



EASTERN VETERANS CYCLING CLUB

Newsletter 12 June 1999

Last Week at East Wandin

After several changes to the weather forecast, we were a little apprehensive about the days racing. Even driving to East Wandin we encountered some rain showers, but on arrival the rain had stopped, and after two recent cancellations, it looked as though we would race this day. The numbers were down due to several reasons. Firstly, some stayed away due to the possibility of rain, some do not like the hilly terrain of East Wandin and finally, some had a legitimate reason by their racing at Hubert Opperman Memorial event at Rochester where the famous cyclist was born.

At start time, 33 riders in all six grades began their respective journeys around the testing 10km course. The results were as follows:

Grade	First	Second	Third
A	Phil Thompson	Quintin Frane	
B	Roger Burns	Mick Buckley	
C	John Walker	Martin Stalder	Andy Mclean
D	Ron Stranks	Brian Toohey	
E	Leon Bishop	Tony Morris	
F	Clive Allen		

This Week at Melrich Road

Back at our old criterian course at Melrich Road for Graded Scratch Races.

This week it is B, D and F Grades to have first start. A, C and E Grades to take second place.

Coming Events for Eastern Vets

June

Monday 14 (Queen's Birthday) 9.00am	Sandown	Mel 80C10 Graded Scratch Races
Saturday 19 2.00pm	Yarra Glen Racecourse	Mel 275B1 Graded Scratch Races
Saturday 26 2.00pm	Steels Creek	Mel 266J10 Group Handicap 48km.

July

Saturday 3 2.00pm	Yanathan	Mel 410 S7 Graded Scratch Races
Monday 5 8.00pm	Club Meeting	Maroondah Club Ringwood
Saturday 10 2.00pm	East Wandin	Mel 121 J9 Graded Scratch Races
Saturday 17 2.00pm	Yarra Glen Racecourse	Mel275 B1 GSR Toolangi
Saturday 24 9.00am	Sandown	Mel 80 C10 Graded Scratch Races
Saturday 31 2.00pm	Melrich Road	Mel 64 K5 Graded Scratch Races

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Coming Events Other Clubs

Southern Vets

June Sunday 20	10.00am	Wonthaggi	Football Ground	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday 27	9.00am	Lang Lang	Lang Lang Hotel	Graded Scratch Races

Northern Vets

June

Sunday 20	9.30am	Toolern Vale	64km Handicap
Sunday 27	9.30am	Freight Drive Campbellfield	Scratch Races

VVCC Road Championships

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AVCC

Australian Veteran Road Championships at McLaren Vale S.A. 18 – 20 September 99

Eastern Club Meeting 7 June

It was very disappointing to have only seven attend the meeting out of a membership of 116. Your contribution to the running of the Club is important. Come along and let your Committee know what activities you would like the Club to consider.

Some points discussed at the meeting were as follows:

- **Out and Back Turns**

In future there will be a 100m neutral zone before and after each turn so that riders can turn in single file with safety and so that the bunch can regroup after the turn. This will probably not apply to handicap races where the bunches will be small, and when it is in everyone's interest to keep the bunch together to maximise their working ability.

- **Red Flags and Stop Signs**

Some Clubs use Stop/Go signs while others like ourselves use red flags to control traffic and riders. To achieve some consistency between clubs, it has been agreed to use the Stop/Go signs. It is thought that these will be observed more by motorists. If a motorist does not look like stopping, the corner steward should then stop the riders. Corner should be wearing the red or orange vests.

- **Club Racing Jersys**

We are looking for new sponsors to help offset the cost to members. In order to gauge the number to be ordered, members wanting jersys should advise Peter Burchall.



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Newsletter 5 June 1999

Last Week at Steels Creek

Another wet miserable day. Still the hardy ones tuned up regardless of the weather, although there were two members who rang the club phone to find out if racing was on or not. The person answering the calls advised that racing would be on as usual and a little bit of rain would not stop the Eastern Vets. How wrong he was. Apologies for the wrong information.

At about 1.45pm there did appear to be a break in the clouds to the north, but unfortunately there were more black clouds following. A vote was taken by the fifteen or so present and it was agreed there were too few starters to hold a meaningful Time Trial Championship. Clive Allen was about the only one keen to start as he was the only rider in the 70 to 75 grade and he has never won Gold, sorry Clive.

There was one compensating factor; we had more offers for corner stewards than ever before.

Winter Time Trial Championships

It was a conscious decision to hold the TT Champs early in the season as it was thought the weather would be reasonably good just before the onset of Winter, how wrong we were. Having canceled last Saturday, it is now proposed to hold the time trials at Steels Creek on Saturday 7 August, instead of the scheduled scratch races.

This Week at East Wandin

Back at East Wandin for the third time this season and hopefully better weather than the last time.

Five laps for A, B and C grades, four laps for D and E with F grade completing three laps.

Coming Events for Eastern Vets

June

Monday 7	8.00pm	Maroondah Club	Club Meeting
Saturday 12	2.00pm	Melrich Road	Mel 64 K5 Graded Scratch Races
Monday 14 (Queen's Birthday)	9.00am	Sandown	Mel 80C10 Graded Scratch Races
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Southern Vets

June Sunday 6 9.00am Crib Point Mel165D10 Graded Scratch Races
Saturday, Sunday, Monday 12,13,14
3 Day cycling Tour Dromana-Crib Point-Somers-Sandown
Entry Fee \$25.00 for all four races \$7.00 per race.
Entries close 30 May with Tony McKay phone 003 5678 7443
Sunday 20 10.00am Wonthaggi Football Ground Graded Scratch Races
Sunday 27 9.00am Lang Lang Lang Lang Hotel Graded Scratch Races

Northern Vets

June Tom Stewart Week-end 12 and 13 June at Seymour Avenel Road / Race Course
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Newsletter 29 May 1999

Last Week at Melrich Road

Our second time at Melrich Road for the 1999 Winter Road Season. One hour graded scratch races were held for A, B, C, E and F grades. Too few starters for D Grade so some riders were moved up to C Grade and the lucky ones moved down to E Grade.

