

Newsletter

9 July 2016



Duty roster

10 July, National Boulevard
Northern Cycling

17 July, National Boulevard
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If rostered for duty, you must be there at least 1 hour before start time. It's your responsibility to find a replacement if unable to do your duty, then advise Andrew Buchanan, tiptop2@optusnet.com.au

Racing last week was at Casey Fields. Owing to pressure of other deadlines, the call for race reports did not go out this week, but Ken Saxton was not deterred and submitted a C Grade report anyway. Thanks, Ken.

Both this week and next week we race at National Boulevard in Campbellfield, kicking off at 9 am on Sunday. Note: 9 am on Sunday is not 2 pm on Saturday! Be there before 8.45 to register. These are the first two of four fixtures this month between Eastern Vets and Northern Cycling. Be there to help the club win a year of bragging rights and a perpetual trophy.

The club's Tour de France Night is just two weeks away on Saturday 23 July, at 7 pm for a 7.30 start, at the Kilsyth Club. Come along to hear an inspirational guest speaker and watch Stage 20 on a big screen. Please book tickets before Tuesday 12 July. They are available from David McCormack on race day or at davemacq@bigpond.com. See inside for more.

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My kingdom for a pump and a spare tube! Richie Porte lost crucial time on Stage 2 of the Tour de France when he had to wait for a neutral wheel change.
Photo: SBS



Graded scratch races, Casey Fields, 2 July

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
A Grade (7)	Steve Ross	Jean-Philippe Leclercq	Rob Amos
B Grade (15)	John Thomson	Geoff O'Loghlen	Walter Savini
C Grade (9)	Ken Saxton	Neil Cartledge	Hylton Preece
D Grade (9)	Peter Gray	Ken Allan	Colin Mortley
E Grade (5)	Susan O'Keeffe	Ron Stranks	Rob Devolle

C Grade

A relatively small group of nine riders started on Saturday. The strong westerly winds and small numbers suggested we might have a fairly quiet day. Typically, the battle would be with the wind, with little chance of a breakaway, suggesting it was more likely the bunch would stick together. Not so!

There seemed to be an attack every lap from Hylton Preece, Greg Harvey, John Pritchard, Darren Woolhouse, Neil Cartledge, Dean Niclasen or myself.

John was the main protagonist; again and again, with his very relaxed style, he would seem to gap the bunch effortlessly. And with each attack the bunch would respond. A big surprise, with 15 minutes to go, was Doug Page, who had just

come up from D Grade for his first race in C Grade. On three occasions he shot out and we worked hard to pull him back in.

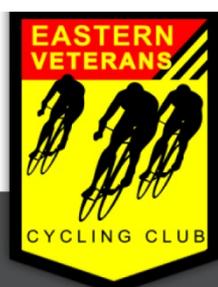
With about three or four laps to go, it was evident no one would get away, so the paced slowed in readiness for a sprint finish. On the bell lap John led the bunch, with Darren stuck on his wheel and myself at third wheel.

Approaching the final corner, I came past Darren and John to lead out the sprint. I managed to gap the rest of the bunch with my initial burst and then held the lead from a fast-finishing Neil, with Hylton close behind.

