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2017 Silverton Hotel Poker Race Report

Last Saturday, the Broken Hill MTB Club hosted 50 riders for the 19th Silverton Hotel Poker Race. The weather gods dished up a magnificent day and the riders at the start line were excited by the prospect of some very fast race times. The Coomie Mountainless bike club must have had a direct channel with the “man upstairs” because a huge contingent turned up, including defending champion Tyler “Smiffy” Beruldsen, who had been in red hot form leading up to the event. Tyler was relaxed enough to casually stroll around the start line in his UGG Boots because he knew local “Gun Shearer”, Steve Chinner was away tending to his flock. Steve’s absence required locals Karlo “Milat” Bozic, G-Train Adams & Beenwah Goodman to step up and defend local territory and they were chomping at the bit to take young “Smiffy” down.

After a moments silence, in respect of club legend Barry Gentle, the starter sent the peloton off for what was going to be a high speed shootout. The action at the head of the pack was frantic and it wasn’t long before the pace would claim its first victims. Newcomer, Seb Anflous, rounded a tricky left-hand corner near the old ruins and decided to headbutt a pepper tree! Seb was eager to share his exploits with someone so he coat hangered Dave “Uncle of a Gun” Stephenson and stuck his front wheel through his bike frame so he had to stop to witness the carnage. Watching them get untangled was like watch two drunken Giraffe’s playing twister.....very funny indeed!! To their credit, both riders’, separated the bikes and body parts, pulled themselves together and proceeded to work their way back through the pack. The tangled up duo ended up riding excellent races. Seb’s form has been noted and he will be closely monitored by ASADA for the rest of the season.

At the head of the pack the 3 amigos, Karlo, G-Train & Beenwah were trying to round up Tyler but he was having none of it. By the time he crossed the start/finish line on lap one, spectators knew that they were witnessing something special. The lap record had just been smashed and Tyler was accelerating away from the rest of the field.

Megan Algate wasn’t far behind the chasing pack and was keeping “the front runners” honest. She had whinged all week, to her mechanic, about how she was in such poor form leading up to the race, due to a post Ironman self induced chocolate coma, but it seemed like seeing Stevo and Seb doing the Mexican Watusi Dance had woken her from the slumber and she keen to make a break on the main field.

Plenty of Coomie riders were also in the mix and the racing was very exciting, with the Greenfields, David Siladi, Bobbie Pappin & Ian Beruldsen all pushing for podium places. Further back in the pack, Yvette “the Backpacker” Sanderson showed excellent skills to keep her bike under control when she dropped a chain on the most steep, difficult section of the track. Steph Halpin helped her get the bike shipshape again, without the need for the use of the “drop the bike from a great height technique” that she has been trying perfect in recent races. Even with this mechanical delay, they both broke the 2 hour barrier for the five laps, which is a real gutsy effort.



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In the Juniors, Finely “small train” Adams, Broken Hill’s only Solo junior rider, was surrounded by plenty of Coomie lads but he fought manfully and managed to hold off the challenge, claiming first place in the U13 Boys. Caelan Dew stepped up in class so he could ride the long track and managed to crack out 4 very respectable laps. Dad, you had better start looking over his shoulder.....he is coming, fast!! Young Drew Degoumois, who was on his debut ride, was not to be outdone by the more experienced lads and was able to complete 2 laps, an excellent effort first up. Well done to all the junior riders who participated, including the 2 young ladies, Holly Borchard and Carla Harriss.

The finish line was starting to buzz with excitement, Tyler was going at light speed, but had to maintain the “rage” for every second of the five laps to break the race record, set way back in 2005. Young “Smiffy” rode a near perfect race, stopping the timekeeper’s clock at 1:15:42, almost a full minute ahead of the old record. This was a sensational effort considering he was never really challenged so he had to race his own virtual clock to achieve the feat. Some distance back was Karlo, riding something that loosely resembles Mountain Bike, hitting the finish line in a time of 1:23:01, which would have won the race on most days! He was pushed all the way by Beenwah Goodman who seems to go alright for an old bloke and took out the honours in the Veteran’s class.

Megan “Cadbury’s” Algate showed her class to win the women’s race by 3 min. She has not been beaten at the Poker Race since she began cycling; this victory is No7 on the trot. Pretty Fair Effort
I’d love to meet her bike mechanicnow that’s a master technician at the top of his game, (he just has to learn to ride faster).

Every rider had a great day out on the track but there was a silver lining, everyone knew that no matter where they finished they were all in the hunt for the Main Prize, an original artwork by John Dynon, expertly framed by Grosso. All they had to do was get lucky with the best Poker Hand. The cards were counted and the results were in.....Andy Schmidt from Mildura was holding a Full House which secured him the sensational piece of Art, which would have topped off his day very nicely. Lucky he hit the road as soon as the presentation finished because I think the 3 Amigos were in the throes of designing a Ninja style raid to relieve him of his winnings

As most elite athletes know, the post race rehydration session is the most crucial part of the ride recovery process and some are more dedicated to this activity than othersbut that’s another story!

The Broken Hill Mountain Bike Club would like to acknowledge the Major Sponsor of this year’s Poker Race, the Silverton Hotel. Peter and Patsy have provided very generous support over the last couple of years and without their contribution our club would not be able to host such a successful event. Thank you.

The club would also like to thank all our club supporters, sponsors and volunteers. Local Businesses such as First National Real Estate, the Demo Club, JADE Signs, BH Traffic Control, the Tydvil Hotel, McDonalds Grosso Framing & the Place Hotel are all great sponsors. Special Mention to Fearless Photographer (Jaz), the YMCA Girls, Legacy, Linda, Donna, Kaylee, Lindy, Zeta, Duck, Rusty & Big Tony for helping make the day one to remember.



