



NVCC News

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New Committee

As most would be aware by now, the Annual General Meeting was held at Bishopsbourne after the racing on the 22nd February. Last year's committee decided to stand down after serving the club so well for so long. It was most pleasing to see a number of new and old faces put themselves forward to fill the vacancies. It is this sort of commitment from our members that will allow the club to prosper. The new committee will continue to promote the style and quality of racing that our members enjoy.

The committee is:

President:	Brian Dabner
Vice Pres:	John Frankling Keith Dolting
Secretary:	Craig Woodfall
Treasurer:	Inge Hillier
Committee:	Julian Clayton Olivier Chartrain
Race Committee:	Keith Dolting, John Frankling, David Kemp Olivier Chartrain
Safety Officer:	Charles Barker

Wanted

We would really love to have some volunteers to help reform our Social Committee. The Committee are willing to support you in this role, so if you are interested please see Julian Clayton or Craig Woodfall about this.



Great Results

Northern Results in State Masters Titles

Northern cyclists did their area and this club proud last weekend at the State Masters Time Trial and Road Titles. All of these riders are currently or have been recently, valued members of our club.

In the Saturday's Time Trials Tim Elmer in M3 (40-44), finished a strong 2nd, while in M4 (45-49) Glenn Myler and Laurie Venn in M6 and John Brock in M8 (65-69) all rode exceptionally well winning their events, with John Brock winning the overall Age Adjusted Standard.

On Sunday in perfect conditions, Tim Elmer was far too good for his opponents in his age group, while Steve Martini beat Glenn Myler in their classification. Laurie Venn rode a determined race to climb the hills and ensure that he was once again triumphant, this time over Dallas Headlam. John Brock achieved a well deserved double with a strong attacking ride, while Peter Fraser was successful in his age group. Not to be outdone Helen Woodfall and Molly Fraser won their respective age groupings in the ladies. All in all a very successful weekend. Congratulations to all riders who competed.

Duty Roster

It is necessary to remind riders that for our club to continue to race as we have done in the past it is imperative that when we are listed for rostered duty, we either must be there ready to do so or have arranged for someone to come along and do this task for us. Sometimes, we may be lucky enough to turn up and there may be an excess of volunteers, so by all means bring your bike, but we cannot count on this. If you do strike it lucky, remember to return the favour when you are in a position to do so.

Racing Matters

Registration Time:

We would like to remind riders that the cut off time for entry to all handicap races (other than Feature Races), is 20minutes prior to start time, i.e. normally 9:40am. This is imperative as the Handicapper and Assistant also would like to race, and they need a warm up too. So, if you are running late, you must ring ahead to enter with your intention to race. Please respect your fellow riders, and we all know how important it is to look after the handicappers !!

Race Re-Scheduling:

The race scheduled for Whitmore on the 5th April, will have to be run over a different course, as the Meander Valley Council planned road works in March for the course are now scheduled for April. Every attempt will be made to still use Whitmore as the starting and finishing base, so please listen to our pre-race briefings in case of change.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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Race Matters (cont)

Christine Neil

Member Profile

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In a previous life:

Christine spent 5 yrs teaching Grades 3 & 4 at Waimea Heights Primary School in Sandy Bay before leaving to have children. She later did relief teaching but it wasn't her cup of tea.

Greatest Cycling Moment:

Winning the Longford to Campbell Town race last year, especially as I rode most of it on my own. I was lucky with a good handicap and a beaut tail wind !

Other Hobbies:

Card making, line dancing, new vogue dancing and gardening

Favourite TV Show:

Nature shows, Australian Story, Better Homes and Gardens and The Bill

Things we would not know:

Christine went through school as age champion in athletics and was State Open Schoolgirl Athlete. She represented Tasmania in senior netball for 3yrs, She was High Point Australian Amateur Owner at the Australian Quarter Horse Championships in Adelaide. I have also competed at the Australian Masters Games on many occasions in Netball, athletics and cycling and broke the Australian record in the 45-49 age group for the triple jump.

