

Newsletter



Duty Roster

Saturday 10 February, Garfield

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Saturday 17 February, Dunlop Road

Susan Williams (R), Matt White (TC), Ray Watts (TC), Peter Webb (TC), Nick Skewes, Roman Suran, Anna Davis, Wes Black, Paul Webster, Rob De Bernardi, Paul Firth, Neville Williamson, David De Pedro, Marcus Herzog, Geoff Darroch

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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Well (in Jim Swainston's words) it finally came to pass that we had a Saturday gallop at the Loop. The sky did not fall in, and by all accounts it was a good afternoon's racing. Thanks to those who contributed race reports this week (without prompting). You'll find them inside, along with results from all three of the past week's fixtures.

This Saturday's handicap on the mostly flat circuit at Garfield is now in the hands of the handicapper – entries have closed, and a nice round 40 riders have put their names down. Limit will start at 1.30 pm, and registration, at the rear of the pub in Beswick Street, Garfield, will close at 1.15. Remember your rear light – and good luck to all!

Many members will remember that the club has recently supported the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre in line with the wishes of Paul Semmens's family. The club has received a nice thank-you from the ASRC, which is reproduced later in this newsletter.

Want to see *Mamil*, the movie? It's a documentary about middle-aged men in Lycra, and that can't be all bad – can it? Check TeamApp by Sunday for details and to book for a rare showing, at Century Walk Glen Waverley on Wednesday 21 February at 6.30 pm.



Graded scratch races, The Loop, Yarra Boulevard, 3 February

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
A Grade (11)	Jean-Philippe Leclercq	Phil Cavaleri	Chris Hughson
B Grade (13)	Nick Gibson	Ross Clark (N)	Peter Morris
C Grade (15)	Paul James	Russell Wheelhouse	Darryl Blanchett
D Grade (10)	Dean Tune	Ken Allan	Mike Joss
E Grade (7)	Susan Williams	Jim Swainston	Alan Cunneen
F Grade (2)	Brian Farrell	Clive Wright	--

B Grade

By Peter Webb

Saturday racing at the Loop has been a point of contention among our members for many years. Some said it was too small or dangerous, both valid points, but with the available venues dwindling it was decided to give it a go. Our race referee was John Williams and he laid down the law in no uncertain terms and left no one uncertain of what was required to race safely at the Loop. I originally thought starting all grades together might be a bit crowded but as it turned out it was just like a Wednesday.

Our race started off with a hard attack by Dean Niclasen, which he sustained for about three laps. This caused some grief for those at the rear as the elastic was well stretched. We then settled down to a more sustainable pace after we had to slow down until D Grade had cleared the corner. A few had a go at gapping the field, most notable of these were Anthony Gullace, Mark Edwards, Roman Suran, Ross Clark and Nick Gibson. The quality of the group was so good that any attacks were quickly brought back and racing would resume, with anyone who wasn't paying attention paying the price of being dropped or having to chase very hard.

Usually on Wednesday we only ride for 45 minutes at the Loop, but today it was one hour. Those last 15 minutes were very hard and the extra 10 times up

the hill were starting to hurt. We got the bell a bit early and poor Roman had just ridden off the front and was looking like the rabbit in the headlights. The pace went up on the back straight and we thought that the field had just about lined up for the corner, but Ross Clark had different ideas and with a withering attack up the inside he got to the front just before the 'no overtaking' line. It then became the drag race to the hill finish. Nick Gibson passed Ross with Peter Morris coming in 3rd.

Many thanks to all my fellow B Grade riders for behaving very well and riding safely. I think the Loop was a great venue and it proved to be as safe as most other places we race so long as everyone rides sensibly.

D Grade

By Mike Joss

To paraphrase the great bard, 'Ah, teardrop, how do I hate thee? Let me count the ways.' Reason is that I've raced this course a few times on Wednesday and just cannot come to grips with it, I can't find any rhythm and keep getting dropped, and I don't mind admitting that it was getting to me so much I have thrown the skirt over my head and stayed away on Wednesday for the last few weeks. The only good point of the course for me is that I live only a four-minute sprint away. I was running late on Saturday so had to put the pedal to the metal.





