

THE LEAGUE OF W.A. WHEELMEN

presents the

46th *Beverley to
Perth Road Race*
108 Mls.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th, 1955
*Commencing. Beverley, 10.00. a.m. Finishing
Peninsula Hotel, Maylands, approximately 4 p.m.*



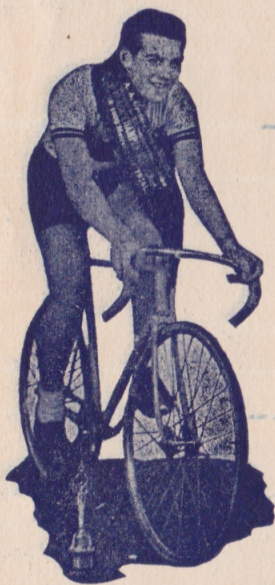
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Ambulance: St John Ambulance Association.

THANKS

*The League Council desires to express its thanks to the many donors,
traffic authorities and all, who by their assistance, have helped to ensure
another successful "BEVERLEY."*

THE COURSE

**Beverley—York—Northam—Lloyd's Crossing—Balup—Midland Junction
—Bell Crossing, Guildford—Bassendean—Bayswater—Turn Right into
King William Street—under the subway—Turn Left into Railway Parade
to the Finishing Line.**

Handicaps

| Riders' Nos. | RIDERS' NAMES (Club) | Handicap | Arr. York 21 miles | Northam 40 miles | Lloyd Cross. 59 miles | Balup 82 miles | Midland 100 miles | Maylands Finish 108 miles | Minutes |
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| | | | | | | | | | |
| 44. | M. Corunna (City of Perth) | 60 | | | | | | | |
| 43. | J. Whologan (Midland) | 60 | | | | | | | |
| 42. | V. Host (Collie) | 49 | | | | | | | |
| 41. | D. Slater (Collie) | 49 | | | | | | | |
| 40. | J. Hammond (Fremantle) | 49 | | | | | | | |
| 39. | R. Steele (Midland) | 46 | | | | | | | |
| 38. | W. Risdon (Fremantle) | 46 | | | | | | | |
| 37. | S. Fennell (Midland) | 46 | | | | | | | |
| 36. | A. Fraser (Midland) | 43 | | | | | | | |
| 35. | M. Eaton (Kalgoorlie) | 43 | | | | | | | |
| 34. | D. Martin (Midland) | 43 | | | | | | | |
| 33. | A. Bishop (Midland) | 39 | | | | | | | |
| 32. | R. Davis (Collie) | 39 | | | | | | | |
| 31. | R. McKillop (Midland) | 39 | | | | | | | |
| 30. | E. Dillon (City of Perth) | 36 | | | | | | | |
| 29. | F. Cooper (Midland) | 36 | | | | | | | |
| 28. | T. Cilli (Azzurri) | 36 | | | | | | | |
| 27. | D. Main (City of Perth) | 30 | | | | | | | |
| 26. | T. Norris (Kalgoorlie) | 30 | | | | | | | |
| 25. | T. Tenhoopen (Midland) | 30 | | | | | | | |
| 24. | D. Knowles (Midland) | 30 | | | | | | | |
| 23. | T. Crispin (Belmont) | 26 | | | | | | | |
| 22. | P. Biagioni (Azzurri) | 26 | | | | | | | |
| 21. | B. Hunt (City of Perth) | 26 | | | | | | | |
| 20. | P. Moore (Kalgoorlie) | 23 | | | | | | | |
| 19. | P. Tanner (Fremantle) | 23 | | | | | | | |
| 18. | G. Saunders (Collie) | 23 | | | | | | | |
| 17. | N. Perrone (Fremantle) | 23 | | | | | | | |
| 16. | O. Suckling (Collie) | 20 | | | | | | | |
| 15. | R. Cassidy (Fremantle) | 20 | | | | | | | |
| 14. | E. O'Hara (Azzurri) | 20 | | | | | | | |
| 13. | A. Lucchesi (Azzurri) | 20 | | | | | | | |
| 12. | K. Snell (Kalgoorlie) | 16½ | | | | | | | |
| 11. | R. Tomley (City of Perth) | 16½ | | | | | | | |
| 10. | F. Suckling (Collie) | 16½ | | | | | | | |
| 9. | L. Suckling (Collie) | 16½ | | | | | | | |
| 8. | J. Pontall (Azzurri) | 14 | | | | | | | |
| 7. | R. Cleary (Azzurri) | 14 | | | | | | | |
| 6. | J. Vogels (Belmont) | 14 | | | | | | | |
| 5. | C. Newman (Midland) | 10 | | | | | | | |
| 4. | C. Malcolm (Collie) | 10 | | | | | | | |
| 3. | P. Panton (City of Perth) | 10 | | | | | | | |
| 2. | John Oliver (Collie) | Ser. | | | | | | | |
| 1. | Jim Oliver (Fremantle) | scr. | | | | | | | |

Course Record: 4 hrs. 56 min. 22 sec. - L. Suckling, 1959.



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2nd—£30 Cash, Trophy (donated by Swanseas).

3rd—£15 Cash, Trophy (donated by W. J. Lucas).

4th—£7 Cash.

5th—£4 Cash

8th—£1 Cash.

6th—£3 Cash.

9th—£1 Cash.

7th—£2 Cash.

10th—£1 Cash.

Fastest Time—£30 Cash, Stan Gurney, V.C., Trophy, State Road Championship Sash (donated by the Patron, Senator J. Harris).

Second Fastest: £5 Cash.

