

Newsletter

7 February 2015



Duty Roster

Saturday Feb 7th Casey
Nigel Kimber, Darren Eagle,
Andrew Seen

Tuesday Feb 10th METEC
Richard Abel, Daniel Hulbert

Saturday Feb 14th Dunlop
Andrew Buchanan, Nick Hainal,
Ray Russo, Leon Bishop Wes
Black, Peter O'Callaghan,
Graham Haines, John Eddy,
Daniel Ives, Gerald McIver,
Russell Wheelhouse, Gary
Leroy, Steve Martin, Gavin
Plummer

Tuesday Feb 17th METEC
Craig Everard, Matt White

Note: Members rostered for duty must be at the circuit at least 1 hour prior to start time. If a marshal fails to turn up for duty, a rider will be balloted to do that duty. It is your responsibility to find a replacement if you can't do your duty, then advise Andrew Buchanan, tjptop2@optusnet.com.au



Welcome to the new look newsletter!

I would like to credit Lou Wolfers for the banner images – really great photography.

We are introducing 'image of the week' to grace the front cover of all editions. I encourage you to submit an image. Maybe some healthy competition to be featured on page one! This week's image was taken by Mark Edwards at last week's Tuesday night's METEC race. Unfortunately the night was marred by a serious accident involving rider Frank Nyhuis. This image shows the lone rider Chris Norbury being dwarfed by the presence of the ambulance.

Mark took over a hundred photos on the night, and they are fantastic. I have featured a few more on page two. Mark has generously uploaded all images for you to view, tag and download:

<https://plus.google.com/photos/117967416350645203611/albums/6109648160762906577>. If you would like high resolution copies of any images, please email Mark at markedwardsmac@gmail.com. Thank you, Mark!

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Race Reports



Peter Gray; Kym Petersen (E)



Dean McKeown; Colin Doherty; Adam Dymond (C)



Steve Ross; Peter Abel (A)

A Grade

From the bottom corner marshal. A good size bunch in A grade, all together on the first lap as they sussed each other and the course out. The next lap it was three away - Philpott, Nick Kennedy and JP with a good gap, the bunch not chasing very hard, ditto the next lap. JP was dropped from the break the next lap, the other two not happy with his work rate, as the bunch had put in a chase and closed some of the gap with the result that the non climbers in the bunch were off the back, but still chasing.

Next time round the break were pulling away and in no danger of being caught. With two to go Phil Smith had ridden off the front of the bunch and had a healthy gap, with the bunch now down to about six riders.

On the bell the front two were still together with Nick winning the sprint to take the win, Phil still comfortable in 3rd with Guy and Dave DePedro chasing hard but in vain with the rest of the grade in ones and twos. *(Rob Amos)*

B Grade (no reports)

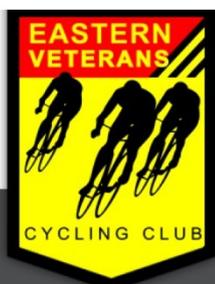
C Grade

Gruyere bloody Gruyere equals a tough day. For C grade it means 9 times up the hill and with the

quality of the field that presented themselves on the start line it was going to be very tough.

We rode out past the start line and the pace was nice and easy as it should be, but as we continued past the neutral zone the pace didn't lift and a few were trying to guess who would go first, so I decided to silence the chatter and went to the front and lifted the overall pace. First time up the hill there was plenty of looking around trying to work out who was on song and who was having a hard day. There was a bit of funny business going on as we went down the straight, by that I mean surging and slowing which was causing dramas back in the pack. There was a few hard pushes as we went up the hill the second time and number 64 D. Watt (apologies don't know your christian name) looked strong. The race then settled down to a steady pace with not too much happening except that a couple of riders were getting dropped each time we went up the rise.

On about lap 5 going up the hill John Thompson moved off the front and created a nice gap. I quickly bridged thinking this could be good and another two had made the break as we hit the top of the hill. I went to the front because John was starting to labour and as we turned onto the finishing straight I had gapped them so I thought I might as well have a go and see what happens. At least it will cause a stir in the riders that where





left and shed a few more to bring the group down to a manageable amount.

With two and a half laps to go they brought me back into the fold mostly being Craig Blowfield bringing them back. I moved back to have a bit of a rest and to see who was still looking strong; Craig, Tim Crowe, Garry Stoppar, Russell Wheelhouse and the afore mentioned D. Watt looked pretty good with Martin Stalder, Tony Tonkin and Andrew Buchanan always a threat. We slowed the pace down on the penultimate lap waiting for the bell and try to get ourselves ready for the inevitable last kick up the hill.