Training Partners:

Been training with Gavin for 9 yrs and he has been a most encouraging and, dare I say it, a punishing task master! It certainly makes a difference having someone you know will be waiting out the front to train with most mornings.



At the recent AGM, the committee proposed that Christine Neil be awarded Life Membership. This was put to the vote and a unanimous vote in favour was returned. Life Membership is awarded to a person who has dedicated at least 10 yrs of unstinting service to our club. Anyone who has been around the club would have no doubts as to how much this is deserved.

New Members

It is pleasing to note that we have been blessed with a number of new or returning members. They have all been making themselves quite noticeable with their performances on the bike, and their good spirits in and around the groups before and after the races. There is a really good feel amongst our members and we thank this new crew for adding to it so much.

Welcome to:

Dave Mott, Jeff McMahon, Tony Goodwin, Nigel Barker, Justin Harper, Jason Parker, Brian Shipp, Peter Jones, Malcolm Sharp

Let's all try and sign up a new member this year !!

The 3 Race Rule:

At the last committee meeting the committee decided to alter the 3 Race rule for feature races. We are aware that there were valid and strong opinions on both sides. In the end, after much discussion, we decided to remove this bi-law in the interests of encouraging as many riders as possible to race as often as possible. We have faith that the Handicapper has his own ways of ensuring that this system will not be abused.

Great Western Tiers Charity Ride

On Sunday 29th March, we will not be conducting any racing as has happened over the last 3 years. This is to support the Charity Ride, those wishing to enter can do so either by the internet at <http://www.tas.cyclechallenge.org.au/> Or you can contact John O'May on 6327-3696

National Track Titles

The Tasmanian Cycling Federation met this week and Justin McMullen spoke about the organization of the Nationals which are being held here April 1 – 4. He is pretty desperate for a few more helpers at the titles. If there are any Vets who may like to help out you can contact Justin whose email is on the contact page for the event on the Cycling Tas Website.

Police Permits

A lot of work goes into these for each race and the Police take this very seriously. We all saw the police presence at our Meander race. The report stated that our club was very diligent in regards to safety. Thanks to all volunteers and riders who made this happen.

Cycling Capers

Some of us do have lives before Cycling



No Gary has not forgotten to put his bike top on, nor has he mistakenly put his number on the front instead of the back. Gary is pictured here just about to start the opening run of the Tamar Classic from the Mall to Legana... I always thought you needed a bike to go that far !!

Anyone got a spare GPS ?

Two weeks ago Sally turned up at Longford to race ...only problem was that the race was at Bishopsbourne ...and last week Motty had to ring Gary in Hobart once he reached the cross roads on the way to Meanderit seems while racing is tough ...sometimes its tough just getting there ...isn't that right Glenn ????

Wanted: Lap Counter for Bike

Moose was seen walking into bike shops this week looking for a lap counter for his bike. As his group finished the 4th and final sprint at Meander, Moose was ready to attack, thinking they had a lap to go. Now that's the sign of a man who needs a tougher handicap I reckon !!

Every time I see an adult on a bicycle I no longer despair for the future of the human race. -H.G. Wells

A few months back...

Well ..what a great moment in sport as Rick Sloane and Julian Clayton lead a strong Xmas Eve bunch up past Pomona Rd and head up the rise ...when a bloke in blunnies, flanny and what looks to be a lunchbox on his bike rack comes screaming past the group and overtakes the 12 strong group up the hill. Rick looks ...then looks again and then shakes his head and says "that's #@%! it, I'm going home" ...eventually we came past him at the supermarket lights ...but no ...he screams past us again on his 10 speed Huffy as we go down the hill, Julian sits on him. Rick says to him .."you going to Exeter" ...he says "nah" as he takes the turn into Cormiston at speed, smashing his pedal into the road and bouncing round the corner on the way to his worksite.

It's your newsletter

We would love you to share your funny stories related to cycling ...or even better, dob in one of our members and tell one of theirsif you have anything then please ring Craig 0419 55171 or email at craig.woodfall@education.tas.gov.au

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Thanks to Lynn Faulkner for his continued support of our club. Lynn has just signed on for another year of helping sponsor our trailer /supporting our club.