

Mountain Bike Poker race weekend

The YMCA Triathlon and Mountain Bike Club held a full weekend of Mountain biking, promoting Broken Hill's friendly hospitality and our mountain bike tracks. There were a total of (26) riders travelling from Adelaide, Wagga, Dareton and Sydney to compete in the weekend of races. The interstate people were treated to comfortable and well secured surroundings at the Army Barracks. A pre-race pasta meal on Saturday night was an absolute winner with requests made by some to make a booking for next years event, purely for the food. There was two races scheduled, a 20 Km time trial from Broken Hill to Silverton, then on Sunday our main event, the Heritage Trail Poker race. Social rides were also available in the afternoon of each day and were well attended; this gave the visitors an opportunity to capture our Cities sites. On the final morning, a cooked breakfast was available to help prepare them for the trip home.

The Time Trial Saturday was a re-enactment of last year conditions, having a moderate northwesterly blowing in and the welcome showers of rain muddied sections of the previously sandy, dusty track. There were 43 competitors, consisting of 31 males, 10 female and 2 juniors. The person marked to win the males was David Clark from Adelaide who won this race the previous year. Riders were let go 10 seconds apart starting with the juniors, women through to the fastest male rider going last. The prediction proved correct but as fate would have it, our local Dave Clarke was gaining valuable time until his bike slid out from under him in a mud patch of the track, he fought back and held second position finishing only 22 seconds behind David Clark(Adel) with Benny(David) Goodman just 7 seconds behind him for third position. The women's section had Kay Haarsma (Adel), a regular solo class competitor in 24-hour events, as the clear winner by 7 minutes. Jane Harvey (Adel) came in second position and in third was Linda Cardwell for (B.Hill).

There were only two juniors both from Adelaide, Brad Parker and Billy Macfarlan. Billy's time was consistent with his time last year completing the 23kms in 1:37:43min and Brad having the fastest junior time of 1:11:38min which was faster than the majority of the male riders, a 15 year old junior rider with focused potential.

Saturday 1/06/05 results

Men:1 Dave Clark(Adel) 1:03:30, 2 Dave Clark (B.Hill) 1:03:52, 3 Benny (David) Goodman (B.Hill) 1:03:59, 4 Barry Gentle (B.Hill) 1:04:39, 5 Jason Daniels (Adel) 1:05:24, 6 Neville George (Adel) 1:05:50, 7 Travis Frisby (Adel) 1:07:14, 8 David Doyle (Adel) 1:07:58, 9 Trevor Barrie (B.Hill) 1:09:40, 10 David Lyle (B.Hill) 1:09:59, 11 Luke Pickering (B.Hill) 1:10:57, 12 Travis Deane (Adel) 1:11:12, 13 Alex Zoziaski (Adel) 1: 11:29, 14 Drew Fenton (Adel) 1:12:11, 15 David Parker (Adel) 1:13:38, 16 Craig Cardwell (B.Hill) 1:15:03, 17 David Parker (B.Hill) 1:15:42, 18 Phil Dupal (B.Hill) 1:16:54, 19 James Hutton (Syd) 1:17:14, 20 Tony Hepburn (B.Hill) 1:17:22, 21 Brett Campbell (Wagga) 1:17:26, 22 Mark Scrymgour (Adel) 1:19:49, 23 Luke Harvey (Adel) 1:19:59, 24 Matt Palmer (B.Hill) 1:23:02, 25 Jason Taylor (B.Hill) 1:24:02, 26 John Collins (B.Hill) 1:24:18, 27 Vince Trotter (Menindee) 1:26:34, 28 David Garne (B.Hill) 1:29:46, 29 Geoff Lauders (Adel) 1:33:14, 30 Locky Macfarlan (Adel) 1:35:26, 31 Simon Finnis (B.Hill) 1:39:00.

Women:1 Kay Haarsma (Adel) 1:15:42, 2 Jane Harvey (Adel) 1:22:46,3 Linda Cardwell (B.Hill) 1:28:13, 4 Lena Morgan (Menindee) 1:32:40, 5 Natalie Macfarlan (Adel) 1:36:12, 6 Kimberley Harrop (Adel) 1:39:47, 7 Louise George (Adel) 1:41:15, 8 Sue Seldon (B.Hill) 1:46:36, Bronwyn Dann (Dareton) 1:56:58, 10 Nisha Francis (Dareton) 1:57:06.

Juniors: 1 Brad Parker (Adel) 1:11:38, 2 Billy Macfarlan (Adel) 1:37:43.

Poker Race 12/06/05

The Club was fortunate enough to gain good weather on Sunday, considering how Friday and Saturday was looking. The race was due to start at 10 am with 49 riders registered, comprising of 35 males, 10 Females and 4 Juniors. The track was hard and fast with a cool temperature and minimal freeze, an excellent combination for record breaking.

When the Heritage poker race started in 1999 a time of 1:49:00 was set by a French rider, which local riders thought wouldn't be beaten. Each year proved them wrong as the finish times constantly decreased over the years. Last year an Adelaide rider set a new record time of 1:23:15, nearly twenty-six minutes off from the first race time. Once again there was strong thoughts that this record would be standing for years to come. We were proved wrong, David Clark (Adel) who was only one second behind the winner last year came back with vengeance and set a new track record for 5 laps of 1:16:40 this was a further 6:35min off 2004 time. Travis Frisby, a young rider who wasn't far off the pace finished in second position and completed the course in 1:20:01. Will he be the one to set a new record next year? Third position with a time of 1:21:15 was Neville George enjoying the fast track. Broken Hill's Dave Clarke had an excellent race, finishing in fourth position, considering his fall the day before, Dave was only 9 seconds outside the record set last year. Other riders from the Hill that rode well were Barrie Gentle, Benny Goodman, Trevor Barrie and David Lyle they all finished in the top ten in a field of 35. David Doyle from Adelaide just edged out Randall Burt from being in the top ten.