It was Tim Crowe who went first and Russell Wheelhouse tacked onto him and they had about a 10 meter gap. I was happy to see Craig go past me so I jumped onto his wheel hoping for tow down the hill and back up to the two in front.

Craig got back onto Tim and Russell with me being the shadow as we crested the little rise we could see the finish line but we could also see a car coming at us, so we had to delay the sprint until the car had passed and the road opened up.

Tim accelerated hard with Russell losing ground and getting passed by Craig and myself. I didn't have the punch to ride past Craig and that's how we crossed the line. All in all a great days racing on a very challenging course.

Thanks to all who did the marshalling and officiating we are all very grateful. (Peter Webb)

D Grade

The conditions were near perfect for the Gruyere, a course that many of us consider to be one of the toughest on the EVCC calendar. Seventeen brave souls turned up to take on D Grade, the challenge of climbing that 1.6km Killara hill 9 painful times. It was apparent right from the beginning that it was going to be tough day at the office as we started to close on C Grade half way through the first lap. The first time up the climb set the tone for the afternoon with Louise McKimmie, resplendent in lime green Liqui Gas colours, coming from mid pack to take the lead

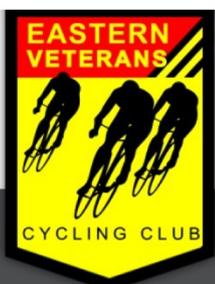
over the top as the 16 fellas behind gasped for air trying to hold on. Fortunately for the rest of us Louise was not as quick downhill and on the flat and the pack was able to recover.

Geoff Darroch broke away from the pack on the second lap but no one except Louise McKimmie was interested in chasing so he sat out there until the hill but thankfully she only went half throttle and the pack stayed together.

The pace slowed on the finishing straight so Dean Nichalsen jumped to the front with Ian Smith in tow. The cunning plan was to be in front on the hills in the hope that you would still be near them near the top. It worked for two laps but Louise dropped the hammer big time up that hill and smashed the field dropping Dean and a few others in the process. It was great to see a new member Mark Charlton hanging in there and in fact passing most of us up the hill. Mark was saying before the race that last time he was here he only lasted a few laps. Ian then tried Dean's trick of going to the front and slowing on the hills only to be left out there for most of a lap and cooking himself.

And so the torture went on with Louise starting from the rear of the pack on each climb of the hill and finishing in front at the top. Andrew Wedderburn went with her a few times and set a lot of the pace. By about lap seven we were passing lots of C grade riders yet remarkably two thirds of the D Grade pack held together. Rob Giles, only recently back into racing was riding a canny race just behind the leaders.

With two laps to go Ken Bone started surging up the hill early in an effort to be near Louise at the top. It worked the first time but on the final lap it was all Andrew and Louise with Ian and Geoff grinding way into the red zone trying to stay within reach. The attack blew the pack apart. Over the top and Louise slowed again allowing Ian to roll past on the downhill. Andrew was well away and was going so fast he past B Grade near the finish. Ian held onto second, Louise third and Geoff fourth. Congratulations to all on a strong and safe ride. Special congratulations to Louise who is only recently back from injury. Heaven help us when she gets her full fitness back. (Ian Smith)



E Grade

Seven Magnificent Men and their two wheeled steeds lined up for the E Grade race at Gruyere, with a Mediocre Muppet making the field of eight.

Peter "Steve McQueen" Grey led the field around the first lap. However, each subsequent lap claimed a Magnificent rider as casualty, with Zen "Yul Bryner" Gawronski and Nic "James Coburn" Hainal inflicting most of the damage as they cranked up the pace up the Col du Killara Road.

I think it was with three laps to go (the lack of certainty may be attributable to your correspondent's hypoxia and tachycardia) that "Yul Bryner" Zen ceased playing with the remaining field, the way an orca plays with a baby seal prior to devouring it, taking off early in the fourth lap, taking with him Rob "Horst Bucholz" Lackey and leaving "James Coburn" Nic and Ray "Charles Bronson" to drag the sorry mule that was the Mediocre Muppet.

The fifth lap saw "Yul Bryner" Zen ride convincingly off into the sunset atop Killara Road alone and beyond challenge, leaving "Bucholz" Rob in no man's land with "Coburn" Nic steadily closing the gap and the Mediocre Muppet desperately holding onto the latter's wheel.

