

Race report. 10.03.2024. Dawn Peters Memorial Memorial Cup Race. Wiremu, (Oeo, Eltham, Auroa, Opunake block)*2, return on Wiremu Road. 67km. Handicap.

The Dawn Peters Memorial race has been on the CNP calendar since the 1983. Dawn Peters helped with the clubs' afternoon tea back in the 70's and made sure the riders were well feed after the races. The fastest time trophy has been donated by the Peters family for Len & Kevin Peters. Who were both club members, ex club presidents and club patrons that had a lot to do with running bike races in the 70s, 80s and 90s. In addition prize money for todays race was donated by Shane & Karen Peters. The Peters' have had made a huge contribution to Cycling New Plymouth.

A brilliant days weather for the Dawn Peters Memorial Race on Sunday morning. A big field of 25 New Plymouth & Hawera riders assembled for a race that is usually renown for it's typical blustery coastal conditions. Not today and near calm conditions enticed the handicapper to shorten the spread of the handicaps aiming for a big bunch to form for the roll back along Wiremu Rd and a finish featuring a big bunch sprint. The handicap spread was 20 minutes for 6 bunches with break chasing 6 minutes & having a 2 minute advantage over scratch.

The riders were presented with a light south easterly wind on Wiremu which took its tool on the front markers. This combined with some committed riding by a break bunch of 6 resulted in the field coming together for the first ascent of Auroa Rd with it's aptly named Srava segment "Hurt Locker". Thankfully not too much hurt was applied on the 1st climb and a large bunch of 15+ riders started the 2nd trip up the "Hurt Locker". Kelvin Eden attacked from the corner aiming to break up the bunch and keep scratch at bay. Unbeknown to him scratch (Dave Goodall & Mel Titter) had just joined the back of the bunch. Dave Goodall immediately jumped across to Kelvin and they soon developed a 30 second gap over a chasing group of 10 riders from a mix of bunches. With David driving and Kelvin swinging an enthralling 27km chase developed, along Wiremu Rd, between them and the chasing group with Mel, Greg Clarke & Anthony Visser being prominent in the chase. Near the Wiremu quarry it looked like the committed bunch of 10 would catch there prey before a huge turn by David broke their hearts and the gap went back out to a minute.

A cramping David Goodall easily won the sprint to take 1st & fastest, Kelvin Eden was second.

Raymond Loamia won the bunch sprint to take 3rd from Anthony Visser 4th. The remainder of the field rolled in over the next 10 minutes after a tough ride home in an increasing westerly wind.

Place	Name	Race Time	Handicap	Ride Time	
1	David Goodall	02:06:30	00:20:00	01:46:30	1st Time
2	Kelvin Eden	02:06:32	00:18:00	01:48:32	3rd Time
3	Raymond Lofamia	02:07:23	00:18:00	01:49:23	
4	Anthony Visser	02:07:23	00:18:00	01:49:23	
5	Barry Marnoch	02:07:23	00:15:00	01:52:23	
6	Tony Williams	02:07:23	00:15:00	01:52:23	
7	Paul Roe	02:07:23	00:15:00	01:52:23	
	Mel Titter	02:07:23	00:20:00	01:47:23	2nd Time

Winner of the Dawn Peters Memorial Trophy for 1st place & the Len & Kevin Peters trophy for Fastest time for 2024 David Goodall with family member Darren Peters



Thank you to Kelvin for doing raceday secretary. Paul Plumtree for timekeeping. Barry Marnoch for handicapping. Also thank you to Margy Weston for providing on-site STMS. Massive thank you to CJ Peters and Ian Selby who marshalled out on course and bought all the signage back in (absolute legends!) Thank you Mrs McMahan for setting up the morning tea Thank you to everyone who came out and raced. Good fast racing on a rolling course.

Hawera Road Cycling Club Inc. are racing next Sunday. Our next CNP race will be a cup race Sunday 24th March. The Bob Wilson Cup – raced from Lepperton & a reminder to get your Mountain Race entries in \$80 entries close at midnight on 23rd March.

Anyone available to help on racedays is most appreciated. We need a number of volunteers and this help is awesome as it allows the committee members to race. KE.