



# Eastern veterans cycling club

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## Classic Handicap, Yarra Junction – August 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Race report.

The weather gods were pretty kind to us as we headed for the green rolling hills of the Yarra Valley. While 68 riders nominated there were a few who didn't arrive compounding the already difficult job of the handicapper. Four starters off **scratch** (including 2 sprinters and 2 recovering from injuries) were going to struggle unless they could quickly scramble across to the **30 second** bunch. Like minded, that group also saw an advantage in adding 4 scratch work horses to their wagon. So, within 7 kilometers or so the two groups combined and synchronised their efforts in pursuit of the next group but the pace was just a bit quick for Damien Burke who lost touch with the wheels and drifted off for a lonely ride home.

The **4 minute** bunch of 8 riders were working well with full rotations for the entire first lap. However they could see at the turn that they weren't making enough progress on the next group so the pace lifted notably aided by the compact powerhouse, Kevin Starr. This caused the likes of Nigel Frayne to start to miss turns but generally the rolling was regular and workman-like. Various riders from disintegrating groups ahead started to appear and Matt White jumped aboard with his 'loud hailer' and assisted with a bit of organisation. In fact, the **8 minute** bunch had blown early when a group of 4 – David Worland, Rudi Botha, Dean Jones and Kevin Jackson proving too strong for the others and riding off like possessed brumbies.

The four of them nipped across to the **10 minute** group in quick time and started collecting riders, proceeding on to the **12 minute** group building in size as they went. This provided some helpers but the main engine room was driven by those strong 4 riders. The pace was high enough to eventually catch the **18, 24 and 27 minute** bunches which had coagulated on the turn after the first lap. Aided by experienced riders such as Mick Paull and Graham Parker, the various new riders got the hang of rolling turns and avoiding the pitfalls of surging on the hills. Unfortunately Sue Cox had flatted and had a lonely ride home after Wayne Doherty pulled up in the follow car to assist.

Those two groups combined on the last lap and with the line in sight Rudi Botha went for home. But he was a little ambitious and it was the rider on his wheel, Dean Jones, who made the right call and swept up that hill we know and love to take the win. Hilton Preece and Nick Hainal from the **10 and 12 minute** mark showed their handicap knowledge and form to fill the podium and the remainder of the prizes were taken by a selection across the **8 to 18 minute** marks. Louise McKimmie was the fastest woman, also from that large grouping.

Meanwhile, a minute behind, the **scratch + 30 second** bunch, having rolled over the 4 minute bunch at Gladysdale were positioning themselves for the sprint. Rob Amos and Michael Hay pushed away up front but were quickly reeled in. On the second last hill the two attacked again with Evan Butler joining in. And this time it stuck with Michael Hay driving the pace. But it was Rob who took the sprint and fastest time.

### Post race wrap

Only a light shower slightly dampened the road along the course and one foolish driver caused a bit of concern at Powelltown. That car driver picked the wrong day to vent his spleen and has been reported to be dealt with by the police. From our point of view a good and safe day's racing was completed thanks again to all the helpers and organisers. A good effort from the four 8 minute riders who not only drove 'the loco' but managed to survive with energy to contest the finish, only Rudi missing from the prizes. Thanks to Graham for another well judged handicap. Also thanks to Rob Amos and Juanita Cadd for their race descriptions. For the record, Nigel Frayne's (8 min) stats indicate it was a pretty quick one:

Distance: 59.2km  
Average speed: 37.3kph  
Max speed: 56.3kph  
Race time: 1hr 35min

## Results

	Name	Mark
1 <sup>st</sup>	D. Jones	8 min
2 <sup>nd</sup>	H. Preece	10 min
3 <sup>rd</sup>	N. Hainal	12 min
4 <sup>th</sup>	K. Jackson	8 min
5 <sup>th</sup>	D. Worland	8 min
6 <sup>th</sup>	P. Kronneman	18 min
7 <sup>th</sup>	M. Paull	18 min
8 <sup>th</sup>	S. Prior	10 min
9 <sup>th</sup>	D. Darling	10 min
10 <sup>th</sup>	G. Plummer	12 min
<b>Fastest</b>	R. Amos	Scratch
<b>Fastest woman</b>	L. McKimmie	12 min

## Officials

Thanks to Graeme Parker on a fine job handicapping and with Ronnie Stranks and Keith Bowen, was on the desk taking entries. Extra thanks to Keith Bowen on the start/finish and generally in charge of proceedings. Thanks to the helpers; Ian Milner, Frank Nyhuis, Angelo Antignani, Neville Martin, Ted McCoy, Kenton Smith, Wayne Doherty, Greg Lipple, Peter Stanley. Thanks also to JC for bringing the trailer, to Peter Mackie who was on hand with the drinks and thanks to Richard Dobson who is responsible for the roster and looking after helmet covers and numbers.

## Eastern Vets Program

Monday	August	25	8:00pm	Maroondah Club	General Meeting
Saturday	August	30 31	2:00pm 10:00am	Halls Gap weekend	Grampians Graded Scratch Race Grampians Handicap
Saturday	September	6	2:00pm	Casey Fields	Avon Tyre Service Handicap
Saturday	September	13	2:00pm	Arthurs Creek	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday	September	21	9:00am	The Basin	Indoor Outdoor Imports Hill Climb
Wednesday			10:00am	The Loop – Yarra Boulevard	Scratch Races + post race coffee

**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.

## Southern Vets Program

Sunday	August	31	9:00am	Dromana	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday	September	7	9:00am	Casey Fields	Fathers Day Graded Scratch Races
Sunday	September	14	9:00am	Cora Lynn - Modella	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday	September	21	9:00am	Somers	Lang Laycock Trophy

**Note :** Southern Vets have a 'No licence – No race' policy. If you are going to race with Southern take your licence with you.

\* Due to Victoria Police requirements competitors for these events must have a flashing red taillight and a white headlight.

## Northern Vets Program

Sunday	August	31	9:30am	National Blvd, Campbellfield	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday	September	7	9:30am	National Blvd, Campbellfield	Graded Scratch Races
Sunday	September	14	10:00am	East Trentham	Handicap (44k)
Sunday	September	21	10:00	Broadford	Mountain Goat Classic handicap (49k)

## Victorian Veteran Cycling Council Program

Sunday	August	31	10:00am	Halls Gap	Grampians handicap, 61k	Closed
Saturday	September	13	1:00pm	Wangoon (Warrnambool)	Jack Brennan Handicap, 60k	8/9 - \$15

**For your calendar**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event</b>
30/8/2008 31/8/2008	Halls Gap	Grampians VCC Graded Scratch Races VVCC Handicap A great weekend of socialising and cycling Contact Ian Smith for details or expressions of interest.
19/10/2008	Melbourne	BV Around the Bay Nigel Kimber will be leading a 250k group, there will also be a group going to Sorrento and back.

**Other Results, etc.:**

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