

14 March 2020

## Eastern Cycling Club

# Newsletter

### Duty Roster

#### Saturday 14 March Casey Fields

Tony Curulli (R), Martin Deeley,  
David Griffin

#### Saturday 21 March Seymour

VCV Referee, Nick Hainal (TC),  
Sam Bruzzese, Veronica  
Vandenbroeck, Sam Curry, Ian  
Milner, Craig Oliver, Stuart  
Bendall, Rob Suter, Ron Gillies

*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,  
[ljtpop2@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ljtpop2@optusnet.com.au).*

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It was one of those rare days at Casey Fields last Saturday – not a breath of wind in the car park and only a gentle zephyr out on the track. C Grade kicked things off with a 'missing out' elimination race, won by Adam Dymond. Results of the afternoon's scratch races and a report from Glenn Newnham are inside, as are results from Tuesday night at Metec and Wednesday morning at the Loop – including news of a new award for Wednesday racers.

This Saturday we are at Casey Fields again (remember: not at Rocco Drive on Sunday as originally scheduled) starting at 2 pm. The registration desk will close at 1.45, and as usual you can sign up ahead of time via TeamApp.

On Sunday, three teams of Eastern riders will ride in the Below the Belt Pedalthon at Sandown to raise money for research into the urogenital cancers that affect so many – in particular men, and including cyclists. To support the Eastern teams taking part with a donation, get online and go to [2020btb-melbourne.everydayhero.com/au/eastern-cycling-club](https://2020btb-melbourne.everydayhero.com/au/eastern-cycling-club).

If you follow the club Facebook page, you'll know that Ron Gillies, who is the franchisee of Snooze Nunawading, Knox and Chirnside, has generously come on board to sponsor next week's VCV Open Handicap at Seymour – now the ECC Open Handicap, proudly sponsored by Snooze Nunawading. Please make an effort to come and race if you are able. As always, there will be post-race presentations at the Royal Hotel. There's a flyer for the event at the end of this newsletter. Enter by midnight next Tuesday 17 March via the VCV website or at [www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=37652](http://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=37652).



Flashback! This photo of (most of) the place-getters from Garfield emerged during the week. Photo: VV





## Graded scratch races, Casey Fields, 7 March

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd
A Grade (10)	Steve Ross	Jean-Philippe Leclercq	Glenn Newnham
B Grade (8)	Ross Clark (N)	Craig Oliver	Craig Stannard
C Grade (10)	Liam Oliver (N)	Adam Dymond	Dean Tune
D Grade (5)	Anthony Cox	John Williams	Ron Gillies
E Grade (8)	Harry Hibgame	John C. Wilson	Phil Johns

### A Grade

*By Glenn Newnham*

March 2020 is a significant month for me. My bike is ten years old. I bought this bike to race at the Baw Baw Classic. It was streaks ahead of my old aluminium bike that I bought second-hand off a friend. For one thing, my new Giant actually fit me. I raced at the Classic with Andy Burmas, who was much fitter than me. I don't think I saw him all day, although visibility wasn't great, with almost constant rain from Warragul to the base of Baw Baw and then snow falling for most of the climb. I think that was the closest I've been to hypothermia. I may have been the last rider to finish before the sag wagon, and Andy was waiting at the finish line and presented me with my finisher's medal. I haven't seen Andy for ages, but memories of friendships last longer than the details of a race.

Last Saturday my bike was celebrating and wanted to jump off the front soon after we started. I had quite a gap after a couple of laps, but realistically I wasn't going anywhere unless someone else got enthused and joined me. Gradually I floated back to the group of nine. The pace was high and there wasn't anyone who seemed to be struggling. I would say we averaged an attack every lap, but

nobody was given an inch. At the same time, the pace wasn't slowing down after attacks were caught, either. Other than the high pace, the only bit of excitement was the backfire from Paul Firth's bike. I thought he had punctured but it turned out that he had broken a spoke – something he only realised when he pulled over with two to go to watch the final sprint and found that his brakes had been rubbing the whole time.

With around ten minutes to go, Rob Amos put in an attack and Tony Kimpton set out after him. They built a decent gap and J-P saw an opportunity disappearing, so he jumped with Cav glued to his wheel. They soon bridged across to Rob and Tony and the gap to the other six continued to build. I think it might have been Perry Peters who decided it was worth the chase and went out after the four. I was stuck to Perry's wheel and Steve Ross to mine. At that stage the other three, Paul Firth, Alex Randall and Steve Parker, called it quits and decided to watch the final sprint from the sidelines. Perry, Steve and I put in some mighty turns and mowed down the four ahead pretty quickly, but not without expending quite a bit of energy. If I recall correctly, we only had about a lap and a half to go so we tried to recover as quickly as possible. Heading down the back straight for the final time I positioned





myself behind Steve, but it was J-P that led it out, going tight on the final corner. I followed Steve after J-P up the finish straight and managed to pull alongside, but Steve's pace was too high, and the gap was too tight. I think a bike length would have covered all three of

us, but it was Steve, from J-P, then me in 3rd. It was great to see Steve on the top of the podium again, but kudos to all ten, it was a hard race, well fought by everyone and a great group of friends to share a race and some banter with.

### Croydon Cycleworks Summer Twilight Crit Series, METEC, 10 March

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
A Grade (9)	Chris Hughson	Glenn Newnham	Steve Ross	Jean-Philippe Leclercq
B Grade (12)	Darren Woolhouse	Ray Russo	Craig Oliver	Dean Niclasen
C Grade (0)	--	--	--	--
D Grade (14)	Greg Harvey	David Brown	Peter Brann	Ron Gillies
E Grade (3)	Harry Hibgame	Neil Cartledge	John C. Wilson	--

Ride of the night was awarded jointly to Northern CC visitor Kath Simpson and Paul James.

### Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Yarra Boulevard, 11 March

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Division 1a (7)	Mark Seddon (N)	Stephen Lane (N)	Troy Jordan (N)	--
Division 1b (12)	Chris Ellenby	John Hasouras (N)	Grant Farr	Dean Niclasen
Division 2 (7)	Tony Curulli	John Williams	Ken Allan	--
Division 3 (3)	Susan Williams	Pam Vandersluys	--	--

Thanks to referee Ian Smith, Dean Niclasen and other helpers.

*The latest reason to come and race at the Loop on Wednesday morning is to be in with a chance to win Madam Secretary's Mid-week Intermediate Sprint. Nick Tapp made sure of the inaugural medal this week with an attack at the mid-race bell, then blew up and finished a lap down. Madam Secretary herself, Susan Williams, who initiated the award and donated the spiffing medal, also made the presentation. Thank you, Susan!*





## News etc.

### Winnings to Below the Belt Pedalthon

Thank you to all those podium place-getters on Saturday at Casey who generously donated their winnings to the Below the Belt cause. \$205 raised in total, rounded up to \$219.72 to cover credit card fees, and the donation was posted on Tuesday 10 March. Thanks for your support.

*John Williams*

### Vacancies in Traffic Controller course

Apparently Southern Masters have some spare spots in their Traffic Control course on Saturday 28 March. Any member prepared to become a T.C. can contact me on 0472 699 322 to find out more.

*Andrew Buchanan, Roster Co-ordinator*

## Future events

### Eastern CC events

Please refer to page 1 of this newsletter, or go to [easterncycling.com/roster/](http://easterncycling.com/roster/).

Note: Graded scratch race entries are accepted ahead of time on TeamApp, or 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.

#### ***Eastern Grand Prix women's race***

Entries for the Eastern Grand Prix women's race at Casey Fields on Saturday 4 April are open at [entryboss.cc/races/4484](http://entryboss.cc/races/4484). For more details, go the Eastern GP page on the club website at [easterncycling.com/events/eastern-grand-prix/](http://easterncycling.com/events/eastern-grand-prix/).

### Northern CC events

For details, go to [northerncycling.com.au](http://northerncycling.com.au). Please note that Northern road races start at 10 am on Sunday; start time for criterium races at National Boulevard is 9 am.

### VCV events

As well as the flyer for the ECC Open Handicap at Seymour on Saturday 21 March, sponsored by Snooze Nunawading, there are flyers a couple of pages down for the upcoming VCV Criterium and Time Trial Championships, at Ballarat and Learmonth on the weekend of 28 and 29 March.







## Other events

All riders are welcome to take part in the 2020 SA Tatiara Masters Games on 17–19 April. The courses are described as flat. A mixed group of four riders can win \$5000 in prize money, and gold, silver and bronze medals are on offer. Details are at [www.tatiaramastersgames.com/cycling](http://www.tatiaramastersgames.com/cycling).

You will find flyers and entry forms at the end of this newsletter for the Very Special Kids Autumn Classic, on Friday 15 May.

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**RACE STARTS 1:30PM**

**REGISTRATIONS AT MANNERS ST, SEYMOUR  
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Riding briefing and race start is 3.5km  
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Entries close midnight  
Tues 17th March

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# GRADED DIVISIONS

0900h	C, D women	30 mins + 2 laps
0901h	D men	35 mins + 2 laps
0940h	F men	30 mins + 2 laps
0941h	B women	35 mins + 2 laps
1020h	E men	30 mins + 2 laps
1021h	A women	35 mins + 2 laps
1110h	C men	35 mins + 2 laps
1200h	B men	40 mins + 2 laps
1300h	A men	45 mins + 2 laps

## VETERAN Cycling Victoria

# 2020 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Victoria Park - Ballarat



SUNDAY 29TH MARCH

# CRITERIUM

# TIME TRIAL

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH

***10 AM***



## VETERAN Cycling Victoria

### 2020 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Windmill circuit - Learmonth

5 YEAR  
AGE GROUPS

# 35 KM





# VERY SPECIAL KIDS

## Autumn Classic

FRI 15 MAY 2020

7AM – 11.30AM

VERY SPECIAL KIDS

321 GLENFERRIE ROAD, MALVERN

The Very Special Kids Autumn Classic is a virtual cycling race, bringing together Melbourne's cycling community as they compete for podium places and ultimate bragging rights.

Riders will attack mountain and prologue stages individually, with the winning team taking home the sought after perpetual cup. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the winning teams at a celebratory lunch. Check out the 2019 coverage [here!](#)

With up to 16 teams competing, the racing - and spectating - will be more exciting than ever. Limited team places available for 2020, get in quick!

All proceeds will assist Very Special Kids in providing free of charge services to families caring for children with life-threatening conditions at the hospice onsite.



To express interest or for further information, please contact Kristi Ingrilli at Very Special Kids 03 9804 6217 or [kingrilli@vsk.org.au](mailto:kingrilli@vsk.org.au)





# VERY SPECIAL KIDS

## Autumn Classic

FRI 15 MAY 2020  
7AM – 11.30AM

### Registration details:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

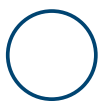
Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain Details (if different from above):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Fundraising commitment:



We are committed to team participation of \$6,000 through personal donations and/or fundraising, plus an additional minimum fundraising goal of \$4,000

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