



Newsletter, March 2nd 2013

This week! Official Race Roster for Casey Fields: Richard Dobson, Mark Cheeseman, Phil Caldwell and Geoff Cranstone.

Next week March 9th. Metec: Nick Bird, Peter Brann and Peter Barnett.

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

Dunlop Road 23rd February 2013

Race report:

Over 100 riders turned out for racing at Dunlop Road. A very good entry count considering that there are not many double entries to this race, as was the case in the past.

The weather was quite warm and the pace was hot in all grades. There was several attempted break-away's, in various grades, yet most, if not all the races culminating in bunch sprints to decide the placing's.

a-grade: (Dave Anderson)

Race number 4 of the EVCC team series was held at Dunlop Rd. Team Adriatic was represented by James

"Skinny Guts", Andy "Super Domestique" Burmas, Tony "MadDog" Chandler and Phil "Cav" Cavaleri the designated sprinter.

The race started off at a frenetic pace with attacks coming thick and fast from the usual suspects of Rob Amos, Ciaran Jones, Frank Nyhuis, Stefan Kirsch, and our own Super D. The right break with a balanced representation across the teams never eventuated and the time off the front was short lived as the bunch motored along pulling back riders when required.

While the thermometer was hitting the mid 30's, the boys speedo were showing mid 40s and more often than not the whole bunch was strung out in single file.



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Skinny Guts managed to spend some quality time off the front with Ciaran which lasted a couple of laps which may have prematurely ended as they needed to avoid a big truck.

MadDog did a heap of work on the front to keep Stef in sight and was able to launch Super D to bridge across to Stef. Two became three when Frank Nyhuis also bridged, however without representation from Celtic, Croydon & Bikeforce in the break and with only around 5 minutes remaining on the clock, the bunch reacted and once again it was gruppo compacto.



The most threatening break of the day came from Stef with still 15 minutes of racing left who went into time trial mode and stayed away for a couple of laps.

Celtic's Tim Jamison took the mass bunch sprint as he managed to hit 62km/h into a head wind. Ciaran Jones just missed out on making it a Celtic double as Russ Newnham found that extra spurt required to hold on to 2nd. Cav was there in the picture and was best for Adriatic in 6th with Skinny Guts getting a couple of bonus points in 9th place.



The boys were all smiles even though there was a complaint lodged by the C Grade because A Grade did not allow sufficient space when passing. A valid concern, which may require the grades to be reshuffled so that the 2 largest grades are not on the circuit at the same time. 50 riders sharing half the road with cars and trucks & needing to give 200M clearance is a challenge, however with safety the primary concern, action was required and A Grade was DQ'd.

b-grade: (David Anderson & Quentin Frayne)

A very fit looking Gary Wishart signalled his intentions with some very aggressive riding immediately after the completion of the control lap. An attentive bunch with fresh legs meant Gary was never given much latitude and was soon back in the fold saving himself for another crack.

Big Ian Milner was the next to venture off the front. It was still pretty early on in the race, nevertheless he was joined by Roman Suran and Nigel Frayne and they looked like they were going well. Many were happy enough to sit in the bunch behind John Pritchard and see who was doing what.

With a couple of laps down, the Milner break was still holding, so David Anderson decided it was time to test the legs and bridge across. He managed to bridge solo and enjoyed a couple of laps at the front of the race. The quartet were working well and looked to be building a lead until some big hitters in the bunch, sensing the danger signs of a promising break, upped the pace and had the potential escape pulled back.

Just before halfway mark of the race, Quentin Frayne mused that things were likely to heat up around about this time – it seemed obvious someone would have a go sooner or later. Ironically, it soon became obvious it

was Quentin who was going to do the lighting up as he surged through the cross wind section along Dunlop Rd (perhaps he was glad to be back on flat ground and feeling strong after a solid but unsuccessful ride in the Eastern Hundred the previous weekend). David Anderson waited to see who would go, but there was no lead out from any of the others, so for the second time in the race he showed his rapidly returning form after some time off the bike by jumping across to Quentin's wheel. Callum Gough also made it across which made it a tidy trio. The break set down to work and pulled some strong turns, managing to build up a 20+ second lead on the field.

