



# eastern veterans cycling club

**Newsletter 17 January  
2001**

## LAST WEEK AT AFL PARK

The tradition continued last week at AFL with the host club again winning the Eastern v Southern challenge shield, 35 to 19 points. After the hot weather earlier in the week and no racing on Thursday night, 81 riders started in the 6 grades. Some judicious handicapping by the handicapper evened up the grades to provide close racing in all grades except A grade, where they were spread out by the length of the straight. The rivalry between the clubs was enjoyed by the riders and no doubt Southern are looking forward to the road season where the race is planned for their Dromana circuit.

It was great that Royce Bennett was able to attend and make the presentations.

## RESULTS

	First	Second	Third	Fourth
<b>A Grade 8</b>	P Oziemski (E)	M McIntyre (S)	P Thompson (E)	—
<b>B Grade 14</b>	R Graham (E)	M Stadler (E)	T McLean (E)	S Pryor (S)
<b>C Grade 17</b>	M Pitrun (E)	N Witkamp (S)	C Morris (E)	P Dougherty (E)
<b>D Grade 20</b>	D Bolger (S)	A Sandford (E)	D Hill (S)	N Williamson (E)
<b>E Grade 17</b>	D Schipano (E)	D Ferguson (S)	I De Kam (E)	I Kennedy (S)
<b>F Grade 5</b>	C Tessier (E)	R Brett (S)	N Baberton (S)	—

**Officials:** Vince Di Nuzzo, Graeme Parker, Chris Ball, Helen Ball and Lou Edwards

**Drinks:** Glen Archer

## THIS WEEK AT AFL PARK

Today will be the first of the Club championship events, the individual time trial (1 lap of a modified Wednesday circuit of about 900 m) followed by graded scratch races.

## MEMBERS CORNER

Keith Bowen has taken over from Royce Bennett as editor/compiler of the Newsletter. Please bear with me as I try to coax my dinosaur like computer (word 2 for windows 3.1) into doing something that looks as though it is part of the 21st century. If you have any news, members results from non Eastern events, bike bits to sell, pet or

regular training rides, or anything else that you would like to include, please give it to me on race day, by phone (9439 8013) or by e mail (mikeb@alphalink. com. au).

## **EASTERN VETS PROGRAM**

### **February**

Saturday 17	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Club Championship TT and GSR's
Saturday 26	12 noon	AFL Park	VVVC Criterium Championships

### **March**

Saturday 3	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Club Championship Sprint and Scratch Races
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Maroondah Club</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>
Saturday 17	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Melbourne and Metropolitan Crit Champ GSR

## **SOUTHERN VETS PROGRAM**

### **February**

Sunday 18	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races 1 hour
Sunday 25	12 noon	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races !½ hours

### **March**

Sunday 4	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Club Championships
Sunday 11	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races 1 hour

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **Questionnaire**

Royce has collated the replies to the questionnaire circulated with the Christmas letter. Forty members responded and I will trickle out the responses over the next few weeks.

Q 1.1 Are you happy to use AFL Park when available?

Received a resounding vote of approval with 92% responding with a yes to this question.

Q 1.2 Preferences for other sites. Venues were ranked as follows (the lower the number the higher the ranking, scores have been rounded) :

Dunlop Road	50
Caribbean Gardens	85
Barry Street	90
Rushdale Street	95
Other	preferred by 4 riders

Q 1.3 Are you happy with the format so far?

Likewise received a vote of approval with 94% responding with a yes.

### **Winter Program**

Rob Graham and Greg Morgan have prepared a draft winter program and are in the process of obtaining the necessary permits to race.



# eastern veterans cycling club

## *Newsletter 17 January 2001*

### **LAST WEEK AT AFL PARK**

The tradition continued last week at AFL with the host club again winning the Eastern v Southern challenge shield, 35 to 19 points. After the hot weather earlier in the week and no racing on Thursday night, 81 riders started in the 6 grades. Some judicious handicapping by the handicapper evened up the grades to provide close racing in all grades except A grade, where they were spread out by the length of the straight. The rivalry between the clubs was enjoyed by the riders and no doubt Southern are looking forward to the road season where the race is planned for their Dromana circuit.

It was great that Royce Bennett was able to attend and make the presentations.

### **RESULTS**

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>	<b>Fourth</b>
<b>A Grade 8</b>	P Oziemski (E)	M McIntyre (S)	P Thompson (E)	—
<b>B Grade 14</b>	R Graham (E)	M Stadler (E)	T McLean (E)	S Pryor (S)
<b>C Grade 17</b>	M Pitrun (E)	N Witkamp (S)	C Morris (E)	P Dougherty (E)
<b>D Grade 20</b>	D Bolger (S)	A Sandford (E)	D Hill (S)	N Williamson (E)
<b>E Grade 17</b>	D Schipano (E)	D Ferguson (S)	I De Kam (E)	I Kennedy (S)
<b>F Grade 5</b>	C Tessier (E)	R Brett (S)	N Baberton (S)	—

**Officials:** Vince Di Nuzzo, Graeme Parker, Chris Ball, Helen Ball and Lou Edwards

**Drinks:** Glen Archer

### **THIS WEEK AT AFL PARK**

Today will be the first of the Club championship events, the individual time trial (1 lap of a modified Wednesday circuit of about 900 m) followed by graded scratch races.

### **MEMBERS CORNER**

Keith Bowen has taken over from Royce Bennett as editor/compiler of the Newsletter. Please bear with me as I try to coax my dinosaur like computer (word 2 for windows 3.1) into doing something that looks as though it is part of the 21st century. If you have any news, members results from non Eastern events, bike bits to sell, pet or regular training rides, or anything else that you would like to include, please give it to me on race day, by phone (9439 8013) or by e mail (mikeb@alphalink.com.au).

## EASTERN VETS PROGRAM

### February

Saturday 17	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Club Championship TT and GSR's
Saturday 26	12 noon	AFL Park	VVVC Criterium Championships

### March

Saturday 3	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Club Championship Sprint and Scratch Races
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Maroondah Club</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>
Saturday 17	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Melbourne and Metropolitan Crit Champ GSR

## SOUTHERN VETS PROGRAM

### February

Sunday 18	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races 1 hour
Sunday 25	12 noon	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races !½ hours

### March

Sunday 4	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Club Championships
Sunday 11	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races 1 hour

## CLUB NEWS

### Questionnaire

Royce has collated the replies to the questionnaire circulated with the Christmas letter. Forty members responded and I will trickle out the responses over the next few weeks.

Q 1.1 Are you happy to use AFL Park when available?

Received a resounding vote of approval with 92% responding with a yes to this question.

Q 1.2 Preferences for other sites. Venues were ranked as follows (the lower the number the higher the ranking, scores have been rounded) :

Dunlop Road	50
Caribbean Gardens	85
Barry Street	90
Rushdale Street	95
Other	preferred by 4 riders

Q 1.3 Are you happy with the format so far?

Likewise received a vote of approval with 94% responding with a yes.

### Winter Program

Rob Graham and Greg Morgan have prepared a draft winter program and are in the process of obtaining the necessary permits to race.

### Reminder

Don't forget the **Annual General Meeting** on March 5 at the Maroondah Club. Nominations for office bearers will be taken at the meeting.



