

ULYSSES CLUB - FLEURIEU BRANCH

THE WHALER

February 2010



COMMITTEE CORNER

Well, Normanville weekend was, in Hobbit's words, FABULOUS! The weather was great, the venue perfect, food was excellent both nights, & breakfast's, with a surprise of pancakes & watermelon for lunch on Saturday, a huge hit with those who stayed at camp to relax & catch up with old mates.

A big thanks to Paul Hancock who once again organised a great ride, which was so popular, it was extended by popular demand.

We would also like to thank everyone who helped on the weekend, without volunteers it wouldn't work. Also, a huge thanks to Hoppy, who cooked the burgers on Friday night, & breakfasts both mornings. For all of you who didn't go, you missed a great weekend, but, we have already booked it for next year, so don't miss it!

We are still getting excellent feedback from everyone, especially from Torrens Valley members, who are spreading the word.

Next year will be even better, 'cos Hobbit won't forget the handwash!!

COMING RIDES

February 28 (Sunday)	President's ride -leaves Alma at 10.00 for a roundabout trip to Mt Lofty summit. Bring a picnic or be prepared to buy something for lunch at the summit.
March 6 (Saturday)	Departure for Kingston long weekend. Meet at Strathalbyn railway station at 10.00 a.m.
March 28 (Sunday)	Ride after breakfast at Café Acqua at Seaford shopping centre. Breakfast from 8.30 a.m. Ride leaves at 10.00 a.m. Destination will be advised as soon as Bottler (Ride Leader) works out where it is!

Future dates to remember

8 March-16 March AGM at Albany WA
6-8th March Weekend at Kingston
8-9 May Gladstone Goal Weekend (Torrens Valley Branch)
12-14 June Combined ride with YP Branch to Peterborough

MIDWEEK RIDE ON SECOND WEDNESDAY IN MONTH

Depart Willunga at **10.00 a.m.** Are you reading this Don French!

MIDWEEK RIDE ON FOURTH WEDNESDAY IN MONTH

Definitely a ride going on February 24th—meet at Hectors Café on the Waterfront at Goolwa at 9.30

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CAFFE ACQUA, ONCE A MONTH FEED

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Next meal date is 5th March.

Remember to book at Café Acqua—Seaford

The best possible news!! Grumpy (Phil Jones) was transferred from NSW by commercial flight and is now settling into Hampstead rehab hospital here in Adelaide.....He's in the spinal injury unit of Hampstead...bed 21...His direct phone number is 8222.1921. Pay him a visit or ring him. *Gadget*

RIDES REPORT February 2010

Hi All

Goolwa mid week Ride: - See Trevors report below.

Mid week Ride: - Nothing to report, as there was not a ride due to heat and Paul being unavailable. Nethertheless Phil turned up at Willunga to round up any strays, but Rod from Victor was the only one. But he missed Don French who turned up at 9.00 a.m. and left. Don....the next ride is at 10.00 a.m. on the 10th March!!!!!!!!!!!!

Easy/Experienced Ride Another great turn out. We had about 35 bikes and 40 People (give or take). The easy ride had a somewhat different ride to Strath with a few people getting confused about where to turn and where to stop but we got there in the end. I believe the experienced ride was good. Phil and Pam put on another great meal. Thanks to them for the use of their joint. They were a bit worried when tail end Charlie arrived a half hour before the pack and then the "experienced" riders only arrived about 90 minutes later. They thought all that food was going to go to waste!

Well the big one is coming up for some members of the branch. I ask that all members going on the ride across to Albany to be careful, enjoy the experience, please stay alert and stay upright. All please come back to us safely.

As mentioned by the editor in last month's Whaler. The Branch AGM will be in June and some members of the committee will not be standing for re-election. I am one of those members, so the branch will be on the lookout for a Ride's Captain. If you have any questions about the job please don't hesitate to ask.

Cheers Jono your Rides Captain.

Please everyone watch out for the Tin Tops and stay upright.



MID WEEK RIDES REPORT _ GOOLWA

We have finished the year and started the new year with rides of around 11 bikes. Although, our January ride included Deb's lovely Can Am Spyder. Felt a bit jealous when she backed out of her parking spaces!

Our December ride on the fourth Wednesday was canceled due to the proximity of Xmas and instead we joined Paul on his second Wednesday ride and had an excellent Xmas dinner at the Normanville pub.

January saw us taking coffee at Meadows and then over to Balhannah for lunch. As usual plenty of time for socializing while enjoying coffee and lunch.

I have enjoyed my time as Ride Leader/Coordinator but to make things more interesting from February we decided it would be nice to have different volunteer ride leaders each month. It was decided that we would call for a volunteer leader at each ride for the next to enable him/her to plan the route.

February's ride will be mystery trip to who knows where with Phil leading (lunch money may be needed!) and take your GPS in case we get lost! And finally thanks to all that have joined the rides during the year. I hope you all enjoyed them as much as I did!
Trev

The mid week ride always finds a good bakery

And the girls are well represented



ITS NOT JUST COOKING SNAGS AT THE BBQ!!!

Within a few months, the annual general meeting of the branch will take place, with nominations for positions on your committee becoming due.

Quite frankly, the committee wants and needs change.

We have had an excellent committee this year. The interaction has been superb with great communication between us. But unless we organize gradual change in positions, we run the risk that in a future year each one of the committee - all at once - will say "that's it!" and we will lose their expertise in their portfolios and be faced with an eager but inexperienced committee.

It is better to bring in a few members at a time so that they can learn from the others who have been in office for a while. Then we can combine eagerness with acquired knowledge.

In considering whether to stand for committee, you should look at what the committee do. In which one of the roles do you feel you can provide enthusiasm and energy:

- As president, overseeing all operations and providing leadership to the branch
- As welfare officer, looking after members who have had injuries and illnesses
- As editor of the Whaler, which is the major means of communication within the Branch
- As social director, organizing functions which improve the camaraderie within the Branch
- As quartermaster, ordering and selling the official Ulysses gear
- As webmaster, being responsible for the Branch's website
- As Rides Captain, organizing the official branch rides
- As secretary, maintaining all records and dealing with correspondence and minutes
- As Treasurer, doing all banking and controlling the branch funds as well as arranging the audit.

This year we will have a change in committee. Jono (Rides Captain), Suzy (Secretary) and Sharon (Treasurer) have indicated that they will not re-nominate for their positions next year. So we will have some vacancies and we are actively looking for members to fill their positions. We will miss their input on committee and think they have all done a great job.

Change is good. Change is necessary.

We are proud of the camaraderie that has been a great part of being on the committee. It has produced (we think) a branch which members enjoy and new potential members find attractive.

You are invited to join the group. You will have a lot of fun while you contribute to the smooth running of the Branch. Please nominate!

Hi Phillip,

My name is David Lake, member number 55187 from Aberfoyle Park.

I am planning to go to see the World Superbike at Phillip Island at the end of this month.

I will be riding my bike to the Island and camping on site.

I am planning to leave Adelaide early on Fri 26th Feb and stay to 1st March.

Is it possible to see if there is any one else who is planning the same trip that I could meet up and ride with. They can contact me by either email

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Or by Phone on 0416188713 Many thank's



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Oh, so pretty

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