

Newsletter

11 August 2018



Duty Roster

Saturday 11 August, Jindivick
Mark Edwards (R), Graham Cadd (TC), Juanita Cadd (TC), Guy Green, Roman Suran, David Griffin, Geoff Mackay, Wes Black, Paul Webster, Paul Firth, Neville Williamson

Saturday 18 August, Garfield
Richard Dobson (R), Rob Lackey (TC), Steve Short (TC), Ray Russo (TC), Geoff Darroch, Adam Hinds, Stuart Bendall, Lawrence Lee, Brett McInnes, Dale Maizels, Mark Reynolds, Sam Bruzzese, Craig Guilfoyle, David Mann

If rostered for duty, you must be there at least 1 hour prior to start time. If unable to do your duty, it's your responsibility to find a replacement, then advise Andrew Buchanan, tip2top@optusnet.com.au.

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It was a cold and windy Saturday afternoon at Casey Fields, but the brave ones were not deterred. Results and race reports are inside.

Bring your winter kit (again!) this Saturday for graded scratch races at Jindivick. Weather permitting, A and B Grades will do three laps of the 20 km circuit; all other grades will do two. Racing starts at 2.00 pm and the registration desk (at the footy ground, on Jacksons Track, just east of Main Jindivick Road) will close at 1.45. A thermos of something hot for afterwards is this week's hot tip from Mark Edwards. Read Mark's 'Social notes' later in this issue, where you'll find news about the Awards Night later in the year, among other things.

Then on Saturday 18 August, there's a handicap at Garfield. It's a good bet this will be a pre-entry event, so get over to TeamApp and join Hylton on the start list.

Change of name

On other matters, this week's Special Resolution Meeting formally approved a change in the club's name to **Eastern Cycling Club**. Thanks to all those who attended or voted by proxy. At the General Meeting on the same night, the Committee approved a proposal to engage local graphic design studio Hindsight Design to create a new club logo.



Our esteemed Handicapper, Peter 'Borat' Mackie, has put in an early bid in the race to redesign the club's kit. You be the judge.

Graded scratch races, Casey Fields, 4 August

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
A Grade (14)	Jean-Philippe Leclercq	Rob Amos	Chris Ellenby
B Grade (11)	Peter Webb	Ian R. Smith	Mark Edwards
C Grade (13)	Tim Maffey	Ian M. Smith	Hylton Preece
D Grade (5)	Max Michelson	Steve Short	Ken Allan
E Grade (4)	Colin Mortley	Petra Niclasen	J.C. Wilson
F Grade (3)	Clive Wright	Rod Goodes	Michael Lynch

A Grade

By Rob Amos

Almost the same group of riders as at our last race at Casey, but this week we had the normal gales blowing to help sort out the 14 starters. I got proceedings up to race pace on lap 1 as most of the bunch seemed happy to continue with their neutral lap conservations, and was soon joined by Chris Ellenby and Anthony Gullace. The bunch started rolling turns, keeping the gap constant, before reeling us in after 15 minutes.

J-P launched a counterattack, with Chris again responding, and the two of them opened up a decent gap. The usual workhorses in the bunch continued rolling, with a few sprinters happy to sit on and be dragged to the finish line. Phil Smith tried a few times to get a gap but was heavily marked. A strong turn by Phil Cavaleri, with fresh legs, had the bunch strung out and closed the gap slightly before the other Phil took over.

As Phil eased up when the bunch got back on his wheel, I sneaked off on the other side of the road. On getting a gap I rode flat out to bridge across, trying to make the connection before the drag and the headwind. J-P and Chris noticed that I was coming and eased off for me, as they were glad of the reinforcement with over 20 minutes still remaining.

The three of us worked well together, with J-P doing the headwinds, me the crosswinds and Chris the tailwinds. We were maintaining our gap on the bunch, although it was variable for a while, but as riders started dropping off the back it started to increase.