Ken Saxton

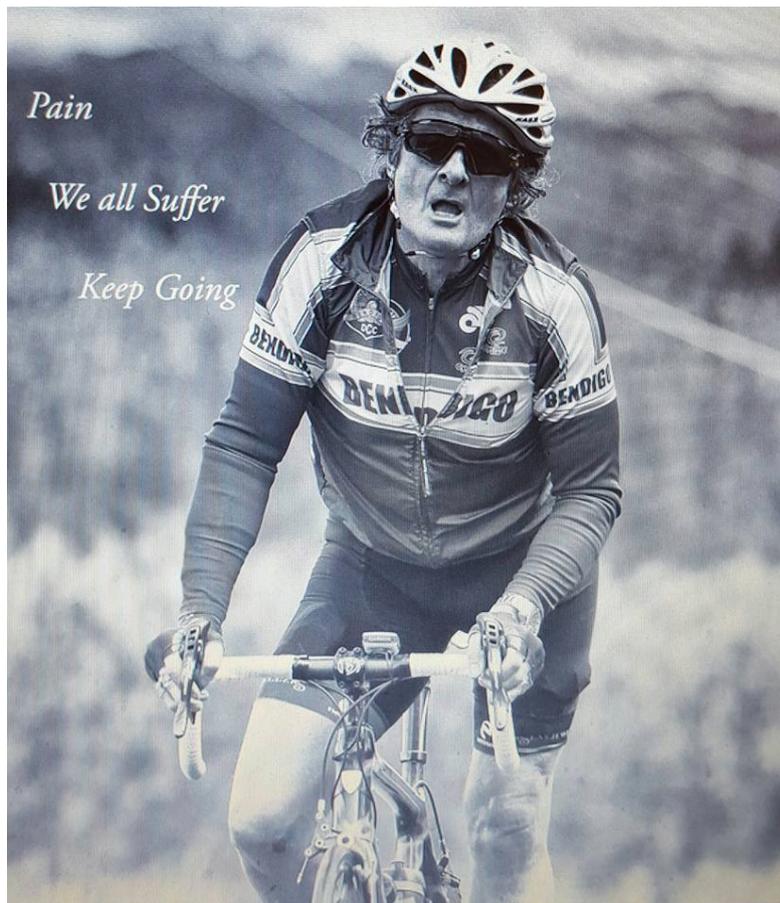
Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Kew, 6 July

Wednesday racing was washed out this week.



Future events

Paralympian Noel Sens completes the gruelling Mt Gambier 100 Mile Handicap



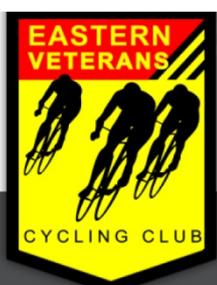
‘This is me in the Mt Gambier 100 mile race. I was a mess. Embarrassing. But I finished the bloody thing.’

If you would like to hear the amazing Noel Sens story, come along to our Tour de France Night! Noel is the guest speaker and it is truly an inspirational story. Book a table with your cycling mates, workmates, family. All welcome.

Tour de France Night Saturday 23 July 2016

Please book before Tuesday 12 July

Tickets available from David McCormack at davemacq@bigpond.com or at racing on Saturday





Eastern Vets

See the previous page for details of the forthcoming Tour de France Night.

For other events, please refer to page 1 of this newsletter, or go to <http://easternvets.com/roster/>

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.

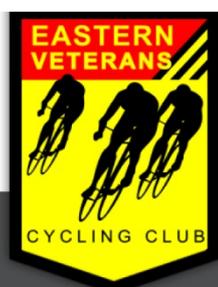
No late entries will be accepted for either scratch races or handicaps. Entries to handicaps can be submitted via e-mail to the handicapper or on any race day prior to the event.

Northern Vets

For more details go to <http://www.northerncycling.com/>

Training rides

Day/Time/Place	Route	Style	Contact
Tuesdays 9:30 am (9:00 am during DST) Main Yarra Trail (meet under Burke Road overpass)	Under Burke Road on Main Yarra Trail to Southbank via Yarra Boulevard and bike paths along the river and return	Social, bike paths and roads, coffee @ Southbank	Keithb33@optusnet.com.au
Sunday mornings Beach Road Ride. Leave 8.00 am sharp. Meet at Peanut Farm Reserve, cnr Blessington & Chaucer Sts, St Kilda	Ride along Beach Rd to Frankston. 10 min stop. Then ride back to St Kilda (approx. 65 km)	Social ride, coffee back at St Kilda	
Saturday mornings (7.30 am) and Sundays/public holidays (8.00 am) Meet at Ringwood Clock towers, Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood	Maroondah Hwy to Carlton for coffee, then return	Fast social	





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