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Eastern Cycling Club

# Newsletter

## Duty Roster

**Saturday 18 December**  
ECC Christmas Handicap  
METEC 2:00 pm  
Tony Curulli (R), Andre Weber,  
Mark Sontag.

**Saturday 08 January**  
ECC Graded Scratch Races  
Casey Fields  
2:00 pm  
Susan Williams (R), Russell  
Newnham, Martin Deeley

*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 fast and flat Bazalgette circuit provided a bunch of B graders an opportunity to step up and test their legs against the strength and cunning of A graders. Perfect conditions provided plenty of excitement in all grades. Just the one report below, from Corey Williams.



This Saturday is the ECC Christmas Handicap at METEC. Families and friends are most welcome and kids are encouraged to bring their bikes. We do ask that children are supervised while riding, and make sure they stay off the track during the racing, for the safety of everyone.

## Casey Fields, ECC Graded Scratch Races, 12 December

Grade	1st	2nd	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>
A Grade (20)	Russel Newnham	J P Leclercq	Perry Peters	Glenn Newnham
B Grade (7)	Michael Hartman	Grant Farr	Rob Lackey	Kym Petersen
C Grade (10)	Darren Thompson	Paul James	Tony Renehan	Sam Curry
D Grade (7)	Greg Harvey	Peter Shanahan	Ken Allan	-
E Grade (3)	Danielle van Tol	Neil Cartledge	John Eddy	-

### A Grade

*By Corey Williams*

Sunday's Bazalgette flat land crit saw 90% of the total participants nominate to race A Grade.

For 2 reasons:

1. It's nice and flat and easier to hang on to a faster wheel.

2. Matt Sherwin wasn't there.

I originally nominated for B Grade. But knowing that the numbers were very low, I quickly came to the realisation that this meant I wouldn't be able to sit at the back and do nothing. So I jumped up to A Grade with the other 21 starters.

Pace kicked off pretty casually. I was alright with that, but it didn't stay that way for long.

Because bloody JP kicked off a couple of laps in, making the first of (what felt like) 20 breakaways.

The pack debated whether to chase or hang him out to dry on the break. Eventually we decided to pull the strong break back in.

There were a few little spot-fires throughout which made for good racing.

At about the 50-minute mark, I started thinking about my own mortality. And whether I'd be considered 'soft' if I peeled off and went home early. I tried desperately to cling to the back of the bunch. Dribbling all over myself, grunting and hanging over my bars.

Fortunately, the pack slowed up. And I didn't die.

The final sprint saw the big players appearing at the front of the bunch. Glenn Newnham had ended up back on the front after a quick smoke break on the bottom corner, JP was away on a solo break and Perry was breathing down Russell Newnham's neck. The dash for the line was epic, with Russell threading the needle in the pack to edge out JP.





Ride of the day goes to JP, who probably deserved to win, but was edged out by millimetres. But what was most unusual about JP's ride was the how chatty he was after we chased down all his breakaways.

You could hear JP exclaiming "phoque" to the sprinters in the bunch. A very unusual time to be discussing marine animals, I thought. Haha

Rider of the Day:

Jean-Philippe Leclercq

Honourable Mentions:

Max Kornhofer, Steve White, Gooch, Alex Randall



**METEC, CCW Summer Series, 15 December**

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
A Grade (8)	Daniel Bishop	Kevin King	Alex Randall	Nathan White
B Grade (11)	Dean Niclasen	Stephen Parker	Kon Skordilis	Paul Golsworthy
C Grade (11)	Leigh Johansen	Chris Law	Dave Brown	Brendan Wain
D Grade (4)	Ken Bone	Chris Norbury	Keith Wade	-
E Grade (3)	Danielle van Tol	John Wilson	Neil Cartledge	-

**Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Yarra Boulevard, 15 December**

Grade	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
A Grade (6)	Craig Harvey	Ben May	Mark Seddon	-
B Grade (8)	David Rooke	Ross Clark	Dale Walton	-
C Grade (16)	John Williams	Greg Foster	Tony Renehan	-
D Grade (4)	David Drew	Susan Williams	Kerry Gigante	-



**\*\*\*\*\*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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