

Race report. Sunday 28th Jan 2024. Leith/Perth Road Loop, Okato. 5 Laps: 45km. Mass start, sealed handicap

The weather was fine in New Plymouth on Sunday morning but skies were pretty grey in Okato and after a very soggy Around the Mountain funride on Saturday this may have contributed to reduced numbers.

With the sealed handicap C grade were given 9 minutes and B grade 5 minutes.

After a ride out from Okato to the circuit the rain had started. This led to some slippery conditions and a couple of reasonably steady laps of the circuits. A few of the legs were certainly feeling Saturdays efforts.

A contact lens that went astray, illness, a puncture and a solid uphill section from the beach started to whittle the numbers down. The supporters and timekeepers were doing well to stay dry where they had parked up on Perth Road just back from the corner.

Near the end of the fourth lap coming up a small rise Micheal White took off out the blocks and quickly put 50m into the bunch with Glenn Kirk bridging across in response. Despite the best efforts of the group behind these two were not regathered with Glenn pulling away from Michael in the closing kilometers. Antony Visser had a strong ride for 3rd fastest. Gonzo Peinado in his first club ride back also rode very well all day for 4th fastest.

When the results for the sealed handicap were calculated Paul Roe took it out comfortably but then it was all in after that with a number of riders very close.

Michael White was 2nd, Anthony Visser 3rd and Gonzo Peinado 4th mirroring their finishing order.

Thank you to Kelvin for doing raceday secretary. Simon Bishop & Margy Weston for timekeeping. Barry Marnoch for handicapping and calculating final results (also course clearing). Also thank you to Margy Weston for providing on-site STMS.

Place	Name	Time	Sealed Handicap Time	Sealed Handicap Place
1	Glenn Kirk	1.11.11	1.20.11	10
2	Michael White	1.11.29	1.16.29	2
3	Anthony Visser	1.11.48	1.16.29	3
4	Gonzo Peinado	1.11.48	1.16.29	4
5	Paul Duynhoven	1.11.48	1.20.48	11
6	Paul Roe	1.11.48	1.11.48	1
7	Greg Clarke	1.11.56	1.16.56	5
8	Kelvin Eden	1.12.26	1.17.26	6
9	Justin Harper	1.17.36	1.17.36	7
10	Grant Wilson	1.17.36	1.17.36	8
11	Peter Scharfft	1.17.36	1.17.36	9
12	David Goodall	1.17.36	1.26.36	12
DNF	Baz Marnoch			

Thank you to everyone who came out and raced. Really appreciated that you come out and race in good spirit.

Hawera Road Cycling Club Inc. are racing next Sunday. Our next CNP race will be a cup race Sunday 11th Feb. The Doug and Lorraine Herbert Memorial trophies (Tunnel Race).

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. Thank you. PD.