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The new Peddlers' kit looks awesome and is available to order for delivery in February. Details on page 5

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Peddlers Shorts

- Don't forget we're having a bbq on the last organized Wednesday ride of the year—21st December
- Note that the organisers have cancelled the Rev Cycle Race in 2017—hoping to return in 2018
- The Rotorua Round the Lake Ride has also been cancelled for 2017

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Matamata Peddlers Cycle Club Newsletter



Christmas 2016

Out-spokin' with Henry

Hi Everyone.

It's great to see some good weather finally here. The club had a fantastic weekend at Taupo with all riders completing it safely without mishaps. There were some fast times by individuals which reflects on the high calibre of our club riders at the moment. The gazebo was well supported with great comradeship.

Thanks to AJ for providing the patties from McDonalds, Jo who as usual did all the behind the scenes work

and also to those who helped on the day. The new kit got its first official outing and was well received & looks very sharp. Thanks to our sponsors we are able to offer a generous subsidy and it would be great to see more out there supporting them by modelling the new kit. Details of how to get your hands on it are on page 5. Our next social event is the annual Xmas BBQ ride, which is on the 21st of December. I've been busy putting up my famous Christmas lights, to the extent

that Robyn has complained I'm paying them more attention than her. I suggested that if she flashed as much as they do there wouldn't be an issue. Tell you what, that lit her up alright!!! Now I know how the angel on top of the tree feels. I'm picking there won't be much ho-ho-ho-ing at my place for a while. I would like to wish you and your families a safe & happy Xmas and I look forward to seeing you out on your bikes in the New Year. Cheers, Henry

Just for Laughs

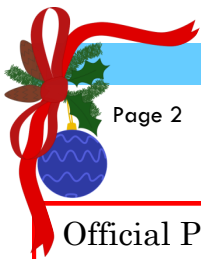
- *If you don't know what introspection is – you need to take a long, hard look at yourself*
- *My cat is recovering from a massive stroke*
- *I watch so much Netflix that, rather than suggesting more shows for me to watch, it's started suggesting I go outside*
- *There are two types of people in this world: those who crave closure*
- *There was a prison break and I saw a midget climb up the fence. As he jumped down her sneered at me and I thought, well that's a little condescending*
- *How many kids with ADHD does it take to change a light bulb? Let's go play on our bikes*
- *I used to live next to a farm and every time I passed the cows in the paddock I used to inexplicably shout abuse at them. Turns out I'm dairy intolerant.*

Don't forget to check out the Peddlers on the web

www.matamatapeddlers.org.nz

Or on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/matamatapeddlers>



Right on Track

Official Peddlers' track sessions have now finished for the year. During the winter months we would often get up to 25 riders along to our Thursday night sessions, as members took the opportunity for some all-weather fitness training with Mistress Vicki, aka as the Avanti-Drominatrix. She really knows how to hurt you, but you always say thank you afterwards. This year we moved to 90 minute sessions, sharing the first half hour with young people who go REALLY fast. On the bright side, I get to draught off them two or three times a lap. Some of our most keen trackies are continuing to ride on a casual basis throughout the break, so if you're keen to ride in fast hot circles, drop Anita a line at anita_goodman1@yahoo.com.au and she will hook you up with the rest of the crew. Dale will also no doubt be over there pretty regularly so you could alternatively get in touch with him at dale.ertel@gmail.com

Next year's first 10 week block starts on the 23rd of February at 7pm. If you've never tried it, come along and watch to see if you think it's for you, or dive straight in and book yourself a "Have-a-Go" session and start your accreditation process. We'd love to see you along—it's good fun with a great bunch of people. Kev and Ange will be there next year too, right guys?!!!

Note to members about Heinz Feller

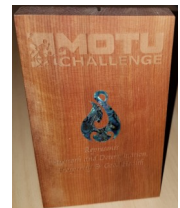
Some of you will know Heinz, who was a founding member of the Peddlers. Dale has been speaking to Heinz's wife Christine, as Heinz has been unwell for some time and has been in hospital. Dale passed on best wishes from the Club and Christine was happy for this to be circulated to the members.

Heinz took a fall at home recently injuring his hip and was taken to Waikato Hospital. He is expected to be moved to Morrinsville Hospital over the weekend for rehabilitation, where he is likely to stay for a couple of weeks. Once home he would appreciate any visitors. He is happy to hear what everyone is doing, but not keen to talk about his health issues.