It was great to see our President, Peter Burchall at the meeting and look so well. We are all looking forward to seeing Peter racing again in the not too distant future. The results were.

Grade	First	Second	Third
A	Phil Thompson	Graham Stobie	Colin Barnard
B	Rowan Fell	Tony McLean	Pat Healey
C	Garry Coombes	Joe Kloprogge	David Hill
D			
E	David McCormack	John Porter	Clive Wright
F	Willy Cameron	Lou Edwards	Clive Allen

Phil Thompson and Graham lead the field home some fifty metres ahead of the main bunch. A closely contested sprint finish for B Grade, with Rowan just edging out Tony McLean and Pat Healey who rode solo for several laps before being overtaken by the bunch. Good to see Tony back. He says that his absence was partly due to illness; I think it will be A Grade as soon as he gets better.

Garry Coombes is heading for higher grades in the not too distant future with four firsts and one second in five races this Winter Season. David McCormack is also under the watch of the Handicapper. He was a little lucky to be dropped to E Grade instead of promotion to C Grade. Willy Cameron proved himself too strong for F Grade on the day, riding solo for the major part of the race and finishing three-quarters of a lap ahead of the field.

Thanks to all of the members and visitors who helped with the running of the events and being corner stewards. Jack Thompson, where are you, we miss you. Hope to see you whenever possible Jack.

This Week at Steels Creek for Winter Time Trial Championships

All riders are welcome to take part but Championship placing's are restricted to Eastern Members only.

The course will be two laps of a 12.5km out and back course with all age groups covering 25km. The start and finish will be at the top of the hill not starting at the cemetery, as has been our practice this year.

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Our New Drink Man

Andrew Thurkle has taken over from Peter Peak as our drink man. Peter recently retired from the job after several years of regular, reliable and much appreciated service to members, particularly on some of the hot summer days.

Thanks to Andrew, that service is continuing. Prices are as before, \$2 for heavy beer, \$1.5 for light and \$1 for soft drinks.



EASTERN VETERANS CYCLING CLUB

Newsletter 22 May 1999

Last Week at East Wandin

There always has to be a first time for everything and last Saturday was one of those days. Left home at 12.15 in very bleak weather. The nearer I got to the Dandenong Ranges the worse it looked, the mountain almost completely shrouded in swirling cloud. I said to myself what must it be like over the hill at East Wandin. Shortly afterwards passing through I noticed patches of blue sky and by the time I reached East Wandin it was a bright sunny day. A few of the tough old die hards were already there and by 1.30 the numbers had swelled to about 15, not all prepared to ride as they were prepared to do a corner. Those included Phillip Stern, Peter Hudson, Neil Wray and John Cordedda.

Too few to make a race, so a few decided to have a training ride, that was until the next bank of black cloud started to drop its moisture on us, upon which most retreated to their cars and took off for home.

In my short time with Eastern, of four years, it is the first time that I know of where we have cancelled a race. Let's hope it does not happen too often.

This Week back at Melrich Road

Our second time at Melrich Road for the 1999 Winter Road Season. The races will be one hour graded scratch races with A, C, E first followed by B, D and F.

Coming Events for Eastern Vets

May

Saturday 29 2.00pm Steels Creek Mel 266J10 Time Trial (TT)Champs
The TT Champs will be Age Group divisions with all divisions completing two laps of a 12.5km out and back course for a total of 25km.

June Saturday 5 2.00pm East Wandin Mel 121J9 Graded Scratch Races
Monday 7 8.00pm Maroondah Club Club Meeting
Saturday 12 2.00pm Melrich Road Mel 64 K5 Graded Scratch Races
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May

Sunday 16 9.00am Rosebud Mel170E7 Graded Scratch Races
Sunday 23 9.00am Yannathan Mel 410S7 Graded Scratch Races
Sunday 30 9.00am Drouin South Drouin South PO

June

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Rochester 1999

The Rochester 65km Handicap to be held on 6 June, will be a Barry Waddell Aggregate race.
Note; this is contrary to that shown on the Barry Waddell fixture.

EASTERN VETS PRESENTATION NIGHT 1999

For those who were not present to receive their awards, John will have them at club races or you can ring John to arrange to pick them up yourself.

EASTERN VETS PRESENTATION FUNCTION 2000

Your Committee was very disappointed with your poor response to our 1999 presentation Night
If your committee organised a function of a type not to suit your preferences, please tell us.

We need your input.

OUT AND BACK TURNS

(Repeat from last weeks Newsletter.)

A few riders are still concerned about the turns at out-and-back courses such as Steels Creek. If the front riders take off as soon as they turn, the last riders to turn often have a hard time regaining the bunch. It has been suggested to have a no-go zone of about 100metres each side of the turn in which area everybody slow down to make a safe turn and then regroup after the turn. What do you think about this proposal?