SPECIAL PRIZES

1st City of Perth rider to finish—£1/1/- Cash (donated by the City of Perth Club).

1st Midland-Bassendean rider to finish—Trophy (donated by Mr. E. Barron).

1st Collie rider to finish—£3/3/- Cash (donated by the Collie Cycle Club).

Oldest rider to finish—£1 Cash.

Youngest rider to finish—£1 Cash.

Each rider finishing within 1 hour of the winner will receive a time medallion donated by the League.

The H. ELLIOTT SHIELD.—This shield is presented by ELLIOTT'S STORE of WELLINGTON STREET, to be held for 12 months. ELLIOTT'S STORE PERMANENT TROPHY is donated by Mr. H. ELLIOTT, an ex-amateur cyclist and an ex-secretary-president of the W.A. Amateur Cyclists' Union. It is designed to add to the value of the Beverley Prize List as a trophy in accord with the high tradition of the "Blue Ribbon" of W.A. professional road cycling. Value of the Herb. Elliott Shield is 25 guineas, the replica 6 guineas.

The GURNEY TROPHY.—This trophy is donated each year in memory of Stan Gurney, to whom was awarded a posthumous Victoria Cross for gallantry and unselfish bravery in silencing enemy machine-gun posts by bayonet assault at Tel El Eisa on the 22nd July, 1942. The founder of this trophy, Mr. D. Hill, has passed on, and it is Mrs. Hill's desire that Don's name remain with the donors.

LIST OF DONORS

Thanks are due to the following firms and gentlemen who have again generously donated to the Beverley Prize List:

Senator J. Harris (Patron), Mr. Prendiville (Peninsula Hotel), Beverley Road Board, Boans Ltd., Elliotts Stores, W. J. Lucas Ltd., Swan Brewery, Walsh's Ltd., Wholesale Cycle and Traders' Association of W.A., Messrs. W. Atkinson (Collie Star Cycles), W. Appleton (Northam Cycles), L. Baldwin (Swanseas), E. Barron (Flash Cycles), M. J. Finn, A. McNabb, W. Pender, Ed. Riley (West Cycles, Collie), J. Whologan, and others whose names arrived too late for publication.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Friends of competitors following the race are requested to note that one of the Race Rules reads: "That cars must not be nearer than 200 yards to a rider. Stewards will report to the referee any rider who receives encouragement from a car nearer than this distance, and it is in the referee's power to disqualify that rider immediately." Please don't jeopardise the rider's chance and **KEEP WELL OUT OF THE WAY.**

COMING EVENTS



AZZURRI GRAND PRIX
SUNDAY, 18th SEPTEMBER

ROYAL SHOW TRACK
TUESDAY, 4th OCTOBER (Nominations close 18th September)

HARVEY SHOW
FRIDAY, 21st OCTOBER

The Public Address system you hear at the finish has been kindly loaned by the Spastic Welfare Association (Inc.), who are also operating the AFTERNOON TEA KIOSK on the lawns by kind permission of Mr. Prendiville.

Help us to aid such a worthy cause. Patronise the afternoon tea stall.

Previous "Beverleys" will be re-run in the usual surroundings.

History of the Race

In all countries and in all sports there are events which, down through the years, become accepted as the classic trials of skill, strength and stamina. To win, or even to enter and perform well, hallmarks the athlete in a manner minor successes cannot achieve, such as the "Beverley" in Western Australia.

Since 1897, when J. Beck won and gained fastest time in the first "Bev.", the whirling wheels have brought champions from every part of the State (also from the Eastern States at times) to pit their speed and stamina in the gruelling hills to the finishing line, so that they may have their name added to the Roll.

The late P. W. Armstrong (the Father of the "Beverley") who was himself a noted cyclist in the early days, when cycles were the general means of fast transport, founded the race, today's being the forty-sixth event. Transport has changed and the cycle no longer holds its place as in the past; roads and cycles have altered greatly, yet the spirit of old still remains in many hearts.

The year 1905 will always be known as the Slowest Beverley on record, C. Howard winning in 8 hours 50 mins. 30 secs, with A. E. Wright gaining time in 8.41.25 through what was likened as a sea of mud. 1911 saw the time brought down under six hours, A. Kaiser recording 5.58.33. Kaiser's record stood for 14 years until, with good conditions to help, R. Foy became the first man to record a win under six hours and W. E. Marshall to lower the record to 5.42.25. Twenty years ago, D. Toseland, of South Australia, riding from scratch, lowered the record to 5.15.38.

Because of deteriorating conditions on the old road, 1937 saw the race course changed—via Clackline, Baker's Hill, Sawyer's Valley and Greenmount. The 54-year-old veteran W. J. Maher, who won in 1908, and riding from the generous limit of 90 minutes, winning again on a "Freak" cycle, while W. Appleton secured time in 5.12.25.

In 1947 the race reverted again to the old course, whilst in 1951 and 1952 the race was from Perth to Beverley. The celebrated Norm Burdus gaining time on both occasions and lowering the record to 4.57.45, thus being the first man to cover the journey in under five hours.

1953 saw C. Tregellis, at 44 years of age, winning the race, while Les Suckling, from Collie, and 18 years old, reduced the time still further to 4.56.33. Last year, with the road nearly perfect and conditions more so, J. Barron won in the record time of 4.53.05, and the scratchman, Jim Oliver, after taking a wrong road near Bayswater and losing valuable minutes, smashed the record down to 4.19.30.

Who will win today? Will the Oliver brothers or Peter Panton be the first to win from the scratch mark since A. Jewell in 1901?

This or some future year may find the the combination of "man, machine and conditions" which will reduce the record still lower.

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