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2017 SILVERTON HOTEL POKER RACE - RESULTS

OPEN MEN

<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>Lap 1</u>	<u>Lap 2</u>	<u>Lap 3</u>	<u>Lap 4</u>	<u>Lap 5</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
1	Tyler Beruldsen	0:14:09	0:29:25	0:44:34	1:00:07	1:15:42	1
3	Karlo Bozic	0:15:16	0:31:16	0:48:08	1:05:37	1:23:01	2
14	Andrew Greenfield	0:16:37	0:33:51	0:51:29	1:09:17	1:27:13	3
29	David Stephenson	0:17:16	0:34:41	0:52:11	1:09:55	1:27:13	4
12	David Siladi	0:16:45	0:34:43	0:52:45	1:11:23	1:29:55	5
4	Seb Anflous	0:17:46	0:35:26	0:53:16	1:11:35	1:30:04	6
34	Damien Gibson	0:17:03	0:35:20	0:53:56	1:12:26	1:30:30	7
2	Nick Algate	0:17:15	0:35:26	0:53:26	1:12:17	1:30:47	8
35	George Adams	0:16:28	0:33:55	0:52:12	1:11:01	1:31:11	9
43	Ben Hobson	0:17:12	0:38:57	0:59:14	1:19:17	1:38:29	10
38	Jeffery McAilese	0:17:58	0:37:07	0:58:06	1:19:38	1:41:38	11
42	Andy Schmidt	0:19:02	0:39:48	1:01:10	1:23:04	1:44:15	12
10	Nick Dew	0:19:41	0:41:19	1:03:44	1:26:59	1:49:04	13
26	Spiro Melissovass	0:22:17	0:45:39	1:09:52	1:37:06	2:01:18	14
39	Andrew Molloy	0:22:55	0:43:48	1:10:57	1:38:17	2:07:29	15
33	Craig Olsen	0:24:44	0:50:01	1:17:39	1:47:32	2:18:00	16
44	Alan Robertson	0:25:49	0:53:53	1:21:55	1:52:00	2:23:54	17
37	Glenn Joyce	0:16:47	0:35:49				18
16	Nigel Harriss	0:28:02	1:02:44				19
13	Mark Stephenson	0:20:31	1:16:55				20

OPEN WOMEN

<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>Lap 1</u>	<u>Lap 2</u>	<u>Lap 3</u>	<u>Lap 4</u>	<u>Lap 5</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
6	Megan Algate	0:17:14	0:34:43	0:52:41	1:11:22	1:29:51	1
21	Sonja Greenfield	0:17:56	0:36:30	0:55:49	1:14:42	1:33:24	2
7	Bobbie Pappin	0:17:51	0:36:35	0:55:48	1:16:09	1:37:30	3
20	Sarah Mott	0:20:57	0:42:50	1:05:55	1:27:37	1:49:09	4
30	Steph Halpin	0:22:11	0:45:07	1:08:35	1:33:46	1:56:59	5
8	Yvette Sanderson	0:21:42	0:43:43	1:06:10	1:34:29	1:59:05	6



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VETERAN MEN

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5	Benny Goodman	0:15:51	0:32:19	0:49:29	1:06:35	1:24:17	1
18	Ian Beruldsen	0:16:55	0:34:48	0:53:11	1:12:25	1:31:37	2
11	Wayne Atherton	0:17:14	0:37:39	0:57:15	1:17:01	1:36:20	3
28	Wes Marks	0:20:57	0:42:50	1:05:55	1:27:37	1:49:09	4
27	David Kernebone	0:22:19	0:45:40	1:08:14	1:29:55	1:51:28	5
9	Sephen Pascoe	0:19:34	0:41:22	1:03:18	1:26:33	1:51:34	6
17	Peter Gifford	0:20:58	0:42:51	1:05:56	1:28:22	1:54:04	7
31	John Compton	0:21:39	0:43:51	1:09:59	1:33:50	1:57:39	8
32	Andy Fitzpatrick	0:23:00	0:46:12	1:10:35	1:37:21	2:06:38	9
41	Bruce Hoskins	0:30:46	0:55:08	1:21:04	1:48:04	2:15:47	10

U17 BOYS

<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>Lap 1</u>	<u>Lap 2</u>	<u>Lap 3</u>	<u>Lap 4</u>	<u>Lap 5</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
22	Caelan Dew	0:22:06	0:44:19	1:08:19	1:44:10		1

U13 BOYS

<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>Lap 1</u>	<u>Lap 2</u>	<u>Lap 3</u>	<u>Lap 4</u>	<u>Lap 5</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
36	Finley Adams	0:20:21	0:43:22	1:06:52			1
40	Ethan Gibson	0:23:04	0:47:50	1:15:12			2
15	Jake Harriss	0:37:27	1:29:29	2:23:41			3
23	Tyson Harriss	0:26:03	1:05:42				4
45	Drew Degoumois	0:35:16					5

TEAMS

<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>Lap 1</u>	<u>Lap 2</u>	<u>Lap 3</u>	<u>Lap 4</u>	<u>Lap 5</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
48	Team Borchard	0:19:29	0:49:20	1:09:53	1:41:55	2:08:52	1
46	Team Bailey/Morrison	0:26:34	0:50:09	1:13:29	1:41:25	2:11:35	2

SOCIAL

<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>Lap 1</u>	<u>Lap 2</u>	<u>Lap 3</u>	<u>Lap 4</u>	<u>Lap 5</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
47	Nadine Sadler	0:29:52	1:06:09	1:41:24	1:48:04	2:19:54	1
24	Carla Harris	0:39:13					2
25	Lauren Harriss	0:39:16	1:05:07	1:35:37	2:06:50		3