EASTERN VETERANS CYCLING CLUB

Newsletter 15 May 1999

Last Week at Steels Creek

Despite the prediction of rain showers we were fortunate to have fine weather with little wind at Steels Creek for our first Winter Season race there.

A, B and C grades did four laps, D and E covered three laps while F Troop doing only two laps.

Thanks to the corner stewards and officials, Peter Hudson, Russell Lewis and Vic Harney. As usual, Jack Thompson was there to take entries and help with the start and finish. A special thanks to Ivan Collings for bringing his wife Lorraine. Without even being asked, Lorraine offered to help take entries and assist Jack in the running of the races; thanks Lorraine, you are most welcome any time.

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Results

Grade	First	Second	Third
A	Colin Barnard	Rob Green	Dayle Goodall
B	Nigel Letty	Nick Hainal	Rowan Fell
C	Garry Coombes	Royce Bennett	Nick Skews
D	Andy Maclean	Peter Lloyd	Peter Clarke
E	John Porter	Leon Bishop	Clive Wright
F	Brian Bertrand	Lou Edwards	Clive Allen

~~Garry Coombes, just out of D Grade won his first race in C Grade. The handicapper will be watching you closely Garry. Andy Maclean, Peter Lloyd and Leon Bishop, all relatively new members, had their share of placings. Congratulations to all.~~

This Week back at East Wandin

Our second time at East Wandin for the 1999 Winter Road Season. The races will be scratch races over the following distances:

Grade	Number of Laps	Approximate Distance km
A	6	60
B, C	5	50
D, E	4	40
F	3	

We're the cycling team of Eastern

We're the mighty mighty Vets

We strive for victory

We ride with zest

Giving it all our very best

Come and join our team at Eastern

We're the cyclists of the land

We're all for one! And one for all!

We're always there to guide you

We are the mighty Eastern Vets!



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Newsletter 8 May 1999

Last Week at Yarra Glen - Toolangi

Once again another fine weather day for racing, particularly for the new 52 kilometre course which included an eight kilometre climb for all grades except F Troop. There were 52 starters including a new member, Graham Parker, a past member of Eastern who has returned to the Club; welcome back Graham. Our only lady member riding, Kayley Ward, had a start in D Grade after a long absence from racing. Unfortunately, she dropped her chain early in the race, and had the entire group been gentlemen, they would have slowed down to allow her to regain the bunch. However, dropping an opponent and increasing the chance of winning for some, was more important than chivalry.

C Grade had the largest bunch with fifteen riders. One rider broke away before reaching Chum Creek Road and just kept increasing his lead. We all thought that we will overtake him on the big climb, which we did, not due to our speed, but, unfortunately for him, a puncture.

Thanks to the corner stewards and officials, Peter Peake, Peter Hudson, Rob Graham, Russell Ward and John Cordedda. It was good to see Peter Hudson back again after his recent illness. Take it easy Peter. Hope to see you back racing in due course.

Results

Grade	First	Second	Third
A	Dale Goodall	Steve Fothergill	David Downing
B	Martin Peeters	Mick Buckley	Nick Hainal
C	John Patatou	Royce Bennett	Martin Stalder
D	David Lyons	Garry Coombes	Ron Stranks
E	David McCormack	Leon Bishop	Frank Barlow
F	Clive Allen	Lou Edwards	

This Week at Steels Creek

Our first time at Steels Creek for the 1999 Winter Road Season. The races will be scratch races over the 16 kilometre out and back course with A, B, C and D Grades completing four laps, E and F Grades riding three laps.

Coming Events For Eastern Vets

May

Saturday 15	2.00pm	East Wandin	Mel 121 J9 Graded Scratch
Saturday 22	2.00pm	Melrich Road	Mel 64 K5 Graded Scratch
Saturday 29	2.00pm	Steels Creek	Mel 266 J10 Time Trial Champs

June Saturday 5	2.00pm	East Wandin	Mel 121 J9 Graded Scratch Races
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May

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Club Meeting 7 May 1999

Where were you all last Monday? You had plenty of notice but only nine remembered, that's not good enough. What about giving our President a nice surprise at the next meeting on the 7 of June.

For those who did not come, you will be pleased to know our membership is 112 and still growing.

Corner Stewards

We still have to scratch around to find enough volunteers to man corners and help with starting and finish. Only a couple will be required at Steels Creek but other courses need up to nine or ten persons. With the exception of the Melrich Road course, you will have to forgo racing when on duty. We are keeping records of who are volunteering and it does appear so far that a few are doing most of the work. If you are not one of these people, how about making amends? If we cannot get enough volunteers we will have to nominate members for duty.

Permission to race is conditional that riders obey all road rules and that we conduct the event in a safe manner which means manning all corners, intersections etc.

If you wish to volunteer on a particular day, please give your name and date to John Cordedda or Royce Bennett.

Rochester 1999

At the last VVCC meeting it was agreed to include the Rochester 65km Handicap to be held on 6 June, as part of the Barry Waddell Aggregate. Note; this is contrary to that shown on the Barry Waddell fixture.



EASTERN VETERAN CYCLING CLUB

Newsletter 1 May 1999

Last Week at Yanathan

Once again, another good day for racing. We had 39 starters, 23 from Eastern and 16 visitors mainly from Southern.

Not too many corner stewards are required for this picturesque but testing course. On this occasion we wish to thank both Neil Wray and his wife Sue together with John Cordedda and Jack Thompson for their running of the race and manning of the corners. In addition, unknown to us, Mal Smethhurst from Southern also acted as a corner steward at the turn at the top of the big hill.

