

# Newsletter

13 January 2018



## Duty Roster

**Saturday 13 January,**  
**The Loop, Kew Boulevard**  
 Andrew Buchanan (R),  
 Lawrence Lee

**Saturday 20 January,**  
**South Dandenong**  
 Tony Curulli (R), Matt White  
 (TC), David Bunning, Guy  
 Green, Phil Taylor, Phil Smith,  
 Andrew Wedderburn, Ken Bone

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A belated Happy New Year, and welcome to the first issue of the EVCC Newsletter for 2018. A couple of race reports from last Saturday's graded scratch races at Casey Fields – run early in an attempt to beat the heat – are inside. Results from METEC on Tuesday evening and the Loop in Kew on Wednesday morning are there as well.

In a first for the club, this Saturday's racing is also at the Loop (also known as the Teardrop) in Kew. Many will know this circuit from midweek racing. For those who don't, it's a great little criterium course, closed to vehicle traffic but with a sting in the tail. A lap is pretty close to 1 kilometre, and its most notable features are a tight left-hand bend with 200 metres to go, and the final 200-metre stretch itself, which goes up at about 5 per cent, kicks up briefly with 100 to go and then levels out to the start/finish line. Racing starts at 2 pm and registrations will close at 1.45. Access is off Studley Park Road or Yarra Boulevard. There is limited parking on the Boulevard, and more at Studley Park Boathouse, just below. And remember, tail lights are required for all VVCC races.



*A big shout out to Neil Cartledge for a wonderful job making the club's new podium, which was proudly on display last Saturday at Casey Fields. Fittingly, Neil himself (above centre) got to occupy the top step.*





## Graded scratch races at Casey Fields, 6 January

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
A Grade (5)	Steve Ross	Phil Cavaleri	Glenn Newnham
B Grade (6)	Dean Niclasen	Rob Suter	Peter Webb
C Grade (11)	Craig Stannard	Brad Jones	Ian Milner
D Grade (4)	Neil Cartledge	Colin Mortley	Ken Allan
F Grade (3)	John Eddy	Jim Swainston	Rod Goodes

### A Grade

By Steve Ross

Friday night is an opportune time to hatch a brilliant strategic plan on how you might overcome your likely opponents during the follow day's race. So what did I do? Not that. For a start, I had no idea who'd turn up for the unusual 9 am start time at Casey Fields and secondly, I was too busy washing down Thai cuisine with a bottle of sav blanc to give it a second thought.

Anyhow, only five riders made the start list for A Grade, four sprinters including the super-strong Iain Clark and the in-form Phil Cavaleri. Also joining us was Glenn Newnham, another fast finisher, and also Chris Ellenby, the ageless B Grade regular and breakaway specialist.

The neutral lap was gentle as we caught up with one another and got a feel for the hot northerly that was already blowing hard. First to test the legs was Phil, who was inevitably shut down quickly since we were all fresh.

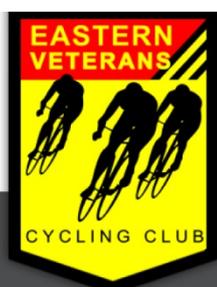
A few laps later, the next to go was Iain, with a very solid attack that nobody was prepared to follow. While the four of us kept a solid pace and shared the workload, we were happy to give him some alone time given the tough conditions. Around five laps later Iain was on his way back to us, and shortly after making contact, Phil decided to charge ahead on his own. He and his modified TT bike were looking the goods for a while, but it was hot and it was windy, so he too came back to us for some recovery time before

the very likely sprint finish. At this point Iain pulled out, just after the clubhouse left-hander, with what looked like a mechanical. It turned out he'd dropped one of his bottles and within a lap or so he was back with us.

Chris charged off the front more than once also, getting a large gap late in the race, but the permanent A Graders weren't gonna be put to shame that easily and he was brought back to the fold. Glenn and myself were riding similar races, doing the work when we had to, but with no heroics. When the bell rang, I for one was suffering in the heat, so all it took was a lift of pace from Chris to crack me. 'Stuff it, let 'em go,' I thought. 'Too bloody hot for that crap.' The others lifted, but not a lot. The legs kept turning and I was holding a steady 150 m gap from the group.