# eastern veterans cycling club

*Newsletter 17 March, 2001*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following office bearers were elected at the AGM on 5 March

<b>President</b>	Alan Sandford	9878 3087	<b>Club Captain</b>	Steve Fothergill	9730 1644
<b>Vice President</b>	Peter Burchall	9889 4608	<b>Race Director</b>	Vince Di Nuzzo	9878 2284
<b>Secretary</b>	Keith Bowen	9439 8013	<b>VVCC Delegates</b>	Peter Burchall Neil Wray	9889 4608 9585 4626
<b>Asst Secretar/ Public Officer</b>	Neville Williamson	9427 9750		Alan Sandford	9878 3087
<b>Treasurer</b>	John Macleod	9722 1552	<b>Referee</b>	Alan Sandford	9878 3078
<b>Handicapper</b>	Graeme Parker	9728 8087	<b>Property Steward</b>	Nick Hainal	9727 4763
<b>Asst Handicapper</b>	Alan Sandford	9878 3087			

The following letter of thanks for his services to Eastern Veterans has been sent to Royce Bennett.

**Dear Royce**

On behalf of the in coming committee and members of Eastern Veterans Cycling Club I would like to thank you for your contribution to the Club. From personal knowledge, I know that your work extended well beyond that of merely President and without denigrating the efforts of others, it seems that you were Eastern Veterans. Eastern Vets is known as the 'friendly club' largely due to your friendly, calm and relaxed personality. New members were always welcome and greeted by name. At the AGM, Kayley described you as an engineer and a perfectionist, attributes that you carried over to the running of the Club.

The Club is in a strong position at the moment, to a large extent because of your efforts. The new Committee is aware of your interest in the future of the Club and will endeavour to maintain the high standards you have set us.

On behalf of the Committee, members of Eastern and other clubs, thank you for your contribution to Veterans cycling in Victoria and Eastern Veterans in particular. It is a contribution of which you can be proud. We are all deeply saddened at the tragic circumstances that have forced your resignation from the Club.

Yours sincerely

**Keith Bowen**

## LAST WEEK AT AFL Park

After a week or more of hot weather and a morning of northerlies, the wind swung around to the south west by the start of racing. After what seems like months of head wind sprints, the tail wind sprint was much appreciated by all riders. In D Grade, Barney Hogan after doing the lion's share of the work during the race, still had enough left to lead out from Safeway Corner. However he went too early and was caught by the fast finishing bunch, Alan Cunneen getting over Alan Sandford, Keith Bowen and David McCormack just before the line.

## RESULTS

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>	<b>Race Director</b>
<b>A Grade</b>	Russ Newnham	Steve Fothergill	Phil Thompson	Vince Di Nuzzo
<b>I Grade</b>	Chris Mucha	Andrew Laird	Mike O'Connor	<b>Stewards</b>
<b>C Grade</b>	Graeme Parker	Neil Wray	David Hill	Nick Hainal Mick McIntyre

<b>I Grade</b>	Alan Cunneen	Alan Sandford	Keith Bowen	<b>Drinks</b>
<b>I Grade</b>	Barry Rogers	Dominic Shipano	Colin Smythe	Steve Fothergill Glen Archer
				<b>Judges</b>
				S Wray, B Guillot

### TODAY AT AFL PARK

Tired of being thrashed when riding in championships in your age group, then today is your opportunity to win a championship medal, in the first Graded Metropolitan Criterium Championships. Races will be one hour scratch races in Grades A to G, plus separate races for women if there are sufficient entries.

### NEXT WEEK AT STEELS CREEK

Sick of racing criteriums and frustrated by the sprinters always finishing over the top of you, then next week could be your opportunity when we return to the Steels Creek course for the Summer Road Race.

### MEMBERS CORNER

**Looking for a new bike, then talk to Kieran Ryan who has a Raceline 'Ultra - Pro' for sale.** The bike is the latest model, brand new 54 cm frame with taperwall 7005 tubing, carbon forks, near new 9 speed Ultegra group set, Flight Deck computer, Mavic rims and Continental tyres. If you are interested, ring Kieran on 9397 4546 or see him on race day.

### EASTERN VETS PROGRAM

<b>March</b>			
Saturday 24	2.00 pm	Steels Creek	Summer Road Race
Saturday 31	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races 2 hours
Sunday April 1	10.00 am	Gembrook	Family and mountain bike fun day (details coming)
<b>Monday April 2</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Maroondah Club</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
Saturday April 7	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Autumn Handicap (details coming) and GSR's

### SOUTHERN VETS PROGRAM

<b>March</b>			
Sunday 18	9.00 am	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races 1 hour
Sunday 25	9.00 am	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races 2 hours
Sunday April 1	9.00 am	Crib Point	Road Race
Sunday April 8	9.00 am	Dromana	Road Race

### NORTHERN VETS PROGRAM

<b>March</b>			
Sunday 18	9.30 am	Toolernvale	48 km Handicap
Sunday 25	10.00 am	Ballan	Autumn Festival Handicap
Sunday April 1	10.00 am	East Trentham	44 km Pig and Whistle Handicap
Sunday April 8	10.00 am	Seymour	64 km Handicap

### CLUB NEWS

#### Questionnaire Results

##### Q 5 Social Events

Q 5.1 Are you and your family interested in social events?

Voting was two to one in favour of social events.

Q 5.2 Type of event, Family picnic, Family bike ride, Dinner or Dinner Dance.

Resulted in the picnic being the first preference followed by the family bike ride and the least preferred the dinner and dinner dance about even.

### REMEMBER

If you have any news, members results from non Eastern events, bike bits to sell, pet or regular training rides, professional advertisements, or anything else that you would like to include, please give it to me on race day, by phone (9439 8013) or by e mail (mikeb@alphalink.com.au).

**Don't forget, unsolicited contributions will get you a free race entry.**



# eastern veterans cycling club

*Newsletter March 10, 2001*

## **STOP PRESS**

**CHANGES AT THE TOP** The following people were elected as office bearers at the AGM on Monday, 5 March. President Alan Sandford, Vice President Peter Burchall, Treasurer John Macleod, Secretary Keith Bowen, Handicapper Graeme Parker, Club Captain Steve Fothergill.

**MARYBOROUGH** Remember entries close on March 16.

## **VVCC CHAMPIONSHIPS**

On behalf of Royce Bennett our Club President, who as you know is not very well, I would like to thank all those who helped to make the State titles such a huge success. Royce was very keen to have Eastern present the event and I know he was pleased to hear how well it went.

Firstly Neil Wray was quick to get the ball rolling with an excellent flyer, which he distributed to all club delegates at the VVCC meeting in Geelong. The response was terrific, with a block entry of 54 riders from Keith White of Southern. Then the entries started to arrive by mail, hand and phone, with a record 173 entries (160 men and 13 women) including 26 from country clubs.

A special thanks to Keith White and Harry Wood of Southern Vets who not only allowed us to use their office and numbers, but had the course set up for use before Vince and I arrived, including free coffee for all and a judges stand. Well done boys!!

Vince Di Nuzzo and Graeme Parker hopped behind the table to accept registrations with Lorraine, 'always ready to help' Collings sorting out any problems with a minimum of fuss as usual. Thanks Lorraine.

Mary and Harry Tams, Tom Finning, Brian O'Loughlin, Ray Aldridge, with Harry Wood on the public address system, ran the races like clockwork, with no problems whatsoever.

And I must say the riders rode with great spirit and sportsmanship. It was nice to hear the congratulations all round, especially from some of the more fancied riders who were defeated. Things like 'well done mate' and 'good ride Don' epitomised the spirit of veterans cycling.

