

Newsletter

17 March 2018



Duty Roster

Saturday 17 March, Dunlop Road

Mark Edwards (R), Ray Russo (TC), David Brown (TC), Mark Granland (TC), Ed Holmes, Paul Anderson, Darren Rutherford, Anthony Gullace, Jean-Philippe Leclercq, Chris Ellenby, Ian McGeoch, Steve Ross, Trevor Mays, Greg Harvey, Paula McGovern

Saturday 24 March, Newham

VVCC Referee, Frank Nyhuis (TC), David McCormack (TC), Ken Saxton (TC), Colin Mortley (TC), Paul James, Doug Page, Daniel Ives, Marg Noonan, Anthony Coxon, Bob Lewis, Nathan Dewar, Martin Peeters, Tayfun Ugrasbul, Max Michelson, Brad Jones

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, tip2@optusnet.com.au

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Last Saturday was a warm one at Casey Fields. Things are hotting up at METEC, too, as the Croydon Cycleworks Summer Twilight Crit Series nears the pointy end. Results from all venues are inside. Just a couple of race reports this week, but there's also a selection of cracking photos Pete Morris took at the Loop on Wednesday. Pete will leave them, and many more, up for a few weeks on Dropbox via <https://tinyurl.com/y8yn6bjj>.

This Saturday we're at Dunlop Road. B, D and F Grades start at 1.30 pm; entries close at 1.15 pm. A, C and E Grades start at 3 pm; entries close at 1.45 pm. All entries via TeamApp close at 1.15. Don't forget your tail light! Please note also that, effective this Saturday, due to a massive increase in rental price, the Club has to pass on a \$5 charge to all riders for the public toilet hire. We can think of many names for this (!), but it will apply to all races at Dunlop Road and Enterprise Drive until further notice.

On Saturday 24 March at 1.30 pm, Eastern Vets hosts the VVCC Open 60 km handicap at Newham. Generous sponsorship from Croydon Cycleworks means there's \$2000 in prize money up for grabs. See the flyer over the page for more details, and get along to www.veterancycling.com.au before midnight next Tuesday, 20 March, to sign up.



Alison Skene leads Rob Giles through the bottom corner at the Loop, off Yarra Boulevard, on Wednesday morning. Photo: Pete Morris

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60km OPEN HANDICAP at Newham

Saturday 24th March

Online entry: www.veterancycling.com.au
Entries close at midnight on Tuesday 20th March

Prizes from 1st to 10th

\$1st - \$500

2nd - \$250

3rd - \$200

4th - \$180

5th - \$150

6th - \$120

7th - \$100

8th - \$80

9th - \$70

10th - \$50

Fastest overall - \$250

First unplaced female - \$50

Race Start Time 1.30pm

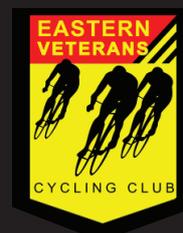
**Registration at Mechanics Hall
1292 Rochford Rd Newham**

Additional parking at Primary School

\$2000 in Prize Money + Trophies



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Graded scratch races, Casey Fields, 10 March

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
A Grade (6)	Chris Hughson	Dave Pyne	Glenn Newnham
B Grade (12)	Dean Niclasen	John Williams	Darren Rutherford
C Grade (11)	Ken Saxton	Bob Lewis	Hylton Preece
D Grade (7)	Rob Castellani	Dale Walton	Colin Mortley
E Grade (4)	Ron Stranks	Jim Swainston	Clive Wright

D Grade

By Mike Joss

Back to Casey this week and, considering my indifferent attempts last week, the tactics were to go as hard as possible regardless, so lucky for me not too much wind. At the end of me only warm-up lap, I'm looking to go to the loo when I finish but instead get called up to the line with the rest of the yellow caps.

'Whats happening?' I ask, and get told it's a 'miss and out' for warm-up. Never been in one before but seen plenty, so I decide to stay in the first two or three positions. Seven starters and we're off. First lap no probs, third wheel across line, second lap looking no probs until one guy comes up beside me and another swoops past on the line so equal fourth wheel. Can't let that happen again, so remaining laps I push hard round the last bend and stay in the first three. I only take notice of who's left on the last laps and it's Ken Allan, Dale Walton and me, Dale goes round the first sweeper very hard and this causes Ken to drop off so Dale and I soft-pedal to the line and we start playing cat and mouse last lap. Dale's in front and I'm trying to keep him there, then round the last sweeper, Dale winds it up so I go for it and go past down the straight where Dale sits up so I win me first M&O. Not certain all the guys were as gung-ho as me, but happy anyway.

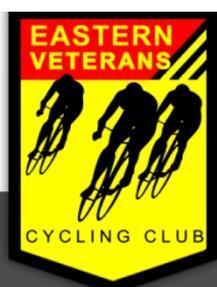
Start the race proper and it's the usual D Grade ride with close marking and only a few attempts to stretch the bunch as Max Michelson, Dale Walton and Colin

Mortley stick the foot down on occasion, just to keep us honest. So down to the last lap and we're going down the back straight before the turn to the finish line and Max Michelson moves up beside Dale Walton, with Rob Castellani and Colin Mortley on their wheels. I'm on Colin's wheel, but I have a cunning plan, plan A, 'cause round the bottom bend I'm gonna move up beside Colin and then see if I can do something.

