

Newsletter



Duty Roster

12 November, Dunlop Road

Andrew Buchanan (R), Ian Milner (TC), Ken Saxton (TC), Steve Short (TC), Anna Davis, Daniel Hulbert, Darren Smith, Tony Tonkin, Stewart Bendall, Geoff Cranstone, Andy Burmas, Craig Everard, Dave Moreland, Dave Richards

19 November, Arthurs Creek

Tony Curulli (R), Andrew Nielsen (TC), Ray Russo (TC), Leon Bishop, Grant Farr, Neville Williamson, Paul Firth, Cameron Senese, Paul Webster, Quentin Frayne, Roman Suran

If rostered for duty, you must be at there at least 1 hour prior to 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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Conditions were not so enjoyable at Casey Fields last Saturday. Race reports are inside. This week we are at Dunlop Road. B, D and F Grades start at 1.30 pm (registrations close at 1.15), and A, C and E Grades start at 3.00 pm (registrations close at 1.45 pm). Tail lights are required.

Midweek, there's Tuesday night racing at METEC, Colchester Road, Kilsyth (see TeamApp for details), and a crit every Wednesday morning, weather permitting, at the Loop (also known as the Teardrop), off Yarra Boulevard in Kew.

Opportunity still knocking

The Editor will be out of the country between 19 December and 24 January. A volunteer to keep the club newsletter ticking over in that time would be most welcome – two or three issues over the Christmas/January holiday period would suffice. Some experience with Microsoft Word would be helpful, but the format is fairly well templated and there will be a handover. Anyone interested, please speak to me (Nick Tapp) at racing or get in touch by email at nick.tapp@detail-ed.com.au.



Phil Cavaleri (centre) and Northern rider Fraser Short (left) are regular protagonists in Division 1 at the Loop. Photos (this week and last week): Judith Coles



Graded scratch races, Casey Fields, 5 November

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
A Grade (8)	Ian Clark (N)	Jean-Philippe Leclercq	Phil Cavaleri
B Grade (9)	John Thomson	Phil Thompson	Ross Clark (N)
C Grade (11)	Peter Mackie	John Williams	Sam Bruzzese
D Grade (11)	Rob Devolle	Ron Chapman	Colin Mortley
E Grade (6)	Jim Swainston	Graham Haines	Craig Stannard
F Grade (7)	Tony Sloan	John Eddy	Andrew Rutherford

B Grade

Rain on the trip to the venue, winds that were significant even for Casey Fields, a reverse course and small fields, with a coolish temperature that makes one wonder – why? As Ronnie Chapman noted before the start; don't complain, you knew what it was going to be like!

We started off steady enough, but it was clearly going to end a different way. Webby tried a couple of times to up the pace, but in the end it was his undoing as John Thomson put the foot down just at the wrong time. Even John Pritchard lunged to the front a couple of times and easily closing some gaps, but his thirst got the better of him as he called it quits.

The bunch split, I think it was three chasing six, not great odds, and for some it was pretty much race over for the day.

A tight bunch continued on and Doug Reynolds had a dip a couple of times, but the windy conditions proved too much and eventually, as the laps rolled on, the lead group was down to five and the cat-and-mouse tactics started.

Into the last lap and no one was too keen to move early until Ian McGeoch took his traditional late flyer. Thank god he has only just started racing again, or the result might have been decided

there and then. Ross Clark from Northern closed the gap, Phil Thompson was perfectly placed at last wheel, Ian was spent, and clearly the next move was going to be critical. John Thomson probably knew he would struggle in a tailwind sprint, so he jumped to the right as we headed into the wind before the final bend.

Doug hesitated, Phil even more so, Ross Clark was recovering from his effort and John – well, he just kept on going. Into the finishing straight and Doug led out, John already on the way to a well-timed victory. Phil moved to the left and opened up his sprint for 2nd, while Ross clawed his way back, making it into 3rd.


A good race with a deserving winner, and even the rain stayed away. What more could one ask!

Doug Reynolds

C Grade

Enticed to Casey based on rumours of some recent windless day, we were greeted with conditions where pigs really might fly. I dubiously reasoned that, since we usually get primarily headwind, and today we were riding in the opposite direction (clockwise – very radical committee decision), it stands to reason that today we get primarily tailwind. The warm-up blew that logic into next week.





Eyeing the starting 11, it was clearly going to be a tough race: Ian Milner – when he goes to the front he's tough to follow; Rob Suter has a great turn of speed, hard to match his acceleration, and he doesn't mind using it; Neil Cartledge, fuelled up on diesel, the pace won't drop much when he's in the field; Peter Mackie and Paul James, won't see them until the last 100, and then only a receding back wheel, plus other good all rounders like Sam and Hylton both showing good form recently.

Adam Dymond made the first first break at the first hint of tailwind. I thought I had the jump on the rest of the field to head down the road and join him. Maybe we might be able to take advantage of the break? But no, Rob Suter had also chased us down, and hard on his tail were a further eight riders.

Rob tried his luck on the downwind section on each of the next four or five laps, each time getting the break, but each time coming back to the pack by the finish line.

