

## **MOUNTAIN BIKES**

### **9 Mile Event 17/12/06**

The Broken Hill Mountain Bike Club Inc. held its' final event for 2006 at the 9 Mile track on Sunday with 19 riders lining up. Thankfully the weather was good, and a slight breeze popped up just as riders' lined up on the start line!

In the juniors there were two riders, veteran Cec Fraser and a new rider Amanda Keast. Cec set a record this year, being the only Club member to compete in every Club event in 2006! That's dedication. Cec took first place in a time of 14.10, and into his cool down lap, managed to pedal so fast his pedals couldn't keep up, and one fell off! Amanda put in a brilliant effort, (though wasn't too impressed when her wheel found a dead lizard on the track), and completed her lap in 24.02. Well done, Amanda – it's great to have a young lady out there!

Three ladies took off from the start line; Bron, Jo, and a new member, Jessica Lyle. Naturally Bron was the favourite, and continued with her impressive form to take the win with a time of 27.42, and still had enough in the tank for a cool down lap. She has been undefeated all season, and has only missed one event all year. It was nice to see Jo back, and she did well on her new set of wheels, to take second place in a time of 37.24. Jo improved on her last effort on this track, (back in February), by taking 4 minutes off her first lap time, she did the full course, plus she managed an extra lap! That is a great effort Jo! Jessica did very well for her first Club event, and managed two laps of the short course in a time of 33.34. She crossed the line with a smile, which is always a good sign.

In sport men there were 9 riders, with newcomer Jason Attard coming out for a spin, and nice to see Mark back on his new wheels. Joel Ryan was once again favourite, and didn't disappoint, taking out first place in this category, and once again line honors. It would have made for a very interesting race, had Jason Attard not flatted into his 3<sup>rd</sup> lap, because up until that point, he was only a few seconds behind Joel! The rest of the field was relatively close together, with a close tussle between Royce and David Garne for the duration of the race. Clyde and Mark had their own dual, and Percy and Jason Taylor still riding consistently well. Bad news for Tas, who was having a tussle with Jason Taylor in the first lap, and who was also too powerful for his new cleats, which threw a screw and his cleat fell off! He was only able to complete 2 laps.

Senior men was going to be interesting, with Dave Clarke recovering from illness, and the anniversary of the Clavicle Creek incident for David Lyle. The boys set off at a cracking pace, and David Lyle led the way, with Dave hot on his heels for the first lap, followed by Brian, Trev and Barrie. Dave Clarke faded into the second, and David Lyle was able to hold everyone off to take the win! His hard work has paid off, and he was able to pump out consistent lap times for the duration of the race, and took gold in a time of 37.03. The rest of the pack were close together, but Brian worked hard to hold them off and take 2<sup>nd</sup> in a time of 38.17. Not far behind, and taking 3<sup>rd</sup> was Trev in 38.45, with Barry and Dave following up the rear.

Thanks to Bob from St Johns for standing by, and to Tony for helping with the timekeeping. Once again everyone chipped in to help set up and pack up.

Sadly I have resigned as Club President, as I am leaving town for 18 months for work and study. Keep up the great work guys and girls, and I know you will all pull together to keep the Club going strong in 2007. Thank you to our sponsors who have supported us, without them, our Club would struggle. We wish everyone a safe and festive Chrissy & New Year.

<b>JUNIORS</b>	lap1	lap2	lap3	points
Cec Fraser	14.10	-	-	100
Amanda Keast	24.02	-	-	-

<b>WOMEN</b>				
Bronwyn Lees	13.41	27.42	(42.08)	100
Jo Lenton	17.41	37.24	-	90
Jessica Lyle	16.59	33.34	short course	80

**SPORT MEN**

Joel Ryan	11.43	24.03	36.01	100
Jason Taylor	14.31	30.11	45.45	90
Royce Beck	15.32	31.16	46.15	-
David Garne	15.30	31.05	46.23	80
Richard Walker	15.10	30.57	47.39	75
Jason Attard	11.57	24.11	49.00	-
Clyde Thomson	16.06	32.36	49.05	70
Mark Lenton	15.55	32.37	49.07	65
Tas Johnston	14.49	34.17	Mech	30

**SENIOR MEN**

David Lyle	12.08	24.29	37.03	100
Brian Devlin	12.21	25.13	38.17	90
Trevor Barrie	12.31	25.24	38.45	80
Barrie Gentle	12.47	26.21	39.52	75
Dave Clarke	12.09	25.45	41.42	70

The Clubs' presentation will be held in the new year, on a date to be advised. The next monthly meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm at the Mulga. Thank you to Tania Roberts for keeping our website on track for the year. [www.bhmtb.asn.au](http://www.bhmtb.asn.au)