



# eastern veterans cycling club

Respecting the Rights of all Road Users

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## Macclesfield – August 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Race report.

Initial spiel. – numbers and weather, etc.

### a-grade (4 laps)

A core group of Eastern riders plus a couple of visitors saw an eleven strong a-grade bunch head up the neutral climb to the start of four laps along the undulating Macclesfield Road circuit. In contrast to the last time we were here the pace from the raising of the flag was not full on, the majority in the group content to let a few set the early pace whilst they rode their legs into some form. The first move of the race didn't occur until the start of the return leg when Roy Clark rode away from the bunch, Gerrard Donnelly in tow. Those who had been at the De Bortoli tour saw this as a potential threat, others didn't. There wasn't a great deal of reaction within the group and as it turned out this laid-back attitude was justified. Roy coming back to the bunch on the short pinch a kilometre from the turn, Gerrard sitting up at the top and waiting to be reamalgamated into the bunch. The remainder of the first lap was uneventful until a couple of kilometres from the turn when Gerrard again rode off the front.

With three laps still to run, and the unkind outbound headwind, nobody in the bunch was ready to make the move into an attacking break. Gerrard though seemed quite content to get in some time-trial practise. A few bods in the main bunch shared the work to keep him on a relatively short leash, Mike Fisher (jnr.), Tony Chandler and Nigel Kimber being the memorable faces. At the far turnaround an effort was made to minimise the gap Gerrard took into the turn to minimise the advantage he'd get coming out. Out of the turn Gerrard had around 80m on the followers, this gap fluctuated between 20 and 150m depending on who was going up hill and who was going down hill, at two to go (half race distance) the break was 20m (we were going up hill), after the turn it was 80m (he was going down hill). The bunch seemed content to let Gerrard set the pace by default, a steady rotation of riders behind ensuring that the gap never blew out. Half way to the far turnaround, Mark Wallace was setting the bunch pace and obviously decided it was time to bring the soloist back into the fold. After a lap and a quarter it was all back together again. And with more than half the race covered (or more likely less than half to cover) the attacks started, initially feeler attacks, a picking up of pace the only required response to see them come back. It was obvious this

was leading up to more serious efforts and the most likely point of attack would be just before the turnaround and on the first climb coming back. Sure enough it was the climb and the bunch was pretty much spread out as the leaders crested the hill. Some serious chasing by a couple of riders saw the bunch reform at about half its original size. Guy Green then set about implementing his plan, attacking the group at fairly regular intervals, any sign of resistance by the bunch was met with resignation and he'd fall back into the mix to go again a little later. The last attack before the bell-turn was by far the most serious and took some mental and physical effort to bring it back, Tony Chandler in an attempt to bridge being the catalyst that spurred the remainder into action.

The bell and the last lap had half a dozen riders making their way out to the far end for the final time, the odd straggler still making their way up to the officials to get their notification. Three quarters of the way out and Guy has gone again, this time the bunch were in no hurry to bring him back and that proved their undoing. It didn't seem like much at the time, a race down the last hill and toward the turn cut Guy's advantage to what one thought would be manageable but this was where he made his move and by the time the bunch scrambled over the top of that hill Guy was away, not to be seen again. Despite the lead car being over the hill and far away the remnants of the bunch chased, making it difficult for those who had struggled over the hill to get back on. Finally the chaser's chasers caught up with the chasers, at which point the chase seemed to terminate and it came down to a race for the minor placings.

The few moves made in the bunch on the final leg were closed down quickly and with just over a kilometre to run the pace came right off. Nigel Kimber, knowing he didn't have the legs for a sprint finish put his hand up and quickly doubled the speed (17 to 34) as he dragged the others up the final few inclines to the finish. True to form, 200m from the line the sprint started and that is all I had and all I have.

Figures for the race : 67.1k at 35.7kph

### b-grade (4 laps)

b-grade report

### c-grade (3 laps)

c-grade report.

e-grade report.

**d-grade (3 laps)**

**Wrap up**

d-grade report.

