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Newsletter

Eastern Veterans Cycling Club



Newsletter, April 13th 2013

This week! Official Race Roster for Arthurs Creek: Keith Bowen, Angelo Antignani, Jamie Goddard, Anthony Gullace, Alan Hasen, Damien O'Halloran, Jason Halls, Guy Green & Bruce Hawker.

Next week April 20th. Dunlop Rd: Richard Dobson, Steve Short, Nick Hainal, Dave McCormack, David Harding, Chris Hughson, Stewart Jenkins, Pat Healey, Daniel Hulbert, Ciaran Jones, Marcus Herzog, Dan Ives, James Hobbs, Alan Hicks & Paul James.

Note: Members rostered for marshal or traffic control duties must be at the circuit at least one hour before the scheduled start time to assist with the setting up of the course. (But bring your bike, you just never know). If a marshal fails to turn up for duty, a rider will be balloted to do that duty. If you cannot turn up for duty, you must find a replacement and please advise Andrew Buchanan at tiptop2@optusnet.com.au

Casey Fields 6th April 2013

Race report:

The weather at Casey Fields was perfect. Warm but not too hot with clear skies and no wind. A typical autumn day for Melbourne.

As a result of perfect race conditions, the racing was close with few breakaways and high average speeds for most grades.

A-grade: (Tony Chandler)

Twelve starters in A grade, with a good mix of riders. Phil Smith was in action with some early attacks, as was Nigel, who is starting to find some good form, as the torque from his legs twists his frame. The lack of wind and the panicking from some riders made getting a gap very difficult. Phil & Nigel got a small break on the 30 minute mark, but as soon as Guy Green, Steve Ross & Rob Amos jumped across, the bunch closed it down. With a lap to go Peter O'Callaghan opened up a good gap, chased by Rob, but the sound of the bell stirred Justin Davis into action after having a quite race, still recovering from his recent Iron man effort. Catching both



Rob & Peter, before winning the sprint from Roy Clark & Guy

Stats: 48.5 klms in 1 hr 9 mins. ave 42.2 kph, max 55.3kph

B-grade: (No report.)

C-grade: (Neil Cartledge)

The natural lap was taken at a pleasant pace allowing the heart rates to gently rise and the talkative to converse with each other. With no wind to dissipate their voices, the entire group was entertained. Then the first race lap brought those conversations to a halt as the pace rose and exercise of staying on wheels for some 60 minutes, began.

The first surge, I think by Peter Ransome, occurred going west at the bottom of the course, but was easily contained. This set the tone for the day. With no wind to speak of, any attempt to get away was shut down smartly and as a result, the pace was high for most of the race.

With about 3 or 4 laps to go, a couple of riders (sorry, don't know who) jumped away on the clubroom straight. Neil was on the front at the time and couldn't go with them and nobody else seemed to want to have a go. Finally, Mark Cheeseman, just up from d-grade, chased, pulling the bunch across with him. It was a good chase by Mark and dashed a probable winning move by the escapees.

The recovery was terminated by the bell and jockeying for position started soon after. The pace rose throughout that final lap, so on turning east on the back straight, the bunch was travelling quickly and a short sprint was clearly going to be the end result. At the lake, the sprinters hit their straps. Brian, Steve and Neville pulling clear of the bunch. After the turn Mark opened a gap from the main bunch as well.

Brian McCann, riding very well took 1st. Steve Short a close second and Neville Williamson 3rd. A tiring Mark Cheeseman, 4th, just held off Neil Cartledge for the last 2 yellow envelopes. A good race by the entire grade. Ave: 37.6kph.

D-grade: (Jim Swainston)

I never cease to be amazed at how many people I don't know on race day! Although we only had 10 starters, three I couldn't put a handle on. Our pace seemed to be pretty constant and, in the absence of a cooling breeze, a fair amount of sweat was lost by all. Ross Gardiner is one of those I was hazy on but all was revealed when he went up to get his hard-earned! JC

continued on his good form from last week with an impressive 2nd. Seasoned campaigners such as Jeff Cranstone and Lance Wearne appeared to be going Ok. There is a rumor Lance is praying to the Handicapping God for a better mark in the Opens!

As we got down to the business end it seemed that Rob Devolle wheel was the place to be and this proved to be correct as Rob strolled to the front approaching the last corner and hung on well. Main interest was who was going to take 3rd. Alison Skene launched a solid attack at about 2 to go and stretched us out. Thanks to all for an enjoyable afternoon.

Apologies to Richard Partington and Colin Mortley as I don't quite know what you look like on a bike yet!