Thanks to Chris Mucha who put up a marquee for Colin Smythe and Steve Fothergill, who shared the task of selling cold drinks and as a final touch, Sue and Neil Wray prepared and served sandwiches for all after the final presentations. Last and not least thanks to Keith Bowen who did an excellent job at short notice setting out and printing the programs.

Yours in cycling

Alan Sandford

## **LAST WEEK AT AFL PARK**

The weather gods again treated us kindly with a glorious autumn day for the conclusion of the Club Championships, comprising a 900 m sprint and a half hour scratch race around the Wednesday circuit. The first round of the sprints went off without a hitch, but the subsequent rounds were delayed a little while the handicapper helped by Vince Di Nuzzo and Ken Woollard did some hasty redrawing of repecharges, quarter finals, semi finals and finals. A variety of tactics were employed in the sprints with some taking off as if it were a 'slow bike race' and others as if there were no tomorrow.

Riders appreciated the shortened scratch races, although John Wilson, Graeme Parker and Kieran Ryan still managed to lap the field in a combined 55 - 59, 60 - 64, 65 - 69 and 70 + race. Graeme Parker holding on for the finish.

A special thanks to those who helped with the running of the events , Ken Woollard, Vince Di Nuzzo and Doug Smith from Southern as 'holder in chief' for the sprints.

## RESULTS

Results of the Club Championships are as follows. Full details available separately.

Age Group	First	Age Group	First
35 - 39	Russell Lewis	55 - 59	Graeme Parker
40 - 44	Phil Thomson	60 - 64	Barry Rogers
45 - 49	Steve Fothergill	65 - 69	Alan Sandford
50 - 54	Greg Morgan	70 - 74	John Porter

### THIS WEEK AT AFL PARK

After the hustle and bustle of Victorian Championships and Club Championships it will be back to normal today with one hour Graded Scratch Races.

### EASTERN VETS PROGRAM

#### March

Saturday 10	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races 1 hour
Saturday 17	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Melbourne and Metropolitan Crit Champ GSR
Saturday 24	2.00 pm	Steels Creek	Summer Road Race
Saturday 31	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races 2 hours
Sunday April 1	10.00 am	Gembrook	Family and mountain bike fun day (details coming)
<b>Monday April 2</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Maroondah Club</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>

### SOUTHERN VETS PROGRAM

#### March

Sunday 11	9.00 am	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races 1 hour
Sunday 18	9.00 am	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races 1 hour
Sunday 25	9.00 am	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races 2 hours
Sunday April 1	9.00 am	Crib Point	Road Race

### NORTHERN VETS PROGRAM

#### March

Sunday 11		No racing	
Sunday 18	9.30 am	Toolernvale	48 km Handicap
Sunday 25	10.00 am	Ballan	Autumn Festival Handicap
Sunday April 1	10.00 am	East Trentham	44 km Pig and Whistle Handicap

## CLUB NEWS

### Questionnaire Results

#### Q 4 Club Championships

- Q 4.1 Number in order of preference format for presentation. Presentation night or at a race meeting.  
A close call with presentation at a race meeting just shading a presentation night.
- Q 4.2 Preference for all medals or sash for first and medals for second and third.  
Resulted in another close call with the preference being for medals.

Remember, if you have any news, members results from non Eastern events, bike bits to sell, pet or regular training rides, or anything else that you would like to include, please give it to me on race day, by phone (9439 8013) or by e mail (mikeb@alphalink.com.au).

Don't forget, unsolicited contributions will get you a free race entry.

# SUMMER CHAMPIONSHIPS 2001

Points for each event 5, 3, 2, 1.

Age	Time Trial	Points	Sprint	Points	Scratch Race	Points	Total	Placing
<b>35 - 39</b>								
R Lewis	1.13.49	2	1	5	1	5	12	1
G Archer			2	3	2	3	6	2
B Gray	1.11.17	5					5	3
S Weeks			3	2	3	2	4	
N Skews	1.11.87	3					3	
W Pace	1.14.94	1					1	
R Booth	1.16.78							
<b>40 - 44</b>								
P Thomson	1.10.86	2	2	3	2	3	8	1
I Gillies	1.10.80	3	3	2	3	2	7	2
M Cordedda	1.13.35	1			1	5	6	3
M Pitrun			1	5	4	1	6	
P Oziesmski	1.10.32	5					5	
G Arthur	1.13.47		4	1			1	
M Wallace	1.14.56							
J C Wilson	1.16.87							
<b>45 - 49</b>								
S Fothergill	1.10.26	5	2	3	1	5	13	1
R Cardosi			1	5	2	3	8	2
G Molesworth	1.12.29	3	3	2	4	1	6	3
D McCormack	1.12.74	2					2	
N Hainal					3	2	2	
L Doyle	1.13.08	1					1	
A Cunneen	1.18.06		4	1			1	
L Bishop	1.16.71							
M Paul	1.16.72							
R Joosten	1.16.76							
R Stait	1.17.73							
S Oberg	1.18.31							
J Chadwick	1.18.63							
N Williamson	1.21.96							
<b>50 - 54</b>								
G Morgan	1.09.22	5	1	5	1	5	15	1
M Stalder	1.12.52	3	3	2	2	3	8	2
C Morris	1.13.83	2	2	3	3	2	7	3
H Simpson	1.14.64	1					1	
P Burchall			4	1			1	
R Graham					4	1	1	
G Vaile	1.15.93							
I De Kam	1.18.03							

Age	Time Trial	Points	Sprint	Points	Scratch Race	Points	Total	Placing
<b>55 - 59</b>								
G Parker	1.14.79	5	2	3	1	5	13	1
K Ryan			1	5	2	3	8	2
C Wright	1.18.53	3	3	2	3	2	7	3
S Hopley	1.23.30	1	4	1	4	1	3	
K Pollard	1.22.15	2					2	
<b>60 - 64</b>								
B Rogers	1.20.14	2	1	5	2	3	10	1
J Wilson			2	3	1	5	8	2
N Wray	1.14.98	5					5	3
G Schreppell	1.17.22	3					3	
D Lyons	1.21.71	1					1	
<b>65 - 69</b>								
A Sandford	1.16.24	5	1	5	2	3	13	1
K Bowen	1.20.74	3	2	3	1	5	11	2
L Luguna	1.22.99	2					2	3
<b>70 - 74</b>								
J Porter	1.20.17	5	1	5	1	5	15	1
C Smythe	1.25.83	3					3	2
C Tessier	1.28.66	2					2	3

**Note** Riders who did not compete in the time trial and failed to gain any points in the other events are not listed.



# eastern veterans cycling club

*Newsletter 17 March, 2001*

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The following office bearers were elected at the AGM on 5 March

<b>President</b>	Alan Sandford	9878 3087	<b>Club Captain</b>	Steve Fothergill	9730 1644
<b>Vice President</b>	Peter Burchall	9889 4608	<b>Race Director</b>	Vince Di Nuzzo	9878 2284
<b>Secretary</b>	Keith Bowen	9439 8013	<b>VVCC Delegates</b>	Peter Burchall Neil Wray	9889 4608 9585 4626
<b>Asst Secretar/ Public Officer</b>	Neville Williamson	9427 9750		Alan Sandford	9878 3087
<b>Treasurer</b>	John Macleod	9722 1552	<b>Referee</b>	Alan Sandford	9878 3078
<b>Handicapper</b>	Graeme Parker	9728 8087	<b>Property Steward</b>	Nick Hainal	9727 4763
<b>Asst Handicapper</b>	Alan Sandford	9878 3087			

The following letter of thanks for his services to Eastern Veterans has been sent to Royce Bennett.