RESULTS:

Place	1	2	3	4	5	Fastest Time
	David McCormack	Frank Barlow	Ron Smith	Colin Pyper	Colin Smith	Brad Dayley
Grade	E	E	E	C	D	A
Time	1.41.09					1.18.59
Average	30.25km/h					38.75km/h
Grade	A	B	C	D	E	F
Handicap	0	4min	7min	13min	18min	25min

It was a bit disappointing that there were no volunteers from Eastern who came up to the race to act as corner stewards. I hope that you have not forgotten that it is every member's duty to help out with this task. If you have a preference for which day and what job you want to do, please let either Royce Bennett or John Cordedda know.

It is a condition of our race permits that we must have people manning the course!

This Week at Yarra Glen:

Today we are trying out a new course that should keep all the roadies happy. It is an out and back course of approximately 53 km. The race will start at the Yarra Glen Race Course and continue to the end of the Healesville-Yarra Glen Road where riders will do a left hand turn onto Chum Creek Road. Riders will then continue along Chum Creek Road to Toolangi (which includes a gentle 8km climb) where you will do a U turn at the top of the hill and come back along the same route. The race will finish outside the Race Course on the HealesvilleYarra Glen Road.

Race Rules:

All competitors must strictly **ADHERE TO THE ROAD LAWS**. This means that you must always stay on the **LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE ROAD**, even when **CLIMBING** and **DESCENDING!**

Riders **MUST** use **EXTREME CAUTION** when making the **RIGHT HAND TURN** into **Healesville-Yarra Glen road** on the way back.

Riders sprinting at the finish line **MUST STAY IN THE LEFT HAND LANE**.

The roads are not closed to traffic so to ensure the safety of all competitors, please use some common sense and follow the directions of the corner stewards.

ANY RIDERS WHO BREACH ANY OF THESE RULES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED:

Coming Events:

1	May	2.00pm	Graded scratch races	Yarra Glen (Race Course)	275B1
3	May	8.00pm	Club Meeting	Maroondah Club	
7	MAY	7.30 PM	PRESENTATION DINNER	MAROONDAH CLUB	
8	May	2.00pm	Graded scratch races	Steels Creek	266 J10
15	May	2.00pm	Graded scratch races	East Wandin	121 J9
22	May	2.00pm	Graded scratch races	Melrich road	64 K5
29	May	2.00pm	Time Trial Champ	Steels Creek	266 J10

PRESENTATION NIGHT:

The 1998 Winter and 1999 Summer Club Championship sashes and medals will be presented at our annual Presentation night on **7 MAY** at the Maroondah Club. A good night is guaranteed, for an investment of \$25 for a three course meal and the great company of your club members and their partners.

Bookings close Monday 3 May.

CLUB JERSEYS:

We will be ordering a second batch of Eastern Club racing Jerseys if the demand dictates. If you are interested in purchasing a Jersey, please leave your name and size with the secretary.

CLUB MEETING 3 MAY 1999:

Don't forget the next club meeting, your contributions are important.

OBITUARY:

It is with sadness that we learn of the recent passing away of Charlie Kirwood. Charlie was one of the earliest members of Eastern and acted as First aid Officer and also the Secretary.

OTHER CLUBS:

SOUTHERN:

2	May	8.30am	Time Trial & Graded Scratch Races	Sommers	194 C9
9	May	9.00am	Graded scratch races	Nar Nar Goon Football Ground	
16	May	9.00am	Graded scratch races	Rosebud	170 E7
23	May	9.00am	Graded scratch races	Yanathan	410 S7
30	May	9.00am	Graded scratch races	Drouin South	P.S.

NORTHERN VETS:

2 May 10.am Pat McCallion 64km Handicap 99 Avenel Road Seymour,
Entries 9354 7942, 9478 2753 or FAX 9471 3416. Entries close 29 April

GRAMPION VETS:

4 July 10.00am VVCC Road Championships at Joel/Joel (near Ararat)

AVCC:

18 - 20 September Australian Veteran Road Racing Championships at MacLaren Vale S.A

PS. Have your say. If you have any contributions to our newsletter, please pass it to the Secretary.



EASTERN VETERANS CYCLING CLUB

Newsletter 24 April 1999

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Another good day for racing. Not the bright sunny Autumn day that we had at East Wandin, but fine without too much wind and no rain. We had 62 starters including four new members and one visitor, Peter Martin from Castlemaine but disappointingly no lady riders.

A special welcome to our new members, Peter Lloyd, Len Chapman, Stewart Bendall, Simon O'Donahue, Keith Marshall and Ron MacNamara. Ron is a past member of Eastern and it is good to see him back again. Eastern prides itself on being a very friendly club, so if any of our new members need help or advice regarding racing do not hesitate to ask Dale Goodall, our Club Captain.

Thanks to the corner stewards Graham Cadd, John MacLeod, Alan Sandford, Dale Goodall, Andrew Thurkle, David McCormack, Greg Morgan, Dick Fox, Vic Harney, Greg Pritchard, Lou Edwards, Rowan Fell, Willy Cameron, and Mick Buckley. We always need volunteers, so if you have a preference for which day and what job you will be available to help, please give this information to either Royce Bennett or John Cordedda.

It was great to have our President with us, even though he did not stay the full afternoon. We hope it will not be too long before Peter is racing with us again.

A and B grades saw some strong riding from Phil Thompson's solo break-a-way and the joint effort by Mick Buckley and our visitor Peter Martin.

