

04 December 2021

# Eastern Cycling Club

# Newsletter

## Duty Roster

**Sunday 12 December**  
ECC Graded Scratch Races  
Bazalgette Crs, Dandenong Sth  
10:00 am

Nick Tapp (R), Andrew Buchanan (F), Craig Stannard (TC), Stuart Bendall, Adam Hinds, Rob Amos, Brad Jones, Bernie Evans, Kath Simpson.

**Saturday 18 December**  
ECC Christmas Handicap  
METEC 2:00 pm

Tony Curulli (R), Justin van Tol, Mark Sontag.

*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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The usual barage of inclement weather meted out torment to all those at Casey on Saturday. Results and reports are below, including 'a tale of two cities' from B Grade!



A	A GRADE	\$
	Max Kornhofer	ECC 1
	Glenn Newnham	ECC 2
	Matt Clarke	ECC 3

A Grade podium at Casey Fields

Photo: Mark Edwards

This Saturday we are back to Bazalgette for GSR's. The following Saturday we round out the weekend racing calendar with the Christmas Handicap at METEC.





## Casey Fields, ECC Graded Scratch Races, 04 December

Grade	1st	2nd	3 <sup>rd</sup>
A Grade (10)	Max Kornhofer	Glenn Newnham	Matt Clarke
B Grade (7)	Mark Edwards	Steve White	Craig Stannard
C Grade (9)	Peter Ransome	Andre Weber	Paul James
D Grade (3)	Ian Schofield	Robyn Baker	Philip Johns
E Grade (4)	Kath Simpson	Danielle van Tol	Neil Cartledge

### B Grade

*By Steve White*

Casey presented the usual array of weather with a peek of sunshine, wind, light rain and (more) wind. B grade lined up with a smallish field of seven riders sporting the full gamut of mechanical prowess. Firthy on a gleaming new bike. Paul Webster with a shiny new drivetrain and Mark Edwards, who suffered a mechanical during the warmup and was reduced to two gears. Mark assured us that with his increasing age, and declining gear selection, he would be no threat to anyone....

So, we roll around with the usual early surges until Mark decides to test us out, and powers through the bend with a tailwind and creates a split. With four of us away and around 30 minutes still to ride, we settle in and roll turns, Mark reminds the group of how incredibly old he is, and how many gears he is missing, and the mind games begin... "That tyre is looking a bit soft Steve. Did I tell you that I'm nearly 70. Gee you guys are strong. I'm only barely hanging on. I won't contest the sprint. I'm

nearly 80 you know". Then as we approach the same bend, uphill, tailwind and boom! Edwards goes again "Come on Steve take a turn. I've only got one gear, and I'm, a 100 years old!.."

I stay with the veteran as we somehow manage to drop Craig Stannard and Paul Firthy, a feat that I certainly would not have dared on my own. We are 42 minutes in, and I am confident that I can hold this pace for another 10 or 12 minutes until we get the bell. Twenty minutes pass by and Mark tells me he is doing 110 rpm. I'm not sure if he means his legs or mouth.

Stannard and Firthy are still chasing strongly and threateningly, but on their own, we should hold them off. "He won't take a turn" Mark shouts to the crowd after doing his 20 second turn on the front. "Don't worry Steve- I won't skin you in the sprint. I'm almost 200 years old, and I've got no gears." We finally get the bell and as we roll around toward that infamous bend again Mark reminds me of how strong I am and how old he is. "I'm gonna go from that bend" he tells me. It's a long drag to





the finish and I'm confident that I can cover his attack, until he is 10 meters ahead and pulling away! I dig deep and give it everything I have. The sound of my heart thumping in my chest is drowned out by the ringing in my ears, "I'm 300 years old, one good leg, riding a unicycle" Well played old man. Well played.

## **B Grade**

*By Mark Edwards*

I could have been Catholic.

In the warmup I broke my rear cable. Is blasphemy a mortal sin?

My maternal grandfather was a big Catholic.

Francis James Cusack. Irish. County Clare. Labor. SP bookie etc etc, Power Without Glory stuff.

Go home? Maybe C Grade, one gear. Two. 36/52 Front, 13 Rear. Go B Grade then drop to C, hang on, go home.

My mother was born and raised in the faith. It didn't stick.

B Grade, small field, but deep. The Paul twins, one and two in The Aggregate, sprint monsters. Half of the Craigs, the stronger for longer one. Steve White. Big strong Steve, Ironman, a diesel. A couple of others I didn't know much about. Bound to be trouble.

Something happened to my mother. She never complained, never explained, that went to the grave - but at around ten years old she renounced the Faith, Heritage and Party, and never spoke to her father again. Ever. I didn't know I had a grandfather.

Turns out I could keep up. The wind helped up the hill, the gearing worked OK.

I usually claim Rule 69 to avoid a turn, today I added the one gear rule. Still I took a turn, when it was easier of course.

