



THURSDAY NIGHT RIDES 2017

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Greetings All

Perfect weather at Conders Bend for this evenings ride and surprising how much dust in the air after so much rain. The track was in great nick, if a little overgrown in places. It needs a bit of a tickle up and Fraser was dealing to it before child minding duties called.

Peter was also present but excused himself with a strained ankle preventing serious riding.

Earlier in the day I was at a gathering of MTB riders, mostly club members, and a myriad of excuses poured from their mouths in between gulps of coffee and Burleigh Pie consumption. All were in the "perfectly aged" category, so I guess nanna naps should not be disturbed.

So we were left with only eleven to tackle the ever popular twists and turns. Jed brought mum along and she looked as though she was having a ball. She did the mum thing of letting Jed beat her. Ange and Donna also kept the female flag flying, Donna after a twelve hour shift lifting logs off trucks. She and Kris were riding Conders for the first time in ages and were surprised by the new tracks.

Young gun Jack was showing plenty of speed and agility with a very quick lap 1. Justin was just a few seconds adrift after a warm up ride from Blenheim. Bailey was next suffering a little after a hard days work and a late finish. These efforts make the pie eater's excuses look a little lame.

Also raising a perspiring glow were Matt, Kris, Euan and Warren, solid efforts all round.

So Justin's undoubted endurance saw him hit the front on lap 2 and Bailey managed to get past Jack on lap 3. This trio and Matt completed 4 laps and then Justin had a warm down riding back to Blenheim. Euan got past Warren on lap 3 before contemplating a much deserved cold one. Perhaps the club could embrace this piece of German culture in the name of racial harmony, Euan's shout of course.

Peter's timetable for this summer has three riding weeks followed by a working bee. Next week therefore there will be a working bee at the MTB park. Peter will send out details in the coming week.

The following week we will be back riding at said MTB park, I will forward details closer to the time.

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