E-grade: (John Neil)

How to turn the perfect day into the perfect race? This was the problem facing the 7 E Graders who rolled out into the, for once, relatively benign breezes of Casey Fields. After a few relatively relaxed laps of "Where's Ronnie?", proceedings took a more serious turn as John Neil went out on a surge for 2 laps or so hiking the average speed for the 2nd 5kms up to 35.7 kph.

As John backed off, Brian Farrell tried his hand down the back straight but he was reined in quickly. The pace came down to a still handy 32 kph nearing the middle of the race and the Watts boys and Peter Gray stuck their noses into the breeze at the front.

John was obviously feeling good and decided to push the pace up again. The pace did not quite reach previous heights but John extended his effort this time which proved too much for first Alex Watts and later Peter Gray.

The pace came off again with five or six laps to go as Ray Watts took the lead for a couple of laps. There was a flurry as F Grade came by and there was some obvious foxing going on in the D Grade pack.

E Grade had regained its proper place as the bell went for F Grade, setting expectations that the following lap would be the one that counted. Unaccountably John Neil still felt impelled to pull at the front rather than find a wheel to follow into the sprint lap.

At the Bell it was still John to the fore with Ray Watts guarding his wheel followed by the remaining three - Hobbs, Stranks and Farrell. John steered the group around the course at a steadily increasing pace, which limited chances of his being overtaken but also provided a good lead for anyone with the legs to sprint at the end.



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John was up on the pedals in the home turn (too early?) with open space in front and the pack in hot pursuit behind. John was cranking for all he was worth but Ray Watts was breathing down his neck and surged past as the line neared to take the major prize, leaving John in (another) second place and still looking for the perfect race. Jim Hobbs headed the others for a close third.

The average pace for the day was around 32 kph, which was up a bit on previous outings at CF.

E-grade: (Brian Farrell)

Only 7 starters, so nowhere to hide and with Juanita away, it was looking good for the rest of us. A lovely day and we all started out at a nice steady pace. But John Neil had other ideas! John hit the front after 4 laps and hammered around for another 3-4 laps with everyone just sitting on his wheel. We were not happy with him

f-grade: (No report)

Officials at Casey Fields, March 30th.

Thanks to Nigel Kimber and Ron Stranks who were on the desk taking entries. Special thanks to all those on-course led by John Thomson, the referee along with the following, ensured we had a safe race. Thanks to Gerald Donnelly, Justin Davis and Shane Dawson. Thanks to Andrew Buchanan, who manages the duty roster and ensures we have enough people on the day for our races, to J C Wilson who brought the trailer along and Ian Smith, who was on hand with the drinks.

Results: Casey Fields, Saturday, April 6th.

	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth
a-grade (12)	Justin Davis	Roy Clark	Guy Green		
b-grade (17)	Callum Gough	Matt Rice	Phil Thompson	David Pyne	
c-grade (22)	Brian McCann	Steve Short	Neville Williamson	Mark Cheeseman	Neil Cartledge
d-grade (10)	Rob Devolle	JC Wilson	Ross Gardiner		
e-grade (7)	Ray Watts	John Neil	Jim Hobbs		
f-grade (6)	Clive Wright	Keith Bowen	Stewart Jenkins		

Loop Aggregate as of 27/3/13

	Name		Points		Name		Points
1	Newnham Russell	Roy	16	6	Wheelhouse	Russell	12
2	Gray	Peter	16	7	Curruli	Tony	11
3	Dew	Brian	16	8	O'Lughlen	Geoff	10
4	Cavaleri	Phillip	15	9	Cunneen	Alan	8
5	Dwyer	Shane	14	10	Weber	Andre	8

staying up front and wanted someone else to take a turn so then I gave it a hit and made him chase. But I was not going anywhere fast so I soon sat up. I then showed John how to get someone else to get up front I just slowed down until someone came up to take over.

We were all together again. With 5 laps to go Peter Gray dropped off so there being only one sprinter left we just watched John Neil until the bell. Alex Watts also became unattached somewhere among the pace.

Ray Watts was in perfect position at the bell and stayed there all the way home with big Jim making a final bid for 3rd place as myself and Ronnie faded in the sprint.

No doubt next week will be different. Arthur's Creek has a hill in it, a big hill so expect the newly crowned State over 75 Champion Ronnie to be in form that is if he still has something left after Maryborough



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Results: The Loop April 10th.