On behalf of the Peddlers we would like to wish Heinz a speedy recovery. If you'd like to make contact, please get in touch with Dale at Tainui Press

MOTU CHALLENGE 2016

Saturday, October 8th saw a number of Peddlers compete in the Motu Challenge MultiSports event, based in Opotiki. Mike Wright competed in the duathlon event and was first in the individual race by a whopping margin of over 19 minutes!!!. Simon Belton and AJ Power formed a team for the Motu 160 and were using it as early training for the Coast to Coast which they are lining up in 2018. Stu Edgecombe and Dave Gillgren were doing it as part of a Fonterra Team because they met the stringent selection criteria, in that Dave had running shoes and Stu a bike. The event consisted of a 65km mountain bike, 17km run, 52km road cycle, 27km kayak, 8km road cycle and 3km run. AJ lined up for the MTB and the runs, whilst Simon (you can call me Ian Ferguson) Belton would handle the kayak and the 52 km road ride. At the end of it all, there was only five minutes between the two teams, but, as you would expect, Team Fonterra triumphed over the Open Country Dairy/Takeaway Food Team. Dave and Stu were rapt to find out that their team had won their category and Simon and AJ looked really pleased for them too. Don't worry boys, I'm sure you'll break 9 hours next year if Simon remembers to kayak downhill. I shudder to think what we would have beaten them by if our mountain biker had more than one gear on his bike.....That could have been REALLY embarrassing.



I asked Anthony if he knew how I could make my bike go faster. He told me I need to lose some weight, so I've taken off my seat, brakes and bar tape. We'll see how it goes Sunday



PEDDLERS FISHING TRIP 2016

Saturday of Queen's Birthday weekend (yeah, I know, it's been a really long time between newsletters) saw a bunch of keen Peddanglers heading for Coromandel to try their hand at a spot of fishing. Having been given specific instructions from our esteemed President to be ready at Tainui Press at 0915, he turned up in the van promptly at 0925 (just like he'd told us). Much like a Peddlers Sunday ride, there appeared to be a huge amount of extremely flash gear and only a couple of people with any idea of how to use it properly. The Beltons brought their own van load and proceeded to stop at every fast food outlet and toilet between Matamata and Coromandel. A few VERY tall stories later, we unloaded ourselves (from the vehicles) and ferried rods, reels, tackle boxes and chilly bins down the wharf to our waiting charter.

The boarding call came from the Captain and we were off. In a completely unexpected move, Wayne went straight to the front and stayed there the whole day. In fact several of the anglers on board asked me who he was, as they'd never seen him from behind. Henry spent the first half hour looking for Robyn and then, once Kev had reminded him that he hadn't invited her, he spent the rest of the day looking for a woman to tell him what he was doing wrong.

He didn't have to wait long. Once we were fishing, the battle of the sexes began in earnest. The girls were straight into it, hauling up fish from the get-go, whilst the boys were more measured in their approach, knowing full well that Peddlers will never leave you behind and you only have to win the sprint at the end. To these delicate ears it was somewhat distressing to hear quite senior Peddlers ladies hassling middle aged men who were clearly having issues with their tackle. It was carnage on the high seas. Simon, despite feedback to the contrary, had clearly been listening for the past 30 years and was determined not to peak too early for once in his life. He therefore proceeded not to catch anything at all until the last 15 minutes of the trip (and even then he really shouldn't have bothered pulling that little thing out). Bryce set about proving that Justin (who is tall, dark and handsome) is actually his son, by showing that they are both really shit fishermen. Theo, as usual, started strongly but faded significantly towards the end and spent the last part of the journey looking for a shortcut home.

The worthy winner of the biggest fish prize and the recipient of 5 sweet dollars from each and every angler on the boat was Joanne. When asked for comment she said "No comment, but I must say it was nice to have a decent rod in my hand for a change".

