

Newsletter



Duty roster

16 January, Casey Fields

Steve Barnard (R), Paul Anderson, Paul Semmens

23 January, Dunlop Road

Richard Dobson (R), Rob Giles (TC), Ian M. Smith (TC), Ken Saxton (TC), Cameron Senese, Chris Sheers, Josie Simpson, Stewart Bendall, Peter Dunn, David Holt, Craig Oliver, Rob Castellani, Wes Black, Rob Devolle, Marcus Herzog

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, tjtop2@optusnet.com.au

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We hope you've been enjoying the summer. Your newsletter editor has recently had some time off from both the bike and the keyboard but is now back on deck – if moving slowly in both capacities. Thanks to those who have continued to contribute results and other items in the meantime – two recent race reports follow. There will be no newsletter again next week, but then we should be back to full transmission for 2016.

Racing has continued apart from a very few interruptions for inclement weather, and Saturday results are, as always, available to view on the club's website. Racing last Saturday was at Dunlop Road; this week it's at Casey Fields.

There's also been a feast of spectator cycling in recent weeks, including the Bay Crits (spectator cycling for most of us – congratulations to Tom Leaper on a solo win in the Masters support race in Portarlington) and the Road National Championships, and there's lots more to come with the Tour Down Under, Bridie O'Donnell's attempt at the Hour Record for women, the Herald Sun Tour and the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race. Maybe you'll get to sit back and enjoy some of it between training rides ...



The peloton enjoys the scenery in the 2015 Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race. Photo: Graham Watson



Graded scratch races, Dunlop Road, 9 January

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
A grade (12)	David Moreland	Guy Green	Frank Nyhuis		
B grade (23)	David Pyne	Darren Smith	Walter Savini	Paul Firth	Owen Lewis
C grade (27)	Dale Maizels	John Pritchard	Boyd Williams	Ian Gillies	Adam Dymond
D grade (14)	Rob Castellani	Steve Barnard	Dean Niclasen		
E grade (8)	Ken Allan	Jim Swainston	Mark Granland		
F grade (6)	Clive Wright	John Eddy	Frank Lees		

E grade

It is only when I came to write this that I realised how poor my knowledge of names is. Most of the E-graders I know are injured, away or upgraded! However, I thought Ken Allan's ride was worthy of mention – to take a lap is exceptional. I noticed him at Metec four weeks ago as, about halfway through, he did a hard two-lap turn and I departed off the back. Perhaps he did me a favour as I was away from the subsequent fall.

Our race started out quietly enough, but early on a break appeared, initially with three in it until Neil Wray rocketed up to them, then rocketed off the back just as quickly. Ken proceeded to drop the two others and it looked like it could have been a good chase, but Ken kept at it and gradually pulled away. We maintained reasonable pressure for about 25 minutes, but the last stanza of the race saw pretty much a surrender. The morale breaker occurred when Ken shot past us to claim his lap and kept going! All we had left to do was sprint for 2nd. We were up the tails of C grade for a while but got clear ground around the last corner with Mark Granland hitting out well. Mark hung on and hung on but I just got over him.

It was something of a relief to find out afterwards that Ken is the younger brother of Don and David!

Good to see Zen and to have Rob riding.

My resolution is to learn more names. Thanks to all for a trouble-free day

Jim Swainston

B grade, Casey Fields, 2 January

Welcome to a new year of racing and Casey Fields didn't disappoint. Yes, it was windy and a bit humid. As we kicked off on our neutral lap, myself and John Williams sat on the front and were chatting about nothing when he mentioned that there were only six of us in the race. This surprised me as I hadn't been paying much attention to who was signing in, but my mind went immediately to the thought that at least I had a 50 per cent chance of getting a place.

We were scheduled to have an intermediate sprint sometime after the 20-minute point, so it was going to be pretty tactical for the first part of the race. John Williams was first to attack and everyone jumped on pretty quickly. Then Walter Savini had a go, with John Thomson being next to have a crack. Anthony Gullace was constantly sprinting off the front and I showed my teeth to the wind a couple of times.

As the time drew closer to the mid point everyone





settled down for the intermediate sprint. The bell rang and John Thomson was on the front and he stayed there for quite a while, then John Williams went to the lead with me tucked in behind him. As we turned onto the finishing straight, John Williams moved or was blown a little wide, which left me with a run on the lee side (sailing term). I hit it hard and came away with the win.

Once over the line I decided to keep going because I knew that John Thomson would be trying to establish a break after the sprint and I wanted to be in that break. And that's exactly what happened. Anthony was obviously thinking the same and we quickly established a break, which left Walter, Peter Mackie and John Williams in a bit of trouble. We didn't work all that well together and the first to get back on was John Williams. We turned the pace down a bit and Peter got on. That left Walter on his own about 50 metres in arrears, but to his credit he stuck at it

and after about two laps he also managed to get on. It was so windy that at one stage Anthony and I nearly got blown off the track due to a wind gust.

The bell rang for the final lap and poor John Williams was on the front again. We were happy to leave him there – we were nearly track standing going into the wind. John kept going until we turned onto the back straight, when Peter Mackie jumped and so the sprint was on. Gooch wound it up and I was hard on his wheel. We left a faltering Peter Mackie in our wake. Gooch led into the finishing strait and he held it to the chequered flag with me 2nd and Walter coming in 3rd.

Thanks to all for making it a great race on a testing day.

Peter Webb





Tuesday night racing at METEC, 12 January

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
A grade (15)	Richard Abel	David De Pedro	Peter Howard
B grade (15)	Doug Reynolds	Perry Peters	Darren Smith
C grade (14)	Darren Rutherford	Adrian Zubovic	Sam Bruzzese
D grade (9)	Kym Petersen	Dean Niclasen	Keith Wade
E grade (5)	Ken Allen	Phil Johns	Harry Hibgame

Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Kew, 13 January

Racing at Kew Loop on Wednesday 13 January was cancelled owing to the already high (and predicted higher – it got to 43°C) temperature. Those who had braved the conditions rolled around for a reduced time and no results were recorded.





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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