Each rider committed to the break and time checks from Tim Crowe and Rob Feigan from the sidelines indicated they were holding the 20 second gap. It wasn't the prettiest of breaks, however, with a bit too much surging going on and the odd gap forming. Neither Quentin nor Callum are big guys and Dave wasn't finding much shelter, which probably didn't help things. The break looked home and hosed all the same, and it was a case of hang in and wait for that bell to ring.

With around 5 minutes to go, seemingly out of nowhere the trio of Anthony "Gooch" Gullace, Darren Woolhouse and Chris Ellenby managed to bridge, obviously sensing that the gap had come down somewhat and there may still be time to sneak across. Up front the lead trio had been struggling to hold a tidy rhythm and were probably beginning to tire after 30+ minutes out front in the heat. Once the three became six, Dave was relieved to finally get some bigger holes in the wind to shelter in and more bodies to share the load, but where a top three had been guaranteed, a podium position now dropped to a 50-50 proposition.

Just inside the 60 minute mark the bell finally tolled and there was still no sign of the main bunch. With a six-ride sprint now a certainty, none of the break seemed willing to partake of the clear air up front, so Quentin soft-pedalled the last lap on the front (probably keen to get a hard days racing over and done with!). Around the last corner Chris and Darren went wide while Quentin stuck to the left and opened up the sprint early from the front with a strong kick. It looked like he was going to hold it to the line, but the Gooch came home like a freight train in the last 100m to snatch the win by half a bike length from Quentin. Dave topped off a good afternoon's work by finishing 3rd. Darren, Callum and the ever-present Chris E took out the minor placing's.

All in all an exciting B-grade race and another sensational day's racing at Dunlop Rd – and all for a fabulous cause on Eastern's annual Charity Day.



C-grade: (Chris Taylor)

The race was conducted at a fairly hard pace right from the get-go. This made it difficult for anybody to get a gap on the bunch. I made a couple of attempts but the watchful bunch quickly jumped onto my wheel whenever I threatened to get away. Walter Savini and David Casey spent an awful lot of time out on the front and where worthy place takers.

Towards the end of the hour Steve Short had a dig but his effort was marked and the bunch came back together. One more big lap from these guys in the last 10 minutes would have pretty much put me out the back of the race; they already had me in the red.

Big thanks to Steve Short who dragged me to within

striking distance ... you guys need to be more careful when you have a sprinter on your wheel :)

Apologies to those that I inadvertently cut in front of at the top back corner on the bell lap, will endeavor to make sure this does not happen in future races.

d-grade: (No reports)

e-grade: (No Reports)

f-grade: (No reports)

Results: Dunlop Road, Saturday, February 23rd.

	First	Second	Third	Forth
a-grade (27)	Grade disqualification			
b-grade (21)	Anthony Gullace	Quentin Frayne	Dave Anderson	Darren Woolhouse
c-grade (25)	Chris Taylor	Walter Savini	Dave Casey	Steve Short
d-grade (19)	B Creally	Rob Devolle	Leon Bishop	Colin Mortley
e-grade (10)	Geoff Miller	Tony Lateo	Ray Watts	Ron Stranks
f-grade (5)	Alex Watts	Petra Niclasen	Stewart Jenkins	

Officials at Dunlop Road, February 23rd.

Thanks to Peter Mackie and Ron Stranks who were on the desk taking entries. Special thanks to all those on-course led by Keith Bowen, the referee along with the following, ensured we had a safe race. Thanks to Charles Lethbridge, Karl Cundall, Rob Feigan, Rob Castellani, Mal Jones, Peter Webb Allan Chiong, Roman Cardosi, Ken Budin, Craig Eastwood, Ian Brown and Michael Cosgrave. 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 Dean Niclasen, who was on hand with the drinks.

