

# Eastern veterans cycling club

Respecting the Rights of all Road Users

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## Hill Climb, The Basin - Sassafras – September 20<sup>th</sup>

### Race report.

A new day and a new time were not enough to coax a few more members out to pit themselves against the infamous one in twenty from the Basin to Sassafras. Despite the weather coming to the party a couple of no shows meant that it was only thirty-nine starters for the annual Eastern Vets hill climb time-trial.

Phil Smith was back in his element averaging 27.8kph over the 6.8 kilometre course to post the second fastest time of all time (Eastern Vets time), falling short of his best time posted two years ago by 25 seconds. Phil completing the course

more than 45 seconds faster than his nearest rival in John Lynch.

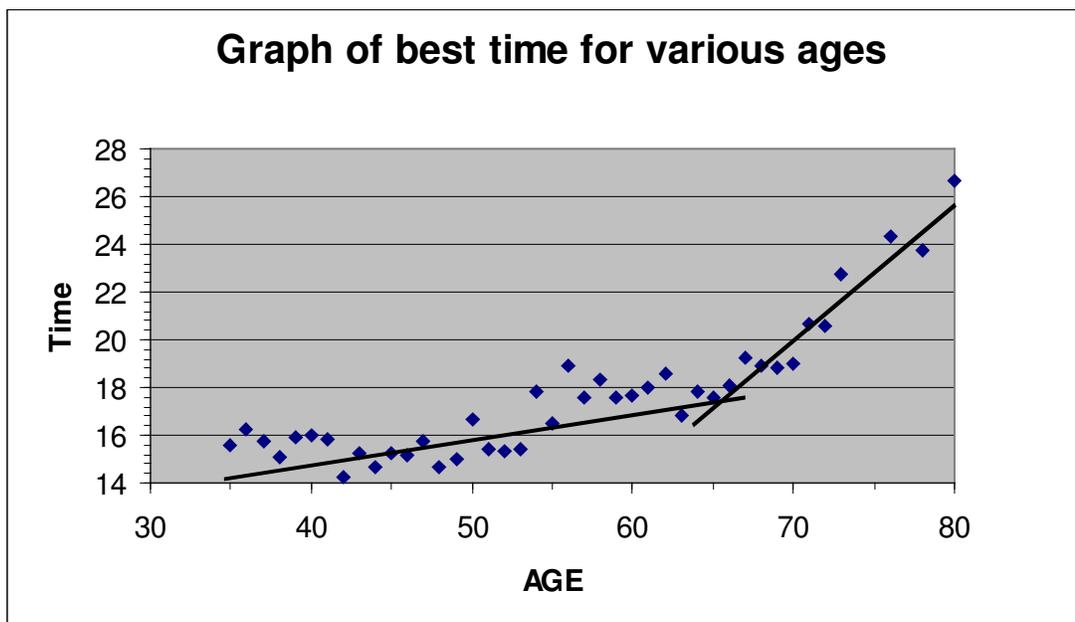
The competition amongst the women was tight at the top end of the field, Deb Chambers showing her liking of the mountains beating Louise McKimmie up the hill by just 5 seconds - all those repetitions up Mt Buffalo with the baby in tow paying dividends. The only other female in the race, Sharon Higgins, putting in a good effort to finish with a better time than some of the younger men in the club.

In the time against age category it was again John Lynch showing his disregard for getting older. Paul Kelly also making his usual foray into this set of results with an impressive sub twenty-minute ride up the hill.

The following table, and accompanying chart, show the fastest times for each age, the figures come from the 430 ride times that Keith Bowen has on record. The trend lines are Keith's and demonstrate what every 70 year old knows (except perhaps for Paul Kelly) that it is all downhill after 70.

	Time min/sec	Age		Time min/sec	Age		Time min/sec	Age
Mathews G	15.33	35	Graham R	16.42	50	Jardine J	17.39	60
Howard P	16.16	36	Lynch J	15.23	51	Stalder M	18.02	61
McDonough T	15.45	37	Lynch J	15.19	52	Fox D	18.36	62
Stobie J	15.06	38	Lynch J	15.26	53	Peeters M	16.49	63
Castillo	15.55	39	Stalder M	17.50	54	McCoy T	17.52	64
			Graham R	16.31	55	Wade K	17.36	65
Wilson P	15.58	40	Boulton D	18.57	56	McCoy T	18.07	66
Davis G	15.51	41	Stalder M	17.36	57	Bennett R	19.17	67
Smith P	14.15	42	Jardine J	18.19	58	Kelly P	18.53	68
Smith P	15.17	43	Naylor R	17.34	59	Kelly P	18.48	69
Smith P	14.40	44						
Green G	15.16	45				Kelly P	19.01	70
Lynch J	15.11	46				Porter J	20.42	71
Lynch J	15.43	47				Stranks R	20.33	72
Lynch J	14.42	48				Porter J	22.47	73
Lynch J	15.02	49				Smith R	24.19	76
						Porter J	23.47	78
						Porter J	26.40	80

### Graph of best time for various ages



### Results

	Handicap			
		Time	Mark	Corrected
1 <sup>st</sup>	Glen Pascall	17:46	4:30	13:16
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Anthony Gullache	17:20	3:30	13:50
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Darren Darling	19:16	5:00	14:16
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ben DeJong	18:18	4:00	14:18
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Cheeseman	21:45	7:00	14:45
fastest	Phil Smith	14:40		

Age against Time		
	Time	
John Lynch (53)	15:26	+3:59
Tony Chandler (48)	15:56	+2:56
Paul Kelly (70)	19:01	+2:19
Fastest Woman	Time	Mark
Deb Chambers	18:11	3:10

### Officials

Thanks to Graeme Parker and Ronnie Stranks who were on the desk taking entries and again to Graeme for the handicapping. Thanks also to the helpers; Michael Paull, Kevin Starr, Greg Lippie, Ted McCoy, Peter Norbury, Keith Bowen, Gavin Plummer, Matt White, Ian Smith and J C Wilson. Thanks also to JC for bringing the trailer, to Peter Mackie who was on hand with the drinks and thanks to Richard Dobson who is responsible for the roster and looking after helmet covers and numbers.