Mid-race, big Ian hit the front for the first time. His acceleration is awesome, and none of us were in a position to go with him. Two laps out in front despite determined efforts from Neil, Rob and myself pinch hitting, before he just seemed to get bored on his own and waited for us. But we didn't quite get onto his wheel when all of a sudden he was gone again. By this time my recollection becomes a bit blurry – that's what oxygen debt can do – but eventually Ian was safely back in the pack, Neil tapping out a solid pace on the front, and Rob resumed his occasional surges.

At the bell, Ian went again. Neil and I were near the front but couldn't respond, and by the bottom turn out of the headwind had pretty much settled in for a race for 2nd. Rob Suter had other ideas. He swept out of mid-pack, hurtling after Ian, cutting into the 70 m deficit with every pedal stroke. I jumped on for the ride, and was on my limit just to hold his wheel. The catch came maybe 400–500 metres from the line, where both Rob and Ian sat up to reassess.

I charged past, knowing this could be my only chance. Into the wind on the last bend it felt like

I'd stopped, but no one had gone past. Picking up a tailwind in the finishing straight I'm focusing only on the finish line, anticipating the pack to swoop past, but only one rider went past. I didn't recognise him. Surely he's not in our grade, I haven't seen him all race!

I get to the line with Sam breathing down my neck, and Neil not far behind. Warming down, I realised it was the handicapper ahead of me in a well-judged finish.

Full marks to Ian, Rob and Neil, who really made the race tough for the rest of us.

John Williams

E Grade

I am a little out of practice as I haven't knocked out a report for quite a while. I realised I was heading in the right direction to get to Casey when Barry Ellem appeared beside me on the Monash, but he went South Gippy and I went Clyde Road. Amazing the variation in the two Saturdays, but if you take an average that's about par for the course! The hardest part was getting started; once under way it was moderately comfortable. We shared the work fairly well with JC, Barry Ellem and Ron being the main contributors.

Despite a couple of small attacks, nobody looked in danger of being dropped. Craig Stannard was having his first official outing and looks like being a tidy rider, having ridden well in his trial the previous week also. All six of us were involved in the final lap, with JC stepping up the pace with half a lap to go, giving Graham Haines the sitting shot. Graham hit the front going around the last bend but it was a bit early and I got past. Craig Stannard ran into 3rd for his first official placing.

Good luck to our other new riders Andrew Rutherford and Tony Sloan.

Jim Swainston

F Grade

Good to be back on the bike after a few months off due to an unusual sort of virus (6 weeks), a lot





of depressing cold weather and a month of lovely warm weather up north. Peter Gray. Did you really ride your bike up Mt Tamborine?

Down at the Loop last Wednesday I didn't expect to last to long. Michael Waterfield had his usual three laps start. Barry Rodgers and John Eddy started an enthusiastic chase and I managed to hang for a while but the hill eventually got me. 83-year-old Michael didn't get caught today. I sometimes wonder if he is hiding in the roadside vegetation – but good on you, Michael. If anybody wants a good 45-minute workout in the middle of the week, come down to the Loop on Wednesday morning. Thirty-seven entries last week.

And so to Casey Fields. Performance worse. Seven F-Troopers were away and a moderate pace was maintained. So far, so good, until Tony Sloan made a move about 150 metres before the downhill tailwind section. I wasn't very concerned about this as I thought I would make up ground with the tailwind. Big mistake. Tony and John Eddy wound the big gears and weren't seen again. Congratulations to Tony 1st, John 2nd and Andrew Rutherford 3rd. The clockwise direction around Casey makes an interesting change. A clockwise direction around Metec would make a very interesting change.

Laurie Bohn

Tuesday racing at METEC, Monday 7 November

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
A Grade	Richard Abel	Rob Amos	Peter Howard
B Grade	Doug Reynolds	Shane Crowhurst	Dave Pyne
C Grade	Kym Petersen	Chris Sheers	Adam Dymond
D Grade	Peter Gray	Darren Woolhouse	Harry Hibgame
E Grade	John C. Wilson	P. Bracka	John Eddy

Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Kew, 9 November

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 1 (14)	Rob Lewis	Agostino Giramondo	Phil Cavaleri
Division 2 (9)	Roman Suran	Nic Skewes	Rob De Bernardi
Division 3 (6)	J. Somers	Dean Niclasen	Doug Page
Division 4 (8)	John Eddy	Frank Lees	Barry Rodgers





The Loop aggregate to 3 November 2016

Dean Niclasen	84
Fraser Short (N)	68
Ian Clark (N)	66
Neil Cartledge	60
Peter Gray	48
Doug Page	44
Paul Firth	42
Barry Rodgers	40
John Eddy	39
Stephen Barnard	36



Geoff O'Loughlen leads Division 2 out of the bottom corner at the Loop. Photo: Judith Coles

Future events

Road National Championships

Ballarat (Buninyong), Sunday 8 January 2017

Women's race at 8.00 am (102 km)

Men's race at 11.50 am (183.6 km)

EVCC BBQ on the Hill

Location is near the top of the Mt Buninyong climb (look for the EVCC tent).

The barbecue is fully catered for by EVCC volunteers. Drinks are available at club prices.

Parking is available near to our proposed site if you arrive early enough.

Further details to be advised later, when known (by email or on EVCC website).

All welcome. If you are interested in watching the racing and having a barbecue with your mates, please email Colin Mortley (cmadcab@bigpond.net.au) so that numbers are known for catering.





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
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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