



# Eastern veterans cycling club

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## Graded Scratch Races - METEC - January 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Race report

A good turn out for the first meeting of the new year. Despite it being just the second day of the year, holidays being taken and hangovers being nursed sixty-seven members turned out to METEC to blow the cobwebs from the lungs.

A solid head wind down the finish straight and along the back straight showed up those who'd maybe over indulged a little, or who hadn't taken the bike out of the shed since last year, a couple of early retirements testament to the lapse in commitment, Nigel Kimber one to go home early – very early.

### a-grade

There were no “how do you dos” in the top grade, Tony Chandler and Phil Smith putting the pressure on from the first lap, the pair jumping to an early lead and enjoying a couple of laps knowing the others were sweating in the chase behind. David Holt, one perspiring extensively, trying to bridge but with the remainder actively chasing discretion proved the better part and he allowed the group to catch him as it continued to hunt down the miscreant pair.

With the race back together a few small attacks from various sources were attempted and consequently run down until Tony and Phil repeated the earlier dose and again grabbed a gap. David was again a little slow on the uptake and again found himself chasing alone, again opting to retreat to fight another day and allow the others to assist with the work. No sooner had David rejoined the mass than Roy Clark left it in his own attempt to catch the leaders.

With fourteen minutes showing on the race clock (of a promised one hour fifteen) and little concern shown by those remaining in the chase as Roy disappeared up the road, taking the last of the podium places, David was left with no choice but to start a new day and bury himself again to get back into the race. David catching Roy as Roy caught the lead pair. The four then worked hard together to nail the coffin shut, the gap quickly blowing out and consolidated over the next twenty minutes.

Losing a couple of seconds to allow a lower grade the corner off the hump stirred Tony into action and it was one, three and a shattered bunch. The three content to let Tony wear himself out whilst they marked time. Having set a blistering pace that had he, and his merry chase, lapping the rest of the field Tony returned to the race after ten minutes.

Forty-five minutes down, half an hour to go, the remnants of the field lapped. It was time the race for the serious money got serious. The last half-hour characterised by Tony and Phil attacking and counter-attacking. Roy, showing little interest in chasing, left all the work to David who was forced to respond quickly every time one of the aggressors jumped.

On the bell the four were still together and it was Phil leading the small group into the last lap, taking it through the first half of the lap till David took over into the dip. David winding it up through the third quarter of the lap started the sprint early. Keeping Roy to windward David managed to hold him off to take the chequered flag. Tony, having to round Phil and chase from the back, closed on the leaders but fell short, taking third.

### b-grade

Ian Milner opened hostilities with a move at the end of the first lap, the remaining seven content to let him wear himself out. But then again ... and it was six chasing two. With more than an hour to run there was no reason to worry, or was there? Another two cleaved themselves from the chase and scrambled to the break. Four on four, if the chase worked and the break didn't there'd be time. One of the four had different ideas, changing the mind of another and leaving two in trouble. If the two ones caught the four the six might back off a bit allowing the other two a chance of getting back on. They did, but they didn't, and the two split. A lap of chasing in the hope the pace would ease enough proved fruitless and prompted the first retirement for the race; Nigel pulling the plug at the six-minute mark and going home leaving Steve Fothergill to chase alone.

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### c-grade

The c-grade race was run at a good solid pace although the average speed might not reflect that. The race was characterised by a lot of attempted breaks and enthusiastic chase downs followed by periods of low intensity - cat and mouse racing. The main protagonist in the get away stakes was Peter Ransome who almost pulled off the perfect escape late in the race, were it not for the dogged chasing of Neil 'Diesel' Cartledge aided by a helping hand (hand? - ed.) from Harold Simpson he may well have pulled it off.

Into the last lap the bunch was still all together and as it approached the traffic lights the leader took the bunch up the

track in an effort to encourage another to take it round the bend and into the sprint, the action leaving a sizeable gap on the inside. David McCormack accepted the invitation, seized the opportunity and jumped for home. Peter Ransome and the ever-attentive Ken Bone the first to react. In the sprint to the line it was no contest, Ken Bone having the faster legs squeezing through on the inside to greet the judge ahead of David and Peter who filled the minor places.

