

Newsletter



Duty Roster

4 February, Casey Fields

Nigel Kimber (R), Sean Hardie, John Pritchard

11 February, Casey Fields

John Thomson (R), Kelvin Stagg, John Eddy

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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First of all, a very big thank you to Peter Morris, who took over the reins as 'relieving editor' for the last six weeks. The editor is now back and is paying in diverse ways for such a long break from the keyboard and the bike. Please direct all contributions once again to nick.tapp@detail-ed.com.au.

Last week we raced at the ever popular Dunlop Road. Race reports from C and E Grades are inside. This week it's Casey Fields. Racing starts at 2 pm, the registration desk closes at 1.45 and you'll need a tail light.

Membership renewal

If you haven't already renewed your membership for 2017, a link and full instructions are available on the Eastern Vets website. Go to Membership and scroll down to Renew. Your licence will be embedded in the email you receive from 'the system'. Print it out and take it to all races as proof of membership.

Cycling in France as the locals do it. The editor had grand plans to ride from here in Chambéry, where stage 9 of the Tour de France 2017 will finish, to Mont du Chat, a potentially decisive pass 25 km out of town. With the temperature hovering around 1°C and snow on the ground even down in the valley, however, the lure of the patisserie was too great. Photo: Nick Tapp





Graded scratch race at Dunlop Road, 28 January

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
A Grade (15)	Phil Smith	Guy Green	Phil Cavaleri	David Holt	
B Grade (22)	Boyd Williams	David Pyne	Grant Greenhalgh	Phil Thompson	Dayle Goodall
C Grade (22)	Franc Tomsic	Adam Dymond	Peter Gray	Ken Saxton	Sam Bruzzese
D Grade (16)	Chris Norbury	John Cochrane	Colin Mortley	Craig Stannard	
E Grade (7)	Barry Ellem	Ron Stranks	John Eddy		
F Grade (4)	Frank Lees	Rod Goodes	Susan Williams		

C Grade

Page 'Doug' deeply

Last Saturday's criterium at Dunlop Road was held in pretty nice conditions, and if B Grade's race pace was any indication, the C Grade peloton might go (dare I say) a little softer. Such was not the case. Can't recall much about the race but I do remember four particular riders who made pedalling just a bit harder for the rest of us.

Things were running along quite comfortably despite Chris Norbury taking charge of the front and pushing up the pace. If that wasn't sufficient for y'all, Doug Page launched several of his famous breakaway attempts. The first of these, after about two laps, saw him establish a 20-second lead.

The bunch collectively closed the gap but it took an additional four or five laps to do this. Doug drifted to the rear but not for long. A couple of laps later, off went Doug again, although this time not for as long as the first. Not satisfied with those attacks, he tried unsuccessfully once more to establish a break.

'I tried to go to rehab but Steve said No! No! No!'

Things settled for a while, which prompted Steve Barnard to instigate one of his grand attacks a few laps before the bell. Aware of his capabilities,

the bunch jumped pretty quickly onto his wheel. With the bell lap inevitable, the pace settled again, giving some respite to those, like myself, who fancied their chances in a sprint finish. But the opportunity was short-lived, as Steve wasn't going to allow any significant pre-sprint recovery.

The subsequent chase took us to the bell. Then, however, the bunch slowed and regrouped after entering McDonald's Road. The pace was soon back on, as I think recollections of the restricted Geddes Street sprint came simultaneously to many minds.

The bunch swarmed as one

Franc Tomsic had coincidentally positioned himself in front of me during Steve's last attack, so I figured his would be an excellent wheel to follow. Well, that was the smartest decision I had made all afternoon! Franc rose off his seat just as we entered Geddes Street and I followed, intending to benefit from his slipstream. With 100 metres to go, I tried to overtake but Franc was just too strong and with me in tow he powered past several riders to take 1st place. The rest is history, or in the results table.

It was a good day of racing and another appreciated effort by race referee, Nigel Kimber, TCs, marshalls and helpers.

Peter Gray





E Grade

A really good turnout at Dunlop Road, across the grades. We had seven starters but our three youngsters from the previous week were all missing. Their spots were filled by three vintage operators in Laurie Bohn, Barry Rodgers and Clive Wright, making seven 'fair dinkum' vets.

Barry Ellem, the self-appointed lead-off man, got us off to a solid start. We felt the stiff breeze in the finishing straight and realised that sprinting into it would be hard work. Barry Rodgers started putting in his lap turns and is a very easy man to underestimate as he doesn't say a lot but can he put some power on those pedals!

Laurie Bohn and Clive Wright were content to try and make sure they hung in until the finish.

Barry Ellem, who had been voicing his frustration at getting overrun by the sprinters, took notice of some advice and jumped away at the bell. Barry has a good level of fitness and endurance so he was able to maintain his tempo for the entire lap. Ron Stranks took the initiative and bridged up to Barry, leaving the rest of us floundering.

As we rounded the last corner no one was keen to tackle the gap and Barry took out a deserved win from Ron, with John Eddy pipping the bunch for 3rd.

Well done everyone with another safe day's racing. Thanks to the multitude of helpers.

Jim Swainston

Tuesday racing at METEC, 31 January

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
A Grade (13)	Richard Abel	Daniel Hulbert	Guy Green	Chris Hughson
B Grade (10)	Dayle Goodall	Grant Greenhalgh	Peter Morris	John Thomson
C Grade (12)	Darren Woolhouse	Haydn Chapman	Darren Smith	Ron Peel
D Grade (11)	Geoff Mackay	Rob Lackey	Nick Hainal	Colin Mortley
E Grade (3)	Paula McGovern	Mark Granland		

Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Kew, 1 February

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 1 (15)	Chris Munro (CV)	Trevor Coulter (N)	Paul Firth
Division 2 (17)	Peter Webb	John Williams	Phil Thompson
Division 3 (7)	K. Mills	Peter Gray	David Drew (N)
Division 4 (5)	Clive Wright	Barry Ellem	Barry Rodgers





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 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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