

Newsletter



Duty roster

10 September, Gruyere

Tony Curulli (R), Ian M. Smith (TC), Adrian Dickinson (TC), Neil Cartledge (TC), Daniel Oldfield, Michael Pearce, Les Robertson, Cameron White, Barry Ellem, Paul James, Rob Lackey, Craig Oliver

17 September, Yarra Glen

Dave Hyde (R), Steve Short (TC), Kevin King (TC), Cameron Price, Liz Randall, Cameron Senese, Alison Skene, Jim Swainston, Mark Wallace, Ray Watts

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

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Two reports are inside from last week's racing at Yarra Glen. This week we are at Gruyere, and the following week we return to Yarra Glen. On 24 September it's the Team Time Trial at Seymour. Details are elsewhere in this newsletter, and entries close the Wednesday before, 21 September.

Well done to those club members who competed last weekend in Perth at the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships, in particular to Peter Bertelsen, who finished 2nd in the Men's 65–69 road race after a 30 km breakaway with eventual winner Danny Clark. And good luck to those heading down the coast this weekend for Amy's Gran Fondo.



Peter Bertelsen (representing Denmark) on the podium of the Men's 65–69 road race at the UCI Gran Fondo World Championships with winner Danny Clark and Hanns Bauer of Germany (3rd). Photo: Hobart Mercury

Graded scratch races, Yarra Glen, 3 September

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
A Grade (8)	John Clarkson, Phil Smith (1st eq.)		Rob Amos	
B Grade (16)	Glenn Newnham	Paul Firth	Nick Tapp	Perry Peters
C Grade (13)	Rob De Bernardi	Greg Foster (N)	Clarke Woodgate	
D Grade (9)	Ken Allan	Colin Mortley	Keith Wade	
E Grade (5)	Max Michelson	Paula McGovern	Leon Bishop	
F Grade (5)	Ron Stranks	John Eddy	Jim Swainston	

B Grade

The sun was shining when I got to Yarra Glen but when I opened the car door the air was cold with a moderate southerly blowing. I put on plenty of clothes but on my warmup ride decided that I could shed at least two layers for the race.

Our B Grade group was the largest of the groups racing and there was no shortage of top riders who had turned up, so the day was going to be tough. The first lap wasn't too hard but on the second lap the speed went up and that caused some pain to those who hadn't been paying attention; they had to make up some lost ground on the downhill part of the course. Some good work was being done by Paul Firth, Perry Peters and Martin Peeters, among others, with the pattern being the same on each lap: someone would lift the tempo up the hill and we would scramble to catch them, and the bigger guys would work hard on the downhill to regain lost ground. We would then come together on the finishing straight and the little uphill before the finish line would break it up a little bit before we turned onto the climb.

By lap six I was going through the horrors. I noticed Bruce Will go for a gel and I thought, that's a good idea, so I also had a gel and it seemed to give me a lift and on the next lap I felt

much better (magic). On lap seven Nick Tapp came to the front just before the turn onto the climb and I knew we were going to have a lift in pace, so I and a few others moved closer to the front. The attack by Nick was hard but we managed to hang on and as usual it took its toll on some of those who were struggling. Next lap it was some else's turn to up the pace and so it continued until we got the bell. It was fairly fast up the climb but no one tried to get away and when we turned onto the finishing straight it was a pretty big group that was in contention for the sprint. It was Paul Firth who went first, overtaking a rider who had been on the front for quite a while [possibly Rob Monteath? – Ed.] then the trio of Perry Peters, Nick Tapp and Glenn Newnham came past me and tacked onto a slowing Paul. Glenn got over Paul, who was followed by Nick and then Perry, who came fourth.

That was probably one of the hardest races I have ever had at Yarra Glen. Thanks to all the officials and those on duty for their hard work on the day.

Peter Webb





C Grade

Just before the race, Rob De Bernardi told me he had never won a C Grade race. Less than two hours later, he had.

I only lasted three laps thanks to half a dozen riders who seemed to enjoy causing pain for lesser beings towards the back, combined with the fact that my bike felt slow. Rob was one culprit. Greg Foster, guilty, along with a Northern

B Grade rider who must have had an EPO and human growth hormone sandwich for lunch, he was doing it that easy. I didn't see much of the race, but congratulations to Rob on his first win, and Greg for a hard-fought second. Thanks to all marshals, officials and helpers.

Think I may need to buy a new bike.

John Williams

Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Kew, 7 September



Division	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 1 (12)	Ian Clark (N)	Paul Firth	Phil Cavaleri
Division 2 (7)	Russell Wheelhouse	Mark Edwards	Owen Anstey
Division 3 (10)	Neil Cartledge	Steve Barnard	Dean Niclasen
Division 4 (6)	Frank Lees	John Eddy	Barry Rodgers

Thanks to Keith Bowen, Laurie Bohn and Barry Rodgers for setting up and ringing the bell.



News etc.

The last Wellington to Auckland

Dynamo Events New Zealand has announced that the 2017 edition of the Wellington to Auckland Cycle Challenge will be the last.

If you have this iconic event on your bucket list, you now only have one chance to tick it off!



Come and join us as we cycle through the heartland of New Zealand in the 9th (and last) BDO Wellington to Auckland Cycle Challenge, Sunday 12 to Saturday 18 February 2017.

For more information and entry details, visit the following link: <http://dynamoevents.co.nz/event/bdo-wellington-to-auckland-cycle-challenge-2017/>.

Future events

Team Time Trial

The TTT is a handicap event for teams of four riders, run over two laps from Seymour to Avenel and back, making a distance of around 58 km in total – double the distance of the Rob Graham Individual Time Trial. The handicap is based on the average of the times of the three strongest riders in each team, taken from the Rob Graham Time Trial. If you have not posted a 'Rob Graham' time, then the handicapper will estimate your time. The clock is stopped when the third rider in each team crosses the line so you must ensure that your team has at least three riders at the end.

Last year was the first time this event had been on the EVCC program and it was enjoyed by all those who participated, so get together with your mates and form a team. The prizes include medallions for places and fastest time, along with cash and vouchers from our generous sponsors. EVCC encourages all-female teams to enter.

We thank Pinnacle Cycles, Peter Gray and Chris Norbury, the sponsors, for their generous contributions to this event. See the end of this newsletter for more.





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 www.northerncycling.com/.

Training rides

Day/Time/Place	Route	Style
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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Team Time Trial Handicap

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Saturday 24th September 2016

Avenel Road, Seymour

\$20 Entry per Rider, Close 21st Sept

**** Start Time 1:30pm ****