GSR Results: Metec, February 26th Croydon Cycleworks Tuesday Summer Series

	First	Second	Third	Forth
a-grade (14)	Guy Green	S Kirsch	Andrew Mapstone	
b-grade (17)	Mark Edwards	Mark Peacock	Craig Eastwood	Rudi Botha
c-grade (14)	Maurice Wiese	David Pyne	Brian McCann	
d-grade (10)	Phil Aarons	Paul James	Geoff Mackay	
e-grade (4)	Peter Gray	Alan Hicks	Janita Keating	

Results: The Loup February 27th.

	First	Second	Third
Division 1	A Giramondo (N)	F Short (N)	Ray Russo
Division 2	F Short (N)	Geoff O'Loughlen	Andre Weber
Division 3	Peter Gray	D Drew (N)	Shane Dwyer



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Eastern Vets Program: www.easternvets.com/

Saturday	Mar	2	2:00pm	Casey Fields	Graded Scratch Race, A Teams race
Tuesday's			6:00pm	Metec	GSR Summer Series
Wednesday's			10:15am	The Loup	Graded Scratch Race
Saturday	Mar	9	2:00pm	Metec	Graded Scratch Race.
Saturday	Mar	16	2:00pm	Gruyere	Kermesse.
Saturday	Mar	23	1:30pm	Dunlop Rd.	Graded Scratch Race.
Monday	Mar	29	7:30pm	Ringwood Club	Annual Meeting

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	Mar	3	9:30am	Balliang Hall	Northern TT, Age Champs & Scratch races.
Sunday	Mar	10	9:00am	National Boulevard	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday	Mar	17	9:00am	National Boulevard	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday	Mar	24	10:00am	Lancefield	Bradley Family Memorial Handicap.

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

Sunday	Mar	10	9:30am	O'Brien Contracting Central Vets	Woodstock on Loddon. 66k. \$25
Sunday	Mar	17	9:30am	Sth. West Credit/Robbie Hall Memorial. Warrnambool Vets.	Wagoon Res. 62k. \$25
Sun.	Mar 29 to Apr			South Pacific Championships	Maryborough. Road, Sprint ITT & Crit. \$25/event
Thursday	Apr	25	1:00pm	Benghazi Handicap Northern Vets	Lancefield, 76k

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.

Note: The club benefits from the sponsorship from the Ringwood Club, even if you do not use the facility, but you must register with the Ringwood Club. It doesn't cost you anything and you are under no obligation to ever attend the club. So, please fill out the Ringwood Club application form and return it to the EVCC or post it to PO Box 8114, Burnt Bridge 3134.

Other coming events etc:

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

The Annual General meeting will be held at the Ringwood Club on Monday, March 25th at which committee positions become vacant and new officers are elected. To date we have received no indication from any of the membership to nominate for any of the positions available. The club doesn't run itself, it requires input from members, the more who help the less there is for those who do.

If you have any desire to help the club please consider nominating yourself for a position on the committee. The positions that are available are;

Elected Positions;

- President / Vice President
- Secretary / Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer / Assistant Treasurer / Membership Officer
- Handicapper / Assistant Handicapper
- Club Captain / Club Vice Captain



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Appointed Positions;

- Safety Officer
- Referee
- Newsletter Editor
- VVCC Delegate (1 of 3)
- Race Committee member

Eastern Member Profile



Name: Rob Harris **Occupation:** Project Manager

Current grade with Eastern: B grade

Your age & grade when you first joined Eastern: 46 / D grade.

When & How did you get into Cycling: I have always ridden a bike as a way to keep fit since I was a teenager. I started racing after meeting Steve Ross on the 1:20 one day about 4 years ago and he suggested I should join Eastern Vets. Racing ignited a new passion for cycling. Thanks Steve.

Sporting/Employment highlight: Guest of Skoda at the final stage in Paris of the 2008 Tour de France. What a day!

Most memorable Cycling Win / Race (why): Finishing the 2010 Tour of Bright. Great event, great weekend!
I have no idea how I did all that climbing.

Favourite & least Favourite circuit (why): Favorite: Casey Fields (on a hot, windy day). Least Favorite: Any course with hills!

Other sporting / hobby interests: Motor Sport!

The rider you most admire at Eastern: Neil Cartledge (lovely man).

The rider you most love to beat: Any 'A' Grader!!



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