In the women there were four main chances Natalie Macfarlan(Adel), Shelley Clarke (B.Hill), Kay Haarsma (Adel) and Jane Harvey (Adel). Natalie and Shelley hit the lead and had only 10 seconds separating their times after two laps. Kay run into trouble with two flats within a few hundreds metres of the start line and Jane was four minutes behind the pace after two laps.

The final lap was going to be a nail biter as there are so many areas along the track that any rider can loose valuable time over that last 7 km's if taking the wrong line of approach. Natalie and Shelley were sited along the railway cutting with Natalie still in front by 50 metres. Shelley was slowly but surely closing the distance as they came off the cutting. As they hit the flat 300 metres to the finish line Shelley got off her seat and powered through her gears, which brought her along side Natalie. It came down to a final 100 metres sprint where they were neck and neck but Shelley having picked the right gear and saved enough reserve to give her the ultimate victory by two seconds.

Jane maintained third position she was followed in by Haley Finnis and Lena Morgan both riding well for Broken Hill. Lena continued on after racing her compulsory three laps and completed five to maximise her chances at the poker hand, quite a feat after racing the previous day as well.

There were four juniors Cec Fraser and Matt Kemp for Broken Hill with Billy Macfarlan and Brad Parker (Adel). Brad was the clear winner of the juniors with very fast laps times of just under 18 minutes per lap. If he had raced in the open men he would've gained eighth position. Billy Macfarlan finished second with a time of 51:00 min. a time he was happy with, followed by Cec Fraser who just loves riding our heritage track and Matt Kemp, delighted to be competing on the day in such a big event.

Results

Men 5 laps

Name	lap1	lap2	lap3	lap4	lap5	points
David Clark (Adel)	14:50	29:48	45:15	60:56	76:40	100
Travis Frisby	15:10	31:07	47:03	63:21	80:01	90
Neville George	16:07	32:18	48:31	64:51	81:15	80
Dave Clarke	16:18	35:56	49:25	66:26	83:24	75
Barrie Gentle	16:28	33:04	49:49	66:57	84:06	70
Jason Daniel	16:27	33:51	51:15	68:54	86:12	65
Benny Goodman	17:03	34:42	52:22	70:02	87:49	62.5

Trevor Barrie	17:11	34:49	52:36	70:22	88:45	60
David Lyle	17:51	35:50	53:46	71:51	89:53	57.5
David Doyle	17:10	35:08	53:26	72:15	90:30	54.5
Randall Burt	17:30	35:07	43:08	71:37	91:46	52
Alex Zoziarski	17:19	35:39	54:19	73:32	92:00	51
Travis Deane	18:18	37:38	56:35	75:41	94:49	50
James Hutton	19:55	38:21	57:24	76:54	99:22	49
Luke Pickering	18:07	36:18	55:11	75:08	96:38	48
Brett Campbell	19:19	38:58	58:45	79:16	99:22	47
Carlo Russo	19:59	40:15	60:05	82:00	101:46	46
Daniel Hynes	17:32	35:29	53:40	83:50	102:00	45
Luke Harvey	20:04	40:17	61:12	82:08	102:27	44
Tony Hepburn	20:39	41:36	62:47	84:41	107:41	43
Phil Dupal	19:54	40:57	62:55	86:28	107:59	42
David Parker (Adel)	20:35	41:06	62:42	85:28	108:38	41
Mark Scrymgour	21:33	43:03	65:23	88:28	110:58	40
Clyde Thomson	22:02	44:40	66:42	89:23	112:40	39
Locky Macfarlan	24:42	51:01	70:29	91:31	114:02	38
Geoff Lauders	24:02	56:02	74:59	94:36	114:48	37
Matt Palmer	22:18	45:06	67:19	91:03	116:04	36
Vince Trotter	22:15	45:40	69:41	93:51	119:34	35
Kim Marcouch	23:37	48:19	76:03	102:20	-----	30
Edward Erkens	23:32	49:13	78:15	116:02	-----	30
Brian Devlin	18:43	38:42	59:06	81:54	-----	30
Emile Tahtouh	21:58	46:06	71:38	-----	-----	25
Jason Taylor	20:36	41:35	64:05	-----	-----	25
Michael Franze	28:17	66:45	-----	-----	-----	20

Women

3 laps + optional extras for poker hand

Shelley Clarke	20:05	40:14	59:55			100
Natalie Macfarlan	20:00	40:01	59:57			90
Jane Harvey	22:00	44:26	66:27			80
Hayley Finnis	22:19	46:57	70:10	96:03		75
Louise George	24:14	47:06	70:11			70
Kimberly Harrop	23:52	47:55	71:30			65
Lena Morgan	24:21	47:56	73:26	100:10	127:15	62.5
Kay Haarsma	41:05	61:26	82:12	102:51	124:15	60
Nisha Francis	27:02	55:41	87:27			57.5
Bronwyn Dann	26:53	54:54	88:40			54.5

Juniors

2 laps + optional extras for poker hand

Brad Parker	17:38	35:36	52:51	70:20	88:30	100
Billy Macfarlan	24:40	51:00				90
Cec Fraser	25:10	53:20				80
Matt Kemp	34:27	76:01				75

On the completion of the race riders retired to the beer garden where a presentation was held for the fastest times in each category and numerous spot prizes. The winning Poker hand was won by Brad Parker with a full house, comprising of two jacks and three threes. Second best hand was won by Clyde Thomson with three tens. Kay Haarsma made a speech on behalf of all the visitors, relaying to the Club, that it was one of the most well organised and enjoyable events that she has attended and congratulated us for our efforts.