

26 June 2021

# Eastern Cycling Club Newsletter

## Duty Roster

**Saturday 03 July**  
GSR, Casey Fields, 2:00 pm  
Susan Williams (R), Grant Farr

**Saturday 10 July**  
ECC Tour de Metro Race 1  
Yarra Glen. John Thomson (R),  
Hylton Preece (TC), Dean Tune  
(TC), Peter Webb (F), Steve  
White, Martin Peeters, Ian  
McGeoch, Brad Jones, Anthony  
Gullace, Edward Zapanta,

*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.*

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A reduced field of 28 riders headed north to Seymour for graded scratch races. Due to the low numbers in A it was decided to combine A and B grades, but that didn't last too long. Good racing was enjoyed in surprisingly good conditions on quite roads.



*JP and Rob – Winners and Grinders*

This Saturday we are **Critting at Casey**. A good chance to talk tactics for the Tour de Metro which starts next Saturday with ECC hosting NC at Yarra Glen.

Coming up is **Raclemania**. A day in the hills for the heavy hitters. Also GSR's (B,C,D & E grades) for the heavier, but not so heavy hitters. Details below.

Also, the **Fantasy TDF** kicked off with 20 budding DS's signing on. Many of us are finding that it isn't an easy gig, but somehow our esteemed President is topping the leader board. See Dean Tune's report below.

Finally, the **duty roster** is now updated out to the end of October.





## Seymour, GSR, 26 June

Grade	1st	2nd	3 <sup>rd</sup>
A Grade (4)	Jean-Philippe Leclercq	Glen Newnam	Rob Amos
B Grade (12)	Paul Webster	Craig Stannard	Colin Blackley
C Grade (9)	Dean Tune	Rob Birch	David McCormack
D Grade (3)	Keith Wade	Bernard Evans	

### A/B-Grade

*By Rob Amos*

A & B grade : I checked the radar and entered B grade at the last minute, my feet still causing problems (like riding with pebbles in my shoes), as could the fact that it was 84 kms. The drizzle had stopped by Glenburn, but it was still cold. With only 3 riders in A grade, it was decided to combine A & B. A good pace was set by the B graders with the sprinters and A grade all sitting in. After surviving the first hill Stuart Bendall put in a big turn and I followed him through before Glen came through for a long turn. When I looked behind it was just JP with us with Kevin crossing the gap as we hit the turn. I thought I would just hang on for as long as I could, and after surviving the return climb I started to work with the others.

At the end of the first lap B grade were still very close and my legs were paying for my lack of training and racing (one race only I the Road season). The second lap was a repeat as we all rode turns, but the sun came out and it started to warm up. At the bell I started to feel better, but I knew JP would not want to sprint with Glen, and at the start of the last hill JP wound it up from the front. We held on for the first surge and then he kicked again and that was it for me as Glen came flying past. I looked around for help from Kevin, but he was gone as well with hunger bonk. I time-trialled on alone, hoping to hold off B grade and not sure if I would be given 3<sup>rd</sup> in A or 1<sup>st</sup> in B. My legs started to cramp up in the last few kms as JP & Glen disappeared into the sunset. JP took the win. A great course with next to no traffic, just a shame more riders did not make the effort!



## Wednesday GSR, Teardrop Criterium Track, 30 June

Grade	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
A Grade (6)	Mark Adams (HawCC)	Russell Newnham (CCCC)	Nick Harvey (CCCC)
B Grade (9)	Stuart Bendall	Paul Firth	Dale Walton
C Grade (14)	Kym Petersen	Roman Suran	Tony Curulli
D Grade (6)	Peter Gray	Susan Williams	Kerry Gigante (BruCC)
E Grade (3)	David Drew (NC)	Neil Cartledge	Shane Dwyer

## News etc.



## ECC Fantasy TDF Update









































Hello All,

With the first 5 stages of the TdF behind us, it's clear some of us are really struggling to amass any significant number of points. The crash marred stages early on certainly haven't helped and the demise of Caleb Ewan on Stage 3 certainly wouldn't have helped points wise and seen a number of Directeur Sportifs frantically looking for a replacement sprinter. There are clearly two people who have done their rider and route research though (and possibly had a little bit of luck with their selections or non-selections for that matter). Team Springsteen (ably headed by El Presidente) and Team Dougy (not sure which Doug this is) have already broken through the 3000 points barrier, leaving quite a few of us sitting in a gruppetto kilometres behind. As they say though, the TdF is a marathon, not a sprint, and there is plenty of time for members of the grupetto to get back in touch.