Into the final straight with Zen already back in the saloon, Rob made a solo dash for the finish line somewhere within the last 50 metres, to secure second place, leaving Nic the third prize and the Mediocre Muppet panting in for the not too distant fourth. (*Allan "muppet man" Chiong*)

Words are cheap, so I shouldn't have been surprised at the post-race gathering, when my remittance from Zen Gawronski for agreeing to write this report was one can of Coke. According to Zen, he spent a lot of time at the front of the bunch and so couldn't observe what was happening out back. Don't tell Zen but I wasn't there for much of it myself (having been dropped on the climb during lap 2) so maybe the drink was a good deal after all.

The weather for Gruyere was a good deal as well. Although a moderate to strong southerly was prominent on the day, its effect on the course was fairly minimal, with the crosswinds perhaps not favoring drafting riders in larger pelotons.

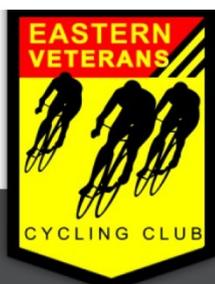
RACE OF ATTRITION: Six laps to go and there were eight. It seemed like Peter Gray (for reasons best known to himself), acquired a 'Bee in Bonnet' approach to drive the bunch from the front for most of the opening laps. Experience should have told him to share this position with the others. Peter was distanced on the climb after inadvertently causing Ronnie Stranks and Ray Watts to lose contact.

Four laps to go and then there were five. It was difficult to say who was doing what during the next couple of laps, as the flickering of distant tail lamps was all that could be sighted from a hundred or so meters back. I suspect Zen lead most of this period, with Robert Lackey, Alan Choing and Nick Hainal following. It looked like Robin Condi had lost contact with the bunch on the third climb and so now Peter had a carrot to chase.

Two laps to go and then there were four. Now, this is where things became both interesting and confusing. I'm certain we did an extra lap 2, as I was monitoring the count down on the 'Multi-grade' display panel. Did anyone also experience this phenomenon? I don't carry an odometer you see. The extra lap didn't really affect the race outcome anyway. Peter continued to close the gap to Robin, eventually overtaking him on the climb and setting the bunch in his sights. However his pursuit was unsuccessful.

One lap to go then there was one. Zen surged on the penultimate climb and rode away to leave the chasers to squabble over the 'minimum chips'. Robert was too strong for Nick and Alan, with Peter powering over the finish line about 40 seconds after the chasers.

WRAP UP: Zen has recently rekindled his strengths in both criterion and road racing, which should position him nicely back in D grade. Ha,ha! An impressive second place to Robert, who hadn't previously completed a circuit of





Gruyere, let alone raced it. Always amongst the finishers, Nick is travelling well and it's good to see Alan back racing again.

P.S. Zen, this report has got to earn me some extra 'Brownie' points. *(Peter Gray)*

News and stuff

Help Needed with GPS tracker

TK102B



Brian Farrell has a GPS tracker that can be placed under the seat on a bike. If someone nicks the bike you can then contact it with the mobile phone and find it. To make this work however, he needs a 2G GPX sim card. They are obsolete now. The GPS sim card is the same as Telstra G2 network 1999 era.

Just think what this gadget could do - the handicapper could sit at the start line and follow each rider in a race and know who is strong and who is not! Brian's wife will also be able to follow him when he's out riding and will know when to put the kettle on so the coffee's ready when he gets home ... mmmm, he hopes.

If anyone has brains to wrap around this product please let Brian know as his is still trying to overcome the VVCC transponder system. brian.farrel@bigpond.com

Assistance needed

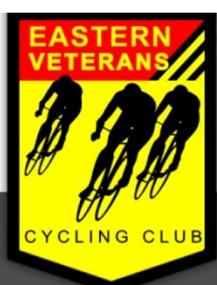


Thank you Dave Hyde for transporting the trailer – all members have benefited from his generosity. Dave is unable to continue to transport the EVCC trailer to races so this vital and essential task needs someone to take on the role. Their car needs towing capacity and also enough space at home to store the trailer. As compensation for the effort and extra petrol costs the club subsidises the volunteer's race entry fee. Please contact Nigel to offer your assistance: nigel.kimber@virginbroadband.com.au

AGM reminder

**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

The Club's AGM is coming on March 30th. At this meeting, all positions (except that of secretary) will be open for filling. Nomination forms for positions are available for positions from <http://easternvets.com/documentation/> and are due to Nigel one month prior to the meeting. nigel.kimber@virginbroadband.com.au





