

Newsletter



Duty roster

5 December, Casey Fields

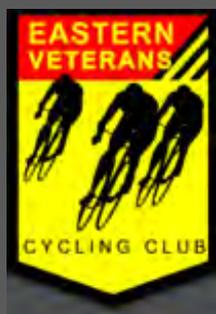
Keith Bowen (R), Shane Dwyer, Richard Hensey

12 December, METEC

Steve Barnard (R), Nathan Carter, Dale Linaker, Adam Dymond, Nick Tapp

If rostered for duty, you must be at there at least 1 hour prior to start time. It's your responsibility to find a replacement if unable to do your duty, then advise Andrew Buchanan, tiptop2@optusnet.com.au

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This week's racing is the Christmas Handicap at Casey Fields. Racing commences at 2:00 pm, with registrations closing at 1:45 pm sharp. We particularly welcome families on this day. There will be a free BBQ, activities for children – including, it is rumoured, a flying visit from a bearded bloke in a red suit – and we welcome partners and offspring to join us on the circuit for the warm-up.

Reports on last Saturday at Dunlop Road from two of our regular contributors, and more pictures, are within, so read on.



*Rob Devolle sprints to a win in E grade at Dunlop Road on Saturday.
Photo: Brian Farrell*

Graded scratch races, Dunlop Road, 28 November

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
A grade (18)	Gerard Donnelly	Ciaran Jones	Sean Wilkeson
B grade (18)	Colin Doherty	Grant Greenhalgh	Darren Smith
C grade (18)	B. Williams	Tim Maffey	Peter Shanahan
D grade (11)	Dean Niclasen	Sam Bruzzese	M. Picozzi
E grade (14)	Rob Devolle	Harry Hibgame	Jim Swainston
F grade (10)	John Eddy	Petra Niclasen	Clive Wright



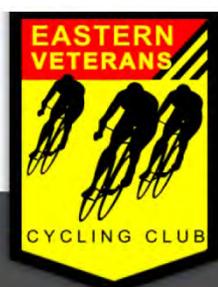
A grade and E grade share the road.
Photo: Peter Gray

B grade

With the weather conditions just about perfect for those who like a slightly coolish temperature, which is most of the sprinters, it was going to be a hard day to cause a split. B grade consisted of 18 riders, with some very handy riders coming into good form. After our lazy lap, Grant Greehalgh was first to go. He was riding for team Norbury and, as there were another four riders sporting the same uniform, this was going to be a pseudo teams race. When Grant was done, Ray Russo

took off. When he was done, John Thomson had a go, and so the pattern was set – but they still had Peter Mackie and Dave Hyde up their sleeve.

We chased every acceleration down, with good work done by Walter Savini, Darren Smith and John Williams. Even Anthony Gullace was in a chasing mood, but when he caught them he kept going and then we had to chase Anthony (good tactic). There were lots of attacks, most notably by Ian Smith. This caused the overall speed to be pretty high (average speed 38.4 km/h) so there





was no chance to really recover between attacks. Getting closer to the last 20 minutes of the race things quietened down a bit, but then Bruce Will decided to have a crack and Colin Doherty went with him. My thoughts were, 'Oh crap, this is serious', but fortunately they didn't work together and it got shut down. Soon after, Dave Hyde flew around all of us (team Norbury again) but again Walter worked hard and we caught Dave and shut him down, so now it was basically a bunch sprint.

Paul James now started to work himself towards the leading group, and I used him to keep myself in touch. 'Ring-a-ding!' goes the bell, and the speed goes up. All the big boys are coming

towards the front, with Bruce not wanting to be the lead-out for the rest of the group. Darren is moving well, as is Colin, Dave is moving fast on the outside and making ground, also Grant is positioning himself well. Because of the shortened finishing straight, it was imperative to be well placed around the top corner with good bike-handling skills. Some of the early leaders lost ground and the well-placed riders took advantage, and the sprint was on in earnest. Colin kicked so hard that nobody could go with him. Grant rode strongly to hold off a fast-finishing Darren, and the rest of us rolled through safely to complete a tough but enjoyable race.

Peter Webb

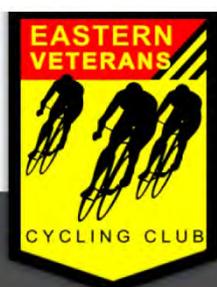


*Rob Amos leads A grade – or does he?
Photo: Peter Gray*

E grade

Dunlop Road feels very much like home now as we rarely use METEC on Saturdays. I usually do a few laps around the circuit on a Saturday morning and this week I noticed the dunny was in place nice and early but, alas, there was a trailer off a semi parked in an awkward spot. E grade

had good numbers and quality and the race lived up to its promise. The strong people made sure there was some pain; Harry Hibgame really stretched things out, as did Rob Devolle, and it was the best ride I had seen Zen Gawronski put up. We hadn't seen much of Mick Paull since he became a Peninsula person but he looked in fine fettle, while Rob Condie was always up in good





position. John Marx looked the part on his new white charger, and his last two laps demonstrated that he will flourish in hard conditions.