Very warm day so keeping fluids up important, and with my history on this track I've got no tactics, being so nervous as to which Mike Joss turns up today – I am a Gemini so that may explain it. And we're away for a fairly normal D Grade ride, close marking and no outrageous attempts at breakaways although just over the halfway mark Dale Walton (? – sorry, still finding out all the names) put a bit of daylight between himself and the pack so I scooted across and joined him, hoping we could get something going. But after only a couple of laps we were all back together again. We continue round till the bell and as we're heading round the back just prior to the last turn A Grade comes past.

'We're on the bell, we're on the bell!' I hear one of our boys yell out, but A Grade are past and round the bend. Now, given we've had a few riders being very quiet during the ride and the fact that I have had enough of that little damned hill, I decide to be first round the bend and kick from the bottom. I'm first round the bend, up a gear or two and off the seat to give it heaps and up to the first bend, lift head and – 'Merde!'. A Grade must have slowed at the front as they are all over the road in front of me like Brown's cows. I can see two sprinters on my right but I have nowhere to go as once again I have chosen the wrong line. I'm way over on the left and those two are way over on the other side so when A Grade all pull over to the left, the gate firmly closes and I'm 3rd – and with the line so near!

Aw well, there's the breaks, and there's always next week, eh. Well done to Dean Tune and Ken Allan for filling the first two places, thanks to all the officials – great briefing prior the race, by the way – and once again thanks to all the D Grade boys for another good safe ride.

E Grade

By Jim Swainston

Well, it finally came to pass that we had a Saturday gallop at the Loop. The numbers just kept rolling up, which was very heartening. People love to ride to the venues!

E Grade had a very encouraging seven starters and I was pondering on how a very diverse group such as ours would handle the course. I was sure Sue Williams would go well as her excess baggage is absolutely minimal, probably non-existent! Pat was over the excess baggage limit, as indeed also my good self. The first 15 minutes were quite routine but the cracks started to appear soon after, and Ronnie quietly disappeared off the back, as did Harry Hibgame. Tony Lateo also exited, but I'm not exactly sure of the order, while Pat was riding his own race as he would go off the back on the climb then fly past us on the way down.

I was getting dropped on the first part of the climb but getting back on as we reached the gentler bit of the climb. Pat seemed to be reaching the end of his tether as he made harder work of it and a few grunts and groans were heard. Meanwhile, Sue just rode a nice tempo and seemed totally oblivious to the havoc going on around her.

As I caught up to Alan with about 20 minutes to go, Sue had gone, never to be seen again. Alan rode a steady tempo and didn't ask me to work so for the first time I felt comfortable. I went to the front last time up the hill and the 'Doc' allowed me to stay there. It was satisfying to get around and not feel shattered at the finish!

A big relief that the Loop worked out. Thanks to all who made the day possible.





Croydon Cycleworks Summer Twilight Crit Series, 6 February

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
A Grade (11)	Richard Abel	Chris Hughson	Steve Ross	Colin Doherty
B Grade (12)	Shane Crowhurst	Rob Amos	Darren Woolhouse	Walter Savini
C Grade (18)	Doug Reynolds (GCM)	Matt Clark	Paul James	Adam Dymond
D Grade (12)	Rob Castellani	Geoff Mackay	Veronica Vandembroeck	Peter Brann
E Grade (4)	Leon Bishop	J.C. Wilson	Phil Johns	--

Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Kew, 7 February

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 1 (8)	Tony Hallam	Stephen Lane (N)	Phil Cavaleri
Division 2 (12)	John Hasouras (N)	Roman Suran	Peter Morris
Division 3 (10)	David Griffin	Stephen Barnard	Peter Gray
Division 4 (3)	Barry Rodgers	Alan Cunneen	John Eddy



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Track bike for sale

- DEVER 3R TRACK BIKE \$1200
- Used four times indoors
- Alloy frame, DEVER carbon composite fork
- Carbon bars
- 3R alloy track 30 mm deep wheelset
- San Marco Blaze saddle
- Padded tape on bars
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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 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.

Northern Vets

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seeking asylum.



Photo by Kim Landy



Dear Juanita and everyone
at the Eastern Veterans
cycling club,
Thank you for continuing
to support us since
your donations honour
Paul. It means so much
you bring hope and give
welcome to people
seeking asylum.

- from Laura, on
behalf of ASRC.



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