I could see the games between them begin as they looked sideways at each other from halfway through the lap. I was obviously out of sight and out of mind, which was somehow energising. As the group entered the back straight, their games steadily increased, while my speed steadily increased. It wasn't until the bunch were halfway along the back straight that one of the bunch (Iain) glanced over his shoulder, but it was too big a gap to worry about. Or was it?!

Now was the time to get out of the saddle and go go go! 100 m down, 75 m, 50 m and they still don't know I'm coming. Now I spot a gap between them, two riders on the left, two to the right. That's where I'm going through, 10 m, 5 m, 'On!' I actually neglected to yell that out, but onwards and upwards!





Coming through the middle at the final corner, four riders instantly stood to attention, but it was too late. There was at least a 20 km/h deficit and, although the legs were about to explode, I knew I had enough. So there you have it, 'ride of the day' someone generously called it, though I can think of four guys who'd likely call it 'theft of the day'!

PS Phil came through strongly in 2nd and Glenn in 3rd, and they were seriously closing in towards the line. Chris rode strongly as always and I believe Iain suffered a nasty cramp during the sprint for home.

## F Grade

By Jim Swainston

Well, what a day! Potentially a Black Saturday over again. Thanks to our executive for biting the bullet and running our races at 9 o'clock. I needed a gallop as 16 December was my last race and I hadn't done much in between.

It was what I call a 'ones and twos' day for the reason that, with the exception of A Grade, all grades were spreadeagled. About the toughest day I had seen at Casey in 12 years. We were fortunate to round up three for F Grade and the fact there was no E helped. The evergreen Rod Goodes turned up and finished – a great effort. John Eddy farewelled us after about five laps and gradually pulled away. I stayed with Rod until he told me to go on, then we were onesies!

It was fairly entertaining trying to work out who was leading in the various grades but I messed up a bit as it was hard to judge relative speeds. Pity the judges!

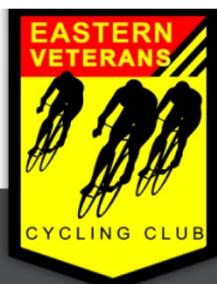
Thanks to all for making something out of a rough day.

## Croydon Cycleworks Summer Twilight Crit Series, 9 January

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
A Grade (12)	Richard Abel	Jean-Philippe Leclercq	Chris Hughson	Daniel Hulbert
B Grade (8)	David Pyne	Dean Niclasen	Rob Amos	Colin Doherty
C Grade (13)	Peter Gray	Craig Stannard	Rob Lewis	Matt Clark
D Grade (7)	Geoff Mackay	Ken Allan	Nick Hainal	--
E Grade (3)	J.C. Wilson	Allan Hicks	Petra Niclasen	--

## Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Kew, 10 January

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 1 (10)	David Holt	Phil Cavaleri	Paul Firth
Division 2 (12)	Nick Gibson	D. Rooke	Peter Morris
Division 3 (8)	Peter Gray	Doug Reynolds	Neil Cartledge
Division 4 (5)	P. Griffiths	Michael Waterfield	John Eddy





## News etc.

### Vale Nigel Frayne

It was with sadness that we learned of the passing of Nigel Frayne after a long battle with cancer.

Nigel was a long-time member of Eastern Veterans Cycling Club, only ceasing his membership a few years ago when his cancer made competitive riding an impossibility. This didn't deter him from continuing his love of cycling, and he completed some European tours before being restricted to virtual fondos and training rides.

In his time at Eastern Vets Nigel served as delegate to the VVCC for many years, contributed to the running of the club through attendance and input at general meetings and was always happy to help around the club at race meetings.

Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife Helen and his children as well as Quentin and his other siblings.

## 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 or Wednesday before the race, as advertised. Riders who enter a handicap *must* pay the entry fee regardless of whether they participate. 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 to the handicapper via email or TeamApp, or on any race day before the event.

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