



Warrnambool Mountain Bike Club

2011 Thunder Point Dirt Crits Series.....Information at a Glance

What is it?

Its mountain bike criterium racing (or time trialling) in the dirt around short (approx. 2.5km) circuits against the clock. This is a racing series conducted on 2 alternating circuits over an eight week period. You compete against yourself, or your mate. Your choice!

Your best times on each track will become you aggregate score and be used to calculate your handicap for the Club Handicap Championships where it's not inconceivable that a 7 year old girl could beat a 25 year old elite rider. It's all about self-improvement.

Where?

Our base will be at Thunder Point Trotting Track on McDonald Street South Warrnambool. Enter through main gates and park at rear of stables near track entrance.

When?

October 14 – Information/Come Try/Social Ride from 6.00 – 7.30 pm BYO Beverages BBQ provided.

The club will provide an overview of the circuit, the series, and the rules. Registrations will be open register and cut a couple of laps. This is a free but riders must have current MTBA licences (\$5 licence available on the day). All Welcome!

Series commences **Friday October 21** and concludes with the Club Handicap Championships on **Friday December 16th**. Each raceday, Registration will only be open between 5 – 6 pm for new comers. The track will open for familiarisation laps between 5 – 5.30pm with racing commencing from 5.30 – 7.30pm.

How Much?

There are three aspects to the entry fees; event entry, club membership and rider insurance.

Event Entry – Casual Entry is \$10 per week but you can save a bomb by entering the 9 race series for \$50 which is great value providing practically a whole term of fun for around \$5 bucks a night. You must complete at least 1 lap on both circuits to qualify for the series and club championships.

If you're unsure whether this is for you, \$20 will give you a "suck it and see" entry, which will cover your race entry, insurance, and club membership for a single race/night. It's a one off introductory offer and if you decide to come back and enter the series, we'll give you \$20 discount if you enter within a week. Register at come try day or on raceday between 5 – 6 pm

Club membership - Introductory Annual Membership \$5, Renewing Member \$20, Family Membership \$30. This is not a rolling membership. It's now valid Oct 1 – September 30 so join early and get maximum benefit.

Every rider must have current MTBA rider insurance. To have MTBA insurance, you must be a member of a club. Not necessarily ours. Join online at www.mtba.asn.au or join on the club/event entry form

Insurance costs

it's the biggie but unfortunately a necessary evil. At least it last's a whole year!!

Senior Competition Ages: 19 and over at time of application \$100

Junior Competition Ages: 13 - 18 at time of application \$70

Dirtmaster Competition Ages: 3 - 12 at time of application \$30

Value-add (Cycling Australia, BMXA and ADCC) Ages: over 19 at time of application \$50

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Race Format

Once you have registered, you'll receive a plastic race number plate, which you'll keep for the whole series. If you are paid up and insured, you can avoid the queues, bypass registrations each week, go straight to the start line, wait for a spot and go for it. If you lose your number, you'll be numbered with a texta each week (triathlon style)

You can ride a maximum of 2 timed laps per night. These times will go toward your aggregate score. If you record a bad lap time, tough luck, have another try next time.

There will be 2 race circuits and will alternated. Your aggregate score will be based on your best time for both circuits. The average combined time of the series winner will become the benchmark and the difference between all other riders and the winner will be their handicap for the Club Championships Handicap Race. This will be a fun race on a new (3rd) circuit designed to give anybody a chance to win.

Conditions

Extreme weather – electrical storms, rain, heat, snow, extreme fire danger, earthquake, tsunami volcano or other acts of god. The club reserves the right to pull the plug on any event if they believe the safety of competitors may be compromised. Last minute decisions will be posted on the website and facebook by 4.30 pm on raceday.

Prizes

The club will offer over \$1,000 worth of prizes to series winners and runners up in all categories along with handicap winners. These prizes will consist of trophies, prizes and vouchers.

Conditions of Racing

- Have your licence on you at all times. No licence, no start
- You must have an Australian Standards helmet to race along with a safe bike (brakes, bar ends) and the club reserves the right to refuse a start due to safety reasons.
- No cheating! Mobile marshals will be on-course and time will tell. Offenders will be DQ'd
- If someone catches up with you, you must pull over to the left ASAP
- If you catch somebody, yell "TRACK" and they will follow the above rule and move left
- If a fellow rider falls, offer assistance, we'll wipe your lap time and start you again (if we can)
- We will sign and cordon off track but we cannot close Thunder Point to public, therefore riders will always need to be prepared to meet a pedestrian
- Marshals will carry basic first aid, a cert II first aider will always be on duty
- The club reserves the right to call you an ambulance if they feel you need one. The club will not be held liable for any patient transfer cost incurred.
- The club reserve the right to use event photographs for promotional purposes
- Respect access to the Harness Club. Do not enter the trotting track proper and take care not to spook horses while on trotting club property.