I was C of E, then Baptist. Closer to home, not sure if it was closer to God. No dancing, no cheerful expression, no fun or games, plenty of judgement, misery and punishment. I had found my people.

Webster suffers gear failure early. Gonski. The sprint King is dead. Steve is spinning easy, no weight on the pedals, no calf tension. He's my man. I suggest we go, just for recreation's sake. Blitzkrieg, up the hill with the wind, suits the 13 nice. Caused a bit of havoc, but Paul and Craig wound us in. Four away. I tell everyone I'll just sit, won't take a turn, won't skin them at the end.

I like the idea of the Confession Box. Bless me Father... So many times I might have used that.

Someone says we're not away, we're pretty much it. That's different then isn't it. One gear, plus rat cunning. A podium plan. Must drop Paul F.

I suggest to Steve Plan B. Just Plan A again. Will they be wary? They're asleep at the wheel. Snoring. Off we go. I make the break, do the first 100 metres, Steve does the next 20 kilometres. My ITB is on fire and thighs are burning, cadence too low or too high. Steve is a sled dog, pulling so hard it's tough to hang on. Craig won't work with a sprinter, so it's one against one against one, plus this freeloading wheel-sucker. Texas Hold'em sweet. I'm in for a second! Yaaay. I tell Steve for all his work I won't skin him. I couldn't anyway, one gear and all. Steve says, or I heard... you made the break. I run that through my interpretation filter. Hmm.





The Bell. Same place, I say I'm gonna go there, again, get ready. He'll feel better that way, not just rolling in with me feathering. It can't work of course. Sit and spin, waiting for his blast pass, where is he? He's spent, given up, or more likely bewildered at being betrayed.

I'm full Celt. Irish, Welsh, Scottish. No bastard English in me. Protestant guilt and shame go with me everywhere. It won't wash off. Here's another one to carry. Like Mr Bennett my main concern is I'll get over it too soon, something else will happen.

How nice would absolution be? ....for I have sinned. I don't know the Stations of The Cross, but I could probably do a few Hails Mary. How many? Let Steve be the judge. Apologies. I owe you big fella. I like to think I'll be better next time....

.... Steve and I have kinda sorta agreed to share the newsletter edit next year when Pete Morris steps down. We'll work together, share and share. 50/50. Another Steve, little Stevie

Wright, said it best when he sang (almost) Stevie, I'll never let you down....

Thanks to all. It's a great club.

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	Steve White	ECC 2
	Craig Stannard	ECC 3

*B-Grade podium, topped by the 'Tricentennial'!*

## METEC, CCW Summer Series, 07 December

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
A Grade (11)	Matt Sherwin	JP Leclercq	Daniel Bishop	Max Kornhofer
B Grade (18)	Paul Golsworthy	Dean Niclasen	Perry Peters	Colin Blackley
C Grade (14)	Leigh Johansen	Damien O'Hara	David Brown	Peter Knight
D Grade (5)	Ken Bone	Anthony Cox	Nick Hainal	-





## Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Yarra Boulevard, 08 December

Grade	1st	2nd	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
A Grade (3)	Craig Harvey	Grant Harvey	Grant Farr	-
B Grade (10)	Val Usatoff	Nick Tapp	Ross Clark	-
C Grade (14)	Trevor Rim	Alvin Dumaraois	John Williams	Ivana Cicchelli
D Grade (5)	Tanya Simpson	John Wyatt	Susan Williams	-

## News etc.

### \*\*\*\*\*Call for Traffic Controllers\*\*\*\*\*

We need more traffic controllers to run open road races. Without TCs we can not safely and legally race on open roads. If you are interested in completing a TC course please contact Andrew Buchanan [tiptop2@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tiptop2@optusnet.com.au)

### EntryBoss – Reminder for Members

This is a reminder for clubs using EntryBoss – please make sure members are changing their Membership details from any previous legacy membership number (that is not in use). To their AusCycling (AC) membership number. If a member is having trouble changing their details in EntryBoss they can contact [support@entryboss.cc](mailto:support@entryboss.cc)

Members can find their membership number:

In their confirmation email on the top right hand side.

Once a member downloads their digital membership cards.





## Croydon Cycleworks Summer Series

Here's the prize list. Thanks Dave and CCW for your generous support!



### Summer Series Prize List

1st	Kickr Core	\$1,249
2nd	CCW kit	\$350
3rd	Shimano RC5	\$250
4th	100% Sunglasses	\$220
5th	Pirelli Tyre Pack	\$200
6th	CCW Free Service	\$150
7th	Muc-off cleaning pack	\$100
8th	Road Tube Pack	\$60
9th	CCW Gift Voucher	\$50
10th	CCW Gift Voucher	\$25





## ECC YouTube Channel

Thanks to Mark Edwards, your club now has 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](https://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 [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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