The bunch was a bit restless waiting for the bell, but things got under way with a solid last lap. Rob pretty much had us nugged and was unchallenged to win easily from Harry, who must be remembering his early days at Footscray about

55 years ago. Juanita challenged me for 3rd but I just hung on and got the very modest chocolates!

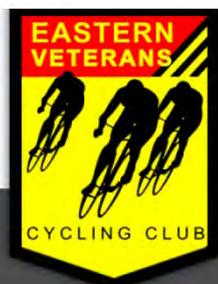
A grade was great to watch but hard for the troops as the Giant team flexed their muscles.

Thanks to all who contributed to the running of the day.

Jim Swainston



*It's going to be close as C grade sprints to the line.
Photo: Brian Farrell*





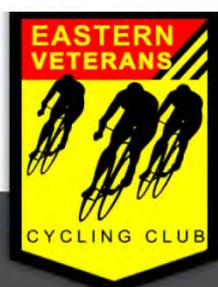
Tuesday night racing at METEC, 1 December

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
A grade (12)	Roy Clark	Peter Howard	Tayfun Ugrasbul
B grade (14)	Dayle Goodall	Perry Peters	Ross Tinkler
C grade (14)	Darren Rutherford	Peter Ransome	Steve Short
D grade (11)	Brad Jones	Greg Harvey	David Casey
E grade (7)	Harry Hibgame	Mark Granland	Ken Allan

Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Kew, 2 December

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 1 (12)	Richard McCorkhill (N)	Paul Firth	Agostino Giramondo (N)
Division 2 (14)	Daryl Beovich	Peter Webb	Rob Giles
Division 3 (7)	Dean Niclasen	Andreas Weber	Simon Bol (N)
Division 4 (4)	John Eddy	Barry Ellem	Barry Rodgers

Thanks to Keith Bowen and the usual crew for setting up and running proceedings.





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Get your tickets for the 118th Austral Wheelrace and Australian Madison!

SATURDAY DECEMBER 19

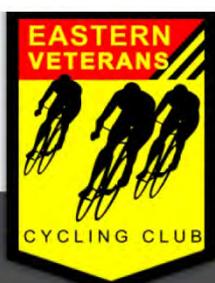
**118TH AUSTRAL WHEELRACE
MADISON CHAMPIONSHIPS**

HISENSE ARENA | #AUSTRAL2015

Tickets are now on sale to the biggest track night of the year. The world's best cyclists are set to light up Hisense Arena on Saturday 19 December. An action-packed night of track cycling will feature the following events:

- 118th Austral Wheelrace Carnival
- 2016 Australian Madison Championships for both Men and Women
- UCI Category 1 Sprints and Keirins

It's a night not to be missed! Purchase tickets now for this event at [Ticketek](#).





Wellington to Auckland Challenge, 14–21 February 2016

We now have four Vets booked to do the 900 km, 12-stage race from Wellington to Auckland between 14 and 21 Feb 2016:

Geoff O'Loughlen (+ partner)
Greg Foster
Dave McCormack
John Williams.

For anyone else that is interested, it is not too late to enter. Bookings are open until the end of the year, and last year I didn't book until mid-January. Cost for race entry, hotels, dinners and transportation of luggage (each day) is NZ\$1337, or around \$1280 in proper Aussie dollars, and most of us are booking flights into Wellington and back out of Auckland for around \$250 each way, including 30 kg of luggage.

Any queries, please call me on 0419 713 087, or email on john.williams@jhw.com.au.

John Williams



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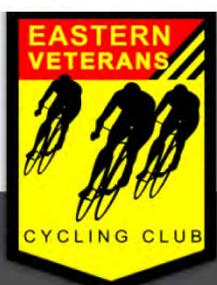
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Future events

Eastern Vets

For other events, 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.

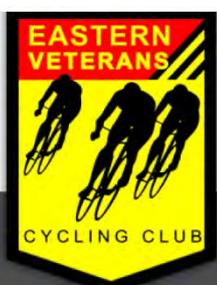
No late entries will be accepted for either scratch races or handicaps. Entries to handicaps can be submitted via e-mail to the handicapper or on any race day prior to the event.

Northern Vets

For more details go to <http://www.northerncycling.com/>

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	
Saturday mornings (7.30 am) and Sundays/public holidays (8.00 am) Meet at Ringwood Clock towers, Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood	Maroondah Hwy to Carlton for coffee, then return	Fast social	





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