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F	Lou Edwards	Willy Cameron	Peter Nelson

This Week at Yanathan

Although a fair distance to travel, the Yanathan course is a good one for the road riders with one reasonably long gentle climb with a testing short sharp climb a couple of kilometers later before the long down hill run to the finish. Three laps at approximately 18 km makes a 53 to 54 km total race distance.

It is planned to run a group handicap with the following approximate handicaps which will be adjusted on the day depending on numbers and the weather:

Grade	A	B	C	D	E	F
Handicap	Scratch	3 – 5min	6 – 8min	9 – 12min	15 – 20min	25 – 30min

Coming Events For Eastern Vets

May	Saturday	1	2.00pm	Yarra Glen (Race Course)	Mel 275	B1 Graded Scratch
	Monday	3	8.00pm	Maroondah Club	Mel 50A6	Club Meeting

Friday 7	7.30pm	Maroondah Club	Presentation Dinner
Saturday 8	2.00pm	Steels Creek	Mel 266 J10 Graded Scratch
Saturday 15	2.00pm	East Wandin	Mel 121 J9 Graded Scratch
Saturday 22	2.00pm	Melrich Road	Mel 64 K5 Graded Scratch
Saturday 29	2.00pm	Steels Creek	Mel 266 J10 Time Trial Champs

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Coming Events Other Clubs

Southern Vets

Graded scratch races at Main Ridge Sunday 25 April 99 have been cancelled due to the anticipated traffic on ANZAC Day. Racing will now be at AFL Park commencing at 2.00pm.

Northern Vets

Pat McCallion 64km Handicap 2 May 99 at Avenel Road Seymour 10.00am Entries to 9354 7942 or 9478 2753 Fax 9471 3416 Entries close 29 April

Grampians Vets

VVCC Road Championships at Joel/Joel Sunday 4 July 99 starting at 10.00am (near Ararat)

AVCC

Australian Veteran Road Championships at McLaren Vale S.A. 18 – 20 September 99

Club Meeting 7 May 1999

Don't forget your next Club meeting, your contributions are important..

Absent Members

Jack Granland, is continuing to improve and is now working on his speech control.

Don't Be A Hero

Sadly, we had another loss of life as a result of a heart attack at VLF Park recently. Ray Davis died several days after suffering a heart attack while racing at the Park on Wednesday 14 April.

When you join the Vet's, you sign a statement verifying you are medically fit to engage in competitive racing. If you have any doubts about your health, it is strongly recommended you arrange with your GP to have a stress test. If during a race, you feel at all over stressed, you should withdraw from the race.

Club Racing Jerseys

We will order a second batch of Eastern Racing Jerseys if the demand dictates. If you are interested in purchasing an Eastern jersey please leave your name and size with the Secretary.

Presentation Night

1998 and 1999 Club Championship sashes and medals will be presented at our annual Presentation Night on 7 May 99 at the Maroondah Club. A good night is guaranteed, for an investment of \$25 for a three-course meal and great company of your club members and their partners.

PS. Have your say. If you have any contributions to our Newsletter please pass it to the Secretary.



EASTERN VETERANS CYCLING CLUB

Newsletter 17 April 1999

Last Week at East Wandin

What a great day to start our Winter Season, no rain, no wind and a sunny Autumn day. There were 47 starters for the scratch races with A and B grades doing 5 laps, C, D and E, 4 laps and F grade 3 laps. It was pleasing to have two lady riders, Judy Barnesby and Nicky Kloprogge.

Thanks to Rob Graham, Mick McIntyre, John Pritchard, Tony Curulli, Graham Cadd and John McLeod, all corners were manned. Of course Jack Thompson was there as usual to take entries and be judge; what would we do without Jack? All members are expected to do their share of corners or helping in the running of races. If you have a preference for which day and what job you will be available to help, please give this information to either Royce Bennett or John Cordedda.

There were a few slightly raised voices regarding handicapping, but these were soon resolved. The handicapper wasn't feeling too well and even offered to let John Pritchard ride in B grade, however John preferred to stand in the sun and be a corner steward. It has been reported that D grade passed C grade on more than one occasion going up the long hill. The handicapper will need to look into this.

Results

Grade	First	Second	Third
A	Dale Goodall	Phil Thompson	Doug Reynolds
B	Mick Buckley	Graham Stobie	Russell Lewis
C	John Patatou	Vic Harney	Joe Kloprogge
D	Garry Coombes	Colin Morris	Brian Guillet
E	John Porter	Clive Wright	Ugo Cendron
F	Peter Nelson	Judy Barnesby	Nicky Kloprogge

This Week at Melrich Road

Back to Melrich Road for graded scratch races with B, D and F grades first, followed by A, C and E. Don't forget to volunteer for a corner, your turns are being recorded, so you can be in the running for the end of season **"Most Corner Prize"**.

Coming Events For Eastern Vets

April	Saturday 24	2.00pm	Yanathan Hall	Mel 410 S7 Group Handicap
May	Saturday 1	2.00pm	Yarra Glen (Race Course)	Mel 275 B1 Graded Scratch
	Monday 3	8.00pm	Maroondah Club	Mel 50A6 Club Meeting
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Coming Events Other Clubs

Southern Vets

Graded scratch races at Wonthaggi Sunday 18 April 99 10.00am Football Ground
Graded scratch races at Main Ridge Sunday 25 April 99 9.00am Mel 171 J12

Northern Vets

"Benghazi" 25 April 99 at Avenel Road Seymour 1.00pm Entries to 9354 7942 or 9478 2753
Fax 9471 3416 Entries close 22 April.
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Club Meeting 12 April 1999

It was disappointing to see only 10 out of our 102 membership attend the meeting last Monday. Please try to attend as many of these meetings as possible. All financial members are entitled to attend and have their say in the running of your club.

