



Eastern Cycling Club

6 April 2019

Newsletter

Duty Roster

Saturday 6 April, Casey Fields
Colin Mortley (R), Geoff Mackay,
Ken Mayberry

Sunday 14 April, Bazalgette Drive
Tony Curulli (R), Roman Suran,
Craig Stannard, Paul Anderson

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, tiptop2@optusnet.com.au.

Banner photo: Pete Morris

Mucho racing this week. Results and a report from Rocco Drive last Sunday are inside. Also results and a report from METEC on Tuesday – the final night of the 2018–19 Croydon Cycleworks Summer Twilight Crit Series – and (thanks to Mark Edwards) who finished where in the series. Plus results from the Loop on Wednesday.

This Saturday why not come to Casey Fields for the 2019 Club Criterium Championships. Club championships (crit, time trial and road) are raced in five-year age groups – scroll to the end of this newsletter to check which age group you're in this year (again, thanks to Mark Edwards). There is no entry fee and no prize money; instead, place-getters receive a medal, to be presented at the annual Awards Night on Saturday 26 October. Racing starts at 2 pm and the desk, as usual, will close at 1.45 pm.

Racing the following weekend has been moved to 9 am Sunday morning at another new criterium circuit, at Bazalgette Drive, Dandenong South. As usual, you can enter on the day, or ahead of time via TeamApp.

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Richard Abel (centre) won the last race of the summer crits in A Grade ahead of Chris Hughson (right) and Glenn Newnham (left) and clinched the series win. Details are inside.



Graded scratch races, Rocco Drive, 31 March

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
A Grade (10)	Glenn Newnham	Steve Ross	Jean-Philippe Leclercq
B Grade (10)	Walter Savini	Paul Firth	Nick Tapp
C Grade (9)	Dean Tune	Kym Petersen	Dale Walton
D Grade (10)	Greg Harvey	John Cochrane	Richard Vernon
E Grade (3)	Michael Muscat	Alan Cunneen	--

B Grade

By Nick Tapp

It's not clear to me why racing at Rocco Drive should feel harder than at the Loop, but it does. The two circuits are almost exactly the same distance around, and the elevation you gain and lose at Rocco Drive is only a metre or two more. The corner where Jellico Drive kicks up towards the finish is definitely steeper – maybe that's it. And you go into it faster, unlike the Loop where, being considerate ladies and gentlemen, we roll through the tight bottom bend in single file, mostly, for safety. But then this circuit flattens out closer to the line, where the Loop gets steeper. I don't know, maybe it will seem less testing after we go around it a few more times. Familiarity tames the toughest terrain.

It also depends who you're racing against, and Saturday's field, while on the small side, was always going to make life hard. Peter Mackie and Doug Page sooner or later lost contact, but everyone else was there in the finish and had been to front, pushing the pace, at some point (I distinctly heard Ian Smith mutter 'I must be mad' as he rolled through). Shane Crowhurst and Dean Niclasen may not enjoy the uphill so

much but they have power to burn and must be constantly watched. You can rely on Paul Firth and Walter Savini to apply heat at any stage, up or down, often, and no one likes turning up the blowtorch more than Mark Edwards. No one in Chris Ellenby's absence, at any rate.

It's neither the uphill nor the downhill at Rocco Drive that hurts me the most, but the bit that connects them across the bottom, past the brewery. It goes slightly uphill, but I think of it as the flat bit. It's where a rider with a few more kilograms under the belt can use their momentum out of the fast (neutral) corner to open a little gap, forcing the tumbleweeds among us to spend precious effort holding a wheel or be too far behind when the uphill comes again.

Walter and Paul powered across the bottom for the last time, and left Shane, Dean and me (well, one of us is a tumbleweed) staring into the space between us and them. I do like an uphill finish. Another 10 metres and I reckon I might have edged past Paul, but he held on for 2nd place, and Walter was well gone for the win. Well done, both. And thanks to all riders and officials for a hard and safe Sunday morning's racing.