METEC Accident update



Frank Nyhuis has provided an update after his accident: “After being well looked after first by our first aid officer, JC and Pete Ransome, then by the attending ambo's, I was taken to Maroondah ER, where they did a CT scan and found a teardrop fracture in the C6 vertebra, as well as a broken nose and a 3-stitch cut in the top lip. Left hospital that night in a cervical collar, stitched lip and two black eyes (and a not-so-happy wife, haha!). Went to a surgeon on Tuesday and was given the good news that I didn't need any surgery on the fracture, and would just have to put up with the collar for 6-8 weeks while the body did some natural healing. And as the only contact after being thrown over the handlebars was with my head, I didn't get a single scratch or tear on me, my bike, or my kit. The helmet, on the other hand, is being replaced. So thanks to everyone for their concern and good wishes, I will be back to fight another day!” We wish Frank a speedie recovery and hope the indoor trainer doesn't bore him too much.

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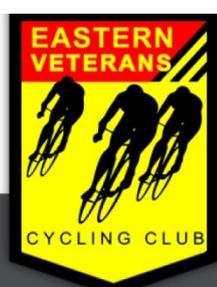


Wanted to Sell: 1 x lightweight Bontrager Evoke saddle, Size 125mm, hollow rails. Used twice.....wrong size for me. Very good condition. \$30.00

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Race Results

Sat 31.01.15 Gruyere	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
A Grade (13)	Nick Kennedy (n)	Jaye Philpotts	Phil Smith		
B Grade (13)	Rob Monteith	Craig Oliver	Kevin King		
C Grade (21)	Tim Crowe	Craig Blowfield	Peter Webb	Russell Wheelhouse	David Watts (n)
D Grade (17)	Andrew Wedderburn	Ian Smith	Louise McKimmie	Geoff Darroch	
E Grade (8)	Zeon Gawronski	Rob Lackey	Nick Hainal		





Tues 03.02.15 METEC	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
A Grade (12)	D dePedro	A Mapstone	R Abel		
B Grade (19)	S Crowhurst	D Hulbert	R Russo	G Greenhalgh	
C Grade (17)	P Ransome	D Rutherford	P Semmens	J Thomson	
D Grade (16)	D Casey	D Wedderburn	W Black	P Brann	
E Grade (12)	P Gray	K Petersen	Z Gawronski		

Wedn 04.02.15 The Loop	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Division 1 (18)	C Jones	I Clark (n)	D Depedro		
Division 2 (13)	J Hasouras (n)	T Curulli	R Suran		
Division 3 (7)	D Niclasen	B Evans	A Cunneen		
Division 4 (7)	F Lees	B Rodgers	L Bohn		

Thanks for Sat race: Peter Mackie and Ron Stranks on the desk, David Hyde with the trailer. Dean on the drinks and Shelly on first-aid. Marshals Tony Curulli, Andrew Nielsen, Dave McCormack, Jamie Goddard, Rob Amos, Michael Pearce, Roy Clark, Nick Thompson, Steve Fothergill, J C Wilson, Ken Mayberry, Janita Keating

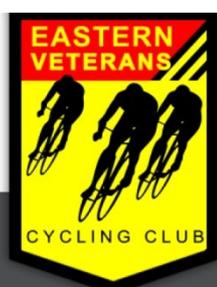
Also thanks to Peter Mackie and Keith Bowan for METEC and Loop race organising and Neil Carledge for 'behind the scenes' newsletter support.

Future Events

Eastern Vets

Please refer to page 1 of this newsletter, or go to <http://easternvets.com/roster/>

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 eve.



Northern Vets www.northerncycling.com

Date 2014	Race	Dist.	Venue	Time	Event
8/02/15	GSR	1hr + Bell	National Boulevard (Ford)	9:00am	Graded Scratch race
15/02/15	Vic Crit Championships and support races	30 laps	National Boulevard (Ford)	?	
22/02/15	VVCC Handicap - Dookie				

Training Rides

Day/Time/Place	Route	Style	Contact
Tuesdays 9:30 am (9:00 am during DST). Main Yarra Trail (meet under Burke Road overpass).	Under Burke Road on Main Yarra Trail to Southbank via Yarra Boulevard and bike paths along the river and return.	Social, bike paths and roads, coffee @ Southbank.	Keithb33@optusnet.com.au
Sunday Mornings Beach Road Ride. Leave 8.00 am sharp. Meet at Peanut Farm Reserve. Cnr Blessington & Chaucer Sts. St Kilda.	Ride along Beach Rd to Frankston. 10 min stop. Then ride back to St Kilda. (approx. 65 km).	Social Ride - Coffee back at St Kilda.	

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