Some items discussed were:

- Presentation Dinner to be held at the Maroondah Club on Friday 7 May 99.
Cost \$25 for three course dinner.
Sashes and medals to be presented for 1998 Winter and 1999 Summer Championships.
- Use of flags and or Stop/Go signs by corner stewards.
Instructions for their use to be prepared.
- Maryborough report by Neil Wray.
- Running of a Waddell race by Eastern in year 2000.
- Handicapping scoring system.
- Use of start ramps by the Club for time trials and "one on one" sprint racing.
- Ordering of new racing Club jersey's.

Absent Members

We were all pleased to hear that our President's recent operation was a great success and that he is home recovering. We look forward to his return to the Club in the near future.

Jack Granland, one of our most respected senior members, suffered a stroke a few weeks back. The good news is that he is becoming more and more mobile day by day and has commenced speech therapy to recover that facility. All members wish you well.

A much younger club member, in the name of Peter Hudson, gave his racing mates some concern a couple of weeks back when Peter was mixing it with riders of the Blackburn Club at the tough Lang Lang course. A second heart attack brought him down. Once again good news, Peter is recovering rapidly and says he will be back riding at a reduced pace after a few weeks rest.

PS. Have your say. If you have any contributions to our Newsletter please pass it to the Secretary.

EASTERNNEWS

6 March 1999

This Week

Welcome back to those rolling gentle hills of Steels Creek road. Races are scheduled as graded scratch races, but this of course will depend on the numbers that turn up. We will be actually starting the races right here near the cemetery, so leave your cars here.

Next Week

Back to Melrich Road next week for graded scratch races. Be there!!!!

Last Week

A mixed day of racing with BDF having their turn at a point score race. A grade, as did C & E grades, had a scratch race with victory going to Steve Fothergill from Rob Green and Tony Sullivan. One A grader was disqualified because he finished too far to the right hand side of the road. A few hopeful B graders who rode in A as they raced first were overrun at the finish although I think they raced OK. James Harris always hits good form before his winter hibernation and beat David Hill and Bill Dove at the finish. Philip Poole was too good in E grade and has earned a promotion, beating home Gary Coombes and Domenic Schipano. B grade was a close call with Bob Lewis just getting in ahead of David Downing and Martin Peters in a good series of sprints. Boy did they have to work for their money. Stephen Harris continued his recent good performances to win D grade convincingly from Colin Morris with third being shared between Alan Stagg & John Marshall. F troop was won by recent newcomer Homer Pecorari from Ray Brett with third again shared, Jack Granland and Phil Stern collecting at the end of the day.

Coming Events

13 March	Melrich Road	Graded Scratch Races
20 March	Melrich Road	Club Championships
27 March	Dunlop Road	Graded Scratch Races

Then Winter Fixture

Annual Meeting

This was held last Monday night at the Maroondah Club and was attended by only 14 riders, out of a membership of nearly 100. This was really a poor effort by those who didn't front. Peter Burchall will continue in his role as President. PB is an excellent asset of the club and is presiding the best this club has seen in a very long while. Secretarial duties will be shared between John Cordedda and Royce Bennett, who also takes over the Handicapping duties, with Neil Wray being assistant handicapper, club coach, and vice president. John Macleod takes on the treasurers duties with other positions still to be filled. We need a volunteer, or a small panel of. To take on the duties of the race director as this position is now vacant (have a look at the attached page). It's hoped a few more members finally work out that it needs more members to be involved to make this an even better club than what it already is.

This is to advise that neither Margaret or Graham Anderson will be standing for any elected positions at tonight's annual meeting.

There are a number of reasons for this decision.

I am please to have been associated with this club now for over the past 5 years, and have seen it grow, then seen it nearly self destruct, now back to good growth, as was demonstrated by the club's recent victory for the Vet's Gazette shield over Southern Vets.

In the last year, I have been Vice President, Club Handicapper, and Race Director, whilst Margaret has been the club's treasurer over the past 18 months.

It is now time for more of the active riders to stand up and be counted and to assist their own club. There are a number of riders who have the capabilities to assist the club more than they have in the past couple of years. In general, I have seen it as a case that the more the we have done. others have, by indirect means, been quite prepared for us to do even more. As a result, this also a means of getting more riders actively involved,

Also, and due to a medical condition, I am presently unable to drive, and this situation will continue for up to 3 months following an impending operation. As a result, I am reliant upon others for my transport to events, and I am not willing for this situation to continue for a prolonged period.

In addition, I have several alternate hobbies, one especially whereby the majority of field work can only be undertaken on a Saturday afternoon. I would now like to expand my activities with this hobby, and maybe even get more involved as a volunteer with this organisation.

I am not intending to walk away from the club at this time and maybe leaving the club without necessary operating personnel to ensure safe racing, but will, in the short term, still be prepared to provide assistance. (I will be at Sttels Creek this week). Even in the longer term, there will be occasions where I will still come along to help, and maybe even do a corner.

We both wish the club all the best for the future and hope that the growth and strengthening of the past couple of years will continue. Thank you for the opportunity of being able to assist and meeting many friendly people. It has been a good sport to be involved with.

Margaret & Graham Anderson

EASTERN NEWS

6 February 1999

This Week

Back on the roads this week with a points score race for ACE grades, and a graded scratch race for BDE. B,D, & E grades will start the day's racing with ACE to go later.