By the time the bell was rung, the bunch was down to two riders – the other nine riders either on their own or spectating, and the two Phils chasing hard as we eased up for position. J-P was too strong again and took the win, and Chris, who was off the front the whole race, put in a great ride to take 3rd.

B Grade (I)

By Peter Webb

I don't think anyone would say Casey Fields will take your breath away, but on Saturday it literally did. On my warm-up laps, each time I turned into the wind it was like when you were a kid sticking your head out of the window of a fast-moving train.

About 12 riders braved the conditions in B Grade (silly buggers). On the neutral lap, Craig Stannard led us all the way around, and after that we never saw him at the front again (smart). Ray Russo kept pinging off the front but no one could go with him and he kept pulling up and going back into





the pack. It was obvious, given the conditions, that the big blokes – Ian Smith and Rob Suter – were going to try to win today.

At about the 12-minute mark, Ian Smith took off and I jumped on his wheel. I asked him if he was going to keep going and he replied, 'Too early, Webby', so we slowed up. Mark Edwards was doing plenty of work – too much. I commented to one of the younger riders, who shall remain nameless, that the blokes with Seniors Cards shouldn't be doing all the work, but even this barb didn't shame him into doing any work.

Rob Suter had just come off the front after one of his many attacks, and it was then that Ian launched a hard push. I just jumped onto his wheel in the hope that we might stay up the front. After about 400 metres of me following his wheel, Ian said, 'Excuse me, Peter, would you mind having a go at the front?' or words to that effect. Ha! Who, me? I looked back, which is hard for me to do with my neck being stiff from driving cranes for so many years, and it was then that I realised we were away. I apologised to Ian and started to work with him.

Ian and I stayed away and after four laps of being off the front, they rang the bell (thank goodness). Pete Mackie was trying to improve his position, but I could now see that they weren't going to catch us. Ian Smith graciously said, 'You can have it, Webby. I don't want to sprint.' And so I went over the line 1st, Ian was 2nd and Mark Edwards, using Rob Suter to catch Pete, came 3rd (Rob was happy about that, not).

Well, in summary, today was bloody hard and very challenging for everyone given the windy conditions. Thanks to all my fellow competitors for being able to stay relatively straight and not cause any incidents.

B Grade (II)

By Rob Suter

Yes, the wind was blowing and it felt chilly: Madam Secretary was well rugged up, scarf and all. I noticed the Editor had decided his frame wasn't built for these conditions (with his penchant for the road that tilts upwards) but the

other featherweight was present, and confided in me afterwards that he 'really gets thrown around in these conditions' – says he in the glow of victory!

Deep dish or shallow? Where were my legs at after four weeks with a head cold?. Nowhere, if Wednesday's 2-hour hill ride was any indication, as after one ascent I crawled home. The two laps circulating before the start (hard to call it a 'warm-up' in the wind chill) didn't enthuse me, blowing hard after each into-the-wind leg, but telling me that the deep dish front wheel was handle-able, despite the WNW gale.

So, we ease into the race, and get into the first round of softening each up, with many contributors, all churning the full cream milk. After 25 minutes or so we put the ladles down, all deciding that discretion was the more sensible approach given the wind.

After 10 minutes of lethargy, your correspondent took up the butter churning again. A lap off the front, then Webby and the Colossus of Rhodes (last start winner here) steam by – marking them as the riders to watch. Another lap or two of parrying, with your correspondent still trying to make the butter runny, when said Colossus nonchalantly rolls off the front. Webby 'the Feather', wise to the opportunity, jumped on his wheel. 'Don't let them go!' I shouted, stuck four wheels back, but the rest didn't heed the warning – or wouldn't (R. Russo) or couldn't (most others, me included).

Fifteen plus minutes to go. Let them melt out there for a bit, then try to drag the bunch back, with help from Mark and Mackie, but my legs are running out of puff. Nearly there, but no one else willing to close it, so the gap to the Feather and the Colossus widened inexorably.

