

# Newsletter

23 July 2016



## Duty roster

### 23 July, Arthurs Creek

Richard Dobson (R), Mal Jones (TC), Peter Webb (TC), Troy Drinan, Andy Burmas, Andre Weber, David Pyne, Peter Bertelsen, Louise Wolfers, Katrina Bolmat, Phil Cavaleri

### 30 July, Yarra Glen

John Thomson (R), Andrew Nielsen (TC), Ray Russo (TC), Keith Wade, Stewart Jenkins, Russell Newnham, Peter Ransome, David Worland, Erich Fangmeyer, Peter Howard

*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, [tjtop2@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tjtop2@optusnet.com.au)*

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The Tour de Metro, this month's series of fixtures between Eastern Vets and Northern Cycling, continued at National Boulevard on Sunday. Results are at [northerncycling.com.au/17-716-national-blvd-tour-de-metro-northern-v-eastern-race-2/](http://northerncycling.com.au/17-716-national-blvd-tour-de-metro-northern-v-eastern-race-2/). Peter Webb's report from C Grade is inside, plus a few words from John Williams.

The interclub action continues this Saturday at Arthurs Creek, starting at our normal time of 2 pm. Be there before 1.45 to register, and look out for more than the usual number of Northern riders in the ranks. Many of you will be heading to the club's Tour de France Night at the Kilsyth Club later in the evening. It should be a memorable night. Don't spoil it by being another bloody idiot.

Who has not heard Safety Officer Ron Stranks hold forth on the importance of wearing visible kit when out on the road? Well, if you were inclined to scoff, you may just have missed a business opportunity. Followers of the Cycling Tips blog this week were told the story of Matt Hawkins, who in 2014 was the victim of a hit and run while out riding his bike. He came to the conclusion that his all black outfit may have played a part in the accident, and started a business making classy kit in highly visible colours. Read the full story [here](#).



Vince Sinni and Hylton Preece laying early claim to the coveted trophy.  
Photo: David McCormack



## Graded scratch races, National Boulevard, 17 July

### C grade (I)

In a big field of 28 riders, you don't want to be last with two laps to go. Up the finish straight approaching the bell I made a big effort to go from last to first, to give myself a chance in the sprint. You also don't want to be first for most of the final lap!

I finished around mid-field, which was probably better than I deserved. Peter Webb was a few places ahead, which was amazing since he chased down every break during the race, as well as making a couple of his own.

Great race from Phil Taylor, first Eastern finisher in both races, 5th last week and 1st on Sunday. Maybe it's time for B Grade, Phil, but not before the next two races against Northern.

*John Williams*

### C Grade (II)

Man it was cold on a sunny Sunday morning! My computer was showing 4 degrees but it felt even colder. A strong north wind was blowing and as we were to finish on the other side of the race course, it meant it was going to be uphill with a headwind to the finish line.

As usual at Northern, there was no warm-up lap and the pace was on straight away, causing Neil Cartledge to get dropped (Neil is like a diesel engine: he takes a while to warm up but once he does he just keeps going). The riders from Northern were doing the one, two attack strategy and keeping the pace very high. Ken Saxton was covering most moves and riding strongly. To try and break this pattern, I went to the front a couple of times, but they managed to control me pretty well, so I decided to go back and do more of a covering job and, when required, bring some riders to the lead. Pre-race we had designated three riders to contest the finish – Ken Saxton, Adam Dymond and Phil Taylor – and, except for Ken, they were keeping a pretty low profile. All of

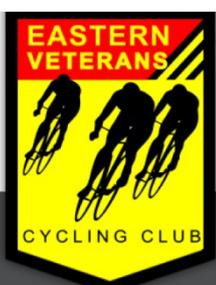
the other Eastern riders were doing their share of work, notably Hylton Preece, Sam Bruzzese, Greg Harvey, Steve Barnard, John Williams, Bernie Evans and Dave McCormack.

The race kept going at a pretty fast pace, especially the downhill bit with a tailwind. The bell rang to signify the last lap and the pace slowly picked up with some manoeuvring by those who fancied themselves. There was a fair amount of attrition once we hit the headwind, with people dropping off and rolling back through the pack. Ken got boxed in and that was his race done. Dave Worland and Dean Niclasen moved up. Phil was moving well and put himself in a good position, and with about 50 to go he opened it up to take the win. And a very satisfying win it was given that they attacked us all race. In the end we came away with the chocolates due to a good team effort and some very smart riding by Phil.

*Peter Webb*



*Northern rider Terry Hollibone (centre) took 1st place in D Grade. Photo: David McCormack*





## Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Kew, 13 July

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 1 (11)	Fraser Short (N)	Paul Firth	Chris Munro (CV)
Division 2 (7)	Phil Thompson	Richard Dobson	Geoff O'Loghlen
Division 3 (5)	Dean Niclasen	Doug Page	Shane Dwyer
Division 4 (3)	John Eddy	B. Miller (N)	Barry Rodgers

Thanks to Keith Bowen, Steve Barnard and Barry Rodgers for setting up and running proceedings.

## News etc.

Sick of Melbourne's chilly winter? Would you love to experience riding an alpine region, in the late summer, in an exotic destination? Haven't got the cash to travel to Europe?

Then maybe this is the cycling holiday for you!

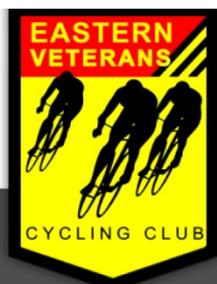


**Connect Sport** is running a 10-day Cycling Experience in Japan from 18 to 27 August 2016.

Some spots still available, but be quick!

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## Future events

### Eastern Vets

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
<b>Tuesdays</b> 9:00 am 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
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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