



THURSDAY NIGHT RIDES 2018

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These Thursday evening rides boast the fact that they can be treated from hard out races right down to comparing knitting patterns and all levels in between. This one was somewhere in the middle with most riders' thoughts concentrated elsewhere.

Peter brought three sets of arrows anticipating that last week's event might trigger an onslaught of interest. He set out three courses of varying grades. Most tackled the "orange" course which included a big climb and subsequent downhill thrill. Oliver Paddy and Jordan opted for the lesser demanding "blue" course.

With this weekends 8 hour relay at Hanmer in mind, Peter decided to sit this one out while team-mate Warren was in cruise mode trying not to blow out his legs. Good luck guys, enjoy Hanmer. Bailey is heading to Hanmer next weekend, but he is riding there in the Rainbow Rage. He is on a strict training schedule and treated this evening as such, also just cruising around. His usual rival Jack, is heading to Rotorua to compete in the Secondary School Nationals starting on Monday, so another rider just taking it easy. Best of luck to Jack and Cam in Rotorua.

Damian and Sharn were in semi-serious mode while suffering from a shortage of recent riding, work being the curse of the riding class. Sharn was the only one to complete four laps, the guilt of not training weighing heavy on his mind.

Eugan and Alana rode lonely races in their usual hard working style and hopefully with some satisfaction from their efforts and a celebratory re-hydration to follow. Eugan is heading away shortly to Germany to catch up with family and renew his acquaintance with the brews he was weened on.

Warren is excited about the "new" loop now available on the Picton tracks. He is going to check this week if it is a viable venue for next weeks ride, when he gets back from Hanmer of course. Peter is starting 12 hour shifts on Monday, harvest time, and will be unavailable for the last two Thursday rides. Thankfully Warren will step into the breach for next week and the final ride on 29th will be sorted in good time. Will advise when these details are available.