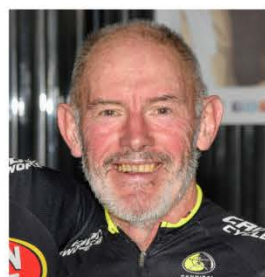
1st Place Richard Abel
A Grade 95 Points



2nd Place Nick Panou
C Grade 92 Points



3rd Place Walter Savini
B Grade 81 Points



4th Place Peter Gray
D Grade 79 Points



5th Place Chris Norbury
D Grade 74 Points



6th Place Chris Hughson
A Grade 68 Points



7th Place Glenn Newnam
A Grade 67 Points



8th Place Peter Brann
D Grade 65 Points



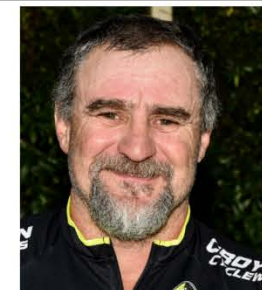
9th Place Veronica Van denBroeck
D Grade 64 Points



10th Place Lawrence Lee
A Grade 62 Points



11th Place Max Kornhofer
B Grade 62 Points



12th Place Haydn Chapman
C Grade 53 Points



Croydon Cycleworks Summer Twilight Crit Series, METEC, 2 April

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
A Grade	Richard Abel	Chris Hughson	Glenn Newnham
B Grade	Walter Savini	Mark Edwards	Ray Russo
C Grade	Nick Panou	Peter Ransome	Gary Pye
D Grade	Chris Norbury	Peter Brann	Peter Gray

Another summer is over (only 26 weeks to the next one)

By Peter Gray

Yes, Chris, I know I've used that gag before.

If you're wondering why the season went so quickly, you're not alone. In the first half of the series (13 weeks) I think we dropped seven races for various reasons, and an additional two in January. After that it became 'plain sailing' into persistently strong evening winds with no cancellations.

D Grade Grand Finale

If you ever thought the final night at METEC was just a mere formality (kind of like the final stage of a Grand Tour) then I urge you to reconsider.

Despite our beloved Ds, aka 'The Gentleman's Bunch', being arguably the safest and most considerate, the night was poised to be a tough one, with no favours expected nor given.

Weather conditions were near perfect, with the only concern being poor visibility caused by a low setting sun, casting dark shadows as riders approached the bottom end of the finishing straight.

Veronica Vandenbroeck, our awesome gentle woman, showed her intentions maybe a bit


too early by surging 30 metres ahead before completing the mandatory neutral lap. I don't think there was any doubt she was going to put us all under pressure as she'd done throughout the series.

The pace picked up pretty quickly from the first lap, with Nick Hainal taking on a tightly packed bunch. Nick's (not unexpected) attack became a precursor for others to challenge in order to establish a breakaway. Or maybe their purpose was simply to drain everyone's legs.

Coming off a good win at Rocco Drive last Saturday, Greg Harvey took the lead for a while, followed by (in no particular order) Geoff Mackay and Peter 'Shenanigans' Shanahan, who incidentally took out ride of the night. There were a few others in the mix.

Max (Mad) Michelson seemed to be in overall control of the peloton, persistently driving to the front from mid pack, then backing off after his job was done. Despite Max's efforts, the big contenders for tonight's points continued to mount the hardest surges. Veronica, Peter Brann, Chris Norbury and another couple of riders whose names escape me each raised the pace and the stakes.

Thank goodness B Grade overtook and slowed in front of us nearing our bell lap. The Bs were first to be brought in by Handicapper Mackie, which left us floating in limbo for a few laps. Just enough to recover.



We couldn't see the grade board in the direct sunlight, but we all heard the ringing! It was our turn to finish. The group was complete, I don't think anyone had been dropped despite the high pace. I think Greg and Geoff were at the pointy end, followed by Max and yours truly. The pace momentarily slowed around the back of the circuit, then – you guessed it – wham! Off went Veronica, over the bump and around the chicane, everyone scrambling to stay on her wheel.

As we approached the railway crossing, I went to Veronica's right-hand side, Chris to her left. We were all foxing about, waiting for a lead-out. Chris's change two or three gears up could be heard from as many stations away (funny, there aren't any) so at least I was ready for the onslaught he had dealt us over the previous few weeks. It made little difference, however, as he rose from his saddle and powered unsurpassed to the finish line.

Peter B. put in a great sprinting performance to overtake me for 2nd place. He has developed into a strong all-rounder, attaining consistent 2nd and 3rd placings by employing various strategies and simply 'having a go'.