**Dear Royce**

On behalf of the in coming committee and members of Eastern Veterans Cycling Club I would like to thank you for your contribution to the Club. From personal knowledge, I know that your work extended well beyond that of merely President and without denigrating the efforts of others, it seems that you were Eastern Veterans. Eastern Vets is known as the 'friendly club' largely due to your friendly, calm and relaxed personality. New members were always welcome and greeted by name. At the AGM, Kayley described you as an engineer and a perfectionist, attributes that you carried over to the running of the Club.

The Club is in a strong position at the moment, to a large extent because of your efforts. The new Committee is aware of your interest in the future of the Club and will endeavour to maintain the high standards you have set us.

On behalf of the Committee, members of Eastern and other clubs, thank you for your contribution to Veterans cycling in Victoria and Eastern Veterans in particular. It is a contribution of which you can be proud. We are all deeply saddened at the tragic circumstances that have forced your resignation from the Club.

Yours sincerely  
**Keith Bowen**

## LAST WEEK AT AFL Park

After a week or more of hot weather and a morning of northerlies, the wind swung around to the south west by the start of racing. After what seems like months of head wind sprints, the tail wind sprint was much appreciated by all riders. In D Grade, Barney Hogan after doing the lion's share of the work during the race, still had enough left to lead out from Safeway Corner. However he went too early and was caught by the fast finishing bunch, Alan Cunneen getting over Alan Sandford, Keith Bowen and David McCormack just before the line.

## RESULTS

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>	<b>Race Director</b>
<b>A Grade</b>	Russ Newnham	Steve Fothergill	Phil Thompson	Vince Di Nuzzo
<b>I Grade</b>	Chris Mucha	Andrew Laird	Mike O'Connor	<b>Stewards</b>
<b>C Grade</b>	Graeme Parker	Neil Wray	David Hill	Nick Hainal Mick McIntyre

<b>I Grade</b>	Alan Cunneen	Alan Sandford	Keith Bowen	<b>Drinks</b>
<b>I Grade</b>	Barry Rogers	Dominic Shipano	Colin Smythe	Steve Fothergill Glen Archer
				<b>Judges</b>
				S Wray, B Guillot

### TODAY AT AFL PARK

Tired of being thrashed when riding in championships in your age group, then today is your opportunity to win a championship medal, in the first Graded Metropolitan Criterium Championships. Races will be one hour scratch races in Grades A to G, plus separate races for women if there are sufficient entries.

### NEXT WEEK AT STEELS CREEK

Sick of racing criteriums and frustrated by the sprinters always finishing over the top of you, then next week could be your opportunity when we return to the Steels Creek course for the Summer Road Race.

### MEMBERS CORNER

**Looking for a new bike, then talk to Kieran Ryan who has a Raceline 'Ultra - Pro' for sale.** The bike is the latest model, brand new 54 cm frame with taperwall 7005 tubing, carbon forks, near new 9 speed Ultegra group set, Flight Deck computer, Mavic rims and Continental tyres. If you are interested, ring Kieran on 9397 4546 or see him on race day.

### EASTERN VETS PROGRAM

<b>March</b>			
Saturday 24	2.00 pm	Steels Creek	Summer Road Race
Saturday 31	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races 2 hours
Sunday April 1	10.00 am	Gembrook	Family and mountain bike fun day (details coming)
<b>Monday April 2</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Maroondah Club</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
Saturday April 7	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Autumn Handicap (details coming) and GSR's

### SOUTHERN VETS PROGRAM

<b>March</b>			
Sunday 18	9.00 am	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races 1 hour
Sunday 25	9.00 am	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races 2 hours
Sunday April 1	9.00 am	Crib Point	Road Race
Sunday April 8	9.00 am	Dromana	Road Race

### NORTHERN VETS PROGRAM

<b>March</b>			
Sunday 18	9.30 am	Toolernvale	48 km Handicap
Sunday 25	10.00 am	Ballan	Autumn Festival Handicap
Sunday April 1	10.00 am	East Trentham	44 km Pig and Whistle Handicap
Sunday April 8	10.00 am	Seymour	64 km Handicap

### CLUB NEWS

#### Questionnaire Results

##### Q 5 Social Events

Q 5.1 Are you and your family interested in social events?

Voting was two to one in favour of social events.

Q 5.2 Type of event, Family picnic, Family bike ride, Dinner or Dinner Dance.

Resulted in the picnic being the first preference followed by the family bike ride and the least preferred the dinner and dinner dance about even.

### REMEMBER

If you have any news, members results from non Eastern events, bike bits to sell, pet or regular training rides, professional advertisements, or anything else that you would like to include, please give it to me on race day, by phone (9439 8013) or by e mail (mikeb@alphalink.com.au).

**Don't forget, unsolicited contributions will get you a free race entry.**



# eastern veterans cycling club

## *Newsletter 24 March, 2001*

### **LAST WEEK AT AFL PARK**

Well, after a record hot spell of weather with something like 80 days in a row when the temperature did not fall below 20° C, who would of thought that the first Graded Metropolitan Championships would be spoiled by a break in the weather. The cold, wet and windy conditions were not conducive to championship racing and after taking entries, the powers to be called the championship races off at about 2.00 pm. They will now be held on 31 March.

Instead of the Championship races, 38 hardy souls raced in graded scratch races of about 50 minutes duration. Northern riders, used to the wind swept basalt plains of Toolernvale, new how to handle the wind of AFL Park and got the money in three of the four grades. Congratulations.

Thanks to those who helped on the day, Vince Di Nuzzo, Graeme Parker and Alan Sandford who withstood the pressure of riders entering and then wanting their money back when the races were cancelled, Frank Barlow, Clive Wright and Geoff Schreppel as judges, Sue Wray and Virginia Di Nuzzo for the sandwiches and carrot cake, Southern for the loan of their numbers, Chris Mucha and the Fat Tyre Flyers for the loan of the marquee and Steve Fothergill on the drinks, although it was not really a beer drinking day.

### **RESULTS**

	<b>First</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Third</b>
<b>A /B Grade 8</b>	Steve Fothergill	Jeff Thompson	Greg Morgan
<b>C Grade 12</b>	Keith Wade	Ray Smith	Jim Harris
<b>I Grade 12</b>	George Weddell	Hilton Preece	Colin Speller
<b>I Grade 6</b>	Dominic Schipano	Glen Archer	Paul Phenix

### **THIS WEEK AT STEELS CREEK**

Today is your opportunity to get on top of those sprinters who are always finishing over the top of you, when we return to the Steels Creek course for the Summer Road Race.

### **NEXT WEEK AT AFL PARK**

Following the cancellation two weeks ago of the Graded Metropolitan Criterium Championships, because of bad weather, we will try again next week. So if you are tired of being thrashed in your age group, then today is your opportunity to win a championship medal, in the first Graded Metropolitan Criterium Championships. Races will be one hour scratch races in Grades A to G, plus separate races for women if there are sufficient entries.

### **COMING UP AT GEMBROOK**

Don't forget the Family Fun and Picnic Day at Gilwell Park Gembrook on 1 April. Fun and games on mountain bikes, plus some serious stuff for the die-hards. It's a great venue, with quiet leafy trails through the forest. Bring your own picnic lunch, but if you want a BBQ, you will need to bring your own, or make arrangements to share with someone. Remember this outing is not just for bike riders, but all the family and friends. See separate flyer for details of how to get there.