### Eastern Vets Program

Saturday	September	27	2:00pm	METEC	Graded Scratch Races
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Maroondah Club</b>	<b>Monthly General Meeting</b>
Saturday	October	4	2:00pm	Casey Fields	Graded Scratch Races
Saturday	October	11	2:00pm	Yarra Junction	Club Championships
Saturday	October	18	2:00pm	Steels Creek	Royce Bennet Memorial Handicap
Wednesday			10:00am	The Loop – Yarra Boulevard	Scratch Races + post race coffee

**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.

### Southern Vets Program

Sunday	September	28	9:00am	Lang Lang	President's Cup – Graded Scratch Races
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**Note :** Southern Vets have a 'No licence – No race' policy. If you are going to race with Southern take your licence with you.

\* Due to Victoria Police requirements competitors for these events must have a flashing red taillight and a white headlight.

## Northern Vets Program

Sunday	September	28	9:30am	National Blvd, Campbellfield	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday	October	5	9:30am	National Blvd, Campbellfield	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday	October	12	10:00am	Avenel Road, Seymour	Vin Nuttal handicap (64k)
Sunday	October	19	9:30am	National Blvd, Campbellfield	Graded Scratch Races

## Victorian Veteran Cycling Council Program

Sunday	October	5	10:00am	Paraparap, Geelong	Stan Howard Memorial H'cap	29/9 - \$15
Sunday	October	25	10:00am	Camperdown	Camperdown – Warrnambool	20/10 - \$20

## For your calendar

Date	Location	Event
12/10/2008 14/10/2008 16/10/2008 18/10/2008	Traralgon Warragul Mansfield Carlton	2008 Jayco Herald Sun Tour Masters Support Races As a part of the Jayco Herald Sun Tour Southern Vets, in conjunction with Cycling Australia and Cycle Sport Victoria, are running support races over the Herald Sun Tour courses. Cost is \$16.50 (for non SVCC members) + \$20.00 per event entered. See the SVCC web site ( <a href="http://www.southernvets.com.au/modules/news/article.php?storyid=209">www.southernvets.com.au/modules/news/article.php?storyid=209</a> ) for more details and entry form.
16/10/2008	Mansfield	2008 Jayco Herald Sun Tour - l'etape du Tour Ride the last 48k of stage 4 of the Herald Sun Tour from Mansfield to Mt Buller For details check out Cyclo Sportif's website; - <a href="http://www.cyclosportifvic.com.au/page/events.html">http://www.cyclosportifvic.com.au/page/events.html</a>
19/10/2008	Melbourne	BV Around the Bay Nigel Kimber will be leading a 250k group, there will also be a group going to Sorrento and back.
13/12/2008	Shepparton	Scotty's Ride. A 120km recreational challenge ride on the quiet country roads around Scott's home town of Shepparton. For details check out Cyclo Sportif's website; - <a href="http://www.cyclosportifvic.com.au/page/events.html">http://www.cyclosportifvic.com.au/page/events.html</a>

## Other Results, etc.:

### TOUR DES PYRENEES 8 days in July 2009

Cyclists all agree that France is truly the mecca for road riding. Magnificent scenery, great roads, friendly motorists and great food/wine not to mention the cycling history all go towards making it a once in a lifetime (or more) trip for cycling enthusiasts. July 2007 saw the Croydon Cycleworks inaugural "Tour des Pyrenees" a resounding success, and now we have put together another great tour designed to take in the decisive mountain stages of the Tour de France, and ride some of the climbs made famous by the race. Most tours of this nature cost \$3500 to \$5000 to do pretty much the same thing we are. Our 8-day holiday will cost \$1800 per person as we are running this as a non-profit venture. We simply want to share the costs with a group of friends who will appreciate the experience.

The Pyrenees may not be the highest mountains in Europe but they are ruggedly beautiful and offer some massive climbs like the 21km Tourmelet at nearly 10%gradient! This week's stages will be absolutely decisive in the Tour De France, and we will see the leaders battling the climbs up close. Excellent B&B accommodation with terrific food is right on the race route and is in the heart of excellent cycling country approx 80 km south of Toulouse. We plan on seeing a minimum 3 race stages and having plenty of time to ride the classic climbs of Aubisque, Tourmelet, Porte aspet and Col de Ment'e. Our tour group will be small (no more than 12 people) and we are catering to cyclists only

The price of \$1800 (incl GST, final price subject to change) includes the following;

- All vehicle transfers to and from Toulouse and transport for the duration of the tour (airfares not included)
- Comfortable accommodation on twin share basis
- Guided rides to some of the most famous climbs in Europe
- See the spectacle of the Tour de France up close
- Breakfasts, most lunches and two dinners are provided
- French speaking tour guide and bike mechanic will escort you on all rides
- Special tour Jersey available

A detailed itinerary will be available late October once the 2009 Tour de France route is released. Register your interest by email [info@croydoncycycleworks.com.au](mailto:info@croydoncycycleworks.com.au) or call Mick on 03 97235164

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