It's a privilege for me to have ridden this series with a great bunch of enthusiastic people. I'm fortunate. I've had numerous ups and downs throughout the years but I'm inspired equally by those who train hard for their successes, as those who turn out every

week without prominence. Keep up the good work, everyone.

Congratulations to the top 10 aggregate points finishers – D Grade riders filling four of those spots. I don't recall ever having a closer margin nearing a series finale.

Couldn't finish this report without thanking many who've been involved.

Essentially our sponsor, David Richards from Croydon Cycleworks. You know, that guy who substitutes for absent placegetters in our Facebook pics – and more recently on the podium as himself.

Top marks to Mark Edwards, who demonstrated one of his numerous skills whilst refilling a few of the METEC potholes – during a race, I might add. No T.C. for that job! I'm certain 'everybody' would be relieved by the improvement. Mark, if you decide to startup a road repair business, you can use the name (Top Marks) for free.

My 'King-Pin' award (if there was one) would have to go to Shelly (Bluey) Timson. Primarily our First Aider, Shelly is capable of multi-tasking as finish-line camera/recorder and appears pretty handy with a sewing machine, following the re-sizing of some of our jersey numbers.

And of course not forgetting Peter (lifetime) Mackie and his dedicated offsider, Chris (powerhouse) Norbury, for basically running the show. We're all indebted to your efforts.

Y'all come back now, ya hear.



Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Yarra Boulevard, 3 April

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 1a (8)	Mark Seddon (N)	Iain Clark	Fraser Short (N)
Division 1b (12)	Mark Edwards	Dean Niclasen	Ross Clark (N)
Division 2 (5)	Ian Smith	Richard Dobson	Doug Page
Division 3/4 (5)	David Drew (N)	Alan Cunneen	Laurie Bohn

Thanks to referee Susan Williams, Dean Niclasen and other helpers.

News etc.

Lost and found

Just a couple of items found at recent race meetings.

Helmet (below): last Tuesday evening at METEC.

Shoe (below): Saturday at Seymour.

And one more item that's been hanging around the trailer for a couple of months now (right).

All items recoverable from the trailer on race days.





Future events

Eastern CC events

Please refer to page 1 of this newsletter, or go to <https://easterncycling.com/roster/>.

Note: Graded scratch race entries are accepted on the day up until 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 ECC 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 CC events

For details, go to <http://northerncycling.com.au>. Please note that Northern has a new start time of 10 am for road races. Start time for criterium races at National Boulevard remains unchanged at 9 am.

VCV events

The VCV invites you to be part of the the following Veteran races to be conducted over the next four weeks:

20, 21 and 22 April: AVCC Championships. Hosted by VCV

Entries close Tuesday 9 April. This earlier date is to allow adequate time to produce the programme and organise the medals for each Championship event

Enter here: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=33743>

Thursday 25 April: Top Tech Panels Benghazi Open. Hosted by Northern Cycling

Entries close Thursday 18 April. NOTE: This is not the usual Tuesday deadline because of Easter and Thursday race date.

Enter here: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=33731>

Sunday 5 May: Brennan/Hall Memorial. Hosted by Warrnambool Veterans Cycling Club

Entries close Tuesday 30 April. NOTE: Change of venue, back to the traditional course at Wangoom. No nasty hill at the start of each lap!

Enter here: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=33732>

More information on each event can be viewed on the VCV website:

<http://www.veterancycling.com.au/events.html>

Get your entries in on time so you can be part of some exciting racing.





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2019 ECC Club Championship Age Groups

does not include race eligibility requirements, as at April 2019

35 to 39	
1980 to 1984	
1980	Ross Bowlby
1980	Vaughan Bowman
1980	Shelly Timson
1982	Chris Beard

40 to 44	
1975 to 1979	
1975	Richard Abel
1975	Shane Crowhurst
1976	John Clarkson
1976	Sam Curry
1976	Anthony Netkow
1976	Nathan White
1977	Max Kornhofer
1979	Matt Clarke
1979	Daniel Couzens
1979	Robert Lackey

45 to 49	
1970 to 1974	
1970	Paul Firth
1970	Tim Maffey
1970	Kevin Marks
1970	Petra Niclasen
1970	Darren Woolhouse
1971	Stefan Kirsch
1971	Perry Peters
1971	Veronica Vandenbroeck
1971	Richard Vernon
1972	Andrew Mapstone
1972	Alex Randall
1973	Kym Petersen
1973	Brendan Wain
1974	Chris Hughson
1974	Lawrence Lee