## MEMBERS CORNER

Legs full of lactic acid, neck and shoulders aching, then massage might be your scene.

Jacquii Kennedy a Clinical Massage Therapist (Certificate of Therapeutic Massage) outlines the benefits of massage, which in Jacquii's words should never be overlooked.

*'When our muscles are working for us every day, whether it be in sport or just daily activities, it is important to look after them.'*

*Most cyclists zealously look after their bikes, but neglect to look after an incredible hard working irreplaceable machine, their bodies!*

*Massage is particularly important to cyclists as it helps improve your performance in the following ways:*

- *injury prevention*
- *increase in circulation*
- *assists in cell and tissue repair after a race*
- *assists in the removal of lactic acid and other waste products*
- *improves flexibility and suppleness of muscles, ligaments and tendons*
- *is mentally relaxing and decreases stress levels*

*These are just a few of the benefits of massage and there are many more that could be added.*

*So all you 'cycling fanatics' out there, start to think of that 'magnificent cycling machine' and look after it. Remember spare parts are costly and few and far between and loose flexible muscles, tendons and ligaments, just might get you across the line first instead of second.'*

Jacquii may be contacted on 0417 579 056

**Looking for a new bike, then talk to Kieran Ryan who has a Raceline 'Ultra - Pro' for sale.** The bike is the latest model, brand new blue 54 cm frame with taperwall 7005 tubing, carbon forks, near new 9 speed Ultegra group set, Flight Deck computer, Mavic rims and Continental tyres. If you are interested, ring Kieran on 9397 4546 or see him on race day.

## EASTERN VETS PROGRAM

Saturday <b>March</b> 31	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Graded Metropolitan Criterium Championships
Sunday April 1	10.00 am	Gembrook	Family and mountain bike fun day (details coming)
<b>Monday April 2</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Maroondah Club</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
Saturday April 7	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Autumn Handicap (details coming) and GSR's
Saturday April 14			No Racing Easter

## SOUTHERN VETS PROGRAM

Sunday <b>March</b> 25	9.00 am	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races 2 hours
Sunday April 1	9.00 am	Crib Point	Road Race
Sunday April 8	9.00 am	Dromana	Road Race
Saturday April 14	9.30 am	Wonthaggi	Handicap

## NORTHERN VETS PROGRAM

Sunday <b>March</b> 25	10.00 am	Ballan	Autumn Festival Handicap
Sunday April 1	10.00 am	East Trentham	44 km Pig and Whistle Handicap
Sunday April 8	10.00 am	Seymour	64 km Handicap
Sunday April 15			No Racing Easter

## REMEMBER

If you have any news, members results from non Eastern events, bike bits to sell, pet or regular training rides, advertisements, or anything else that you would like to include, please give it to me on race day, by phone (9439 8013) or by e mail (mikeb@alphalink.com.au).

**Don't forget, unsolicited contributions will get you a free race entry.**



# **eastern veterans cycling club**





# eastern veterans cycling club

*Newsletter 7 April, 2001*

## LAST WEEK AT AFL PARK

Well the weather gods smiled on us for the rerun of the Metropolitan Graded Championship. Beautiful sunny conditions, with a top temperature of 26° C, but with the usual north westerly making the sprint a bit of a challenge. A total of 95 riders entered and after some confusion because of the lack of numbers, races were shortened to a nominal 45 minutes. Riding against riders of your own ability in a championship event was appreciated by the riders and the event is sure to be repeated again next year. Congratulations to Neville Williamson for thinking of the concept. Thanks to Vince Di Nuzzo, Tony Curelli, Sue Wray, Harry Tams and any who I may have overlooked.

## RESULTS

Men	First	Second	Third	Fourth
<b>Division 1 (10)</b>	G Mathews	R Newnham	M Wallace	
<b>Division 2 (13)</b>	J Sabo	A Laird	M Johnson	M Stalder
<b>Division 3 (22)</b>	S Di Tullio	J Harris	M Bowen	H Swan
<b>Division 4 (20)</b>	A Sandford	C Speller	P Clark	N Williamson
<b>Division 5 (16)</b>	K Woollard	L Laguna	B Rogers	F Barlow
<b>Division 6 (5)</b>	C Smythe	C Tessier	K Pollard	
<b>Division 7 (4)</b>	W Ketzler	A Guillot	N Babberton	
<b>Women</b>				
<b>Division 1 (2)</b>	A Reinehr	J Kennedy		
<b>Division 1 (3)</b>	N Campbell	C Pung		

## THIS WEEK AT AFL PARK

This week a new event, the Autumn Handicap will be held at AFL Park. No, it won't be like the mad frenetic rush of the Christmas Handicap, with a few laps around the short circuit, but a longer event around the Big Circuit, so that bunches will be able to get into a rhythm. The event is sponsored by Michael Bowen Financial Services, so there will be plenty of prize money. The handicap will be followed by Graded Scratch Races.

## AFL PARK, APRIL 21 (no racing Easter Saturday April 14)

Graham Cadd is riding from Perth to Sydney 4,400 km in 10 days!!! (that is what his brochure says), to raise awareness and funds for a national conference on leukodystrophy (Lorenzo's Oil). Graham's 18 year old son Simon, suffers from this and syringomyelia, both are rare and devastating illnesses. Eastern Vets is sponsoring Graham on his ride and proceeds from the races will go towards support for Graham. In keeping with the variety of events over summer, two races will be held, a madison followed by graded scratch races. Come along, enjoy the cycling and help a worthy cause.

### EASTERN VETS PROGRAM

Saturday April 14	2.00 pm		No racing Easter
Saturday April 21	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Madison and Graded Scratch Races
Saturday April 28	2.00 pm	AFL Park	Graded Scratch Races
Saturday May 5	2.00 pm	Steels Creek	Graded Scratch Races
<b>Monday May 7</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Maroondah Club</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>

### SOUTHERN VETS PROGRAM

Sunday April 8	9.00 am	Dromana	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday April 15	10.00 am	Wonthaggi	Handicap
Sunday April 22	9.00 am	Bayles	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday April 29	9.00 am	Drouin South	Graded Scratch Races

### NORTHERN VETS PROGRAM

<b>April</b>			
Sunday April 8	10.00 am	Seymour	64 km Handicap
Sunday April 22	9.30 am	Toolernvale	Graded Scratch Races
Wednesday April 25	1.00 pm	Seymour	64 km Benghazi Handicap
Sunday April 29	9.30 am	Toolernvale	Time Trial Handicap

### REMEMBER

If you have any news, members results from non Eastern events, bike bits to sell, pet or regular training rides, advertisements, or anything else that you would like to include, please give it to me on race day, by phone (9439 8013) or by e mail (mikeb@alphalink.com.au).

**Don't forget, unsolicited contributions will get you a free race entry.**

### VVCC AGGREGATE POINTS

Steve Di Tullio rode in the first of the Victorian Veterans Cycling Council (VVCC) aggregate points race held on Saturday 10 March 2001. Steve off 12 minutes tells the story of the day's racing.

Dave McCormack who raced on the Sunday morning and attended the Bendigo madison fills us in on Sunday's events.

The points series is series of ten races held during the year through country Victoria. Riders gain points for finishing in the top five (7, 5, 3, 2, 1) and prize money is generally paid down to tenth. The fastest time rider also gains 3 points and a new innovation this year is each rider that enters also gets one point, which could prove handy in the final count. The overall winner, along with second and third secure for themselves \$700, \$200, \$100 and trophies for their efforts.

