

## BROKEN HILL MOUNTAIN BIKE CLUB RACE WRITE UP

Over the recent long weekend the Broken Hill Mountain Bike Club held their annual poker race weekend. The proceedings were kick started Saturday morning with a time trial from Broken Hill to Silverton following the old railway line. The nineteen riders of this stage were greeted with quite a brisk lazy breeze that kept the conditions rather cool for the time trial. the riders were sent out one minute apart from each other, this allowing the riders not only a chance at the favourable tail wind but also in an attempt to make for some close racing and fast finishes at Silverton, this was achieved with all the riders finishing within a thirty minute time gap of each other , the club would like to welcome to Broken Hill four riders from the Adelaide mountain bike club who made the journey up for the weekends racing and also some new local riders in Susan Vaughan, lindy Goodman and Michael Symes excellent riding guys hope you enjoyed yourselves.

On to the action of the time trial, in the juniors the rivalry between local lad Cec Fraser and Adelaide junior Billy Macfarlan is ever growing over the last couple of years and this year was no exemption, on the day however Billy just had the edge over Cec betting him home by a couple of minutes, keep up the rivalry guys its great to see, the women's saw the local ladies in sue and lindy do a stellar ride to complete the gruelling track together in a very respectable time excellent effort ladies. In the men's category the freak Dave Clarke was once again too strong he was the scratch marker and rode a blistering time to eclipse the win, with Tony Hepburn aiding Barry gentle to second place narrowly pushing Joel Ryan back to third position by just two seconds excellent riding gents.

### Time trail Results

<b>Junior</b>	<b>Handicap</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Actual Time</b>
Billy Macfarlan (SA)	2 min	81.03	79.03
Cec Fraser	1 min	84.29	83.29
<b>Women</b>	<b>Handicap</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Actual Time</b>
Susan Vaughan			132.51
Lindy Goodman			132.51
<b>Men</b>	<b>Handicap</b>	<b>Finish</b>	<b>Actual Time</b>
Dave Clarke	17min	71.19	54.19
Barry Gentle	15min	70.16	55.16
Joel Ryan	16min	71.18	55.18
David Lyle	12min	67.26	55.26
Brian Devlin	14min	70.52	56.52
Tony Hepburn	09min	70.17	61.17
Jason Attard	11min	72.46	61.46
Trevor Barrie	13min	75.04	62.04
Jason Lyall	10min	81.03	71.03
John Collins	04min	76.34	72.34
Peter Haarsma (SA)	06min	82.21	76.21
Phil Dupal	05min	85.14	80.14
Michael Symes	08min	89.38	81.38
Lawrie Nicholas (SA)	03min	84.56	81.56
Locky Macfarlan (SA)	07min	89.06	82.06

Saturday evening the riders enjoyed a pasta night at the Silverton hotel with family and friends in readiness for the toughest poker game around. A much warmer day greeted the twenty four riders that fronted the start line, with a supporting wind on the majority of the course which made conditions much nicer than the day before. The poker race Consists of a maximum of five laps of the heritage walking trail in the hills behind Silverton, the winner is determined by whoever has the best poker hand at the end of the race, with the overall prize being a painting by Silverton local artist John Dynon, this year the painting was won by David Benny Goodman, he ended up with a three of a kind, on his first three laps mind you. Congratulations Benny all those years of practise have finally paid off. On the Sunday the club welcomed new riders in Steven Kelly, Stephen Pascoe and Steve Burton great effort guys hope you enjoyed it.

The arch rivalry between Billy and Cec continued on Sunday with the boys contesting the junior ranks of the poker race, with both riders set to be stars of the future they both completed more laps than their race required terrific riding guys. The women's category saw Bron Ryan take out the fastest time in an hour and thirty six minutes, she rode an awesome race finishing inside the top ten of the men's category aswell, excellent effort Bron well done.

It has taken seven years but Dave Clarke aka the freak has finally done it, claiming the fastest time for the poker race and getting his name on the perpetual shield, however not all plain sailing hot on his heels for the majority of the race was Joel Ryan and Dave Lyle, making sure Clarkey worked for his win, congratulations Dave you deserve it

A huge thank you goes to our sponsors for the weekend in the Mulga Hill tavern, GRA Engineering, Hydraforce pty ltd, Go Dental, Bemax Resources, Silverton Hotel, Silverton Café, The Coin Carvery, John Dynon, Barrier Stationers, and the Clare family from Limestone Station. And the guys from St Johns for being in attendance and giving up their weekend thanks guys Also a big thank you to, Brian, Jason, Bron, Joel, Dave, Kerri, Sue, Francis, Phil, Natalie, Helen, Mary and Shelley for all your help and support in the lead up to the event and ensuring the weekend was a success

### **Poker race results**

<b>Junior</b>	<b>lap1</b>	<b>lap2</b>	<b>lap3</b>	<b>lap4</b>	<b>lap5</b>
Cec Fraser	23.56	50.50			
Billy Macfarlan	22.41	46.03	78.03	123.46	
<b>Women</b>	<b>lap1</b>	<b>lap2</b>	<b>lap3</b>	<b>lap4</b>	<b>lap5</b>
Bron Ryan	18.42	38.16	57.45	77.17	96.17
<b>Men</b>	<b>lap1</b>	<b>lap2</b>	<b>lap3</b>	<b>lap4</b>	<b>lap5</b>
Dave Clarke	17.01	34.17	51.23	63.46	86.43
Joel Ryan	17.04	34.17	52.10	69.57	88.20
David Lyle	17.21	34.53	52.32	70.11	89.09
Brian Devlin	17.02	34.53	52.41	71.41	91.02
Barry Gentle	17.21	35.03	53.10	71.42	91.24
Benny Goodman	18.00	36.40	55.18	73.34	93.38
Trevor Barrie	18.02	36.43	55.12	73.54	93.49
Tony Hepburn	18.26	37.31	56.49	76.13	95.41
Jason Attard	18.51	38.31	58.35	79.32	100.44
Adrian Stanley	19.16	40.09	61.02	81.57	103.08
Clyde Thomson	21.38	43.58	66.49	89.21	111.49
Jason Lyall	20.01	40.54	62.20	86.58	111.49

Tas Johnston	21.02	47.43	69.22	91.39	115.10
Daniel Hynes	20.26	42.14	68.55	93.08	121.39
Stephen Pascoe	23.28	47.05	70.51	96.12	122.07
Locky Macfarlan	22.43	49.29	74.02	98.41	124.01
Peter Haarsma	24.33	49.40	74.06	98.42	124.24
Lawrie Nicholas	24.32	49.38	74.43	101.45	129.57
Steve Burton	27.29	56.05	85.26	118.53	155.42
Royce Beck	20.23	41.07	61.24	83.30	(DNF Health)
Steven Kelly	24.32	49.58	75.20		(DNF Health)

The Broken Hill Mountain Bike Clubs next event is a time trial from broken hill to Silverton on the 15.07.07. More information can be obtained from our website at [www.bhmtb.asn.au](http://www.bhmtb.asn.au).