Anything else you may want to say

**e-grade (2 laps)**

**Results**

	First	Second	Third	Fourth
<b>a-grade (n)</b>				
<b>b-grade (n)</b>				
<b>c-grade (n)</b>				
<b>d-grade (n)</b>				
<b>e-grade (n)</b>				

**Officials**

Thanks to Graeme Parker and Ron Stranks for taking entries. Thanks to <officials on the day>. As always thanks to JC for carting the trailer and Su Pretto for dealing the merchandise, last but not least to Peter Mackie on drinks.

**Eastern Vets Program**

Saturday	August	11	2:00pm	Steels Creek	Jack Thompson handicap
Saturday	August	18	2:00pm	Casey Fields	Casey Fields 120 Graded Scratch Races (note that this is a 2-hour race, see below for further details)
*Saturday	August	25	2:00pm	Halls Gap	44k Graded Scratch Race
*Sunday	August	26	10:00am	Halls Gap	61k Handicap
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Maroondah Club</b>	<b>Monthly General Meeting</b>
Saturday	September	1	2:00pm	Casey Fields	Avon Tyre Service Handicap

**Note :** Graded Scratch Race entries are accepted on the day up to 15 minutes before the advertised race start time. Handicap entries close the Tuesday before the race. Riders entering a handicap **MUST** pay the entry fee regardless of participation. Fees are due on race day, entrants will **NOT** be allowed to start in any EVCC race until fees have been paid. No late entries will be accepted for either scratch races or handicaps. Entries to handicaps can be submitted via e-mail to the handicapper or on any race day prior to the event.

\* These are not Eastern Vets events, see below for details.

**Southern Vets Program**

Sunday	August	12	9:00am	Crib Point	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday	August	19	9:00am	Lang Lang - Yannathan	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday	August	26	9:00am	Cora Lyn - Modella	Club Championships
Sunday	September	2	9:00am	Casey Fields	Graded Scratch Races

**Note :** Southern Vets have a 'No licence – No race' policy. If you are going to race with Southern take your licence with you.

**Northern Vets Program**

Sunday	August	12	10:00am	Pyalong Rd, Seymour	Eagle Handicap (53k)
Sunday	August	19	9:30am	Gisborne	Time Trial
Sunday	August	26	9:30am	National Blvd., Campbellfield	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday	September	2	10:00am	East Trentham	Handicap (44k)

**Victorian Veteran Cycling Council Program**

Saturday	August	25*	2:00pm	<b>Halls Gap *</b>	44k Graded Scratch Race	20/8 - \$8
Sunday	August	26*	10:00am	<b>Halls Gap *</b>	61k Handicap	20/8 - \$12
Sunday	September	9		Wangoon	60k Jack Brennan Handicap	3/9 - \$12

\* See note below concerning Club Halls Gap weekend.

## For your calendar

Date	Location	Event
25-26/8/2007	Halls Gap	A weekend of fine food, great company, good laughs, oh and a race or two. 25/8 – Graded Scratch races 26/8 – Handicap, a bbq lunch is being provided after the racing. For accommodation e-mail Colin O’Brien at: <a href="mailto:colinjbg@netspace.net.au">colinjbg@netspace.net.au</a> For race entries see Ian Smith next Saturday. Note entries close with the VVCC 20 <sup>th</sup> of August, entries through the club must be in the week before then (18/8)
21/10/2007	Melbourne	Around the Bay in a Day Eastern Vets will have a group doing the 210k ride via Geelong & Queenscliff and a group doing Melbourne – Sorrento – Melbourne.
16-19/11/2007	Australian National Championships	16/11 - Time Trial - Paraparap 17/11 - Road Race - Australian Automotive Research Centre, Anglesea 18/11 - Track*: TT, Pursuit, scratch - Geelong West Cycle Track 19/11 - Criterium - The Esplanade, Torquay  Entries close 26/10/2007, \$15/event. *TT & Pursuit - road bikes permitted, no gear changes allowed. Scratch Races - track bikes only.

## Other bits and pieces:

### Heading 1:

Text 1.

### Heading 2:

Text 2.

## Other Results, etc.:

If you have a result or an announcement you would like to share please forward it on to me ([nigel.kimber@bigpond.com](mailto:nigel.kimber@bigpond.com)) and I will include it here.

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