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AUDAX Newsletter

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Perth Region

Obituary.

Vale Sue Nilan.

With great sadness we note the passing of our friend and club mate Sue Nilan who died peacefully at home on June 2nd last. Both she and husband Mark were popular and active members of Audax and many of our rides used to start/finish/overnight at their home in Oakford. A busy mum with a husband and four children to care for, she still found the time to take on the job of Secretary of Audax Australia. Who will ever forget the Saturday morning arrival of the Nilan family at Gino's - complete with bike trailer and 6 months old Holly in her Audax lycra. With her wit and sunny nature Sue was always a great companion on a ride and our deepest sympathy goes out to Mark, Holly, Fraser, Liam and Geordie as well as her parents Joan and Dale.

HAPPENINGS

.....Colin Farmer and the Audax membership.

Rod Marston has sent in an excellent ride report for us to read. I will be sending out blank forms to ride organizers to send back ride reports to me for publication in future newsletters, I am sure they will be of great interest to everyone.

Paul Robbins had a nasty bite from a dog recently, but we understand the dog is recovering very well.

Glen Mitton and mate Paul had a good idea, they traveled to Northam on the Avon link train (up to 2 bikes can be transported) and then rode back to the Swan Valley on the KAP TRACK (the following day) on their mountain bikes.

Anyone know a sympathetic accountant (does such a creature exist)? We urgently need a replacement for Don Frearson, who has done a magnificent job over the years, but at 86 he feels it is time for someone else to take over.

Seems we sell a lot more big size Audax tops than small these days - I wonder why. New stocks are just in.

We plan to have a Perth/Albany/Perth in 2010.

Planning committee to be formed in 2008. Anyone interested in riding or helping contact Bjorn Blasse on 9361 3992.

The next club camp will be at Dwellingup Chalet and Caravan Park November 23/24 for details contact Rod Marston on 9368 4552.

The Christmas Party will again be at Rod and Margaret Marston's (thanks very much to you both). 59 Mill Point Road, South Perth.....Saturday afternoon 8th December.

Colin Law and Wayne Hickman have already qualified for the Graeme Woodrup Trophy - no mean achievement - and we may have several more to come.
CONGRATULATIONS!

If you have missed out on this years Paris - Brest - Paris, the next one is in 2011.

For us mere mortals there will be a lot more shorter rides next year (see rides report below.)

HAPPENINGS CONT...

I note from the history books that in 1891 you were allowed 10 days to finish the Paris Brest Paris. If only I had been born a 100 years earlier.

Middle age is when a broad mind and a narrow waist change places!

.....Cycle well and safely

Ralph Morgan

Rides Co-ordinator's Report

This year the weather has been in our favour with not too many wet and/or very windy events. I say very windy, cause hey this is WA (windy always).

Kilometres	28,650
Brevets	134
No. of members who have ridden brevets	28
No. of non members who have ridden brevets	14

Now is the time to start thinking about next years calendar and I would like some input from everyone. Firstly if we could have a few people to design some new rides, maybe a favourite training run you have, or something starting in the north or perhaps another town?

If you do not want to organise a ride, please let me know, otherwise I will follow the club tradition of just giving you one. ☺ Also if you have any preference on distance, let me know. We have a fantastic club trailer that does not get used very often. If you could support a ride next year that would be great. It does not have to be an overnight ride it could be a 200, making the transition from 100 easier. I am looking at making all 200km events split into 100km giving more variety and running a 100km event in the last Sunday of every month. We are planning to host a dirt series next calendar and if anyone is interested in being an organiser for a mid week event let me know.

Do not be shy, put a new ride together and bring a mate along!

.....*Bjorn Blasse*

Past Rides

10 March 400k	Long Flat One 6 Brave riders with a very cold start and rain in the night. Everyone home by midnight.
24 March 200k	Lumpy One 13 riders with John on a 78 inch fixed wheel. Colin managed to get lost, but all finished. Glorious tail wind on the way home after the slog outwards.
7 April 600k	Hawe's Horror On a good weather weekend all the PBP entrants rode and finished well.
14 April 100/200k	Prison Pedal Another good day with a great turnout of 10 for the 200 and 6 for the 100, with Glen Lacy on his recliner.
28 April 370k	OPPERMAN 24 hours One team of the PBP entrants led by Bjorn.
5 May 600k	Tolcher Torture Delayed 1 week due to awful weather 5 riders. Everyone finished.
19 May 400k	Lonely Road 5 riders (the same vilient PBP riders) Rain early but a beautiful ride home.
2 June 200k	Mr Marston's Meander Cool start at about 3 degrees C, later start than normal, very light E/NE winds and sunny all day with max of about 19 degr. Some riders still failed to consult their route sheet and went past turns. All riders seemed to enjoy the ride and one new member completed her first 200k ride in a very well paced way. Well done Cheryl Price a strong MTB rider now road rider. All riders completed the ride near or just after sunset. This could have been a night ride as the full moon was up soon after dark. Usually the wind drops after dark, though no major wind this year, it has been an issue in the past conduct of this ride. Many riders, mainly members, are still only turning up on the day with their entry forms and fees, which makes it a harassed start by the organiser, who normally rides as well. This is an ideal loop ride as not problems have ever been had with parked vehicles at start. Assisted by Ian in his car.....Thanks a lot Ian!

Future Rides

23 June 150k	Taste of the Hills Armadale Station 7amPaul Robbins 9291 8939
7 July 200k/100k	WA Alpine Classic Hills 7am....Klaus Hagedom 9409 2570
21 July 300k	Gasman's Giro Midland 7am... Rob Godkin 9386 1588
11 August 300k	The Swinging Pig Rockingham 7am....Graham Thornton 9293 3027
25 August 200/100k	A Little Extra Lakes Road House 7am....Ralph Morgan 9339 7259
8 September 100/50k	Burkes Backyard DWP 7am....Ken Ward 9364 3601
22 September 400/200k	Midland Military Mayhem Midland 7am....Glen Mitton 9498 3888
6 October 1000k	York...York....and more York York 6am....Nick Dale 9285 0083.
20 October 100/50k	Paris Brest Paris Café Kelmscott 7am ...Colin Law 9397 7739