



BSCC senior road racing results page

Race name: Kingston Handicap

Date: 18th April 2010

Thirty one riders rocked up for Sunday morning racing at Kingston from the Showgrounds. The race was a 56 km Handicap around the Collier Course . The weather was terrific with a late burst of summer warmth with only a light to moderate wind blowing from the North - east. There were 8 bunches of about 4 in each and the field was spread out over 27 mins. Pat Shaw and Rhys Gillet came out to play and were given a stiff mark with 5 mins to 2 nd scratch. They rode a really strong race averaging 42 kmh and were only less than a minute away from the main place-getters. Rhys was heard to say afterwards that it had been harder than his last hit out at the Melb - Ballarat. So obviously some serious training was had for some of their more important races in the future.

The field was led off by Wendy Ross ,Kylie Zelle (still off Limit after last weeks race win !!) and Molly Hegert. Next off was the group of Gail Oliver , Melissa Kierl (who hadn't raced together for 17 years) Killian Plastow and new rider Will Madans (who had backed up from a 50 km race at Geelong the day before.)

The middle group of Roger Bade , Shane Butler , Vince Mader, Liam White and Don Stewart felt they might have a chance after a good showing the week before. They started off well and got into rhythm very quickly, rotating through and taking strong turns each.. but the pace was a bit too quick for Bade who dropped off before the Swiss Mt Inn. Heading North with the wind from the right ,the speed increased with the undulating downhill section to the most Northern corner of the course.

The group behind of Stu Brien, Charlie Stebbing ,Sir Les Bilney, and Matt Smith were always going to find it hard to bridge the gap of 5 mins. They were let down when Jason Haire (a strong workhorse) scratched from the race.

This group was rounded up by a combined 2 nd and 3 rd Scr into the second lap and then the average speed really started heading up. With Grant Gilbert driving his group of Joel Macallister, Ben Clark and Charles Martin and the combined group with some withering long time trial turns. Damien Kierl , Andrew Weightman , Harry Bade and John Polkinghorne all kept the speed high and the Butler group was swallowed up at the " Korwingeboora " tight corner. At this point with 10 kms to the finish there were still 3 groups ahead. However , they were starting to split up a bit with the resulting drop in average speed.

Will Maddans and Gail Oliver continued to drive their group with help from Melissa Kierl and Plastow. They did stay away and Oliver had her 1st race win of the year AND the second Lady in a row to win. Will Maddans who rode strongly all day turned up the road to the show grounds for the finish and dropped a chain at the same time and missed out on any placing. It was thought that Oliver may have suggested that the finish was up there BUT Gail would never do that , would she ??

There was less than a minute back to the large charging group with Damien Kierl showing his awesome sprinting power to take 2nd. Young Gun Aaron Bromeley broke through for a well deserved 3rd, with Grant Gilbert 4th and another Young Gun Liam White outlasting a lot of more experienced riders to take 5th place. Fastest Time went to Rhys Gillet in 1 hour and 20 mins.

The Handicappers did their job well with the top 5 place getters all from different bunches.

The final positions were:

1st Gail Oliver

2nd Damien Keirl

3rd Aaron Bromeley

4th Grant Gilbert

5th Liam White

Fastest Time - Rhys Gillett

Thanks to the Marshalls on the day Greg Nunn, Rob and Sue Parker , Carole Weightman, Scott Townsend and Gerard White for keeping us all safe. A special mention must go to Mark Templeton for starting and finishing BOTH the RECTT ride and the race, getting all the place getters and their times . Well Done.