**d-grade**

No report

**e-grade**

No report

**f-grade**

No report

## Results

	First	Second	Third	Fourth
<b>a-grade</b> (12)	David Holt	Roy Clark	Tony Chandler	
<b>b-grade</b> (8)	Ian Milner	Frank Nyhuis	Wayne Doherty	
<b>c-grade</b> (14)	Ken Bone	David McCormack	Peter Ransome	
<b>d-grade</b> (16)	Dean Niclasen	Sam Fazio	Graeme Parker	Andrew Buchanan
<b>e-grade</b> (10)	Les McLean	Ross Gardiner	Laurie Bohn	
<b>f-grade</b> (7)	Stewart Jenkins	Keith Bowen	Petra Niclasen	

## Officials

Thanks to Graeme Parker and Ron Stranks who were on the desk taking entries. Thanks also to Richard Maggs, Steve Ross and Kim Marshall who monitored proceedings. Also thanks to Richard Dobson who manages the duty roster and ensures we have enough people on the day for our races, to Michael Paull who brought the trailer along and Peter Mackie who was on hand with the drinks.

**Note :** Members rostered for marshal or traffic control duties must be at the circuit at least one hour before the scheduled start time to assist with the setting up of the course. (but bring your bike, you just never know)

## Tuesday Night Aggregate

Men's	Grade	Points
Geoff Mackay	D	40
Murray Howlett	D	34
Grant Greenhalgh	C	34
Mark Edwards	C	32
Kevin Starr	A	32
Chris Norbury	C	30
Ron McCurdy	B	30
David Holt	A	28
Peter Mackie	D	28
Damien Burke	A	24

Ladies	Grade	Points
Catrin Harris	E	8
Sue Sharples	D	8
Allison Barnard	E	6
Carol Ross	E	6
Petra Niclasen	E	4
Luoise McKimmie	D	4
Michelle Vanpraagh	E	2

## Eastern Vets Program

Saturday	January	9	2:00pm	Dunlop Road	Graded Scratch Races
Saturday	January	16	2:00pm	Kernot	Graded Scratch Races
Saturday	January	23	2:00pm	METEC	Graded Scratch Races
Saturday	January	30	2:00pm	Dunlop Road	Graded Scratch Races
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Maroondah Club</b>	<b>General Meeting</b>
Tuesday	Jan 5, 12, 19, 26 Feb 2, 9, 16, 23		6:00pm	METEC	Graded Scratch Races <b>Note :</b> No entry to circuit before 5:00pm
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.

### Northern Vets Program

Sunday	January	10	9:30am	National Boulevard	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday	January	17	9:30am	National Boulevard	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday	January	24	<b>9:00am</b>	National Boulevard	GSR & Handicap
Sunday	January	31	10:00am	East Trentham	Pig & Whistle h'cap – 44k

### Gippsland Vets Program

Sunday	January	10	10:00am	Kernot	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday	January	24	10:00am	Kernot	Graded Scratch Races

On the off weeks the Gippsland club runs training rides from the Kernot community hall.

### Victorian Veterans Cycling Council Program

Sunday	February	21	9:30am	Dookie	Malcolm Hill Cycles handicap (56k)	10/2 - \$20
Sunday	March	7	9:30am	Woodstock	O'Brien Contracting handicap (56k)	24/2 - \$20

**Note :** Entries are to be on the appropriate VVCC Open entry form (available on VVCC website) and are to be accompanied by the requisite fee.

### Other Results, etc.:

### For your calendar

Date	Location	Event
10/1/2010	Buninyong	Australian Open Road Cycling Championships Interested in watching the best battle it out, the club is looking at making a day of it, see Graeme Parker (gandeparker9999@bigpond.com) or David McCormack (davemacq@bigpond.com) to register your interest.
24/1/2010	Bright	Audax Alpine Classic - <a href="http://www.audax.org.au/public">www.audax.org.au/public</a>
7/3/2010	Falls Creek	BV – 3 Peak Challenge, 230k. - <a href="http://www.bv.com.au/great-rides/42359">www.bv.com.au/great-rides/42359</a>
13-14/3/2010	Mansfield	SCODY High Country Cycle Challenge - <a href="http://www.bikeevents.com.au">www.bikeevents.com.au</a>
27/3/2010	Torquay	Great Ocean & Otway Classic Ride - <a href="http://www.supersprint.com.au">www.supersprint.com.au</a>

### Stop Press.

After three years of putting together this newsletter Nigel has decided that it is time to call it a triennium and move on to new things, allowing some fresh blood to inject new enthusiasm into the medium of the club.

The club is looking for a volunteer to take over the role of newsletter editor. The club AGM is coming up in March and although the position of editor is not an elected position the AGM provides an opportune time for a changing of the guard. Any interested parties are asked to ponder their interest and to feel free to ask Nigel what is involved along with any other questions they may want to know the answer to.

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