



Presidents Prattle

Congratulations to all those involved in the running of another very successful Track Carnival with many club members putting in many hours both on the days and in the lead up. However some members "went to ground" and weren't seen at all, which will require some new strategies in the next year! If there was one fault besides the drizzle on the Sunday, it was the lack of local spectators with such a great event right here but not enough promotion. Again some changes needed.

The very popular crit series over summer has seen big turnouts and boosted club membership to over 90. This fitness will be put to good use at the Baw Baw training ride on 7th and 8th March with beds available for 60 at \$10 on the mountain. First in best dressed! Of course don't forget the Baw Baw Classic on April 24th. If it all seems too hard on the training ride there will still be time to rethink the training program....

Don't forget the club presentation at the velodrome on Saturday 28th Feb with food provided (?and some drinks). The following weekend sees the running of the Relay For Life overnight at the velodrome. Karen Jones is coordinating and I'm sure be happy of any offers of help.

There is demand for the bunch ride but a lack of members to supervise! If you are under trained or injured that week, why not impart some skills/enthusiasm on those just starting on the bike?

Lights while riding in the dark is now an issue again with daylight beginning to shrink. An early morning bunch narrowly avoided being cleaned up according to a local truck driver. The police may also do some spot checks so remember the more lights the better. A flashing front light is very cheap to add to your main light, as are extra rear lights.

Steve Hall, President

Warragul Cycling Carnival Report

Variable weather threatened and ultimately hindered our weekend of track racing. The program for day one was completed however junior racing the next day was cut short because of rain. However, the four scheduled Victorian Scratch Race Championships events were completed before the program was halted because of rain. Olympic Gold medallist Brett Aitkins participated once again and visited on the day of our junior race day.

Entries were slightly down compared to previous years junior entries however, were much higher than last year.

On a positive note, it's the first time for a couple of years that the carnival has made a profit thanks to those who helped leading up to and during the weekend. Total sponsorship this year was as good if not better previous years with major sponsors **CTC Quality Maintenance, Barry Bourke Holden, Warragul and Bikeland, Warragul** being our major sponsors.

Special thanks to Anne de Bruyne and Ian walk for assisting in seeking sponsorship from local businesses, Ruth Thomson and her band of helpers, Karen, Fiona, Kate et al for organising and running the canteen. Treasurer Glenda de Blauw did a terrific

job organising and handing out the prize money throughout the day over the weekend

A heartfelt thanks also to those who turned up for the working bees and also to those who assisted on the weekend. Having said this, the response from the membership in general leading up to and during the weekend especially for the junior carnival was extremely disappointing. The bulk of the work setting up and taking down was left to a few. As a club the Committee is disappointed that members are not acting as a cohesive group in showcasing our club and cycling in general to the public.

Karin Jones and the Committee



Ride with front and rear Lights - Safety

Now that the sun is disappearing quicker cyclists going on training rides are reminded of the need to be seen by motorists. No lights - no ride. This means adequate front and rear lights that can be clearly seen for 200m. Statistics show that being on the road at dawn or dusk is particularly dangerous. Apart from being illegal it is to your own protection and safety that you are visible in all light conditions.

Baw Baw Camp – Sun 7th & Mon 8th March 2004

Ride up to Mt Baw Baw ride and camp on the Labour Day weekend, 7th and 8th of March 2004. The ride leaves the velodrome at 8am SHARP!

The camp is a bargain at \$10.00 per head with 60 places available. Booking only confirmed when the \$10 fee is paid to Murray.

Support vehicles and some planned stops will mean you don't have to be Lance to enjoy the challenge. For anyone entering the Baw Baw Classic this year, this camp is a must. Families are welcome to make the drive up and enjoy the evening. For details contact Murray at Bike Land 0356232398.

Presentation Night - Celebrate end of the Summer Series

The club presentation night for the Summer Series will be held on the 28th Feb at 6:00pm at the clubrooms. Drinks, BBQ and Salad will be provided for members followed by a trophy presentation. We encourage all members, families and friends to attend and support these social functions.

