

Newsletter

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Duty Roster

Sunday 1 July, National Boulevard
(Northern Cycling)

Sunday 8 July, National Boulevard
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If rostered for duty, you must be at there at least 1 hour prior to start time. It's your responsibility to find a replacement if unable to do your duty, then advise Andrew Buchanan, tiptop2@optusnet.com.au

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Well done to all involved in hosting the VCV Open Handicap at Seymour last Saturday, and a huge thank-you to race sponsor David Richards from Croydon Cycleworks. To the eye of this participant, it all went off smoothly. Five groups were represented in the top 10, including three Eastern riders: Rob Lackey (5th), Dean Tune (7th) and Peter Mackie (9th). Sue Sharples collected fastest unplaced woman. Two limit riders stayed away to take 1st and 2nd spots, while scratch finished a minute or so behind a strong combined group from those who had started 3:00, 5:30 and 8:30 ahead. Two reports – one from our highest-placed finisher, Rob Lackey, and one from Pat Ruys, who finished second last on the road but still enjoyed himself – are inside.

Tour de Metro

There is no racing this Saturday. The Tour de Metro (Eastern vs. Northern) starts this weekend, at 9 am on Sunday at National Boulevard, Campbellfield. Northern will host the first two races in the series at National Boulevard. We will then race amongst ourselves at Casey Fields on Saturday 14 July before rounds 3 and 4 of the Tour de Metro, on Saturday 21 July at Gruyere and Saturday 28 July at Yarra Glen. More next page.



The top 10 from the VCV Open Handicap, plus fastest rider, Michael Borowski, and fastest unplaced woman, Sue Sharples (second and third from left). Congratulations to all and big thanks to race sponsor Croydon Cycleworks.



Tour de Metro

It's been said elsewhere and I think we all know it: Northern wants the Tour de Metro trophy back and will take some beating. Numbers will be the key, so please make the effort to be there on Sunday morning and kick the series off with a good result.

You are encouraged to register online for the next two races at <https://entryboss.cc/calendar/nvca>. This not only helps with registrations, but saves you money – it's \$12 for online entries versus \$20 if you turn up on Sunday with a walk-up registration.

Please also note that there will be prizes of \$100 cash and a trophy for the overall series winners, male and female, on individual points scored. And any rider who participates in all four races will go into a draw for some prizes at the conclusion of the last race in the series.

VCV Open Handicap, Seymour, 23 June

Place	Rider	H/c	Place	Rider	H/c
1st	Kellie Murphy (N)	34:00	6th	James Knipe (Eu.)	12:00
2nd	Meg Parnaby (Gr.)	34:00	7th	Dean Tune	17:00
3rd	Jason Hendry (Eu.)	12:00	8th	John Hasouras (N)	15:00
4th	Steven O'Neill (GSC)	15:00	9th	Peter Mackie	12:00
5th	Rob Lackey	17:00	10th	Roger McMillan (Eu.)	20:00
Fastest time	Michael Borowski (N)	Scratch	1st unplaced woman	Sue Sharples	26:30

17:00

By Rob Lackey

My run up to Seymour was less than ideal. The sports gods had scheduled later than usual basketball games for the boys, there was a post-match incident with an opposition player's mother and the Triton seems to have a leak in the tank. I hadn't driven it for a while but the needle was pointing toward the E for empty part of the gauge.

My anticipated and advertised departure time of 11 am was way off the mark. Then I thought I would get clever and avoid the traffic through Heidelberg on the way out. My newfound route sent me back to where I would have been just half an hour earlier.

Having a fuel stop and my diversion, I was relieved to finally be on the way up the Hume – that was, until I found myself caught behind a big yellow thing on the back of a truck, clogging both northbound lanes. The pilot vehicle driver thought that he was on the set of, or worse still, actually *in Mad Max*. I had to sit tight and hope for a way through.

Arriving with just minutes to spare at the rego desk, I didn't get my usual pre-race routine done.

Arriving to the race briefing with about a minute to spare, I asked if anyone was clear what the plan for the day was. My suggestion of 'track turns' was supported by Harves (Greg Harvey) who as a wiser racer than me proceeded to check that everyone knew what that meant. Yep, off we went





The team shows up for work on Saturday.

at a great pace. As we approached the incline, I could hear Harves declaring that 'We need to stay together here'.

