, Sam Bruzzese, Mark Edwards, Chris Ellenby, Andrew Fillery and Ross Gardiner.

Next Week on 18th January – Casey Fields: - John Thomson, Gerald McIver Snr, Laurie Gates & Callum Gough.

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

Casey Fields Criterium, 4/1/2014: Race reports:-

Unfortunately, no race reports have been presented this week. It may be because of the holidays, or just from lack of interest by the members. But in fact, the contributions have gradually declined over the recent past. There were times when several reports were sent in for the same grade. Now occasionally 1 or 2 from 6 grades is what can be expected. If you, the members have any suggestions as to why this is the case, or you would like to offer some changes to the newsletter and its content, please contact the editor. Irrespective of the content, it takes time to put the newsletter together 52 weeks a year and David does this with little recognition and no complaint. If the newsletter is not what you like or expect, we can change the content, the format or even drop the newsletter all together. It begs the question, how many of you actually do read the Newsletter? Neil Cartledge Sub editor.

D Grade: Neil Cartledge

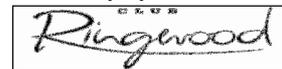
With the neutral lap completed in the usual unhurried fashion, the racing commenced with Dean Niclasen leading off the front but attracting little attention. The wind soon

brought Dean to his senses or if you prefer, back to the bunch.

Michael Muscat, always near the front, decided to test the bunch's resolve and pulled away by about 50 metres. When



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the gap was large enough, the front riders lifted the pace but just maintained the gap in so doing, leaving Michael to dangle off the front for several laps, in those energy sapping windy conditions. Even when Michael slowed to enable the bunch to come up to his wheel, nobody hinted that they would like to relieve him. So for a couple more laps Michael led the bunch into and with the wind.

At about half distance the contenders for envelopes pushed to the front to stamp their future claims. Dean did more work while Colin Mortley, Alan Cunneen Phi Taylor and several others followed suit. Michael was back lifting the pace and threatening to make a breakaway. This was the making for some nervous riders in the bunch chasing him if the gap looked like blowing out and sitting on when it didn't.

Towards the end of the 60 minutes, the conditions and the pace set by the front runners led to several calling it a day. It also led to the average speed dropping and the nemesis, C grade starting to close on the group. There is a lot of pride in keeping C grade at bay within the D grade fraternity.

With the bell imminent, several riders started attacks in anticipation, only to be denied and quietly slipping back into

the peloton. Finally the toll of the bell accompanied with the big 'D' indicated there was only 2.2k of hostilities left.

In the clubhouse straight Peter Mackie decided to 'manipulate' the aggregate points for the year by attacking, with Geoff Cranstone stuck on his wheel. The reaction was normal, jump on the train. Until the back straight the fainting and threats were muted. On the second last turn, Phil took the front and wound up the pace with the aid of the wind at his back. Neil was on his wheel and the powerful Dean perfectly placed in third position.

The status quo continued until the final turn towards the line. Phil held his left hand line and accelerated. Neil followed suit for some distance and then pulled to Phil's right to inherit the front spot. In the meantime, Dean was pouring on the power further to the right and came out of the wind shadow to lead to the line despite a late kick from Neil. The big threat in the form of Michael Muscat negated by cramps in the last lap. Next time... who knows?

A good clean and enjoyable race at moderate average speed with no incidences of safety issues. Thanks guys.

Casey Fields: 4/1/14

	First	Second	Third
A Grade (6)	Roy Clark	Guy Green	Steve Ross
B Grade (9)	Phil Thompson	Chris Ellenby	Dayle Goodall
C Grade (12)	Peter Ransome	Franc Tomsic	David Smith
D Grade (13)	Dean Niclasen	Neil Cartledge	Phillip Taylor
E Grade (6)	Adrian Dickinson	JC Wilson	Greg Harvey
F Grade (7)	Clive Wright	Keith Bowen	John Eddy

Thanks to the officials

Last Week: Casey Fields 4/1/2014.

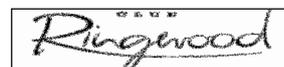
Peter Mackie and Ron Stranks for taking entries, (referee), Nigel Kimber, John Cain, Gary Dowell & Steve Barnard for marshalling duties. Also thanks to Andrew Buchanan for managing the duty roster, JC Wilson for bringing the trailer and Dean Niclasen for bringing the drink refreshments.

Metec: 7/1/14

	First	Second	Third	Forth
A Grade (14)	Andrew Mapstone	Guy Green	Steve Ross	
B Grade (18)	Kevin King	Doug Reynolds	Ray Russo	Ross Tinkler
C Grade (8)	Chris Norbury	Dean McKean	John Thomson	
D Grade (16)	Nathan Dewar	Michael Paull	Phillip Taylor	Colin Mortley
E Grade (5)	Mark Granland	James New	Michael Pearce	



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The Loop: 8/1/14

	First	Second	Third
Division 1	F Short (N)	P Thompson	R Russo
Division 2	S Foster	R Debernadi	J Williams
Division 3	M Collins (N)	B McCann	P Griffiths
Division 4	F Lees	M Powell (N)	R Maggs

Future events:-

Eastern Vets Program: www.easternvets.com/

	Date	Time	Location	Melway Ref	Event
January 2014					
Sat	11	1:30pm	Dunlop Road	70 K10	Graded Scratch Races
Sun	12	7:30am	Mt Buninyong	X911 A2	National Men's Road Race
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				
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			
2/02/2014	Trentham Handicap	44/55km	East Trentham	10:00am

Melbourne Olympics at Broad Meadows 1956. (When Broad Meadows was in the boon docks)

The following link is for the story of the 1956 Melbourne Olympic Games road race, which will be of interest to those of us who were around then and to those of us who weren't.

The 1956 Olympic Road Race

Check out the following link for the story of the road race. We are much more competitive these days than we were then.

John Eddy and Keith Bowen

<http://cyclingtips.com.au/2013/12/riding-through-history-the-1956-olympic-road-race/>

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

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