At the bell Mackie goes for his one-lap flyer, so on the first of the downhill, tailwind legs I work to shut that gap down, getting close enough for Mark to make it across on the second, on the bottom straight, in time to outsprint Peter. Meanwhile Webby had gotten the better of the bigger Ian Smith in their two-up sprint up the hill into the wind.





The BBQ snag from Shelly and Pete was most welcome; and lookee there – a pair of training wheels for sale for \$120! I snapped up Phil Smith’s unwanted paraphernalia, making four wheels purchased in two weeks. Pity I didn’t know about these earlier when I’d found my rear training wheel was breaking through the eyelets,

a week after discovering the same on my race wheel.

Back to Tappy’s territory next week: the profile he put in the newsletter suggesting I won’t need to be doing any surging to turn my legs to butter on Saturday – Jindivick will do it for me!

Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Yarra Boulevard, 8 August

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 1a (6)	Mark Seddon (N)	Russell Newnham	Nick Gibson
Division 1b (10)	Craig Tucker	David Rooke (N)	Ross Clark (N)
Division 2 (3)	Ian Smith	Doug Page	Peter Gray
Division 3 (4)	Tony Curulli	Ken Allan	Shane Dwyer

Thanks to referee Susan Williams and any other helpers.

News etc.

Social notes

Mark Edwards

Jindivick this Saturday

It’s going to be cold. Helen can’t be there, and last time I was there nothing was open after the race, so take a thermos. Thanks to all for \$200 plus raised for The Wellington, Collingwood, from a couple of weeks food at the Tour de Metro.

Save the date

Saturday 17 November – Awards Night, with guest speaker Matt Keenan. Don’t throw out that old suit and tie, you might need it. More to come.

Sunday 26 August – **The Big Bike Film Night** in the city at 6.30 pm. It’s general seating – come along and join the fun. Book and buy your own tix [here](#). Let us know if you are coming, we’ll try to organise something around this. So far I know of Pat Ruys, Madam Secretary Susan Williams and Ed, and Helen and me, with the Big Chief a possibility.





It's going to be a long, hot summer on the road ...

Buninyong [Australian Road Nationals](#) Sunday 6 January 2019

We are keen to have a club presence there. Does anyone know how we got access to the tent spot a few years ago? We'd like to know any thoughts about what people want other than food and drink.

And for recovery the following week ...

Tour Down Under, 10–20 January 2019

No doubt a number of us (including Helen and me) will be going again for all or part. Let's all get together one night, I reckon there must have been up to 50 Easterners there last year. A great spot for the Sunday Crit is [Aquinas College](#) at the top of Montefiore Hill. For a token fee you get a seat, a (fight for) an umbrella and a view of the city. They also do accommodation for the Tour.

Social rides

For those of you able, there is a big group that converges from all points (especially under Bourke Road bridge at 8.30 am) Tuesday mornings at Southbank around 9.45 for a coffee or two and a chat. It's not just Eastern riders but you will most likely know someone.

Club sponsor [Croydon Cycleworks hosts shop rides](#) for varying abilities ... all welcome

Helen and I are still feeling our way, asking for suggestions, all things considered. We are keen to get anyone else involved who is interested. You can contact Helen at 0408 437 409 or HelenEdwards55@gmail.com, or Mark at 0418 310 092 or MarkEdwardsmac@gmail.com, or look for us after a race.

Track 'n' Treasure, 25 August at DISC

Visit <http://vic.cycling.org.au/News/track-n-treasure-2> for more information.

Please contact Madam Secretary if you have something to sell and we will organise a club table (\$40).

Check-in and set-up are between 10 am and 1 pm on the day of the event. The event will be open for patrons to attend between 4.30 and 7 pm.

Future events

Eastern events

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 events

For details, go to <http://northerncycling.com.au>.





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