Once we'd waited at the pub for an hour whilst our fish were being filleted, we set off for home and as the sober driver I can tell you things got pretty noisy by the time we hit Thames for a feed. It got worse when we lost the keys to the van, only to miraculously find them in Bryce's pocket 15 minutes later. Suffice it to say the stories kept getting bigger and the laughter louder all the way back to Matamata, where we rolled them all home. It was a pretty hard day's fishing, but great fun all round. Next year we'll do it again, but in the summer when it's a bit warmer and the fish are friendlier



Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge

The last week in November saw around 25 Peddlers tackle various versions of the Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge. Huge congratulations to all who competed!!! We had entrants in the Road and Mountain Bike events and even a couple of crazy Enduro riders (Henry and Simon). There were some awesome times by Peddlers and lots of PBs. Special mention must go to Dane Shearman, who finished 23rd in the Solo event (and fifth in his age group), in an outrageous time of 4:01:03. Stacey Belton was the 17th lady home (and 8th in her age group), in 4:41:19. It's plain to see that the hours of heavy sweaty cardio sessions they put in paid huge dividends on the day. Well done everyone!!! (Apologies if I've missed anyone—list came from Taupo organisers)



| Name | Category | Time |
|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Henry de Haas | Enduro 320km | 12:14:03 |
| Simon Belton | Enduro 320km | 11:06:09 |
| Andrew Hoogeveen | Half the Lake 80km | 3:04:32 |
| Bev Hoogeveen | Half the Lake 80km | 3:28:01 |
| Callum Nisbet | Half the Lake 80km | 2:26:26 |
| Dave Malcolm | Half the Lake 80km | 2:59:54 |
| Derek Eyre | Half the Lake 80km | 2:31:00 |
| Linda Crawford | Half the Lake 80km | 2:53:18 |
| Teresa Stanley | Half the Lake 80km | HPAH* |
| AJ Power | Huka Challenge 85km | 5:04:52 |
| Jack Power | Kids Heart Ride | NTA* |
| Max Power | Kids Heart Ride | 0:23:50 |
| Adrian Ball | Round the Lake 160km | 4:45:10 |
| Alex Reina | Round the Lake 160km | 9:01:30 |
| Angela Thomas | Round the Lake 160km | 6:11:37 |
| Chris Brown | Round the Lake 160km | 4:40:37 |
| Dale Kilgour | Round the Lake 160km | 5:20:00 |
| Dane Shearman | Round the Lake 160km | 4:01:03 |
| Denise Hamilton | Round the Lake 160km | 7:06:41 |
| Derrick Nisbet | Round the Lake 160km | 4:58:26 |
| Heath Tapper | Round the Lake 160km | 4:34:21 |
| Ian Morton | Round the Lake 160km | 5:01:39 WABBWAP* |
| James Allen | Round the Lake 160km | 4:51:22 |
| Kevin Thomas | Round the Lake 160km | 6:19:38 |
| Peter Hall | Round the Lake 160km | 5:35:50 |
| Raymund Malig | Round the Lake 160km | 5:48:58 |
| Richard Howl | Round the Lake 160km | 4:27:25 |
| Robyn de Haas | Round the Lake 160km | 5:01:42 |
| Sarah Troughton | Round the Lake 160km | 5:58:42 |
| Shannon Crawford | Round the Lake 160km | 5:31:31 |
| Stacey Belton | Round the Lake 160km | 4:41:19 |
| Stu Edgecombe | Round the Lake 160km | 6:27:30 |
| Tony Hedley | Round the Lake 160km | 4:44:33 |



*HPAH = Hauled Peter's arse home *NTA = No time available. *WABBWAP = Won a bike, but wasn't at prize-giving



NEW PEDDLERS' KIT



This is your chance to get your hands on the new Peddlers' kit at great prices! You may have already seen some of our Club members with these shirts out there riding their bikes – they are striking, highly visible, comfortable and look great! We have had lots of positive feedback, particularly from fellow road users about the visibility of this new kit.

The Committee have decided to heavily subsidize this order (for Club members only) in order to get it out there and maximise our sponsors' coverage (future subsidies to be determined with each order) at the following cost

Shirt (Men's or Women's) - \$80.00 (normal price approx \$130)

Bibshorts (Men's or Women's available) - \$100.00 (normal price approx \$150)

Shorts (Men's or Women's) \$85.00 (normal price approx \$135)

Before placing your order, please ensure you check the sizing chart at

<http://www.tineli.co.nz/custom-cycling-clothing/size-guide.php>

Orders close 20th December and delivery will around the 20th of Feb (tbc). The Club will not, unlike previous years, be holding vast quantities of extra stock on hand and we will be only be ordering once or twice a year, so please make sure you get your orders in to Joanne asap at the below email address .

Orders please to sandjbelton@ihug.co.nz

Any orders not sent to the email address above will not be received prior to ordering.