Current ladder (at the end of stage 5) is below for those who are watching from the sidelines.





1		<b>SPRINGSTEEN</b> <small>Team W</small>		3304.0 <sub>p</sub>
2		<b>DOUGY</b> <small>-</small>		3178.0 <sub>p</sub>
3		<b>SENSEI</b> <small>Deck T</small>		2779.0 <sub>p</sub>
4		<b>NICO</b> <small>1-1</small>		2725.0 <sub>p</sub>
5		<b>TOUR DE MERLO</b> <small>B Grader</small>		2582.0 <sub>p</sub>
6		<b>PIGS FLY</b> <small>-</small>		2502.0 <sub>p</sub>
7		<b>BROWNDOG</b> <small>1-2</small>		2281.0 <sub>p</sub>
8		<b>SHARWORKS</b> <small>Queen - Big 100 fan</small>		2194.0 <sub>p</sub>
9		<b>STEVEW</b> <small>1-3</small>		2114.0 <sub>p</sub>
10		<b>JVT</b> <small>-</small>		2039.0 <sub>p</sub>
11		<b>LEZARD</b> <small>-</small>		2020.0 <sub>p</sub>
12		<b>KERMIT'S FLOGS</b> <small>Deck T</small>		2012.0 <sub>p</sub>
13		<b>JOHNNY BG</b> <small>1-1</small>		1880.0 <sub>p</sub>
14		<b>PHIL</b> <small>1-3</small>		1848.0 <sub>p</sub>
15		<b>LANTERNE ROUGE</b> <small>-</small>		1776.0 <sub>p</sub>
16		<b>QUENTINO</b> <small>-</small>		1619.0 <sub>p</sub>
17		<b>SWOOD</b> <small>Deck W</small>		1428.0 <sub>p</sub>
18		<b>WAVELL</b> <small>1-1</small>		1195.0 <sub>p</sub>
19		<b>MAD SEC</b> <small>1-1</small>		1081.0 <sub>p</sub>
NC		<b>CYCLOPATH</b> <small>-</small>		0 <sub>pts</sub>







## Raclemania 21.

August 28th 2021. Big Masters Race, Big Hill, Big Money, Big Competition and Big Pain. Entries open soon on EntryBoss.

eastern CYCLING CLUB and BOONGALLA BUILD present






**Masters Scratch Race**

Saturday 28th August 2021, 2pm start at Gruyere

15 Laps, 77km, 1125m Climbing, \$20 Entry Fee, AusCycling Licence required  
 ECC Membership or Club add on membership required  
 AND at least two ECC races entered after Oct 2020..Entries may be capped  
 Plus usual B, C, D and E Graded Scratch Races on the day



**\$4000 Prize Money**  
**\$1000 First Prize**

More details to come ECC Web, Instagram and ECC Facebook








## ECC YouTube Channel

Thanks to Mark Edwards, your club has just grown another social media wing with a YouTube channel. We are looking for usable footage from members to upload, on or off the bike, old or new.

- \* Please subscribe, we need 100 subscribers to get our own channel name
- \* Channel link is: [youtube.com/channel/UCaBq6iyx\\_22APIW3tiEG\\_BQ](https://youtube.com/channel/UCaBq6iyx_22APIW3tiEG_BQ)
- \* Looking for volunteers to help Mark Edwards, to create some member videos for keepsake

## Covid Protocols. Message from your Covid Officer

Please note that spectators are not permitted to attend until restrictions are further reduced.

Further to recent information regarding the use of QR Codes (Spectators & Visitors etc), ECC will now be encouraging **all attendees including riders** to check-in via the QR Code system available at the race registration area.

Regards,  
Dale Walton

## Duty Roster

A friendly reminder to all club members. If, for some reason you are unable to fulfil your roster responsibilities, it is your responsibility to find a replacement marshal to swap with AND then notify the duty co-ordinator (Andrew Buchanan) preferably within 72 hours of your scheduled duty. If members need the phone number of a potential swap, contact Andrew Buchanan.





## Future events

### Eastern CC events

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

Note: Graded scratch race entries are accepted ahead of time on Entry Boss <https://entryboss.cc/calendar/ecc>. 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. 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.

Wednesday racing at the Teardrop/Loop is still cash on the day with registration closing at 10:00 am and a start time of 10:15 am. Cost is \$4 in coins or a \$5 note. No change is offered due to ECC Covid-Safe procedures.

### 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.





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