



TAURANGA ROAD CYCLING CLUB

APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

Hi Everybody

I must say it was very sad when daylight saving came to an end which limits the ability of those of us who work to get out for a ride of an evening.

I trust everybody has had an enjoyable period riding their bikes.

SATURDAY MORNING RIDES

Saturday morning rides will recommence Saturday 2 May 2009. The rides start at 7.30am from Koops Cycles located on the corner of Cameron Road and Seventeenth Avenue, Tauranga. The rides will be in the order of 3½ to 4 hours duration and will run over the winter period, except when the Club has an organised race.

The first three Saturday rides will therefore be:

2 May 2009
16 May 2009
30 May 2009

(You will note that we have Club races on 9 May 2009 and 23 May 2009.)

CLUB RACES

Please note in your diary the following Club races:

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| 9 May 2009 | Club Race – Paengaroa (Old Coach Road/Maniatutu Road loop).
Start at Paengaroa Hall. Be there at 1.30pm for a 2.00pm start. 3 laps A Grade, 2 laps B & C Grades. |
| 23 May 2009 | Tauranga Club Race at Armstrong Road, Te Puna
36km, 6 laps. 2.00pm start. |

NEW ZEALAND IRON MAN – 7 MARCH 2009

I noted three Tauranga Club members who participated in the Bonita Iron Man New Zealand at Taupo on 7 March 2009. The athletes were greeted with perfect conditions and I list the Tauranga athletes times, excluding the transitions, as follows:

	Swim	Bike	Run	Total
Scott Furness	0:56.15	5:20.32	3:23.31	9:48.38
Brian Foster	1:03.58	5:13.00	3:39.35	10:05.02
Andrew Ferguson	1:17.04	6:23.43	4:15.22	12:11.42

CLUB RACE – 14 March 2009 – Paengaroa Circuit

We had 19 riders sign on with A Grade and B Grade doing 3 laps of the circuit and C Grade doing 2 laps.

In the A Grade, Greg Taylor held on to beat Lucas and Daniel Finucane, and in the B Grade Dave Emsley powered to victory over Peter Puchner and Paul Jones (all of whom had to avoid a four-wheel drive and a boat that pulled out in front of them) and in the C Grade our most winning Club athlete, Ari Finucane, beat Morag Baruch and Maureen Lawson.

LION FOUNDATION WELLINGTON SEVEN-DAY CYCLE CHALLENGE – 15-21 February 2009

Eight Club members signed on for the Wellington to Auckland Seven Day Cycle Challenge. The race was run on back country roads where the organiser, Steven Cox, found the most hilly route to travel from Wellington to Auckland.

The days were generally run in two stages and cyclists ended up spending their midday/lunch time in towns that they would not normally stop at, such as Featherston, Pahiatua, Hunterville and places such as the Katihea School and Glen Murray Community Hall.

One of the highlights was visiting Cooks Gardens and the Velodrome at Wanganui. The cycling club house in Wanganui featured a major display of black and white photographs taken of our leading cyclists throughout the 70's and 80's. I even observed our own Russell Nant wearing very stylish sunglasses in the Dulux tour back in the late 70's.

From a Tauranga point of view, one of the feature results was Richard Coffey winning the final stage into Pukekohe. The finish was uphill into a head wind, with Richard jumping early with the entire peloton being unable to respond.

All those who participated had an enjoyable time and would recommend that you consider undertaking the event in 2010.

If you have some spare time over winter, the entry and articles are worth a look under the website of www.wakaroc.co.nz

WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY TEAM TIME TRIAL

The Tauranga Club sent five teams to compete at the Waikato-Bay of Plenty team time trial run at Gordonton.

Three teams were entered in a 12-strong field for the Masters division.

The Tauranga Club posted results of 1st, 2nd and 5th in the Masters grade with our Women's and Under-17 men team both posting second places.

All teams looked resplendent in their Club jerseys and other Waikato-Bay of Plenty Clubs commented on how smart we looked.

2009 JUNIOR TOUR

Courteney Lowe won the 2009 Junior Tour U19 Women's grade held at Te Awamutu over the Easter weekend.

She placed second in the Rotorua Junior Tour a week later to the woman she beat into second place in Te Awamutu

Courteney has been selected to represent New Zealand and is currently on the Goldcoast racing the Australian Nationals in the U19 women's grade.

Congratulations to Courteney. We look forward to a race report for our next newsletter.

Sally Fraser was placed 3rd in the Women's Open Division at the Te Awamutu tour.

CLUB JERSEYS

A further supply of Small and Medium jerseys have been purchased and there is a full range of jerseys available for purchase at Koops Cycles on the corner of Seventeenth Avenue and Cameron Road, Tauranga.

SAFETY

Be careful out there.

Greg Taylor
President