### RACE 1 'THE LONG ROAD'

89 riders fronted at Woodstock, (near Bendigo, not the Woodstock north of Epping) where the Central Victorian Veterans CC hosted the first race. The name 'Long' is synonymous with bike racing, and today would prove no different, more on that later.

56 km faced the 89 starters and the weather was warm with a slight breeze. I heard a few riders debating about taking one or two bidons, I found one 750ml bidon enough, because I was hoping the beer would be cold at the finish and I wasn't let down.

28 minutes separated scratch from the limit markers, the first capture of the bunches, that I saw, occurred at the 30km mark where, firstly the 8 minute bunch caught the 10 minute bunch and shortly after the 12 minute boys and girls were reeled in. I believe some of the front groups were

already together with the exception of the 22 and 28 minutes groups. Average speeds at this stage were around the 37-39 kph mark.

A bit of surging and long turns soon whittled the bunch down to approximately 20 riders. The right hand turn into the Woodstock road, 14 km from the finish, also caused a bit of concern if you weren't up the front, as riders were looking for the elusive 22 and 28 minutes bunches. The riders turned into a cross headwind coming from their right front.

The remaining riders were pulled into the main field with about 10km to go and now the race was on. Riders were spread out over the narrow road en echelon, which saw a number of riders quickly spat out the back with nowhere to hide from the wind. About 10 to 12 riders had gone clear and were working hard, but the 6 minutes bunch weren't out of it yet.

The 6 minute boys wound in the leading group with a couple of km's to go. A big bunch of about 15-20 were now ready to fight out the finish and this is where the name Long comes in.

The sprint started with the officials allowing the riders to use all the road, as traffic was next to nil. John Long, (Northern Vets-12 mins), son of Bill Long kicked from the bunch to take out the first race, the points and money on offer for the day. 2nd across the line was Trevor Redman (Northern Vets-6 mins) with 3rd Mark Rye (Central Vets-6 mins).

The Eastern Vets club was represented by Mario Cordedda (4 mins), Michael Tilley (8), John Wilson (10), Steven Di- Tullio (12), and Jacqui Kennedy (22 mins), unfortunately none featured in the placings, but successfully completed the race.

Thanks to the officials, the support vehicle drivers and their personal cars, the ladies who provided a great spread for afternoon tea, the

Central Goldfields first aid personnel and the barman for the nice cold beer after the race.

**Results:** 1st John Long-Northern (6mins) time 1h:28m:26s, 2nd Trevor Redman-Northern (6), 3rd Mark Rye-Central (6), 4th Phil Stevenson-Hume (8), 5th Lindsay Williams-Centrals (6), 6th Mick Corry-Central (6), 7th Leon Gibson-Grampians (8), 8th Clive Coomber-? (8), 9th Keith Wade-Northern (6), 10th Terry Wallace-Grampians (6) and fastest time Leigh Egan-Hume (Scr) 1h:18m:02s.

### **The Bendigo Madison - A Pleasant Sunday**

The bedside alarm sounded and I peeped out from under the covers to see " 5: 45am ". It took some time before I realised that no, it was not another work day but in fact Sunday, bloody Sunday. I had arranged to accompany Alan Sandford to Woodstock to race with the Central Vets, and then onto Bendigo to witness the famous Bendigo Madison.

Not being an early morning person, nor very organised at the best of times, I stumbled around getting my gear together and tossed down a quick breakfast before waking the whole neighbourhood getting my bike into the back of the Telstra vehicle. A quick drive to Alan's place, I knocked on his front door just as he was finishing brushing his teeth followed by a gargle. We transferred my bike and gear into Alan's rusty, sorry trusty machine. This time waking his neighbourhood, and off to Bendigo.

It wasn't long into the trip that we realised that the needle on the fuel gauge was almost on 'E'. Panic! Do we turn around or, carry on and chance it? Like true vets we venture on, and it wasn't long before we see the bright lights 'Mobil'. Fuelled up and with wet feet from the driveway attendant hosing down a torrent of water on the concrete driveway, (I thought we were in a drought?), we drive north.

The miles pass quickly as Alan reminisces on past days and the exploits of some of the present day vets. Bloody hell, any wonder I'm having trouble winning a race. I thought I was just racing against some geriatric grandfathers!.

With a little help from the navigator we arrive at Woodstock, an old hall with heaps of character, in plenty of time for the start of the race. Alan convinced the handicapper we were both 'D' grade riders, which we are, but the standard in the bush might be a little different to the city?

The locals were complaining about the strength of the wind, a zephyr compared to the AFL Park the previous day.

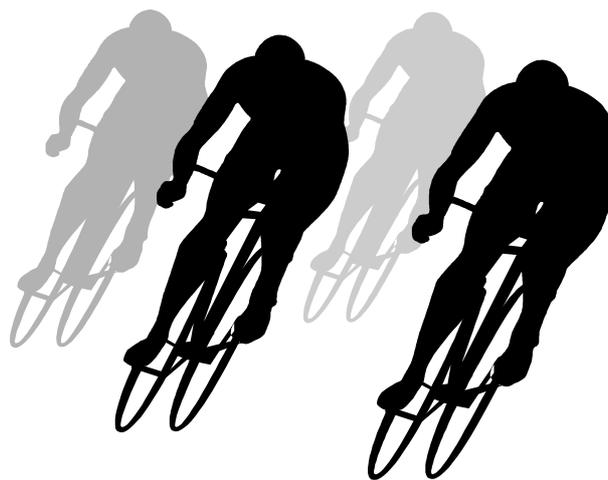
Eight D grade riders contested the 36km out and back relatively flat course. All riders participated in rolling over in handicap style racing and at one stage I had to give Alan a bump as I was sure he was asleep. At the 1km mark the only lady rider in the bunch was leading by some 15 metres and it crossed my mind that some arrangement had been made and she was to win the race. Then the sprint came! A rider jumped from the back and we were off chasing him. Alan put in a race winning spurt and eased off just before the finish line and I managed to grab his wheel and crossed in second place. A good result, paid for the petrol and entry into the madison.

The Central Vets made the visitors feel welcome and put on lunch, country hospitality!! So after a bite, a chat and a few drinks we were off to the madison.

Alan picked out his favourite spot to watch the carnival, a pity about the PA speaker directly behind us! The support program was terrific. Athletics, 120, 200, 400 and 1600 metre races and the usual array of bike races. A bad fall in one of the heats brought the crowd to their feet. Luckily all riders escaped serious injury. A couple of vets Steve Flower and Neil Peart rode in the support program. Alan suggested he might enter next

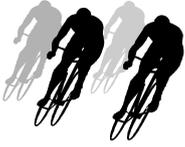
year. PA speaker still giving us the shits, so Steve Di Tullio, who drove up that afternoon, showed some veteran or was it army initiative and climbed up the fence and pointed the speaker to the heavens. He received a standing ovation!

The madison was a fantastic event with the record crowd getting right behind the action. After 200 laps of non stop chasing and sprinting the teams of McGrory/Aitken and Weispfennig/Renshaw finished equal on points, with McGrory/Aitken winning the race on a count back. Two local riders had the most points but were down a lap, they tried desperately to get up, but whenever they were nearly there, the announcer would ask the crowd to give them their support, warning the leaders that they were about to be unlapped. Nevertheless it was a great result for the carnival.



First and second place getters on their victory lap (courtesy Alan Cunneen who had attended a school reunion that day at East Loddon primary/secondary school).

