

THE EASTERN GOLDFIELDS CYCLE CLUB

ORIGIN AND HISTORY

On the 13th April, 1926, Messrs. E. J. Smith and R. Morris called what eventually became the foundation meeting of the Eastern Goldfields Cycle Club. Twelve cyclists attended this meeting, at which Mr. M. Hartigan was elected first President of the Club. On the 18th April, 1926, the first race conducted by the club was held, it was over a distance of five miles on the Brown Hill and return course, and resulted:—E. J. Smith, 1; R. Barrett, 2; J. Reed, 3. The club has since continuously conducted racing on both track and road.

By the end of 1927 the club boasted over one hundred members, and one of the best workers in the interests of the cycling game the Fields has had, in Mr. Chas. Egan, was Secretary. It was in May of this year that the club became affiliated with the League of W.A. Wheelmen, and Dan Egan registered the first big win for a club member by winning the York Wheelrace.

Cycling prospered on the Goldfields for several more years, but, with the decline in the mining industry, the membership of the club fell away until barely a dozen stalwarts kept the game alive here. However, with the revival of gold mining and increased population on the Goldfields, the cycling game has progressed by leaps and bounds, until to-day the Eastern Goldfields Cycle Club is the strongest in the State, boasting again almost one hundred and fifty members.

Mention of the club is not complete without something being said of the champions it has produced and the number of enthusiastic officials who have helped it along.

The first cyclist of note produced by the club was Dan Egan, later to hold the State Championship on both track and road; then followed C. and R. Norris, V. Barrett, and G. Hebbard, all of whom at various times held the State Title, while other prominent riders have been F. Madelini, R. Oldfield, W. Kingsbury, A. Norris, not forgetting R. Hudson, who has left such a fine record in the Chas. Egan Memorial Race.

Officials whose names come easily to mind include Fred and Jim Richards, E. J. Smith (Secretary and Handicapper for a number of years); Ex-Presidents in W. A. Kent, M. Hartigan, H. Gellard, H. Kingsbury, A. Bingley; Ex-Secretaries in B. Bracegirdle, F. Lafferty, Vic. Armitage (later Secretary of W.A. League of Wheelmen), J. J. Baker, Col. Edwards (the man with the gun), J. McAndrew, T. Potts, A. Larsen and others too numerous to mention.

Credit must be given also to the present committee of the club for the present sound financial position and the success of the biggest race yet promoted by the club—this year's £270 Menzies. The Committee consists of E. A. Watts, President; E. D. Cash, Secretary; F. Lafferty, A. Hebbard, W. Bonser, L. Cugley, T. Weatherburn and A. Deas.

MENZIES RESULTS.—Continued

	1932		Time	
	Hdcp. Min.	Hr.	Min.	Sec.
1. R. Oldfield	30			
2. F. Ingham	30			
3. E. Perks	60			
4. T. Ford	30			
5. D. Dellar	30			
6. J. Troughet	30			
7. H. Hehir	40			
8. B. Hebbard	15			
9. R. Hudson	scr.	4	0	20
10. C. Martin	30			
11. R. Norris	scr.		No	
12. J. Richards	20		other	
13. H. Waldock	30		times	
14. A. Larsen	15		available.	
15. J. J. Baker	20			

Fastest Time, R. Hudson, 4—0—20.

Others: C. Norris, scr.; W. Riley, B. Bracegirdle, R. Kent, 20 min.; A. Deas, J. Bickford, J. Hewitt, 35 min.; A. Plint, 40 min.

	1933		Time	
	Hdcp. Min.	Hr.	Min.	Sec.
1. L. Oldfield	57	4	17	24
2. K. Hudson	30	4	22	21
3. E. Perks	37	4	31	53
4. J. Williams	28	4	25	39
5. T. Williams	30	4	29	28
6. T. Ford	18	4	21	7
7. F. Richards	50	4	53	16
8. C. Norris	scr.	4	14	44
9. R. Hudson	scr.	4	14	45
10. W. Bextrum	30	4	37	44
11. L. Andrews	50	4	57	45
12. G. Hebbard	15	4	23	10
13. A. Hebbard	15	4	25	2
14. T. Egal	25	4	55	17
15. A. O'Donnell	58	5	31	57
16. J. Baker	25	4	59	2
17. T. Scherini	37	5	11	25
18. M. Page	18	5	2	58

Fastest Time, C. Norris, 4—14—44.

Others: D. Egan, scr.; R. Oldfield, 7 min.; B. Hebbard, F. Ingham, 11 min.; J. Zanich, 15 min.; F. Worcester, 18 min.; W. Riley, J. Richards, R. Kent, E. Sanders, 22 min.; J. Troughet, J. Hunt, 25 min.; D. Dellar, 28 min.; W. Gellard, F. Hunt, 30 min.; R. Bridges, 37 min.; R. Thomson, 50 min.; H. Hunt, 58 min.; L. Riley, 65 min.

	1934		Time	
	Hdcp. Min.	Hr.	Min.	Sec.
1. D. Dellar	10½	4	28	46
2. L. Oldfield	18	4	38	31
3. G. Bextrum	65	5	25	39
4. W. Miller	45	5	8	30
5. G. Hebbard	3½	4	30	56
6. F. Richards	55	5	24	4
7. E. McInnes	22½	5	0	42
8. J. Richards	28	4	54	17
9. E. Bell	45	5	17	52
10. V. Barrett	10½	4	46	27
11. C. Norris	scr.	4	44	7
12. K. Hudson	24	5	14	13
13. A. Hebbard	14	2	3	13
14. T. Egal	24	5	14	14
15. P. Barton	40	5	31	4

Fastest Time, D. Dellar, 4—28—46.

Others: D. Egan, scr.; J. Hunt, J. Naylor, 17.30; R. Casley, 18 min.; J. Foy, E. Sanders, J. Troughet, 21 min.; R. Foy, 22.30; R. Bridges, J. Baker, 24 min.; E. Perks, 28 min.; T. Scherini, G. Plasto, 40 min.; J. Murphy, A. Morgan, 50 min.

	1935		Time	
	Hdcp. Min.	Hr.	Min.	Sec.
1. W. Pender	scr.	4	27	20
2. G. Hebbard	scr.	4	27	50
3. J. Williams	55	4	38	20
4. F. Richards	40	5	23	22

Fastest Time, W. Pender, 4—27—20.

Others: D. Dellar, R. Oldfield, 12 min.; G. Bextrum, 13 min.; P. Barton, 16 min.; A. Deas, 20 min. M. Murphy, 45 min.