

Duty Roster

Sunday 01 August NC, Tour de Metro Race 2, National Boulevard, Split Start Grades B,D,E: 09:30 am Grades A,C:F: 10:40 am

Saturday 7 August Casey Fields GSR 2:00 pm Mark Edwards (R), TBC (marshal)

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 Justin van Tol:

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Another lockdown and another hiatus from racing and a lot of other things. However, we can now resume racing activity. An attempt on Wednesday at the loop was flummoxed by the weather gods and had to be cancelled (Rain, hail and gales I believe).

This Sunday we will assemble at National Boulevard for Race 2 of the Tour de Metro. The forecast is sort of ok, but more importantly we have some ground to make up on our northern neighbours. So Eastern needs you! It will definitely be a case of strength in numbers. This course is flat and fast but very well suited to team tactics and the bigger the team the more effective are the tactics. Enter here. Note, entries close Saturday 4:30 pm.



Rim Fire, Tour de Metro, National Blvd, Race 1 2017. Photo: Peter Morris

Coming up is **Raclemania**. August 28 will be a day in the hills for the heavy hitters with \$4000 of prize money up for grabs. Mark Edwards has sent an email to all potential A grade riders. The Elites will be capped at 30, so if you think an A grade start is for you, contact Mark so he can reserve you a place. Details below.



Wednesday GSR, Teardrop Criterium Track, 28 July CANCELLED due to inclement weather.

News etc.

A message from you Referees



Cycling is a dangerous sport. We try to make it safe but stuff happens.

If we have any concerns about you, injury, accident, stress, heart, breath... we will call for an ambulance. We will err on the side of caution. It won't matter if you have cover or not! It's about \$1200 a trip if you are not a member. Check out

https://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/membership/





Any questions or suggestions, email us all at referees@easterncycling.com Join us. It's not much fun but we need you anyway. We expect a few more will join this club soon.

Upcoming ITT

Blackburn Cycling Club is running an ITT on the Yarra Boulevard on Sunday, 8th August and ECC members are most welcome to enter. You can register via Blackburn's EntryBoss here More details below.





2021 Bayside Skoda Victorian Time Trial Series and Victorian Road Series



Event 3 - Sunday, 8th August, Kew Event 4 - Sunday, 5th Sept, 1 in 20, The Basin

Enter via Entryboss under Blackburn Cycling Club or Auscycling Victoria heading

Hope to see you there!!

Any questions about this series please email our race director Sean Cleary or Peter Felstead on Sean.Cleary@ingrammicro.com or vicepresident@bbn.org.au

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Justin van Tol has voluteered for the Duty Co-ordinator.role and thanks goes out to Andrew Buchanan for the many years of service he has given to this role. 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 (Justin van Tol) preferably within 72 hours of your scheduled duty. If members need the phone number of a potential swap, contact Justin van Tol.

ECC Fantasy TDF Update



Final Fantasy TdF Update

Hello All,

Well, the inaugural ECC Fantasy TdF competition has been run and won. As expected, Nick Tapp and Team Sensei have taken the top step of the podium with a massive total of 15527 points. It should also be noted that, as well as winning our private league, Nick finished 662nd in the worldwide Fantasy TdF league. Given that the worldwide comp had well in excess of 65,000 entrants, this puts Nick's DS skills in the top 1% in the world. Can I hear Team Bike Exchange calling? By the way, the overall winner of the worldwide competition finished with 17686 points. Me thinks some performance enhancing products may have been is use with this squad.

Filling 2nd spot on the podium is the mysterious B-Grader now known to be Dale Walton. Team Tour de Merlo had a slow start to the competition but like a good climber who gets better the longer the race goes on, DS Walton brought the squad home to easily hold 2nd on the podium.

Taking 3rd place on the podium was yours truly with 12428 points. I'm not sure how Kermit's Flogs managed to pull this off given we were never anywhere near the top 3 until the closing stages. Even then, I think the only reason we managed to fall over the line was El Presidente and Team Springsteen appeared to have a major hunger flat, bonked and hit the wall all at once. As a result, after occupying a podium position for pretty much the whole competition, Team Springsteen fell badly within 100m of the finish line on the *Champs Elysees* and walked across the line to finish 4th.

Persistence saw Team Sharworks (Sue Sharples) gradually climb the table and finish a credible 5th while Glenn New Ham and Pigs Fly stumbled at the final hurdle when a podium position was beckoning and finished 6th.



Thank you to all who entered. I hope you enjoyed the competition and experience and return next year. If you didn't give it a crack this year, we'd love to have you on board next year.

A table of the final results from our league is attached below.

Until next year - Ciao

Dean Tune,

Treasurer





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/UCaBg6iyx_22APIW3tiEG_BQ
- * Looking for volunteers to help Mark Edwards, to create some member videos for keepsake

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 <u>northerncycling.com.au</u>. 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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