

## **MOUNTAIN BIKES**

### **Wentworth Road 14/02/2010**

The first event on the 2010 Mountain Bike Club calendar was nearly cancelled due to good rainfall leading up to the event, but the decision was made to let the race proceed and what a good decision it was. 25 riders fronted up on the overcast Valentines' morning, with a few new faces. The rain was kind enough to cease for the event, and riding conditions were great, with the exception of a couple of mud traps. This didn't seem to bother the riders who compared the mud accumulation on their bikes (and eyelashes), after the event.

In the Junior Girls we had new Club member Kate Baldwin, along with Codie Whitehead, who experienced her first Club event. Both girls rode extremely well, and there wasn't much in it at all. Codie's Pedal Prix cross training may pay off, because she has shown herself to be a very strong contender, and was able to beat Kate to the line by a small margin. Kate did very well, despite the age difference, and has shown that riding talent runs in the family.

Junior Boys had four entrants, with new rider Zac Borlace in amongst last seasons' regulars – Corey, Luke and Doyle. Corey has continued to improve (and grow) during the off season, and was the clear favourite. He even managed to beat several of the senior riders, and is a real talent. Zac did very well for his first Club event to take out second place, in front of Luke and Doyle. With the ages of these boys ranging significantly, they all do very well and continue to improve with each season. The Social Class had a lone entrant, and it was great to see Darren Sammut out from behind the time keepers' desk, and out on the bike. He posted a very respectable lap time, and is predicted to be the dark horse of the Club. Well done Darren.

The Womens' Class attracted only two ladies, and what a tussle they had. Although Shelley has clearly been doing "secret training", she wasn't fit enough to hold off Emma in the second lap, who has improved out of sight. Emma is definitely the one to watch, and there is a prediction that she will be a real threat to some of the guys. Sport Men created a bit of confusion for time keepers, and in some amended results it seems that new rider Joel Sim is a new talent worth watching. In his first Club event he was able to mix it with the big boys and take the lead off Burty in the second lap. Richard held out for third, and it was good to see David G back and he wasn't far off the pace either. New rider Jason Mak did himself proud to pump out 3 laps, and although there is no surf in town, he could have paddled his board on a few puddles out there. Boris was another new rider who did very well to complete 2 laps in his debut event, and the mud didn't seem to deter him. Cec was back on the bike after a lengthy recovery for a busted leg, and although I'm sure he will be back in a big way this season, he had to withdraw after one lap after pushing a bit hard too soon.

Unlucky Phil, well what can we say, except better luck next time!

Senior Men was a tightly contested group, with last years' top two Sport Men, Tas and Les, joining the ranks. With only 5 minutes separating the 8 riders, there was some very good riding going on. Les did well to recover from some mechanical problems early in the first lap, and the guys pushed each other for the entire 3 laps. Benny was too good on the day taking first place, closely followed by Jason Lyall and David Lyle. Barry wasn't far behind, with Tas hot on his heels; Brian, Les and Heppy all pushed hard to the line. A great event, and it was good to see so many smiling, mud covered riders afterwards.

The next Club event will be at the Golf Club, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Registration from 7.30am, race starts at 8am. A new race format will see Juniors racing before the Seniors, and all riders will be riding the Junior course. Seniors are encouraged to support the Juniors, and this modified track is classed as a "suitable to beginners" course. For any further information see the Club website [www.bhmtb.asn.au](http://www.bhmtb.asn.au) or phone Club Secretary Tas Johnston on 8088 8945.

	lap1	lap2	lap3	Place
<b>SOCIAL CLASS</b>				
Darren SAMMUT	21.35	-	-	1st
<b>JUNIORS</b>				
<b>Boys</b>				
Corey SAMMUT	16.14	(34.51)	-	1st
Zac BORLACE	19.55	(42.37)	-	2nd
Luke BALDWIN	23.05	(56.29)	-	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Doyle VAUGHAN	24.30	-	-	4
<b>Girls</b>				
Codie WHITEHEAD	29.32	-	-	1st
Kate BALDWIN	31.26	-	-	2nd
<b>WOMEN</b>				
Emma BOULTON	17.38	34.29	-	1st
Shelley CLARKE	17.24	35.31	-	2nd
<b>SPORT MEN</b>				
Joel SIM	15.36	31.16	46.44	1st
Randall BURT	15.35	31.43	47.02	2nd
Richard WALKER	15.58	32.09	48.06	3rd
David GARNE	16.13	33.01	49.50	4
Jason MAK	21.43	44.17	1.05.49	5
Boris HLAVICA	23.49	49.05	-	DNF
Cec FRASER	17.23	-	-	DNF
“Unlucky” Phil DUPAL	20.32	-	-	DNF
<b>SENIOR MEN</b>				
Benny GOODMAN	13.04	26.28	40.05	1st
Jason LYALL	13.22	27.16	40.58	2nd
David LYLE	13.42	27.35	41.33	3rd
Barry GENTLE	14.15	28.00	42.20	4
Tas JOHNSTON	14.23	29.23	44.21	5
Brian Devlin	14.47	29.54	44.54	6
Les BORCHARD	15.45	30.20	44.54	7
Tony HEPBURN	14.51	29.37	45.08	8