



From the Committee

The New Committee's start has not been without its challenges but so far we have pulled through. What has become very evident to us all is the fantastic group of people we have around us, who are willing to chip in and give support. From previous committee members offering their wisdom, to new members ready to have a go at anything, you are all very much appreciated. On that note a big thanks to Mike Hyland for having a look at our website for us. Stay tuned for his member profile next newsletter.

Many of us argued strongly for our preferred future of the club a year or two ago. In our new roles, what has become obvious, is that , regardless of where individuals thought the club should head, we all want the best for the club.

It is important to remember we are only as strong as our members. So I would urge people to contribute to the club.

Ways you can contribute include:

- Turn up and race when it's a little chilly—you know you feel better afterwards
- Give us something for the newsletter
- Join the Social Committee
- Come and do duty if you need a week off racing
- Encourage a new member out to race with us
- Bring a volunteer to help out every now and then
- Be positive and cheerful around others—its contagious !!

Lets continue to work together to grow this club.

The Social Side



The Franklings, Sally Gates and Peter Dadson at the Fingal Festival after the race.



Motty and Lee and the crew.
We have a great crew out at the Vets, so each week take some time and get to know some of the members that you don't know as well.

Racing Rave

RACE TYPES:
We have a good variety of races that we are rotating through at the moment from Graded Mass Starts, Group Handicaps and Handicaps and the occasional point score thrown in.

Some of our new members have been asking what they differences between these types of races are and what they need to do.

Riders who make the effort to learn about the hidden rules / ethics of the various race types and ride by these are likely to find themselves with plenty of support when the going gets tough. They may even be let go if they break away, but on the flip side, there is often a natural justice that applies for those that don't.

In simple terms a handicap race of any type is a team sport until your bunch is at the finish and then it become an individual sport. So work with your bunch and do your share of work, if you need to sit on then do so, but think twice about sprinting. Whereas Graded Mass Starts are really about getting over the line first, your group is not chasing anyone, nor being chased, so ride your own race.

If in doubt, ask a few people their thoughts.

THE NEXT 4 WEEKS:

12th April:
Easter—No Racing

19th April:
Longford 50km GHCP
Duty: Craig Woodfall
Michelle Dabner

26th April:
Exeter 40km HCP
(Meet outside sports ground Flowery Gully Rd)
Duty: Gary Woodfall
Garry Pickett

3rd May:
Carrick 47km GMS
(Meet Carrick Hall)
Duty: Rob Purse
Tony Goodwin

Racing Rave (Cont.)

PERMITS, SIGNS & PANIC:

We are pleased to report that all is well. Thanks must go to Gary Woodfall for organising new signs that fully comply, and to Brian Dabner who has finished making the stands for the roadside and roof tops of lead / tail cars. Gary has also donated the use of two mobiles set up specifically for the use in the lead and tail cars, until we have time to explore the potential purchase of some other form of effective immediate two way communication.....and the permits continue to roll in !!

ATTENDANCE:

There has been some good roll ups to our races and 29 turning up in the rain at Evandale was a real bonus for the bakery. Thanks to everyone's understanding on that day.

Member Profile



Dave Mott

In a previous life:

I was a pirate on a big stinky boat with a heap of old sea dogs with scurvy that loved to steal stuff from smaller boats..... no seriously I was, I am not joking I had this parrot that I taught to say really inappropriate stuff....lol Lived in Vic for 20 years before moving back to Tassie, I'm a Plumber and Gasfitter by trade, but have worked on Dairy, Sheep and Hop Farms, In a Saw Mill and a bank, Has Played a bit of footy and played and coached baseball. moved back to Tassie in 99.

Other Hobbies:

Just Love Playing Dad and being a partner to Lee, also Cribbage,

Chess, Scuba Diving, Watching most sports especially if there is a Aussie or Aussie team involved. Camping. Learning Guitar, Reading, Fun

Greatest Cycling Moment:

Getting my new bike "the Golden Flying Machine" after riding those old bit n pieces bikes, thanks Rik Sloane Cycles. Watching G Train and Harps do a power of work at the Fingal Fiddy this year geez they inspired me.

Favourite TV Show:

Dont really watch TV these days, but used to love Northern Exposure or Picket Fences or Alias. Prefer to go to the pictures or watch dvd's , like to listen to music more than watch TV,

Things we would not know:

Once sang in a Cold Chisel cover Band that played 2 unpaid gigs, that was fun, I think we split just before we was about to reach stardom. Had a yarn with the Governor of Tassy His Excellency William Cox for about half an hour at his joint, Government House. Can repair a slipped wheel on horse buggy, never ever had to do it yet but can if needed,

Training Partners:

Rik Sloane when he is on the bike, Tom Sawyer helps me alot. Been getting some in with Harps and T Elmer when he wants a laugh and easy ride. "The G Train" the man formerly known as Gary Woodfall and also Garry Picket have been invaluable early for me on the bike and both still lead by example now for me, there are lots of good examples out there to follow that's for sure. They are all mostly in the 730am Coffee Crawlers bunch, that might sound like a advertisement for the 730am Coffee Crawlers Bunch, and that's because it is an advertisement for the 730am Coffee Crawlers Bunch, I like the Team Players in that Bunch. Me ol mate Dave Kemp helped me alot too.

The Fingal 50



Race winner Justin Harper surrounded by the Hilliers and Dabners ...

The Fingal 50 as it is known is one of our toughest but most enjoyable days out. We are very fortunate to have great sponsored from The Fingal Festival Committee. This year the Handicap race saw the Backmarkers give 26mins to the F grade riders. However once the 12 C grade riders got together, they rode in a very determined fashion to run down the groups in front and hold off the A and B Graders. Keith Dolting held onto his lead until he was swamped with only 1km to go. From there it was the C graders who fought out the sprint as the backmarker were coming into the final straight. Jeff McMahon went from a long way out and then Justin Harper went early as well, but still managed to just hold off a fast finishing Peter Dadson from Gary Woodfall. Mark Wilkie recorded fastest time in what was a tough day for the back markers. Generous prize money was paid down to 10th place. All riders then went into the Festival for presentations and a great day was had by all.



Fastest Time winner was backmarker Mark Wilkie, pictured here with his family. No pancakes for the family this time though !!

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A NEW TRAINING OPTION FOR THE VETS.....approx 10 in bunch



The things you see on the road:

Coming back from Carrick the following conversation was overheard:

Who the hell was that ? After a big white 4wd went past with a ridiculous horn ...and the reply was:

"the same clown who rode past us at the start yelling "they went that way "

We were going to add a few of Bob's jokes in the newsletter but then we would have to distribute in a sealed plastic bag with warning stickers.

And what about Fingal ...a few of us had a good laugh about the dead possum on the side of the road with a mobile phone up to his ear ... Then we realised the only ones laughing were those who got dropped and had time to see it !! Suddenly it wasn't that funny anymore.

MORE FROM FINGAL ...

At first you are left wondering, what are these two thinking ..



And then you see these two below and you realise its ..."why us ?"



It's your newsletter

We would love you to share your funny stories related to cycling ...or even better, do in one of our members and tell one of theirs