

FROM THE COMMITTEE

The last month has seen the weather improve and as a result the numbers riding in bunches has grown. This has also started to see the numbers begin to return to racing.

It's this time of the year that the bigger bunches tend to frustrate motorists just that little bit more. While there are plenty of inconsiderate motorists out there, unfortunately there are also some cyclists who do not do us any favours. It is all of our interests to do the right thing on the road and ensure the public continue to support cyclists. Those who have been around the club a while would know we have to fill in a 6 page race permit application for every race and we have worked hard to ensure the Northern Vets have a good name with the Police who issue these permits. With this in mind it is vitally important that if you are out on the roads in the NVCC gear then please ensure you follow all road rules and respect all road users. We do know that motorists are quick to report cyclists who do the wrong thing and they use the time / location of the bunch for groups and the kits to identify the individual riders. When you are in the kit you are representing us all so do the right thing.

The Committee

BREAK O'DAY WOODCRAFT GUILD ST.MARY'S CLASSIC



Congratulations Jason Andersch

Those that rode with Jason from the start of the race witnessed a great ride and without his ability to ride so strongly and get the most out of his fellow riders scratch would never have got there.

All who made the effort to head down to St.Marys would agree it was a great day and we thank the Woodcraft Guild for their sponsorship. More Photos p3.



Our crew outside The Purple Possum Café @ St.Marys

KEEP UP TO DATE

Our website has been receiving some really great wraps and deservedly so...to compliment our website we also now have a Northern Vets Facebook site . This allows us to post updates and photos to a much wider audience. If you are interested ..then get onto it ..its really very simple.



PLEASE NOTE ROSTER CHANGE BELOW

THE NEXT 4 WEEKS:

15th Nov

Whitemore 40km PS

Duty: Graeme Kearney, Peter Dadson, Jason Turner

22nd Nov

Bracknell 51km HCP

Duty: Brian Dabner, Jeff McMahon, Margaret Simms

29th Nov (Roster Change)

Longford 50km GMS

Duty: Scott Evans, Jonathon Bishop, Sam Pratt

6th Dec

B'bourne 51 / 34km PS

Duty: Bill Chilvers, Ian Simms, Nigel Baker

What a crazy idea I thought. Steve Muir suggested "why don't we try round the bay this year". Me thinking yes, 100 k's would be fine before he said that we would have to do the 210 k loop and to stop being 'soft'. So we entered the ride, booked airfares and made accommodation arrangements.

My training had been a bit of hit and miss due to work commitments so Steve said that we were to join the 'vets' to get in some extra riding. I knew that Steve being the stronger rider could tow me around if things went pear shaped as I had only ever done 110 k's in one go before.

The weekend seemed to sneak up on me so fast that it was a bit of a rush to pull the bike apart and stuff it in a box and then worry if Jetstar would charge for the extra kilo's.

All went well and we arrived in Melb and made our way to the hotel with the help of a "kamikaze" bus driver. We met some other guys who had flown in from the Gold Coast who were also around the bay virgins. We told them it would be very cold as they had left 25 deg. Temp, just to make their day. After putting our bikes together and organising our kit, checking the spare tubes, CO2 bottles, food and the supply of snakes, we headed off to the bike expo and the Jayco criterium.

We saw Bob Mason's daughter finish in the woman's event before checking out all the very expensive team bikes on show. "Wow" wasn't their some money tied up here but you still need a good engine to push it along as I wondered if I could make the 210 k 's the next day.

5.30 am the next morning came and we both had hardly slept. We made our way down to City Rd. to see hundreds of bikes and red flashing lights. What a sight! In we barged as we found a large bunch going our speed. I thought this is great, towed all the way round that's what I paid money for. The road was smooth something Tasmanians are not used to. We reached about the 50 k mark and our bunch peeled off for a stop. Steve and I both thought "what a soft bunch" as we kept going looking for another bunch to join. Everyone was riding smoothly and



sensibly and we didn't see any crashes during the day but lots of flat tyres. Hitting "the big hill" Mt Martha, we both rode up with ease. At the top hundreds lined the side of the road getting their wind back. What a soft lot these Victorians are as the hill was just like riding up Westbury Rd. Easy! Down hill pretty much all the way to Sorrento as both Steve and I picked up 30 to 40 riders behind us. We peeled off and regrouped in behind as these were our tactics. To be towed. I now know that cycling is all about tactics so we used some. Wise old saying, "let someone else do all the work".

