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RACING NEWS & REVIEWS

Lakeside

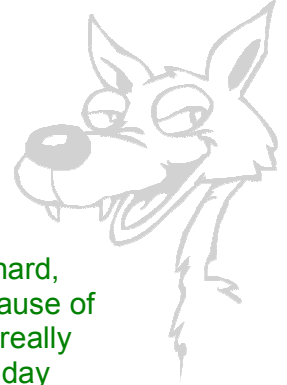
A Grade – There was a field of about 18 riders and we had Dave, Richard, Brett, Steve, Frankie, Aaron and myself. It was a really weird race because of the size of the field and the wind. Basically no one in the field worked really hard unless someone got a decent gap off the front. At the end of the day Richard was our best placed finisher in 6th place. Can't even tell you who won because I was half a lap down! At least I had my first victory over Bretty. Poor bugger was so sick he couldn't even hold my wheel !!

B Grade – There was a much bigger field in B grade and we had John, Kyle, Lockie, Rob and Garry flying the flag. Bearing in mind I couldn't tell you what happened in A grade I'm no chance of doing any better with B grade.(think I'll have to designate someone in future to write that part of the newsletter for me – probably Sharon when she starts racing up there in a few weeks). All I know is that we didn't place and B grade managed to avoid getting lapped by A grade for the first time in a long while. Apparently the pace was pretty hot at the end.

Port Macquarie 70.3 – Jo had a great race to finish her first half IM in 6hr 39min. Next challenge for her is the camp in December. Cam finished in 10th place overall in a time of 4hr 21. Cam was first out of the water out of a field of over 700 starters but then had a rough time on the bike before running himself to a decent placing with a solid run time of 1hr 25.

Fusion Cycles Day - Nundah

Masters Division – We had Anthony, Garry, Lockie and myself in a field of about 50 riders. There was a fair bit of wind out there and about 15 QSM guys all trying to keep the field bunched to help out that good sprinter they have with the massive quads. I tried everything I could to break it up and get away but every time I got away I would blow up within about 20 sec of hitting the headwind section as the QSM guys refused to give us any leeway. After about 35mins I decided to call it quits and start fueling up for the B grade race which was to follow. At the end of the day it wasn't too much of a surprise when the QSM guy took out the bunch sprint pretty comfortably. Special mention to Anthony who rode really well to finish in the bunch sprint.



Elite - B Grade – Lining up were Mick, Robbo, Steve, Frankie and myself. There was a massive field of 72 riders and a lot of really strong guys and a particularly strong Mainline team with Barto, Patten and others. It was pretty much on from the gun and the pace stayed up reasonably high with plenty of guys trying to get away with no success. Mick helped Robbo get into a great position at the end which led to Robbo just getting pipped in a photo finish to Tony Lackey. Great result for Robbo getting 2nd place in a strong field.

Womens Handicap Race -

Good to see we had a starter in the womens' field in Sharon. Handicap races are never easy and she worked really hard right from the start and basically time trialled for 5km before she blew up. Good hard training session hey Shaz !!

Next Weekend

Next Weekend's racing is HPRW at Nundah at 6.45 am on Saturday (A grade). I imagine B grade will be on again at about 7.50 (yee hah – a chance to do double races again...)

We will have the tent up so feel to come down for a drink even if you are not going to race.

Sunday ride will be a 5hr hilly ride starting at 5.15am from the Den. Ride will be fully supported.

Future Dates – November/December

Sat Nov 21 – HPRW at Lakeside

Sat Nov 28 – HPRW at Nundah

Wed Dec 2 – Twilight Series

Sat Dec 5 – HPRW Lakeside

Wed Dec 9 – Twilight Series

Fri Dec 11 to Sun Dec 20 – **Coyote Training Camp**

Training

I'm going to head out to Mt Cootha on Tuesday morning for hill repeats – will be leaving Breakfast creek at 5.15am which should get us out to Cootha by about 5.50am. Feel free to meet us out there for repeats. Sorry to anybody who showed up last Tuesday to meet me. I had to sleep in hospital with Chloe for her surgery as it wasn't until 10pm on Monday night that they told us they wouldn't be operating until the next morning.

Thanks to Steve for leading the Thursday morning Nundah session. I'll be there this week so anyone who wants to come along - you are more than welcome.

Trademark

We've got a big thank you to give to one of our main sponsors – Fisher Adams Kelly (patent attorneys). They gave me the great news last week that the commissioner of Patents has approved our trade mark over the name Coyote Racing. Not only did FAK do all the work in lodging the application for us for free they even paid all the filing fees. Paul Davis (Snubby) is our main contact with the firm so next time you see him feel free to thank him personally. Snubby has been a great asset for me over the last few years helping me out with patent cases. He really knows his stuff.

On the subject of sponsors, we also have to thank a&i lawyers for their sponsorship of our team for next year. They have generously agreed to give us \$2k which will help with some of the fees we have to pay to HPRW and the design of the new HPRW/Coyote Racing jersey. It is pretty much the same setup as the current kit with just a few changes in some of the names on the jersey.

Open Team

We now have formal approval from the HPRW club for our open team and our kit. The kit just has to go into CQ for final approval. From the first time I approached the club, Wayne Wilson (Willow) was supportive of our application and the concept for our team and he has been very helpful. We are very lucky to be part of a great club like HPRW. My personal view is that we are going to have a really good year from a social and racing perspective and by the end of next year we will be faster than ever and everyone will have enjoyed the journey.

I've really enjoyed the way our team has come together this year. I had a lot of good friends who helped me start it up and joined the team and since then I have had the opportunity to meet new people who have come to be good friends as well. Don't forget that we are an inclusive and not exclusive team so if you have any really good friends who you want to join then they are more than welcome. The only rule is the NDA rule which is overcome by any current member vouching for the person who wants to join.

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