Don't forget, it will also mean you get to do some corner duty, and there will be a licence check today.

Next Week

Up to Steels Creek Road next week for some good old proper road racing, in the form of graded scratch races. This is a good training session to help you get rid of the last of the Xmas pud.

Last Week - Eastern Vs Southern

After a few warm days, the day dawned with a warm but pleasant afternoon predicted. Last time Eastern raced Southern in a criterium format, Southern won by a huge margin. We at Eastern responded through the winter by winning the road race and taking the Vet's Gazette Shield.

A total of 119 riders entered on the day. A grade had 13 starters, with only 5 from Eastern. Brad Daly and Russell Newnham, both from Southern, got away early and worked together to distance the field, with Russell winning from Brad. Rob Green took 3rd in a sprint from 2 Eastern riders. A grade's points went to Southern 20 to 7.5. B grade had 22 starters, 11 from each club. Eastern took 1,2,3, with victory to John Pritchard, from Graham Stobie and Tony Curulli. Phil McGrath worked hard for his 4th place. Well after race day, it was revealed that the Eastern boys had a strategy all worked out before racing started, and it all worked out. Points clearly went to Eastern, 33 to 13. C grade had 20 starters, with 10 from each club. Andrew Caithness (S) took victory from Peter Hudson and Rowan Fell, both of Eastern. David Hill (S) got home for 4th place points. Eastern again took the points, 24 to 20. D grade was won by David Lyons (E) from Southern's Stephen Harris and Nick Witkamp. Eastern's Russell Ward took 4th place, and sure Eastern strengthened its grip by taking 28.5 points to 22. 26 riders saddled up in E grade with Southern unfortunately having only 9 starters, and this helped Eastern taking a clean sweep, with Michael Paull first, Ugo Cendron 2nd, Colin Tessier 3rd, and Louis Laguna in for 4th. This group really made its mark, with Eastern getting 43.5 points to 9. Southern had some revenge by taking all placings in F grade, with victory to Lyall Cubit, from Philip Poole and Doug Reith.

At the end of the day, victory to Eastern was impressive, with a 42 point margin, 147 to 105. It was a good day with some excellent racing. We can now only look forward to Eastern defending the shield again, during the winter at, no doubt, one of Southern's favourite winter haunts.

Coming Events

8 Feb	Maroondah Club	Monthly Club Meeting
13Feb	Steels Creek	Graded Scratch Races
20 Feb	Melrich Road	Graded Scratch Races
27 Feb	Dunlop Road	Point Score BDE, Graded Scratch ACE
6 March	Steels Creek	Graded Scratch Races

EASTERN NEWS

30 January 1999

This Week

Today sees the start of this year's Vet's Gazette Challenge, with Eastern hosting the criterium, and Southern looking after the road race during the winter. Eastern presently holds the shield and is looking at pulling out all stops for its retention. Today will see criterium racing for each grade, with events up to 80 minutes for the top grades, and shorter for lower grades.

Next Week

We're back on the road next week and racing at Dunlop Road. Racing will be a point score for A, C, & E grades, with B,D, and F doing a normal timed criterium. Now, whose on first, don't know. Just be there before 2.00 next week.

Last Week

Just for something different, racing last week was split into 2 heats. Racing looked to be pretty brisk with no time much for a rest. Dayle Goodall was too good in A grade to win overall with Rob Green and Rob Morgan equal second. Greg & Dayle each won a heat, with Rob just being consistent. Russell Lewis & John Pritchard were too good for B grade with a win and a second each, and really dominating their grade on the day. Tony Currulli & Bob Johnson took equal 3rd place. Rowan Fell continued his recent good form to win C grade from Peter Hudson and Andrew Caithness. Huddo had a good ride in the second heat to win comfortably. Bernie McLaughlin edges closer to C grade with a good win in D grade, with a 1st and a 2nd, with Peter Clarke and Stephen Harris taking the minors. Gavin Eade & Colin Tessier took equal 1st in E grade, each taking a 1st and a 2nd, with Michael Paull riding consistently for a 3rd place. Phil Stern was too good for F troop to win from Bob Walker, a welcome guest, with Ivan Ashton winning 1 heat and getting 3rd overall.

Coming Events

6 Feb	Dunlop Road	Point Score ACE, & Graded Scratch BDF
8 Feb	Maroondah Club	Club Meeting
13 Feb	Steels Creek	Graded Scratch Races
20 Feb	Melrich Road	Graded Scratch Races
27 Feb	Dunlop Road	Point Score BDF, Graded Scratch ACE

Entry Money

As from today, you MUST have the correct \$6.00 entry money!!! No buts, if you want to pay with a bigger note, we will take your entry and thank you for the donation to the day's prize pool.

EASTERN NEWS

23 January 1999

Entry Fees

We have an entry fee of \$6.00 for each race day and this money is split between prize money and the club, with most, and sometimes all going in the prize pool. So we don't carry a change float, and so if try to pay with a \$20 note, most times we don't have change. As of next week, you **MUST** have the right money. If you try to pay with a bigger note, we will thank you for donation to the day's prize pool. So again, you **MUST** have the right money.

This Week

Racing for each grade today will be in 2 heats, with points (5,3,2,1) for the first four places awarded. There will be a 10 minute break between your 2 races, and in total, most grades will do between 60 and 80 minutes in total.