Alan snuggled into the passenger seat for the trip back to Melbourne and apart from his nasal acoustics, the drive passed quickly. Arrived home about 12.30 am. Woke the neighbour again getting my bike out of the trusty Telstra vehicle. A pleasant Sunday, I recommend it!!



# eastern veterans cycling club

**Newsletter 28 April, 2001**

**Committee Meeting Where Maroondah Club When Monday 5 May 8.00 pm See you there.**

**APRIL 21 AT AFL PARK EASTERN VETS MADISON**

After the magical weather of Easter, the Park turned on its best wintry weather, with strong easterlies and temperatures dropping throughout the afternoon, making every one look for arm warmers, leg warmers, beanies and any other sort of warm apparel. Today was to be Madison day and everyone was eager to learn the rules. The rules were somewhat complicated, Division 1, a 60 lap race (small circuit), first 20 laps a Grand Prix with sprints every 4 laps (both riders participating), followed by 10 lap chase with only one rider racing at a time and to conclude 30 laps with sprints every 5 laps and double points for the last sprint.

The race was a thriller with the handicapper selecting 8 evenly matched teams. The heavens opened up with about 30 laps to go and caused a temporary delay of ten minutes. On the restart, 6 teams were left with Chris Mucha and Steve Di Tullio on 17 points leading from Peter Oziesmski and Nick Panou on 13. Peter Oziemski then put in a masterful display of sprinting, winning every sprint thereafter. The decisive sprint was the second

last when he just got up on the line to win by a tyre, which put the

teams level for the last sprint. Chris and Steve were one of the few teams to master the 'arm sling change', most going for the safer, tap or gentle push. Chris and Steve opted to change on the last lap, whereas Peter took over with about 3 to go and charged past Chris and Steve while they were changing in the back straight and went on to win the sprint and the race.

The day was a great success and raised about \$600 for Graham Cadd's Perth to Sydney ride to raise awareness and funds for a national conference on *leukodystrophy*. And yes despite my scepticism Graham is aiming to do it in 10 days.

## LETTER FROM GRAHAM CADD



Today was, apart from the cold wind, a terrific day for me. I took up cycling 4½ years ago, and although I

have not raced as much over this past summer, I am quite moved by the regard and support the club has extended to me. I, and the small group of people (other parents of children with this disorder) trying to get some international experts out here, are very grateful. I would to extend my thanks to all concerned especially Alan Sandford and Graeme Parker for making the day a success and donating the money raised to the *Adrenoleukodystrophy Support Group*.

Now to the big ride. I would be more than happy to provide a brief ride report on return for inclusion in the Eastern Vets Newsletter. I know that we have set some big targets for ourselves but I think it is better to have something to strive for that is really going to test us. Each day will be really weather dependent. Should we not get favourable weather patterns, the targets will not be achieved, but if things go our way and we don't get too fatigued we stand a chance. I have talked the trip over with Perry Stone the current around Australia record holder. His advice is; 'stop worrying about the weather, it's never what you expect; just get on your bike and ride according to the current conditions'.

Keep your fingers crossed for us.

Regards

Graham

## RESULTS

Madison	First	Second	Third	Officials
<b>Division 1 (16)</b>	Peter Oziemski Nick Panou 43 points	Chris Mucha Steve Di Tullio 39 points	Steve Fothergill Michael Pitrun 21 points	Graeme Parker Alan Sandford Jenny Fairbank Dick Fox Frank Barlow
<b>CSR</b>				Clive Wright Steve Oberg
<b>A Grade (12)</b>	Peter Oziemski	Rob Graham	Dale Goodall	
<b>B Grade (8)</b>	Graham Cadd	Steve Oberg	Frank Barlow	Drinks
<b>C Grade (7)</b>	Clive Wright	Keith Bowen	Ron Stranks	Steve Fothergill
<b>D Grade (7)</b>	Kayley Ward	John Porter	Rob Booth	Glen Archer

### TODAY AT AFL PARK

The Division 2 Madison will be held today and will be followed by graded scratch races. Having watched Division 1 last week and learnt how it should be done teams will be able to sort out their tactics from the start.

### NEXT WEEK AT STEELS CREEK

With the start of the road season it's back to the Creek today for graded scratch races.

### EASTERN VETS PROGRAM

Saturday May 5	2.00 pm	Steels Creek	Graded Scratch Races
<b>Monday May 7</b>	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>Maroondah Club</b>	<b>Club Meeting</b>
Saturday May 12	2.00 pm	East Wandin	Graded Scratch Races
Saturday May 19	2.00 pm	Yarra Junction	Classic Handicap
Saturday May 26	2.00 pm	AFL Park	GSR's with Intermediate Sprints

### SOUTHERN VETS PROGRAM

Sunday April 29	9.00 am	Drouin South	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday May 6	9.00 am	Somers	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday May 13	9.00 am	Nar Nar Goon	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday May 20	9.00 am	Bayles	Handicap

## VVCC AGGREGATE POINTS SERIES ROUND TWO – LEARMONTH

Steve Di Tullio is still riding and writing about his experiences of the Waddell series. Steve is currently coming equal 4<sup>th</sup>.

The second round of the VVCC aggregate series took place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2001. The race was conducted by the Ballarat Veterans Cycling Club.

Like all aggregate races it was a handicap race consisting of 3 laps, of a 17.6km circuit, near Learmonth. 77 riders turned up to face a circuit that had a bit of everything in it. A tailwind start for about 1km. A left hand turn into a crosswind from the left. Another left into a headwind for a long uphill drag, another left turn into a crosswind from the right this time and lastly a slight uphill then a 1km decline, with tailwind, into a fast finish.

Well it wasn't my day for racing, thankfully I lasted the first lap. I was gone early, struggling with the constantly changing wind direction, but I hung around until each group had caught me to get a bit of an

insight as to how they were going and this is what I saw or presumed from the results.

The first lap had a sprint and this was taken out by Peter Gilbert (24 min) from the home club of Ballarat

The 10 minute bunch were working reasonably well together in the first lap with Joseph Gulino (Geelong) screaming off at the start putting a few of us in trouble immediately. Gail Cashin (Ballarat) was in this group doing her fair share of the work early. I departed the

group at the start of the second lap just as we were captured by the 8 minutes bunch. Let me tell you there

were some boys in that group pushing hard on the pedals to get the group going. The riders started to get spat in quick succession with the uphill drag, headwind and quick pace taking its toll.

The second lap also had a sprint in it and this was collected by Ted Kearney (24 min) from the Geelong club.

The six minute bunch came through and I leapt onto the back of them for a short time and they were rolling along quite smoothly, but didn't look to have the speed that would allow them close the gap on the fast moving bunch ahead.

Not too sure what happened to the four minutes bunch, but chopping block and scratch caught me along the road into the finishing straight and again were moving along smoothly.

It seemed the bunches that were no more than eight to ten riders in size got to utilise all the road and managed to get an echelon going with the crosswinds and maintain a good pace. Unlike the big bunches forming together up ahead. There were three places today, working at the head of the group and getting a break as you went back though, the lucky position - swing the gate and maybe one or two riders behind the swinger or out the back. There was definitely no room to grovel in the gutter with the bunches using up all the road.

Anyway back to the racing, from the finish line the lead car came screaming down the road and we were informed that there was about twenty riders in the lead group and they were from the eight minutes group forward. The tailwind and slight decline had the speeds high.