However, I need a plan B because as we get to the corner we see the remnants of another group ahead, who are doing the right thing by staying on the left-hand side and no worry to us – except! This forces Max and Dale to move over to the middle/other side of the road for the first time in the race! Maxie goes a bit wide with the speed we're doing so the domino effect comes in as Colin goes wider and I have to go even wider. No time to remember the soft bitumen warning at the briefing as back wheel hits said soft bitumen and goes ape---- and I'm looking at the fence line, then 'Bang! Bang!' as the back wheel goes up in the air a bit and I'm back on hard stuff and looking at Colin's back wheel. So off the seat and push and I'm s.l.o.w.l.y pulling him in, then a desperate throw for the line from both of us, but not enough distance or leg speed for me as Colin takes 3rd place.

Thanks to all the D Grade boys for another good, safe ride.

Also thanks to all the officials.





E Grade

By Jim Swainston

The long weekend and a hot Saturday still saw a reasonable turn-up and good racing at Casey. A lot of people seemed to be escaping the big city on the South Gippy Highway. An interesting convoy was the collection of vintage Army vehicles on their way to Phillip Island.

We rounded up a quartet for E – Ronnie, Clive Wright, Ray Watts and myself. The Easter bunny must be getting near as Ronnie's form has improved dramatically over the last month in preparation for the Aussie titles at Maryborough. Ron was pushing hard each time up the finishing straight and quietly working us over. After about 20 minutes he made a decisive attack, which spreadeagled us, and he

proceeded to open a useful gap. We formed a little group but were unable to pull him back. With a couple of laps to go it became obvious that the effort was taking a toll on Ronnie in the heat, but he wasn't under threat.

Eventually the bell was brought out, much to our relief, and we settled down to sprint it out. Ray led down the back straight and I moved up to his hip coming to the last corner and hit the front as we straightened up. I felt pretty confident as Clive hadn't shown much the previous week, however he suddenly appeared beside me and wouldn't go away! We continued side by side almost to the line, where I got the chocolates with a 'throw' to the line.

Thanks to officials and riders for making it an enjoyable day.

Croydon Cycleworks Summer Twilight Crit Series, METEC, 13 March

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
A Grade (10)	Chris Hughson	Richard Abel	Lawrence Lee	Ken Mayberry
B Grade (8)	Darren Woolhouse	Brad Jones	Matt Clarke	Dean Niclasen
C Grade (12)	Peter Gray	Darryl Blanchett	Paul James	Brendan Wain
D Grade (10)	Dean Tune	Rob Castellani	John Cochrane	David Brown
E Grade (4)	J.C. Wilson	Leon Bishop	Phil Johns	--

Wednesday criterium, the Loop, Yarra Boulevard, 14 March

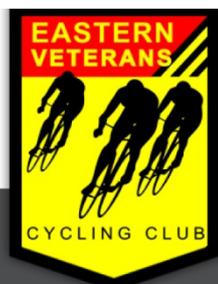
Division	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 1 (8)	David Holt	Tony Hallam	Chris Munro
Division 2 (15)	Nick Tapp	Roman Suran	John Williams
Division 3 (12)	David Browne	Rob Giles	Andre Weber
Division 4 (4)	Susan Williams	Barry Rodgers	Michael Waterfield

Thanks to referee Steve Barnard and the usual cast of helpers. Steve's ride of the day goes to Dean Niclasen, who volunteered to ride in a top-class Division 1 field to even up the numbers. Scroll down for photos.



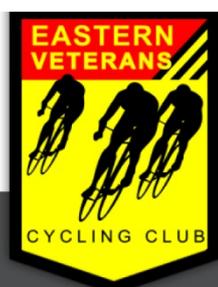


Clockwise from top left: the starting line-up; Matt Arthur (Div. 1); Stephanie Coulson (Div. 2); Division 2 was the closest finish; Tony Hallam lays it right over in Division 1. Photos: Pete Morris





Clockwise from top left: Craig Blowfield always looked fresh in Division 2; Geoff O'Loughlen was constantly on the attack; Andre Weber (Div. 3); John Eddy, Susan Williams and Barry Rodgers (Div. 4). Photos: Pete Morris



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'Below the belt' cancers

This Sunday 18 March at Sandown Racecourse there is a fundraising event called Below the Belt Pedalthon to raise money for research into testicular, prostate, bladder and kidney cancers. It's not too late to donate in support of the Eastern Vets team (Peter Mackie, Dave McCormack, Rob Lackey and Neil Cartledge) by clicking www.mycause.com.au/page/171115/eastern-vets and selecting 'Donate' on the right-hand side.

The team has been allocated a garage in pit lane. Members and friends are encouraged to visit Sandown on Sunday 18 March, anytime between 7 am and beyond midday, to encourage riders from the club. You could make it part of your Sunday ride and finish with a coffee or lunch, available at the venue. The race starts at 8 am.

For more information, click this link: www.mycause.com.au/events/belowthebeltpedalthonmelbourne

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- DEVER 3R TRACK BIKE \$1200
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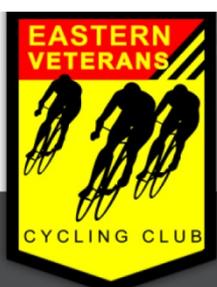
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For other events, please refer to page 1 of this newsletter, or go to <http://easternvets.com/roster/>.

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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