50 to 54	
1965 to 1969	
1965	John Blyth
1965	Grant Greenhalgh
1965	Dale Maizels
1965	David Pyne
1965	Craig Stannard
1966	Tony Kimpton
1966	Craig Tucker
1967	Paul Anderson
1967	Haydn Chapman
1967	Anthony Gullace
1967	Antony Lateo
1967	Dean Niclasen
1967	Malcolm Rowley
1967	Alison Skene
1968	Emma Anderson
1968	Iain Clark
1968	Jean-Philippe Leclercq
1968	Paula McGovern
1968	Dale Walton
1968	Paul Webster
1969	Grant Farr
1969	Lisa James
1969	Peter Mackie
1969	Glenn Newnham
1969	David Richards
1969	Dean Tune

55 to 59	
1960 to 1964	
1960	Peter Brann
1960	Garron Buckland
1960	Colin Doherty
1960	Russell Newnham
1960	Franc Tomsic
1961	Anthony Barton
1961	Steven Davis
1961	Nick Panou
1961	Peter Shanahan
1962	Phil Cavaleri
1962	Laurie Gates
1962	Gregory Harvey
1962	Marcus Herzog
1962	Edward Holmes
1962	Douglas Page
1962	Walter Savini
1962	Andrew Wedderburn
1963	Wesley Black
1963	Sam Bruzzese
1963	Anthony Cox
1963	Adam Dymond
1963	David Griffin
1963	Peter Morris
1963	Steven Ross
1963	Patrick Ruys
1964	Richard Harvey
1964	Mick Jamison
1964	Ray Russo
1964	Phillip Smith
1964	Juanita Stumbles
1964	Mark Trounson
1964	Raymond Watts

60 to 64	
1955 to 1959	
1955	Leon Bishop
1955	Ron Gillies
1955	Allan Hicks
1955	Geoffrey Mackay
1955	Max Michelson
1955	Hylton Preece
1955	Ian M. Smith
1956	John Cochrane
1956	Nick Hainal
1956	Colin Mortley
1956	Simon Perry
1956	Gary Pye
1956	Andreas Weber
1957	Stephen Barnard
1957	Robert Castellani
1957	Timothy Crowe
1957	Philip Johns
1957	David Moreland
1957	Jenny Whitehead
1957	John C Wilson
1958	Ken Allan
1958	Mark Drury
1958	Mark Granland
1958	Kevin King
1958	Michael Muscat
1958	Sue Sharples
1959	Rob Amos
1959	Tony Curulli
1959	Chris Norbury
1959	Gavin Plummer
1959	Ken Saxton
1959	Robert Suter
1959	Nick Tapp
1959	Philip Taylor
1959	Pamela Vandersluys
1959	Susan Williams

65 to 69	
1950 to 1954	
1950	Geoff Darroch
1951	Andrew Buchanan
1951	Bernard Evans
1951	Paul James
1951	Peter Ransome
1951	Peter Webb
1951	David Worland
1952	Graham Cadd
1952	Mark Edwards
1952	David McCormack
1952	Graham Nicolson
1952	Neville Williamson
1953	Rob Birch
1953	Zenon Gawronski
1954	Alan Cunneen
1954	Chris Ellenby
1954	Peter Gray
1954	Murray Howlett
1954	Ken Mayberry
1954	John Williams

70 to 74	
1945 to 1949	
1945	Robert Lewis
1946	Richard Dobson
1946	Graham Haines
1946	Graeme Parker
1947	Geoffrey Miller
1947	Robert Will
1948	Tony Dalton
1948	John Pritchard
1948	John Thomson
1949	Roman Suran

75 to 79	
1940 to 1944	
1940	Richard Maggs
1940	Martin Peeters
1941	John Eddy
1941	Keith Wade
1942	Daniel Ives
1943	Harry Hibgame
1944	Neil Cartledge
1944	Clive Wright

80 to 84	
1935 to 1939	
1935	Ron Stranks
1936	Alan Sandford
1939	Lawrence Bohn
1939	John Macleod

85 to 90	
1930 to 1934	
1930	Roderick Goodes
1933	Keith Bowen
1933	Michael Waterfield