350m to go and disaster struck a number of riders. With a bit of argy bargy going on and riders trying to improve their position a touch of wheels or a loss of balance, saw three come down in spectacular fashion. Two bikes were seen cart wheeling through the air, I reckon about 2-3m up. Reminded me of a photo from a finishing fall in Europe a while ago.

This fall sorted out the positioning a bit with three riders having a small lead, 2-3m on the next group. The three riders John Long (Woodstock winner and Northern club), Robert Phillips (Ballarat) and Roger

Mileti (Geelong) tussled it out all the way to the line and you could have thrown a blanket over them at the finish with John Long winning, Robert Philip 2<sup>nd</sup> and Roger 3<sup>rd</sup>.

John has done it again in the second race of the series going back four minutes in time, but is obviously going better than the handicapper thinks, it will be interesting to see his mark in the next race – scratch might be stronger by one.

The scratch bunch was screaming down the road for fastest time and had to be flagged down to slow with bikes, bits, riders and ambulance all over the road. In the end fastest time went to Gary Gullock (Ballarat).

Back to the fall and the three riders down were all OK but spent a bit of time on the ground, a bit dazed and shaken. As per normal there was a few anguished cries of, 'how's my bike?'. I described the fall as spectacular, but I am sure it was not fun to participate in. I wish, and I am sure your fellow competitors do to, the riders a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them next race.

The post race feed was once again a grand affair put on by the host club and is something to look forward to at the end of a hard slog and almost worth entering the race just for the feed.

Thank you goes out to the Ballarat club, the corner stewards, lead and tail car drivers, the finishing judges and anyone else who assisted in putting on the race or cooking/supplying the feed at the end.

### Placings

1<sup>st</sup> John Long (Northern) 8 min, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Phillips (Ballarat) 8 min, 3<sup>rd</sup> Roger Mileti (Geelong) 16 min, 4<sup>th</sup> Leon Gibson (Grampians) 8 min, 5<sup>th</sup> Phil Morris (Warrnambool) 8 min, 6<sup>th</sup> Richard Buckwell (Geelong) 16 min, 7<sup>th</sup> Mal Taylor (?) 10 min, 8<sup>th</sup> Peter Fry (Ballarat) 16 min, 9<sup>th</sup> Mike Montague (Geelong) 19 min, 10<sup>th</sup> Noel Symons (Colac) 12 min.

**Fastest time:** Gary Gullock (Ballarat) 1h 18m 29s

## **VVCC WADDELL AGGREGATE POINT SERIES – ROUND THREE**

### **'STAN HOWARD MEMORIAL'**

The third round of the VVCC Waddell aggregate points series was held on Sunday 8 April 2001 at Paraparap, a small suburb approximately 30 km from Geelong.

This race was special to the Geelong Vets Cycling Club as it is held in memory of one of their founding members Stan Howard, who was a tireless worker for the club and is credited as being largely responsible for making the club what it is today.

There were 112 names on the start list and I believe all riders fronted, even though the weather was rapidly deteriorating. The circuit was a 9.5km square, all left hand turns, with the riders facing a slight rise into a block head wind then a right crosswind, a fast tailwind

and finally a left crosswind down the 1.5km finishing straight.

The usual 29 minutes separated scratch from the limit riders for the five laps of the circuit giving us about 48km to travel. The first riders set off at 10 am and 29 minutes later all were underway then the heavens decided to open up on the bunches.

The first capture that I saw came at 29km where my bunch (12min) caught the 14 minutes bunch, there was still two groups ahead and a few straggling riders. Judging by the size of the 14 min bunch, that we caught, most groups were disintegrating in the crosswinds.

There were sprints throughout the race on laps 2, 3 and 4. The first two sprints were won by Peter Dickson (29 min) and the last one on lap 4 was won by Jeremy Tatchell (20 min), little did he know he was to go on to better things.

There was much looking around being done but there was not much coming from behind. Apparently the bunches behind were blowing themselves to bits trying to reel in the front groups too early. Which helped the 12 min forward groups to maintain a steady pace and slowly capture the front markers.

With four laps down and one to go, from the 12 min group forward all groups were all together, except for about six riders, who from the calls from the corner marshalls and spectators had a 4 min lead with 9.5 km to go. Five of those riders were captured with about 4.5 km to go and one lone rider still had a 1 to 1min 30sec lead with just over half a lap to travel.

A consistent group of approximately six riders kept the turns going steady and smooth and the lone rider was in sight. I know I was thinking well I am happy to be in the finishing bunch just don't let us be captured from behind.

Just as I was thinking that, with 2 km to go, I looked behind to see the 9min 30 sec bunch steaming up to us. We turned the corner and Jeremy Tatchell had about 30 sec on the chasing group and just kept going to score an impressive solo win.

With the bunch behind bearing down quickly the remaining riders slowed a bit but with the finish line in sight a few got twitchy and the race for the line commenced very early, I estimate about 600-700m out.

This whittled out a few riders very quickly with a crosswind coming from the left. With 250m to go Bill Mantova set sail for the line pushing a massive gear and got a small gap on the other six riders still in the sprint. Behind Bill a rider went to squeeze a gap and unfortunately that gap closed and with a bit of screaming, shouting and braking, another couple of riders lost their momentum to the line. 150m from the line, I kicked from the back of the group and tried to close the gap onto Bill unfortunately the gap was too big and I had to be content with third. A fast finishing Mick Mitchell (14 min) was about a bike length behind for fourth.

What happened to the group behind (9min 30 sec bunch), well the early romp to the line was enough to hold them off and not allow any into the places. The scratch bunch had killed themselves throughout the day and an unusual occurrence with second scratch taking out fastest time, this went to Marcus Coppock (1min 45 sec bunch).

Two hard luck stories of the day were Brian Maloney, who most agreed was a certainty for a high place from his group, punctured with about 4 km to go and he was looking strong. Also Kim Howard had a slow leaking front wheel and discovered this with about 2.5 km to go. Kim had worked tirelessly at the front all day and was certain of a good placing. Fortunately for her she did get some money being the first female to finish.

Another great race was put on and thanks go out to all the sponsors of the race, the volunteers of the Geelong Veterans Cycling Club, these ladies and men stood on the corners in the wind and rain to maintain the safety of the riders. Another great after race feed was put on as well, not costing the riders a brass razoo.

## Results

1<sup>st</sup> Jeremy Tatchell (25 min), 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Mantova (12 min), 3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Di Tullio (12 min), 4<sup>th</sup> Mick Mitchell (14 min), 5<sup>th</sup> Noel Symons (12 min), 6<sup>th</sup> Ray Quigley (14 min), 7<sup>th</sup> Ray Hodgson (14 min), 8<sup>th</sup> Stan Bunce (17 min), 9<sup>th</sup> Greg Tuabe (12 min), 10<sup>th</sup> Allan Green (12 min)

**Fastest time** - Marcus Coppock (1 min 30 sec bunch)  
time: 1h:28m:15s

**Sprints** – lap 2 and 3 Peter Dickson (limit), lap 4 Jeremy Tatchell (25 min)

**First lady** - Kim Howard (12 min)

**RACE NUMBERS**

Don't forget there are still a few race numbers missing. If you have inadvertently taken one home, it would be appreciated if you would return it as soon as possible.

**REMEMBER**

If you have any news, members results from non Eastern events, bike bits to sell, pet or regular training rides, advertisements, or anything else that you would like to include, please give it to me on race day, by phone (9439 8013) or by e mail ([keithb@rabbit.com.au](mailto:keithb@rabbit.com.au)).