License and Club Subscription Renewal

It is required of the Club to ensure that riders have to be licensed to race. No license means no racing! Renew your license at Bikeland. Murray Fenwick (0356232398) will help you out.



Junior Track Training and Racing

Track racing every Tuesday 6:30pm start. Includes seniors. Entry \$2.

Track Training Thursday 6:00pm start. No cost. Contact: Ross Henry 0356 253460.

Club Uniforms

Murray (0356232398) advises that additional items of club uniforms will be in stock for the autumn and winter season by the end of March 2004. They are available to Club members at the following club discount prices:

- Long sleeve thermal top \$91.00
- Wind Vest \$72.00
- Wind Stopper Vest \$93.00
- Arm Warmers \$32.00
- Ladies Knicks \$59.95

The usual uniforms are also available are sold to members also at a club discount price viz:

- Nicks \$59.95
- Bib-shorts \$72
- Short sleeve jersey \$77
- Long sleeve thermal jersey \$91
- Short sleeve skin suit \$127.95
- Long sleeve skin suit \$137.95
- Wind vest \$72
- Wind stopper vest \$93
- Arm warmers \$32

Racing Calendar

The road racing calendar to end of March 2004 is summarised. Complete Summer and Autumn racing fixtures will be distributed separately or can be obtained from our web site www.warragulcyclingclub.org.au or from Bikeland. Queries to Murray at Bikeland 56232398.

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| 21-Feb | Sat | Bourke St | Criterium |
| 29-Feb | Sat | Cloverlea | Handicap |
| 6-Mar | Sat | Cloverlea | Handicap |
| 7&8-Mar | Sun&Mon | Baw Baw | Baw Baw Camp |
| 13-Mar | Sat | Picnic Point | Scratch |
| 20-Mar | Sat | Shady Creek | Scratch |
| 21-Mar | Sun | Bourke St | Biathlon Challenge #2 |
| 27-Mar | Sat | Blue Rock | Blue Rock Classic |
| 3-Apr | Sat | Lillico | Handicap |
| 10-Apr | Sat | Jindivick | Scratch |

Junior racing starts 1pm, Seniors at 2pm. Riders are requested to register 1/2 hour before race starts. Seniors \$4, juniors \$1.

Diary Dates

1. Presentation Night 28th Feb 2004
2. Baw Baw Social Ride and camp 7th & 8th Mar 2004
3. Biathlon Challenge #2 21 Mar 2004

4. Baw Baw Classic 24th Apr 2004
5. Blue Rock Classic 27th Mar 2004
6. Carnegie – Warragul Race Day 29th / 30th May 2004
7. Club Road Championships 5th Jun 2004
8. Gippsland Three Day Tour 12th, to 14th Jun 2004

Club Racing Progressive Season Results up to 16th Feb 2004

A Grade

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|----------------|----|
| Stiles Shane | 34 |
| Keeble Scott | 23 |
| Salton John | 22 |
| Salton Dave | 18 |
| MacKenzie John | 17 |

B Grade

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| Finlayson Peter | 40 |
| Lee Tim | 26 |
| Gallagher Phil | 22 |
| Beales Chris | 14 |
| Henry Ross | |

C Grade

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| Fisher Glenn | 43 |
| Baxter Simon | 29 |
| Kelly Terry | 22 |
| Monk Rob | 22 |
| Beveridge Allan | 18 |

D Grade

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| Atkinson Rod | 24 |
| Axford Dave | 23 |
| Hanley Luke | 20 |
| Harrington Lloyd | 15 |
| de Blauw Daniel | 14 |



Sam, Alistair, David, Sian and Zoe at the Leongatha Carnival



New Online Race Entry System is ready!

The new CSV Online Race Entry System has officially been launched and is operational as of Monday 22nd December. <http://www.vic.cycling.org.au/Race%20Entries/onlineRaceEntrySystem.htm>