Well, sorry, mate! The pace seemed to increase, as did the gradient. Pushing, on we had specks on the horizon in our sights and subsequently picked them up along the way. The turnaround was uneventful and the climb back of the village was again, at a great pace. Dean Tune navigated us past parts of the 20-minute group while doing a monster turn on the front. In that manoeuvre we seemed to pick up a few extras. This disrupted our rhythm a bit in as much as we were not slowing, but rather, not communicating as well as we could have.

The second turnaround was again uneventful with everyone looking strong and seeming to be fighting fit.

On the third and final turnaround, sensing that our chasers were not far off, I mentioned to Dave Worland and Dave Brown that we would need to step on it! My fears were realised just before Avenal on the way back in.

We were caught on the second incline heading back by what seemed to be a very large group. Thinking that we were done for, most of our original band of brothers hung on, and in most cases put in turns on the front.

As we approached the final few kilometres, I could sense that people were getting tetchy – lots of sideways movement and overtaking.

As it started to rain, I was thinking of scenes from *Mad Max* again. This was not for me, I thought, and started to wind back. Seeing me slip back into the pack, Max Michelson – *not* the mad one – called out to move up the front. I obliged and noticed Jason and James form and take off. I was able to get on their wheel and pushed hard to the end.

Steven come round to claim 4th with Jason hanging on for 3rd.

A great day of racing and a wonderful event. Thanks to the marshals, VCV, EVCC and of course, Croydon Cycleworks!



26:30

By Pat Ruys

There were six in my bunch, four of us from Eastern – Graham Cadd, Paula McGovern, Sue Sharples and myself – Bill Mackay from Horsham and Mal Cole from Grampians. We were all working well together and swapping turns until the first climb, when Mal rode away from us. Bill, Sue and Paula stayed together as Graham and I got dropped. Graham didn't get back on but I fought back, and then there were four of us doing turns. We couldn't catch Mal, the rider who dropped us. We stayed together after the first turnaround, but I was dropped again over the next climb. Yet again I fought back and got on, and again we were swapping turns.

Two riders from limit were at least a few kilometres ahead. We kept on swapping turns. After the second turnaround, one of the women in my bunch took note of when we saw the limit riders, and when we reached the same spot she said they were 8 minutes in front of us so they had increased their lead by 30 seconds.

We stayed together over the next climb, but over the next little bump the next two bunches on the road passed us. Just too quick for me. The rest got on for a bit, and Paula was the next to be dropped but Sue and Bill managed to stay with them. Just on the next lump on the road, another bunch had passed Paula and me. We still couldn't sit on, but just before the last U-turn we had caught Susan Williams, also from Eastern and one of the dropped limit riders. The three of us did turns until the last climb and I was dropped again.

Scratch passed me just over the top, and I thought I was the last rider on the road, I tried to catch Paula and Susan, but they were too strong for me at the end and beat me over the line, I was dead last. Well, I thought I was, but there still was another rider (Doug Page) behind, and quite a few who didn't finish.

I was really happy for Sue Sharples because she stayed with the first two bunches that passed us and ended up as first unplaced female. Two riders from limit stayed away from everyone and won the race. Good on them, it's a great feeling, as I know.

Wednesday criterium at the Loop, Yarra Boulevard, 27 June

Division	1st	2nd	3rd
Division 1a (4)	Iain Clark (N)	Russell Newnham	Mark Reynolds
Division 1b (8)	Dean Niclasen	Nick Gibson	David Rooke (N)
Division 2 (7)	Andre Weber	Russell Wheelhouse	Stephanie Coulson
Division 3 (7)	Peter Gray	Ken Allan	Simon Bol (N)
Division 4 (4)	Petra Niclasen	Barry Rodgers	Michael Waterfield

Thanks to referee John Williams, Dean Niclasen and the usual band of helpers. Wednesday racers, if you are interested in gaining accreditation as a VCV race referee and joining a roster to keep Wednesday racing going, contact John Williams (john.williams@jhw.com.au) or Susan Williams (easternvetscycling@outlook.com).





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Track 'n' Treasure, 25 August at DISC

Visit <http://vic.cycling.org.au/News/track-n-treasure-2> for more information.

Please contact Madam Secretary if you have something to sell and we will organise a club table (\$40).

Check-in and set-up are between 10 am and 1 pm on the day of the event. The event will be open for patrons to attend between 4.30 and 7 pm.

Future events

Eastern Vets

For other events, please refer to page 1 of this newsletter, or go to <http://easternvets.com/roster/>.

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 or Wednesday before the race, as advertised. Riders who enter a handicap *must* pay the entry fee regardless of whether they participate. 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 to the handicapper via email or TeamApp, or on any race day before the event.

Northern Vets

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