Next Week

WE have the Eastern Vs Southern challenge next week, so all Eastern members should chase up as many other Eastern members as possible, as we want to retain the shield after the hard fought win last time.

Last Week

A good turn up last week but still only 6 starters in A grade. Young Phil Thompson stormed away with a lap to go to win from Dayle Goodall and Andrew Mitchell. Andrew really only wanted an easy ride, and finished with the placing. In B grade, Tony Mc Lean got away early before being joined by Russell Lewis and Graham Pinchbeck and all 3 stayed away to gap the field, with the placing as above. Ivan Collings chased hard but could not bridge the gap and came home fourth. C grade again had a good race with David Downing, even with 12 kilos extra of Christmas pud, just got home ahead of David Hill and Peter Hudson. It was good to see Huddo stirring up the field again. Bad luck for Neville Williamson who put in a strong bid for the finish but was over run in the last 100 metres. Alan Cuneen had another good win in D grade from Peter Mauchline and Bernie McLaughlin. David McCormack won E grade from Louis Laguna and Kevin Greaves, whilst in F grade, 11 starters saw a win to Peter Nelson from Judy Barnesby and Phil Stern.

It was good to see a few more back from their Christmas break.

Coming Events

30 Jan	AFL Park	Eastern Vs Southern
6 Feb	Dunlop Road	Graded Scratch for BDF, Point Score ACE
13 Feb	Steels Creek	Graded Scratch Races
20 Feb	Melrich Road	Graded Scratch Races

EASTERN NEWS

16 January 1999

This Week

Very easy this week for everyone to work, just a plain old graded scratch races for every grade. Only one thing to remember, this week the racing is for 2 hours duration.

Next Week

Graded scratch races are again scheduled next week, although for a much shorter duration. We may try to add something into the day just to make it a bit different.

Last Week

Elimination and scratch races extended the days racing last week, but all was good to watch. In the elimination races, Rob Green was too strong for Michael O'Connor in A, whilst big Laurie Baigent powered in B to beat off little Cliff Lynch, Joe Sabo showed some form to beat Bob Johnson with C grade and Colin Morris continuing his good recent form to beat David Masterson for D grade. Frank Barlow was declared the winner in E grade after a rider who was eliminated continued because he couldn't hear the call. Norm Sykes won F troop in his first appearance for some time from Jim Taylor.

For the scratch races, Rob Green again won A grade from Phil Thompson and Mike O'Connor in what was some excellent racing for the hour. Laurie Baigent again was too strong for B to win from David Kennedy and John (Handbrake Harry) Pritchard. Joe Sabo showed some good form improvement to take out C grade from Bob Johnson and David Hill. Judges could not split Alan Cuneen and David Lyons, so a dead heat for D grade, with Bruce Cochrane for third. Dom Schipano was too strong at the finish to take out E grade from John Macleod and David McCormack, whilst in F troop, Brian Bertand beat off Lou Edwards and Clive Allen.

Special Mentions

Reading the paper this week, and for the Australian Downhill Mountain Bikes, in the veterans class, member, and brother of President Burch, Tony Burchall, took the honours. We rarely see Tony, so hope Peter passes on our congrats. Also, Ian Gillies, paddling in the Murray River marathon took first place with his brother in the Touring Kayak Men's Pair class. Our congrats to Ian.

Don't Forgets

Memberships are now due, with the annual fee of only \$55.00.

Entry fees - are only \$6.00, but please, please, please, bring the right money.

January 30 - We have the Eastern Vs Southern Challenge. Get all of your old Eastern buddies to dust off the bike and come along to race. We will need every rider possible to turn up and race.

EASTERN NEWS

9 January 1999

This Week

We have, according to the schedule, elimination races followed by graded scratch races. We will be trying to have the elimination race series wrapped up early and each grade will be able to have a go. Whether it is every lap for an elimination or every second will depend on the numbers turning up for the day. Scratch races will be for around an hour's duration.

Next Week

Hopefully we will have some good weather next week, as racing is for 2 hours duration. As for last year, we will be trying to extend the circuit up the Safeway side.

Last Week

Around 40 turned up for last week's racing, not too bad for this time of the year. A grade had 5 starters with Rob Green outsprinting Phil Thompson and Greg Morgan. This was Greg's first ride in A grade and he kept then stirred up. Peter Burchall is striking some good form to win from Russell Lewis and John Wilson. Keep on stirring up the fields Burch. David Hill, after surprising many by leading several times during the race, won the sprint from Joe Kloprogge and Neville (I'm In The Money) Williamson, after a steady race. Peter Peake continued his form revival to win D grade from David Masterson (always giving his best effort, so the placing was well deserved, now how about a win) and Bernie McLaughlin. Biggest field for the day was E grade and a strong win to Gavin Eade with The Champ, Ugo Cendron in for second, ahead of Kevin Dixon. Lou Edwards outsprinted Peter Nelson to take out F Troop.

For the 1 Lap Mad Dash, heat winners were Peter Burchall, Rob Green, Greg Morgan and Phil Thompson with seconds, and also into the final, to Mick Buckley, David Hill, Mick O'Connor, and Mark Wallace, in the final, the field pretty much stayed together to the end with victory going to Rob Green from Mick O'Connor and Phil Thompson.

Eastern Vs Southern

Don't forget that we are defending the shield in the inter club challenge on 30 January. Please make sure you get all of your Eastern clubmate to front on the day and ride. We need to keep the shield.

Club Memberships

Don't forget that you need to renew your membership. The cost is only \$55.00 and is excellent value as it lets you race with all Victorian Veterans clubs.