At 9.10 we arrived Sorrento, grabbed our lunch and made the first ferry across. We had averaged 32.4 kph and time was 3hr 45. It was an amazing sight as bikes lined the ferry sides 10 deep and it looked as if their were more bikes than riders. A 30 min ferry ride across just enough time to have lunch and watch the dolphins swimming along side.

The ride Queenscliff to Geelong was the slowest part as there was a head wind and we were made to ride single file for some distance. Once past Geelong onto the freeway it was smooth riding and our group was sitting on 35-37 kph. Wind now behind us we finally made it up and over Westgate bridge. Another great view as one line of bikes snaked its way down the other side.

I was holding up well as the finish wasn't far off. Steve just powered along as usual. We seemed to get every red light going back into Melb. and I had sore feet from unclicking every 200 meters like hundreds of other riders.

Then it came, we rode under the finish line and joined the thousands who had also made it around the bay. Final distance was 224.7 k's (including the part where we go lost) average of 28.4. We both felt relieved that it was over and it had been a fantastic ride. With sore and tired legs we both aim to do it again and we were the best dressed cyclists of 16,000 in our new vets riding gear.

Great job lads and great Promotion for the club !!!

The Break O' Day Woodcraft Guild St.Marys Classic



November Birthdays

Tim Elmer - 3rd
 Jeff McMahon - 11th
 Garry Pickett - 13th
 Donna O'Grady - 14th

Timmy shares his birthday with Dolph Lundgren and Charles Bronson ...not surprising really. Whereas Jeff and Leonardo DiCaprio share heaps in common ...well maybe just their birthdates .

And they say Women can talk

Woody rang Keith the other day and Pam tells him that John Frankling rang the other night and they spoke for 42minsWell it is bikes so that makes it ok

HOT WHEELS AWARD



Collin Burns & David Frost

They have both had a very successful last 2 weeks, having taken out their last two graded races incl. multiple events in the club championships. Congratulations to them both for such good form.

The Scottsdale Loop

A number of our members completed the Scottsdale Loop on the long weekend. Burnsy, Myler, Pete Fraser, Woody, Jas Andersch, Sando, Gav Tamblyn and Scotty F...not all in the same group ..but they all got round. 140km and some big climbs ..but a great day out on the bike.

GUESS WHO ?

We have a member in our midst who proudly admits he hasn't eaten a sausage since 1996 Now its all good and well to be disciplined, but this member was having a serious look at what other riders were eating at St.Marys. You may notice Frank Clark proudly pointing to his plate in the above photo's ...proud of his scones and cream ...the fact that he is a doctor meant nothing to this health nut. Rumour has it that one of his senior players was dropped for having full cream milk in his fridge last season. Maybe Thor the God of Thunder and Nutrition may like to write a health column for the newsletter .



The SAVCC say come and join us for the Tour Down Under week in Adelaide. They have designed the events so that you can race and still get to see the pro's racing not far away from our finish.

Sunday 17th - Saturday 23rd January 2010

NOW IN OUR 11th SUCCESSFUL YEAR
RACE WITH 350 FELLOW VETERANS

About the Series

The Classic Adelaide Veterans Series (CAVS) has been held in January each year, since the Tour Down Under first came to Adelaide in 1999. Each year, the Series has continued to grow, with a total of 463 nominations being received in 2009 for the three events (Criteriums – 167; Road Race – 195; and Individual Time Trial – 101).

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Can I get a ride out here mate ?



Here's a young bloke looking for a race, unfortunately anyone who can beat Brian is not allowed. Sorry Wez ...come back in 40 years ...

VETS BIKE GEAR

There is still some gear left but we are now taking orders for the new year ...so if you would like some see Brian.

Blast from the Past



Peter Jones posted these photos on the Vets facebook site ..if you have any old Vets photos, then feel free to pass onto Craig and we can use these as well.

Actually if you have anything of all that would be appropriate for the newsletter then please pass this onits your newsletter and its only as good as you guys make it.

