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Golf Club Track Network Time Trial Story by Wocket Wodney Sunday June 1st 2014

GOODMAN BITES THE DUST

With a cold and wet beginning to winter, 18 riders braved the wet conditions to attend the 5th event of the BHMTB calendar, an 18km time trial starting at the 9 mile road and covering the majority of climbs and single track the club have in the Golf Club network. Most riders were wondering what the track conditions were like so Rod "the Ginga Ninja" Lambert decided complete a pre race track inspection. He didn't get far before he got an "up close taste" of the track in the first puddle, 20m off the start line, and returned to report that the track was "Damp". The Ninja has been dealing with a severe case of post race nappy rash & chaffing!

Prior to the event the committee set out a handicap starting order for riders based on previous finishing results. This starting order was communicated to the riders along with Rod's "Track report" and the action began. With different time handicaps it would be interesting to see who would make the finish line first.





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Craig Olsen was first off the line and seemed to have less difficulty clipping into the pedals than when on a training ride earlier in the week. Apparently it's easier to clip in when you have cleats bolted to the bottom of your shoes, well done El Presidentee! Also at the pointy end of the start list was Darren Richards and new rider, Karlo, who seemed to get lost 4 times in the first 30 yards of track but then found his bearings and powered off in pursuit of Olly. It was going to be interesting to see if anyone could catch them before finish line, but most were wondering if we would ever see Karlo again!

As all riders got under way, the action on the damp, sticky track was fast and furious. Paul "Elly" Elston seemed to be suffering no ill effects from his sub 3hr 30min Marathon the week before and set a cracking pace off the line, riding like a man possessed. He had a great tussle with Dave Lyle for line honours in B Grade. Both rider posted very respectable times and filled the top 2 podium positions. 3rd place in the B's went to Nick Algate, who meticulously prepared the bikes for "Team Algate" and was astounded to find out that Megan had spoke issues during the race, having one lodge in the gearing of her bike (suppose Nick has to do whatever he can to finish in front of her) but she still did a terrific job to pedal the ride out. One notable absence from the start line was Wayne "Ironman" Demery, who obviously thought he might rust if he ventured out in the wet weather, so he made the brave decision to stay tucked up under the flannelette sheets with his teddy.

In the A's, there was action aplenty and not all of it was above board. The dual lane track along the fence line to the finish line saw some great tussles taking place for line honours. George "G'Train" Adams used every dirt tactic he could think of, from making himself look like a oversized truck (not hard), using both sides of the track and even deploying a wall of water from the puddles and in doing so he done a great a great job of holding off "Lambsy" Chinner to cross the line in front of him and take A grade line honours. Mr Chinner rode a smoking time (52min) for the tough track, finishing a good 6mins ahead of the 2nd placed rider on adjusted times. In a battle that began at the start line, Rod "I think I've done a hamstring" Lambert and Les "the Bantam Weight Budgie" Borchard (more like a swooping magpie) swapped positions several times throughout the ride with never more than a few seconds between them. Les passed Rod in dash for line honours with Rod just getting podium spot by just 8 seconds on adjusted time. The little Budgie is certainly making the "Big Boys" take notice of him, with his of his form of late. If it keeps up the handicapper make have to make him carry a little more weight than just his scrawny little bantam weight body with him.

Track committee member, "B-Line" Benny, didn't have such a good day. While fanging through one of his newly designed sections of track, thinking how good a track builder he is, his front wheel washed out and he hit the deck HARD. The old mountain goat couldn't keep himself upright, and failed to complete the course. He ended up with 13 stitches in the forearm, and we'll never hear the end of it. He's already telling people how he's lucky he didn't lose the arm at the elbow. The club will supply free earplugs at the next meeting!

As usual the kids were eager to get out and have some fun on the track. Holly, Ryan & Isaac were joined by newcomer Lachlan Turley and rode a modified course. None of 'em got lost, fell off or employed dirty tactics during the race but all had a great time out in the mud.

NEXT RACE

What: Silverton Time Trial

Where: Silverton Road Gate approx 2km from town

When: Saturday, June 21st rego from 2:15 -2:45pm. First rider off at 3:00pm

Format: Time Trial format over a 23Km point to point course from Broken Hill to Silverton

More Info: <http://www.bhmtb.asn.au/>



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RESULTS

	<u>LAP TIME</u>		<u>LAP TIME</u>		
A-GRADE		C-GRADE			
1	<i>Steve Chinner</i>	52.51	1	<i>Karlo Bozic</i>	57.29
2	<i>Rodney Lambert</i>	58.29	2	<i>Craig Olsen</i>	1.07.17
3	<i>Les Borchard</i>	58.37	3	<i>Darren Richards</i>	1.07.53
4	<i>George Adams</i>	1.00.18			
5	<i>Tony Hepburn</i>	1.03.50			
6	<i>David Goodman</i>	DNF			
B-GRADE		JUNIORS			
1	<i>Paul Elston</i>	1.04.02		<i>Ryan Borchard</i>	30.49
2	<i>David Lyle</i>	1.06.04		<i>Isaac Jones</i>	30.40
3	<i>Nick Algate</i>	1.09.08		<i>Lachlan Turley</i>	38.32
4	<i>Megan Algate</i>	1.11.06		<i>Holly Borchard</i>	22.30





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The “Ginga Ninja” leads the “Bantam Budgie” into the home straight



The “G-Train” in action