	First	Second	Third
Division 1	C Cubit	Ray Russo	Daryl Beovich
Division 2	John Williams	Tony Curulli	Owen Anstey
Division 3	David Mayne	Alan Cunneen	M Collins

SOUTH PACIFIC CHAMPIONSHIPS, Maryborough. (Rob Amos)

The South Pacific Championships were held over the Easter weekend which included a 65kkm RR, a 300m sprint, a 15kkm TT, a Criterium, and to finish off, a 65kkm open handicap.

In the RR Eastern had 3 wins with Simon Bone, Roy Clark and Dale Maizels. Rob Amos, Ian McGeoch and Martin Peeters placing 2nd, with a 3rd to Ron Stranks.

In the sprint, wins went to Phil Cavaleri, Martin Peeters, Alan Sandford and Dale Maizels, with 2nds by Simon Bone, Laurie Gates, and Neil Wray. 3rds by Peter Howard, Steve Ross, Nigel Frayne, Ian McGeoch and Ken Bone.

In the TT, wins went Roy Clark and Liz Randall, 2nds to Dale Maizels, Alan Sandford and Michael Waterfield, with 3rds to Sean Wilkeson, Phil Smith, Peter O'Callaghan and Martin Peeters

In the crit, Eastern again dominated the 50-54 age group taking the first 4 placing with Roy winning from Peter O'Callaghan & Laurie Gates. Martin Peeters & Dale Maizels also winning their races with 2nds to Simon & Ken Bone, with 3rds to Peter Howard & Alan Sandford.

The open handicap also went to Eastern with Dan Ives taking the win from the 26 min mark, with Graham Parker on the same mark finishing in 10th. Guy took out fastest time with an average speed of 44.8 kph

Eastern Vets Program: www.easternvets.com/

Saturday	Apr	13	2:00pm	Arthurs Creek	
Wednesday's			10:15am	The Loop	Graded Scratch Race
Saturday	Apr	20	2:00pm	Dunlop Rd	GSR. A-grade teams race
Saturday	Apr	27	2:00pm	Casey Fields	Club Championships
Monday	Apr	29	7:30pm	Ringwood Club	Monthly General Meeting
Saturday	May	4	2:00pm	Casey Fields	Graded Scratch Race.

Note: Graded Scratch Race entries are accepted on the day up to 15 minutes before the advertised race start time.

Handicap entries close the Tuesday before the race. Riders entering a handicap MUST pay the entry fee regardless of participation. Fees are due on race day; entrants will NOT be allowed to start in any EVCC race until fees have been paid.

No late entries will be accepted for either scratch races or handicaps. Entries to handicaps can be submitted via e-mail to the handicapper or on any race day prior to the event.

Northern Vets Program: www.northerncycling.co.au/

Sunday	Apr	14	10:00am	Pyalong Rd Seymour	Chooka's Race
Sunday	Apr	20	9:00am	National Boulevard	Graded Scratch Races
Thursday	Apr	25	1:00pm	Benghazi Handicap Northern Vets	Lancefield, 76k
Sunday	Apr	28	1:00pm	Lansfield	Road Races 60/90k

Victorian Veterans Cycling Council program: www.veterancycling.com.au/

Thursday	Apr	25	1:00pm	Benghazi Handicap Northern Vets	Lancefield, 76k
Sunday	May	5	10:00am	Hume Open	Tungamah 60k
Sunday	May	19	10:00am	May Open Colac Vets	Cororooke Hall 67k

Note: Entries are to be on the appropriate VVCC Open entry form (available on VVCC website) and are to be accompanied by the requisite fee.





Other coming events etc:

Please advise the editor of any future events that could be of interest of the members.

Donald Crits 20/4/2013:

The township of Donald is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year and the Central Victorian Veteran's Cycling Club has been asked to stage Criterium races in town on April 20th as part of the festivities. The event is being supported by local government and businesses and at least \$2,000 in prize money will be up for grabs.

Central Vets are asking for entries to be emailed or phoned in before race day so the handicapper can assess where to place riders from other clubs. Please contact me on 0419876815 if you have any questions.

Website: <http://www.cvvcc.org.au/> E-mail: centralvicvets@gmail.com

“Warrnambool Veteran’s Cycling Club”

Are proud to present the 8th Annual

“Billy & Jockie Boyle Memorial”

45 Km Handicap Cycle Race

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(3 laps of Bayne Street, to Noorat, Racecourse Road Circuit)

Sunday April 21st 2013

Seniors Start 10.00am

Juniors start at 9.00am

Entries close Wednesday 17th April 2013

With Mark Hyland

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Entry Fee \$10.00

Warrnambool/Colac Club Aggregate Race

Good Prize money and trophies

Food and Drinks provided

